

# **rishi: complete works**

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## Essays

Something other than poems, rarely.

## Death of Soul

Once upon a time, in a jungle of concrete there lived a person with name rishi. He was living a simple life surrounded by friends and relatives.

But one day a tragedy took place. He was MURDERED. The questions that come up are who killed him, how and why.

The SOCIETY killed him with a deadly weapon called REGIONAL because he tried to trespass. What makes this killing more strange is that his mind, body and spirit escaped safely but his soul died on the spot.

Now there breathes an emotionless body in that jungle of concrete.

(written on 18-Jul, 2007)

## Delusions of Twenty-First Century

Greetings,

You all know that i am neither an author or an authority to comment. Also i have no verbal, written, creative, analytic, logical, reasoning or reforming skills. You may find hundred of errors in the language and thoughts presented here but our concern should be to work against the delusions of the century. A delusion (pronounced as *di LOO zhuhn*) is any false idea, belief, or opinion that is contrary to fact or reality, resulting from deception or misconception. Some of the common delusions of today are nationalism, society, culture, language, position, status, etc. Recently while browsing over Internet i came across the following phrases stated by people in the past:

"The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?"

Casals, Pablo

"I have no country to fight for; my country is the earth, and I am a citizen of the world."

Debs, Eugene V.

"A nation is a society united by a delusion about its ancestry and by common hatred of its neighbours."

Inge, William R.

"You'll never have a quiet world till you knock the patriotism out of the human race."

Shaw, George Bernard

"I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world."

Socrates

"Patriotism is a kind of religion; it is the egg from which wars are hatched."

Maupassant, Guy de

Why are we dragging the burden of nationalism on our shoulders creating weapons of mass destruction and always ready to die in case of a war. Aren't armed forces of countries be put to some other noble purpose? Why can't there be just one United Nation rather than separate nations? The present United Nation holds zero geographical area and almost negligible authority over developed nations. The United Nation's geographical area should be the whole world.

Society is a wonderful concept. It was aimed at working together and making lives of others as well as of ours more purposeful and bringing growth to all. What we see societies today are that they are working against each other. Today societies are being classified on the basis of culture only. A culture is a collective term given to customs, traditions and languages. If a person belongs to a western country and speaks in a language different from someone else then it shouldn't be a criteria for accessing that individual. One can only perceive and perceptions are again subject to error. Working in an unfamiliar fashion on a topic doesn't guarantee anything. Born or dwelt under a specific cultural group doesn't qualify an individual for honesty, sincerity, character, etc. Dividing individuals on the basis of caste, creed, culture, language, etc. need to be braked or else human growth might suffer. Suppose a girl from north india seeks to marry someone from south india. How would you think that a normal middle class family would react to such a choice of her? They will first try to diplomatically make her change her decision. In case they fail diplomatically, the family will take side of emotional black-mailing also stating the immense pressure from society. If society stops you from choosing something for yourself then what good is such a society? The choice might turn as either good or bad with time but at least the choice was your own rather than of family which in fact is the choice of society being imposed on the family. Are we born to live by the choices of society or by our own choices? Why do it becomes a question of our existence in case our choice turns out as a wrong one? Why are we educated if we can't choose something for ourselves? If our decisions are finally to be taken by others then what would happen if the decision-makers are gone?

Language was evolved to facilitate communication for expression and sharing. What would you say if language comes in between a decision making? Decisions or choices are to be based on judgment rather than based on language. Considering reasoning, grace, intuition, and sixth sense to arrive on a decision or to choose something is understandable but neglecting people on the basis their mother tongue, religion, colour, age, caste is inappropriate.

There are many more such delusions which are hindering the growth of humanity. Hope one day the human race will get freed from all delusions.

(written on 07-Jul, 07 at 2250 hrs.)

## Fasting Fanaticism

Before diving into the subject allow me to speak of the title itself. Fasting is used here instead of dieting or starvation as, in my eyes, dieting is that one is only avoiding calories but food is ultimately getting consumed and may be even more in quantity than an average consumption by a normal being and starvation on the other hand leads one to think of complete absence of food intake, mostly due to poverty, resulting finally in a death. Fasting here is not referring to some religious or auspicious food avoidance for a certain period. What fasting means here in the context of these paragraphs is avoidance of food until it reaches the initial stage of starvation.

Fanaticism comes from '*Fanatic*' which itself comes from Latin '*fanum*' meaning '*temple*'. So, literally fanatic means 'one *who is in and of the temple*' but nowadays a fanatic is one who is moved by a frenzy of enthusiasm over something and thus fanaticism means the impulse of a fanatic.

It's not that i know myself all these etymological references; it's just that i want to understand well enough what i am writing for which i mostly consult a book especially a dictionary. Errors are always a part of ignorant ones like me so errors (of any kind) may be forgiven (especially the grammatical ones).

It's no way a heroic job to carry out such an inhumane task. Moreover it is never advisable to make the body suffer so much and up to such levels as it shall leave lasting and irreversible effects on the health.

