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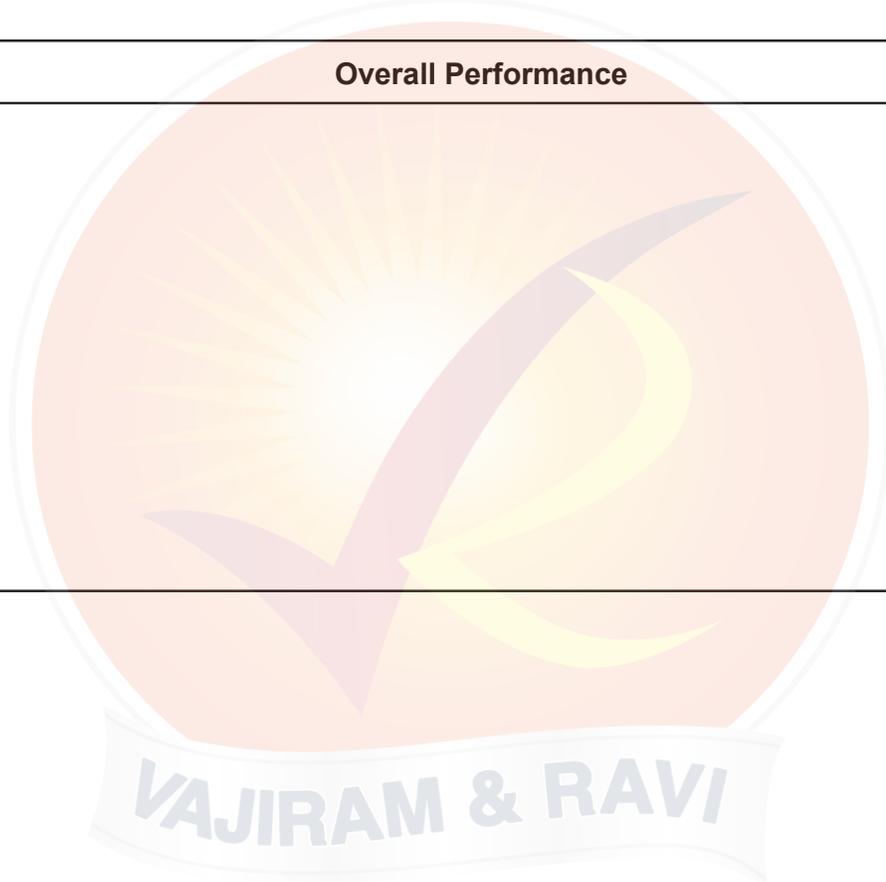
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NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST

It was the sight of an old man, a sick man, a dead body and a wandering ascetic that made the young prince overloaded with jewels to leave home and wander to search for the cause of all of this.

He talked with religious gurus, participated in dialectics of various mathas. He even tried extreme penance, kept fast for several days, only to find a lean body and an unending desire.

It is only when the prince himself meditated and wander into the capillaries of mind. Lost from the outside world's noise



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but aware of every thought within the mind. The young prince finds the destination.

He now was no longer a prince. He became a 'Buddha'. He was now not lost but found a destination. This wandering and finding destination within oneself led to the formation of "Buddhism" and the ultimate idea of golden mean ("madhyama marga")

In this essay, we will learn why people wander - Is it necessary to wander to find a solution? Do all who wander find something or lose too? What about those who are lost? What should be the madhyama marga?



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Starting with the India's case study, where early withdrawal from set date and the horrors of partition led founding fathers of India to wander. They wander from constitution to constitution. They even wandered into the past and even wandered into the future consequences.

It is then the combined efforts led to beautiful constitution of India and the formation of biggest surviving democratic country's foundation took place.

So, wandering can be to find a just state as Plato did or to find the meaning of good life like Aristotle's eudaimonia. It can be wandering within the roads to find a lost key or within the



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intricacies of mind to find truth.

Life is thus, full of wandering. Human beings wander for a settled life, such a irony, while animals wander to find food, water, birds to find a worm for their young ones. Even an electron wander around the wire to produce electricity.

So, it is clear that wandering is necessary. But do all who wander find something and are not lost or they lose something in the journey.

Socrates wandered for democracy but lost his life. Alexander wandered for expansion but lost his army's morale. Columbus wandered for India but lost his men and ~~a~~ even a corporate employee wander for success but lose

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work-life balance.

So, does this mean that the fear of losing something should stop someone from wandering. It is wandering only that helps one to find the meaning of life. Without wandering about the goodness or badness about something, one cannot realise the ultimate good.

