

Letter from Langshott

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My Dear friends and creative thinkers,

"Commitment to self augments a person's intrinsic worth"

Personal growth, attainments, and achievements all have one common factor – the commitment of loyalty to noble intentions. And the biggest enemies of commitment are idleness, prevarication, and procrastination.

A commitment to self is not a glib expression of resolve to meet a goal. It has to have dedication, determination, and seriousness of purpose to be of any value. A real commitment is not a product of willpower, but rather a 24 carat unspoken but sacrosanct pact made with one's essential silent partner – the inner fabric. When a commitment is so deeply internalized it ceases to be a mere attitude to work or life but becomes a character trait. It induces an individual to collaborate with the cosmos, and thus gives the commitment a spiritual base.

This is the secret of people who are out and out winners in life. They know that to simply make a show of an unflinching commitment to their cause is not sufficient. The commitment has to be given homage with a pledge of sincerity, patience, and dedication so it has a resilient backbone.

People fail in their resolve to achieve anything major, even when their intention is worthy and well defined because their decisions lack quality and commitment which are never entrenched in their inner fibers. Their efforts remain superficial due to a lack of sincerity, faith, and self-belief. They lack perseverance and are characterized by indolence. Their self-worth is low. They live to simply get by in life.

They are said to be swimming naked in the stream of life, and get found out when the tide goes out.

Watchout!

Be blessed.

Anil Kumar

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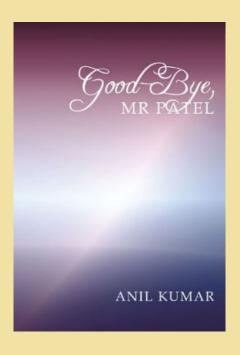
A Conservative politician, Enoch Powell, an erudite and articulate orator, stood above all others for his jingoistic condemnation of multiracial immigration into Britain. He has gone down in history as arguably one of the most controversial British politicians of the postwar era. His earlier speeches during the Kenyan exodus had already attracted a great deal of attention. He spoke fearlessly and coherently in his portrayal of 'rivers of blood' that would ensue from an ideologically polarized British society. He believed, and said as much, that English heritage was under threat.

I felt that, by default of Amin's actions, I had now become part of Powell's sordid and alarmist extrapolations of demographic statistics. I was not wanted in Britain. I was made to feel as if I was a burden on the country. In public there was no difference amongst Asian immigrants, refugees, work permit holders, students and visitors. I began to notice distinctly that the characteristic British warmth, to which I had become accustomed, was being gradually eroded and overtaken by indifference towards me.

This was yet another very serious blow to my spirit. My cherished dream of going back to Uganda as a professional person and to live there as though I belonged there was already shattered by Amin, but now Powell's speeches put an end to living and growing in Britain with a true sense of belonging to Britain. I was barely in my twenties when this experience planted long lasting and searching questions in my mind, "Where do I belong? Can I avoid belonging anywhere? Is it necessary to belong to any nation?"

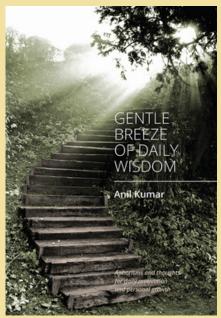
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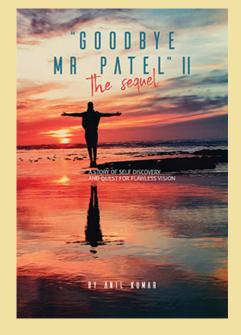
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