
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's biography and inspiration for life development

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Abstract

Babasaheb's character as a social reformer, a leader gives great inspiration. As long as his society is in the abyss of ignorance and it does not wake up, Babasaheb used to work many sleepless nights thinking about social transformation and conveying his thoughts to the society through writing. Babasaheb Ambedkar's biography is such an alchemy that even if a small part of it enters the life of a person, he will feel a great positive change in his life. There will be a revolution in that person's life.

Key-Words

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On April 14, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's birth anniversary is celebrated with great enthusiasm all over the world. This day commemorates the life of Babasaheb. The way Babasaheb Ambedkar lived his life has created a great role model for every person in the future generations. Ambedkar's biography gives a great inspiration that we can determine the direction and status of our life by changing the situation in which we were born. In order to focus on the inspiration that can be derived from his biography, only two incidents from his life are mentioned here.

This is the incident in the year of 1901 when Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was nine years old. Babasaheb's father was in Goregaon for work. Babasaheb, his brother and sister's two children were handed over to Ramji Ambedkar's sister while he was out of the village on business. As the father could not get leave from work, he called the children to Goregaon during the summer vacation. All alighted at Masur station at 5 pm. It has been a long time neither father nor any of his men came. When the boys were waiting after all the passengers alighted at the station had left at their convenience, the station master questioned them. There were bullock carts for hire but no one was ready. Because they realized that these children were untouchables. No one was willing to take the children even after paying double the amount. Finally the station master suggested an option to a cartman that he should hand over the cart to these boys if they could drive on foot. Anyhow the driver is ready. Children started traveling by driving the cart and the cartman walking behind. Meal was given to eat with the children on the way but they could not eat it as there was no arrangement of water anywhere. The cart was stopped by a river. When they saw water at that place, it was not fit for even animals to drink, so they reluctantly tied their meals at that place and took it back. Later, during a night stay, he saw if there was a water system at that place, but being an untouchable, no one was willing to give him water. In this way, even when



there was food nearby, they could not eat without water and had to spend so much time starving. Many instances of this type of waterless situation occurred in Babasaheb's life only because he was born in an untouchable caste. Ambedkar had to face such humiliating situations right from his childhood while in school, while living in society, while working in the Baroda State. Perhaps such events may have planted the moment of social revolution in his mind.

The second episode is in the prime of Ambedkar's life. When the constitution was to be created for independent India, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was entrusted and single-handedly as the chairman of the drafting committee. Babasaheb framed the constitution to run this country of India. While living in a country where one's fate was a constant struggle to get even a drop of water after being born in an untouchable caste and in future this person can emerge as the savior of a large mass of people, the champion of dignified living of women, the economist who presents the account of the country's economy, the thinker who presents the welfare of the entire human race, the revolutionary who brings about a great change in the Indian social system, the architect of the Indian Constitution, the Bharat Ratna. No one would have been willing to believe on this fact at the time of Ambedkar's childhood. But we can find that "the Indian Constitution and its drafting process are often seen as synonymous with Ambedkar. He is often referred to as the father of the Indian Constitution, and is probably the most well-known of all Constituent Assembly members." (<https://www.constitutionofindia.net/members/b-r-ambedkar/>) But this impossible miracle from the biography of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar we get to study, experience and give every person a great inspiration to live.

After closely experiencing the structure of Indian society, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's social consciousness became active. He studied extensively the causes and remedies of social inequality. He strongly presented the concept of slavery. His struggle started based on the principle that unless the slave is made aware of his slavery, he will not revolt and rise. For this, he consistently insisted on education. The fundamental message of "learn to organize and fight" was at the core of his movement for social change. While explaining the importance of education, he used to say, "Education is the milk of a tiger. Whoever drinks it will not be left without growling." The medium that transformed Babasaheb Ambedkar's personal life was his education. Living in a social system where education is scarce, he studied and gained higher education with achievement of titles like barrister, doctor and many others from abroad and has contributed to make a great impact on the lives of the people as an editor of many newspapers, writer and thinker. If a person wants to develop his life, education is a great inspiration. We get this motivational message from the biography of Babasaheb Ambedkar.

On the occasion of Ambedkar's birth anniversary, many inspiring thoughts and achievements of this great person should be brought to light and pondered on how they will impact the lives of every individual. While presenting the concept of individual freedom and individual development, Babasaheb says, "He who is not a slave to the situation and is always ready and strives to change the situation according to his needs, I consider him to be free. He who is not a slave to customs, meaningless rituals and celebrations of superstitions and traditions, whose flame of reason is alive, I consider him as an independent." Being independent is very important for the



development of a person. A person bound by many constraints can never face any situation with confidence. His full potential will not change the situation according to his will. An independent person can take steps towards maturity in thinking and feeling. His mental and intellectual world can be enriched. That mental and intellectual development gives him the strength to face every adverse situation that comes in his life. If a person is not free in thought and intellect, he cannot be considered free even if he is not bound by fetters. The inspiring idea that the freedom of the mind is the proof of our existence in the real sense comes from the achievements and personality of Babasaheb. This thought is very necessary for every person while living life as an individual because it is true that a person without independent thought is a dead person. We should be able to decide how we want to live. Our self-respect is in our hands and we should not allow others to trample on it.

“Man constitutes the focal point of Ambedkar’s philosophy and man in the chief subject and object of his study. He developed an unfailing faith in man demonstrated fullest sympathy towards society. He declared that every man should have an opportunity to live a dignified life. According to him life without culture is not worthwhile.” (Sampath Kumar 72) Babasaheb Ambedkar's biography is such an alchemy that even if a small part of it enters the life of a person, he will feel a great positive change in his life. There will be a revolution in that person's life. Babasaheb is a great inspiration for students. Taking such a huge leap in the journey of education in adverse social and economic conditions is a great inspiration for every coming generation in the world. Hence he is honoured among the best and best students of the century by a university like Columbia University. To study for 18 hours a day, to study under the street lamppost at night because there is no lamp in the house, to study constantly because he will not get the book again, not to stop until the book is read completely, to constantly satisfy his hunger for knowledge, realizing that knowledge is necessary for the transformation of society. To try hard, to study many subjects in depth etc. many characteristic habits are a great motivation for every student. It is the need of the hour that Babasaheb Ambedkar should be thoroughly presented as a student to inspire the students in the present time.

Babasaheb's character as a social reformer, a leader gives great inspiration. As long as his society is in the abyss of ignorance and it does not wake up, Babasaheb used to work many sleepless nights thinking about social transformation and conveying his thoughts to the society through writing. This contribution of Ambedkar is presented as “The contribution of Ambedkar towards the upliftment and dignity of the Dalit community is remarkable and phenomenal. The amount of injustice, cruelty, oppression and suppression had given to Dalits, is simply unbelievable and unforgivable. No one try to wipe out this sheer injustice? Ambedkar was a God gift to the Dalit community.” (Sahoo,17) Babasaheb, who gave his every breath and every moment to change the state of society by giving right direction, should be a great inspiration and role model for today's leadership. **“His initiatives have influenced various spheres of life and transformed the way India today looks at socio-economic policies, education and affirmative action through socio-economic and legal incentives”.** ([https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/B. R. Ambedkar](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/B._R._Ambedkar)) Babasaheb Ambedkar played many roles in life, worked and expressed thoughts, gave many



speeches, wrote many articles and books, fought many battles. His every thought, every word, every moment of his life is a high level of inspiration to live life from every person's point of view.

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