

## The dark side of enlightenment



The Dark side of enlightenment highlights the search, application and the effect of knowledge in new age, spiritual and other fringe areas in our daily lives. It deals with the social and cultural issues in the modern world as we can move around freely between borders and experience international media in every corner of the world. It deals with the individuals internal strife created through the bias of media and the adoption of the dominating materialistic world religion at all costs. It raises the moral question on the agenda and collateral both of international warfare, world politics and personal cut throat careers as the author tries to find a middle ground between physical and spiritual growth and survival in a modern lifestyle while applying age old values. The dilemma is given context by means of the authors autobiography in order to highlight how subtle change creates perception which could be both a blessing and a curse. Today we live in future times where our private lives are increasingly public and the last freedom that the author resorts to is that of the mind. An individual can transcend an invisible boundary from which nothing will ever look the same, not even the mind which posited the question in the first place as pointed out by Nietzsche. The Dark side of enlightenment is written chronologically starting with the life of the author. This is done in order to give an insight into a normal life for the reader. Slowly as life move into the teenage years peer pressure and teenager behavior exercises pressure on the author to which he respond accordingly with reasoning based upon experience gained up to that point in life. As we progress in the autobiography opinions become more visible through thought experiments. There is a peak in experience due to large number of critical experiences such as parenting, changing job, countries and cultural background which allows for the

development of a moral baseline and reasoning. The later chapters deal with society and the external environment such as the media which had now become the peer-pressure of a young professional trying to find his feet in life. With the relocation to another country, a period of stability allowed for reflective reasoning of past experiences which not only gave valuable time for research but time to deal with solutions. There is a selection of blog articles which do not form part of the core of The Dark side of enlightenment but they allow for thought experiments and further inductive reasoning of the reader. Because of our busy lives we often look at experiences as single moments in time. The backdrop of the autobiography enables one to see these individual moments snowball into a cumulative life experience that defines us and our future. This book is a culmination of the work on ranging from Rudolf Steiner, Helena Blavatsky, Plato, Karl Marx including more recent authors like Malcolm Gladwell and giants such as William F Engdahl, Noam Chomsky. The work includes experiences of the author and the outlook of age old tradition and its value to mankind. The backdrop is the authors life in the IT industry and exposure to banking and financial institutions and the inner workings of these powerful companies. The philosophical outlook amalgamates with the classic works in science such as Einsteins theories and the dancing Wu-Li masters and other scientific pieces such as The China Study. Not only does it highlight the perils an individual face in the future but also the possible avenues to overcome them. It shares the outlook and journey of the author in order that any individual can find a path to peace through the various avenues explored in this book.

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