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Law and Order

We have time and again highlighted how vital it is for our democratic space, collective well-being and a feeling of security on the streets to have a police force that is well-equipped, trained and able to discharge their duties without fear or favour. It should remain above political partisanship in serving the higher interests of the country and the thousands of rank-and-file officers know how much they cannot afford to lose professional credibility or impartiality in doing an honest day's job irrespective of pressures from above or sideways.

Yet the general public has observed with anxiety, first the absolute trust of the PM in the ADSU as spearhead of the anti-drug fight, followed by its shelving aside in favour of the (SST) specialised unit and whose methods have been decried as highly mediated but gross and often thrown out of courts or by the DPP. After the impression of a "hit-list" targeting individual Opposition voices such as lawyers Akil Bissessur, Sanjeev Teeluckdhar, Rama Valayden and social activists like Bruno Laurette, the terms "drug planting" and "drug parcel posting" have erupted while revelations of Vimen Sabapathie or Franklin have shaken our faith in the capacity of the police force to clean itself of its black sheep. This is a disquieting state of affairs.

Meantime, the final episodes in the legal clear-out of unsubstantiated cases registered against lawyer Akil Bissessur and his entire family could lead to massive civil damages lawsuits. Whatever the courts ultimately decide, this should be another reminder that the population does not have to bear future costs and damages incurred by those officials too willing to exceed their considerable mandate and overstep the lines of propriety in their function.

What has been perceived as the instrumentalisation of the police to track down and harass political oppo-

nents or for settling political scores has blemished the image of the police in a large measure. There have also been cases of certain police officers who have worked below the expected standard and frustrated the pursuits of the entire police force by so doing. They have helped to sully the image of the force by their disrespect of their oath of duty. Good credentials and a solid track record of impartiality and trustworthiness will prove essential for the police for doing its work efficiently and for fulfilling its responsibility towards society as a respected force.

It bears repeating that the core philosophy behind the setting up of a police force is that it is primarily meant for the protection of the citizen rather than being a coercive instrument at the beck and call of the State, for which reason the Commissioner of Police's post is a constitutionally guaranteed one so that he can perform his duties in full autonomy. Any political pressure to tamper with this autonomy can have a boomerang effect on the initiator of such a departure from the norm when the tables are turned at the next election, and cause havoc in the polity. This real risk must always be taken into consideration if we want a police force that is genuinely pro-citizen.

There are countries in which the law-and-order situation has become untenable because the police force and the army pursued their own interests at public expense in such places or became willing instruments for advancing the private interests of unscrupulous politicians in power and their own. If Mauritius has not failed like those states, we owe it in a large measure to the political leadership and culture which have prevailed in this country since Independence and to those of our independent public institutions which have refused to give in to unlawful entreaties to pervert the state apparatus.

The Conversation

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In recent years, political debate has degenerated into ever more aggressive partisan mudslinging and character assassination, with no room for a reasoned and non-rancorous discussion of competing alternatives in assessing the policy issues of the day.

This trend is only likely to intensify as we enter a presidential election season in the United States in the months to come.

As the author of a book about philosophers, *'Tyranny and Revolution: Rousseau to Heidegger'*, it seemed like a good time to see what the founder of political science — Aristotle — had to say about how civic deliberation should unfold.

Political animals

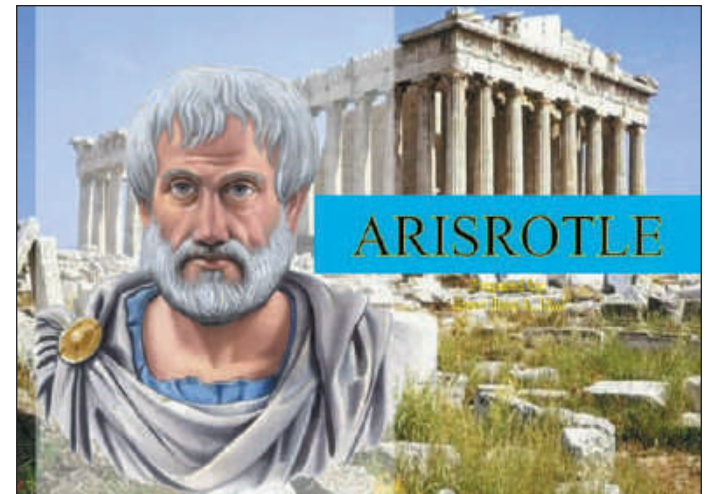
Aristotle famously wrote that "man is by nature a political animal."

That means as human beings, we fulfil our purpose through engaging in a civic dialogue with fellow citizens regarding the meaning of justice. Those conversations are meant to be guided by reason.

But for Aristotle, this definition was a high-water mark for political debate, rarely if ever achieved. Most of the time, Aristotle argued, public debate about justice, equality and who should have political authority is fractious — and even leads to the breakdown of all debate in insurrection and civil war.

Aristotle believed that the biggest and most widespread source of political tension is the struggle between the haves and the have-nots. It's the universal cause of unrest because, while one can be good at math as well as good at cooking, or a talented painter and a talented lawyer, a better doctor than a chess player or a worse violinist than a teacher, there are two things that nobody can be at the same time: rich and poor.

That's why the haves and have-nots are at loggerheads. Society must address that potential source of conflict before it can aim for a higher politics dedicated to promoting virtue, reason and the good life.



Democrat/oligarch showdowns

This is where Aristotle was at his most revealing about how political debate should take place. He focuses on the two most antagonistic factions, the democrats versus the oligarchs.

The democrats claim that because they are all equal, everyone is equal in every respect. The oligarchs reply that because they have demonstrated their superior virtue by acquiring more property than the democrats, they are superior to them in every way.

But for Aristotle, the state must assess the respects in which people are equal and the respects in which they are unequal and determine on that basis who should have political authority.

Everyone is fundamentally equal, but society recognizes differing contributions and rewards them with recognition and often with wealth. Society has an obligation to protect everyone's basic rights and to establish a level playing field, whereby people can compete to get ahead in life unhindered by a disadvantaged background, poverty or a lack of connections.

That is a responsibility of the state, because for Aristotle, virtue was meritocratic and not the result of an accident of privileged birth.

Idealism versus realism

This brings us to Aristotle's key point about how public debate should unfold.

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Chandrayaan-3's historic moon landing: A new era for India is about to dawn

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Some ten years ago, in September 2014, Jonathan Amos, Science Correspondent of BBC News reported on India's successful and exciting mission to propel and orbit the Mangalyaan satellite around Planet Mars. It was the first successful inter-planetary mission undertaken by any Asian country, including China and Japan, not a mean achievement with far more limited resources than either. Responding to the usual criticisms of India's space ambitions and expenditures when the country was still mired in myriad developmental and economic problems, he stated: "There's an assumption among many, that space activity is somehow a plaything best left to wealthy industrial countries; that it can have no value to developing nations." In October 2014, the New York Times apologised for an offensive cartoon by Heng Kim Song depicting an Indian farmer with a cow knocking at the door of a room marked Elite Space Club where two wealthy white men sit reading a newspaper on India's feat. But the underlying psyche may not have phased out.

It was easy to point out that Indian scientists and engineers at Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), working on shoe-string budgets, had achieved that extraordinary Mars mission feat in rocket and satellite developments, against Western technology bans, for less than US\$ 74m, one-tenth what Europe or the USA had spent to send their own orbiting satellites around Mars. Or that satellites can and have proved vastly effective in agricultural mapping, ocean or weather watch, urban and land planning and has been an immense facilitator of communication networks or in taking general and health education to the remotest village of India. Or simply the excitement and passion that has gripped India's children and adolescents, spurring interest in those science and technology fields. Or that visionary investments in science, technology, higher education have long-term benefits that cannot be gauged through stubborn blinkers, occidental paternalism, or the moralising lectures from many quarters unhappy at the irruption and rise of another player in the space technology market.

Against imposed bans on sophisticated technology transfers, India had to

place significant emphasis on developing indigenous technology and achieving self-reliance in space exploration. This approach has had the fortunate effect of driving India's drive for self-reliance in strategic procurements. PM Modi has pushed further the development of critical components, launch vehicles, and satellites within the country, reducing dependency on external sources and fostering technological innovation. All achieved while lifting some 450m Indians out of poverty, one may add, for the benefit of the prejudiced few in the Western media.

Chandrayaan1, India's first moon mission, announced by then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee in his Independence Day speech on 15 August 2003, was launched in 2008 with a lunar probe to the moon's south pole that was the first to discover lunar water. Launched in July 2019 Chandrayaan-2 consisted of a lunar orbiter, the Vikram lander and the Pragyan rover, all of which were developed in India. While the orbiter continues its operation and data transfer, the moon lander failed its soft-landing attempt, through software design issues and insufficient fail-safe parameters. These were diligently analysed and corrected.

On this Wednesday, the Chandrayaan-3 at about 16.30 local time, soft-landed its rover module in a flawless manoeuvre on the moon's South Pole, which will provide exciting new scientific breakthroughs about this largely unknown side of our planet. The technological prowess and difficulties have found an illustration in Russia's failed Luna-25 mission a few days ago as its moon lander crashed onto the moon's surface. Using gravity through the resource-efficient "sling-shot" strategy and controlling all stages of the moon orbit to releasing the moon lander and its deceleration onto the surface by ISRO software and engineers from 400,000 kms away is without doubt a remarkable feat. Fittingly for India's identity, richness and diversity, prayers, pujas and namaz had echoed across temples, mandirs



The success puts India in the league of space powers like the US and China. - AP: Rajanish Kakade

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If the moon module and rover lander and operate successfully (over 14 earth days before the bitter cold freezes out the technology) it will be another impressive first in ISRO and India's space exploration technologies, paving the way for tackling formidable future challenges to establish a permanent moon mission, develop inhabited space missions or develop more advanced reusable rocket technologies. It will also confirm India's late but awesome addition to the very select group of nations that have autonomously reached such a remarkable technological status, a geopolitical marker that cannot be ignored.

The global space economy has reached an estimated \$464 billion and India, currently holding only 2% of that market, is targeting 9% through its New

Space Policy 2023. The expressed vision is: "To augment space capabilities; enable, encourage and develop a flourishing commercial presence in space; use space as a driver of technology development and derived benefits in allied areas; pursue international relations, and create an ecosystem for effective implementation of space applications among all stakeholders". The key strategy is through "encouraging and promoting greater private sector participation in the entire value chain of the Space Economy, including in the creation of space and ground-based assets".

That may well be, but for the moment we can share the immense pride, excitement, and satisfaction of ISRO, that of PM Modi speaking from the South Africa BRICS summit, and the billions of Indian nationals and its diaspora across the world. A new era for India is about to dawn, said the Indian PM from South Africa.

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Ordination of Jean-Michael Durhône: An epoch-making hand-over

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Several events have or were expected to hit the physical and social media this week.

On the local scene, undoubtedly the ordination last Sunday of 50-year-old

Jean-Michael Durhône as Bishop Mauritius, after the successive spells of Cardinal Margeot and Cardinal Piat, must have been particularly awaited by the Catholic community and some 50,000 faithful who indeed flocked to watch this epoch-making hand-over live.



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Broadcast live by the national carrier, the iconic setting of Marie Reine de la Paix, overlooking Port-Louis was befittingly decked out for the faithful and the numerous political personalities and ambassadors in attendance for this moment of

communion and joyful sharing of Catholic beliefs under Rome's hierarchical diocesan structure.

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There are several issues, beyond episcopal management, which may have taken greater importance these past years and may call for the attention of the new Bishop. A feeling of under-representation in the both the civil service and at certain levels in the private sector, the growing appeal of Christian evangelicism in many villages and townships, the scourge of drug trafficking, the ongoing disaster of the extended stream in education, the failures of our institutions in fighting corruption, white-collar or even ordinary crimes, many are the community-specific issues and national challenges the country faces...

Georgia indictment: The end of the road for Trump?

Former President Donald J. Trump will have surrendered this week to the Fulton County Sheriff Jailhouse in Georgia as ordinary criminal defendant citizen Mr Trump, indicted with 18 co-defendants in a wide-ranging racketeering charge, under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) legislation designed initially to curb mob and mafia rule, for conspiring to overturn Georgia state election results in favour of President Joe Biden. Elected District Attorney for Fulton County in 2020, Fani Willis is known for her methodological rigour and for successfully using that RICO statute to prosecute non-mobsters in at least ten previous cases, giving her an in-depth understanding of its legal intricacies, far beyond what Georgia-registered lawyers for the alleged conspirators may have.

Fani Willis' broad-brush strategy, with so many defendants and potential witnesses, had surprised observers but her considerable experience of successful RICO prosecutions, must have led her to believe that when co-conspirators understand the gravity of their predicament and facing the prospects of mandatory prison charges, many might try to plea bargain out by providing her attorneys with additional crushing evidence against the ring-leaders and the likelihood of her Office securing conviction against those bosses.

In contrast, Special Prosecutor Jack Smith had entered his criminal case of inciting insurrection to overturn elections results against Donald J. Trump without naming six co-conspirators, so as to focus on the former President with the intention of getting the

speediest possible trial in Washington DC of those alleged criminal activities. Which legal strategy is more effective remains to be seen. But one aspect worth mentioning is that those convicted in State cases (Fulton County) as opposed to federal court convictions (say, in Washington DC or New York), are not amenable to a presidential pardon and one can expect strenuous efforts from some defendants to get the Fulton case out to federal courts. All the while citizen and Republican candidate Trump will continue his attempts to take his legal battles to the court of public opinion.

But while the indictments have consolidated sympathy in the Trump-controlled base of the Republican Party, they may increasingly alienate independent voters. In other words, independently of his possible conviction in any criminal case, the stronger Trump's standing as a Republican candidate, the lesser his chances of winning the next presidential elections, a dramatic pa-radox that may lead to



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further riots if unchecked by US police and security forces in 2024.

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Une fois n'est pas coutume, une émission de radio de grande audience a fait la part belle à un thème et des invités qui n'avaient rien de politique. C'était rafraîchissant d'écouter le point de vue des personnes impliquées dans des ONG sur un problème de société d'une immense importance.

En effet, le problème de trafic de drogues en milieu scolaire reste tabou et il faut avouer que nous avons encore des difficultés à cerner les tenants et les aboutissants du problème.

Selon les dires de certains experts, les drogues ont existé en milieu scolaire depuis des années déjà; ce n'est donc pas un phénomène nouveau. Mais l'arrivée des drogues synthétiques à Maurice, il n'y a que quelques années de cela, a transformé la nature même du trafic et du marché des drogues. Ceci a produit une explosion de la consommation et une explosion de la consommation chez les jeunes qui sont les plus exposés aux risques de l'addiction.

Ainsi, les écoles sont sur le «frontline» de la lutte contre les drogues et le personnel scolaire dans son ensemble, doit faire le nécessaire afin d'être mieux formé pour répondre à cet immense défi.

Il est clair que les anciennes méthodes ne fonctionnent plus et que d'autres compétences doivent être introduites en milieu scolaire afin de mieux circonscrire ce problème.

Ainsi, les demandes en soutien psychologique pour les élèves ou encore la demande pour embaucher plus de surveillants sont restées sans réponse de la part des autorités pour l'instant, selon un recteur qui s'exprimait sur le plateau.

Si c'est vraiment le cas, cela démontre clairement qu'il y a un problème au niveau du ministère de l'Éducation lui-même, et que ce dernier n'arrive pas à apporter les réponses adéquates à la situation actuelle.

Cette situation doit pourtant être remédiée, voire

même cela ne suffira pas. C'est la notion même de l'école qui doit être revue en réalité. Le problème fondamental de cette dernière est que, dans sa forme actuelle, elle ne valorise que les compétences purement académiques, mettant les enfants au sein d'une culture de compétition dès un très jeune âge. Ainsi, l'accent n'est pas mis sur l'épanouissement de l'enfant et le développement de ses divers talents.

Nous voyons ici à quel point un certain nombre d'écoles privées et payantes ont de l'avance sur cette question, mettant l'accent tout aussi bien sur le domaine académique que sur le sport, les arts, la musique, le théâtre, etc. Cela étant dit, ce type d'écoles privées est inaccessible aux enfants issus des milieux populaires, et ce sont eux qui sont directement exposés aux risques...

S'ils n'arrivent pas à suivre la cadence infernale des cours et des leçons privées pour avoir une chance de réussir dans cette culture de la compétition académique, ils se dirigent droit vers l'échec scolaire.

Tous les ingrédients sont ainsi réunis pour que des situations d'exclusion apparaissent déjà dès la petite enfance. C'est ainsi que toute la culture scolaire nationale qui doit être revue. Et cela devient urgent.

En effet, nous avons trop souvent tendance à parler du problème des drogues du point de vue des arrestations policières et de la répression pénale. Il s'agit bien évidemment d'un pan capital pour lutter contre le trafic et les gangs. Mais cela ne suffira jamais si le pays n'adopte pas une posture renouvelée sur la prévention, la pédagogie et l'éducation.

