



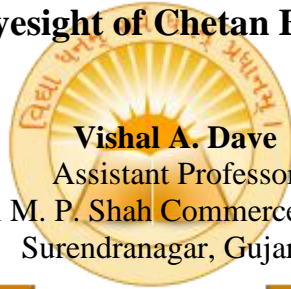
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Chetan Bhagat a prominent writer wrote *What Young India Wants* an inspirational and nonfictional book in which he throws light on so many issues of young generation, society, Indian country and politics. Sometimes as a reader we can notice that this book is little bit autobiography of the writer himself as he describes his own experience of the life in preface. Chetan Bhagat depicts his personality in this book which is more powerful for youth who have great skill of any field though they are disappointed. Sometimes youngsters who have strong feelings for their skills but they have no chance to develop it. They should follow the social or family trends as sheep walking race in which they can never think about their own personality. Chetan Bhagat tries to lead the young generation to identify their own personality which is hidden under the negative aspects. Chetan Bhagat wrote about himself in preface,

“1 was meant to be a banker, stay a banker...All of this became possible because of the one little, ignored aspect of my personality when I was a child—me as the entertainer. It surfaced again and changed my life 1 mentioned earlier how I used to entertain my uncles and relatives when 1 was a child” (xvi)



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Thus Chetan Bhagat inspires youth to know about themselves especially about their skills in which they can design their career. It is controversial that a banker can write such prominent books for young generation or become motivational speaker but in case of Chetan Bhagat we can easily find this difference. It is enough to understand that a person should design the field of his income by not of his or her education only but they should concentrate about their own potential or skills too. Indian youth have so many challenges like middle class background, family oriented life, religious or cultural restrictions, caste factor, lack of counselling from family or friends, orthodoxy etc. The young generation is in embracement that how they can tackle all the situation. They are in big confusion that what to do or not to do? They have a deep impression of negativity which are stroked on them by family members or society. Young generation is now fail to listen the echo of their inner voice which lead them towards inferiority complex or negative mind set. In *What Young India Wants* Chetan Bhagat describes his own story as Banker in Hong Kong he courageously gave up his job though he has family. Indirectly he inspired the young generation who are in same condition that they have great skills but they cannot go in their skilled filed because of family or social responsibilities. The question is of daring who dare to change? Chetan Bhagat also describe that job is like golden chain from which no



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one can easily escape. He narrates,

“However, to put in my hundred per cent, I had to quit my lucrative job. As an executive director in a major international investment bank, I had several perks and a big salary: To give it all up and write, hoping to effect change in a country like India, sounded mad from the start” (xvii).

Chetan dares to change the mentality especially as Indian who are never dare to change. It is the big step in the direction of convert the direction less youth in perfect direction. Chetan Bhagat strongly demands for changes which are necessary for today’s young generation. Change is necessary may be it is in education system, family values, cultural values or political system. Chetan Bhagat describes some solution in which he adds that the change will only happen if everyone decides to change together. Only single person cannot change anything. We never criticized our own system of living or thinking which is now converted as mind set of our young generation. We should not target the young generation as machine of follower who ever follow our rules and regulation or rituals as per our inheritor. We try to create healthy atmosphere for youth in which they feel fresh and independent to think or to behave. We should provide circumstances in which young generation will become courageous and self-regulated.

“Thus, transformation will come about only if everyone decides to change together. A majority of Indians have to accept what we do is wrong and be ready to change for a better future. Society needs to reset and inculcate good values. Right now, we don t even have a clear set of Indian values. We need to create them” (xxiii).

Chetan Bhagat puts emphasis on person’s life spark by which he or she can find the root cause of their life. He writes about youth issues related to personal or social issues because there is extreme need of solutions of youth issues in Indian society. Youngsters of India become helpless today because they feel that they are now useless without job, education, status in society, lack of creativity etc. Chetan Bhagat tries hard to evoke responsible personalities to think about youth issues and its possible solutions. He never neglects youth issues because the issues related to young generation of today are burning and dangerous.

“I either comment on the system or on society. The system changes with better policies. Society changes with better values, I have a bias towards youth-based issues, as most of India is young. Corruption, education, secularism are the topics I focus on the most” (xxvi).



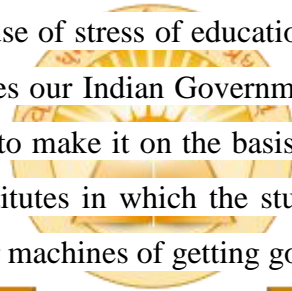
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Here Chetan Bhagat throws light on one sentence that you have more feelings for young generation after reading this all chapters of his books. Here things are different because we read many critics who ever criticized today's modern young generation but no one tries to increase sympathy for them like Chetan Bhagat. Here we notice one more thing which is described by Chetan Bhagat that Indian youth work hard for getting good education and designing their career. This is perfect scenario of Indian society in which Indian youth struggled hard than other country's young generation. The reasons are different like over population, corruption, wrong government policies our education system, lack of career guidance etc. But the fact is that our young generation really work hard to cope up or to qualify in the race of competition. Chetan Bhagat talks about life Spark in which emphasizes everyone to know about his or her life spark. Chetan Bhagat writes that it is our misfortune that we ever listen the news of suicide of young generation in India. Especially the young students who are belongs to well-known education institutes are committed suicide this is the topic of worry. The main cause of such activity is academic pressure. Most of the students lead themselves towards life ending because of stress of education and their unsuccessfulness in the race of getting good marks. Chetan Bhagat advises our Indian Government and educationist that this is the perfect time to change the education system and to make it on the basis of skill. Chetan Bhagat also describes the atmosphere of well-known education institutes in which the students are like prisoner and there were try hard to prove themselves good muggers or machines of getting good marks.



