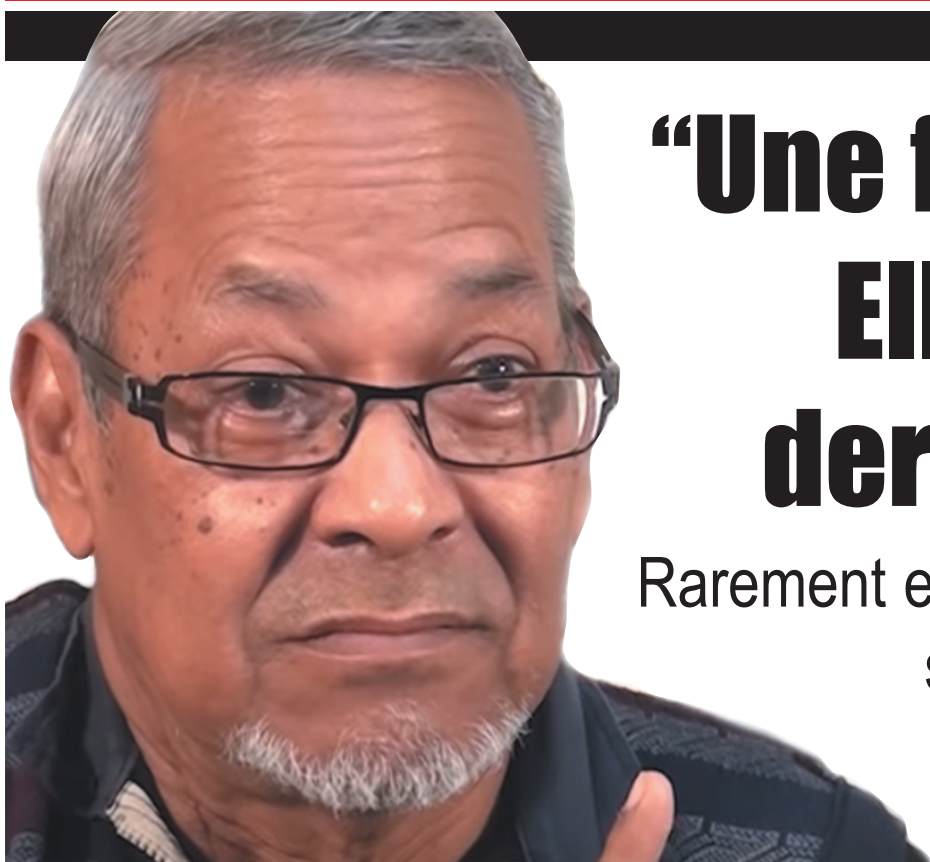


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"Every man must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." - Martin Luther King Jr.

Interview : Jack Bizlall



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Where do we go from here?

The street march of Saturday last brought together a huge crowd, unseen for a long time in the country, made up of the different communities as well as many young people in the 20s-30s age-group of the Facebooker generation. For the first time ever also were seen a large participation of the business and corporate world rallying behind protagonists belonging to the working class who were leading in the forefront, with supporters shouting anti-government slogans as was to be expected. Undeniably, the march was well-planned, orderly, arousing, and ended without any scuffle. The only dark point in that otherwise disciplined and well-articulated protest that has marred its shine is the chorus titled 'B.... li deor', of which a picture of a CD of the same name is circulating on social media. Its vulgarity and aggressiveness is a totally unnecessary indignity flung at the population, and it is left to the people to judge for themselves whether this kind of offensive language is an appropriate one in which to frame demands of a serious nature.

The explicit objective of this protest was to oust the government, and the slogans were aligned accordingly. Two aspects come to mind in this respect. One is the persona of the leader of this movement, Bruneau Laurette. In media interviews, he has presented his strongman credentials, which are principally capabilities to wield weapons such as rifles in which he gives training to security and military personnel, and knowledge of surveillance techniques including satellite trackings. Although he has declared that he will not join politics, one can never know because with so much seeming popularity this possibility cannot be excluded altogether. Which brings us to the next issue, which is that he has not spelt out how he plans to run the country – within the parameters of the Constitution – if the democratically elected government (though the latter's legitimacy has been challenged in court by opposition parties) is thrown out. Besides, thinking Mauritians will surely ask themselves whether his credentials can qualify him to make the leap from leader of a street movement to leader of the country, whether, in other words, brawn should trump brain in assuming such a heavy and important responsibility. Jocelyn Gregoire's similar movement fizzled out, with him retreating back to the US after placing *la main lor le coeur*.

The leaders of the three main opposition parties who failed to get elected have been riding on the waves of the Wakashio incident, trying to make their comebacks. Without surprise, they saw in Saturday's protest an opportunity to restore some of their lost credibility, and they were duly thanked for their support to the movement by its leader

among the other thanks expressed for Georges Ah Yan and Bye Cassam 'Zoulou'. Whether it is Bruneau Laurette who will instrumentalise them politically or whether it will be the other way round the future will tell as they all pursue their respective political agendas – independently or in alliance.

The most intriguing presence was, as we noted above, the large presence of the business and corporate elite in the midst of what is clearly a working class movement. Historically, that elite represents the economic forces which have to do with money and profitability, which has gained even more traction in the liberal-capitalist model. As such, it is hard to imagine this class to be mobilised simply for an environmental issue. After all they have been doing much of the 'betonising' of the country's greenery, so is this a belated conscience call? On the other hand is the pressure they are putting on government to open borders despite the clear risks that this will mean for the country, as the WHO has highlighted and is evidenced by the surge in Covid cases in even the best managed countries such as New Zealand, the UK, France, etc., when they opened up – and then had to lock down again. The Prime Minister's emphasis on the re-opening issue during his address to the nation, broadcast live on radios and MBC-TV yesterday evening, and the scheduled phased re-opening, would suggest that this has and remains a bone of contention between the corporate sector and the government. The national interest will hopefully prevail over profitability concerns.

Another issue that has not been flagged by the Prime Minister and which might also constitute another bone of contention relates to the bailout funds being made available to the corporate sector and the conditionalities attached thereto. As has happened elsewhere too, the government has dug into taxpayers' money in the Bank of Mauritius to bail out the business and corporate world comprising the hotel industry among others. The packages have been generous, amounting to billions, and the Mauritius Investment Company chaired by Lord Meghnad Desai has been charged with the responsibility to oversee disbursement. But what are the conditions under which this is taking place? Are there any? Is the MIC setting standards of accountability and transparency that are as rigorous as the private sector demands and claims to be exemplars of, at least in theory? That's what the people would like to know – whether there's any link here to the Saturday event, where momentarily the class divide that has increased rather than diminished – according to French economist Thomas Piketty in his widely acclaimed book – was apparently forgotten.

The Conversation

A man was reinfected with coronavirus after recovery – what does this mean for immunity?

Reports describe a Hong Kong man who was reinfected with the coronavirus after returning from Europe. Does that mean he wasn't immune after the first infection?



A 33-year old man was found to have a second SARS-CoV-2 infection some four-and-a-half months after he was diagnosed with his first, from which he recovered. The man, who showed no symptoms, was diagnosed when he returned to Hong Kong after a trip to Spain.

I am a virologist with expertise in coronaviruses and enteroviruses, and I've been curious about reinfections since the beginning of the pandemic. Because people infected with SARS-CoV-2 can often test positive for the virus for weeks to months, likely due to the sensitivity of the test and leftover RNA fragments, the only way to really answer the question of reinfection is by sequencing the viral genome at the time of each infection and looking for differences in the genetic code.

There is no published peer-review report on this man – only a press release from the University of Hong Kong – although reports say the work will be published in the journal *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. Here I address some questions raised by the current news reports.

Why wasn't the man immune to reinfection?

Immunity to endemic coronaviruses – those that cause symptoms of the common cold – is relatively short-lived, with reinfections occurring even within the same season. So it isn't completely surprising that reinfection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, might be possible.

Immunity is complex and involves multiple mechanisms in the body. That includes the generation of antibodies – through what's known as the adaptive immune response – and through the actions of T-cells, which can help to educate the immune system and to specifically eliminate virus-infected cells. However, researchers around the world are still learning about immunity to this virus and so can't say for sure, based on this one case, whether reinfection will be a cause for broad concern.

How different is the second strain that infected the Hong Kong man?

"Strain" has a particular definition when referring to viruses.

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The Protest March of 29th August



Sada Reddi

The active participation of the people can and will only further the causes of democracy, liberty and social justice. We can only expect that some sanity will be restored in the country

The unprecedented protest march in Port-Louis on Saturday 29th August 2020 is a clear indication that the people have decided to take their destiny in their own hands. We have never known such numbers coming together for

a party gathering or a protest for a long time. The protesters came out for a number of reasons and their grievances were many but for too long the authorities had ignored them, hence the emergence of a movement to achieve the people's aspirations.

The people did not fall in the trap that sought to lure them with offers for duty-free liquor, tobacco and perfume. The grievance list is long and has been articulated by many in the Assembly, in the press and in the social media and other places. Some of the crying ills are being reiterated everyday in the press and social media, and a few needs to be highlighted. They are: incompetence of the authorities, nepotism, abuse of power, corruption of our institutions, and mismanagement of the economy. It appears that the people have had enough; the trust between the people and the government has been ruptured and there is a determination for the people to recover their rights as a sovereign people.

Already in a previous article on civil society protest on 11th July, we sensed that it marked a new beginning and it had the potential to develop a new momentum with increasing political consciousness, and to transform politics, economics and society in more fundamental ways. The shipwreck of the Wakashio on the reefs in the south-east of the island, though still shrouded in mystery, provided irrefutable evidence to the people that neither the security of the country nor that of the people can be left in the hands of amateurs. It seems that the authorities had come to believe that money politics, public relations exercise and arbitrary use of police powers are sufficient to entrench them in power and serve their own interests.

While it may not be our approach to give too much credit to individuals in history, and more often we tend to emphasize more social and economic factors, yet the role of individuals in history is inescapable.

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“Far from comparing the role of historic figures to the action of other individuals today, we cannot dissociate the mass movement triggered by the Non-Cooperation movement in India in the 1920s from Mahatma Gandhi. Other individuals had done the same thing - Nkrumah, Kenyatta and Nyerere. In 1880 Emmeline Pankhurst started the suffragette movement which contributed to women's emancipation. In 1962, Martin Luther King's march on Washington marked a turning point in the civil rights movement in America...”

movement in India in the 1920s from Mahatma Gandhi. Other individuals had done the same thing - Nkrumah, Kenyatta and Nyerere. In 1880 Emmeline Pankhurst started the suffragette movement which contributed to women's emancipation. In 1962, Martin Luther King's march on Washington marked a turning point in the civil rights movement in America. Nearer to us, Nelson Mandela's struggle played a major role to bring about the end of apartheid and more recently George Floyd's death sparked a number of protest movements for freedom and



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justice.

All these leaders have demonstrated that mass protest and unity can make significant contributions towards ending injustice and despotism. They have also shown us that neither the police nor the military or state power or the new technologies can withstand the determination and power of the people to bring about social change when the people have decided to stand for their liberty and freedom.

The successful protest march has enabled Mauritians to conquer their fear which has sometimes paralyzed their response to injustice, and made them realize the power which lies dormant in them, and that they can and should become the agents of change.

After the 29th August, things will not be the same. Looking at the composition of the crowd, it appears to be dominated by the 20-35 age group suggesting that Facebookers have now taken to the streets. Already we can anticipate a huge crowd on the 12th September at

Mahebourg, where the participants will see with their own eyes that what looks deceptively like clean seawater would in fact be polluted water after the spilled oil has been dissolved in the sea. The destruction of marine life in these waters, the resulting deaths of so many sea animals, and the destruction of the livelihoods of thousands of people remain an unmitigated man-made disaster. The inhabitants of these regions and beyond strongly feel a deep sense of loss which they will mourn for many years to come

Bruneau Laurette has specified his objectives – to set up an office in Port Louis to put pressure on the government for the Prime Minister to resign and to sign a petition for a referendum. Soon one can expect students too to start signing their own petition to formulate their aspirations. How the authorities will react to the protest will be seen in the days to come. They may dismiss the protest just as Louis XVI wrote in his diary of the 14th July when

the Bastille fell: 'Rien', and we know what happened afterwards. That was the beginning of the people's revolution during the French Revolution.

