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## WORDS MAKE A SUCCESSFUL MAN

"The pen is mightier than the stethoscope"  
says the eminent writer Dr. A.J. Cronin.

Being a part of the immensely rich tradition which gives credit to a single resonating word 'Om' as the very essence of the bountiful energy of the universe, it is quite a difficult task to deny the importance of words. Gandhi once said that the beautiful entwining of words and actions sculpt the very base of a worthy man.



Even at the 'premier' of existence in a community, men understood the importance of communication. The long and strenuous experimental journey which began with signing, animal calls and grunts gradually gave way to lovely sounds strung together by the thread called words to form the necklace of language. Despite having travelled thousands of years forward, mankind has not found a better medium of communication.

The Sama Veda advises men to be polite in their words and deeds, while the Yajurva Veda compares a well articulate man to a well polished jewel. During the Vedic period,

men who were well versed received a particularly high status in the society. People who uttered and abided by the mantras which were 'the words of power' were highly respected.

In other obscure parts of the globe too a well articulate, well read and well spoken man was appreciated. In his world famous work *Odyssey*, the Greek writer Homer tells us that 'a tongue gilded gold is more worthy than ten armours combined'. The Italians taught their young to be well versed in literature and languages.

All these point a sharp finger to the importance polite words and ways

occupy in the life of a man. Words often manifest into actions. If the thought is pure, the action benefits everything within a finite mile radius. Often a man's ascribed status gets overshadowed by his achieved status. If we are to take a light stroll along the well decorated hallways of history we are bound to find numerous ~~ex~~ examples that support the fact that words make a successful man.

The sixteenth President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln was born into a mediocre family. With an unappealing outward appearance, well worn-in clothes, ~~and~~, untidy hair and a gruffy voice, little Abe had

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very little to his advantage. But as we flip through the pages of his life we find that his extraordinary ability to influence a gathering with his word-play payed off ~~to~~ extremely well in his life. Taking a very large amount of liberty, it is quite safe to say that words literally made that man. By words one does not mean a mere combination of syllables but well thought-about, powerful ~~to~~ ~~on~~ yet polite words that are capable to change the very face of a nation.

Gandhiji is another apt example. It was his articulate ways, play of words and sheer force of will that made 'satyagraha' a weapon that evil missiles could not defeat.



There have been various other instances in world history too.

Martin Luther King Jr's famous speech titled 'I have a dream' was powerful enough to move even rocks to tears and trees to action.

Women have proved that words are just as important to them as they are to men too. Helen Keller once said that 'I had rather be blind than without knowledge'. Mother Theresa used her soothing tongue to wipe away the tears of ~~her~~ the needy people at Calcutta. The Bronte sisters used their knowledge to ~~w.~~ and circumstances to write evergreen tales which will always be a crown jewel in the crown of literature. Indian women have

proved their mettle too as demonstrated by the success of books like 'dultama's Dream'. 619

The society respects well mannered people. Just as Mark Antony turned the mob against Caesar's assassins including Brutus only through his words, there have been many incidents where the ability to speak well has helped many people get what they want. This has also been used to attain global gains.

Malala Yousafzai used her circumstances to fight against the terrorists. This was only possible because she was educated and literate. This is where the importance of education comes in moulding the future of a person.

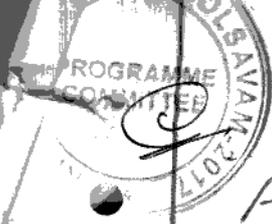


According to surveys about 43% of the Indian population still resides in the dark corners of illiteracy. If they are to come to the forefront and become successful all of this must change. The government of Kerala has initiated the Nava Kerala Mission under which education is to be given prime importance under the guidance of our chief minister. Mr. Pinarayi Vijayan. The Modi government has also tried a lot to liberate Indians through education.

~~We~~ From World leaders like Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Margaret Thatcher, <sup>and</sup> Fidel Castsa to national leaders like Nehru,

starojini Naidu and regional leaders like EMS, E.K. Nayanas, V.S Achutamandan ~~et.~~ and K.R Gowriamma were able to become successful politicians and do good for the society because they were bold enough to express their views openly. The social, political and cultural ~~aspec~~ backgrounds of a man is very important but if the man doesn't know how to behave properly and how to connect with fellow humans everything will be an utter failure.

There is an Greek saying that goes like this 'only a fool argues, the wise raises the standard of his viewpoint.'. Language is an art. It is very much intertwined



in the ordinary lives of men.

An honest man is highly respected.

Words are to a man, a key is to the door. Words are keyholes through which the soul of the man shines through. Words truly make a successful man as it spins a golden web of positive energy, good connections and good circumstances around a man.