Gandhiji wandered into whole India to gather masses and finally led to freedom of India. If he ~~would~~ had stopped because of lack of understanding of Indian masses and Britishers' coercion, things might be different today.

So, we have learnt that it is necessary to ~~to~~ wander to find

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something and in the process, one might lose something. Everything else seems fine-?

Shyam was once wandering about injustices to people. So, he went to social media, where he found a group and came in contact with a person. They talked and wandered into the complexities of life.

Little did Shyam know that he was being brainwashed and sooner he was a part of some terrorist group.

It thus raises a question that wandering can take us to wrong destinations too.

In such situations, one might ~~bet~~ think that it is better to get lost than being a part of mass destruction. One might reach at wrong destination and one might

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even wander for a wrong destination.

Chemical researches for developing a chemical weapon. Researches on technologies to develop tactical weapons. Research on people to mass hire for a militancy. Wandering from places to places for black magic for other family. Even wandering within the mind for taking a leave from school citing a fake cause.

Thus, wandering has both positive and negative results and one can even wander for wrong cause. But if we be ethically and morally correct then one can wander for a right cause and reach at right destination. We can start wandering.?

Xavier started preparing for CAT after his graduation - giving his full

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dedication, wandering among all needed books, he could not clear in his three attempts. He then switched to preparing for SSC, thinking of the same patterned questions but still the same results. He then tried banking exams only to find his precious years of life gone in wandering.

It leads one to think that the wandering can even lead to being lost and not all who wander find something. It is the harsh reality of life. Though Shri Krishna in Bhagavad Gita said that one must keep working without thinking of results.

But at the same time ~~it~~ is when someone don't find anything after lot of wandering, it is said that maybe, it is not written in

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Your destiny. ~~So, des~~

So, destiny and luck plays a part too? It is true that one must wander without ~~or~~ expecting any favorable results or no results at all.

But one must also understand that when one must stop wandering and reroute. Virat Kohli on retiring said he knew it is the time.

Novak, the great tennis player in an interview said when he reach semis and see young blood like Alcazar, Sinner, he stops wandering about ~~find ways to~~ outpass them.

Instead he accepts that his tank is half empty from starting line and accepts the results.

It is thus necessary to understand to bring back those who are lost and develop the

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capacity within one's mind to know the correct time of wandering and when one can rest and even stop.

Now, one might think is it necessary to wander to find something or a well guided, planned, strategised path can too lead to finding something positive.?

Though, it is a general conception that there were two roads diverging into woods and I took the road less travelled and it changed all. But at the same time it is not necessary to reinvent the wheel but must work on making that wheel under a flying vessel known as aeroplane.

History teaches everyone a lesson and learning from those lessons

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before starts wandering is important too because history repeats itself once as a tragedy, second as a farce.

So, what must be the golden mean?

As per Sun Tzu, learn thy enemy. Similarly, if one learns about the wrongs that gonna come in the path then half part is already done. Plan your journey according to the worst possible outcome and prepare to convert that failure into opportunity.

Kautilya did it by establishing the mega Mauryan empire. USA did it by knowing ~~about~~ from Britain and ~~be~~ making Pax-Britannica to Pax-Americana. Even COVID-19 gave the opportunity to all for global collaboration, uplifting the downtrodden and prepare for next such even.

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Thus, a well research an plan can help you and if you got nothing, no one backs you, you are starting from square one then wander. Wander till you finds your destination. and don't stop. Wander till you become a role model for others. because the ship in harbour is safe but it is not for what it made.

Thus, one must keep wandering, keeping in mind when to reroute, when to rest and when take help from others to guide. Knowing the right guide is too important.

The art of wandering and finding something new can make you the next Edison, Newton or the next you. Because why to be the next someone when you can be the first one.

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The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history.

People in United Kingdom were happily living a prosperous life. Industrial Revolution started there and cheap but modern products not only increased per capita income but also standard of living.

There occurred a need for more raw materials. Machines want to produce more. Labour wants to earn more. This paved the way for searching new places for raw materials. Interestingly, they found many such places.

What started as a need soon became greed and started colonising more and more countries. British succeeded too in doing so. But soon more greed led to commercialisation of

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everything, rising inequality, jamines and underdevelopment of countries:

This created a feeling of revenge among colonies and jealousy among western powers leading to world war II.

Sooner what was Pax-Britannica converted to Pax-Americana.

Now, U.S.A. was the new leader of the world. U.S.A created not only economic and military command but also ideological hegemony.

America sustained for long and as per Hegemonic stability theory created stability, providing public goods. But at the same time rising inequalities, protectionism, nationalism, economic crises has led again seeing a decline of hegemon, even George Modelski explains

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it through "100 years rule".