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Whatever be the events that would be unravelled in the months to come, the people have learnt once more the power of sustained and organized agitation and its capacity to move mountains. The active participation of the people can and will only further the causes of democracy, liberty and social justice. We can only expect that some sanity will be restored in the country.



Vina Ballgobin

Les dauphins : Peut-on expliquer l'échouage collectif ou le *mass stranding* ?



Mass stranding des dauphins au Japon. Photo - i.dailymail.co.uk

« Habituellement, les dauphins vivent en communauté d'environ 10 à 12 individus mais ils se regroupent par centaines quand ils sont menacés par un prédateur. Certaines recherches effectuées sur les animaux marins indiquent qu'ils ressentent de la douleur sous diverses formes et ils utilisent des moyens pour se soigner. Mais, en cas de grande détresse, de peur et/ou de douleur, ils changent radicalement de comportement, allant du refus de se nourrir jusqu'au point de se laisser mourir... »

Le dauphin est un mammifère marin de l'ordre des cétacés. Il a des nageoires antérieures et une nageoire caudale horizontale. Il existe 43 espèces de dauphins dans le monde : 5 vivent dans les rivières (eau douce) et les autres vivent dans les mers et les océans (eau salée). Il y a deux écotypes de dauphins : ceux du large et ceux des côtes. Ces derniers aiment la chaleur et les eaux peu profondes. Chaque espèce de dauphin a son ADN propre. Le dauphin le plus connu est celui qui apparaît dans les films car il est très intelligent et facile à entraîner.

Le dauphin est apparenté aux mammifères terrestres. Si l'homme chasse le dauphin pour se nourrir ou pour le garder en captivité et s'en servir pour ses activités de loisirs, le dauphin – lui – a toujours protégé l'homme : il sauve les humains de la noyade ou des requins, il guide les marins lors d'une tempête, et ce, depuis très longtemps. Heureusement, les mentalités évoluent et certains collaborent avec les dauphins pour le bien de tous.

Selon certains chercheurs, le sonar et la variété d'émotions des dauphins pourraient aider à détecter et à réparer des tissus endommagés chez l'humain. La « delphinothérapie » aide les enfants et les adultes handicapés. Des programmes expérimentaux existent aussi pour aider les patients souffrant d'autisme, de dépression et de trauma.

Certains pêcheurs ont appris à décoder le mode de communication verbale et non-verbale des dauphins. Ces derniers poussent les bancs de petits poissons vers eux et leur indiquent à quel moment lancer un filet pour la capture. Ils répondent à environ une centaine d'instructions lorsqu'ils sont entraînés par les militaires pour des tâches spécifiques.

Mode de communication des dauphins

Fabre (2014) informe que les dauphins sont capables d'émettre une large variété de signaux sonores. Ils produisent trois types de sons.

- Les sons dits à modulation de fréquence : c'est une fréquence qui varie dans le temps (sifflements)
- Les sons à modulation d'amplitude ou amplitude variable (grognements)
- Les "phénomènes non linéaires" :
 - les fréquences changent instantanément (*frequency jump*) ;

- les subharmoniques (sons composés de plusieurs harmoniques ou biphonation) ;
- les *deterministic chaos* qui résultent de l'oscillation des plis vocaux asynchrones.

Les « sifflements » ne sont pas produits par tous les dauphins. Les « clics » sont utilisés par tous pour l'écholocation et pour la communication. Un dauphin, activant sa capacité d'écholocation, peut émettre jusqu'à 1,000 clics par seconde. Lors d'un signal émis par un dauphin, les hautes fréquences (80-150kHz) sont utilisées pour l'écholocation à courte distance (moins de 100 mètres). Plus la fréquence d'émission des ondes sonores diminue, plus la résolution est basse. Les fréquences entre 30 et 80 kHz sont couramment utilisées (Fulton, 2011). Les ondes émises par un dauphin lui permettent de mesurer la distance et la taille de ce qui se trouve sur son passage, l'aidant ainsi à s'orienter.

Le dauphin utilise aussi la communication acoustique non-vocale. Il produit des sons par d'autres moyens : il frappe la surface de l'eau avec ses nageoires, il fait des bonds hors de l'eau, il claque sa mâchoire, il grince des dents et il émet des bulles. Lorsqu'il agit ainsi, il produit des ondes sonores sous l'eau et produit un message acoustique non-vocal. Le saut du dauphin est lié à certaines situations, par exemple, la stimulation sexuelle, la découverte d'un lieu de nourriture ou la réponse à un agacement.

Le dauphin est sensible au contexte où il évolue. Quand il a le sentiment d'être en danger, il émet des signaux. Quand il se sent en détresse, il émet des "sifflements rauques" (*whistles squawk*) associés à des "clics tranchants" (*sharp clics*). Certains dauphins émettent des sons seuls comme les *pops* (boum) ou les *cracks* (craquements). Reiss (1988) parle de *whistle squawk* chez les dauphins nouveaux-nés : c'est un signal émotionnel. Quand deux dauphins se battent, ils émettent alors des *barks* (abolements) ou des *screams* (cris).

Il se trouve que le dauphin a une très grande sensibilité auditive. Les sons pulsés (sonars) ou les grands bruits (explosifs, activité sismique ou volcanique, tremblement de terre, etc) engendrent de la douleur et du stress chez le dauphin. Aujourd'hui, plusieurs sources de pollution sonore affectent les dauphins (du fait des activités humaines en milieu marin).

Habituellement, les dauphins vivent en communauté d'environ 10 à 12 individus mais ils se regroupent par centaines quand ils sont menacés par un prédateur. Certaines recherches effectuées sur les animaux marins indiquent qu'ils ressentent de la douleur sous diverses formes et ils utilisent des moyens pour se soigner. Mais, en cas de grande détresse, de peur et/ou de douleur, ils changent radicalement de comportement, allant du refus de se nourrir jusqu'au point de se laisser mourir. Tel est le cas avec les dauphins qui suivent le chef de file : toute la communauté échoue sur une plage pour se laisser mourir.

Mass stranding des dauphins

Ce phénomène est connu depuis plusieurs années sur les différents continents. La plupart du temps, les spécialistes éprouvent des difficultés pour déterminer les causes du mal qui les affectent car les carcasses sont en mauvais état et/ou atteignent les plages trop tard.

Etats-Unis : Maladie virale. Dans les années 1990, plus de 1,400 dauphins échouent sur les plages allant de New York à la Floride, attirant la sympathie humaine. Face à ce drame, une « National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration » (NOAA) est créée, regroupant des spécialistes et des volontaires. Ils recueillent les cadavres pour les analyser. Les dauphins étaient porteurs du *cetacean morbillivirus*, un virus associé à la rougeole (*measles*) chez les humains et à la rage (*rabies*) chez les chiens. Sur 250 dauphins, 20 portaient aussi la brucella, une bactérie responsable chez les animaux marins de fausses couches, d'abcès (*blubber abscesses*) et de pneumonie.

Comme les spécialistes l'avaient pensé, le virus est devenu plus virulent au fil des années et plusieurs dauphins d'autres aires géographiques autour du continent américain ont attrapé cette maladie. Heureusement, le virus n'a pas encore évolué pour infecter les humains. Toutefois, les spécialistes demandent d'appliquer le principe de précaution lors de la manipulation des animaux échoués sur les plages.

Nouvelle Zélande : La marée basse. En Nouvelle Zélande, les chercheurs parlent du Golden Bay comme étant un cimetière avec environ 300 à 400 dauphins qui y meurent chaque année. Le nombre le plus élevé répertorié est en 1918 avec 1,000 dauphins aux îles Chatham. Malgré les efforts déployés par les autorités pour les éloigner de certains *hotspots* et les renvoyer vers la haute mer, la majorité y retourne pour mourir. Il semblerait que ce soit un problème lié à la marée basse et les ondes sonores émises par les dauphins qui touchent le sable au lieu de se propager dans l'eau. L'euthanasie est parfois pratiquée pour aider les dauphins sains qui suivent la troupe et agonisent sur la plage au milieu des cadavres.

France : La pêche industrielle. En mars 2019, sur la côte atlantique, 1,100 dauphins sont morts sur les plages. C'est le chiffre le plus élevé depuis 40 ans. Selon les spécialistes, dans 90% des cas, les dauphins sont capturés dans des filets de pêche industrielle.

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Migrant crisis: Europe needs common criteria for accepting asylum requests

Since taking in more than a million people fleeing war and poverty in 2015, Europe has stepped up border controls but still falls short on common migration and asylum policies.

At the time, the migrant crisis "laid bare Europe's structural flaws and political divisions," said Marie De Somer, a migration specialist at the European Policy Centre.

Until 2015, the Dublin regulation had called for the first EU country where asylum seekers arrived to deal with their applications, reports India Today.

But the system "completely exploded" under the pressure that year, De Somer said.

Early on, images of columns of migrants trekking across Europe and the body of three-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi washed up on a Greek beach sparked sympathy.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel set aside the rules in summer 2015 to allow 900,000 mostly Syrian asylum seekers in -- soon followed by countries with less experience of mass arrivals like Austria and Sweden.

But a "quota" system to redistribute migrants among EU member countries, hastily cobbled together at Germany's request, never moved the 160,000 people originally agreed on.

Tightening the net

Initial openness to the newcomers foundered on the opposition of central European countries led by Viktor Orban's Hungary -- as well as a surge in support for anti-immigration populist parties in western Europe.

For lack of agreement, the Schengen free-movement zone was "significantly weakened, with controls reinstated on several frontiers" between members, a senior French



Refugees arriving at port of Elefsina near Athens, Greece on October 22, 2019. Photo - reuters.com

official familiar with migration policy said on condition of anonymity.

Some migrants fell through gaps in the legal system, wandering from one EU country to another filing new asylum claims as previous ones were rejected.

Meanwhile, national governments tightened their own laws piecemeal, limiting refuge rights or raising the bar for granting asylum.

Paris "above all tried to speed up the processing of requests to quickly reject the ones without merit," the French official said.

But informal refugee camps in the capital and northern port city Calais are now growing again -- despite authorities doubling the number of places in state accommodation over five years.

"We have to stop this question from being a thorn in Europe's side," the official said. "We're no longer in crisis and we should be able to manage today's arrivals."

Last year 612,000 people made initial asylum requests in Europe, according to statistics authority Eurostat -- around half the numbers seen in 2015-16.

Leverage over Europe

But the decline in arrivals was bought with "agreements with non-EU countries at a significant cost for European values, and put the EU in a weak position," said Matthieu Tardis at the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI).

An EU-Turkey deal struck in 2016 calls for Ankara to accept the return of migrants arriving in Greece, in exchange especially for financial aid.

But it cemented "terrible health conditions" in migrant camps in Greece and "became a lever" for President Recep Tayyip Erdogan to exert pressure on Europe, Tardis said.

Erdogan flexed his muscles earlier this year by declaring his borders open, prompting tens of thousands of people to head for the Greek frontier.

Elsewhere in the Mediterranean, the EU has backed a controversial agreement for Italy to finance and train the coastguard in Libya, torn by anarchy and civil war since 2011.

The EU "has notched up very few successes beyond beefing up Frontex," said the European Policy Centre's De Somer.

By 2027, the Brussels agency is supposed to number 10,000 border and coast guards who can be sent to buttress struggling member states.

But the Commission is also due to propose yet another mechanism for European asylum cooperation this September.

Trump or Biden? China expects no favours either way

The Democratic and Republican National Conventions are typically an opportunity for US voters to get a sense of what their next president's domestic policies might look like.

But this year they also provided a key insight for China Inc as it navigates its rocky relationship with the US, reports BBC.

Several insiders at Chinese technology firms say have told Karishma Vaswani of BBC News that a Joe Biden presidency would be more appealing than another four more years of President Trump - which would be seen as "unpredictable".

And while they think a Biden administration would still be tough on China, it would be based more on reason, and fact rather than rhetoric and politicking.

One thing is clear though: companies on the mainland believe that whoever is in the White House the tough stance on China is here to stay.

Here are three things that are worrying Chinese companies the most about the next US administration - and what they're doing to protect themselves.

Decoupling

Decoupling basically means undoing more than three decades' worth of US business relations with China.

Everything is on the cards: from getting American factories to pull their supply chains out of the mainland, to forcing Chinese-owned companies that operate in the US - like TikTok and Tencent - to swap their Chinese owners for American ones.

But decoupling isn't that simple.

