

UNDERSTANDING WORK CULTURE: PANDIT, SADHU, POOJA AND PREM

Trust and Obedience are two inseparable and essential ingredient of every culture be it work, social or family. Trust is child of love and obedience is child of Worship. I believe, to be trusted is a bigger compliment than being loved.

Senior Citizens of any culture are the Sadhus, who nurture, groom and foster the younger ones according to their vision and what is in best interest of everyone. Sadhu's throw in seeds, in hope that some of them will give fruits, flower and shadow in time. It is also their responsibility to ensure proper sunlight, breathing air, manure etc. If Natural Organic Growth gets delayed, fertilizers may be used. Because, If young minds are unable to connect with previous yester year's knowledge, social progress, intelligence and experience is wasted, destroyed, nullified!

Sadhus are leaders, visionaries and non conventional but for many practical purposes, Traditional Scholars or Pandits are used. Some say, Pandits reap the fruits of Sadhu's work and preach divine prophecy. Friction in their ways of working is because Sadhus love the culture and work beyond rules and laws , while Pandits does worship of and for the cultural icons for its sustenance by rules and regulations. Sadhu is beyond rules because he loves, like mother!

In a nut shell: Pandit does Pooja, while Sadhu Does Prem!

Understanding Pandit ji's Pooja:

1. Pooja is done verbally, Prem is done with action.
2. Pooja is limited, time bound and not as natural as Prem.
3. Pooja may have selfish motive attached.
4. Pooja has danger of becoming mechanical and bhav-rahit.
5. Pooja can be done by anyone.

Understanding Sadhu's Love:

1. Love is more natural, unselfish, unconditional and is not time bounded.
2. How? Even in middle of night, love of a mother does not changes for her child.
3. Product of love is nothing but more love.
4. One does not gains anything in love but loses whatever it may have.
5. Love is based on sacrifice particularly self-sacrifice.
6. There can be no mistakes in love.
7. Can everyone really love? Most of us do shop-keeping and trade with others?

My Conclusion is Pooja is not free but relatively cheap in comparison to Love. I don't know which one is greater but hindustaan, equally loves, trusts and respects both. Beware my friend, Many times, extreme love for someone is also a reason for murder? Just Joking!

So, which one is you? Sadhu or Pandit? Some thoughts are borrowed from Narad Bhakti Sutra (Philosophy of Love), Bharatiya Manisha and what I learned from various Sadhus.

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