

DISOBEDIENCE - FROM HARMONY TO HEGEMONY

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Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius -- and a lot of courage -- to move in the opposite direction: - Albert Einstein

The Fact

Disobedience to a particular system is factually obedience towards a much superior system that holds all the systems in the world all together in harmony. The forests, bushes around us, the mountains, rivers, sands of deserts contain so many crests & troughs hardly analogous to any particular defined form or shape. The entire landscape appears to be embellished with disobedience that rejuvenates our senses and helps to generate creative perceptions regarding the wholeness of life forms and to divulge those perceptions through paintings, poetics, music etc. It is a fact that the entire modern academic curriculum is the search for orientation out of these disorientations prevailing everywhere in natural surroundings. So, if denied, then the consequence time & again is devastating for the present and at the same time ineffective for the future of this so called civilization.

As we all know that the disobedience of the young Isaac Newton towards the then norms & forms regarding celestial objects made him increasingly introspective to initiate the journey of modern scientific theories like the laws of motion, laws of gravitation and more. But the pages of history reveals that who have overtaken the so called boundary of obedience with an analytical creative intellect, have been affronted and even put to death. Factually, questioning the rigid norms and forms of the existing structural belief is regarded as the basic disobedience till today and the society usually takes petrifying vengeful attitude to vilify and debunk such questions/queries in order

to maintain status quo which in turn provokes mistrust to the society in the mind of the questioner. According to the historians, in every civilized society a particular norm or form used to be introduced under the profound guidance of the person or persons who with the help of their perceptive ability and philanthropic approach considered the system to be prevailed for the welfare of the society as a whole. So naturally such pioneers have had the competency to answer various types of antagonism and to overwhelm and mould the 'disobedient' factors in favour of the future prospects of the social beings. This propensity was not only helpful to sustain peaceful atmosphere within the society or nation, but also to reform the concepts in a much closer harmony and non-fragmentary mode. According to Newtonian physics the 'movement' on the surface of earth is possible due to the active presence of frictional force exerted upon the moving object by the surface and the moving/progressing object has to maintain equilibrium with the obstructive force. Thus, disobedience to the civilized norms & forms may be seen as very much conducive to delimit the prevailing system and to create scope for its further modified applicability in an extended domain.

The Conjecture

In fact, what we *look* and what we *observe* are not the same. We, within our surroundings, *look for* the similarities with our already experienced facts but we actually *observe* the similar differences or different similarities, since no two phenomenon or occurrences can never be exact in this ever changing reality, consequently our knowledge always remains more or less conjectural

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and we derive the world into two separate faculty i.e. differences and similarities. Like the famous *Ohm's Law* which states that the potential difference between the two ends is directly proportional to the current through the conductor provided the temperature and other physical states remains unaltered. But it is a fact that the temperature and the physical factors never remain same in the physical world except they are made so, naturally in practice one has to manipulate or act in defiance of the *Ohm's Law*. It is also true that the whole civilization is built and articulated by conduction of thoughts and practices among the inhabitants of the entire globe. So, metaphorically if the human society or country or any kind of associative principle is considered as the conducting structure (*conductor*), the *Ohm's Law* reveals the inherent dynamics of that structure to be completely dependent on the 'powerful' (*potential*) 'difference' enfolded within that structure (*conductor*) and this *difference* is an intrinsic property of that structure that contributes to the maintenance of its temperature & other physical states within a certain limit. Since we all know that the flow of electrons, the so called 'quantum jump' is the essential cause of chemical bondage which sustains a certain structure, so it is quite obvious that the enfolded *difference/defiance/disobedience* is very much conducive to the prosperity of the *norms & forms*, the microcosm and the macrocosm.

The English words *conducive*, *conduct*, *conduction*, and *conductor* are the different forms of the verb *to conduce* generated from the Latin verbal root '*conducere*', which etymologically means '*to lead or bring together; to serve, contribute (com, con-together; ducere- to lead)*'. In this linguistic perspective it is quite clear that the complement of non-similarities in the tacit infrastructure contribute to the entire system of *conduction*. Like *conduce*, the verb *introduce* etymologically means '*to lead in or to bring in*' i.e. *to make known to all concerned* and to make something *known* to somebody, one has to *make intercourse with the taker* since etymologically the verb *know* means *to make intercourse with*. So to *introduce* norms & forms to the structure, the very process of *introduction* requires being perpetually affable with the entire constituents of that structure even up to the sub-atomic level and the irony is that, the sub-atomic or quantum level of any structure/system is factually a probabilistic field, the domain of uncertainty, the realm of *disobedience*. In fact the feasibility of scientific progress is mostly based upon falsifying the prevailing norms & forms i.e. *disobedience* is the plinth of scientific fervour. Moreover, the very process of observation of what is *obedience* and what is *disobedience* is based on some fixed parameters which have limitations of their own (*temperature & other physical states*

remaining unaltered) and subsequently the observer also becomes the part of the accusation, since the act of observation starts at the observer and ends at the accused.