Getting on to the main subject body, here is a description of how my body is responding to the fasting that i am carrying since last one month. The fasting includes eating bare minimum on weekdays and complete avoidance of water and any kind of food or fruit on the weekend. Before the fasting i was just touching the average weight of a person of my height. The body weight has fallen considerably and clothes are becoming loose with every passing day. Face has lost its natural glow. The stomach is almost touching the back in the morning and waist gets encircled in palms of both hands. Cheeks are getting sunken, eye-sight is getting effected too and many a times things look hazy. A bright light like that of head-lights of a motor vehicle leaves glare. Looking in a particular direction or on a particular spot without blinking seems natural. Blink rate of the eyes is also reduced considerably. Brain is mostly in a dormant state and the response rate has increased. Energy spent in speaking is also felt. Walking on the road has become slower than earlier and requires effort. At the end of a working day legs and other body parts especially the back ache badly and even sitting on a chair requires considerable effort and it feels like having less energy than a five year old. After retiring to bed, changing the sleeping posture is very ponderous.

Sayo-nara..

(written on Tuesday, 24- Jul, 2007 at 22:23 hrs.)

## Fundamental questions of life

Humans have avoided unhealthy states of physical body by medicines and surgery and have devised more profound ways of living, eating, traveling, etc. But do we have got answers to the fundamental questions of life like why do we exist or where the birth-death cycle is leading us? We are progressing, sounds good, but what for?

Do we just escape from such questions thinking that there won't be any answer to them and just keep our lives busy answering questions we know we would get an answer for?

Rather than putting collaborative effort to such questions we have got ourselves limited by our feelings like success, nationality, etc. and by our responsibilities towards family, friends and society. A number of countries work on a single problem, say of science or mathematics, without sharing their intermediate research outputs and how they have arrived. In case one country lands to a solution then it becomes confidential and restricted. Final result are declared but not the procedure. The results of research are then applied to cast out technological products that finally give a higher ranking to the country and gives a temporary feeling of safety and pride to the people of that country. Temporary because as soon as some other country arrives on the same results through it's own indigenous methods and develops a product, the safety fuse blows, and the competition to stay ahead remains. This notion applies not only to nations but to people also and is termed as the *rat-race*. People work day and night for money and/or fame.

But in this rat-race, the fundamental questions of life remain neglected and unanswered and stand the same way as they stood centuries ago.

(written on Sunday, 05-Aug, 2007)

## **How to attract, retain & motivate high caliber young scientists in DRDO**

**DRDO** - the Name, the Pride. An organization with a glorious past of serving the nation from 1958 onwards with numerous world class scientific and technological advancements bringing INDIA in the row where only countable nations of the world can stand. The works of DRDO not only have brought fame and recognition for the country but also has brought attention of people from across the globe. It is a dream of many youngsters to be a part of this organization & to deliver their best to the nation. A scientist serves in DRDO not to get fame, not to get power, not to get gold but to share with us what we have achieved - the Name, the Pride.

Science is not a word, it is even not just a subject, it's the light that enable us to see in the dark, it's path following which we are able to solve mysteries, it's a tool that gives shape to thoughts and a scientist is that person who devotes his life to science, who devotes his life to his nation, for his people and for getting answers to yet unsolved problems. Scientists are not the core people who build a nation, no they are not but yes they are even not less than that.

A young scholar in mid-twenties, having just completed the bachelors or masters, passionate to work for the nation, with enduring thoughts and high zeal joins DRDO as a Scientist 'B' or a Scientist 'C'. He thinks that the hard work done at college or university has paid off a bit and now he would show the world what INDIA can do. He works furiously, frantically, leaving aside everything else but work and then suddenly one day moves out of the organization. DRDO has in the course of years has got a number of stager scientists, from various fields with various skills but a few of the real gems are found when we see the necklace. Question arises - WHY? Why we have not got all the best people with us today? Why the best of the scientists working for over years in the organization suddenly stood up one day and walk away choosing a different way? Why only a few names come across our mind when we talk of scientists? It is not a tale but a bitter truth that we have accepted now and are now focusing upon. It is what had brought us people here organizing this essay competition, looking forward for the best of the solutions to attract, retain & motivate high caliber young scientists in DRDO.

To attract a huge crowd towards an organization like DRDO is no big deal but yes to attract real good people who can devote their entire lives for the nation we must have to look for things we might had skipped earlier. It is not the time when people used to join an organization just to get work. Time has changed now. Young people demand something more than a bright career, a smart salary and a name

for work. They ask for clean work cultures, they ask for pace, they ask for rewards, they ask for special incentives for working smarter than their peers and they look forward to get promotions based on their work, not on seniority. Being senior and having spent more years in the organization need not make one qualified for promotions. One who does more quality work should get a more frequent promotions. We should not be organizing tug-of-war among scientist but we should try to make them run on their respective tracks so that they will all get a fair chance to win the race and the one who has got more potential, more stamina will surely lead the others. People from abroad or from universities may be lured by giving them the option of sabbatical leaves.