While the US has had some success in forcing American companies to stop doing business with Chinese



Fostering goodwill between US and China. Photo - cdn.i-scmp.com

tech giants like Huawei, it is pushing Chinese firms to develop self-sufficiency in some key industries, like chip-making and artificial intelligence.

"There's a realisation that you can never really trust the US again," a strategist working for a Chinese tech firm said. "That's got Chinese companies thinking what they need to do to protect their interests."

Delisting

As part of its focus on China, the Trump administration has come up with a set of recommendations for Chinese firms listed in the US, setting a January 2022 deadline to comply with new rules on auditing.

If they don't, according to the recommendations, they risk being banned.

While a Biden administration may not necessarily push through with the exact same ban, analysts say the scrutiny and tone of these recommendations is likely to stay.

"A Democrat, whether in the White House, Senate or

Congress, would have little reason to roll back Trump's toughness on China without some concession in return," said Tariq Dennison, a Hong Kong-based investment adviser at GFM Asset Management.

Deglobalisation

China has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of globalisation over the last 30 years. It has helped hundreds of millions of Chinese afford a better quality and standard of life, the bedrock upon which President Xi Jinping's Chinese Dream is based.

But that's precisely what President Trump says needs to change: his administration argues that China has become richer while the US has become poorer.

During Mr Trump's term, deglobalisation - where borders are less open and trade is less free - has become a trend. And it's something that Beijing knows won't change even after the election.

"The fundamental adjustment of the US' strategic mind-set over China is real", reads the latest op-ed in the Communist Party's mouthpiece, The Global Times. "This has to a large extent reset the China-US relationship."

One of the natural consequences of globalisation was arguably a safer world.

If you're doing business with one another, chances are you're not going to want to get in a fight - or at least not open conflict.

A big worry for many businesses in Asia is that a real military clash between the two superpowers is inevitable - and those concerns only grew this week when Beijing fired missiles into the South China Sea, a lucrative but contested waterway.

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Israeli and US officials fly to UAE to agree pact. Photo - img.rasset.ie

Israel hopes for Washington signing ceremony on UAE deal by mid-September

Israel hopes to hold a signing ceremony in Washington for its normalisation deal with the United Arab Emirates by mid-September, a member of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet said on Sunday.

The date for such an event could be decided by senior aides to Netanyahu and to U.S. President Donald Trump when those officials fly to Abu Dhabi for talks, Israeli Regional Cooperation Minister Ofir Akunis, reports Reuters.

Top Trump adviser Jared Kushner and the other U.S. delegates were due in Israel on Sunday to prepare for the UAE mission.

Israel and the UAE announced on Aug. 13 that they would normalise diplomatic relations in a deal brokered by Trump. The agreement reshapes the Middle East order, from the Palestinian issue to relations with Iran.

On Saturday, the Gulf power announced it was scrapping its economic boycott against Israel, allowing trade and financial agreements between the countries.

Officials from the two countries have said they are looking at cooperation in defence, medicine, agriculture, tourism and technology.

"We are talking about commercial deals worth \$500 million in the initial stages, and this will keep rising all the time," Akunis said.

Such bilateral deals, he said, will give rise to "trilateral investments, in other words, in additional projects with other countries in the region". He did not name these countries.

Indian Navy deploys warship in South China Sea 2 months after Galwan clash

Months after the Galwan Valley clash which left 20 Indian soldiers dead in eastern Ladakh, the India Navy has dispatched one of its frontline warships to the South China Sea.

"We have deployed a frontline warship in the South China Sea region where the Chinese have been opposing and complaining against the presence of Indian warships," said top government sources, reports India Today.

The Indian warship is constantly maintaining contact with American counterparts who were operating on the other edge of the South China Sea, much to the chagrin of China.

The deployment by the Indian Navy has infuriated the Chinese government. In one round of diplomatic talks between India and China, the Chinese side complained about the presence of the warship in the disputed region.

For the Chinese government, the South China Sea holds an important place and they don't like the presence of any other countries' warships in the disputed region.

Sources said that the Indian side, while deploying its warship in the South China Sea region, was very clear that in view of the rising hostilities in the eastern Ladakh sector there was the possibility that the Chinese might stop them from doing so.

The Indian Navy has deployed its warships all along the Indian Ocean region especially the Malacca Straits where the Chinese enter the Indian Ocean region for going towards other continents.

Lhasa Gonggar airport gets military upgrade amid India-China standoff in Ladakh

China is enhancing its military capabilities at the Lhasa Gonggar airport, renovating the surface-to-air missile (SAM) facilities and setting up hardened shelters for fighter jets and combat helicopters in addition to making a third airstrip, satellite images suggest.

The airport is used for military as well as civilian



Indian Navy deploys warship. Photo - economictimes.indiatimes.com

purposes.

Recent satellite images show how the facilities at the airport are being upgraded for use of air force amid the India-China tussle at the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh. The standoff started early May and the deadlock continues.

After India inducted special delivery of Rafales at Ambala Air Force Station, China started additional deployment of H-6 bombers and J-20 stealth fighters along with Y-20 strategic transporters opposite India.

The latest satellite images of Lhasa Gonggar dual-use airport indicate a flurry of activities to upgrade the airbase in every facet. The airport is 200km from the Arunachal border and 250km from the Sikkim border, reports India Today.

Although talks on disengagement have been taking place at the military and diplomatic level, China continues ramping up its military facilities.

New shelters under construction

Satellite images from August 27, 2020, indicate very hectic activity at the eastern end of the airbase.

There are almost 12 shelters, possibly for combat helicopters along with almost 24 hardened aircraft shelters for fighter aircraft.

Some new platforms for helicopter parking have also been observed

The completion of these facilities will make it a complete airbase for more than a regiment of PLA Air Force (PLAAF).

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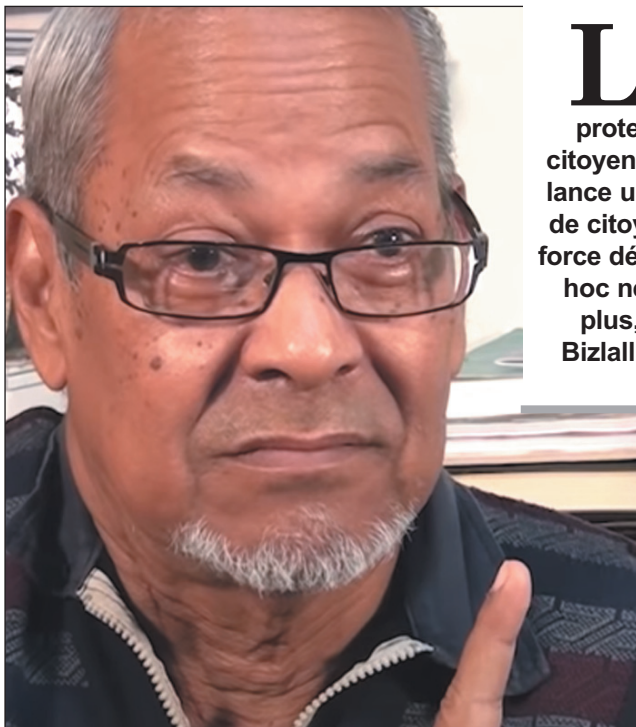
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Interview : Jack Bizlall

«Une foule ne pense pas. Elle suit... elle est derrière quelqu'un...»

Rarement elle poursuit... c'est-à-dire de continuer sans relâche jusqu'au bout...»



Mauritius Times : Vous me disiez avant le début de cet entretien qu'une foule ne pense pas. Ce qui rejoint ce que Gustave Le Bon disait dans son ouvrage 'Psychologie des foules' : 'le comportement d'individus réunis n'est pas le même que lorsque les individus raisonnent de manière isolée'. C'est ça ?

Jack Bizlall : Je maintiens qu'une foule ne pense pas. Elle suit... elle est derrière quelqu'un... Rarement elle poursuit... c'est-à-dire de continuer sans relâche jusqu'au bout... du changement recherché. Parce qu'elle ne visualise pas l'objectif temporel de son action. Ainsi une foule qui se rassemble en un lieu sans se donner une perspective concrète dans le temps est éphémère, et ainsi s'efface dans le temps. Elle est animée souvent pour un idéal et non pour des idées. L'idée émane de la pensée élaborée. L'idéal est animé par la foi...

J'ai constaté de la part des gens qui ont participé à cette manifestation une recherche d'un idéal de changement sans contenu, sauf le scandale de l'accident du MV Wakashio. Par ailleurs, cette foule est assez homogène dans sa composition : catégorie des jeunes et classe moyenne.

Les organisations politiques de gauche ont une idéologie antifasciste. De ce fait, elles sont souvent inquiètes quand elles sont en face de foules hétéroclites. Il existe deux partis politiques de gauche et un Mouvement de gauche à Maurice. Un parti de gauche n'a pas soutenu cette manifestation. Un

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La Covid-19 a apporté une dégradation économique au niveau mondial. Plusieurs secteurs sont touchés, affectant un pan entier de la société, en égratignant les autres. C'est le moment d'un test de confiance entre le peuple et son gouvernement. Après les barricades et les révoltes d'antan, c'est l'émergence de la protestation collective organisée, dans le respect de l'ordre et de la discipline en cas de non-satisfaction des citoyens. Puis, un mouvement social important - les gilets jaunes - a fait son apparition récemment en France. On lance un appel sur les réseaux sociaux et des milliers de citoyens répondent positivement en un clic. Des milliers de citoyens se déplacent pour manifester leurs frustrations, leurs colères, et leurs besoins. Si le dynamisme et la force démocratique sont louables dans ce genre de manifestation populaire, il demeure que ces regroupements ad hoc ne débouchent pas forcément sur des actions concrètes pour assurer le bien-être de tous les citoyens. De plus, les risques de violence en paroles et en actes par certains mouvements opportunistes sont réels. Jack Bizlall, est un habitué des mouvements de protestations dans la rue, et il en a organisé plusieurs. Nous l'avons sollicité pour recueillir son avis sur le mouvement initié par Bruneau Laurette.

autre parti de gauche a participé.

Le *Muvman Premye Me* a laissé la liberté à ses membres et à ses sympathisants d'y aller ou non... question de la liberté de la personne humaine. Il n'y a pas lieu de se culpabiliser ou de culpabiliser les autres.

Sur le plan politique, il est clair que des changements s'imposent et que le régime s'est affaibli. Une manifestation de cette envergure, ici comme dans d'autres pays, ne peut rester lettre morte sur le plan de l'histoire.

*** Avez-vous participé à cette manifestation ?**

De par ma conception politique, je n'aime ni les foules ni les leaders. Rassurez-vous, j'ai participé à de nombreuses actions contre les destructions écologiques. La liste est très longue. Mais certaines décisions de la part des organisateurs doivent être repensées.

Il faut faire attention. C'est ce que je leur demande s'ils vont continuer. Après la Première Guerre mondiale 1914-1918 (10 millions de morts) et la grippe espagnole 1918-1919 (plus de 50 millions de morts), on a vu surgir des chemises noires dans l'Italie de Mussolini, des chemises brunes dans l'Allemagne d'Hitler, les chemises bleues dans l'Espagne Franquiste... Avec les pavillons nationaux... Un amalgame qui peut déboucher sur une réaction fascisante... C'est-à-dire une action face à la décadence... avec une recherche du surhomme et de la puissance de la nation...

Je ne suis ni patriote ni quelqu'un qui est à la recherche de l'alternance. Me trouver en compagnie avec d'autres dynasties politiques m'est insupportable. Je milite pour le départ de toutes ces dynasties politiques et de nos oligarchies économiques. Je milite pour une nouvelle Constitution et la Deuxième République... Et je me prépare avec les syndicats à faire face à la crise économique qui va nous frapper dans les mois à venir.

La Dynastie Jugnauth doit partir. Lors des élections de 2019, j'ai prôné l'abstention... Quand j'analyse les chiffres, les gens ont choisi entre les dynasties... Fatalement la Dynastie Jugnauth est retournée au pouvoir... J'ai dit à Ramgoolam de partir... Apparemment Bérenger, Ramgoolam et Duval étaient dans la foule... J'en suis désolé. Ma position est la suivante : PAS de dynasties obscurantistes ou réactionnaires...

*** Cette manifestation « apolitique », selon Bruneau Laurette, a certainement connu un grand succès. Mais alors qu'il a des dizaines de raisons de s'opposer publiquement et légitimement à la politique et aux pratiques de l'actuel gouvernement, voilà qu'un accident écologique soulève une telle réaction. Cela vous sur-**

prend-il ?

