

Feedback

Taking Favors

Thanks for forwarding yr article "Taking Favours".

2. U have articulated yr views on a complex subject, that has high diversity of views. The reason is that inter -personal relationships, specially between close relatives, can not be satisfactorily recorded/ recognised/ evaluated, unlike accounting entries in mercantile transactions, which are done so on a daily basis for balancing of books.

3. Looked from other perspective, human life is multi- dimensional: materialistic, spiritual, social, emotional. Materialistic transactions can be monetised and their debits and credits can be squared off to the satisfaction of both the parties. But such squaring off is not possible in spiritual / social /emotional dimensions of life. Thus, a rich Hindu son, who has fully repaid with interest what his parents did for the son, would still need to repay his "Paitric debt" as per Hindu belief/ custom.

4. Typically, In Indian rural society, a wife does a lot of work and sacrifice in the husband' s family after leaving her parents home. But in how many families, her work / sacrifice is really evaluated and appreciated? She is really a "creditor" in the family by virtue of her relatively greater work / sacrifice. But how many women do jockeying or walk in the creditor's shoes in the family?

5. Of course, one should try to be a "creditor" rather than a "debtor" in one's life, over all.

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What a wonderful article! I do agree so much on this subject. You pinpointed so well the intricacies of favor taking, and also how true - the old country vs here in America on this matter!... Also, an excellent point about parenting: there is no repaying there and none expected.

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Being Wealthy

One is never wealthy enough. In sixties, J Paul Getty, one of the only two billionaires in world at that time , famously said," A billion is no more what it used to be".

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Missing the Forest for the Trees

I totally agree with you and Kiritbhai. Instead of enjoying the moment, we waste our energy on taking the pictures and posting it on the Facebook or other social media. We need to relax and enjoy.I will remember your article next time when I start taking pictures. Great thought, thanks for sharing.

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