Il s'agit là de l'autre face de la lutte contre les «narcos», et il se pourrait bien que ce soit la face la plus importante et la plus critique car les sources d'approvisionnement des drogues seront forcément réduites si la demande diminue.

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23 pays africains souhaitent rejoindre les BRICS

Les BRICS font de plus en plus de bruit dans l'actualité géopolitique mondiale. Ce rassemblement des grands pays du «Sud» rassemblait uniquement le Brésil, la Russie, l'Inde et la Chine au début des années 2000.

D'ailleurs, le terme BRIC avait été inventé par la banque d'investissement Goldman Sachs pour décrire des pays ayant un fort potentiel d'investissements. L'Afrique du Sud a apporté le 'S' de BRICS quelques années plus tard mais ce rassemblement se limitait généralement justement à cela: un rassemblement. Et c'était un rassemblement plutôt inactif en réalité, chacun de ces pays avançant ses intérêts individuellement et faisant fonctionner des activités de coopération entre eux lorsque cela s'avérait nécessaire.

C'est la raison pour laquelle certains analystes prédisaient un effondrement de ce rassemblement, du fait que ces pays n'avaient jamais vraiment pu s'entendre et s'aligner sur des objectifs géopolitiques, sécuritaires et économiques communs. Toutefois, la Covid-19 est venue changer la donne, et les BRICS émergent de plus en plus comme une alternative potentielle extrêmement sérieuse et capable de concurrencer les institutions du multilatéralisme de l'après Seconde Guerre mondiale.

Ainsi, nous parlons de plus en plus d'une organisation plutôt que d'un simple rassemblement. Une organisation implique des objectifs clairement définis, des accords solides et une vision sur le long terme. Or, c'est exactement ce qui manque aux BRICS actuellement.

Mais la volonté de développer une vision commune

semble bien réelle de la part des dirigeants actuels des BRICS. La volonté, par exemple, de trouver un accord sur la dédollarisation du commerce entre ces pays est réelle, et les négociations avancent sur cette question. Par-delà le fait de s'accorder sur la monnaie à adopter pour un tel projet, en réalité, il est possible d'y entrevoir les prémises d'une construction institutionnelle commune.

C'est le fondement même de la croyance libérale, le fait que le processus de l'échange commercial dicte les formes institutionnelles. Ainsi, la volonté d'une monnaie qui ne sera pas le dollar s'inscrit dans ce processus de poser un moyen d'échange qui soit le fondement même des formes institutionnelles qui émergeront des BRICS.

L'Union européenne s'est construite de la même manière avec la création de l'euro qui était supposé unifier les économies européennes, leur permettant de former un bloc cohérent et économiquement homogène.

Toutefois, le problème européen est différent, et la volonté d'un fédéralisme économique se heurte aujourd'hui clairement à la disparité résultant de l'hétérogénéité politique. En d'autres termes, les Européens ont voulu construire une union fédérale qui repose entièrement sur des institutions économiques, sans que ces dernières ne soient soutenues par des institutions politiques fortes.

Fédéralisme économique, plus que politique

Le problème des BRICS est différent. Il ne peut pas être question ici d'un fédéralisme politique mais bien plutôt d'un fédéralisme économique. L'objectif des BRICS n'est pas un alignement politique et souverain, mais bien plutôt la construction d'une alternative postcoloniale à l'hégémonie économique de l'Occident. C'est d'ailleurs justement cet objectif qui fait l'attractivité actuelle d'un projet global piloté par les BRICS.



Les BRICS d'accord sur les principes d'un élargissement du groupe. P - Globe and Mail

Ainsi, l'annonce de l'inclusion de l'Argentine, de l'Égypte, de l'Éthiopie, de l'Iran, de l'Arabie Saoudite et des Emirats Arabes Unis à partir de janvier prochain va faire énormément de bruit dans le monde occidental. Tout d'abord, il est intéressant de noter que des pays qui ont souffert directement de sanctions ou d'ingérence internationale (comme l'Iran et l'Argentine) pourraient trouver un moyen de redresser la barre de leurs économies, tout en faisant bénéficier de leurs immenses ressources aux membres actuels.

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Et l'inclusion des pays gros producteurs d'hydrocarbures est en lui-même un signal fort envoyé au bloc occidental. Cela est particulièrement pertinent pour l'inclusion de l'Arabie saoudite qui, en plus d'accepter de faire partie de la même plateforme que l'Iran, entérine définitivement le statut d'allié infaillible des États-Unis que le Royaume des Saoud avait jusqu'à tout récemment. Est-ce que le pétrole saoudien se vendra dans une autre monnaie que le dollar américain? Ce serait en tout cas une réelle révolution du marché des matières premières énergétiques.

Mais par delà ces nouveaux adhérents, c'est un ensemble de 23 pays africains qui déclare aujourd'hui leur volonté d'intégrer les BRICS. Dans la situation actuelle, ces adhésions relèveraient bien plutôt d'une volonté pour le long terme que d'une possibilité actuelle réelle. Mais les choses pourraient évoluer rapidement. Les diplomates russes, chinois et indiens sont à la manœuvre depuis un moment et les lignes sont en train de bouger rapidement comme le démontre le sommet actuel. Quid de Maurice dans tout cela?

Il est clair que Maurice doit se positionner en faveur de la dédollarisation et en faveur d'une alternative à la globalisation actuelle. Mais Maurice doit également naviguer avec prudence. Notre pays reste extrêmement dépendant des institutions du multilatéralisme. D'ailleurs, l'invitation de notre pays au sommet du G20 envoyé par Narendra Modi est non seulement un signe positif, mais également un symbole fort pour nos *policy makers* ou décideurs politiques.

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L'Inde est allée sur la lune...

C'est mission accomplie! Après une tentative ratée en 2019, l'Inde est devenue le quatrième pays à envoyer un engin sur la lune, après la Russie, les États-Unis et la Chine. L'exploit est monumental, il ne faut pas le sous-estimer et ceci envoie un message fort et clair au monde : il faudra compter sur le savoir-faire indien dans le domaine de la recherche scientifique de pointe.

L'Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) était

déjà reconnue pour ses capacités à mettre en orbite des satellites, et était devenue un concurrent sérieux de la NASA et de l'European Space Agency (ESA).

Avec la mission Chandrayaan-3, l'ISRO passe clairement à la vitesse supérieure en devenant un «major player» (acteur significatif) de l'industrie et de la recherche spatiale.

La géographie de l'alunissage est également extrêmement importante. En optant et en réussissant de se poser près du pôle sud de la lune, l'Inde devient le premier pays à envoyer un engin dans cette région de notre satellite. La première raison de cette décision importante est liée au fait que de l'eau aurait été découverte dans cette région de la lune, ce qui laisse penser aux scientifiques qu'il s'agit d'une région particulièrement pertinente pour la découverte de certains métaux extrêmement rares.

Wendy Cobb, Professeure à la US Air Force School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, le résume parfaitement bien en déclarant que le pôle sud de la lune représente une région qui est historiquement, scientifiquement et géologiquement extrêmement intéressante d'où le fait que plusieurs pays essayent depuis quelques années d'y envoyer des engins capables d'explorer les lieux.

La Russie a d'ailleurs tenté d'alunir un engin il y a quelques jours, une première depuis 50 ans, mais l'Agence spatiale russe Roscosmos a confirmé que leur engin s'était écrasé samedi. Le Japon a également tenté un alunissage en avril dernier, mais sans succès encore une fois.

L'Inde rejoint ainsi un club extrêmement fermé et semble bien lancée dans ce qu'il conviendrait d'appeler la géopolitique de l'espace. La dernière visite de Narendra Modi aux États-Unis en juin de cette année a vu la signature d'un accord permettant à l'Inde de rejoindre les «Artemis Accords», signifiant une collaboration élargie et plus approfondie entre la NASA et l'ISRO.

Nous voyons ainsi une hyperactivité du gouvernement indien dans un ensemble de domaines. Les BRICS, la sécurité de l'océan Indien, l'industrialisation rapide de certains secteurs de l'activité économique, des collaborations avec les pays occidentaux tout autant qu'avec des pays comme la Russie, etc.

Il est clair que Narendra Modi a la volonté d'amener l'Inde à peser sur les grands enjeux du monde. En réussissant l'alunage de Chandrayaan-3, l'Inde montre encore un peu plus au monde qu'il faudra composer avec elle et que le 21ème siècle se fera avec l'Inde ou ne se fera pas.



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Decès de Sir Kailash Ramdennee, un pionnier dans divers domaines de l'activité économique

Sir Kailash Ramdennee est décédé lundi dernier. Il était âgé de 96 ans.

Les médias ont surtout mis l'accent sur le fait qu'il était le père de Kobita Jugnauth, l'épouse de l'actuel Premier ministre, mais Sir Kailash était également une figure nationale. Homme discret qui cultivait le mystère, Sir Kailash faisait partie de ces entrepreneurs qui ont émergé avec l'indépendance du pays. Ces derniers n'étaient pas issus de la plantocratie coloniale et n'ont pas hérité du capital qui ont fait leurs fortunes respectives. Nous pensons ici à la famille Leal, à la famille Seeyave, aux Currimjee, aux Ah Chuen, aux Dookun ou encore à la famille Ah Teck ou à Roland Maurel plus tard.



Sir Kailash, un pionnier dans divers domaines de l'activité économique mauricienne. P - inside.news

Ces industriels ont su se faire une place dans le paysage encombré du capitalisme mauricien et ils ont entièrement participé à la diversification de l'économie mauricienne. Leurs prises de risques et leur courage pour entreprendre font intégralement partie de ce qui a construit le présent.

Sir Kailash a commencé son cheminement entrepreneurial dans le domaine pharmaceutique avant de se lancer dans la restauration et dans l'hôtellerie. Il était connu pour être un homme de goût, qui savait manier l'art de l'élégance et de l'intelligence.

Comme tout grand industriel, il a su faire avancer ses intérêts en faisant des alliances stratégiques, en développant des partenariats tactiques et en s'engageant dans le domaine social.

Ainsi, par-delà l'homme d'affaires, Sir Kailash était également quelqu'un qui était profondément épris du social. Il l'a démontré avec une longue carrière au Rotary et en tant que membre fondateur de la Mauritius Diabetes Association en 1981.

On se souviendra ainsi de Sir Kailash comme d'un homme de son temps, comme quelqu'un qui a su saisir les opportunités qui se sont présentées à lui et qui a été un pionnier dans divers domaines de l'activité économique mauricienne.

Il est décédé lundi dernier des suites d'une longue maladie. À son épouse, à ses enfants, à ses petits enfants et à tous ses proches, nos plus sincères condoléances.

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Can the BRICS nations build a New Foundation in the World without Mortar?

The importance of the BRICS nations as a totality should not be underestimated...On the other hand, its utter lack of clout is evident when one realizes that Brazil, Russia, and South Africa are minor players in the larger economic context

The BRICS nations — Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa — in anagram order but not necessarily in order of importance, are holding their summit in South Africa. Reports

suggest that both China and Russia would like to open the group to admit new members whereas Brazil, India, and South Africa are somewhat skeptical of such an approach.

The importance of the BRICS nations as a totality should not be underestimated because as a group, these nations make more than 25% of the global economy, and account for a little more than 40% of the world's population.

On the other hand, the utter lack of clout of this organization is evident when one realizes that Brazil, Russia, and South Africa are minor players in the larger economic context. Certainly, Russia, with its vast energy resources, fertilizer exports, and immense grain production, has the potential to be an economic force but only if it embraces the rules of civilized conduct, a precondition for nations with a smattering of a moral compass to entertain allowing Russia's unfettered access to world markets and the international financial system.

Whereas the desire of China and Russia to expand membership in the BRICS group is understandable, allowing Iran and Cuba to join risks creating a further rupture with the US for countries that value their relationship with Washington. Certainly, India, Brazil, and South Africa, at least to the point that they do not openly seek to antagonize the US, fall into this category.

Ever since Russia's unprovoked war on Ukraine, China, India and South Africa, viewing their actions as reflecting their national self-interest, have pursued policy stances that to the US and Europe reflect turning a blind eye to their responsibility for moral leadership in the rules-based world order. The tug of war about admitting new members and establishing a BRICS bloc that is strong enough to undercut American dominance of the world's economy and the economic and financial transactions infrastructure that undergird international trade and regulation, reflects this ongoing dissonance. Iran and Cuba remain under Western sanctions and admission to the BRICS group is not going to undo those.

When one adds disparate approaches on other political and security issues, the mortar that would otherwise bind a cohesive group is missing. Adding more nations to the group is likely to exacerbate divisions rather than generate more cohesion.

Whereas President Xi thought that forming an alliance with Russia even as the Western world distanced itself from Putin's aggression against Ukraine, his dalliance with the Russian dictator has not redounded to his benefit. There is a temptation to think that drawing Iran and Saudi Arabia into an anti-American vortex will benefit China and Russia. But India is hardly likely to be on board with such an approach. Whereas India is, and will for a long time, remain dependent on Russia for arms and military aircraft, it is engaging robustly with the US on technology transfer for fighter aircraft engines and is a member of the QUAD group of nations whose focus is on keeping China from



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“The US and Europe must recognize that their policies over the past two centuries have created much discord and resentment. Countries in Africa and Asia cannot be faulted for seeking alternatives to the US-Europe dominated world trade order. At the same time, the BRICS group has no alternative to the rules-based order that allows countries to trade securely and confidently with other nations with the assurance that the national security and territorial integrity of all nations are protected...”

dominating the Pacific. India has its own problems with China on its borders and these are not going to be erased by cheerleading against the US.

US and Europe's policies, discord and resentment

All that said, the US and Europe must recognize that their policies over the past two centuries have created much discord and resentment. Countries in Africa and Asia cannot be faulted for seeking alternatives to the US-Europe dominated world trade order. At the same time, the BRICS group has no alternative to the rules-based order that allows countries to trade securely and confidently with other nations with the assurance that the national security and territorial integrity of all nations are protected. China, with its aggressive approach in the Pacific Ocean and against India, and Russia with its invasion of Ukraine are clearly disqualified in that respect. It is difficult to imagine what the BRICS group can offer to the world on the security front and even more difficult to believe that India can endorse a Sino-Russian centric approach to world order.

The BRICS group will likely have more clout on the economic front. The New Development Bank, a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS countries to compete with and as an alternative to the IMF and World Bank, has funded infrastructure development in the BRICS countries and elsewhere, but has recently run into difficulty raising dollar funds to meet its debt obligations. As the Chinese and Indian economies grow, and as

Russia one day emerges from its war with Ukraine and generates energy-based revenue, the BRICS countries could become a formidable financial force in the world. For now, that day is at a minimum, a decade away.

Against these lofty ambitions, are some reality checks. President Putin was unable to attend the BRICS summit in person since South Africa would have been obliged to honor an international warrant for his arrest on charges of crimes against humanity. From afar, he addressed the BRICS summit and railed against the West for provoking the war in Ukraine, engendering worldwide inflation, and even causing hunger by restricting Russian grain and fertilizer exports. In fostering the expression of these delusional views, the BRICS summit did itself little good.

President Xi Jinping, who has launched programs such as the Global Security Initiative and the Global Development Initiative that seek to place China at the center of the international order, said he supported the expansion of Brics “to make global governance more just and equitable.” Such an expanded grouping would also give China more clout as it squares off with the West.

Curiously, the Chinese president skipped a scheduled speech on Tuesday at the closing of the Brics Business Forum. China's Commerce Minister Wang Wentao delivered President Xi's prepared remarks. In an unexplained twist, Chinese state media and a Foreign Ministry official claimed that President Xi spoke at the forum. The prepared speech was laced with invective about “some countries” that are “not reconciled to losing their hegemony, and wantonly contain and suppress emerging market countries and developing countries.”

Meanwhile, China is facing its own economic problems and a potential implosion of its real estate and debt markets.

A major force in the world

The BRICS group certainly has potential for being a major force in the world in the decades to come. For example, Goldman Sachs projects that by 2050, GDP for the US will be \$37.2 trillion, for China \$41.9 trillion, and for India, \$22.2 trillion. Consider that if China and India were to get to a rapprochement, their combined economies of \$64+ trillion would dwarf the US as an economic force. On the other hand, a combination of India and the US would pit \$59.4 trillion combined economic clout against China's \$42 trillion. As of now, the trend is for the US and India to cooperate more than it is for the BRICS group to forge an alliance against the US and the West.

Thirty years is a long time and with all respect to Goldman Sachs, the dynamics of China's demographics with its aging population, of India's burgeoning educated youth, and of America's success or lack thereof in re-establishing a manufacturing economy, will shape how relative GDP numbers shake out. Let us not also forget that in thirty years, the way in which the world delivers energy for the engines of each country's economy will likely have changed dramatically. Today's projections may well be completely off base.

