

Pilgrimage to Liberty

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LIBERTY! The very word evokes hope and stirs the inner soul of man. Throughout the course of time, individuals and nations oppressed by the yoke of tyranny or bondage have cried out for liberty and have sought for the comfort of its soothing rays. Revolution and war have often been its price. But, few nations have ever obtained it, let alone maintained it. Why?

Looking at past histories, virtue of its citizens, no doubt, defined the period of liberty in each age & nation. As nations moved away from virtue, they lost their liberty. Virtue truly is the bridge between liberty and sincere civilization. It intersects society and the soul. It is liberty's anchor.

To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in the people is a fancy idea. Whether there is a rule of all people or few people or one person, the goal of government should be to ensure an environment for its citizens to imbibe virtue to liberate & enlighten their minds to attain God and ultimate Happiness. Virtue encompasses characteristics of good will, non-violence, patience, tolerance, kindness, respect, humility, gratitude, courage, honor, industry, honesty, chastity, cleanliness and fidelity. These precepts serve as the foundation for individual and societal governance.

Today what we need is not the spread of a particular type of governance but spread of virtue throughout so that humans attain enlightenment & happiness. The science of the politician consists in fixing the true point of happiness and freedom. Those men would deserve the gratitude of ages, which should discover a mode of government that contained the greatest sum of individual happiness, with the least national expense.

May God Bless You & All.