

We all start the day in very much the clichéd way ‘the ‘reading of the newspaper’’. Not that there is much to read or anything new to peruse. Or maybe it is the subconscious desire to see something positive, anything joyful. Off late the mind and heart has really begun to wonder the state in which this world is, how is it even alive? Or are we already dead? Figuratively we definitely are, but are we also literally dead?

I began my career as an environmentalist, so my head spins, heart pounds and I grieve every time someone or some Body (both assuming they are greater than God himself) aim their wrath towards animals and birds, trees and plants. Theoretically speaking a level below the man in the evolution ladder, but clearly a species much better than us humans.

It is said that humans have been gifted with both intelligence and will. So we choose to be bad and evil!! And with these two gifts we only ensure the crime perpetuates!

Many times I am screaming inside, trying to understand what has gone wrong with the men (some) around?! Why has sex become such a horrendous word and act!! It remains not just in the confines of the bedroom (I presume it moved out of it long time back) but it is now on the road, the streets, the office, neighbor’s house, the car...you name it and it is there!

So are we hurtling towards the end? Don’t we all have the feeling that time is not just flying but it is jet speeding away? It’s almost as if the stone that hurtles down the mountain and as it nears the end, the speed of rolling only accelerates.

But then the other day, while I was driving back from office, I see a man on a motor cycle. His bag had fallen off the bike right in the middle of the road and he frantically waved at a speeding bus coming from behind to stop. The bus did stop. The man picked up his bag and as he drove away, he waved at the bus driver in gratitude and the bus driver waved back.

I realized just then, all is not lost. And if I look around, I do see so many such positives happening around, in bits, in pieces, by individuals, by groups...more and more people are galvanizing to do something good. The youth of today- the Millennials, are far more conscious of their surroundings. They are choosing to be vegans, they are choosing careers like marine conservation and heritage restoration (courtesy my daughter and her best friend). The youngsters are *boldly going where no man has gone before* with so many startups of such unique propositions. People with set careers are suddenly throwing everything aside to do organic farming. More and more of good innovations are seeing the light of the day. One can see more and more of kindness and warm smiles been exchanged between strangers.

Women are stepping out of their confines out of choice. Just yesterday for the first time, 3 women police officers urged the film fraternity to be women sensitive in their dialogues and lyrics and many voices are resounding such similar thoughts. The tag line ““NO” means NO” is catching on.

Maybe the excessive bad and evil that we are seeing is only the desperate attempt for it to survive, just like the embers that only become brighter when the fire is just about to die!

So all is definitely not lost, rather it is the just the beginning of a new world. And given the two gifts that we have –intelligence and will, why not think and talk more of these positive aspects of life? Then only

this will perpetuate and strengthen. And why not back it up with a positive attitude that “good” must prevail over everything else!

There are many movements and activism to set things right. However constant positive thoughts can be a silent yet extremely powerful way to accelerate the process.