The Anomaly

Now let us go back to the anomaly between *looking* and *observing*. The problem is that whenever from within the structure we want to look at something, the structural parameters restrict us to truly observe anything at the perceptive level. We mostly set forth our views mechanically that expound the pre-designed matters of *so called* similarity. But the relation of human beings with the entirety is in true sense chaotic, generative and simultaneously variable following no particular formulation.

So, failing to observe leads to the paradox that factually '*differents*' are considered to be actually '*similar*' and the consequence according to Einstein is, **reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one**. Naturally what is observed as *disobedience* is nothing but the *similar differences* with respect to the prevailing norms & forms and in accordance with such 'observations', society conforms to newer rigidities at the face value. At present this practice appears to have appalling effects on the civilization since the democratic manifestation itself is ensnared in its graveyard and there is no remedial measure at large is available in the history of mankind. But the question is, why such a problem has no way-out? Presumably because of its pervasive nature and the responsibility of the entire education system in this regard can never be ignored.

Initially, education was intended to lead people out of their miseries and trouble faced to live and exist on this world of odds. The word *educate* comes from Latin '*e-ducere*' which means '*to lead out*'. This is mere history and in accordance with the modernisation system, repetitive precision has made us to forget this broad spectrum and education has become the foremost tool of maintaining livelihood by earning money or gaining any kind of social or political power through various short-cut methods. But, on the contrary, life has no short-cut; actually or factually it has its own course of flowing contingent to what has caused for its existence. Modern education, at this juncture, for about last hundred years or more has miserably failed to reproduce any form of succour and at the same time numerous miscreants with the help of their educational expertise has quite successfully made this earth miserable for existence of the human species. It is not to forget that the 'wars' that have already mitigated the life expectancy on this earth and the simultaneous threat of nuclear invasion are the results of the perfunctory efforts of the 'developed

and educated' (!) people. The fact is, education has predominantly impeded the path of natural learning and consequently blocked the true creative abilities, the sharing attitude of the social beings by making them 'competitive' among themselves just for mere survival and we all know that competitors never be affable, they disregard and annihilate each other. As Einstein truly stated:- *The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education* and also the great historian Sir Joseph Arnold Toynbee succinctly inferred:- *The human race's prospects of survival were considerably better when we were defenseless against tigers than they are today when we have become defenseless against ourselves.*

The Crisis

So, it is clear that the pervasiveness of the unidirectional mechanical form of education has obviously created the Frankenstein peremptorily empowered to facilitate enough empty space for its own rapid augmentation. Such 'no learning' education and its ancillary norms and forms usually dictate terms to every animate and inanimate beings of the globe to act accordingly otherwise to perish. Naturally, individual/ family/ society and the nation has become fragmented, self-designated and at the same time ailing with the disease of *identity crisis*. The crisis of own identity, quite truly makes one feel insecure and alone even in the crowd, afraid of even his own shadow. Such insecure state of mind is then insinuates to accept the entire system as unreliable and on the other hand the so-called 'mainstream's of the privileged educated class rigidly declare these activities as sheer *disobedience* and opt for various security measures. The scenario can be comprehended as the 'battle' between the dual manifestations of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. In the present context, the obvious deterministic unidirectional system of society is *Dr. Jekyll*-the cause, and the subsequent disobedience is *Mr. Hyde*-the effect. Actually both the manifestations exist pertinently at the subliminal level of every living component of the society, hence one cannot obliterate the other. But instead of sustaining *harmony* we have been creating *hegemony* of various kinds for centuries that are dividing the society into dull incongruent extremes. These extremes abhorrently use to blame each other as disobedient to the norms and forms, which they consider as proper. As a consequence, the society, is at present broken into fortified 'pieces' and there is no 'peace' at all. In fact, the abstention from *harmony* to opt for *hegemony* is in particular the very disobedience to the natural order that has endangered the society as a whole along with its moral perspectives. In this regard, let us look at any large tree in our neighbourhood. We can easily find the leaf or

leaves at the topmost position of that tree privileged with maximum air, rainwater and sunlight. Clearly it's a hierarchy, but unlike human society there is no hegemony. The uppermost leaf does not demand *obedience or subordination* from the other ones but on the contrary it serves in a much useful way by generating essential provisions through photosynthesis for the branch or leaf even at the lowest and darkest level to help it grow flowers/ fruits/seeds for the survival of the entire species. This is the natural order and any kind of alteration or opposition to this synchronization is naturally to be balanced with activities with much detrimental effect. Such practice has become pandemic for humanity and the recovery measures adopted often are inexpedient and full of prevarications.