Neither Americans learnt from British decline nor learning from its own mistakes. To understand the issues one must first learn.

Learning is important in every aspect of human life. We learn from books like science for scientific mind, Mathematics for complex mental development, literary books for learning about the past.

People also learn from others. like role models for imitating, our parents to cultivate morals, from society, we develop ethics, our seniors how to handle similar tasks in future.

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We even learn from past experiences of us and even others. Past experiences both bad or good teaches a lesson but sometimes can be dangerous too.

We learn from our society, the everyday happenings, the various culture and diversity, the social harmony and what is right and what is wrong.

We even introspect within ourselves to be a better version of ourselves. Without self reflection, one cannot develop oneself fully.

So, there are various means of learning. Learning helps us to achieve greater good, excellence in life, achieve ethical and great success; help us in integration within the society and learning also help us to

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evolve as per the changing circumstances.

Change happens and it is thus history where we have to look first for learnings. History teaches us

through various events like wars, decline of an empire. History teaches us through various personalities like Grandhiji, Lord Rama, Gautama Buddha.

It also include literary sources written during the times like Vedic samhitas, Buddhist tripitakas, Sufi chronicles. And where literary was absent, even paintings, geometric designs taught us about that period.

We even can learn from history of our own. What we did last year can teach us for upcoming year. The everyday happenings of our life

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can help us learn even more.

So, history has something to give. Now, <sup>the</sup> question arises can we learn from history as it is full of experiences? Will it help us achieve what we want?

Since everyone is unique in itself, be it an individual or society or a nation and thus everyone's history is different and everyone's paths are different too. Thus, history cannot be a reliable source of learning.

Like literary sources, they were written from a ruler's perspective and command, who wants to show only good things about the kingdom and thus such sources can't be used for learning as it will only lead to away from real world's complexities.

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Society too has evolved from early being conservatist to more liberal. The increase in education level has opened the mind for rationalism. This thus made a shift from traditional view like earlier some social evils were considered right. People were against widow remarriage, favoured sati and child marriage.

Thus, history can make one conservatist and accept the status quo. People will accept what it is and as it is happening from generations and will not try to change it, thus blinding the power of moral reasoning.

Also, today is the changing world. With incoming of technology, digital world and people becoming

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more interdependent, there is thus no scope from past where pigeon delivered a post and a nation was divided into multiple nation states.

Human mind, which has limited capacity and always forget in daily life too provides a hindrance. Even if history has to offer some learnings, human mind fails to accept it either due to established prejudices, attitude or the attitude of not to learn from others.

We as humans don't learn even from our own mistakes and often blames it on destiny as it was meant to happen. It thus, prevents us from evolving into a better version of ourselves.

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So, does this mean history has some learnings to offer too if human mind is ready to see? Yes, history has its own learnings to give, both positives as well as negatives.

An individual has the scope of learning from own mistakes. Like a child who failed because of not solving Maths questions for practise.

We can even learn from our contemporaries' past under similar conditions like extremists learnt from moderates' struggle and Gandhiji learnt from side effects of earlier ~~to~~ violent methods of revolutionaries and extremists.

Even Plato learnt from the death of Socrates because of democracy and went on to give his theory of

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philosopher king and Aristotle learning from that gave law as the reason without passion.

History even teaches a society like the increase of women's participation today in every field. Developing from earlier conservatist to a more rational society.

Nations too learn from past like India learning from colonial past ~~today~~ became a crusader against colonialism and apartheid. The destruction caused by nuclear bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki led today to their no use and kept only for deterrence purposes.

Ideologies to learn from past like liberalism & learnt from growing inequality and backlash leading

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to a conversion to social liberalism today which asks for a welfare state with market controls when needed.

Even, nature learns from its past events and extinction events are the results of it making a balance and return to originality for the survival of all humanity.

Thus, history has something to offer and one must develop a rational mind to learn positives from the past and rectify the negatives. Also, blindly relying on the past can be dangerous, thus one must expand the scope from history and go interdisciplinary for a more comprehensive research.

In today's world, one can always use data analytics tools, AI

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to predict consequences, use trial method before full implementation. It will help in absorbing without getting succumbed to the past or any teachings..

Like India learnt from its British colonialism past, wars with China and Pakistan, <sup>pre-</sup>1990s economic crisis. Evolved into world's largest democracy today, following strategic autonomy of multi-alignment and is the fastest growing economy of the world.

Thus, one can utilise ~~to~~ history, but must modify as per situations, rather ~~can~~ blindly relying, use dialectics, reasoning and increasing the scope of learning. As learnings helps one to become the most refined and upgraded version needed for the welfare of humanity.