Pour un succès, ce fut un succès par le nombre de personnes présentes. Mais les gens ont-ils analysé la situation dans laquelle nous sommes ? Inconsciemment sans doute oui...

Toutes les destructions écologiques subies par le pays depuis au moins vingt ans n'ont pas attiré le centième de cette foule. Demandez à Georges Ah Yan et son groupe, Doris Felix, Jocelyne Minerve... et d'autres encore ! Combien de fois nous nous sommes trouvés sur des plages, dans les forêts, à défendre la nature... Là où certains trouvent l'opportunité de faire de l'argent, personne ne réagit...

“ **C**e qui m'a frappé avec le Wakashio, c'est la paralysie des institutions responsables d'empêcher et de réparer ce qui s'est passé. Quand une maison brûle, les sapeurs-pompiers interviennent pour faire leur travail. Ils n'attendent pas les ordres du Premier ministre. Dans notre pays il faut attendre la décision de Jugnauth...”

Vous connaissez bien ma profonde aversion pour cette dynastie qui nous gouverne. Il faut qu'elle parte... Mais il faut autre chose. Voilà des années que je dis qu'il faut changer notre Constitution par une révolution politique... Combien de participants à cette manifestation sont en faveur d'une telle démarche ?

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Cela implique la présence de milliers et de milliers de personnes dans la rue pour imposer une nouvelle Constitution. On peut le faire. On doit le faire. Tout est prêt pour le faire...

*** On a peu d'information à propos des moyens financiers ou de la logistique dont ont probablement bénéficié les organisateurs de la manifestation, mais beaucoup de personnes se posent des questions concernant leurs motivations et leurs appuis. Qu'en pensez-vous ?**

Franchement, je ne crois pas que beaucoup d'argent a été dépensé, et pas autant que pour la première manifestation.

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'Manifester pour dire "Fou li deor", sans dire pourquoi, est un mot d'ordre populiste, et dangereux de surcroît'

☞ Suite de la page 7

Les participants sont venus de leur propre gré avec leurs propres moyens.

On parle de la CIA et d'autres accusations sans fondement. Il faut que les suiveurs des Jugnauth cessent avec ces insipidités. C'est cette dynastie qui veut la rétrocession des Chagos sans le démantèlement de la base militaire de Diego Garcia... C'est cette dynastie qui se courbe devant la RSS de Modi avec une remise en question de la Constitution indienne et la manipulation de la Cour suprême indienne... Bref une remise en question de l'Histoire de l'indépendance de l'Inde depuis 1930.

*** L'agenda du mouvement de Bruneau Laurette semble se résumer à ce slogan entendu durant la manifestation de samedi dernier : « Fou li dehors ». Ce n'est pas dit si cela va se faire par une voie démocratique ou non, mais pensez-vous que de tels mouvements puissent faire bouger les choses dans la bonne direction ?**

Cette question est cruciale. Manifester pour dire « Fou li deor », sans dire pourquoi, est un mot d'ordre populiste, et dangereux de surcroît. Les Laurette et autres individus qui agissent depuis le déconfinement doivent sérieusement réfléchir au fait que rien n'est proposé comme projet de société... Ni lors de la première manifestation non plus...

Mais il faut analyser les choses d'une façon concrète. On n'a pas besoin des journaux et des radios pour mobiliser les gens, d'autant plus que le basculement des Bablee et Mayotte ont fait perdre de la crédibilité à ces moyens de communication, de protestation et d'opinion. De mon côté, je refuse de me laisser manipuler par eux, et je leur ai dit pourquoi.

Ce qui s'est passé avec les moteurs de Saint Louis, avec l'utilisation autocratique de l'Etat et de son appareil, ont fait perdre en crédibilité les Collendavelloo, Ganoo et Obeegadoo... Le régime est isolé dans sa cuisine... Si les rats quittent le bateau, le régime tombera ou utilisera la répression comme en 1972...

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C'est dans ce contexte qu'il faut empêcher que des dynasties nous gouvernent. Il existe de telles dispositions constitutionnelles dans d'autres pays à nature républicaine... Trump veut casser de telles dispositions dans la Constitution américaine... comme Poutine en Russie...

*** Jocelyn Grégoire avait réussi de telles manifestations dans le passé; il avait même donné l'espoir à beaucoup de Mauriciens d'un devenir meilleur, mais on sait**

comment cela s'est terminé... avec la main sur le cœur. Avez-vous des craintes que ce mouvement ne soit récupéré par la 'business elite' ou par les hommes politiques ?

Ne me parlez pas de Jocelyn Grégoire... je l'ai assez dénoncé dans le passé, ça ne vaut plus la peine d'en dire plus. Par contre, il faut analyser les résultats des élections de décembre 2019. Le Gouvernement a une majorité à l'Assemblée nationale mais, paradoxalement, il n'est pas soutenu par une majorité de citoyens.

Ce que les autres Dynasties veulent faire, c'est se rassembler pour créer une cassure politique dans le pays et ainsi provoquer des élections générales anticipées en rassemblant cette majorité qui se trouve aujourd'hui dans l'opposition autant parlementaire qu'extra parlementaire. Elles ne vont pas se croiser les bras. La campagne électorale est déjà commencée depuis samedi...

Vous savez, se retrouver dans l'opposition, c'est d'être exclu du pouvoir... voilà le sentiment que ressent un citoyen. Nous n'avons pas de Code administratif et de Code social pour que l'accès au pouvoir économique et social soit à la portée de tout le monde. Nous ne faisons pas de différence entre la propriété privée personnelle et la propriété privée sociale. Nous n'avons même pas une place dans notre Constitution pour la propriété universelle...

Il n'y a pas moins de 40 changements majeurs de notre Constitution pour que nous soyons en paix et que nous n'ayons plus peur du lendemain. Ainsi je propose aux travailleurs et aux catégories sociales qui se battent de se retrouver au sein du pouvoir extra-parlementaire...

Grégoire croit que rassembler les exclus pour s'associer au pouvoir est une stratégie politique soutenable. Il a tort! Les exclus du pouvoir sont avant tous les travailleurs, et aussi les catégories sociales comme les femmes. Il faut cesser avec des considérations ethniques et grotesques...

*** Qu'en est-il d'un 'backlash' venant des supporters du pouvoir ? Avez-vous des craintes sur ce plan également ?**

Si le régime joue cette carte, ce sera doublement dangereux...

Ce n'est pas pour rien que dans la proposition constitutionnelle du MPM, il est écrit dans la déclaration du citoyen - au paragraphe 15.1 du premier chapitre - proposée que

«It is understood and agreed that in case the Constitution is not respected and there is no possible remedy from the Judicature, we keep our liberty to take direct actions against the Government, class of people or group of people ». Cette déclaration est le fondement même de toute Constitution de nature républicaine.

Ce que je crains, c'est l'ingérence d'un Etat étranger à notre République et à notre démocratie. Les liaisons de la Dynastie Jugnauth et son opportunisme m'ont toujours poussé à me poser des questions, et ce, depuis 1965...

*** Mais sur quoi cette manifestation de samedi dernier va déboucher en fin de compte, selon vous ? Ou est-ce trop tôt pour le dire ?**

Ecoutez, attendons voir. Il ne faut pas être alarmiste.

Je crois que tout individu qui souscrit à l'idée qu'il faut passer à une Nouvelle Constitution et à la Deuxième République - sans aller dans la direction du pire avec une République Présidentielle - doit s'entendre pour ouvrir le débat sur le principe et laisser les forces politiques s'armer pour un débat au sein d'une assemblée constituante.

Personnellement, je suis en faveur d'un soulèvement sous la forme d'une révolution politique pour atteindre cet objectif avant 2024. Il ne suffit pas de passer à une nouvelle république si on ne met pas un terme aux agissements et



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aux accaparements des dynasties politiques, des oligarchies économiques, de la bureaucratie et de la bourgeoisie d'Etat... Le *Muvman Premye Me* a publié ses propositions en octobre 2012. Nous sommes dans le concret du concret... Et pas dans l'aventurisme ou l'aventure. Encore moins dans le populisme.

*** Par ailleurs, en ce qui concerne le PTr et le MMM, vous avez dû constater que rien n'a changé au niveau de ces partis : ni remise en question ni transformation – ce qui pourrait laisser la voie libre à l'émergence de mouvements opportunistes ou même de pyromanes, ce qui aura pour effet de déstabiliser ou de détruire tout ce qui a été accompli jusqu'ici, n'est-ce pas ?**

En trois occasions, j'ai demandé publiquement et personnellement à Ramgoolam de se retirer de la politique.

Les pyromanes ne se trouvent pas dans des organisations politiques mais ailleurs. Il ne faut pas parler d'eux, c'est leur donner de l'importance. Ce qu'il faut faire, c'est se concentrer sur la situation dans le pays et mettre le social au centre de l'économie.

Je crois que nous entrons dans une phase où il faut combiner le combat pour la Deuxième République au combat pour la protection de l'emploi, des salaires et des fonds de pension, à la lutte pour le démantèlement du surendettement, au combat pour la sécurité alimentaire comme sanitaire...

De mon point de vue, le Gouvernement actuel ne maîtrise rien... Il faut au moins Rs40 milliards de l'Etat et Rs35 milliards des patrons pour sortir de la situation où nous sommes.

*** Que faire de l'actuel ouvernement ? 'Fou li dehors' - c'est plus facile à dire qu'à faire, n'est-ce pas ?**

Je ne crois pas. Les grands absents de la manifestation de samedi sont les travailleurs et leurs syndicats... Si le régime joue au tapeur, d'abord il se cassera en deux et, ensuite, toute la population descendra dans la rue.

Rassurez-vous. Ce régime est minoritaire dans le pays, il n'est même pas soutenu par 12% de la population.

Les dauphins : Peut-on expliquer l'échouage collectif ou le *mass stranding* ?



Echouage de dauphins sur les côtes de la Namibie. Photo - www.enca.com

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Pour protéger leurs filets et d'autres équipements, les pêcheurs mutilent les dauphins capturés avant de les rejeter à la mer. Heureusement, grâce à la mobilisation de plusieurs acteurs de la société civile et des écologistes prônant le développement durable, cette pratique est maintenant mieux contrôlée.

Les dauphins de l'océan Indien

Etude du James Cook University en Australie. De 1981 à 2016, une recherche est menée par une équipe en Australie pour estimer le nombre d'animaux marins capturés dans les filets mailants à cause de la pêche industrielle du thon dans l'océan Indien, entre autres, les dauphins et les marsouins. Les pays suivants sont concernés : Australie, Inde, Pakistan et le Sri Lanka.

Les spécialistes estiment qu'environ 4.1 millions d'animaux marins ont été capturés entre 1950 et 2018. A part le thon, la

majorité des animaux marins capturés sont des dauphins. Tandis que le chiffre s'élevait à 100,000 pour la période 2004-2006, il y a eu une réduction à 80,000 par an par la suite. Ces chiffres excluent les dauphins ayant pu s'échapper des filets.

Le Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA). Un accord est signé à Rome le 7 juillet 2006 par dix pays : Australie, Chine, îles Cook, Corée, France (pour ses territoires situés dans l'océan Indien), Japon, Maurice,

« Le dauphin est apparenté aux mammifères terrestres. Si l'homme chasse le dauphin pour se nourrir ou pour le garder en captivité et s'en servir pour ses activités de loisirs, le dauphin – lui – a toujours protégé l'homme : il sauve les humains de la noyade ou des requins, il guide les marins lors d'une tempête, et ce, depuis très longtemps. Heureusement, les mentalités évoluent et certains collaborent avec les dauphins pour le bien de tous... »

Seychelles, Thaïlande, et aussi l'Union européenne. Mais cet accord rentre en vigueur uniquement en 2012. Quatre pays signataires n'ont pas ratifié l'accord : Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique and Nouvelle Zélande. L'objectif principal est de protéger l'océan Indien de l'exploitation sauvage et irrationnelle pour des besoins commerciaux.