The Dynamics

The macroscopic world is structured on the basis of several norms and forms, albeit at the same time are inwardly prone towards self-demolition or disorder if isolated, as prescribed in the laws of thermodynamics - *the entropy never decreases with time*. The significance is, the stability or longevity of any structure is emanated from the continuous interaction among its constituents within itself and at the same time the entire structure is to be empirically cohesive with the facts and factors lying beyond its own periphery. The notion can simply be exemplified by the human body and in this context the assumptions of the acclaimed Roger's Theory of Nursing may be appended, which envisages:-

- (1) Man is a unified whole possessing his own integrity and manifesting characteristics that are more than and different from the sum of his parts.
- (2) Man and environment are continuously exchanging matter and energy with one another.
- (3) The life process evolves irreversibly and unidirectionally along the space-time continuum.
- (4) Pattern and organisation identify man and reflect his innovative wholeness.
- (5) Man is characterised by the capacity for abstraction and imagery, language and thought, sensation and emotion.

The word 'develop' etymologically means 'to unfurl or unfold the possibilities' and we all know that 'possibility' always represents the dichotomy - 'may and may not be'. So, if we neglect the fact that development itself incubates disobedience within its operative structure, then the whole process of development is despotic and goes berserk quite reasonably. In fact, nothing new has been incorporated; we

the human beings have copied nature enough badly without realizing the proper significance of the postscripts of the natural order. Let us exemplify the subject with the help of modern achievements in science and technology. The cell phone and internet is nowadays an essential accessories to the present day life style and various systems are prevailing to insist people to make the best use of these. It is being declared as development or advancement of the civilization to *stay connected* always and everywhere on this globe. But, the fact is that, the proposition to *stay connected always and everywhere* certainly instigates to go beyond the imposed restrictions of the society i.e. to be *disobedient*. Isn't it funny enough that the present day society is engineered through such self contradiction? So, at least in this case society has to be proud of en masse *disobedience*, since it is truly a manifestation of most modern development.

Sir Isaac Newton in his famous third law of motion has depicted a noticeable feature of the material world. This tells that every *action* is complemented by a re-action equal in magnitude and opposite in direction. Let us now discuss about the significance of this statement of Newton. Initially it is to contemplate *what an action is?* An action is presumably the manifestation of a correlation between at least two variable entities of which one is *the actor* and the other is *the acted-upon*. Now, in accordance with the Newtonian view, therefore, the two entities are simultaneously in creative response to each other. So, it is obvious that, all such *actions* which starts at the *actor* and ends at the *acted-upon*, quite significantly cannot be measured/adjudged/maneuvered by any norms & forms extraneous to the intrinsic properties subliminally routed at the tacit infrastructure of both the participant factors. Therefore, in respect to all the authoritarian *obedient actors*, *disobedient acted-upons* are always prevalent to abide by the natural order that sustains the equilibrium of the material world. But the problem is, these complementarities are not always visible or comprehensible through the systematic indoctrination of the present day society and consequently the society has become gradually adapted to divide the indivisible. Such effort is at best ineffective and at worst destructive, mathematically speaking, human nature is a continuous fractal curve which possesses no first order derivative at all. Actually Newton's depiction in the third law of motion regarding the opposition of every action through an equal reaction signifies the subliminal

disobedience or non-conformity of every system towards introduction or incorporation of any norm & form whatsoever made without transference of the credibility therein.

The Ailment

Throughout the ages the entire human being has striven to be self contained but on the contrary they have finally ended at being a selfish and self centric species. This phenomenon has remained as an unsolved paradox of civilization and day by day such a paradox is circumscribing the whole existence in a rapid manner. But it is quite obvious that self containment is not the same as self sufficiency. Self sufficiency can only be achieved in the unbridled perceptive domain, neither in this physical world nor in the normal or formal parameters of so called security. The physical world of norms and forms is never conducive to independent creative mind and thought; it is always maneuvering dependence to material objects, structures and generating paranoid delusions among the society. So, to adjudge *disobedience* as a disease is itself an acute illness of the society with no immediate remedy. But the constituents of the human body, the atoms and the subatomic particles are carriers of energy and if that mass-energy equivalence is realised then the objectives concerning to the whole can be fulfilled and consequently self sufficiency can easily be achieved. Every single human being is by birth creatively empowered with the possibilities of being self sufficient, and then the question is what the factors that impede such potentiality are? The answer is quite clear, it is the administration of particular rigid norms and forms and the obviously deterministic structures emanated out of it. Therefore, the obedience or conformity if claimed to be scientific, then it should have to be refutable.

So it is to infer with an optimistic view that by ratifying the disobedience as a coherent factor, reasonable replenishment of much valuable awareness for the entire humanity can be achieved in future. □

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