The chapters of geopolitical and economic history in these respects are yet to be written.

Cheerz...
Bwana



Chandrayaan-3 lander. Pic - IndiaTimes

Why are countries racing to the moon's heavily cratered south pole?

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) landed a spacecraft on the moon's south pole on Wednesday, a mission that will advance the country's space ambitions and expand knowledge of lunar ice, potentially one of the moon's most valuable resources.

Here's what's known, according to Reuters, about the presence of frozen water on the moon - and why space agencies and private companies see it as a key to a moon colony, lunar mining and potential missions to Mars.

How did scientists find water on the moon?

As early as the 1960s, before the first Apollo landing, scientists had speculated that water could exist on the moon. Samples the Apollo crews returned for analysis in the late 1960s and early 1970s appeared to be dry.

In 2008, Brown University researchers revisited those

lunar samples with new technology and found hydrogen inside tiny beads of volcanic glass. In 2009, a NASA instrument aboard the Indian Space Research Organisation's Chandrayaan-1 probe detected water on the moon's surface.

In the same year, another NASA probe that hit the south pole found ice below the moon's surface. An earlier NASA mission, the 1998 Lunar Prospector, had found evidence that the highest concentration of ice was in the south pole's shadowed craters.

Why is water on the moon important?

Scientists are interested in pockets of ancient ice because they could provide a record of lunar volcanoes, material that comets and asteroids delivered to Earth, and the origin of oceans.

If ice exists in sufficient quantities, it could be a source of drinking water for moon exploration and could help cool equipment.

It could also be broken down to produce hydrogen for fuel and oxygen to breathe, supporting missions to Mars or lunar mining.

The 1967 UN Outer Space Treaty prohibits any nation from claiming ownership of the moon. There is no provision that would stop commercial operations.

A US-led effort to establish a set of principles for moon exploration and the use of its resources, the Artemis Accords, has 27 signatories. China and Russia have not signed.

What makes the south pole especially tricky?

Attempted landings on the moon have failed before. Russia's Luna-25 craft had been scheduled to land on the south pole but spun out of control on approach and crashed on Sunday.

The south pole - far from the equatorial region targeted by previous missions, including the crewed Apollo landings - is full of craters and deep trenches.

Both the United States and China have planned missions to the south pole.

Rishi Sunak 'inadvertently' broke ethics rules: UK political watchdog

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak was chided by Parliament's standards guardian on Thursday for failing to declare his wife's financial interest in a childcare firm that stood to benefit from government policy.

Standards Commissioner Daniel Greenberg said Sunak broke the code of conduct for government ministers, but said the mistake was "inadvertent" and that the prime minister should not be sanctioned for the error.

Greenberg opened an investigation in April over Sunak's failure to declare when questioned by a committee of lawmakers that his wife, Akshata Murthy, held shares in the company Koru Kids, which had been selected to receive government support for childcare firms, reports AP.

Greenberg said Murthy's shareholding "was a relevant interest that should have been declared." But he said the failure stemmed from confusion about the rules rather than an



UK PM facing investigation. Pic - Sky News

intent to deceive.

Sunak apologized for the mistake.

The finding follows a string of ethics breaches by members of Britain's Conservative government.

Former Prime Minister Boris Johnson was driven from office in mid-2022 when his own Cabinet turned on him after a string of scandals over his judgment and finances.

Sunak vowed to restore order and integrity to government after three years of turmoil under Johnson and briefly serving successor Liz Truss, who quit within weeks after her policies rocked the UK economy. But Sunak, a former investment banker, has faced questions about his wealth and the financial arrangements of his wife, the daughter of an Indian billionaire.



William, the Prince of Wales, sits with his children Princess Charlotte, Prince Louis and Prince George. Pic - AP

\$35K vacations, \$58K tuition and more: A peek into the extravagant life of Prince William's son, Prince Louis

The youngest son of Prince William, Prince Louis lives an extravagant life. According to a report by The Sun, Royal expert Ingrid Seward highlighted that the 5-year-old enjoys perks and privileges and lives a luxurious life.

"He [Prince Louis] has the perks and privileges of his position - plus the luxuries - without the fuss and responsibility of ever having to be King himself," shared Seward.

Here is a peek into the extravagant life of Prince Louis

\$58,000 annual school fees: Prince Louis studies at the Lambrook School in Berkshire, where the tuition fees is over \$58,000 annually. At the school, he gets a world-class education and also gets to participate in various extracurricular activities like scuba diving, golf, podcast production, chess, bee-keeping and songwriting.

Branded Clothes: Prince Louis wears clothes from brands such as Amaia, Lallie London and Trotters. The young boy is often seen wearing shorts as traditionally children of the royal family do so.

Family vacations

Prince William and Kate Middleton often take Prince Louis to the private island of Mustique in the Caribbean. When the family undertook the trip to celebrate George's sixth birthday, they stayed in a \$35,000-per-week property where they had a butler, chef, housekeeper and gardener for their service.

A \$10,000 worth of gift from Prince Harry: Prince Louis was gifted a first-edition copy of AA Milne's "Winnie the Pooh," from 1926 by uncle Prince Harry which reportedly costed \$10,000. Prince Harry got the inspiration of gifting the book from his mother Princess Diana.

"One of Harry's happiest childhood memories was being read a bedtime story by his mother. She loved all the old classics and Harry had the brilliant idea of starting a little library of first editions for Louis, Charlotte and George to enjoy as they get older," an insider had once divulged to the Mirror.

Who was Wagner co-founder Dmitry Utkin onboard crashed plane with Prigozhin?

Russia's Wagner group commander Dmitry Utkin was on the plane with its founder Yevgeny Prigozhin that crashed north of Moscow, the Russian civil aviation authority said.

According to Russia's Ministry for Emergency Services, all 10 people who were onboard the crashed plane, including crew members have died as per preliminary information.

Reportedly, the crashed plane was traveling between Moscow and Saint Petersburg, reports Hindustan Times.

Here is all about Wagner group commander Dmitry Utkin:

Born in 1970, Dmitry Utkin was a former officer in Russia's GRU military intelligence service where he held the rank of lieutenant colonel. He has served in the Chechen and Syrian wars.



Yevgeny Prigozhin. Pic - Twitter

Utkin was also among the Wagner members who took part in Russian operations in eastern Ukraine in 2014 and had received awards for his service from the Kremlin.

Reportedly, the Wagner group gained its name from Utkin - his military callsign of 'Wagner'.

Known as Prigozhin's right-hand man, Utkin was believed to be involved in Wagner operations in Ukraine in 2014 in Crimea and Donbas.

Utkin has been accused of human rights abuses and has faced sanctions by the UK and New Zealand over the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, reported BBC. In view of this, the Council of the European Union imposed restrictive measures against him and others associated with the Wagner Group in 2021.

Utkin was last seen in a video posted by Prigozhin in July this year in which the Wagner chief was addressing fighters in Belarus. In the reported video, Prigozhin introduced a man he says is Utkin. "This is not the end, this is only the beginning of the greatest work in the world, which will continue very soon...And welcome to hell," Utkin was heard saying in the video, as quoted by the Guardian.

Pak court delays ruling on ex-PM Imran Khan's conviction appeal

A court in Pakistan's capital delayed for a day a crucial ruling that was expected Thursday on an appeal from the country's imprisoned former Prime Minister Imran Khan against his recent conviction and three-year sentence in a graft case, one of his lawyers said.

The Islamabad High Court will resume hearings on Khan's appeal on Friday, his attorneys said.

The former cricket star and top opposition leader was found guilty of concealing assets after selling state gifts he received while in office and was convicted and sentenced on Aug. 5 by another court, reports AP.

Khan, through his legal team, requested his release, saying the trial court sentenced him in haste. The 70-year-old Khan, who was ousted in a no-confidence vote in April 2022, is currently being held at a high-security Attock



Former Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan. Pic - CTV News

prison in eastern Punjab province. Even if Khan's conviction is set aside, his release is unlikely as other courts have canceled his bail in multiple cases.

He has denied the charges of corruption, saying he did not violate any laws.

Despite his conviction and sentencing, Khan is popular in Pakistan. His opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party is expected to give political opponents a tough time in upcoming elections.

Khan will be unable to run in the

election unless his appeal is granted and he is released from prison.

Earlier in August, Pakistan's Election Commission disqualified Khan from running for office for five years based on his conviction and sentence. Under Pakistan's laws, no convicted person is eligible to lead a party, run in elections, or hold public office.

Since his ouster in 2022, Khan has said that his removal was a conspiracy by Washington, his successor Shehbaz Sharif, and the Pakistani military — accusations that all three deny. Sharif stepped down this month after the parliament's term ended.

Khan's legal team has also petitioned the Supreme Court of Pakistan to seek his release. However, the Supreme Court said it would only take up the matter after the Islamabad High Court ruled on Khan's appeal.

NASA scientist refutes theories about sighting of UFOs

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have been a matter of intrigue for hundreds of researchers, explorers and people. There are numerous wild theories where people have claimed to have spotted a UFO in the sky and they narrate such stories with conviction.

While the debate around UFOs rages on, a NASA scientist has weighed in on the matter.

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) director Dr Laurie Leshin interacted with FOX10 Phoenix recently and was asked if she had "seen spacecraft made from outside of this world."

Responding to the question, Leshin outrightly said "Absolutely not."

"I mean, look, there's clearly a lot of interest. Our interest is in actually scientifically following the evidence and looking for life elsewhere, and I think we have the chance within our lifetimes to answer that question," said Leshin.

The NASA scientist also highlighted the objectives of JPL and how they were trying to find extra terrestrial life.



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"One of our biggest ambitions at JPL is to find life elsewhere. We're trying to explore all kinds of places in our solar system and beyond that might have life," Leshin said.

"...whether it's intelligent life — that would be very interesting, obviously," she added.

"If you're a scientist, the biggest question you can ask is, 'Are we alone in the universe? So that is what we're trying to answer. We're on the precipice of it,'" said Leshin.

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Interview: Yvan Martial, Journaliste et Historien

“L'électorat a moins besoin de programme électoral, de promesses de changement... Il réclame désespérément une alternative crédible

Donnez-lui ce qu'il réclame et faites-lui confiance...”

Yvan Martial se concentre sur les prochaines élections et évalue les stratégies des uns et des autres, avec sa capacité à manier l'ironie tantôt avec âpreté tantôt avec humour. Dans ce sillage, il ne fait aucun cadeau à la classe politique. Par ailleurs, il commente aussi l'ordination épiscopale. Il remarque avec justesse que les Mauriciens, dans leur ensemble, n'attendent plus de belles paroles mais bien des actions concrètes de la part de tous ceux qui détiennent un certain pouvoir. Les Mauriciens attendent une amélioration de leur vie quotidienne dans le pays et, aussi, une meilleure façon de vivre les relations interculturelles en espérant que l'exemple viendra d'en haut.

Mauritius Times : Il existe un flou en ce qui concerne le rapport de force qui prévaut sur le plan politique présentement, surtout depuis la démonstration de force de la nouvelle alliance regroupant le PTr, le MMM et le PMSD à Mare d'Albert et à Vacoas, et celles de l'alliance gouvernementale avec les jeunes et les personnes âgées. Pensez-vous que l'alliance gouvernementale demeure à ce stade en tant que la première force politique du pays?

Yvan Martial: Nous ne pouvons comparer une démonstration de force, qui demeure à être évaluée, mesurée, pesée, et un gouvernement solidement en place depuis 2014, capable à tout moment de rameuter des foules appréciables de différentes catégories, selon les cibles visées (jeunes, femmes, croulants, malades, sportifs, coopérateurs, planteurs plantés, pauvres pêcheurs à qui on serine que leur progéniture ne doit pas être pêcheur comme papa ou maman) pour ne rien dire des *rodères boutte* foisonnant en pareille circonstance.

L'opposition, surtout parlementaire, ne peut se plaindre d'un tel pouvoir ministériel car ses membres ont tenu, à divers moments, ce Pouvoir entre leurs mains sans savoir l'utiliser de manière aussi optimale. Valeur du jour, il convient de savoir si l'ensemble de la population gobe ces sempiternels discours sur le thème que Pravind ne fait pas ce que Navin a fait alors qu'ils étaient inséparables entre une élection partielle au No. 8 et leur départ du gouvernement Ramgoolam (après la révélation de certains détails peu flatteurs de l'achat gouvernemental de la clinique MedPoint).

Les opposants de tous bords, sachant qu'il y a autant de bords que d'opposants, se doivent de se mettre à l'écoute de ce que les Mauriciens peuvent reprocher au présent gouvernement et exploiter au mieux ces doléances en espérant que cela mènera un peu d'eau à leur moulin avant l'inéluctable dissolution de l'Assemblée nationale plébiscitée le 7 novembre 2019.

*** Voyez-vous l'alliance PTr-MMM-PMSD prendre éventuellement le dessus sur l'alliance gouvernementale en s'appuyant sur la force de sa composition et de ses divers adhérents, sur son capital de crédibilité et**

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sur l'espoir qu'elle suscite tant auprès de ses différents 'vote banks' que des abstentionnistes qui se chiffrent autour de 25% de l'électorat?

C'est une tâche herculéenne. Mais n'est pas Hercules qui veut, même si les écuries d'Augias ont autant besoin d'être drainées que ce qui se passe désormais sur l'hippodrome du Champ-de-Mars. La partie est d'autant plus difficile que le MSM n'a pas encore utilisé ses dernières et peut-être ses meilleures cartouches.

Mais à qui la faute, sinon à ceux qui attendent 2023 pour faire enfin ce qui devait être entrepris dès 2020, Covid-19 ou pas? Le confinement, de rigueur alors, n'empêchait guère d'utiles coze-cozé par-delà une haie de bambous. Le temps perdu se paie «cash» aussi dans le monde politique et électoral. Le rôle des opposants est surtout d'être à l'écoute des petites misères du grand public comme de sa grande plainte et aussi de celles des *ti-di-mounn*, et nous le faire savoir. Mais comment réparer aujourd'hui ce qu'on a négligé de faire entre 2020 et 2023?

*** Jocelyn Chan Low, historien, est allé très loin dans son analyse du rapport de force sur l'échiquier politique dans le cadre d'une interview accordée au Mauritius Times, vendredi dernier. Il affirme que «pour l'opposition, il n'y a pas d'autre solution que le retrait de (ses) dirigeants en faveur d'une nouvelle direction - la victoire de l'opposition en serait garantie». Il le dit sans doute de bonne foi en vue de voir éventuellement la victoire d'une alternance plus acceptable, mais ce n'est pas nécessairement réalisable, non?**

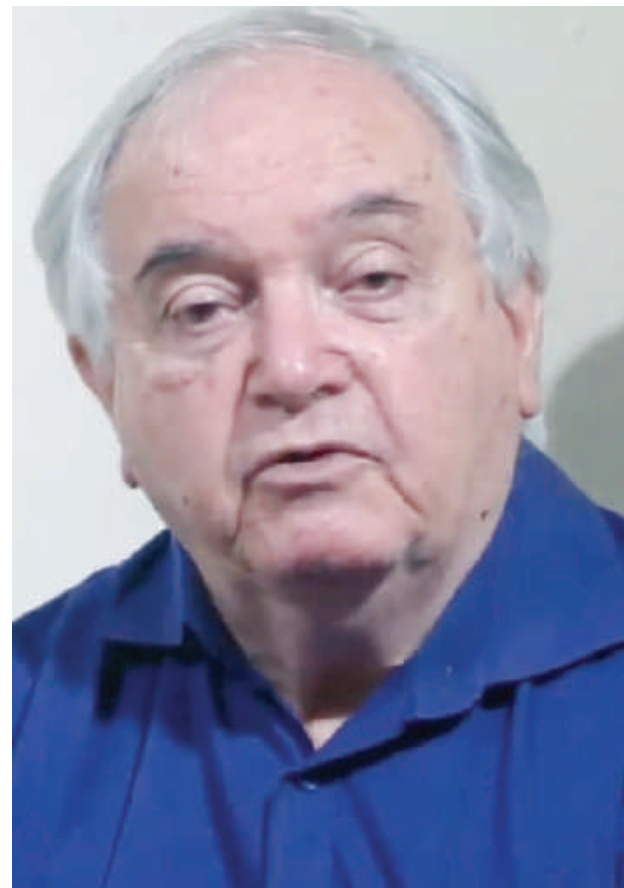
Jocelyn Chan Low utilise une expression abstraite qui, à mon humble avis, ne signifie rien. Plutôt que de parler de la «nouvelle direction», j'aurais préféré qu'il utilise le terme «nouveau directeur». C'est quand même plus concret.