Young blood always want to excel, always want to rise like a high tide, they want freedom to work, they want recognition, and they want equality and they want justification to everything done that affects them in this way or that. They want answers to the every why they ask. A kiddy was once playing in sunlight after a regular bath, sees his own shadow, tries to hold it by moving towards it but as he moved simultaneously the shadow also moved. It continued for some time and then finally after getting tired the child starts crying. His mother was watching this all. She stood up, approached her child and put his hand on his head. The boy sees that in the shadow also he is holding his head and starts laughing and blushing then hugged his mother. What this story tells us? Does it have some meaning to our problem? Is there some solution to our problem? Yes one may find provided he or she will try reading in between the above lines. It all depends on how one perceives and how one read in between the lines. Lets look at one probable moral one may get - A new scientist if tries to do something and do not gets up to the mark and gets exhausted then if instead of shouting at him or instead of making fun of him if we would try looking for a solution to complete the assigned task then he or she will be much more concerned for his seniors. He will be closer to the organization as the child after succeeding hugs his mother. Both of them had build a new bond and one by one, day by day these bonds will turn into a strand and this is one way how we may retain young scientists, i.e., by building strands.

Assigning tasks and giving directions is one way of getting something done. Another way is to delegate authority to the young shoulders to let them think freely, and choose the method best suited to them. Things are to be modified, procedures are to be refined, but this is not enough. We must have to look for the human factor also. The existing staff needs to be told as what is expected from them, how they should get things done and how to manage crisis. Work gets worse when we start taking things for granted. To participate in a training program is no shame, no one is born literate.

Personal fringe benefits like internet facility in office and at home with a cellular phone and

transportation facility between office and home will help to mould more dedicated scientists. Organization may also come up with ideas to help performing their day-to-day tasks like filling up phone or electricity bills which otherwise would consume considerable office time.

New youngsters would be given responsibilities to handle projects independently instructing teams under them. This would one side be raising the managerial skills of the young scientists and on the other side be giving them an instinct of their worth and role in the organization. Moreover it would let new ideas to flow which if found worthy may be included in the main work stream and future endeavors of DRDO.

A young scientist approached his boss with a paper he was detained to write and for which he had read a series of books on the subject and had consulted a handful of experts from the field. The senior first looked for a pen then the written paper, and then went through the whole paper once for just a few seconds. After that he started marking errors in the work done by the young scientist. If the same senior would had read the page for a couple of minutes (may be at least two or more times) and had tried to visualize the other person's approach or asking him about certain citations being made before marking then probably something better might had come up and moreover the junior would not had felt insulted. The junior would come to know boss's approach to work. Finding errors in a work is easy but to recognize and appreciate the spirit behind the work is what we have to develop in ourselves. Rather than looking for errors and rather than taking organizational decisions on one's ego we should start learning to appreciate what others do and how they do. To learn can never be a shame no matter if one has to pick things from a junior. When this kind of approach will come up then we would be able to move further on the right track.

Different people get motivated differently same way as different people respond to fragrances or music differently. Motivation comes from new challenges, new opportunities, and new goals and by looking at people ahead of us (ideals). Motivation may also come to a certain level with benefits like bonuses, rewards and promotions. Motivation may also be pushed higher by increasing the competence provided jealousy is put under control. Scientists with an aptitude to learn may be motivated by providing them sponsorship to higher studies in INDIA and abroad.

Numerous meetings might have already taken place to arrive at such points and many more may take place in future too until or unless we will start implementing the ideas we receive. All points might not seem well promising and within the limits to get implemented but still we could find countable solutions that are just a trigger-hit away. The organization should find and implement such solutions in real time

before it is too late so that the DRDO can enhance the name and the pride attached with the word – “INDIAN”.

(written around 15-Feb, 2006)

## How to Create Brand DRDO

DRDO, since established, has been the country's leading defence research and development agency. DRDO's work and people have assisted the country to gain prominent heights and status in the fields of science and technology. India now comes among the top nations of the world when we talk about defence products and scientific innovations.

In the current times DRDO is contributing at its best in building a strong nation. Many a lucrative offers and posts are offered every year but still the problem exists. The most shocking fact is that a big number of people don't even know about DRDO moreover they have never heard of it.

DRDO, as we all know, is a group of labs and establishments. One needs to accept the fact that until all labs and establishments will work together, DRDO can't come up as a brand. So to realise the brand DRDO dream all labs and establishments need to work together.

To give more advance and precise solutions to the country DRDO needs more talented and brainy employees. Top engineering students dream to work in MNCs but not in DRDO. DRDO needs to advertise about itself and has to inform students how they can contribute in building a strong nation. DRDO needs to inform people it has got the best working culture and state-of-art infrastructure in addition to a sound salary package, accommodation and medical benefits.

The current age is of brands – IIT, NASA, Google, Microsoft, Wipro, Infosys are not just organizations, they are brands. People know about Pepsi and Coca Cola but people don't know about DRDO. Building a brand image requires time and effort. We need to understand it well that to create brand DRDO, DRDO has to take steps informing people of what it is and what it has done and accomplished. People need to be informed of the organization and of its achievements. Moreover the organization needs to deal with issues such as employee satisfaction and quality control. Working on and promoting new ideas will help in attracting young minds. Many would say that the products delivered by DRDO would speak of them. Agree, but unless people would know of the products how would they be knowing of DRDO. So DRDO should promote its products in such a way that they make DRDO a brand name. The products need to be advertised at such a scale that people just won't be able to keep their eyes off them.

Attractive advertisements in the form of hoardings and banners will leave a mark in the mind of reader about DRDO and that mark is a good start to increase their curiosity for the organization. Advertisements need to be relayed through various broadcast media like radio, television, newspapers, etc.

