

# DAILY INSPIRATION

a daily journal for self improvement

## Empower Your Soul - to Inspire Happiness

*"I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than attempting to satisfy them."—John Stuart Mills*

### Leadership

*"The greater a man is in power above others, the more he ought to excel them in virtue. None ought to govern who is not better than the governed."—Publius Syrus*

### Character

*"Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live, as well as strong to think."—Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Oh! God

"Where is God?" asked the disciple. "Everywhere, in everyone and everything," said his Guru. Later, as the disciple was going home, he saw an elephant charging towards him. "Get out of the way, get out of the way," shouted the elephant-driver. "He has gone mad!" But the disciple thought: "God is everywhere. He is in the elephant and he is in me. Would God attack God? No, therefore the elephant will not attack me." He stood where he was. The elephant picked him up in his trunk and flung him aside. Fortunately, he

landed in a haystack and was not too badly hurt. But he was terribly shaken and confused. When the Guru and the other disciples came to help him and take him home, he said, "You said God is in everything, but see what the elephant did to me!" "It is true that God is in everything," said his Guru. "He is in the elephant, but he is also in the mahout who kept telling you to get out of the way. Why didn't you listen to him?"

**Moral:** We should listen to everyone.

## Enlighten Your Mind - to Excel

### Vocabulary

**Illimitable** adj. Boundless.

**Luminosity** n. The quality of giving or radiating light.

**Manliness** n. The qualities characteristic of a true man, as bravery, resolution, etc.

**Manufacturer** n. A person engaged in manufacturing as a business.

**Operator** n. One who works with or controls some machine or scientific apparatus.

**Pedagogics** n. The science and art of teaching.

## 24<sup>th</sup> July in History

**1783:** Simon Bolivar, great dynamic leader and social reformer, was born at Caracas.

**1883:** Captain Matthew Webb, the first man to swim the English channel.

**1997:** Mahasweta Devi, Bengali litterateur, received Ramon Magsaysay Award for journalism, literature and creative communication.

**1997:** Country's highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna conferred on former interim Prime Minister Gulzarilal Nanda.

**2000** S. Vijayalakshmi becomes the first Indian woman Grandmaster in the International Grandmasters chess tournament held in Hyderabad.

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