Et pour le rendre plus réel, il suffit de désigner nommément l'identité de ce « directeur de rechange » qu'il prétend salvifique. Alors nous aurions pu juger sur pièce et savoir si cette roue de secours l'emporte sur les vieux pneus usés, sinon crevés, dont il veut se débarrasser.

Nous pouvons accuser nos dinosaures de tous les péchés de la terre mais au moins nous les connaissons de longue date (peut-être même trop longue). Mais malgré leurs défauts, tares, «bézer caractère», et parricides politiques, ils ont le mérite d'exister et de fonctionner vaille que vaille, sinon vaish que vaish.

Je les préfère à une «direction» inconnue, peut-être inexistante. Qu'on me nomme ce nouveau directeur consensuel de toute l'opposition parlementaire et extraparlamentaire et je pourrais vous dire si, à mes yeux, il est capable de détrôner Pravind Jugnauth et sa clique.

*** Au-delà de ses faiblesses intrinsèques et des obstacles qui vont être érigés sur son passage par l'establishment du MSM, l'alliance de l'opposition aura aussi**



“L'opposition, surtout parlementaire, ne peut se plaindre d'un tel pouvoir ministériel car ses membres ont tenu, à divers moments, ce Pouvoir entre leurs mains sans savoir l'utiliser de manière aussi optimale. Valeur du jour, il convient de savoir si l'ensemble de la population gobe ces sempiternels discours sur le thème que Pravind ne fait pas ce que Navin a fait alors qu'ils étaient inséparables entre une élection partielle au No. 8 et leur départ du gouvernement Ramgoolam...”

à surmonter le problème que représentent les partis extra parlementaires des Bodha, Bhadain, Valayden, Laurette... et une éventuelle lutte à trois (si Valayden parvient à regrouper ces différentes forces politiques) ou quatre au cas contraire. Quelle analyse faites-vous de cette possibilité?

Dans toute lutte à trois, il y a trois partis ou alliances que nous nommerons A, B et C.

- A lutte contre C mais doit aussi se défendre contre B qui lui lance des vanes.
- B prétend lutter prioritairement contre C mais préfère et de beaucoup concentrer ses attaques contre A dans l'espoir de convaincre l'électorat qu'il se positionne mieux que A.
- C se contente d'étaler ses réalisations sonnantes et trébuchantes en ironisant sur A et B qui s'entredéchirent, avant même d'avoir conquis le pouvoir.

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- Il faut savoir faire quelques sacrifices si on veut convaincre une population, et prouver sa crédibilité et son sérieux. Cela accepté, il convient de répartir les 62 tickets, région par région. Cela donne pour
- Port-Louis : 4 au PTr, 6 au MMM, 2 au PMSD, soit 12 ; le Nord (5, 6 et 7) : 5 pour le PTr, 1 pour le MMM et pour le PMSD et 2 pour les petits partis, soit neuf au total ;
- l'Est (8, 9 et 10) : 6 pour le PTr, 3 pour les petits partis, soit neuf en tout ;
- le Sud (11, 12 et 13) : 5 pour le PTr, 2 pour le MMM, 1 pour le PMSD et 1 pour les petits partis ;
- le No 14 : un candidat pour PTr, MMM et PMSD ;
- les Hautes Plaines-Wilhems (15, 16 et 17) : 3 pour le PTr, 3 pour le MMM, 3 pour le PMSD ;
- les Basses Plaines-Wilhems (18, 19 et 20) : 3 pour le PTr, 4 pour le MMM, 2 pour le PMSD ;
- Rodrigues : 2 pour le PMSD.
- Total : 27 pour le PTr, 17 pour le MMM, 12 pour le PMSD et 6 pour les petits partis.

Ces chiffres ne sont pas absolus et peuvent être modifiés mais pas indéfiniment car « élections derrière la porte ». Au 15 novembre 2023, tout doit être réglé une fois pour toutes. Il va de soi qu'entre eux, les partis peuvent échanger un ticket dans telle circonscription contre un autre, procéder à quelques accommodements mais avec l'accord du leader Navin.

Cela fait, il conviendra de nommer un leader, candidat ou non, par région et pour les seuls besoins des prochaines législatives. A mon humble avis, les partis d'opposition devraient laisser le choix de ce leader régional aux militants de base, en organisant des sortes d'élections primaires, à plusieurs tours, jusqu'à ce que se dégage une majorité de plus de deux tiers des voix pour désigner un leader régional assez consensuel à qui sera confié la lourde responsabilité d'assurer la victoire de l'opposition dans sa région.

Les leaders inamovibles m'en voudront de les écarter de la sorte mais cela leur fera le plus grand bien. L'organisation rapide, sinon immédiate, de ces primaires régionales peut être le déclic d'un véritable renversement de vapeur, par rapport à un MSM où tous les pouvoirs se concentrent entre les mains du leader et de ce que Roshni Bhadain a nommé la cuisine de ce parti.

Un leader dans chaque région, cela donnera 7 leaders régionaux qui s'efforceront de faire mieux que les autres pour prouver qu'ils sont de meilleurs organisateurs, de

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meilleurs stratèges, que les autres. Aucun leader, surtout dinosaure, ne saurait faire preuve d'une telle capacité de changement. Le déclic sera encore plus irrésistible si le leader régional de chaque composante de cette alliance

de toutes les oppositions a le droit, après consultations avec sa base, de désigner quelques candidats (jeune et femme de préférence).

Demeure l'épineuse question de la répartition castéiste, puisqu'il convient d'appeler les choses par leur nom. Cela peut se régler plus aisément si on accorde préférence d'abord aux petits partis, puis au PMSD, et enfin au MMM de désigner leurs candidats en laissant le soin au PTr, disposant du plus vaste réservoir de candidats d'assurer la représentation des composantes insuffisamment représentées, du moins sur la liste des candidats.

Cela devrait être fait de préférence avant le 30 septembre prochain pour permettre à l'opposition de se mettre sans tarder en campagne électorale et donner l'impression qu'elle peut mettre en déroute l'armada MSM, se croyant invincible.

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* Diriez-vous dans les conditions actuelles que le MSM pourrait difficilement perdre les prochaines élections? Posée différemment, la question est de savoir si l'opposition pourrait potentiellement remporter ces élections?

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Et ce n'est qu'un début. Le pire est à prévoir mais seulement pour l'adversaire, l'opposition même enfin réunie pour être plus forte et moins farce. A moins d'un déclic salvateur, je ne vois pas le MSM perdre les prochaines législatives.

* Pravind Jugnauth ne cesse d'affirmer qu'il ira au bout de son mandat. Il se dit “très serein” par rapport à l'appel de la pétition électorale devant le Privy Council, et il saura utiliser les fonds publics à des fins politiques au bon moment afin d'éviter toute censure légale. Voyez-vous d'autres raisons pour lui d'écourter son mandat?

Même si pour des raisons hautement improbables, Pravind Jugnauth doit dissoudre prématurément l'Assemblée nationale et organiser des législatives, à la date la plus tardive ou la plus proche qui soit, j'estime que son gouvernement a constitué suffisamment de *goodwill* pour remporter haut la main les prochaines législatives, face à une opposition jamais plus désorganisée ni impotente.

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On peut certes l'accuser de ne pas faire preuve d'une plus grande célérité en matière de lumière à établir, de manière irréfutable, sur des scandales inacceptables. Mais il a le droit de s'abriter derrière le commode paravent qu'il ne peut ingérer dans les procédures d'institutions investigatrices. Ses prédécesseurs sont loin d'être vierges de tout soupçon en la matière.

Si reproche peut lui être fait, cela vient quand même de politiciens ayant été son allié à l'époque des faits ou après, et ils sont mal placés pour lui reprocher ce qu'ils acceptaient sans problème quand ils étaient ensemble.

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Le triste constat que nous sommes condamnés à faire, c'est qu'en matière d'élections et de pouvoir à conquérir la population mauricienne est tristement condamnée au jeu de « pile tu gagnes et face je perds ». Pourquoi voulez-vous qu'en pareil cas, les Mauriciens s'intéressent encore de l'identité du prochain vainqueur des prochaines Législatives?

*** Au-delà de la chose politique, une dispute industrielle qui a soulevé une vive controverse, c'est le limogeage de Yogita Baboo-Rama, présidente de l'Air Mauritius Cabin Crew Association, par la compagnie nationale d'aviation. Selon MK, "des informations confidentielles auraient été rendues publiques, ce qui aurait affecté l'image de la compagnie". Fait surprenant à noter, c'est que ce limogeage est effectué malgré l'intervention du ministère du Travail auprès d'une institution contrôlée par le gouvernement au niveau de son actionnariat. Comment expliquer cela?**

Que peut le vase de terre, ministère du Travail, contre le vase de fer d'une cuisine de haute précision, contrôlant toutes les manettes de la cuisson? Je ne connais pas assez le présent secteur des relations industrielles surtout dans les compagnies publiques et les corps paraétatiques pour porter le moindre jugement en pareille affaire.

En matière de syndicalisme, bien plus qu'en celle de la chose politique, fantasmer est de mauvais conseil. Quand on se casse le nez en politique, on hérite seulement d'élus

incapables et incompetents qui vous rendent la vie déplaisante.

En matière syndicale, quand on se casse le nez, c'est souvent le licenciement et la perte d'un gagne-pain qui vous pendent au nez. S'il y a quelque chose sur terre à respecter à tout prix, c'est bien le gagne-pain de ceux qui nous font confiance et qui sollicitent nos conseils et notre aide. Certes, cela met le salarié à la merci de son employeur comme l'esclave l'était aux mains des négriers, le chèque de fin de mois remplaçant la plus solide des entraves esclavagistes. C'est ça ou l'insécurité d'emploi la plus stressante.

Encore qu'en ce moment, il manque apparemment davantage de travailleurs que d'emplois, puisque maints secteurs réclament à cor et à cris la possibilité d'importer de la main d'œuvre étrangère...

Diaboliser le patronat, surtout au sein de la libre entreprise, ce n'est pas non plus de bon conseil ni de bonne stratégie. Tout patron digne de ce nom veut la prospérité de son entreprise et il sait mieux que quiconque que cela repose fondamentalement sur l'épanouissement de l'ensemble de son personnel, exception faite pour quelques fortes têtes rétives à tout travail d'équipe.

Le meilleur atout de l'économie mauricienne et, plus particulièrement, du secteur privé demeure la qualité de nos relations humaines. Au mois dans la libre entreprise, le salarié peut s'épanouir quand son entreprise prospère et que les bénéfices sont équitablement répartis. Et si une entreprise prend davantage soin du bien-être de ses employés, elle ne peut qu'attirer les meilleurs éléments d'ailleurs en quête d'une meilleure place au soleil. Mais l'essentiel, c'est que chaque entreprise fonctionne de manière optimale grâce à la bonne entente prévalant entre employeurs et employés.

*** L'Eglise catholique a un nouvel évêque depuis dimanche dernier en la personne de Mgr Jean Michael Durhône. Quelle analyse faites-vous de cette ordination épiscopale, une première à Maurice?**

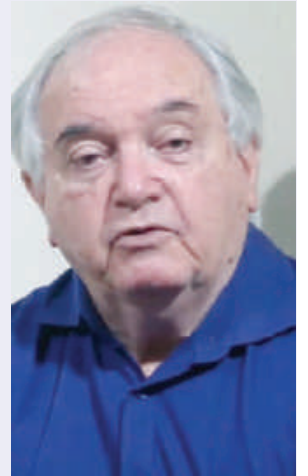
Je n'ai pas l'honneur de connaître Mgr Jean Michael Durhône. Je découvrirai l'homme au fur et à mesure qu'il exercera sa mission épiscopale parmi nous. Son ordination comme 12^e évêque de Port-Louis ne constitue aucunement une première à Maurice.

Il s'agit en fait de la quatrième. Nous ne pouvons pas oublier les précédentes ordinations épiscopales de Maurice Piat et de Mgr Jean Margéot, respectivement le 19 mai 1991 et le 4 mai 1969. Celle de Mgr Jean Margéot fut la plus attendue car une convention agréée entre le Saint-Siège et la congrégation des Pères spiritains, datant de 1916, stipulait que le siège épiscopal de Port-Louis serait attribué à un prêtre de cette congrégation religieuse, ce qui n'était pas le cas pour Jean Margéot, simple prêtre diocésain.

Sa nomination apporta une grande joie à la population mauricienne à qui, un an auparavant, les anciens occupants colonialistes *British-born* avaient imposé l'Indépendance politique après nous avoir volé nos Zîles Là-haut, comprenez notre archipel des Chagos.

Du coup, la catholicité mauricienne acquerrait son autonomie religieuse et hiérarchique. Certains d'entre nous ont sourcillé dans le cas de Maurice Piat car il est à la fois mauricien et prêtre spiritain. Nous avons préféré y voir un clin d'œil additionnel de gratitude à la congrégation du Père Laval de qui nous devons tant de bienfaits depuis 1841 et

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dont les membres les plus dévoués sont toujours à l'œuvre à Maurice, au service des Mauriciens.

N'oublions surtout pas l'ordination du dernier évêque spiritain et irlandais, Mgr Daniel Liston, le 12 octobre 1947 mais en la cathédrale Saint-Louis. L'année 2001 est aussi une année exceptionnelle pour notre catholicité car le 15 août de cette année, Denis Wiehe, également prêtre spiritain mais mauricien, est ordonné évêque coadjuteur de Mgr Xavier Baronnet, évêque des Seychelles, avec droit de succession.

Le 8 décembre de l'année suivante (2002) c'est au tour d'Alain Harel de recevoir l'ordination épiscopale en tant que vicaire apostolique de Rodrigues (un vicariat apostolique est un mini-diocèse jouissant d'une certaine autonomie pastorale mais relevant toujours financièrement d'un autre diocèse, celui de Port-Louis dans le cas de Rodrigues).

Le 10 décembre 2020, Mgr Alain Harel est nommé évêque de Port Victoria aux Seychelles. Il succède à Mgr Denis Wiehe. Son installation sur la cathèdre seychelloise a lieu le 8 décembre 2020.

Les moins jeunes parmi nous ne peuvent oublier que François Cléret de Langavant, prêtre spiritain mais français, administrateur de la cathédrale Saint-Louis à Maurice, reçoit, le 5 janvier 1935, sa nomination comme évêque de Saint-Denis de la Réunion où il succède à Mgr de Beaumont.

Pour en revenir à l'ordination épiscopale de Mgr Durhône, elle a été très conviviale, frappée d'une empreinte de jeunesse et de dynamisme des plus prometteurs. La qualité des chants collectifs, des prières et des moments de recueillement ont été très intenses. On peut regretter les longues minutes consacrées aux accolades du nouvel évêque avec la centaine de prêtres et de diacres présents. Cela ressemblait davantage à des congratulations footballistiques qu'au traditionnel «Deo Gratias» liturgique ayant l'avantage de rendre à Dieu ce qui vient de Dieu.

On peut aussi déplorer l'absence de toute allusion, au memento des défunts après la consécration à Mme Krishnawtee Seerauj, la disparue du Pouce dont le cadavre fut retrouvé au pied d'une falaise du Dauguet. La population mauricienne attendait un geste qui n'est pas venu. Nous devons donner gratuitement et prioritairement aux non chrétiens qui vénèrent tellement notre catholicité.



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• *I don't make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts. — Will Rogers*

English Teaching in our Schools



Peter Ibbotson

The election petitions against Messrs Ramnarain and Rai — on the grounds that that they didn't know enough English to be able to follow the proceedings of the Legislative Council — demonstrate the importance which, very rightly and properly, many people in Mauritius attach to a knowledge of English. Equally

rightly and properly, the Education Department also attaches great importance to a knowledge of English and having the language taught earlier in the pupils' school life.

We look forward confidently to amendment of the junior school scholarship regulations. We look forward confidently to compulsory French being abandoned as a qualifying subject; perhaps the compulsory French paper can be replaced by an examination (compulsory of course) in the candidate's mother tongue. Thus, the Franco-Mauritians would be able to keep their beloved French; but those children whose mother tongue is an Oriental language, and to whom French is a foreign language would no longer be discriminated against by being compelled to be examined in two foreign languages.

There are several countries where there are problems of bilingualism analogous to that of Mauritius. One not usually thought as having a bilingual problem is the Netherlands. Over all the Netherlands, Dutch is spoken; but in the province of Friesland (except for the provincial capital, Leeuwarden) the language of West Friesland is spoken as well. It is a language in its own right; it is not just a dialect of Dutch. In the schools of Friesland, Dutch is the first language, the language of instruction; but West Friesian is the mother tongue of the people and some children know hardly any Dutch when they start school. The Netherlands Broadcasting system gives a special place to Friesian; which is more than the MBS does to broadcasts in Creole.

In Wales too there is the problem of teaching children whose mother tongue is Welsh whereas the official language of the UK is English. But whereas in those parts of Wales where there is a fairly big proportion of Welsh-speaking people (relative to the total population), that language is not forced on those children who come from English-speaking homes.