As the current age is of information so DRDO needs to advertise a lot through Internet. So the organization should spend a good amount of time, effort and money on it's website. A website should be seen as virtual office of the organization and thus proper attention should be given toward the website looks, contents, navigation, accessibility, promotion and security. People don't have much time so every information that's required by people, needs to be placed on the website with fast and easy access in a simple manner. Search engines and frequently asked questions needs to be promoted in addition to contact us columns. Also the organization needs to implement products like Lotus Notes which will make the paperless office scenario come true. Moreover DRDO should maintain a worthwhile email solution giving email addresses to all of its employees. It will let the employees know that they are really working in a techno-savvy organization. To see email addresses of top management on yahoo and gmail doesn't give a good impression. One can take the example of this competition for which the entries are to be mailed at a gmail address. These small things help in making the overall brand DRDO image.

DRDO should also advertise though posters on metro stations and on bus stops. With such simple approaches one can easily come in direct contact with the public. The posters should speak of what DRDO has accomplished in the past years and how one can contribute in building a strong nation. Slogans and images play a great role in advertising. They not only recharge a soul but leave a long impact on the sub-conscious mind.

Exhibitions and technology fairs are another mean to advertise. Adding a single stall in an exhibition and distributing pamphlets with organization's achievements and contact information is a great promotional activity. Distributing logos and posters is also a nice way to make people aware about the organization and it's products. Museums may be established permanently across the country highlighting DRDO's contribution to the nation.

Approaching schools and transforming children into scientists of tomorrow by giving them a dream through toys and catchy slogans and pamphlets will not only feed in patriotism in them but also would made their families aware of DRDO. Students with a dream to work in DRDO will definitely work towards

realising it.

Introducing summer vacation programs for children is another way of performing the above stated task. Children will not only know about DRDO but their interest in science and technology would increase manifold.

Competitions of national level need to be organized and funded. Television programs like “Kaun Banega Crorepati” need to be contacted to add DRDO related questions in their database. Moreover DRDO can approach engineering and medical colleges top colleges of the country to display their product apart from recruitment programs. Certain pre-recruitment functions needs to be performed. Pre-recruitment programs helps in creating a brand image of an organization.

Employee satisfaction should be dealt with priority as they are the living forces that can multiply the organization's goodwill a hundred thousand times. Human resource and grievance cells should be more effective.

An organization that never compromises with quality shines like a pole star. DRDO should also took the quality subject with seriousness. Any products can fetch goodwill for an organization provided it can compete in the market and a product would only be able to compete in market if it's quality is not compromised. Quality not only means precise products or outputs but it also means that whatever is delivered need to be in time. To make a world class aircraft after spending twenty or thirty years is not a mark of quality. To create a brand image is far easy then to maintain it and to maintain it one needs to concentrate on the quality. Quality should be maintained under any situation.

DRDO may also form a task force enforcing quality standards and exercising surveillance quality checks on various labs and establishments. The same task force may be assigned the task of creating the brand DRDO. The task force needs to be under the direct control of the SA rather than under some Chief Controller. The people working under such task force should be given a free hand in collecting and implementing ideas in addition to financial liberties. One should always keep in mind that nothing is for free.

Prominent personalities who had earlier worked in DRDO, like His Excellency Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, should be contacted and involved in organization's promotional programs. It can be in the form of a visit to a lab or a short phrase about DRDO in leading newspapers. They may come forward as brand

ambassadors for the organization.

All the above stated activities shouldn't be affected by a change in the top management and are to be managed in a way that they remain out of the domain of such fluctuations.

Many more ideas can be thought of but results will only come when one will implement such ideas with seriousness. Moreover the organization should remain forever involved in maintaining the brand image. Consistent effort will create brand DRDO both at national and international levels.

(written around 19-Feb, 2007)

## Humour

It is one of the toughest things to write humour. One can add humour to normal day-to-day chit-chat but it's a tough nut to crack when it comes to write.

## A interview (skid)

### scene 1

A candidate enters the waiting hall, sweated and exhausted. The candidate is tense as he's late. In the waiting hall on the other side of a table a person representing Company is sitting (probably with bifocal glasses and a harsh voice) and three-four more candidates just going through their documents preparing for the interview.

Candidate: Good morning, sir.

Company person(in grudging voice..): Yesss..

Candidate: Sir, I have an interview here today.

Company person: What's your name..?

Candidate: Vishal Saxena

Company person: Where were you..we have been looking for you..? Can't you even attend a interview on time..? This young generation..

Candidate (in his mind): You must have reached the previous day for any interview.

Company person: You said something..?

Candidate: Ah..No..No..i was just saying that today blue line buses are not operational, so it just took a little while to reach here.

Company person: Ok..Ok..(handing over a sheet of paper) you sign on this attendance sheet and sit over there(pointing towards a seat).

The candidate signs the attendance and moves over to the directed place and sits over there. Another candidate comes over to the Company person desk and asks..

Candidate: Sir, at what time my turn is expected..?

Company person (pointing over to a TV over his head): Check there.

Candidate: But there's nothing.

Company person looks up and found that the TV is not ON yet. In his roaring voice..

