



Confluence of Nature and Man

Once in a rural village lived a old couple in a small hut near the forest. Many animals have their dwelling place there. They enjoyed life. They have five boy children.

The seven lead a happy joyful life, as they are in harmony with nature. They had hot times, chill times, but everything was optimum, for the place is full of trees. They grow vegetables for their own, drank the water from the spring, have fruits from the forest. They cooked food in mud pots, collected wood from the nearby places for cooking.

The five children were sent to the nearby Government school, where the teachers taught them five subjects, Tamil, English, Mathematics, Science, and History and Geography. More interestingly, the lessons were in their own mother tongue. So these boys along with the other children learnt the subjects with curiosity. As their parents were illiterate, they also showed interest in the well being of the children. They motivated and inspired them to concentrate on their studies.

As all the five children were boys, the mother showered more love and affection. In the traditional India, girls were regarded as burden and boys were the blessings for the family. The five children grew well physically as they were in harmony with nature.

Days passed by.

Years passed by.

The boys one by one migrated to the town as they finished schooling and joined college in different subjects according to their own interests, for the parents don't have as much knowledge.

The whole atmosphere got reversed. As they hailed from a rural landscape, they were attracted by the urban life: their way of living, dressing, and eating habits. The boys forgot their parents, who nurtured them with their sweat falling on ground. From dawn to dusk, they worked hard only to see the sons shine in life. They sacrificed their entire life for their welfare. They never thought about their health as their main concern was the five children.

Few years later....

The situation of the five boys.....

The boys married girls from the town. They were educated similar to the boys. The boys and their wives are also employed. The boys, born and brought up in the village atmosphere, somehow adapted to the urban scenario, where they got no fresh air, no pure water, no fresh food, as everything was refrigerated, and no one to sit and chat as they led a mechanical life. They didn't felt the comfort from the nature, as they enjoyed during childhood days. They never got the motherly affection from this concrete jungle.

Realisation dawns

When the sons had no one to care for them, they started realising the care given by their parents, how they gave their life for their benefit, how they starved many days to feed them, how they saved money little by little to pay for school expenses, how they earned money to buy new clothes for them, how they felt satisfied with the clothes they had, how they pre prepared themselves for the seasons, and how they provided delicious food from nature.

The situation of the parents...



The health of the parents became worse day by day. They were craving to see their children once brought up by them. They lived in hallucination and self-illusion that one day or other they will come as a shock and surprise. They kept on praying to Gods to send back their children to them. They had fasting, the main motive behind that is the homecoming of their children.

At last.....

The five boys lived in different houses in the town. They had their own houses built by their own effort. They enjoyed the city life with wife and children. But there was no harmony in their life, as they cut off themselves from the nature. Now the thought dawned on them, that they started thinking about their parents, how they enjoyed the rural, countryside life, how they played in the wilderness with their friends, how their mother cooked fresh food everyday, which did not happen with their spouse.

The result....

The five boys with their wife and children moved towards the rural countryside. When they reached their old home, they found their house in the same setting. But the father and the mother became old and were almost bedridden. They were unable to identify their children, for they too have grown well. The urban odour that comes from the sons made the parents unable to relate with their loving sons.

Finally ,...

They all joined together, the daughter in laws and the grand children too liked the country side, where they felt harmony with the nature.

They had peace of mind.

They got delighted in the beauty of nature.

They enjoyed nature.

They lived in harmony with nature.

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