In Mauritius we do find children from homes where French is not spoken being compelled to learn that language at school. Thus, British colonial education policy differs from British homeland education policy; for once it is the homeland policy which should be followed in the colony. (The parts of British education policy which have regrettably been implanted in various colonies, including Mauritius, include central schools and, indeed, segregated secondary edu-

cation generally).

At the beginning of April, the annual conference of the National Union of Teachers was held in Douglas, Isle of Man. (This island is part of the British Islands but is not part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is constitutionally independent of the Whitehall Parliament: it has its own Parliament, the House of Keys, and does not send members to Westminster. Its bishop has not the right — unlike other bishops of the Church of England — to sit in the House of Lords.) To this conference came delegates from many other national unions of teachers, including the French *Fédération de l'Education Nationale*, the All-Ceylon Union of Teachers, the Polish Teachers' Union, the Irish National Teachers' Organisation, and the Mauritius Union of Primary School Teachers. The fraternal delegates from France, Ceylon, Ireland and Poland all made speeches.

The Ceylonese and Polish teachers both spoke in English. The Frenchman spoke in French; commenting on this in the *Schoolmaster*, the official organ of the N.U.T. (of which Mr Kynaston-Snell used to be a member), a Surrey headmaster wrote: "One of the characteristics of international meetings has been the grim determination of the French to hang on to their language as a means of international communication... More and more, this insistence on the use of their own language has put them out on a limb by themselves." The headmaster has remarked also that during the last ten years teachers from all over the world have met regularly to discuss teachers' affairs, "and instead of the business of these meetings being obstructed by language difficulties, the use of English has become almost universal".

Against this, several people used sentences in the Manx tongue (Manx is the ancient language of the Isle of Man. It is one of the group of Celtic languages; the others are Welsh, Cornish, Breton, Gaelic and Erse - associated with, respectively, Wales, Cornwall (S.W. England), Brittany (N.W. France), Scotland and Ireland. It is not a living language in the true sense; like Cornish, its revival is due to the efforts of antiquarians).

The Irish teacher delegate spoke in Erse first, then translated his speech into English - and his English was more fluent than Erse! In other words, the people from nearest to England insisted in speaking languages which few understood; the people from furthest away spoke in English which all understood.

The *Schoolmaster* contributor says that English is more than a national language. "It is no more the property of those who live between the Tweed and the English Channel than the modern raincoat is the property of the original McIntosh who invented it. The English tongue has become the property of humanity... A child who is born to use the English language today is born to use a currency that is recognised the world over. To rob him of that currency is political inaptitude little short of positive crime." It follows that as much time as possible should therefore be devoted to teaching English.

Remembrance

Swami Bhagwandas: A Tribute

A little more than 40 years ago, the earthly pilgrimage of the revered Swami Bhagwandas came to an unexpected end. Swamiji left a lasting imprint on those whose lives he touched, thus the relevance of reflecting on this exemplary life.

Returning to Mauritius in the mid-60s after intensive studies in Benares (under Shree Hanumantdass Saheb) he dedicated himself to the Shri Kabir Mandir of Bonne Terre and gave fresh momentum to the Kabir Panthi movement in the country.



Swami Bhagwandas

Kabirians believe that the Guru who provides self-knowledge holds the highest place in the world. Being initiated by a Guru and attaining knowledge from him makes one's life successful. Disciples and sundry folk from all communities and walks of life flocked to the Kabir Mandir, Bonne Terre to benefit from Swamiji's counsel. Those who met him were impressed by his charisma and soft-spoken demeanour. He would always take the time to listen to whoever came for his guidance and would suggest spiritually based solutions in the most disinterested manner. He neither charged fees nor solicited donations from disciples and visitors. Those close to him still recall how he offered words of consolation with his deep and profound voice to those who were distressed.

Most of his visitors were householders who had jobs and families. In his usual fair-minded way, he would tell such people 'Carry on with your work, as work is prayer'. He would also constantly guide these householders to reinforce family values. At the time of Swamiji's untimely departure, many of the disciples and visitors he used to counsel were teenagers. Today many of them are accomplished professionals in various fields and have remained regular attendees at the monthly pooja of Kabir Mandir. Many will recall Swamiji's teachings and practical advice that have helped them to succeed in their respective fields. However, it is worthwhile mentioning that Swamiji received his visitors be it the labourer or the professional with the same respect and dignity.

A little more than one year prior to his passing, Swamiji who was always inclined on broadening the perspectives of his disciples undertook a spiritual trip to India together with a small group of disciples to meet enlightened spiritual masters like Deoraha Baba, Nagpal Baba and Ram Baba. Those who accompanied him share pleasant memories of that unique trip.

Swamiji left the material world 40 years ago, but he still lives on in the hearts and minds of those whose lives he touched.

Devotee

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Each participant, he observed, argues for a certain idea of a just political system while at the same time seeking to advance their own self-interest.

But the argument they make regarding justice isn't just an ideological camouflage for their self-interest, as we might regard it today. As Aristotle puts it, each party "fastens on" a degree of truth regarding the different possibilities for devising a just society, while at the same time the element of truth in their position is combined with their desire for a bigger piece of the pie.

In other words, in Aristotle's view there is no such thing in political life as a pure idealist or a pure materialist. Idealism and realism cannot be disentangled from one another.

Prudent participants in civic dialogue should be aware of that combination of realism and idealism in others and in themselves, Aristotle argued. That awareness should moderate their expectations for the degree to which perfect justice could or even should come to pass.

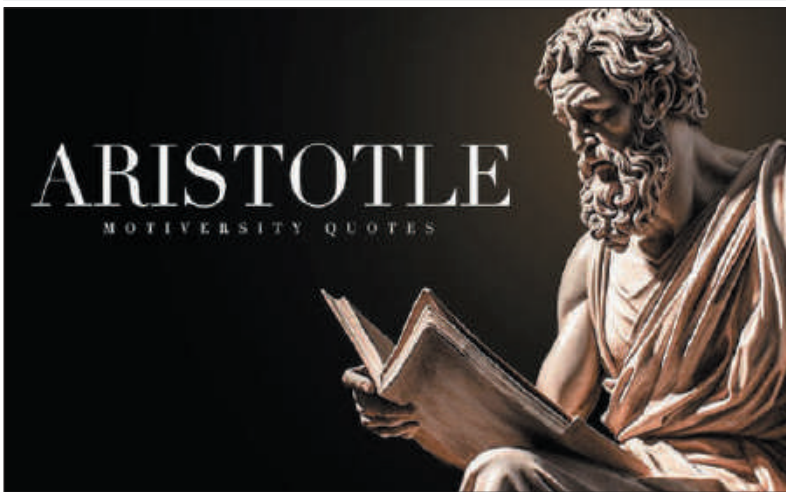
Hobbes, Kant

Aristotle's understanding of public debate seems a blend of England's Thomas Hobbes — who argued that without government, life would be "nasty, brutish and short" — and Germany's Immanuel Kant, who believed that without freedom, moral appraisal and responsibility would be impossible.

It resists the reduction of prudent civic dialogue to either a grasping materialism that has no concern for a just society or an ideal of justice so pure that it demands citizens put aside any interest in their material well-being. Both extremes are likely to engender hostility and strife.

Perhaps the worst political leadership would be someone who combined a degree of inherited wealth that made them unable to appreciate the everyday economic difficulties most people face with ideological

What would Aristotle think about the current state of politics?



in Aristotle's time.

But some constants remain, especially the potential for violent disagreement between the haves and have-nots.

Like any other theoretical rule of thumb, Aristotle's advice about political debate cannot guide us to specific answers or solutions to the concrete policy issues of the day.

But it can remind us that political debate should be peaceful, that we should respect the convictions of others as we would like them to respect our own and that we should be realistic enough to understand that self-interest will always be a factor in what the public expects from justice.

extremism. In short, it would be a leader with the danger of pure idealism combined with great privilege.

Constants remain

Circumstances are of course very different today than

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Will we still be together in a year?

Wedding bells or single again: psychology predicts where your relationship is headed

Is he or she the one? You know... the one to introduce to my parents, the one to move in with, the one to start a family with, the one to marry? At some point in every dating relationship, you ask yourself some version of these questions.

Of course, you're invested in predicting the fate of your own relationship.

Psychology researchers are interested as well. Are there recognizable signs that can foretell where a relationship is headed? Typically, researchers have tried to puzzle out this question by measuring some aspect of a relationship at one moment in time and then seeing how that measurement coincides with relationship outcomes months or years later. For example, one group found that greater boredom now predicts less relationship satisfaction nine years later.

These types of one-shot measurements are useful, but how you feel about any facet of your relationship fluctuates over time. Some researchers, including Ximena Arriaga at Purdue University, have suggested that the typical method of measuring a single moment in time may not fully capture the relationship experience; it might be more revealing to look at patterns of change as the relationship develops.

To know your relationship's fate, the ups and downs may matter more than its quality at one specific moment. A newly published study examined this question by tracking how relationships progressed over time via people's own changing senses of where things were headed.

Charting the course of love, true or otherwise

Some days your relationship feels like it will be happily ever after, while other days it feels more like happily never after. Researchers call your sense of whether your relationship will eventually result in marriage your commitment to wed.

If you could chart the story of your relationship, what would it look like? Maybe a straight, ascending line showing steady progress? Or maybe a curvy line showing that you've hit some bumps along the way? It's this trajectory that may influence how your story will end.

In the recent study, researcher Brian Ogolsky and colleagues hypothesized that how individuals' commitment to wed fluctuated over time would predict future relationship outcomes. To test the idea, interviewers had 376 dating couples in their mid-20's chart out graphs of how their sense of marriage likelihood (the vertical axis ranged from 0% to 100%) changed over time (time in months appeared on the horizontal axis).

The interviewer plotted key dates, noting where the likelihood of marriage changed, for better or worse. For example, spending too much time with friends, fighting or just being too different could nudge commitment to wed down. Conversely, meeting the partner's family, spending a lot of time together, having a lot in common and receiving positive feedback from friends or family could make commitment to wed rise.



Participants updated their graphs via short interviews for each of the next seven months, concluding with a final interview nine months after the start of the study. Participants also provided information about changes in relationship status – such as transitioning from dating to broken up, from casual to serious dating, from serious dating to engaged, and so on.

Researchers analyzed the graphs for the number of turning points or changes in commitment to wed, particularly noting any downturns or times when chances of marriage decreased. They also examined the slope or degree of change during turning points to see if things were escalating quickly, slowly eroding or following any of the other trajectories a relationship can take.

Breaking commitment types into four groups

Using participants' monthly feedback, the researchers identified four distinct commitment patterns.

- **Dramatic** (34% of the sample) – This group had an “up and down” type of relationship, with more downturns and steeper changes in commitment than other groups. These individuals spent more time apart and had lower opinions of the relationship, and their families and friends were less supportive of their relationship.
- **Partner-focused** (30% of the sample) – This group had a “my partner is the center of my universe” approach to commitment and experienced very few downturns. Their changes in commitment hinged on how much time they could spend together.
- **Socially involved** (19% of the sample) – This group experienced very little variability, and fewer downturns than those in the dramatic and conflict-ridden groups. When changes occurred, they were largely determined by the amount of interaction with their social network and what those friends and family thought of the relationship.
- **Conflict-ridden** (12% of the sample) – This group includes the fighters. Like the dramatic group, this

group had a large number of downturns. The sizes of the changes were not as steep, but they were disproportionately due to conflict in the relationship. Those in this cluster also reported fewer positive things to say about the relationship than those in the partner-focused group, and less support from family and friends than the socially involved group.

Much like boiling your entire personality down into a colour or series of letters, fitting your relationship into one of four tidy categories has intuitive appeal. Yet classification is simplification. Our relationships and psychological experiences are complex in a way that defies basic categories or groups; every relationship cannot fit neatly within these four categories. However, they provide one framework for understanding how relationships progress.

So, is my relationship doomed?

Importantly, knowing how commitment to wed changed over time was a better predictor of relationship outcomes than the basic measure of relationship quality at the first interview.

Individuals in the dramatic group were more than twice as likely to break up than any of the other three groups. Those in the partner-focused group were more likely to have their relationship progress (for instance, advancing from casual to serious dating) than those in the dramatic group, while the conflict-ridden group was more likely to keep their relationship status stable compared to the dramatic group.

Taken together, these results suggest it is good to be partner-focused, but not dramatic. In other words, those who frequently experience substantial fluctuations in their commitment should have concerns about the relationship's long-term sustainability. The dramatic group may be particularly susceptible to breakup because they maintain so much contact with their social network. Some of these pals may serve as “backburner” relationships in which the person maintains contact for the possibility of starting a later relationship.

Relationships move at difference paces and in different patterns. Whether your relationship is moving quickly or slowly, smoothly or has been a bit rocky, this research demonstrates how your relationship's past trajectory can offer a glimpse into its future.

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GRNW, Port-Louis

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1. Reading & approval of minutes.
2. Matters arising.
3. President's report.
4. Finance
5. Motions/ amendments (if any).
6. Election/selection/re-shuffling of Bureau posts (if any)
7. AOB & Lunch

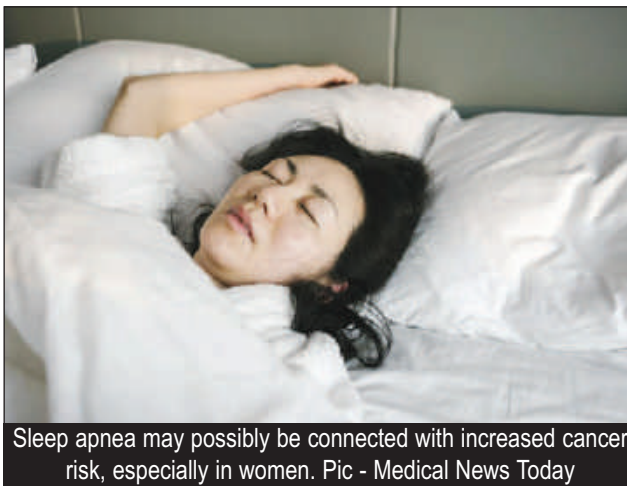
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Cancer more common in women with severe sleep apnea

Women with severe sleep apnea appear to be at an elevated risk of getting cancer, a study shows. No causal relationship is demonstrated, but the link between nocturnal hypoxia in women and higher cancer risk is still clear.

"It's reasonable to assume that sleep apnea is a risk factor for cancer, or that both conditions have common risk factors, such as overweight. On the other hand, it is less likely that cancer leads to sleep apnea," notes Ludger Grote, Adjunct Prof and chief physician in sleep medicine, and the last author of the current study.

The research, published in the European Respiratory Journal, is based on analyses of registry data, collected in the European database ESADA, on a total of some 20,000 adult patients with obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). About 2 percent of them also had a cancer diagnosis.



Sleep apnea may possibly be connected with increased cancer risk, especially in women. Pic - Medical News Today

As expected, advanced age was associated with elevated cancer risk, but adjusting the data for age, gender, body mass index (BMI), smoking, and alcohol consumption nevertheless showed a possible link between intermittent hypoxia at night and higher cancer prevalence. The connection applied mainly to women, and was weaker in men.

Ludger Grote, Adjunct Prof of Pulmonary Medicine, specializing in sleep medicine, at the University of Gothenburg, says: "The condition of sleep apnea is well known to the general public and associated with snoring, daytime fatigue, and elevated risk of cardiovascular disease, especially in men. Our research paves the way for a new view -- that sleep apnea may possibly be connected with increased cancer risk, especially in women," Grote says.

The gym proving too expensive or time consuming?

How much do you exercise? Government guidelines suggest that, in order to stay healthy, adults should perform at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity every week -- that's exercise that gets your breathing and heart rate up.

A new study, published in The Journal of Physiology investigated a home-based high-intensity interval training (Home-HIT) programme and studied its benefits for clinically obese individuals with an elevated risk of heart disease.

Previous research has demonstrated that under controlled laboratory conditions, you can get the same

benefits from three 20-minute exercise sessions, as from the Government-recommended 150 minutes. However, the question is whether data produced in highly controlled laboratory environments can be translated to the real world.

The research team at Liverpool John Moores University were interested in whether Home-HIT is a time-efficient strategy that helps to reduce other common exercise barriers such as difficulty with access to exercise facilities due travel time and cost.

In this study, 32 obese people completed a 12-week programme of either: 1) a supervised, lab-based cycling HIT programme, 2) the Government-recommended 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise or 3) a home-based HIT programme of simple body weight exercises suitable for people with low fitness and low mobility, and performed without equipment. For all of these regimens, the exercise was performed three times per week.