Plusieurs réglementations concernent les filets industriels, incluant les thoniers, par exemple. Malheureusement, les pays de l'océan Indien peuvent difficilement les faire respecter. Par ailleurs, dans la plupart des pays, plusieurs familles pauvres ont besoin de ce métier pour gagner leur vie, et les autorités adoptent une politique de laisser-faire. La capture la plus élevée d'animaux marins par pays dans cette région est comme suit : Iran, Indonésie, Inde, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Oman, Yemen, UAE and Tanzanie. L'Iran et l'Indonésie, eux, n'ont même pas de système de contrôle interne.

A part la surpêche et autres causes mentionnées, les dauphins se trouvent en haut de la pyramide alimentaire : ils souffrent d'intoxication alimentaire et accumulent des produits polluants (les POPs ou polluants organiques persistants, les micro-plastiques) dans leurs tissus. Parfois, ils ont des accidents graves quand ils se heurtent contre des barrages et des bateaux. Plus près des côtes, le tourisme de masse les stresse (la plongée et la pollution sonore). Dans les régions côtières, c'est l'urbanisation qui les tue lentement mais sûrement. Pour chaque dauphin capturé, il faut compter encore entre 3 à 10 morts. 50% des dauphins meurent durant les deux premières années de captivité et leur espérance de vie passe de 50 à 20 ans seulement.

Les scientifiques s'accordent pour dire qu'en l'absence de contrôle, d'aires marines protégées (AMP) et de développement durable, le nombre de dauphins continuera à se réduire. Plusieurs variétés de dauphins pourraient disparaître de la surface de la planète en moins de 20 ans.

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A man was reinfected with coronavirus after recovery – what does this mean for immunity?

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Often a different "strain" is a virus that behaves differently in some way. The coronavirus that infected this man in Europe is likely not a new strain.

A STAT News article reports that the genetic make up of the sequenced virus from the patient's second infection had 24 nucleotides – building blocks of the virus's RNA genome – that differed from the SARS-CoV-2 isolate that infected him the first time.

SARS-CoV-2 has a genome that is made up of about 30,000 nucleotides, so the virus from the man's second infection was roughly 0.08% different than the original in genome sequence. That shows that the virus that caused the second infection was new; not a recurrence of the first

virus.

The man was asymptomatic – what does that mean?

The man wasn't suffering any of the hallmark COVID-19 symptoms which might mean he had some degree of protective immunity to the second infection because he didn't seem sick. But this is difficult to prove.

I see three possible explanations. The first is that the immunity he gained from the first infection protected him and allowed for a mild second infection. Another possibility is that the infection was mild because he was presymptomatic, and went on to develop symptoms in the coming days. Finally, sometimes infections with SARS-CoV-2 are asymptomatic – at the moment it is difficult to determine

whether this was due to the differences in the virus or in the host.

What can we say about reinfection based on this one case?

Only that it seems to be possible after enough time has elapsed. We do not know how likely or often it is to occur.

Should people who have recovered from COVID-19 still wear a mask?

As we are still learning about how humans develop immunity to SARS-CoV-2 after infection, my recommendation is for continued masking, hand hygiene and distancing practices, even after recovery from COVID-19, to protect against the potential for reinfection.

The Veblen Effect and Caesar



Caesar was without a doubt the most significant figure in the history of Rome. His career paved the way both for the end of the republic and the creation of the empire under his nephew Octavian. Caesar was without a doubt the most significant figure in the history of Rome. His career paved the way both for the end of the republic and the creation of the empire under his nephew Octavian.

Normally, their captives tried to escape as cheaply as possible. They didn't understand what was going on. But if he said he would double the ransom, why argue? They let Caesar's men go back to Rome to raise the money.

And in Rome, in his absence, Caesar suddenly became very famous. No one had ever been ransomed for such a vast sum before. He must be very special, he must be incredibly important. That ransom demand put Caesar on the political map. He had just invented the Veblen effect. Although American economist Thorstein Veblen wouldn't give it that name for another 2000 years.

The Veblen effect is when consumers perceive higher-priced goods to be worth more, simply because they cost more. Like Rolex, Cartier, Bentley, Rolls-Royce, Aston Martin, Louis Vuitton, Christian Louboutin, Harrods, Cristal Champagne. None of them are actually any better than the cheaper alternatives, but the price alone makes them seem more desirable.

Caesar had effectively made himself a Veblen brand. He'd placed a value on himself greater than anyone in Rome. But, as far as anyone in Rome knew, it wasn't him who had done it. It was an independent valuation. So it must be true. And because Caesar was now so highly valued, his men had little trouble raising the ransom money. They returned to the island and freed him.

But Caesar wasn't going to allow the pirates to keep that sort of money. As a now important and famous man, it was easy to raise a force. He hunted down the pirates and took back all the money, plus everything else they had pillaged, then executed them all.

So Caesar was now both very rich and very famous. And in time, with that same combination of confidence and brains, he became ruler of all Rome. And he presided over the golden age of the Roman Empire. Expanding it from Spain to Germany, from Britain to the Middle East.

Caesar knew that reality begins in the mind, so the most important piece of real estate in which to stake a claim is the human mind.

How you stake a claim in the mind is by creating a perception. And how you create that perception is by controlling the context.

Control the context and you control the mind. Control the mind and you control reality.

At 23, Julius Caesar was a junior politician on the way up. But he had an advantage: confidence and brains.

Sailing across the Aegean Sea, he was captured by Sicilian pirates. They demanded a ransom: 20 talents of silver. (That's about 620kg, worth about \$600,000.)

Caesar told them they were being ridiculous. He couldn't possibly allow himself to be ransomed so cheaply.

The pirates hesitated, they were confused.

Caesar insisted the ransom must be raised to 50 talents of silver. (Around 1550kg, worth about \$1.5 million.)

Now the pirates didn't know what to make of this.

How saints and sages find bliss

I know many celebrities who you would think have it all and yet, in reality, have nothing. Because they lack serenity. I've been reading a lot about how the saints and sages arrived at serenity and tranquillity. And how other great masters found personal freedom.

Here are 4 basic yet potent tactics to help you return to the deep inner peace you deserve to experience every day-for the remainder of your life:

1. Forgive the Unforgiven

This is a big one and we go into how to release the people who have hurt you in the past in a profound way in my brand-new online mentoring program The Top 5% Business Accelerator. For now, please just remember that you cannot ascend into your brilliant future until you let go of the open wounds of your past.

Everyone you've met did the best they could do, based on the way they saw the world. And their level of maturity and wisdom. If they've disappointed you, forgive them. And let them go. So you can move ahead.

2. Escalate Your Self-Love

You may find it odd that a teacher of Leadership and Elite-Performance in business is writing of self-love. Yet it's only once you love yourself that you can love your visions and love your craft and give your heart to the development of your team and operate in full-on service to your clients-and in the hot chase of a better world.

People who hate themselves pour hate into the world.

Those who honour themselves uplift it.

All fortune begins within-with you loving who you are, embracing your talents, taking really great care of you by avoiding toxic influences, ensuring that you are well treated by others and nurturing your body through exercise, exposure to nature, a healthy diet, sunlight and lots of deep rest.

3. Practice the Three Ss

Silence. Solitude. Stillness.

Elements so absolutely essential for a stainless life. And abundant inner peace.

You've heard me speak about the dangers of addictions to distractions for years.

Many among us receive hundreds of emails each day and are on all of the social platforms and chat apps constantly. These people suffer from an extensive overwhelm that is destroying their spirits.

Make time each day to be alone.

Away from the noise-so you can hear the signal.

Your greatest self will thank you for this consideration.

4. Read about the Great Ones of History

Reading a book is having a conversation with the author. And as you know, we are transformed by our conversations.

Install a ritual of reading a book by one of the great women and men of the world for 60 minutes a day. Every day.

Study how they set up their days, the beliefs on which they conducted their lives, the way in which they translated adversity into victory and how they continued to pursue their mission when they were exhausted, dispirited and attacked.

The more time you spend with the best human beings who have graced our planet, the more peace you'll feel as you make your own rise toward your very best.

Robin Sharma

Work Smarter

Lead with optimism, even in difficult times

Even in dire circumstances, you can still lead with optimism, helping your team and your customers stay resilient amidst uncertainty. The first step is to be a role model. Lip service alone won't work. Also, keep in mind that a positive outlook is easier to adopt as a group, so help employees foster a sense of connection with each other.

This can be as simple as celebrating when a team or department hits a milestone, or starting meetings with each person saying one thing they're grateful for. Any regular, routine expression of positivity will help. And keep

motivation up by demonstrating a clear connection between the positive energy people are putting in and your achievements. It may even influence other teams to adjust their own mindset.

Things are hard right now - there's no doubt about it. But as a leader, you have an opportunity to set the conditions for a collective positive outlook on your team. Take advantage of it.

This tip is adapted from "What Leading with Optimism Really Looks Like," by Shawn Achor and Michelle Gielan - Harvard Business Review

In a light vein

Satan gets beaten

In a church in a small village, before the service starts, the congregation are all nattering to their neighbours when Satan appears at the altar in a flash of light.

Naturally the church erupts in chaos, with people fleeing left, right and centre - except Bill Smith.

Satan walks to Bill and says: "Don't you know who I am?"

Bill replies: "Yes, I do."

Bewildered, Satan asks: "So you aren't scared of me, then?"

"No, I'm not," replies Billy calmly.

By now, Satan's melon is twisted beyond all recognition.

"Why the hell not?" Satan enquires.

"Because I've been married to your sister for 25 years!"

The proud father

A guy has 6 children and is very proud of his children. He is so proud that he starts calling his wife -mother of six - in spite of her objections.

One evening they go to a party. The man decides that it's time to go home and wants to find out if his wife is ready to leave as well.

He shouts at the top of his voice, "Shall we go home now, mother of six?"

His wife finally fed up with her husband, shouts back: "Any time you're ready, father of four."

A man walks into the barber's at lunchtime and asks how long it'll be before he can get his hair cut.

The barber looks around, full of customers and replies: "At least two hours."

The next day the guy is back again, asking the same question. the barber again says two hours.

The next day again at lunchtime he comes again, the barber for the third time says at least two hours.

He walks out, but this time the barber asks his friend to follow him and find out where he goes. After some time the friend returns, grim-faced.

"Well, where did he go?" asks the barber.

"Your house."

The dead cat

A kid told his teacher that he's just found a cat at the roadside. "It's dead," he stated.

"How do you know it's dead?" asked the teacher.

"Easy, because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move."

"You did what?" the teacher shouted.

"You know, I leant over, made pssst sound and it didn't move," explained the boy.

Medical tests

A guy received a phone call from his local surgery informing him that there's been a terrible mix-up with his wife's medical tests.

"We are not sure whether she is the one with herpes or heart condition," apologized the doctor.

"Oh my God! What can I do?" asked the fellow.

"Well, send her out jogging and if she comes back fit, we will be sure," suggested the doctor.

Last night I was returning from a party. I was high and saw there was a police checking. I was scared at that very moment but then immediately got down from the driving seat and sat on the back seat.

After a few minutes, an officer came and asked me to move my car ahead for alcohol test.

I said: "My driver ran away seeing you."

He said: "Then you move your car ahead for the checking."

I said: "No sir, as a responsible citizen I should not drive, drunk."

Officer looked at me, got emotional and applauded me for my responsible behaviour.

He sent one constable with me to drive my car home.

All that to rest in the end?

We all have a tiny "Alexander the Great" embedded in our bodies which drives us into unfathomed adventures with the objective that our tomorrow will be better than our yesterday. During lockdown days when I was trying to discover ways to unlock my moods, I found an interesting story. Here is the parable.

Diogenes was one of the contemporaries of Alexander the Great. He was just a naked fakir: he had nothing. He had renounced everything; he was searching his own inner world. In spite of that, Alexander the Great became jealous of Diogenes

A famous anecdote about Diogenes is that when he renounced the world, he used to carry a small begging bowl. One day he saw a dog drinking water from a river. He threw that begging bowl. He said, "If the dog can do without it, then am I worse than the dog?" Everything was thrown away.

Legends were reaching Alexander that this man had something in him. Finally, fascinated, Alexander went to see him, and he could see that the man had something that he did not have. He was just lying down - it was a winter morning; it was cool and the sun was rising. He was lying down by the side of a river, bathing himself in the early sun, naked.

Alexander said, "Can I do something for you, sir? I have much, and whatsoever you desire, I will be happy to do it for you."

Diogenes laughed and said, "The only thing that you can do is to please stand by the side. Do not prevent the sun from coming to me. Nothing else do I need. And remember it, because you seem to be dangerous: never stand between the sun and anybody else. Do not disturb the life of anybody else. That is enough; nothing else do I want from you - because all that I want is within me."