Company person: You just sit over there..we will let you know whenever your turn will come.

Candidate moves over to his seat. A canteen boy comes over in the scene with a tray in his hand and places a tea with some snacks on the table for the Company person and leaves the room. The Company person starts taking his tea. After 2-3 minutes the same candidate, who came late, comes over to the Company person's desk and asks..

Candidate: Sir, is there some arrangement for tea or coffee for candidates also.

Company person: Yes..yes..why not..but you have to pay for it..

Candidate: Yeah..Yeah..that's no issue..by the way how much is the tea..?

Company person: Rs. 100/- only.

Candidate (shocked and asks screaming): 100 Rs..?

Company person: Yes..100 Rs.

Candidate: But everywhere tea come in 2-4 Rs.

Company person: Here also it's 2 Rs.

Candidate: But just now you told that it's 100 Rs.

Company person: Yes..

Candidate: Then what about the balance 98 Rs.

Company person: Out of the balance 98 Rs..50 will go as your contribution towards Mumbai rain victims and 40 towards Delhi blue line victims.

Candidate: But still 18 Rs. are left..

Company person: That's Processing Fees.

Candidate (frustrated) takes out a 100 Rs. note from his pocket and hands it over to the Company person and gets back to his seat. After waiting for 5-10 mins tea doesn't come. Very much annoyed the candidate again comes over to the Company person and asks:

Candidate: Sir, isn't there any quality here.

Company person (pointing towards a quality poster): Yes..yes..we do..everywhere..there you see on the wall.

Candidate (pulling his hair): Sir, I haven't got tea yet.

Company person: When you came late, do we shout..? They must be making special tea for you..you just wait..

Meanwhile a canteen boy comes and..

Company person (with a smile and proud): Look here's your tea..we are high quality people..

The candidate takes his cup of tea and moves over to his seat. An expert comes out from the board room and asks the Company person:

Expert1: See, I have got an air ticket for Jet Airways at 10 pm in the evening. What you do is call my PA and ask her to change it to the 8 pm flight.

Company person: Alright sir.

After informing the PA the Company person went in to the board room to update the expert about his flight. A candidate was replying to an answer. As soon as the Company person steps in the expert asks:

Expert1: Boss..what happened of my flight change..?

Company person: Sir, it's done..your flight is now at 8 pm in the evening.

The candidate then tries to finish his answer but in between another expert speaks up..

Expert2: Switch off the air conditioners please.

Company person: Right sir.

The candidate then tries to finish his reply and the Company person moves to switch off the air conditioners but then another expert speaks and interrupts the candidate in between:

Expert3: No..No..you just raise the temperature..

Company person: Ok sir.

The candidate then again tries to wrap up his reply..but again an expert speaks in between and asks..

Expert4: At what time the lunch would be ready..?

Company person: Sir, it would be ready by 1 pm.

Expert4: Ok.

And the Company person moves out of the board room.

## scene 2

The bell rings up and the Company person directs a candidate to move in the board room for his interview. Now, In the board room..

Candidate: May I come in sir.

Chairman: Yes please.

Chairman: Please have a seat.

Candidate: Hello Dr. Nath.

Chairman: Oh! Hello Prakash, how are you?

Chairman (telling the Experts): Sir, he is a very brilliant student.

Candidate (to Dr. Nath): Sir, where are you staying up here?

Chairman: Here, in Company Guest House only.

Candidate: Sir, your today's dinner is at my place please. I will come up at the Guest House.

Chairman: No..No..please..

Finally the chairman agrees..

Candidate: Sir, how are sonu and suresh..?

Chairman: They are fine..you see sonu is now settled in states only and suresh is doing his own business..

During this time the experts are gossiping, taking tea, snacks, and all.

Chairman (to experts): So, please you may ask your questions.

Experts: No..No..sir you have asked already..no need to ask more..he's extremely brilliant.

Chairman: Ok then Prakash..see you in the evening..

Candidate: Definitely sir.

(written on 19-Jul, 2007)

## Interviewer: TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. The interviewer shall never look into the eyes of the candidates

- Candidate may have eye-flu

2. The interviewer shall never offer water to the candidates

- Candidate may ask for vodka then

3. The interviewer shall never ask a candidate's name

- Candidate may reply to it in James Bond style:

Bond..  
James Bond..

Sai..  
Venkata Sai..  
Siva Venkata Sai..  
Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai..  
Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai..  
Rajasekhara Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai..  
Sitaramanjaneyula Rajasekhara Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai..  
Bulusupalli Sitaramanjaneyula Rajasekhara Srinivasula Laxminarayana Siva Venkata Sai..

4. The interviewer shall never ring a bell to call for someone

- Nearby school children might leave for home

5. The interviewer shall never wear fancy, designer or heavy jewellery

- Candidates may feel jealous and may ask about the price and shop

6. The interviewer shall never ask the candidate to show demo of his/ her work

- Candidate may belong to some armament lab

7. The interviewer shall always carry a binocular telescope or field glasses

- It will assist in reading the slides of the candidates

8. The interviewer shall always carry at least one bucket water

- Water is not just used for drinking

9. The interviewer shall always set the air conditioners to minimum temperatures

- This way one need not have to ask candidate to remain cool

10. The interviewer shall always wear a watch

- It helps in calculating how much time remains to leave for home

(written on 19-Jul, 2007)

## Mobile Phone SMS

Not written all of them but collected them but yes those under the category 'original' are written myself.