The researchers measured a range of health markers



Home-high-intensity interval training is a time-efficient strategy that helps to reduce other common exercise barriers such as difficulty with access to exercise facilities due travel time and cost. Pic - The Edge Fitness Clubs

in these participants, including body composition, cardiovascular disease risk, and the ability to regulate glucose. They found that the home-based HIT was as effective as both the Government-recommended 150 minutes and the supervised, lab-based HIT programme for improving fitness in obese individuals.



Why do babies cry when they come out of their mum?

Crying triggers changes in how a newborn baby gets their oxygen. But not all new babies cry, and it's not always a problem.

When babies are born, they all seem to cry. We see this a lot on TV.

But not all newborn babies cry straight away. Here's what's going on.

What happens at birth?

When a baby is born, they move from their mum's warm body, and out of their dark, watery world into a much cooler, drier and brighter one.

It's a bit of a squeeze. As the baby comes out from their mum, the cooler air hits their wet skin.

The cooler air makes them gasp. They also gasp when the midwife or doctor touches their body to help them come into the world.

That gasp is their first breath, which usually comes with a cry. And when this happens the gasp or cry triggers an amazing change in how the baby gets oxygen and moves it around their body.

What changes?

In the womb, babies depend on their mum for oxygen -- via the placenta and umbilical cord.

The placenta looks a bit like a pancake and filters oxygen-rich blood from the mum. The umbilical cord then pumps that to the unborn baby.

But once babies are born, their first breath or cry



triggers a whole range of changes to the way their heart moves blood around their body. So, rather than breathing fluid from the womb, they can now breathe air and get oxygen into their lungs just like we do.

The process of being born also squeezes water out of the baby's lungs, allowing them to work properly.

A newborn baby crying is a sound parents and health workers are very happy to hear. That's because it usually means the baby is well and won't need any extra help to breathe.

But not all newborn babies cry. And it's not always

something to be worried about.

Why don't all babies cry?

Sometimes this switch to moving oxygen around the body just like us does not happen smoothly.

There might be problems with the baby's heart, or there may have been a difficult birth. For instance, the baby might have been very short of oxygen in the womb and need some help to start breathing when they are born.

Sometimes there's a delay in babies crying.

Babies born by caesarean section -- when doctors operate on the mum to lift the baby out of her womb -- might be slower to breathe and cry. That's because they don't have the fluid squeezed from the lungs like they do when born through the vagina.

Sometimes newborn babies don't cry at all.

Babies born in water (known as a waterbirth) may have lots of warm water around them and not even realise they are born. That's because they don't feel cold air as they come into the world; they are often in their mother's arms in the water. So they tend to just breathe quietly, and turn pink (showing they are getting enough oxygen), without crying.

Hannah Dahlen

Professor of Midwifery, Associate Dean Research and HDR, Midwifery Discipline Leader, Western Sydney University



Only Married Man Will Understand This Better!

Early in the morning, my husband woke up and asked his wife.

Husband: Would you like to join me for jogging?

Wife: Oh, so you mean I am fat?

Husband: No, jogging is good for your health.

Wife: Oh, that means I am sick.

Husband: No, if you don't want to get up, it is okay.

Wife: So now, you are trying to say I'm lazy, haa?

Husband: Now, you are misunderstanding me, I didn't...

Wife: Ahaa! So, I didn't understand you because I am illiterate, right?

Husband: Now look, I didn't say that.

Wife: So, am I lying?

Husband: I beg you, please don't stretch it in the morning.

Wife: Oh, now I am a quarrelsome one?

Husband: Ok, you go off to sleep, I am going jogging alone, are you happy now?

Wife: See, you are so selfish, always think of yourself alone, you never think of my health.

The husband is sitting and thinking where he went wrong.

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An Englishman, an Irishman, a Welshman, and a Scot are captured by the Taliban. The Taliban leader says to them, "We are going to shoot you infidels, but we are fair, and we will grant you one last request. He turns to the Welshman.

"What's your last wish?"

The Welshman replies: "I want to hear the Welshmen singing 'Land of My Fathers'.

"Ok, you will have your request." He next turns to the Scot, "What about you?"

"I would like to hear Scot pipers piping 'Scotland The Brave'.

"You've got it," says the Taliban leader. He turns to



At dinner, Little Johnny was asked to lead the prayer...

"But I don't know how to pray," he replied.

"Just pray for your family, friends and neighbours, the poor, etc...", said his father.

"Okay," the boy said.

"Dear Lord, thank you for the visitors and their children, who finished all my cookies and ice cream. Bless them so they won't come again. Forgive our neighbour's son, who removed my sister's clothes and wrestled with her on her bed. This coming Christmas, please send clothes to all those poor ladies on Daddy's Blackberry who do not have any clothes. And provide shelter for the homeless man who uses Mom's room when Daddy is at work. Amen!"

Dinner was cancelled!

the Irish guy, "What's your last wish?"

"I would like to see Irishmen doing silver dance."

"You will have it," says the Taliban leader.

Finally, he looks at the Englishman: "And your last request?"

"Please shoot me first," replies the Englishman.

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I visited a pharmacy yesterday and told the pharmacist to give me a condom and that I am going to my girlfriend's place for dinner and I think I might get lucky!

He gave me one and I paid for it. As I was about to leave, I turned and asked him for another one. I told him my girlfriend's sister is very beautiful and curvy too, I told him she always crosses her legs in a provocative manner every time she sees me, I think I may strike luck there too.

He gave me another one and I paid for it. As I was about to leave the pharmacy again, I turned back and said: "Give me one more condom, my girlfriend's mum is still pretty cute. When she sees me, she always makes eye contact, I think she is expecting me to make a move."

During dinner, I sat with my girlfriend on the left, her sister on the right, and their mum facing me.

When my girlfriend's dad walked in, I lowered my head and started the dinner prayer, "Dear Lord bless this dinner and thank you for all you have given us..."

10 minutes after, I am still praying... "Lord, I thank you for your kindness."

Another 10 minutes passed, and I am still praying, keeping my head down, very close to the table.

They all looked at each other surprised, my girlfriend was even more surprised than others, she gets close to me and whispers: "I didn't know you're so religious."

I replied: "I didn't know your dad was a pharmacist!"

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Sanjay suspected his wife to cheat on him while he was at work. He told his friend Anthony about it.

"I could place a hidden camera in the bedroom, but I don't want to spend that much money..."

Anthony suggested, "Well, there's an easy and cheap way to be sure: attach a spoon under your mattress and place a bowl filled with milk under it. That way, if your wife goes to bed with someone, the mattress will sink, and the spoon will touch the milk. All you have to do when you get home is to check if milk is on the spoon or not."

Sanjay agrees to do so and goes home. Two days later, they meet again.

"So, did you, do it?"

"Yeah, I did everything you told me. I put the spoon, the bowl, the milk, etc. And I checked yesterday evening.

"So?"

"Butter was floating in the bowl."

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A blonde got a job with the Public Works. She was to paint lines down the centre of a rural road. The supervisor Johnny told her that she must stay at or above the set average of 2 miles per day to remain employed.

The blonde agreed to the conditions and starts right away. The supervisor checking up at the end of the day, found the blonde had completed 4 miles on her first day, double the average!

"Great," he told her, "I think you're really going to work out."

The next day, however, he was disappointed to find that the blonde only accomplished 2 miles.

The supervisor thought, "Well she's still at the average and I don't want to discourage her, so I'll just keep quiet."

The third day the blonde only did one mile and the boss thought, 'I need to talk to her before this gets any worse.'

The boss pulled the new employee in and said, "You were doing so great. The first day you did 4 miles, second day 2 miles, yesterday you only did one mile. Is there some problem keeping you from meeting the 2-mile minimum?"

The blonde replied, "Well, each day I keep getting farther and farther away from the paint bucket."

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A college boy had a crush on his classmate...

One fine day he proposed to her.

But she rejected and threatened that she would complain to the principal if he ever bothered her again.

And the boy remains silent for the rest of the days.

Some days later the girl borrows a book from that boy and writes in it.

"I love you too. Sorry to hurt you the other day. If you forgive me, please come and speak to me."

Three years passed; the boy never approached the girl again.

Moral: College boys never open their book!

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Today marks my six months without drinking a drop of alcohol.

Six months of eating 7 fruits and vegetables a day and drinking 10 glasses of water.

No carbs and no meat with 8 hours' sleep at night.

The change in my body has been amazing.

I feel great and I have lost weight and my way of thinking is very positive.

Plus, an hour of exercise every day.

I don't know whose status this is, but I was so happy for them I copied and pasted it!

HOW TO RESPECT YOURSELF

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1. Stop looking for who is not looking for you.
2. Stop begging.
3. Stop saying more than is necessary.
4. When people disrespect you, confront them immediately.
5. Don't eat other people's food more than they eat yours.
6. Reduce how you visit some people, especially if they don't reciprocate it.
7. Invest in yourself. Make yourself happy.
8. Stop entertaining gossip about other people.
9. Think before you talk. 80% of how people value you is what comes out of your mouth.
10. Always look your best. Dress the way you should be addressed.
11. Be an achiever. Get busy with your goals.
12. Respect your time.
13. Don't stay in a relationship where you don't feel respected and valued. Walk away.
14. Learn to spend money on yourself. That's how people will learn to spend on you.
15. Be scarce sometimes.
16. Be a giver more than a receiver.
17. Don't go where you are not invited. And when invited don't overstay your welcome.
18. Treat people exactly the way they deserve.
19. Except when they owe you money, two call attempts is enough. If they value you they will call you back.
20. Be good at what you do. Be the best.

Daffodils

By William Wordsworth
1770-1850

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed and gazed but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Self-love & Acceptance

The Power of Thoughts and Imagination

"To be comfortable around others, you have first be comfortable with yourself."

Being comfortable with yourself is about embracing yourself. When you accept yourself, your confidence grows because you never feel inferior to anyone else.

Most of the time, people feel uncomfortable with others because they see that others have what they lack. This feeling of lack makes them doubt themselves. The more unworthy you think of yourself, the more uncomfortable you feel being around others. Once you accept yourself, everything changes.

Accept yourself and everything about yourself. You may not have what others do, but it doesn't make



you any less.

Dr Bhawna Gautam

7 Rules of Life

1. Make peace with your past so it won't disturb your present.
2. What other people think of you is none of your business.
3. Time heals almost everything. Give it time.
4. No one is in charge of your happiness, except you.
5. Don't compare your life to others and don't judge them, you have no idea what their journey is all about.
6. Stop thinking too much. It's alright not to know the answers.
7. Smile. You don't own all the problems in the world.

Wisdom

Some fights are not worth your time

I once asked a very successful woman to share her secret with me. She smiled and said to me...

"I started succeeding when I started leaving small fights for small fighters.



I stopped fighting those who gossiped about me...

I stopped fighting with my in-laws...

I stopped fighting for attention...

I stopped fighting to meet peoples' expectation of me...

I stopped fighting for my rights with inconsiderate people.

I stopped fighting to please everyone...

I stopped fighting to prove they were wrong about me...

I left such fights for those who have nothing else to fight...

And I started fighting for my vision, my dreams, my ideas and my destiny.

The day I gave up on small fights is the day I started becoming successful and so much more content.

Some fights are not worth your time...Choose what you fight for wisely.

-- Author unknown

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What are ten truths everyone should accept in life?

Looks matter. People who look good have an unfair advantage over the others.

Nobody will ever love you more than your parents.

If you don't take a stand for yourself, people will walk all over you.

Find a strong support network. Good contacts are very important in tough times.

Be a good person and don't expect anything from anyone. Expectations will cause you nothing but disappointments.

Work hard but if you don't work smartly, you'll end up working for the

rest of your life.

Never get upset if someone leaves you. You can never control the other, the only person you can control is yourself.

Never stop being a good person because of your bad experiences with others.

Take care of your health. Health is like money; we only learn its value after losing it.

People can change anytime, so never stay dependent on anyone.

-- Posted by Alen Nguyen

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A practical piece of advice for people under 30

I'm 32. Here're some lines that I'd like to share:

Losers focus on winners; winners focus on winning.

Tomorrow never comes, it is always today.

Don't waste your energy on solving problems that aren't yours.

Nobody cares until you're rich, pretty or dead.

The road to success is dotted with many tempting parking spaces.

Loyalty is very expensive. Don't expect it from cheap people.

The goal is to be rich, not to look rich.

Bonus advice: Many people will panic to find a charger before their phone dies but won't panic to find a plan before their dream dies.

-- Elon Musk



How to stop thinking about your ex

Getting over a break-up is as it is a task that feels like a total challenge. It gets worse when you find out that your ex is seeing someone new while you have barely moved on from them. You've been missing them constantly but now you are trying to figure out a way how to stop thinking about your ex with someone else.

These thoughts are extremely unhealthy and will take you nowhere if you don't stop thinking about them. So how do you do that? This guide will help you on how to stop thinking about your ex with someone else and how to get over them for good.

Sometimes your heart needs more time to accept what your mind already knows.

If you are continually thinking about your ex with someone new, it means you still haven't gotten over them. This doesn't have to mean that you are still in love with them, but it means that you need more healing to do. Currently, you're in denial and it might seem that you can't come to terms with the fact that your ex



has moved on happily. Firstly, you need to accept what it is - whether you like it or not, the person you once loved is no longer a part of your life. Let go of what it was - getting over your past will not happen overnight but you need to make an effort at it at least. Stop thinking about all the 'could haves' and 'should haves'. Don't keep replaying the same scenarios over and over in your head. Have faith in what will be - turn to the future. Focus on

your plans and goals and soon, you will see a difference. Have faith that one day, all this pain will be behind you.

Your fear will become your limit if you don't face it

Once you accept what needs to be accepted, you need to start facing your fears. Accept the fact that your ex has moved on with someone new and start thinking of all the new things they might do with their new partner, all the places they might visit together. This will break your heart but it will also recover you once you're done imagining all sorts of things. After a point, you will become immune to these visualizations. It won't bother you as much.

Change your self-awareness to change the situation

Self-awareness is all about being entirely conscious of yourself at all times. Being better than anyone else, being in control of your feelings and thoughts. It won't help you erase the thoughts you don't like, but at least, you will be aware of everything going inside of you. The

point of self-awareness is to recognize that your imaginations are not real. This way, you'll stop your thinking process before it floods you.

You become what you think

The reality around you is responsible for your mental images. Your mind has the power to create your world and if you keep thinking about your ex, trying to figure out how to stop thinking about them with someone else, your breakup and grief start to define you. At this point, you need to start shifting your thoughts. The moment you find yourself thinking about your ex, stop right there, look at the first thing you notice around you and start observing the details. What's important is to be present at the moment. Turn on all of your five senses. What do you see? What do you hear? What do you smell? Before you know it, your thoughts will drift away as far as possible.

They gave you the scissors, cut them off

'Out of sight, out of mind' is definitely a true saying and it works if you let it. Your past is called the past for a reason. Your ex decided to part ways with you and it's time to cut this person out of your life for good. Break all ties, stop stalking them on social media, stop talking to the people they are friends with, live in the moment, be more self-aware.

How to start running and keep at it

You're more likely to hurt yourself if you haven't been very active lately, so take it slow, even if you feel great. If you're over 50 and haven't done regular exercise in a while, or you have a long-term condition like diabetes or heart disease, talk with your doctor before you start to run.

Test your fitness level: You may have some idea of how fit you are, but it's good to have numbers to compare as you go. Take your pulse right before and after you walk a mile. Do the same for a 1.5-mile run (if you feel fit enough), and time it. About 6 weeks in to your running routine, check those numbers again — they can tell you something about how far you've come.

Set a Goal: It's hard to get somewhere if you don't know where you're going. Do you want to finish a 5K race? Lose weight? Improve your health? Decide what you want to do so you can make the right plan to help get you there. And remember to measure your distance, weight, blood pressure — whatever's linked to your goal — so you can track your progress. It'll help keep you motivated.

Plan it out: Whatever your goal, a good plan will help you get there safely. It should tell you where to start, how quickly to add to your mileage, when to rest, and how to keep from getting hurt — and it should do this on a day-by-day basis. Find a training schedule that works for you or check with your doctor or a licensed exercise professional if you're not sure where to start.

Start Easy: If you need to work your way up, you can start by walking and begin to run gradually, as you feel comfortable. A good goal is to get at least 150 mi-

nutes a week of "moderate aerobic activity," like walking, or 75 minutes of "vigorous aerobic activity," like running. Spread those minutes out over the course of a week.

Warm Up: This eases you into your run and may help prevent injury and keep your muscles from being sore. If you're going for a fast walk, walk slowly for 5 to 10 minutes first. If you're going for a run, start with a brisk walk or slow jog.

Listen to your body: If you get dizzy, feel sick, or can't catch your breath, stop — you're probably overdoing it. Be flexible with your schedule as you get started. Take a couple of days off to get your strength back if you need to.

Cool Down: This lets your heart rate and blood pressure ease back into their normal ranges after your run. You do it the same way you warmed up: Slow down and go for another 5 to 10 minutes.