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Chetan Bhagat gave very good speech at Symbiosis Pune on 24th July 2008. In this speech he narrates that youngsters should never disappointed because we have a life spark from our born. It was coming from a small toy when we were child and then it would come from our dreams when we will young. Life spark is like the vibration of heart without it no one can live happy life. Chetan Bhgat here discusses that how one can save this life spark in his life till the end of the life. He gives the example of burning lamp, a burning lamp can light because of the oil or fuel same one can save his or her life spark by the fuel of positive thinking, enthusiasm, goal of the life, motivation and inspiration. Chetan Bhagat here gives the perfect definition of success,

According to him success is not to reach at your goal but true success is to never end your life spark till the end. Chetan Bhagat describes that everyone should know that God send us on this planet to live happy life not to compare or compete with one another. He compares life spark with lemon spoon race of nursery child in which it is very important to save your lemon same in the life it is very important to save your health



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and healthy relations. This all things are very important for young generation who feel depression or frustration on the hard part of the life like getting less marks or getting good job or breaks ups in love. Chetan Bhagat tries to study young minds which are like the fertile land of thousands of anxious thoughts. Here Chetan Bhagat tries to lead young generation towards their own life spark which is like life line of their life as per him no one can remove him or herself without this life spark. Chetan Bhagat strongly argued if financial independence is only the life spark so there is no chance for highly reach person to come for work,

“There you go. I’ve told you the four thunderstorms—disappointment, frustration, unfairness and isolation. You cannot avoid them, as like the monsoon, they will come into your life at regular intervals. You just need to keep the raincoat handy to not let the spark die” (Bhagat 2008).

This is the clear picture for everyone that they should identify their own life spark by which they can get aesthetic pleasure without stress or disappointment. We can find some examples of great persons of this world like Gandhiji, Swami Vivekananda, Abdul Kalam, Sardar Patel who never care for their troubles of life because they have great goal of life like life spark from which they can get sacred joy. Abdul Kalam can spend hundreds of hours in laboratory for new inventions and he can find pure joy from visiting the students till the end of his life. Thus everyone can find the joy of life by his own personal goal. This is the best secrete to make your life fruitful and ever happy. It is like the continuous flow of energy by which one can never find himself weak or helpless. Chetan Bhagat suggests to take the life very easy because ultimately we are human beings we can feel tiredness, boredom, disappointment, excitement etc.

Chetan bhagat specially targets the youth of India because in India there is more possibilities of frustration to getting less marks or being unsuccessful in competition or not getting good job, being alone in society, breaking of love affairs, being unsuccessful for choosing own career field etc. This is the reality of thousands youngsters of India who are fail to cope up with above hurdles in their life. There are two ways against them to find the possible solution or escape from them. Most of the youngsters choose the second way that they try to escape from the factual troublesome situation but this is not real solution. Sometimes Chetan Bhagat highlighted the current trend in which we can easily find distinguish or generation gape due to globalize revolution and its effect.

“Growing awareness of technology and the use of it have definitely exposed India to a new



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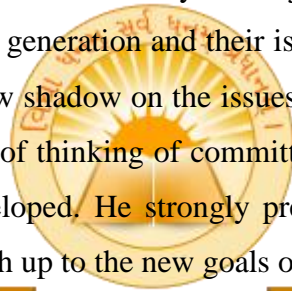
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environment. This change has come about due to strong wish of youths to participate in the technological revolution that is going on all around the world. Both the fictions of Bhagat show techno-friendly youths, participating in the development, use and the spread of it. All the people working at the call center in his fiction handle the calls and computers easily. Through certain episodes, Bhagat has underlined a palpable difference between the young and the old generation” (Kshirsagar, Bonde and Shinde 4).

Conclusion

Thus Chetan Bhagat writes this nonfiction book in which he narrates young Indian mind sets and their issues of inferiority complex, Indian education system, Indian politics and its corruptions, Life style of poor middle class young generation etc. Chetan Bhagat collects his speeches in his books which are effectively inspired young minds to change their views about life and its problems. Chetan Bhagat successfully leads his readers towards the optimistic atmosphere in which they can enjoy the new colors of life by their positive thoughts. Chetan Bhagat highlights young generation and their issues and India and Indian root problems in this book aptly. Chetan Bhagat throws new shadow on the issues of youth which are after the curtain in the society. He opposed the orthodox pattern of thinking of committing suicide and finding oneself helpless or meaningless while one is skilled or developed. He strongly presents his views of life sparks among the young generation by which youth can reach up to the new goals of life.



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