## Original

Simta unka waqt kuch is kadar,  
ki hum tamaam umar ik pal ki aarzoo mein dikhe..  
chaahat thi rishi ko bas ik jhalak ki,  
par kaafir ghar se burka kar nikle..

Ab dosto se kya asraar rishi,  
jab dushmano par tamaam haqeeqat bayaan kar dee..  
(asraar: secrets)

Jab rishi se mulaaqat hi na hui,  
to guftgu kahan mumkin thi..  
sach kehta hun dost,  
zindagi khaamosh aur tanha thi.

Jaane do is syaah raat ke aagosh mein,  
rishi zindagi se ab aur koi aarzoo na rahi..

Kya zindagi hui, kya kahein..  
main mae se aur mae mujhse  
apna kaar-o-baar poochte hain.  
(mae – sharaab)

Kabhi mir toh kabhi ghaalib keh kar pukaara,  
waah ri duniya toone mujhe naam ki chaahat mein duba kar maara..  
kabhi peeth mein dhoke se to kabhi andhere mein,  
waah ri duniya na kabhi toone saamne se maara..  
kal tha bechaara to toone nashtar-e-lafzon se maara,  
aaj hua aawaara to toone pathar-ro se maara..  
waah ri duniya..waah ri duniya..

Jagaa ke humko woh kehte hain so jaa,  
koi bataaye humein hai humaari kabr kahaan..

Na kar fir mazboor mujhe likhne ko aaj,  
ik hakeem ne rone se parhez kaha hai..

Na keh galti mere peene ko,  
ki is-se hui hai fir roshan meri shaam-e-tanha,  
ki is-se fir mehfil-e-aagaaz ho gayaa..

Life is very precious..  
live it..enjoy it..  
don't just spend it chasing fake goals.

Ho noor itna ki woh bhi dekhein  
jo hum dekhte hain..  
aur hum bhi dekhein  
jo woh dikha rahe hain..

Kaafila-e-raftaar ho umdaa..  
aur saath mein rafeeq,  
to kya bataaein..  
ki rishi ne raah-guzar kahaan ki..

Hue kitne fanha is ishq-o-khumaar mein,  
ik aur jaam de saaqi un jaane waalon ke naam pe,  
salaamat rahe to fir milenge..  
nahi to de dena ik jaam mehfil mein mere bhi naam pe.

Zinda hu per woh maraa samajh baithe hain,  
jaane kya hui khata..  
nam aankho ko rudaali samajh baithe hain.

Yeh mana hain woh khafa,  
yeh mana hai humein fir bhi wafa,  
nazar bhar dekh lijiye..  
hai aakhir ik khoobsurat adaa..

i may be ignorant in the eyes of others  
but i thank GOD for it guides me to LOVE..  
i may be projecting image of an immature and irresponsible person  
but who cares for image in LOVE..



## Poems

Whenever a poem has to come up - it comes, i never write anything, these poems come from within as if they want to emerge or erupt out.

## **Alice's Wonderland**

Little strength and little courage  
Little thinking and little strain  
Smile and break the barriers  
Cling to the newcomer  
And embrace the effect  
Languages, customs and traditions  
Forming together the complex culture  
Framing forcibly lives  
Sometimes with past knots  
And sometimes with grievous words  
The soft and tender lily suffers  
In the harsh woods  
The sacred sun is there for all  
Showering light without a difference  
The lily still lives  
Survivability is her power  
Smilingly or with sufferings no one cares  
From the far land a wind drives  
Makes its way through the pinching thorns  
And the weedy shrubs  
To take the lily in his arms  
And fly away to the Alice's Wonderland

(written around 03Apr2007)

## Deep Emotions

Deep emotions come from eyes  
You just can't let them stop or hide  
They overtake you from inside-out  
Set you pure without a doubt

This time or later they would find their way  
Sloping down through the cheeky heights  
Making you lighter as they will come  
Erasing all minor and deeper vents

Joyous laughs and daddy rides  
They bring you to your early life  
Waiting for the motherly touch  
Or a hug that may come for some

Giving you sincere support in galore  
For the innocence that has come up  
Bring sweet moments though saline they taste  
Deep emotions just don't go waste.

(written in the night of 16-Jan, 2007)

## Hello Dear i am Back Again

Hello dear i am back again  
To hear patiently what you say  
To seek for your honest advice  
To look forward for your ways  
Unable to decide on my own  
As i am here confused again.

A needle tip pierces in the heart  
When think for a while  
What i had done  
Trying hard for every breath  
As if an asthma attack  
Is grabbing my neck.

With the best of efforts  
i try to swallow  
But like a pin  
The guilt remain stubbed  
In the throat.

No innocent killing, no cheat or betrayal  
Even hadn't grabbed a weak's share  
The committed sin is of a different order  
i have unintentionally stumped the self respect of a book-seller  
By paying him for just sitting together.

Opposed a lot but i restraint  
And then furiously he asked not to visit again  
Immediately i promised to do the same.