Stretch: When you run, your muscles get tighter. These exercises can help keep your joints loose and get more blood to those areas. Stretch major muscles after your run, not before: Be gentle, breathe freely, and try to hold each one around 30 seconds. A running guide or exercise professional can help with the right moves for you.

Rest: It's natural to kick off your new hobby with enthusiasm, but don't overdo it. In addition to starting slow, you also need to make sure you give your body a break. That can keep you from getting injured and burning out. In fact, "rest days" can be as important as "run days" for your health and for boosting your speed and



distance. They give your body a chance to recover and get stronger.

Make It a Habit: Habits can be hard to shake. Some happen when you're not thinking about them — if you mindlessly pick up a doughnut with your morning coffee, for example. But you can create them too. First you need a cue — an alarm on your phone, maybe — that tells your brain you're about to run. Then you follow it instantly with a reward, like a cup of coffee or a TV show. After a few weeks, your daily run may become a hard habit to break.

Make it social: You're less likely to cancel your workout if you make plans to meet a buddy or a group. It's more fun, too — as you get used to the pace, you should be able to chat easily. A little friendly competition with people at your level also can help you stick to your new routine.

WebMD

Shah Rukh Khan and Sushant Singh Rajput own a piece of moon

India achieved a remarkable feat with Chandrayaan-3 accomplished a soft-landing on the Moon's southern pole on 23 August. With this achievement, the culmination of pivotal phase of lunar exploration heralds. The moon rover Pragyan rolled out from the lander Vikram to begin its exploration of the uncharted lunar surface, ISRO said on social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter. But did you know two actors already own a piece of land on moon. Yes. Shah Rukh Khan and late Sushant Singh Rajput owned a piece of land on moon. A report by Live Mint:

In a throwback interview in 2009, SRK had revealed that a lady from Australia has been buying a little land for him every year on his birthday. The actor owns sought-



after area on moon which is known as the Sea of Tranquility. As per India.com report, the price of 1-acre which is approximately 43,560 sq ft or 4,047 sq mtrs is around \$37.50 and the actor has been gifted several acres there.

In an old interview with Zee News he had said, "An Australian lady buys a little land on the moon for me every year on my birthday. She has been buying it for a while now and I get these certificates from the Lunar Republic Society. She writes me colourful emails (in the sense one line is red, one is blue and so on). I feel blessed to have the love of so many people worldwide," as reported by India Today.

Late actor Sushant Singh Rajput also owns a land on the moon. In 2018, the late actor had purchased a piece of land on the far side of the moon called the Mare Muscoviense or the 'Sea of Muscovy.' As per reports, the price the piece of land on the moon had cost him Rs5.5 million. The late actor also an advanced telescope named Meade 14" LX600. This helped him watch the piece of his land from his home.



Shaheer Sheikh making his Bollywood debut with Kriti Sanon starrer 'Do Patti'?

Popular star Shaheer Sheikh is a prominent name in the entertainment industry and has a huge fan following. Over the years, Shaheer has been a part of several shows, music videos, and other projects and entertained the audience with his talent. The actor was last seen in a daily soap titled *Woh Toh Hai Albelaa* where he starred opposite Hiba Nawab. Now, it seems like Shaheer is all set to achieve a new milestone in his career, reports Pinkvilla.

Yesterday, *Do Patti* producer Kanika Dhillon, a popular and talented screenwriter and author, took to her social media handle and shared a few pictures from her birthday celebration. In these photos, *Do Patti* star cast such as Kriti Sanon, Kajol and more enjoying the party. Along with them, we also see Shaheer Sheikh attending the birthday bash. Well, these photos have now sparked speculations that Shaheer might soon make his Bollywood debut by starring in Kriti Sanon's upcoming film *Do Patti*.

However, Shaheer Sheikh has not yet announced his Bollywood debut. But after seeing him celebrating with *Do Patti* star cast we are sure his fans are now on the edge of their seats to know more about it.

Kriti Sanon's upcoming film *Do Patti* is a mystery-thriller that is backed by Kriti Sanon, Kanika Dhillon and Netflix. Along with producing it, Kriti is also a part of the film. *Do Patti* also stars Kajol in an important role.

About Shaheer Sheikh's life: Speaking about his personal life, Shaheer got married to his long-time girlfriend, Ruchika Kapoor, in 2020. The duo embraced parenthood and welcomed their first child, a daughter, Anaya, in September 2021.

Yami Gautam: I don't think anyone wants to be known as a typical mainstream Bollywood heroine

OMG 2 is actor Yami Gautam's latest hit, following the success of *A Thursday*, *Dasvi*, *Lost* and *Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga*. As the Akshay Kumar and Pankaj Tripathi-starrer is creating a storm at the ticket windows, Yami told Hindustan Times during an interview why she wasn't stressed about *OMG 2*'s box office clash with Sunny Deol's *Gadar 2* before the release.

Many have been giving credit to *OMG 2* and *Gadar 2* for reviving the theatres. Yami says, "You don't think about these clashes right? Having a clash or not, you cannot predict. I had a gut feeling about *OMG 2*. I was certain about it. You can never be 100 percent sure but I had a positive feeling about it. It comes from the writer and director, and how they present it. It's such a sensitive subject; how do you make it a family film? That was a challenge to not shy away from. Amit (Rai) handled the writing superbly. When I read the script I was very sure that the story needs to be told exactly from this perspective."

Yami believes *OMG 2* team had the right intentions even when many questions were raised before the release. "*OMG 2* emphasises on the fact that with the right intention and craft, it's very rare that the film won't have its reward. I have not been disappointed. I have begun my career with Vicky Donor," she adds. Her debut film paved the way for films with social messages.

Yami has been juggling between a variety of genres, ranging from mystery to thriller to crime films and even drama comedy. But, does she think about starring as a typical mainstream Hindi film heroine in any future projects? The actor answers, "Everyone has their own way of reaching that mainstream cinema."

"When it comes down to business, I may not be doing those typical roles and I am very happy with what I have. Of course, I love music and dance. If I



feel any time there's such an opportunity for me, I have to see if that role has something potential, something to do as an actor. Every actor has a certain audience and expectations. Suddenly If I am doing something, out of the intention, that now I need to do this, and not I want to do it, then I don't think it would be a wise decision it would show in my work," she said.

"I can still be a mainstream actor and do *Bala* or *A Thursday*. I have gotten feedback like 'If Yami is in the film then let's watch'. That is the kind of audience I am building. I don't know the definition of a typical Bollywood heroine in today's time. I don't think anyone wants to be known as that," she added.

Here is how much 'Wagle Ki Duniya's actors take home as salary



Wagle Ki Duniya is one of the most popular shows on television today. The show is based on the characters created by R.K Laxman. The television series is quite relatable as it revolves around the common man and his everyday issues.

The show stars Sumeet Raghavan, Pariva Pranati, Aanjan Srivastav, Bharati Achrekar, Chinmayee Salvi, Sheehan Kapahi in lead roles among others. The show is produced by Jamnadas Majethia who has produced shows like *Khichdi*, *Sarabhai Vs Sarabhai*.

Wagle Ki Duniya has been winning hearts ever since the first day with its episodes set around different social issues which are linked to the common man.

If you are a fan of the show, we are sure you would want to know more about the cast. So, today, we thought

of sharing the per episode fees of your favourite stars from the show.

Cast Salary Per Episode

Sumeet Raghavan: The actor plays a common middle-class man, Rajesh Srinivas Wagle who works at a courier company. Sumeet Raghavan is best known for shows like *Sarabhai Vs Sarabhai*, *Sajan Re Jhooth Mat Bolo* among others. As per a report by Showbiz galore, he charges INR 40,000 per episode.

Pariva Pranati Sachdev: Pariva Pranati too is a popular face of the Telly and Bollywood world. She was earlier seen in shows like *Hamari Sister Didi*. The actress has also acted in movies like *Talaash With Love*, *Delhi, Vaada Raha* among others. She reportedly charges INR 30,000 per episode.

Aanjan Srivastav: Veteran actor Aanjan Srivastav can be seen playing Rajesh Wagle's father. He has

been a part of many popular movies including *Pukar*, *Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa*, *Khuda Gawah*, *Chak De India* among others. For the show *Wagle Ki Duniya*, the actor charges INR 20,000 per episode.

Bharati Achrekar

Best known for movies like *Beta*, *Desi Boyz*, *Chashme Baddoor*, *Coolie No. 1*, Bharati Achrekar plays Radhika Wagle on the show. As per a report by Showbiz galore, she charges INR 18,000 per episode.

Chinmayee Salvi: The actor plays the daughter of Rajesh Srinivas Wagle and Vandana Rajesh Wagle. The 18-year-old actress enjoys a great fan following on social media. Reportedly, Chinmayee Salvi charges INR 22,000 per episode.

Sheehan Kapahi: The child artist plays Atharva Rajesh Wagle on the show. He is the younger sibling of Sakhi Wagle. For the show, he takes home INR 10,000 per episode as per a report by Showbiz galore.

The show recently completed 300 episodes. Talking about the same, Pariva Pranati, in an interview with an entertainment portal said, "What I love the most about *Wagle Ki Duniya* is how the show makes it so easy for the audience to relate with and keeps everything real. The issues that the show reflects on, need to be spoken about and such representation makes it easier for a lot of people to inculcate good values and practice them in their everyday life."

Anupamaa: Here's why Arvind Vaidya aka Bapuji was missing from the show



Anupamaa actor Arvind Vaidya has opened up on why he wasn't a part of the track, which had all the lead actors.

Anupamaa actor Arvind Vaidya, who plays Bapuji, had been missing in several episodes, which showed the entire *Anupamaa* cast. He was not been seen on sets since almost a month. Arvind has now revealed that he was on a family holiday in the US.

Arvind was also not a part of the track, which had the *Anupamaa* family bidding the titular character, played by Rupali Ganguly, goodbye as she left for the US. The 82-year-old said that he would resume work soon after he returns from the US.

Arvind Vaidya on his US trip

Talking about his US trip, Arvind told The Times of India in a recent interview, "My son lives with his family in Atlanta, and I had applied for leave in January itself, and booked our tickets. My wife and I left for the US on June 4 and at that time, this track had not been planned. I had shot for my episodes and left."

On missing the *Anupamaa* shoot, he added, "I am missing being on the set and especially since there is a crucial track going on with *Anupama* leaving for US. But I really couldn't do anything because this trip was planned much in advance."

Rupali on why Anupamaa is a success

Rupali Ganguly plays the titular character in the show which continues to rule the small screen. She recently spoke about why the show is so relatable and successful.

She told Hindustan Times in an interview, "*Anupamaa* struck a chord with the audience because of Rajesh's fantastic vision and his team of writers and executors, his directors, his DOP, everybody who kind of made that vision believable."

On how the show is a deviation from the existing trend on TV, she said, "What generally in TV industry is about young girls being made mothers of sons aged 20-25. So, Rajan kept the timelines and the age lines very real and I think that is what predominantly connected. I think a lot of blessings are behind the show's success."

YOUR STARS

SAGITTARIUS: NOV 22 - DEC 21

You've got an adventure waiting for you! It will be difficult to ignore the wanderlust that you feel. Whether it's a whimsy trip or trying out a new hobby, don't be afraid to venture into the unknown. Your sunny disposition will bring you new friendships as well as other people who exude positivity.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 16, 25, 31, 36, 40

CAPRICORN: DEC 22 - JAN 19

During the upcoming week, let your determination be the engine that propels you forward. There is a chance that difficulties will develop, but your resilience will carry you through them. Keep your eye on the prize at the end of the race and don't forget that every obstacle is only practice for the next one. Maintain an open mind and a humble demeanour.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 7, 10, 12, 15, 30

AQUARIUS: JAN 20 - FEB 18

During the coming week, you will discover ideas and motivation in the strangest of places. Embrace novel concepts and work together with those who think similarly to you. Your one-of-a-kind point of view will be recognized, and it just might open doors to fascinating prospects. Maintain your commitment to your vision and have faith in the process.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 21, 33, 34, 36, 38

PISCES: FEB 19 - MAR 20

Explore the depths of your feelings and discover the desires that lie deep within you. Meditation and the expressing of oneself creatively can bring about clarity and healing. You may be reminded of the wonder of serendipity when a random meeting results in a meaningful connection with another person. Put your faith in your gut instinct and go where your heart leads you.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 7, 15, 20, 36, 37

Aries: Mar 21 - Apr 19

You are being prodded by the force of the universe's energy to make choices that will have an effect on your future. Put your faith in your gut feelings and try not to be too chicken to try new things. Your fiery temperament will lead you through difficulties, and towards the end of the week, you will have an unexpected encounter that will bring you delight and clarity.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 7, 9, 20, 27, 31

TAURUS: APR 20 - MAY 20

The sturdy temperament you are known for will be put to the test. Your preference is for consistency; yet the stars indicate that being open to change may result in unexpected benefits. A leap of faith is going to be required in order to take advantage of the forthcoming financial prospects. Talk things over with a trusted companion before making any life-altering choices.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 11, 16, 20, 23, 40

GEMINI: MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Because of your dual nature, you are able to see both sides of every problem, but it is critical that you communicate your feelings in an unambiguous manner. It's possible that an accidental encounter could lead to great chances, both romantically and professionally. Always keep an open mind and keep in mind that the best things can occasionally come from the most unexpected places.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 7, 11, 27, 30, 36

CANCER: JUNE 21 - JULY 22

You'll notice that you're thinking a lot about decisions and relationships you've made in the past. Take advantage of this opportunity to mend old wounds and go forward without looking back. It's possible that a member of your family may contact you with some unexpected news, which will serve as a reminder of the significance of maintaining connections.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 18, 21, 29, 31, 35

LEO: JULY 23 - AUG 22

The magnetic allure of your personality will be on full display. In the not-too-distant future, there will be chances for leadership and distinction. On the other hand, be careful not to let your pride get in the way. Pay attention to people's comments and always keep in mind that working together can result in more achievement. It's also possible that a romantic interest will come into focus.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 19, 25, 31, 36, 40

Virgo: Aug 23 - Sept 22

This is a good week for you, Virgo, to pay attention to the little things. Your ability to think critically will be your greatest strength, especially when it comes to issues that are relevant to your career. However, it is imperative that you make time for your own self-care. A quick getaway or starting a new pastime can provide the mental reset and relaxation that you require.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 13, 16, 17, 33, 34

LIBRA: SEPT 23 - OCT 22

At work as well as at home, you'll find that you have to juggle a number of different duties. Keep in mind the importance of prioritizing your own self-care and delegating tasks where appropriate. It's possible that an old buddy may show up in your life again, bringing with them feelings of nostalgia as well as the possibility to revitalize a valued friendship.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 7, 14, 20, 21, 31

SCORPION: 23 OCT - 21 NOV

The surfacing of profound feelings can lead to events that have a transforming effect. Accept these emotions as part of who you are and work to transform yourself as a result of them. There is also a possibility that a mystery will develop, putting your skills as an investigator to the test. Put your faith in your gut instinct, and don't be afraid to explore the depths of the unknown.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 33



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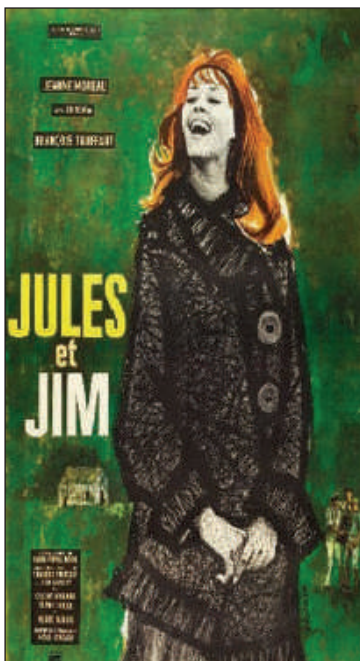


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MBC 1

05.31 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
06.00 Serial: Imperio De Mentiras
07.18 Serial: Le Livre Perdu Des...
08.09 Serial: Newton's Law
08.52 Serial: Blue Bloods
09.40 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
10.05 Tele: Amour Secret
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter
10.50 Tele: Marimar
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel
13.45 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
14.10 Serial: The Magicians
15.21 Film: Meteor
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
17.59 Live: Samachar
18.31 Serial: Waggle Ki Duniya
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
20.30 Film: Last Rampage
Avec: Robert Patrick, Heather Graham...

