

## Faith: Fountain of Treasure

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### ABSTRACT

*This paper deals with the single quality called Faith in multidimensions , analysing its essential presence in the human psyche. Recognition of this particular quality faith , comprehending the need of it in everyday life, applying the same with its vigour, recapitulating some of the events in the annals of the history of mankind to boost up the way of life are certain of the aims of this article. When AI can replace anything in life is becoming an ambience, there are certain things that cannot be replaced by human beings or by their inventions. Such are the qualities those have to be realised and relished with the grace of divine providence.*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

There are many stories and anecdotes that impress us which are related to faith. The most significant one is the story where all the people of the village gather together to pray for rain, with only one small kid of 3 years old come with an umbrella to the prayer. The flawless, natural faith of the child in believing that it would rain after prayer is the reason for the umbrella that she brought even before prayer. Why did not the grownups bring umbrella? Why did not the grownups even think of the trace of rain? The fact that faith is as natural as our breath and fuel to our future is ascertained here. Faith is within. It is not an external factor to be practised or to be acquired. It is latent within us so as the free will is granted to us to govern this fantastic quality called faith.

### BELIEF, TRUST & FAITH :

There is much difference between these qualities. Belief is always dependent upon what you see and understand. When we say that “I believe that AI is emerging out in all fields,” it is on the level of my perception that AI has started pervading in many fields as the results are tangible seen by my eyes and understanding. When I say that I trust AI will create dull heads and the ability of the human brain will diminish in its utility , I affirm and trust the recent studies that are made in the field with due relevancy. When I say that “Come what may, I have my faith placed in God that I cannot be replaced by AI” shows how much of determination do I have in the strength that my God possesses. Among these three qualities, belief, trust and faith , the first two depends upon an external factor to establish itself. But for faith nothing is needed to be established. It is latent and it has a sagacity of purpose. Belief is acquired. Trust is earned and built. Faith is inherent within a human being.

### FAITH AND PSYCHOLOGY

Faith is a quality and hence it is abstract. As it is abstract, it cannot be proven but only experienced and realised. Faith is one of the higher set of values in hierarchy of values. When a human psyche enthrals in faith, it is not just by the rational approval of the notion of faith. It is the inherent certainty that authorises the behaviour of a human beings and provides a definite assurance in the overall psychology of a person's mental framework, solidarity and individual upholding. Faith plays a pivotal role in human beings' individuality and uniqueness, significantly during adolescence and in early adulthood, scaffolding the structure of healthy mental psyche in handling one's oneself and in confronting the world.

### AUTHORITY OF FAITH ON MENTAL HEALTH:

Faith is a source of might and buoyancy influencing psychological comfort in constructive behaviour. Being positive is possible only if the human psyche is tuned by faith. Positive psychology scrutinizes faith as an individual's might and power that supply to the best possible performance of an individual.

Faith and fear are two opposite extreme variants in which the presence of one ensures the absence of another. A human being cannot have fear and faith simultaneously functioning within the human psyche. As how, darkness cannot prevail when there is light, so equally, fear cannot prevail in the mind where faith is.

Human beings who feed “the fear within them” fail from managing terrors and those who feed faith can casually handle terror as a dust. People who are clothed by faith will have much awareness on morality. Faith is always focussed upon truth that is unseen. Will Durant in his book “Story of Philosophy” specifies about Plato opining how a nation cannot be strong unless it believes in GOD. He further states that “we are twice armed if we fight with faith”. Faith is impeccable armour, a mighty shield. Goodness, Inner Light, Flawlessness and truth are the components which becomes a single entity, in turn becoming the foundation of faith.

### **RECAPITULATING “FAITH” FROM THE ANNALS OF THE HISTORY OF MANKIND**

Faith of Shri Addhi Shankara which was propagated as Advaita Vedanta, Faith of Abraham which teaches the world about obedience, trust and faithfulness, Faith of Moses in the “ONE GOD”, Faith of Elijah enduring the trauma and discouragements and trusting only god come what may, Faith of Hagar in Elroi (“The God who sees me”), Faith of Arunagirinathar towards lord Muruga, which Saved him when he jumped from the temple tower of Tiruvannamalai which is a gentle reminder for the verse “The just shall live by faith”.

In the Bible, In Acts, Chapter 15 : 8-9 the verses say “8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; 9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith” which reinstates the fact that however the heart is, in which ever condition it is, it is purified by Faith. The soul penetrating and soul melting compositions of Saiva Nayanars in Thirumurai is a classical example of the majestic portrayal of Faith. Thirumandhiram, the tenth volume of Thirumurai is a fabulous composition which exhibits the quality of Faith in almost all the verses.

There is another fantastic example of Faith as portrayed in the life of Pattinathar, a great devotee of God. Pattinathar born as Thriuvankaadar to Sivanesar and Gnanakamalambigai of Kaveripoompattinam, Tamilnadu was a very rich merchant. On direction of the inner light of his soul, he decided to renounce the pleasures of the worldly riches. During this time it was Rajendra Chozha I who was running the regime. Pattinathar instructed his accountant Sendanar to distribute all his wealth to the needy poor. The Chola King, Rajendra I Chozha, was determinant to hoard the wealth in his royal treasury. This instruction from Thiruverkadar infuriated the king. The act of distribution of all the wealth by Sendanar exasperated the king. He incarcerated Sendanar in prison. Pattinathar’s flawless Faith and his fervent prayers to God broke the shackles in prison and brought out Sendanar. This sort of Faith can break the irons and the shackles are what the mankind should learn.

Yet another fantastic example is from the life of, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego three wonderful pleasing souls from the biblical Book of Daniel. These are well acclaimed for the steadfast and staunch faith. They three were Jewish men who were devoted to the GOD. It was King Nebuchadnezzar who was ruling the kingdom at that time. This king laid the rule that all the citizens must bow down to a golden statue that he had erected. These three Jewish men refused to obey the king. This maddened the king and he ordered these men to be thrown into a blazing furnace. Their unwavering faith and the devotion upon who the faith was brought these men out unscratched and uninjured with not a spark of fire even touching their clothes. This occurrence guided King Nebuchadnezzar to admit the power of their God. Coming out from fire even without a single scratch is the greatest testimony of Faith.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

Faith itself is a treasure. Faith begets indestructible fortune. Faith is the spring water for a wandering soul in the desert of everyday life. Faith is the greatest blessing that a man can ever have within him, a lamp post to guide his soul.

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