Many a times in the past  
Have visited his stall  
Under a tree  
In the market square.

That day i had to wait for a friends phone call  
So i thought to sit with him  
While he sketches a face with charcoal.

Picked three books of my choice  
But the bargaining wasn't fruitful  
So i just refused to buy.

Still sitting there reading for free  
While many a faces came and leave  
Some asked for specific authors  
while many others just querying for destinations.  
Sometimes frustrated but mostly calm  
He shared with me the withering health of his mom.

After six or seven hours  
After attending the awaited call  
i started to leave  
But had in the back of my mind  
To pay something.

To pay something for many reasons  
A revenge to unfruitful bargain,  
An honorarium for sitting together  
A humble gift for his time  
An effort to suffice if due to my presence  
any of his customer's have walked by.

Miscellaneous emotions  
But never had thought  
That it will hit him  
Deep within the vascular vents.

While writing this up  
As a narration to you  
i guess i have found the clue  
To ease myself  
And may be him too  
i will visit him again  
With a sorry face  
and will say  
Hello dear i am back again!!

(written in the night of 05-Feb, 2007)

## Lost i

Just descend in to my soul,  
the easy n natural way  
taking me to the highest being state  
for which many a great meditate thru whole lives  
trying n searching reaching to that ultimate aim  
it is the GOD in your form for me  
taking me every time to the ecstasy peak  
no more wishes remain,  
no more thoughts remain  
just the silent mind prevails  
all thirst quenched  
what a pure force you possess  
divine n miraculous  
the mystical wonder  
hear them all over  
back to back  
again n again  
your words reside in me as me  
lost i found you  
now only you in and out  
what to do and what to say  
how to do n how to say  
lost i lost all knowledge  
lost the verbal n symbol chains  
silent i silent i  
silence prevails  
all desires fulfilled  
nothing remains  
where am i  
who am i  
no answer  
nothing remains

life seems to have got its aim  
for which dwell the human race  
you shower thy love  
n there i go  
lost i now only you  
in and out you and you  
nothing remains  
silence prevails  
lost i lost i  
now only you in and out  
you n you  
nothing remains  
silence prevails  
lost i lost i

(written around 15-May, 2007)

# LOVE

Pour into my soul  
the sweet nectar of you  
and i may start living  
with open eyes

come to me as light  
come to me as flight  
and i may start seeing  
things for the first time

turbulence is emerging high  
making many a nights sleepless  
and i am wandering  
looking for you

and i am writing  
with your words

can't hold back now  
i want to see the sun  
darkness is eating me  
and only you have the sword

my silence is what the world beholds  
my turbulence is what driving me  
up to your world

contented satisfied i become  
with just a clue of you

the bonds are breaking  
and love emerging

you are holding and you are giving  
and i just a feeble link.

(written on 21-Feb, 2007)



## Mother (MAA)

### तुम मेरी भगवान हो माँ

एक कविता है बहुत कम तेरे गुणगाण में  
देवता भी नतमस्तक होते हैं तेरी शान में  
मेरी समस्त क्षमता तुमको ही अर्पित है  
मेरी यह कविता केवल तुमको ही समर्पित है  
तुम मेरे जीवन का आधार हो माँ ।

अपने गर्भ की छाँव दी तुमने मेरे तन को  
निःसवार्थ प्रेम से जीत लिया तुमने मेरे मन को  
हँसी तुम मैं जब मुस्काया  
हर दम अपने कंठ लगाया  
तुम मेरी पहली आश्रय-स्थली हो माँ ।

आत्म-बोध तुमने करवाया  
आसमान का चँदा दिखलाया  
हाथ पकड़ चलना सिखलाया  
भले-बुरे का भेद समझाया  
तुम मेरी पहली शिक्षिका हो माँ ।

रोता जब भी तुम दौड़ी आती  
भुख-प्यास सब पहचान जाती  
तुतलाकर मैं जो भी कहता  
तुम सारी दुनिया को समझाती  
तुम मेरी पहली आवाज़ हो माँ ।

पलक झपकते चीजें गायब कर देती थी  
और अगले ही क्षण ला सामने रख देती थी  
हठ पर मेरी लेकर खाली चमच्च  
तुम दुध को जाने कैसे मीठा कर देती थी  
तुम मेरी पहली जादुगर हो माँ ।

जब-जब हुआ बीमार  
तुम छुती माथा बार-बार  
कभी पानी, कभी खीचड़ी देती  
देती मुझको दुगना प्यार  
तुम मेरी हर सांस हो माँ ।

स्वयं कम खाकर मुझको ज़्यादा देती  
ममता की शीतल छांव देती  
मेरे मन को पढ़ लेती तुम  
बीन मांगे इच्छित वर देती तुम  
तुम मेरी भगवान हो माँ ।  
तुम मेरी भगवान हो माँ ।

(written on 19-Sept, 2006)

