

## Is Democracy Being Outdated ?

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In the process of evolution mankind achieves a certain level of intelligence and the ruling government reveals the mental status of the people. Monarchy was suitable for acquiescent people. While men of quick intelligence sacrificed their life for establishing democracy. At this stage, the very thought of democracy getting obsolescent sounds to be fanciful. However, let us try to study the rise of democracy in a new light.

Let us go back to prehistoric times to the apes from which we evolved. There must have been very small families at first which must have joined together to form tribes. These tribes must have come together to form small kingdoms which must have widened into empires, gradually giving rise to states. Man living in tribes therefore was mentally and intellectually different from the modern man.

Homosapiens, then dwelt precariously in jungles, afraid of thunder and lightning. In selfdefence against wild animals man fled to his cave for security. He struggled for existence under the influence of hunger, sex and thirst. The frail boat of his life tossed hither

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and thither in\* the tempest of passions. His reactions were more instinctive, while intelligence was just rudimentary. This man didn't have the choice to elect his government. Might was right-A strong individual with quick intelligence, sagacity and cleverness became king. His kith and kin established monarchy whose remnants we find even today.

Kings, then, were aware of their subjects' instinctive impulses. They attempted to channelise these instincts into intellectual pursuits. Welfare of the State, received top priority. Art, commerce, Sports and Scholastics were patronised. Had an attempt for democratic rule been made at this stage, the State would have collapsed because of people being intellectually unprepared. Such people, therefore, deserved to be ruled by benevolent kings. Gradually man became aware of his rights and duties towards the State. Human consciousness itself underwent a revolution giving rise to an emergent form. Man who reacted instinctively gave serious thought to his behavioural pattern became introspective, studied natural laws and deduced certain conclusions.

Astronomy, mathematics, art, physics were the various branches of study over which he began to ponder. Intelligence in man began to grow with which he could meet with the various problems effectively. This was again an important era, more important than the one when apes lost their tails and took to walking

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upright because man was becoming more and more intelligent. Faculty of observation in him sharpened. Philosophers conducted experiments in the subjective world and scientist in the objective world. Philosophers asked questions like what is love, friendship, courage, virtue ? Scientist asked, what is the shape of the earth. What is disease ? Analysis of subtle things like mind, soul, death gave rise to spiritual laws and that of matter to physical laws. After a tedious journey of centuries, after adopting trial and error methods instinctive man became predominantly intelligent.

We all know the wonders this man has achieved. Many revolutions have taken place in religion and social structure. One form of government has changed to another. Monarchy was replaced by dictatorship and oligarchy and finally came the golden light of democracy. White House and House of Commons championed the cause of democratic values. Liberty equality, fraternity and government of the people, by the people and for the people still echo and reecho in three fourth of the world today. Democracy has taken a strong foothold of man's intelligence. No more is there need for man to be subjugated by tyrannical forces. He has the right of free speech. He can choose his party and government. Democracy came into existence, therefore, not as fluke but it marks the culminating point of man's intelligence. I am sure his intellectual acumen will reveal to him his proper palace in the universe. Now he will become fully aware of his rights

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and duties. \*

We are all evolving. Evolution is not a process of stagnation. This chariot ever marches forward. From a unicellular animal it marched forward to form homosapiens. Man's consciousness evolved from instinctive impulses to intellectual perception and now, a critical stage has come when man will be endowed with the capacity of intuitive foresight. Renowned scientists like Maxwell confesses, "Inventions are done by man's faculty which is beyond mind and intelligence." Wasn't the structure of Benzene and discovery of Insulion done intuitively. Intuition springs not from a storm of emotions but is a product of that portion which is beyond the subconscious and unconscious region of mind. Intuition is a scientific fact : an objective proof of subjective investigation of mind. This definition is accepted by and large. But Bertrand Russel thought that even intuition is an outcome of the unconscious mind. He however, could not explain how new theories which never come in the perception of man are invented. But a renowned scientist like Poincare, did believe in the concept that were is a guiding faculty in man which is not dependent on memory, instinct and intelligence this he called intuition.

When man took a leap forward from instinct to intelligence his entire mental and social pattern was revlutionised. Now when he will enter into the realm

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of intuition he must be prepared for a mutation.

The form of government which intuitive people will choose may not be socialistic nor democratic. So the democratic values (we so much cherish today) will crumble down.

Since intuition comes from the deepest core of existence in man, which is in resonance with the cosmic mind, all parochial governments will become outdated and the world government may emerge. Here, there will not be green revolutions nor economic revolutions but there will be frequent revolutions of consciousness. Capitalistic and communistic forces will not try to slander each other, but a new force with the blend of these two will come into existence to rule the world.

Here an individual will not play a role of only electing his government but he will be an important entity in the social administration.

While summing up, I only state that monarchy which is suitable for the man subsisting precariously in caves had to make room for democracy to honour the intelligent man. Similarly democracy will have to make room for a new form of government to meet the challenges of the intuitive-man of posterity.

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**Blessed is he who has found his life mission.**

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