

# Contribution: A Footprint on Sands of Time

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Many would like to script at least a footnote in the pages describing the events of the century. Even greater, leave a legacy that spans through generations of human existence. Seeking a state of perennial intangible existence is always one's dream. It will remain a dream unless there are earnest pursuits towards that aim. Many doubts whether they have the capability or capacity to even dwell in this kind of thoughts. To help vanish this sort of feelings, let us be reminded that no man is so abysmal that nothing positive is seen in his character. Stimulants or triggers is the right remedy to evoke the hidden positive characters. It can begin with little contributions, even if it is insignificant in the eyes of the outside world. It must be emphasized that every human being has the inherent capacity to contribute in some way. The moment a child had been conceived, it has started contributing to the joy and expectations of his or her parents. So, contribution is a built-in character in every individual and requires expansion beyond norms in order to script the desirable footnotes.

James Branch Cabell said, "While it is well enough to leave footprints on the sands of time, it is even more important to make sure they point in a commendable direction." Taking a cue from the quote, contribution has to be positive. It encompasses all efforts towards improving the lot of mankind. For many individuals, contribution starts with a trigger point, an event, a revelation, an awakening or a meeting with death. It is needless to wait for the trigger point. Just scrutinize oneself

and assess the level of positive contribution that you have already done. First, create a list of these positive contributions. It can be in a diverse range of spectrum where one begins from the smaller scale and progress towards a higher scale to reach the perennial status. A lower scale contribution may simply mean perfecting the normal things that we do in our daily life. For instance, switching off the lights when you leave the room is a miniscule example of contributing towards sustainable environment. It may not leave the footprint desired but would certainly cultivate the inherent traits of contribution within us. Thus, the fundamental form of contribution is to seek excellence in whatever we do and we would be able to discern how our par excellence performance translates into meaningful contributions. Besides enhancing our character and qualities through excellence pursuits, its pervasive effects will also transform your environment constructively. Ultimately, it will dawn on us that we have reach a stage where we are prepared to set the footprint on the sands of time. We can call this an awakening, but it is merely a clear mental state of our understanding of ourselves in terms of our capabilities, spirituality or destiny. Contribution paths may differ based on one's evaluation of oneself but, invariably, objectives will converge.

Simply said, the act of contribution begins with the fundamental issue of achieving excellence in executing our tasks. Its purpose has to be constructive so as to be commendable. A time emerges where larger scale contributions are naturally revealed to us to execute and that leaves a footprint on the sands of time!

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