

Essay on Patriotism

Introduction

In the broader sense, man is the offspring of the Earth. His native land is where his respiratory function goes on in its light, air, and dust, where his eagerness to be united with religion, language, and festivals is expressed, and where he tastes and smells freedom. A deep sympathy of social men is the source of patriotism, the bondage of fondness for one's nation. So, patriotism is a noble inheritance of man. Then the motherly birthplace is more radiant with greater sublimity than heaven. A patriot fosters the feeling of patriotism in his core heart. The core meaning of patriotism is 'love for one's country. He who has no love for his native land is no man in the true sense. To say the truth, he is an editor. So, everyone should feel a sense of pride and joy at the thought of his native land.

Who is unpatriotic?

A man devoid of love for his motherland is the most unfortunate. He is a man with a dead soul. He is a vile fellow. A patriot is by nature devoted to going on some business to a distant place, and he feels anxious and uneasy always. The poet voices the feeling of all when he says.

*"Home, sweet home,
there is no place like home,
Mind pleasure and
Places though we may roam,
There is no place like home."*

But the man who is not thrilled with joy on returning home from

abroad is a man with a dead soul. He may be regarded as an unpatriotic who is hated and ignored by all. He lives a very dishonorable life. His fate is very sad and deplorable.

Nature of Patriotism

Patriotism is an inherent quality of man. Any person from his very boyhood is nourished among its motherlike native soil, water, air, sky, environment, culture, and so forth. Its body, mind, beliefs, ideal— all these are nourished by various native components. As a result, his love for the country is for the sake of duty, gratitude, and responsibility. A patriot learns to loves his country from his very birth as his mother loves him. To every patriotic figure, his native land is the best, whether she is small or big. A true lover of the country regards his gain as the contribution of his country; he does not hesitate to lay down his own life when his own country is burned with questions by the foes of home and abroad. When a country or the countrymen are in the plenty of wealth and riches, man's patriotism may be asleep sometimes. But again, for the shock of sorrow and repression, he arises anew.

When the country is in the critical moment when the freedom is in disaster for the foreign invasion when the man is tormented for the poisonous effect of subjection and restless for being free when the oppression of the bloody-eyed foreign rulers is at the extreme point, man realizes the gist of patriotism; comes the initiation of the cult of revolution of patriotism, and only then man, for the sake of the dignity of his country, lays down his own life bountifully. Instead of hundreds of martyrs' lives patriotism obtains life. Liberation struggle and the sense of nationality are the main sources of patriotism. The past Liberation Struggle history of Bangladesh is a glaring example of patriotism. Patriotism should be liberal, generous, and pure which also transcends the love for own life. Edwin

Arnold has excellently depicted this all-devouring side of patriotism: "I indeed love my life, but I don't do that more than my land."

Examples of patriotism

The native country is our home and shelter. The country provides us with food to eat, water to drink, and air to breathe. The country is our mother for whom one should have unbroken love forever. Mother, motherland, and mother tongue are senior to heaven. So the poet voices with thrilling voice:

*"I love thee, O, my native land
Thou art my own, right or wrong."*

Our native land for some unreasonable political figures may be at times wrong as well. But we hold a fanatic love for her because she is our mother under whose saree's border we hide our blushing and gloomy face in the time of joy and sorrow. A patriot works selflessly for the good of his native land. He even accepts death as a bosom friend to defend the honor of his motherland. He always cherishes the hope of keeping his mother unstained. He never knows how to retreat. He ever goes forward and becomes a national hero in the period. From generation to generation innumerable great men or scholars laid down their lives for the welfare of the native land. All Indian Leftist leader Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose laid down his life for his uncompromising patriotic zeal for the motherland. During World War II, he roamed about throughout the world for the freedom of the Indian nation. Of course, the call of Indian freedom did not come then on the lookout. But then the thirst for freedom was dormant in his heart, and for this, he opposed the British Force then. Comrade Mujjaffar is another concrete statue of patriotism.

He never joined hands with the then bourgeois govt. of India. In the critical moment of his life, he never took help from them. Again. Moulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani, Argentine revolutionary leader Che Guevara who worked for the freedom of Cuba and died for the liberation of Bolivia, Sher-e-Bangla A.K. Fazlul Hague, Sheikh Mujibur Rahaman, Ziaur Rahaman, Hussain Shahid Suhrawardy, Lenin and Stalin of Russia, Mao Tse-tun of China, George Washington and the black leader Lui Farha Khan of the USA, Ho-si-min of Vietnam, Turkey Mustafa Kamal Pasa and many other political maestros are also the glaring examples of patriotism; they are shining for their respective glory or sublimity. Simon Bolivar, the rescuer of Latin America, would rush to one end to another of South America for the freedom of the countries of this continent, though he was a Colombian.

For his extraordinary and exceptional sense of love for a country, he was made the prime leader of both Colombia and the Bolivian government simultaneously. The story of patriotism is incomplete unless the freedom fighters (martyred and alive) predominating with our seven 'Bir Shrestha' is presented here. The National Memorial at Savar instigates that for the matchless love for the country our seven fearless offsprings have snatched away the sun of freedom from the noisy sky of occupation West Pakistan and thus they have been our ever memory. There was no chauvinism in them like some martyrs of Afghanistan, Iraq, and some other countries of the third world.

Conclusion

Patriotism is great quality and an invaluable wealth in a man's life. It is a noble virtue it should linger in every man. The basic aim of Patriotism is to love man. It is part of philanthropy. So all should love the country by sacrificing their self-interest. But if we do otherwise, we are unpatriotic. Again, an unpatriotic man dies doubly. Despite his wealth, high power, and noble birth he is unsung and

unhonoured. With his very death, he vanishes from the mind-screen of man. So, a man is immortal under the sun and here-after for supreme passionate quality for his loving country. A patriot with patriotism turns to an icon of memory.