Alexander could feel that the man was true, literally true - a monumental tranquillity appeared to

be crystallized in his gross body giving an aura and vibes making his subtle body radiate all around. A man who had attained, who was filled with inner light, inner realization and inner riches. He bowed down and said, "In my next birth, I will ask God not to make me Alexander, but Diogenes."

Diogenes laughed and said, "There is no need to wait that long. You can become a Diogenes just now! What for are you struggling and conquering people, moving continuously, killing and warring?"

Alexander replied, "First I want to conquer Middle Asia, then India, then the Far East..."

Diogenes went on asking, "Then what? Then what?"

"Finally, when I conquer the whole world, then I would come back and like to rest," said Alexander.

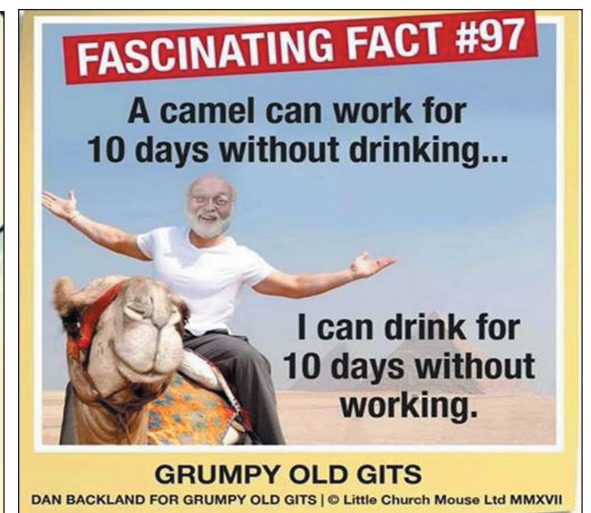
Diogenes laughed, "You look stupid to me, because I am resting without conquering the world. You can rest by my side. See, the bank is so big; we can share it. And nobody comes here. You can rest to your heart's content. Who is preventing you? And I do not see the point that one needs to conquer the world first just to rest in the end. You can rest any moment."

In that moment Alexander must have felt his poverty. He said, "You are right. I am mad, but now it is difficult for me to come back. I have to conquer, only then I can come."

When he was leaving, Diogenes said, "Remember, nobody can come back unless one is aware. And if you are aware right at this moment, the journey stops. If you are not aware, you will never come back."

And Alexander never could go back. He died before he came back home.

Have we demarcated the hills that we wish to conquer and the final crest to stop and enjoy?



Put Some Pep in Your Step

Scientists say walking tall with swinging arms helps you feel more positive. Even if you're not feeling happy, a spirited stroll can help you fake it till you make it.

Slap on a Smile

Want to lift your spirits? Lift the corners of your mouth. When you smile like you mean it, you can change your brain's chemistry and feel happier.

Volunteer

Find ways to get involved in your community or help out a friend in need. You'll help yourself, too. It can improve your mental health and well-being. Win-win.

Make New Friends

It makes you feel good to spend time with people who care about you. So be open to new relationships, whether it's someone you meet at the office, gym, church, or park. But be sure to maintain those lifelong connections, too. Studies show the more connected you are, the happier you are.

Count Your Blessings

Write down everything that's good in your life. When you make an effort to look on the bright side, it helps you stay focused on the positive.

Break a Sweat

It can take as little as 5 minutes for exercise to put you in a better mood. Moving your body also has good long-term effects: Regular exercise helps keep depression at bay.

Forgive and Forget

Are you holding a grudge? Let it go. Forgiveness frees you from negative thoughts and makes more room in your life for inner peace. And that brings you happiness.

Practice Mindfulness

Meditate for an hour a week. It'll give you a dose of joy, peace, and contentment. It'll also create new pathways in your brain to make it easier for you to feel joy.

Turn on Some Tunes

Music can have a powerful effect on your emotions.

15 Ways to Be Happier

There's science behind the saying "fake it till you make it." See which simple acts can actually lift your spirits

Pick your favorite music mix and get into the groove. You'll get a real feel-good vibe.

Get the ZZZs You Need

Most adults need 7 or 8 hours of sleep each night to stay in a good mood. You're more likely to be happy when you get enough shut-eye.

Remember Your "Why"

When you have a sense of purpose -- why you work, exercise, or do something good for someone else -- it gives your life meaning. In the hurry of a busy day, it's easy to lose sight of that. So take a moment to bring it to mind. Happiness is about more than momentary pleasure. It's also in the satisfaction of pursuing your goals.

Challenge Your Inner Critic

You know that inner voice that loves to point out everything that isn't so great? Try to notice when it takes control of your mood. Sometimes it has a good point and is letting you know about something that needs your attention. But other times, it's wrong, or it makes things seem worse than they are. Ask yourself, "Is this true?"

Tackle Your Goals

Ask yourself if they are realistic and within your reach now -- or at least, things that you can start to work toward. Then get really specific about what the goal is -- not "to work out more" but "to walk 30 minutes a day, three times this week," or "I'll have a salad for lunch twice this week." Write it down, and reward yourself for every step you take toward that goal!

Seek Positive People

"Emotions are contagious," as the saying goes. So, you want people in your life who are confident, upbeat, and healthy. You'll probably find that it rubs off on you, leaving you feeling better. And then you can pass that on, too.

Ask a Pro

If you feel a lot less happy than you used to, even after you try the tips in this slideshow, it's time to call an expert. Book a session with a counselor to talk about how you feel. If depression is the reason you're down, there are treatments. Even if you're not depressed, you might learn some helpful things about yourself and your challenges -- and end up feeling better than you thought you could.

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Are recent stressors putting your normally happy relationship to the test?

No person or relationship is perfect. Add to this that when we feel stressed, we all sometimes respond in ways that are less than ideal. So, if recent stressors are bringing out the worst in your partner - and possibly putting your long-term, normally happy relationship to the test - you may want to pause and reflect.

Whether or not you want to admit it, your partner is not the only one who responds in less than ideal ways when upset. Yes, they might be doing things you'd never dream of doing, and yes, you may not understand how they could possibly react in those ways. But before you rant, rage, or reject their love, acknowledge that you also have your limitations and weaknesses (even if not as bad as theirs). So, pause to consider what's going on for them and how you want to respond. The goal here is not to excuse or minimize your partner's actions, but rather to reflect on them with curiosity.

Importantly, this suggestion to take time to think about their experience before acting does not include times when your partner is abusive. If you are in danger, make a safety plan and then leave (you can learn more about how to recognize abuse here). Also, if your relationship is relatively new and you don't know your partner very well, consider that stress can serve to break facades and reveal important truths about our personalities - it may show you who your partner really is behind all of the niceties we project at the beginning of a relationship.

But if your situation is not dire, and you have some history with your partner to serve as a baseline, consider slowing down enough to:



He & She

Reflect on your relationship and your love. If you're constantly aggravated over your partner's recent actions, remind yourself that you are in this relationship for a reason. Think about what you love about your partner and reminisce about the good times. Hopefully, this will help you to see them with better perspective, thaw the cold that is chilling your heart, and enable you to think in a calmer way about what's troubling you.

Listen openly to what they were thinking and feeling. Consider the messages they are sending with what they are saying and doing in particular situations. As you do, take into account the many stressors that they are contending with - including more amorphous difficulties, such as anxiety from the current state of the world and the stress of their lives or routines being disrupted.

If you are so worked up that you cannot do this, then you might want to step away and do something to help calm and nurture yourself. These actions can help you to listen with a more open heart. Because you are also facing many stressors, you may feel at your wit's end. So, be

patient with yourself.

Empathize with their experience. Being able to see a situation through your partner's eyes does not mean that you agree with them or approve of their behaviors. It simply means that you can appreciate their reality - how they feel and think, as well as their motivation to act as they have done. Then share this awareness with them to give them the sense that you understand and empathize.

Note how empathizing with them affects your thoughts and feelings. If you feel compassionately toward them, it can be healing for them, you, and your relationship to express that compassion.

Express your thoughts and feelings about how your partner's behavior affects you. Do this by briefly referencing their behaviors and then expanding on your feelings. By focusing on yourself and not attacking them, they will be less likely to be reflexively defensive. Also, hopefully, if you have been able to show empathy and compassion for your partner, they will be more inclined to empathize with your experience.

This process will need to unfold over the course of a number of conversations. During these discussions, and with the aid of time, you can decide whether your partner really is the monster you feel they are, or their actions were more human flaws magnified by terrible circumstances. With this clarity, you can be more confident in your decision about how best to move forward in your relationship.

Leslie Becker-Phelps, PHD - Psychologist

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Amyra Dastur: Bollywood has become everybody's favourite punching bag

In the past few months, Bollywood has been called a dark place, a big bad world where people from outside the film industry are sidelined. But Amyra Dastur says that so much of negative publicity around the film industry is indeed sad.

"At the end of the day Bollywood is everyone's favourite punching bag. So even when item songs were a big thing people were like you know it is objectifying women. It is no surprise that the film industry has been blamed for everything. I don't see it that way," shares Dastur.

The actor admits that she has had a "couple of funny and odd experiences" however mostly it has been a happy experience.

"I feel like ultimately Bollywood is much-talked about and that is why it becomes the centre of attention for everything. Now with even the conspiracy theories that are going on, it makes no sense. For people like us, we know what the truth is but someone like my mother she will read this or see this and will believe it," the actor explains.

Dastur says that after all this that has been happening around Bollywood, her parents have become very skeptical and question her.

"I have to explain to my parents that 'no it is no like this'. I tell them that there are some people who are just bored and that's why they are doing this. It is so sad that everyday something really odd and silly is coming out," she says.

But the actor says that she is trying to remain unaffected by all that is happening in the film industry as she has always remain a bit detached.

"I just laugh and back off and do my thing. I have never been a social person anyway so I am happy that I am not socially connected to a lot of people. Yes, it is pretty crappy what's happening, I feel like right now peoples e are not even working and so they have the time to come up with some of the odd things that are coming up," she concludes.

Talking about the narrative about Bollywood being a dark place, actor Amyra Dastur says that she has had a "couple of funny and odd experiences" however mostly it has been a happy experience



Sadak 2: Alia Bhatt's rendition of Tum Se Hi gets more dislikes than likes

"Sadak 2" has been facing negative response ever since the first look of the film was launched. On August 16, it was reported that the film's trailer had emerged the third most disliked video in the world and the most disliked YouTube video in India

Music, which has the music rights of the film, the song has 12k likes and 23k dislikes at the time of publishing this report.

Reactions to the song in the comment section have been mixed.

"We will destroy Bhatt title, miss you Sushant," a user commented.

"RIP ears," another one wrote.

However, there are people who praised Alia's singing skills, too.

"Beautiful singing," a user wrote.

"You sing so well," another user commented.

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Released on August 12, the trailer of "Sadak 2" was trolled by many netizens as it was seen by people as a shining example of Bollywood nepotism -- a topic that has become talk of the town after actor Sushant Singh Rajput's death on June 14.

The Mahesh Bhatt-directed film stars his daughters Pooja and Alia Bhatt along with Sanjay Dutt and

Aditya Roy Kapur, youngest brother of producer Siddharth Roy Kapur.

In July, the Nepometer, an app created by Sushant's family, had rated "Sadak 2" as 98 per cent nepotistic. Fans of the late Bollywood actor have been actively campaigning on social media for the past weeks urging everyone to boycott the film.

It seems like the streak of negativity about the film continues with the release of Alia's song.


This is not the first time that Alia has recorded a song for her film. Earlier she sang in "Uda Punjab" and "Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania".

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Actress Alia Bhatt is garnering more dislikes than likes in cyber space for her latest attempt at singing.

Alia's latest film "Sadak 2" released digitally on Friday, and her reprised version of the song "Tum se hi" in the film is out on YouTube. On the official YouTube page of Sony

Rebecca Ferguson wraps production on Dune

Dune director Denis Villeneuve broke up the shooting of the film into two parts and was gearing up to film the second round when the coronavirus pandemic hit



Actor Rebecca Ferguson has completed shooting for her upcoming movie, the sci-fi spectacle *Dune*. The film, directed by filmmaker Denis Villeneuve, is an adaptation of Frank Herbert's 1965 novel of the same name.

Ferguson, who plays Lady Jessica, the mother of Paul Atreides (Timothée Chalamet), took to Instagram on Saturday to share the update.

