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ऐश्वर्यस्य विभूषणं सुजनता शौर्यस्य वाक्संयमो

ज्ञानस्योपशमः श्रुतस्य विनयो वित्तस्य पात्रे व्ययः

अकोधस्तपसः क्षमा प्रभवितुर्धर्मस्य निर्व्याजता

सर्वेषामि सर्वकारणिमदं शीलं परं भूषणम् ॥

ಐಶ್ವರ್ಯಸ್ಯ ವಿಭೂಷಣಂ ಸುಜನತಾ ಶೌರ್ಯಸ್ಯ ವಾಕ್ಸಂಯಮೇ ಜ್ಞಾನಸ್ಯೋಪಶಮಃ ಶ್ರುತಸ್ಯ ವಿನಯೋ ವಿತ್ತಸ್ಯ ಪಾತ್ರೇ ವ್ಯಯಃ । ಅಕ್ರೋಧಸ್ತಪಸಃ ಕ್ಷಮಾ ಪ್ರಭವಿತುರ್ಧಮಸ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವ್ಯಾಜತಾ ಸರ್ವೇಷಾಮಪಿ ಸರ್ವಕಾರಣಮಿದಂ ಶೀಲಂ ಪರಂ ಭೂಷಣಮ್ ॥

Aiśvaryasya vibhūṣaṇaṁ sujanatā śauryasya vāksaṁyamo
Jñānasyopaśamaḥ śrutasya vinayo vittasya pātre vyayaḥ
Akrodhastapasaḥ kṣamā prabhaviturdharmasya nirvyājatā
Sarveṣāmapi sarvakāraṇamidaṁ śīlaṁ paraṁ bhūṣaṇam

प्रतिपदार्थः

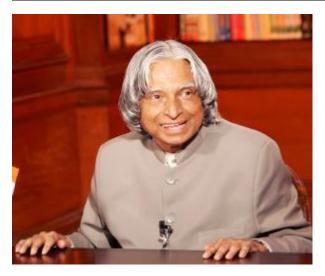
ऐश्वर्यस्य – for wealth विभूषणम् – is a decoration सुजनता – Kindness शौर्यस्य – for valour वाक्संयमः – controlled speech ज्ञानस्य – for wisdom उपशमः – detachment to worldly things श्रुतस्य – for learning विनयः – modesty वित्तस्य – for wealth पात्रे – (here) among the deserving व्ययः – distribution/passing to/giving अक्रोधः – absence of anger तपसः – for penance क्षमा –

forbearance, प्रभवितुः – for the powerful, धर्मस्य – for religious practices
निर्व्याजता – absence of pretence सर्वेषाम् – for everbody अपि – and सर्वकारणम्
– for everything इदम् – this शीलम् – character परम् – greatest/highest
भूषणम् – ornament.

तात्पर्यम्

Kindness of spirit decorates wealth, Control over speech decorates valour, Wisdom is decorated by detachment from worldly objects and matter, Modesty decorates scholarship, Charity to the deserving decorates wealth, Absence of anger decorates penance, Forbearance decorates the capable and lack of pretense decorates religious practices. But the foremost is character, which is the root cause for all the above virtues, it is the greatest ornament.

Ideal Human Being - Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



Dr. Abul Pakir Jainulabudeen Abdul Kalam was the greatest scientist and a visionary India had ever experienced. He was born on 15 October 1931 into a Muslim family in Rameswaram, then in the Madras Presidency in British India, and now in the state of Tamil Nadu. His father Jainulabudeen was a boat owner while his mother Ashiamma was a housewife. Kalam had four elder siblings.

Through his life time he worked with only one vision and mission in his mind that nothing is impossible and one need not have great wealth, name, fame etc. to do great things.

In his tenure at ISRO, he had few failures but he emerged as a great leader. In any failures of his team he took the press conference and in case of successes he would send his subordinate to do the announcement and answer the press. This was a mark of a great leader. He inspired his team with ease, when in crisis, when the deadlines were crunching them away from sleep and food he would stay up late encouraging and motivating them.

He never let the awards and recognition overpower him, he kept all glories aside and extensively travelled after his presidential tenure to various colleges and institutions inspiring and encouraging with his simplicity and depths of his knowledge. He believed that inspired and positively motivated youth was the key to a developed India.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was one of the rarest President India has ever had. He was the only President who chose to donate all his savings and salary to an NGO he had founded, PURA (Providing Urban amenities to Rural Area).

When ISRO was planning to protect its perimeters, Abdul Kalam raised an objection for putting up glass pieces on top of the wall, saying that it would prevent the birds from perching on the wall and if they do, they would be hurt. Therefore it should not be implemented.

He was full of surprises! In another incidence, one of his subordinate couldn't take his children to an exhibition as promised. Dr. Kalam took the children himself to the exhibition without the knowledge of the subordinate. Such incidences speak volumes of his character, which is the root cause for this attitude towards life. Dr. Kalam had followed his religion and prayed 5 times a day while he also read Bhagavad Geeta and was often found quoting from it at various occasions. This spoke of his true religiousness which we don't find in the fanatic culture of this present time.

Children were always Abdul Kalam's favourite. He had never denied a single meeting with them. He was the only President who had accepted every invite or request for meeting, from children.

During his first visit to Kerala after becoming the President he was allowed to invite guests of his choice to the Kerala Raj Bhavan, the unimaginable guest was a cobbler and a small-time hotel business man, they were the two people he had kept a close touch with during his tenure at Trivandrum ISRO.

Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam was a man of perfection in his speech, modesty, simplicity, generous with love towards people and animals alike. Patience decorated him. An Ideal Human being anyone can look up to and aspire to emulate!