MBC 2

07.06 Eclairage Economique
09.32 Local: Radio Vision
10.27 Rodrig Prog: Saver Lokal
11.00 Local: Le Rendez Vous
12.00 Rodrig: Feminin Pluriel
13.07 Eclairage Economique
13.35 Local: Tous Egaux
13.50 Rodrig Mo Pei
14.29 Local: Itinerer Moris
15.13 Rodrig Prog: Zenn Aktif
16.40 Local: En Forme
17.06 Local: Radio Vision
18.04 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
18.30 Tele: Amour Secret
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.30 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef
19.45 Local: Son Ladan Mem
21.31 Local: Radio Vision
22.28 Local: Mots & Ecrits
22.54 La Journee Sous Le Regard
23.00 Zournal Kreol

MBC 3

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
07.33 Serial: Selfie With Bajrangi
08.04 Shrawan Maas Sandesh
08.30 Local: Hindi Sahitya 2023
08.56 Excerpts From Shiv Abhishek
09.40 Local: Charcha
10.05 Serial: Kundali Bhagya
12.00 Film: Ram Tera Desh
Starring: Hema Malini, Vijayendra Ghatge, Ashok Kumar
15.00 Live: Samachar
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain
15.59 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Tark Vitark
19.00 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
20.00 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
20.30 Film: Shrawan Kumar
23.27 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.31 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

MBC 5

06.03 Mag: Eco At Africa
08.47 Mag: Tomorrow Today
09.16 Mag: Washington Forum
10.28 Doc: Fed Up With Machismo
11.11 Mag: Eco At Africa
13.10 Doc: Cuisine Sauvage
13.56 Mag: Tomorrow Today
14.55 D.Anime: Kids Songs
15.12 D.Anime: Early Learning
15.26 D.Anime: All Hail King Julien
15.48 D.Anime: Voltron
16.16 D.Anime: Gon
16.38 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
17.02 Mag: D.I.Y. Discover
16.55 Serial: Monster Hunt
17.28 Mag: National Anthem
17.30 Mag: In Good Shape
18.05 Mag: Rev
18.31 Mag: Healthy Living
19.31 Mag: Check In
20.02 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin

Bollywood TV

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.30 Film: Hai Apna Dil Toh Awara
Starring Sahil Anand, Divya Chouksey, Sareh Far
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.03 Udaariyaan
19.33 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise...
20.06 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.38 Radha Krishna
21.08 Anupama
21.37 Mere Sai
22.08 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
22.29 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey
23.06 Patiala Babes
23.30 Film: Hai Apna Dil Toh Awara
Starring Sahil Anand, Divya Chouksey, Sareh Far
02.00 Kundali Bhagya

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06.30 Serial: Seal Team
07.30 Film: Bull Shark
08.55 Serial: The Equalizer
09.40 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
10.05 Tele: Amour Secret
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter
10.50 Tele: Marimar
11.15 Serial: Timeless
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel
13.40 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
14.15 Serial: The Equalizer
15.21 Film: Last Rampage
17.30 The Gardener's Daughter
18.31 Serial: Waggle Ki Duniya
18.55 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Journal & La Meteo
20.30 Serial: Chicago Med
21.15 Film: Jules Et Jim
22.58 Tele: Sublime Mensonge

07.30 Local: Priorite Sante
09.02 Local: Zeness Dime
09.30 Local: Radio Vision
11.00 Local: Music Tour 2022
12.03 Rodrig: Plat Du Chef
12.30 Sur La Piste De La Crecerelle
13.17 Local: Priorite Sante
14.30 Local: Rodrig Prog
14.49 Prod: Nu Rasinn
15.35 Local Glwar Dantan
16.45 Local: Music Tour 2022
18.00 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
18.32 Tele: Amour Secret
19.00 Zournal Kreol
19.30 Rodrig Spor
20.00 Local: Saver Kiltirel
21.26 Local: Les Klips
22.18 Local: Proze Dime
22.51 La Journee Sous Le Regard
23.20 Local: Come On Let's Dance
00.12 Local: Rodrig: Sa Lavi-La

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.30 Local: Bhojpuri Dhamaka
08.56 Prakriti Ki God Mein
09.37 Chikitsa Aur Swasthya
10.00 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
11.32 Serial: Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Mere Bhaiya
Starring: Vijay Arora, Nazima, Suresh Chatwal
15.30 Serial: Dulhin Uhe Jo Nanad Man Bhawe
16.01 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki
17.30 Serial: Radha Krishna
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Local: Shrawan Maas Sandesh
19.39 Local: Anjoria
20.00 Local: Virasat
20.35 Film: Bandhan Rakhi Ka
22.39 Serial: Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.01 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

06.30 Mag: Healthy Living
08.01 Doc: Expedition Kachgar
08.55 Mag: Euromaxx
09.48 Doc: Fine Arts Sculptures
10.33 Doc: Healthy Eyes
11.23 Doc: Smoothe Mania
11.47 Mag: Healthy Living
12.47 Mag: Check In
14.30 Mag: Human Nature
14.58 D.Anime: Anna Et Ses Amis
15.12 D.Anime: Early Learning
15.14 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
15.48 D.Anime: Voltron
16.12 D.Anime: Kika Et Bob
16.38 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
17.02 Mag: D.I.Y. Discover
17.07 Serial: Monster Hunt
17.31 Mag: National Anthem
18.00 Doc: Smoothe Mania
19.30 Mag: The Inside Story
20.00 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.30 Film: Raksha Bandhan
Starring: Akshay Kumar, Bhumi Pednekar, Sadia Khateeb, Sahejmeen Kaur, Smriti Srikanth, Deepika Khanna
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise..
20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.30 Radha Krishna
21.06 Anupama
21.36 Mere Sai
22.05 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
22.31 Kabhi Kabhie ittefaq Sey
22.58 Patila Babes
23.26 Film: Raksha Bandhan
02.09 Serial: Kundali Bhagya

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06.00 Serial: Seal Team
07.15 Serial: Imposters
08.05 Serial: Chicago Med
09.35 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
09.55 Tele: Amour Secret
10.30 The Gardener's Daughter
10.55 Tele: Marimar
12.00 Le Journal
12.25 Tele: Sublime Mensonge
13.15 Tele: Fierce Angel
13.45 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
14.10 Serial: The Magicians
15.22 Film: The Grey
17.15 The Gardener's Daughter
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Serial: Waggle Ki Duniya
18.56 Serial: Mere Dad Ki Dulhan
19.30 Le Journal
20.30 Film: Housefull 3
Stars: Akshay Kumar, Nargis Fakhri, Jacqueline Fernandez

07.09 Local: Toc Toc Doc
09.01 Local: Proze Dime
11.00 Local: Les Klips
12.03 Local: Rodrig Spor
12.31 Local: Saver Kiltirel
13.08 Local: Toc Toc Doc
13.23 Local: En Forme
13.42 Local: Agir Ensemble
14.09 Rodrig: Klip Seleccion
15.40 Local: Come On Let's Dance
17.05 Local: Radio Vision
18.00 Tele: Imperio De Mentiras
18.31 Tele: Amour Secret
19.00 Live: Zournal Kreol
19.20 Le Mag De L'Emploi
19.41 Rodrig: Li Bon Ou Konnin
19.48 Local: Les Grandes Lignes
20.30 Local: Mots & Ecrits
21.00 Local Radio Vision
23.00 Le Journal
23.20 Local: Groov'in

07.00 Serial: Chacha Bhatija
08.04 Local: Tirth Yatra
08.31 Local: Bhai Behen Ka Pyar
08.56 Local: Raksha Bandhan
09.22 Local: Virasat
09.48 Local: Gyan Vigyan
10.03 Serial: Suhani Si Ek Ladki
11.27 Radha Krishna
12.00 Film: Meri Nimmo
15.30 Serial: Badki Malkaain
16.00 Serial: Agniphera
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Sayings Radha Krishna
18.45 Local: Talk On Vedas
19.06 Local: Aradhna Ramayan
20.03 Local: Hunarbaaz
20.49 Serial: Surya Puran
21.56 Serial: Jag Jaanani Maa
22.17 Jijaji Chhat Par Hain
23.19 Serial: Yeh Teri Galiyan

06.03 Mag: Motorweek
07.34 Mag: The Inside Story
10.32 The Rocky Road To Tokyo
11.21 Mag: Motorweek
11.47 Mag: Vous Et Nous
12.24 Mag: Arts Unveiled
13.20 Doc: Nos Cinq Sens
14.30 Mag: Human Nature
15.13 D.Anime: Early Learning
15.15 D.Anime: Robin Des Bois
15.28 D.Anime: All Hail King Julien
15.51 D.Anime: Voltron
16.14 D.Anime: Kika Et Bob
16.41 D.Anime: Hunter X Hunter
16.57 Mag: D.I.Y. Discover
17.28 Mag: National Anthem
18.43 Mag: Carnet De Sante
19.00 Student Support Programme
19.30 Mag: Tomorrow Today
20.01 Tele: Le Chemin Du Destin
20.50 Film: Le Dernier Metro

14.25 Zindagi Mere Ghar Aana
15.15 Film: Vivah
Stars: Shahid Kapoor, Amrita Rao, Anupam Kher, Alok Nath
18.00 Live: Samachar
18.30 Kundali Bhagya
19.00 Udaariyaan
19.30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise..
20.00 Sasural Simar Ka 2
20.30 Radha Krishna
21.02 Anupama
21.30 Mere Sai
22.01 Kismat Ki Lakiron Se
22.31 Kabhi Kabhie Ittefaq Sey
22.59 Patiala Babes
23.30 Film: Vivah
Stars: Shahid Kapoor, Amrita Rao, Anupam Kher, Alok Nath
02.00 Kundali Bhagya
02.30 Serial: Udaariyaan



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Stars: Shahid Kapoor, Amrita Rao, Anupam Kher, Alok Nath



Jeudi 31 août - 20.30

Stars: Akshay Kumar, Nargis Fakhri, Jacqueline Fernandez



The Other Side of Mauritius

By Sydney S. Chellen

Just like a coin, there are two sides to the island of Mauritius. The tourist brochures like to portray her bright side, such as her crystal-clear turquoise waters, her beautiful beaches with perfect white sand, her countless palm trees swaying gently in the breeze and smiling waiters serving cold drinks to their visitors lazing on the beach in their deck chairs soaking in the sun. Sadly, for an island usually described as paradise she has a dark side too, which is pushed under the carpet.

As she is my homeland perhaps, I should keep quiet, but to do so I will be doing her a disservice. As a Mauritian living abroad, after being away for over a quarter of a century, when I first paid her a visit, wherever I went and met old friends, relatives and even distant acquaintances including strangers, they all had two principal questions for me: *How do you find Mauritius? Have you noticed any changes?*

I was able to answer the second question without any problem. However, I was reluctant to answer the first question conscious of the reaction I might get if I told the truth and nothing but the truth, as I saw it.

Suddenly, I remembered, when I was only fifteen years old, I watched my first Indian movie at a cinema called Roxy, in a town named Beau-Bassin, Mauritius. The film was in Hindi and being a Tamil by birth, I understood nothing of what the actors were saying. Still, I enjoyed the singing and dancing, which are common features in Bollywood movies, and I was able to more or less make out the story line. While I won't spoil it by revealing the title of the film, it gave me an idea. How about I adapt the story and write a novel setting it in Mauritius? Hmm... Without much ado, I put pen to paper. Now that it is completed, I would like to share it with you. It won't surprise me if some readers find some of its contents unpalatable or even insulting, but rest assured no offence is intended. After all, it is just my view... just as it was the view of one man who apparently led Mark Twain to say: *"God created Mauritius first, and then made a copy which He called Heaven."*

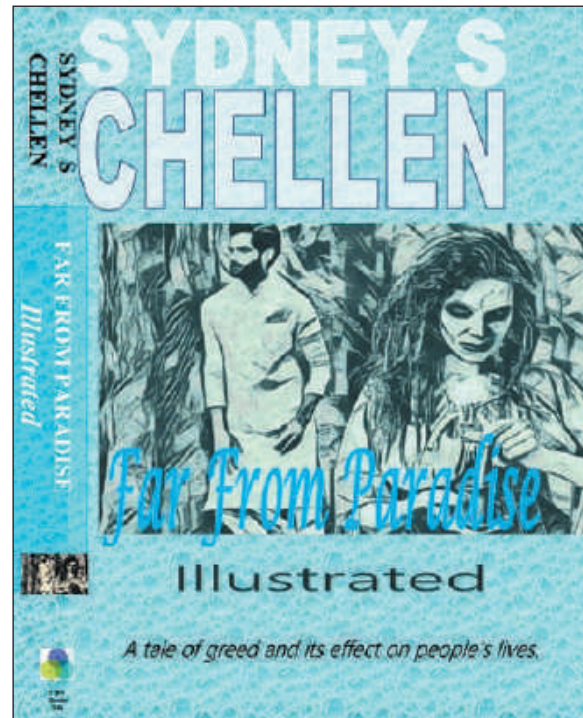
Well, this is of course the rosy side. Begging the question is... did Mark Twain really say those words about Mauritius? No doubt, as proud Mauritians, we want to feel valued, to feel that we are as good as, if not better than, the rest of the world. Often when asked where we are from, we would say Mauritius proudly and refer to Mark Twain. It gives us a sense of pride — we are as good as Paradise. Unfortunately,

deep in our hearts we know this is far from the truth. That said, the island the French called Ile-de-France renamed Mauritius by the British, has, admittedly, come a long way since independence and has made great progress but alas it is still *far from paradise*. In time though, it might probably get there.

Meanwhile, it is quite noticeable that we now have long motorways; huge shopping centres which are fairly comparable to those in Europe; and most people have been able to do away with their thatched houses and replace them with bricks and mortar; swapped their carts and bovine animals for motor bikes or cars — (which are all signs of prosperity) — but these are mere material things! The real change that is still sparse is one of attitudes, which guides our behaviour! For examples, wouldn't it be nice:

- (a) if motorists showed regard and consideration to other road users and for God's sake be economical with the use of the horns;
- (b) if pedestrians could use zebra crossings when crossing the roads, instead of behaving like they own the roads ignoring the fact that it is the motorists who pay for road building, repairs and maintenance;
- (c) if checkout operators and sales assistants offered their services with a smile, understanding that customers who feel welcomed are more likely to return!
- (d) if repairmen e.g., plumbers, electricians, and builders turned up to do their jobs when they say they will, or at least have the courtesy to inform their customers they won't be able to make it and graciously offer an apology instead of ignoring or rejecting their calls.

These are basic human decorum, a basic show of respect for others. Whilst the list above submits just a few cases, they, nevertheless, illustrate my points and give an indication where changes are desperately required.



Since every novel has to have a title, I decided to call this one: *Far From Paradise*. In writing it, I have deliberately highlighted some of the dark sides of Mauritius, not out of malice but out of love for a country that gave me a start. I hope that my observations will bring about the necessary changes. In this novel, all characters are products of my imagination. Those who haven't got their head buried in the sand will recognise that some elements of this work rings true, because they are based on true-life situations observed during several of my visits to Mauritius.

One important clarification: Wherever I have used the term Dodoland in the text, it does not mean that the country is heading towards the same fate as the extinct bird. It is merely a stamp, a tag referring to the fact that Mauritius is the land where the dodos once lived. Despite any negatives connotations, Mauritius has overtaken Seychelles—the first African country in the annual ranking of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)—and is currently graded as the most developed African country. Nice as it is to see Mauritius fronting the race; it would be much nicer to see her winning the final! Sadly, this is unlikely to happen until there is a huge shift in attitude from the locals!

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Tree of Knowledge

Madisyn Taylor

Being Your Own Village

Sometimes we need to be our own village by utilizing all of our skills and learning more.

Simple survival requires us to be in possession of many skills. The pursuit of dreams requires many more. Most individuals rely on the support of a village, whether peopled by relatives or community members, to effectively address the numerous ways we need assistance. This can mean anything from asking favours of acquaintances and leaning on loved ones for support to paying a skilled artisan to handle specialized tasks.

However, each human being is born with the capacity to be their own village. We embody many roles throughout our lifetimes, all of which are representative of our capacity for self-sufficiency and self-determination. In different moments in our lives, we are our own counsellor, janitor, caregiver, cook, healer, teacher, and student. Our willingness to joyfully take on these roles grants us the power to maintain control over the direction our life's journey takes.

In times past, human beings learned all of the skills needed for survival. Today, the majority of people specialize in a single discipline, which they hone throughout their lives. Thus, many of us feel uncomfortable standing at the helm of our own existence. We question our ability to make decisions concerning our own health, happiness, and welfare, and are left feeling dependent and powerless. But the authority to take ultimate responsibility for our lives is simply a matter of believing that we have the necessary faith and intelligence to cope with any circumstance the universe chooses to place in our path.

Proving that we can each be our own villages through action enables us to accept that we are strong enough to exist autonomously. Cooking, cultivating a garden of fruits and vegetables, undertaking minor home repair, or adopting a healthier lifestyle can help you reassert your will.

Being your own village does not mean embracing isolation, for a balanced life is built upon the dual foundations of the inner and the outer villages. Rather, being your own village is a celebration of your wondrous inner strength and resourcefulness, as well as an acknowledgment of your innate ability to capably steer the course of your life.