"And that's a wrap for me... Love to all and everyone but extra squeeze for my 2 boys #denisvilleneuve @tchalamet what a joy and what a ride! @dunethemovie," she wrote.

The story follows Paul, whose family assumes control of the desert planet Arrakis, also known as Dune. As the only producer of a highly valuable resource, jurisdiction over Arrakis is contested among competing noble families.

After Paul and his family are betrayed, the story explores themes of politics, religion, and man's relationship to nature, as he leads a rebellion to restore his family's reign.

According to IndieWire, Villeneuve broke up the shooting of the film into two parts and was gearing up to film the second round when the coronavirus pandemic hit.

The team is expected to complete the remainder of production this month.

Also starring Oscar Isaac, Josh Brolin, Stellan Skarsgård, Dave Bautista, Zendaya, Charlotte Rampling, Jason Momoa and Javier Bardem, *Dune* is slated to be released on December 18.

Vaani Kapoor: The Eighties Is A Super Colourful, Super Cool Era



Vaani Kapoor is all set to shoot for the upcoming film, *Bell Bottom*. She is excited about the eighties look she will be portraying in the film. "I am just excited right now to start work again after lockdown. It is going to be hectic but I also know it is going to be fulfilling. I am glad I have gotten to be a part of two very interesting projects," Vaani said.

Besides *Bell Bottom* co-starring Akshay Kumar, she will also start shooting presently for Abhishek Kapoor's untitled next, a romantic drama opposite Ayushmann Khurrana. There's the period drama *Shamshera*, too, opposite Ranbir Kapoor.

How has she been preparing for her immediate assignment, "*Bell Bottom*", during the lockdown? "Prepping in lockdown has been all about Zoom calls and readings on digital platforms. It's been all about getting back in the zone in a new

way. We are making do with what we have. I cannot complain," she said.

"*Bell Bottom*" is inspired by true events. Directed by Ranjit M. Tewari, the film is set in the eighties and narrates the story of one of India's forgotten heroes.

"I am particularly excited about the eighties look and feel, and we have been working on some interesting looks from that era. I have been making my notes, watching old films, doing a bit of research. It's been a fun process to soak in the eighties," she said, about her look in the film.

She added: "The eighties to me is a super colourful, super cool era, and it is amazing that our film is set in that period. As a part of my research, it's been fun to catch on Hindi films of the time and read about the era to just pick up mannerisms, style, and life. Rest, I will improvise given the script and my character."

Emraan Hashmi to star in comedy film Sab First Class Hai

Balwinder Singh Janjua directorial *Sab First Class Hai* is produced by Deepak Mukut, Shivanshu Pandey and Abhay Sinha. The film is presented by Nishant Pitti of Ease My Trip

Actor Emraan Hashmi is all set to try his hand at comedy for the first time. He will be seen in Balwinder Singh Janjua directorial *Sab First Class Hai*, which is slated to release next year.

Excited about doing a comedy film, Emraan said in a statement, "The film is a hilarious yet sensitive story about the common man and how he can go to any length to fulfil his needs. In the bargain, he stands to lose his family, his face in society and gets caught in a situation he cannot find his way out of. Balwinder's script is a laugh-riot, but it has its poignant moments as well. It is unlike anything I have done before and I was pretty much on board after I heard the first narration!"

Director Balwinder Singh Janjua has earlier written the screenplay of Arjun Kapoor and Anil Kapoor starrer *Mubarakn*, Kapil Sharma starrer *Firangi* and Taapsee Pannu and Bhumi Pednekar's *Saand Ki Aankh*.

Talking about his collaboration with Emraan Hashmi, Balwinder said in a statement, "I had been working on the script with my writers Rupinder Chahal and Anil Rodhan

for a while. I happened to meet a friend, and he heard the story and thought why not set up a narration with Emraan as it is something he has never done. I jumped at the prospect and said Emraan is outstanding for the role. We worked on the script and tightened it up and tailored it for him. As soon as he heard the script, his body language indicated that he was on. Although he wanted to sleep on it as any actor should. We did a few sessions on video conferencing as well, which is unlike anything I have ever done before. A week or so later, Emraan called me with suggestions and his thoughts. He was on and we were super excited!"

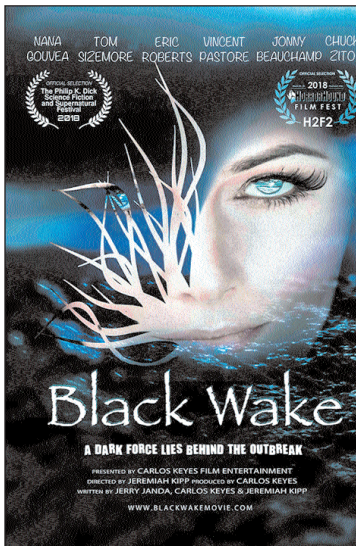
Besides *Sab First Class Hai*, Emraan Hashmi has *Mumbai Saga* and *Chehre* in the pipeline.





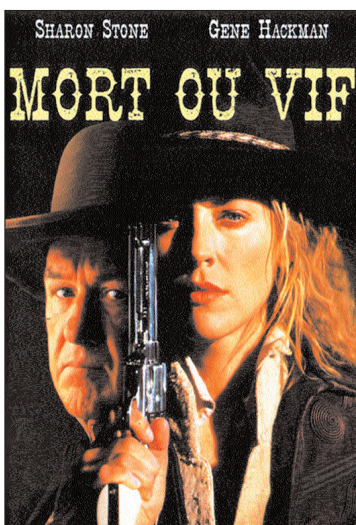
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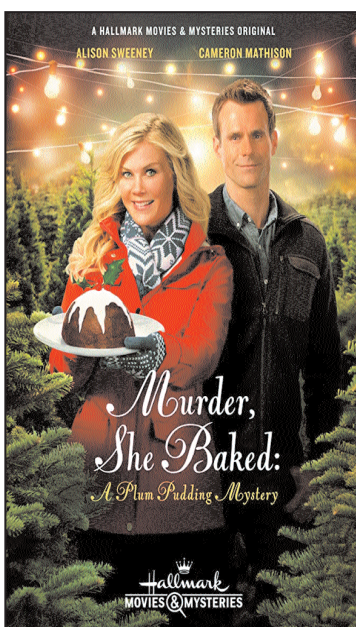
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10.22 Mag: Euromaxx
11.00 Local Prod: Rodrig Mo Pei
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Mag: Women Who Changed
12.35 Doc: Visite Guidee
14.21 Prod: MFDC Road Safety...
14.30 D.Anime: Kid-E-Cats
15.14 D.Anime: Petit Creux
15.57 D.Anime: Fils De Wouf
16.11 D.Anime: Teenie Weenies
16.25 D.Anime: Uma And Devan...
17.05 D.Aimes: Trollhunters
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Jamai Raja
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.00 Local: Priorite Sante
20.10 Film: Black Wake
22.45 Serial: The Blacklist
23.30 Le Journal

MBC 2

10.00 Serial: CID
10.44 Serial: Ye Vaada Raha
12.04 Film: AASRA
Starring: Mala Sinha,
Biswajeet, Balraj Sahni
14.31 DDI Magazine
15.00 Mag: Comedy Classes
15.28 Serial: Honaar Soon Mee...
15.48 Serial: Mooga Manasulu
16.13 Serial: Apoorva Raagangal
16.33 Serial: Bisaat-E-Dil
16.54 Mehendi Tohra Naam Ke
17.17 Serial: Gangaa
18.00 Serial: Dr. Quin
18.30 DDI Magazine
20.00 Local: Tamil Programme
20.30 Film: Aye Din Bahar Ke
Starring: Dharmendra, Asha
Parekh, Balraj Sahni
23.28 DDI Live

MBC 3

06.00 Mag: Eco@Africa
06.44 Mag: World Stories
07.00 Mag: Voa Connect
07.25 Mag: Garden Makeover
07.30 Mag: In Good Shape
09.00 Doc: 360 GEO
10.43 Doc: Little Stones
11.25 Mag: Eco@Africa
11.51 Mag: Urban Gardens
12.12 Mag: World Stories
12.24 Mag: Voa Connect
12.59 Mag: In Good Shape
14.23 Doc: 360 GEO
15.15 Mag: Global 3000
16.08 Doc: Little Stones
16.53 Mag: Eco@Africa
17.24 Mag: Sur Mesure
18.21 Mag: Urban Gardens
18.30 Doc: Superfoods
19.00 Student Support Prog...
19.26 Mag: Garden Makeover

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03.05 Serial: The L.A. Complex
03.46 Serial: Dynasty 2
04.26 Film: Runaway
05.45 Tele: Totalement Diva
06.36 Serial: Shades Of Blue
07.17 Serial: The Bletchley Circle
09.00 Serial: NCIS
09.45 Tele: Soleil Levant
10.35 Serial: Dynasty 2
11.31 Tele: Dulce Amor
12.00 Film: Runaway
13.30 Tele: Totalement Diva
14.45 Film: The Bletchley Circle
16.40 Serial: NCIS
17.21 Serial: Shades Of Blue
18.05 Tele: Soleil Levant
19.10 Tele: Dulce Amor
20.05 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir
20.30 Serial: Shades Of Blue
21.15 Film: Unforgotten

Bollywood TV

08.00 Film: Qarib Qarib Single
12.04 / 19.54 -
Kahan Hum Kahan Tuam
12.26 / 20.11 -
Kulfi Kumarr Bajewala
12.38 / 20.32 Radha Krishna
13.09 / 21.09 - Bin Kuch Kahe
13.31 / 21.24 - Zindagi Ki Mehek
13.56 / 21.46 -
Bade Acche Lagte Hai
14.20 / 21.59 -
Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ki
14.39 / 22.25 -
Bitti Business Wali
15.09 Film: Nanhe Jaisalmer
Starring: Bobby Deol, Dwij Yadav
18.00 Live: Samacher
18.30 Kumkum Bhagya
18.51 Piya Albela
19.13 Mere Angne Mein
19.33 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai

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06.30 Local: La Mauricienne
07.30 Local: Priorite Sante
09.00 Doc: Deadly Greed
12.00 Le Journal
12.30 Local: Groov'in
13.30 Local: An Eta Dalert
13.50 Local: Priorite Sante
14.30 D.Anime: Kid-E-Cats
14.46 D.Anime: Le Quiz De Zack
14.50 D.Anime: In The Night Garden
15.13 D.Anime: Petit Creux
16.11 D.Anime: Teenie Weenies
16.25 D.Anime: Petit Creux
16.37 D.Anime: Sindbad And The 7
17.30 Serial: Lucas Etc
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Jamai Raja
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.00 Prod: Lottotech
21.10 Film: Five - English Film
22.35 Serial: The Blacklist
23.15 Local: Le Journal

10.00 Pyar Ka Dard Meetha...
11.17 Suhani Ek Ladhi
12.00 Film: Rachna
Stars: Anil Kapoor, Beena
Banerjee, Indira Bansal,
Biral
14.20 DDI Magazine
15.21 Honaar Soon Mee Hya
Gharchi
15.43 Mooga Manasulu
16.10 Apoorva Raagangal
16.34 Bisaat-E-Dil
16.47 Mehendi Tohra Namam Ke
17.10 Serial: Gangaa
17.29 Serial: Kulvadh
18.00 Serial: Dr. Quin
18.30 Serial: DDI Magazine
19.30 DDI Magazine
20.00 Programme In Marathi
20.30 Film: Aamhi Chamakte Tare
Starring: Anand Abhyankar, Kishori
Ambiye, Sanjay Desai

06.00 Mag: Rev: The Global
06.26 Mag: Urban Gardens
06.57 Mag: Check In
07.57 Doc: Garden Party
08.24 Doc: Ville En Fête
08.53 Doc: Agatha Christie Contre
10.13 By Train Across Sir Lanka
11.58 Mag: Check In
12.33 Mag: Made In Germany
14.47 Mag: Close Up
15.55 Doc: Rev: The Global Auto...
16.34 Doc: Superfoods
17.29 Mag: Made In Germany
17.55 Mag: Motorweek
18.21 Mag: Urban Gardens
19.00 Student Support Prog...
20.05 Doc: Trajectory
20.30 The World From Above
20.57 Doc: 2D Innovations
21.16 Doc: Master Of Engineering
22.08 Mag: Business Africa
22.33 Mag: Focus On Europe

