

Eelak Kuruvi adi... Nee Eanga kudaathu...



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I greet you once again to yet another outstanding edition of Oru Paper. Yes, time does fly by very fast, it just feels as though it was yesterday when I got straight to work on writing for our 100th issue of Orupaper and now you hold the 101st issue. This makes me wonder, in another several years time many of us would have moved on or gone to better and bigger things and yet we would always think back of this time and appreciate it more than when we actually lived through it. Time is a very unstill thing, it keeps changing and you can never go back. Time keeps moving and world is changing yet why do I feel as if my people and my nation (Eelam of course) have not yet received the rightful freedom.

At this time, I would like to acquaint you with a song lyric which inspired me to write this article. "Eelak kuruvi adi, nee eanga koodaathu, Vallai enna perungkanama? Athai Arukka vazhihalum irrukuthamma." (Translation: Eelam bird, you should not be depressed, A net is not that heavy, and there are many ways to rip the net apart). I am an Eelam Bird and until my last breath on this earth is alive; no one can change that, but the question I ask myself, Is writing all this is really enough for my homeland? I wonder if a million teenagers felt close to our Eelam as much as I do now that would make a huge difference. I do not know yet, but I hope that this strength of love towards

our motherland could indeed be a positive vibe which may help in achieving our Eelam.

Motherland, talking about such a sensitive and emotional topic brings up a bundle of feelings stacked inside my literally small heart and so here it is in writing.

"My Life and heart is in separate places, and yet I cannot find a way to come to you. When will my family unite, when will we live in peace. My heart is failing to accept the truth. It wants you and only you. I am going in the path my legs take me but truly I long to come to you, I will come...I will come to you my motherland. I would fight through life and death to reach your grounds."

I'm not talking politics, I'm talking human's love and passion for their motherland. Feeling for our motherland just as we feel for our own mother.

Knowing and seeing what is happening to my country and my people, how can I sleep in peace. There are still many of our relatives living in the middle of fighting the war for our freedom and we find out that there have been bombings and near death experiences to our loved ones. It's a feeling of sorrow which cannot be explained. To find out that my grandparents are in the middle of a fight where hundreds of people are dying everyday, I cannot begin to write how I feel. Here we are living in a place where we have food, accommodation and security and some of us still misuse it all, but back home people are running away from their villages

and abandoning houses in fear of death.

We get it all and yet why do most people misuse the chance they got to live a free life away from fear and death. I would not like to name the few but I still don't know why many of our teens take the wrong path and end up dead for no purpose.

Enough with the bad and in with the good. I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed I was of Visagan Ravindran's article. More than impressed I was very happy to read a clear view of the ways of living both there (In Eelam) and here (In foreign countries). I would like to point out a special point made by Visagan Ravindran "...being the voices of tomorrow, we simply forget traditions and roots this being the easier option, we must be at a bare minimum aware of them". Here Visagan clearly explains that as the next generation it is our duty and an honour for us younger generations to at least try to follow our traditions as long as it does not hurt anyone.

Let us feel the pain that our people in Eelam feel. Let's look at them and appreciate the life that we have in these foreign countries. Let us make our people proud by achieving our best in life and let's help our Eelam people to have their say.

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Amma.....semester's gona start and you still haven't given me permission to move out. How long do I have to wait?

- Tilaka

If I was nurtured the way I should have been, I wouldn't go thru embarrassment right now!

- Usha

For a change please start giving me options I really don't know what that is! Stop claiming to people like you give all the freedom to me.

- Yathavan

Chithi.....how come you treated me weird when I was the same age as Arun? This makes me sick!

- Sasi

The Three Grand Essentials of Happiness

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This week my inspiration comes from an advert I came across which showed an illustration of handbags with the caption:

"When the World seems DARK and full of SORROW,

When my feet are DRAGGING on the ground,

I simply look at all my GORGEOUS HANDBAGS

And, suddenly, TRUE HAPPINESS is found!"

In all honesty, it did remind me that I was in need of a trip to that certain shopping centre (!) but more importantly, it made me contemplate my own beliefs on that question – where is true happiness found? Although I'm sure this particular poem was hardly intended to be a life lesson, it does in some ways reflect the world we live in.

We are bombarded with advertising – in pretty much anything we turn to – the television, radio, newspapers and magazines. All this publicity isn't just intended for us to buy a product; they make us buy into the images and ideals which those products promote. Many of them try to make us believe that the way we look determines our happiness and indeed very few are not caught into this – and I make no exception for myself.

I do value my outer appearance and like most girls, most of my money is spent on clothes and accessories, I do spend half an hour straightening my hair and I would much rather spend my time in the morning doing my make-up than eating breakfast before college. I cannot recall ever stepping out of my house confidently if I know I have not made the effort to fix up my appearance. However, these habits do not mean that I find happiness primarily in vanity or material possessions. Although buying something new may cause a great deal of excitement at the time, this is shortlived and does not even last until the new collection is out!

I came across another quote (the source of which is ambiguous) which for me sums up happiness:

"The three grand essentials of happiness are: Something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for"

I set about asking my friends the question "What makes you

happiest?" and I find that many people build their happiness around these three concepts: action, love and hope and in many of the responses I received, the three cannot be separated. Many said that they were happiest when they had achieved something, and interestingly one friend said "achieving something I never thought I would". With that attitude you do not just find joy in what you are doing, but each achievement creates the hope and faith you need to continue achieving and therefore continue renewing your happiness. Love, in all senses of the word, was what stood out as important to most of the people I asked. One of my friends said that she was happiest "seeing my loved ones smiling", and for another it was the "presence and comfort" of her loved ones. Another popular answer was "if my parents are happy then I'm happy", and as one friend put it, "because everything I have today is because of them". So we do not just derive happiness in the people around us, we also find it in their happiness. One answer which I thought intertwined action, love and hope beautifully by emphasising the hopes of other people was "to see people achieve their dreams".

Some people said they would be happy if they became successful and reached all their goals. Although on the surface, the hope of a successful career seems materialistic, people did not cite the promise of a comfortable salary as the most rewarding, but again it was the feeling of having achieved their objectives, and making their loved ones proud which gives them this hope. Therefore, hope is what drives us to seek out happiness.

However prosperity is not irrelevant when considering happiness, as one person describes, quite movingly, how material wealth forms her view of happiness – "one moment you have all this, and you turn around and see others who don't have anything". This leads me to the conclusion however that although it is accepted that humans are in general never satisfied, and wealth may provide contentment on a comparative level, true happiness - whether it is long or short term - lies in achievement, love and hope.

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