## सड़कें

क्षमा चाहता हूँ और खेद प्रकट करता हूँ  
सड़कों की वर्तमान स्थिति पर यह कविता प्रस्तुत करता हूँ  
मूक रहकर आज अपनी व्यथा सुनाना चाहती है  
स्वयं में पनपते कूड़ेदानों और शौचालयों का आपको भ्रमण कराना चाहती है  
नेताजी के आने से पहले श्वेत धारियाँ खिल जातीं तन पर  
मानो मृगनयनी रूपसी पहने हो  
हार, कंगन, पायल और कमरबंद  
फिर धुँए और धुल से ढकती  
श्वास-श्वास शिथिलता से लेती  
गड्डों की चेचक को  
आँखें मूँदे सहती  
जो सावन उल्लास आपका  
वो इसकी जल-समाधि है  
दोपहर की तेज़ धूप इसकी चिता जलाती है  
कभी चलते वाहन से कागज़ मिलते  
कभी गंदगी भरे लिफाफे

मिल-जुलकर सब इसकी सुन्दरता को ग्रहण लगाते

न कभी शिकायत नगर-निगम से

चाहे कितनी ही हो दुर्दशा

न ही निकली मुख से गाली

भले उड़ेल गया कोई मुँह की पान-सुपारी

न विरोध किया संतरों-केलों के छिलकों का

और न ही दिखाई धिन्नता

जब भी हुई मानव मल-मुत्र की तर्पना

फिर भी देखो कैसे हर दिन वाहनों का कोलाहल सहती

अपने कर्तव्य का करती निर्वाहन

सुगम यान्नाएँ सुनिश्चित करती

यान्त्रियों को गंतव्यों तक पहुँचाती

मर्यादा, क्षमा, धीरज और सहनशीलता

सड़कों में है हर गुण मिलता

राजपथ, महात्मा गाँधी जैसे दिए शोभनीय नाम और फिर

भुल गए कर के अनाथ-अपाहिज

अपेक्षा और तिरस्कार

हमने इसे और दिया ही क्या

कहला रहें हैं स्वयं को नागरिक

करके नागरिकता को अपमानित

कब वो दिन आएगा

जब चेतना-जागृत का इतना विस्तार हो पाएगा

कि सड़कों को भी घर ही की भाँति साफ-स्वच्छ रखा जाएगा

आज वस्तविकता से दुर भले

किन्तु कल सच्चाई हो सकता है

धुँधला सा सपना यह किया अगर पलकों में कैद

तो पृथ्वी को स्वर्ग कर सकता है

धुँधला सा सपना यह किया अगर पलकों में कैद

तो पृथ्वी को स्वर्ग कर सकता है ।

(written on 23-Sept, 2007)

## Seeking Alms

With each passing day hunger is rising  
Thrust for more is climbing  
It's not just a human manifestation  
But seeking alms is everyone's plight

Some may disagree  
Some may shout  
But the crowd of church  
Reveals the sachchai (truth)

The wanderers may look as if  
They are the only needlers  
Sinking deep clears the image  
That only SHE is the feeder

SHE who is out of time  
SHE who we call divine  
Omnipresent, shimmering and shy  
Who creates, loves and nullifies

The drama is the only cage  
And only eyes get blurred  
It wasn't a prerequisite  
Yet today seeking alms is the only worship.

(written on 17-Mar, 2007)

## The Calling

Many a problems may come  
many a depart on different paths  
many a times you would think to stop  
feeling exhausted, shattered, burnt and lost  
But do remember the noble cause  
the calling for which you stood for  
now leaving the battle in between  
would be an injustice to the fellow warriors

Who will fight..

it has to be only you  
for just you are equipped with what needs to win  
for this only you were born  
if unfinished in this life  
it has to be done in subsequent one's  
life n death cycle will continue  
until you finish the task assigned  
Struggling since ages to reach Abode  
how will you come in without the Key  
you and She are both in pain  
trying hard to unite again  
She can only help by Her grace  
like a guide who shows the way  
but it's only you who has to walk  
and perform  
why you worry, why fear  
kill desires and mental pleasures  
Be the archer and get prepared

to shoot on friends and children  
don't get deluded, don't run away  
kundan (alchemist's stone) will only come from fire  
be the doer not the judge  
perform thy duties and don't repent  
nothing lost as nothing belongs to you  
all is only Her-His kingdom  
you don't know the primordial cause  
then why plan and what for  
clean up thy senses  
so you may listen the calling  
Neglecting or missing will waste this birth  
and you may have to wait until next life  
it is only NOW, the best time  
the eternal, everlasting  
just see through and identify  
Come up, break your chains  
perform before it's too late  
you needn't spend another life  
for what you can achieve today  
from suffering and sorrow to immortal bliss  
it's your journey and you have to walk through  
it's your journey and may you walk through!!

(written on 15-Jul, 2007)

## **When i Just Think of You**

When i just think of you

A rhythm comes to disorderly soul

Sorrows vanish, worries scatter

Sun of pleasure shines bright

Solitude becomes sweet, guilt dissolves

Beauty comes in every thought

Blushing face become smiles playground

To check no one is observing, i frequently turn around

Shackles of life break apart

Mirrors of illusions just do not stand

Sometimes short, sometimes long

This phase leaves me very contented

This eternal bliss takes me high

Sometimes swim n sometimes i fly

Seem like drenched in this nectar

In essence of which the symphony follows

Through the ages from adam n eve

This sacred turmoil leaves me clean

Hours pass n yet seem a second

When i just think of you.

(written around 21-Jan, 2007)