01.26 Film: Unforgotten
02.58 Serial: Dynasty 2
03.39 Film: Hailey Dean Mysteries
05.04 Tele: Totalement Diva
05.59 Serial: Shades Of Blue
06.33 Film: Time Trap
09.00 Serial: NCIS
09.45 Tele: Soleil Levant
10.35 Serial: Dynasty 2
11.25 Tele: Dulce Amor
11.49 Film: Hailey Dean Mysteries
13.30 Tele: Totalement Diva
14.45 Film: Time Trap
16.40 Serial: Mission: Impossible
17.22 Serial: Shades Of Blue
18.12 Tele: Soleil Levant
19.00 Tele: Dulce Amor
20.05 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir
20.30 Tele: Esmeraldas
21.15 Film: Mort Ou Vif
22.58 Tele: Totalement Diva

08.00 Film: Nanhe Jaisalmer
12.04 / 19.54 -
Kahan Hum Kahan Tuam
12.26 / 20.11 -
Kulfi Kumarr Bajewala
12.47 / 20.32 Radha Krishna
13.09 / 21.09 - Bin Kuch Kahe
13.31 / 21.24 - Zindagi Ki Mehek
13.56 / 21.46 -
Bade Acche Lagte Hai
14.20 / 21.59 - Jai Kanhaiya Lal...
14.36 / 22.25 - Bitti Business...
15.09 Film: Lootere
Starring: Sunny Deol, Juhi
Chawla, Naseeruddin Shah,
Pooja Bedi
17.35 Yeh Hai Mohabbatein
18.00 Live: Samacher
18.30 Kumkum Bhagya
18.51 Piya Albela
19.13 Mere Angne Mein
19.33 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai

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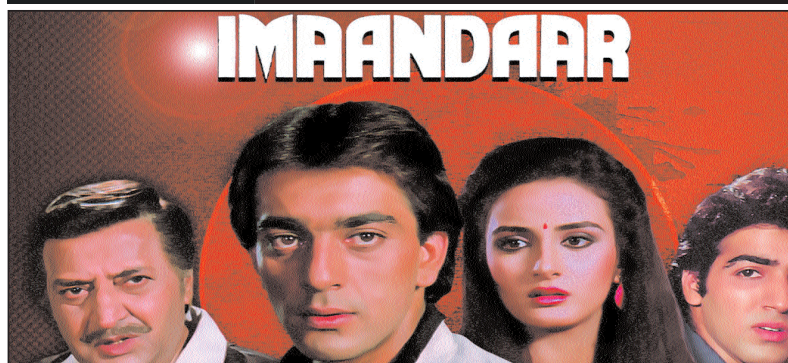
06.00 Klip Seleksion
07.00 Local: Arsiv MBC
09.00 Mag: Inside The Real Saudi...
09.45 Local: Memwar Dan Ros
12.00 Le Journal
12.30 Doc: Visite Guidee
14.10 Local: Nou Later Nou Lamer...
14.30 D.Anime: Kid-E-Cats
14.35 D.Anime: Fruit Ninja Frenzy
14.46 D.Anime: Le Quiz De Zack
14.51 D.Anime: In The Night Garden
15.13 D.Anime: Twirlywoos
15.26 D.Anime: Teenie Weenies
15.52 D.Anime: Kid-E-Cats
15.58 D.Anime: Fils De Wouf
16.25 D.Anime: Petit Creux
16.37 D.Anime: Sindbad And The 7
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Jamai Raja
19.30 Le Journal
20.10 Film: Hum Tum Aur Ghost

10.00 Karm Phal Data Shani
12.05 Film: Alaap
Starring Amitabh Bachchan, Rekha,
Asrani
14.08 DDI Magazine
15.00 Serial: Comedy Classes
15.21 Honaar Soon Mee Hya
Gharchi
15.43 Mooga Manasulu
16.06 Apoorva Raagangal
16.53 Mehendi Tohra Naam Ke
17.15 Gangaa
18.00 Serial: Die Now
18.30 Serial: Ghar Pahucha Da
Devi Maiya
20.00 Local: Sur Prise
21.00 Film: Ghost Machine
Starring Sean Faris,
Rachael Taylor, Luke Ford
22.31 DDI Live

06.00 Mag: Motorweek
06.25 Mag: Urban Gardens
07.26 Doc: Garden Makeover
08.55 Doc: Master Of Engineering
10.38 Doc: Germany??S
11.23 Mag: Motorweek
11.48 Mag: Urban Gardens
12.20 Mag: Arts 21
14.15 Doc: 2D Innovations
17.13 Mag: Urban Gardens
17.47 Mag: Garden Makeover
18.31 Mag: Sur Mesure
19.05 Open Univ: Student Support
19.29 Mag: Garden Makeover
19.39 Mag: Tomorrow Today
21.10 Doc: 360 Geo
22.02 Mag: Strictly Street
22.25 Doc: On Route 7 Into The...
23.12 Mag: Eco India
23.38 Mag: Urban Gardens
23.38 Mag: Sur Mesure

01.31 Film: Mort Ou Vif
03.18 Serial: Dynasty 2
03.57 Film: Clarity
05.27 Tele: Totalement Diva
06.17 Tele: Esmeraldas
06.56 Film: Second In Command
09.00 Serial: Chicago Fire
09.45 Tele: Soleil Levant
10.35 Serial: Dynasty 2
11.30 Tele: Dulce Amor
12.00 Film: Clarity
13.30 Tele: Totalement Diva
14.45 Film: Second In Command
16.37 Serial: Chicago Fire
17.20 Tele: Esmeraldas
18.05 Tele: Soleil Levant
19.00 Tele: Dulce Amor
20.05 Tele: Le Prix Du Désir
20.30 Serial: Esmeraldas
21.15 Film: Murder, She Baked...
22.46 Tele: Totalement Diva

08.00 Film: Lootere
12.04 / 19.54 -
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Bade Acche Lagte Hai
14.20 / 21.59 -
Jai Kanhaiya Lal Ke
14.36 / 22.25 -
Bitti Business Wali
15.09 Film: Imaandaar
Starring: Vikas Anand, Sanjay
Dutt, Satyen Kappu
18.00 Live: Samacher
18.30 Kumkum Bhagya
18.52 Piya Albela
19.14 Mere Angne Mein

Jeudi 3
sept - 15.09Stars: Vikas Anand, Sanjay Dutt,
Satyen KappuJeudi 3 sept -
20.10Stars: Arshad Warsi, Dia Mirza,
Boman Irani



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The Hidden Face of Protest Marches

In the wake of the international media coverage given to the protest march staged in the streets of Port-Louis, it is of utmost importance that mainstream world media be shown the bigger picture of the real motivations which lead an ecological issue raised by the oil spill to unfold into a well-organized crowd march.

Global media must be informed on the behind-the-scene forces that are at work in Mauritius and the long-term agenda that they are working hard to push forward by manipulating citizens in Mauritius and abroad, creating division and confusion, and trying to win over international public opinion by fine slogans on ecology, patriotism, democracy and so on.

How does news travel around the world today? By WhatsApp, a phone call to one or two journalists and, questionably, a foreign journalist flying in to meet and interview his local counterpart - though s/he will have no deep insight in local politics, ethnic relations, geopolitics and the ambitions of various stakeholders. Actually, the public and media in the European Union, the United States, Britain and Australia get second-hand information from one or two so-called independent Mauritian journalists, and from a few sentences uttered by journalists of dubious integrity on WhatsApp which are repeated and translated in media outlets around the world. As regards the oil spill, any international media outlet, BBC, The Guardian, Le Monde, New York Times, France 24, France Inter and so on can have access to the report issued by the Government on the daily follow-up of the Wakashio starting from July 25th to August 6th.

To avoid creating confusion in the minds of the public by anti-government critics right from the start, there should have been daily communication of government officials on television to inform the public on the difference between territorial zone and economic zone. The weather conditions and rough seas during the anti-cyclone are fully detailed. The representative of the insurance company of Wakashio made clear recommendations on the implications of any ill-advised intervention by Mauritian authorities to get near the ship. However, functionaries at the highest level allegedly misinformed the Minister of the Environment and the Prime Minister and misled them into believing that everything was under control.

The public in Mauritius and worldwide is more likely to get worked up by quickie three-word slogans on social networks and WhatsApp, which create sensational news, than to read a lengthy report on a major issue. Mauritians living in Australia, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, France and the US, who had been manipulated to oppose and fear the evolving power equation prevailing in the country, were quick to respond to the call of like-minded people in Mauritius. They have not let go of the idea of victimhood which has become entrenched in their psyche, as well



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as of the habit of putting down their past misfortunes and socially disadvantaged position to local politics - whereas the historical truth is domination and exploitation by erstwhile colonial masters.

Anti-government criticism stirs up ethnic prejudices and rally disgruntled groups sharing the agenda of toppling the government to take over political power in their hands. The oil spill disaster was the main course dished out to them, the starters were composed of a string of grievances against the government regarding nominations in major public institutions, so-called threats to a free press, discrimination against homeless people, labour laws and so on. Most of the protesters, if interviewed individually, would hardly be able to explain the situation in Mauritius and the reasons for demonstrating in Paris, London or Berlin.

Freedom of the press? By which yardsticks do we measure the degree of freedom the press enjoys in a country? In an older democracy like France, political leaders were constantly dragging journalists, mostly leftists, to the tribunal as late as 1981 till the election of a socialist president. Why? Because centre-right and right-wing politicians were constantly irritated and felt harassed by the media. In the late 90s, President Mitterrand refused to give an interview to RFO television in Reunion because he opined that the right-wing channel did not respect pluralism in political opinions.

Today's freedom of the press in Western democracies is all about unlimited attacks, spreading slanders, calumny, caricatures which poke their nose into private lives and respect absolutely nothing. It is about saying

and writing things in all impunity without accountability to anyone. What about political correctness, self-censorship and cowardice which drive a few media outlets to avoid talking about sensitive issues which disrupt social harmony in Europe and the US, thus undermining the very mission of rightly informing the public? Are media outlets a monolithic block of untouchable cows?

Do we expect a young democracy to abide by the same yardsticks as the oldest democracy - the US? Currently, President Trump has the deepest contempt for newspapers like New York Times which he qualifies as fake media. Expect Mauritian politicians not to get carried away and irritated by provocative statements, and remain stoical? Or should we measure freedom of speech with countries like Morocco, for instance, where there are torture chambers for any journalist who dares to say: 'The King must go'. Or even worse, 'The guy must go.' or 'The woman must go.' The press over here has carte blanche to demand the resignation of so and so.

How much do BBC, NYT, France 24, and Mauritians abroad know about the real motives behind the protest march? Is it only about the preservation of the lagoon, freedom of the press, democracy, homes for the underprivileged or appointments in key institutions? Western leaders, media and public opinion had better take news from Mauritian journos with a pinch of salt. French public Radio France Inter had a Mauritian citizen online, who sounded confused and stammered to explain clearly the reasons for the protest. Right-minded Mauritians should wake up to the reality of the power struggle going on underground. Marches are merely a show for the gallery.



Tree of Knowledge

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Disarming the Know-It-All

People that are know-it-alls are simply stuck in a pattern and may actually have feelings of low self worth

Most of us have encountered a person in our lives who can accurately be referred to as a know-it-all. This person seems to know everything about anything that gets brought up and tends to dominate the conversation. They don't take well to being questioned, and they have a hard time ever admitting that they were wrong.

Being around a know-it-all is inevitably tiring because there is no shared energy between the two of you. Rather, you become an audience member to this person's need to be the center of attention. Attention and respect are probably the two things this person most longs for, and at some point in their lives, they learned that knowing it all was the way to get those needs met. Over time, they have become stuck in this pattern, regardless of the fact that it is no longer working. They may feel afraid of the experience of listening, being receptive, or learning something new, because it's so unfamiliar.

On the one hand, when we see the childlike need underneath the know-it-all's mask of confidence, we feel compassion for the person, and we may tolerate their one-sided approach to conversation out of a desire not to hurt their feelings. On the other hand, we may be feeling drained and tempted to avoid this person altogether. In the middle of these two possible ways of feeling, we may actually like this person and wish for a closer relationship. If we come from a place of kindness, we might attempt to bridge the gap that this person's habitual way of relating creates. Simply expressing a desire to be closer may open their heart, and give you a chance to ask for what you need in the relationship -- a chance to contribute.