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Kids Gita -

The Song Of Little Krishna

The Breeze of Daya

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Our Little Tiff



Gwri and Damu, why are you both so silent? Can I know the reason?



We both have a tiff since our last meet. That day you were in a hurry and did not clear our doubt on the precedence of Dharma and Daya over any other feeling or emotion.



Oh.. sorry about that. What is all the tussling about? First let me resolve it.



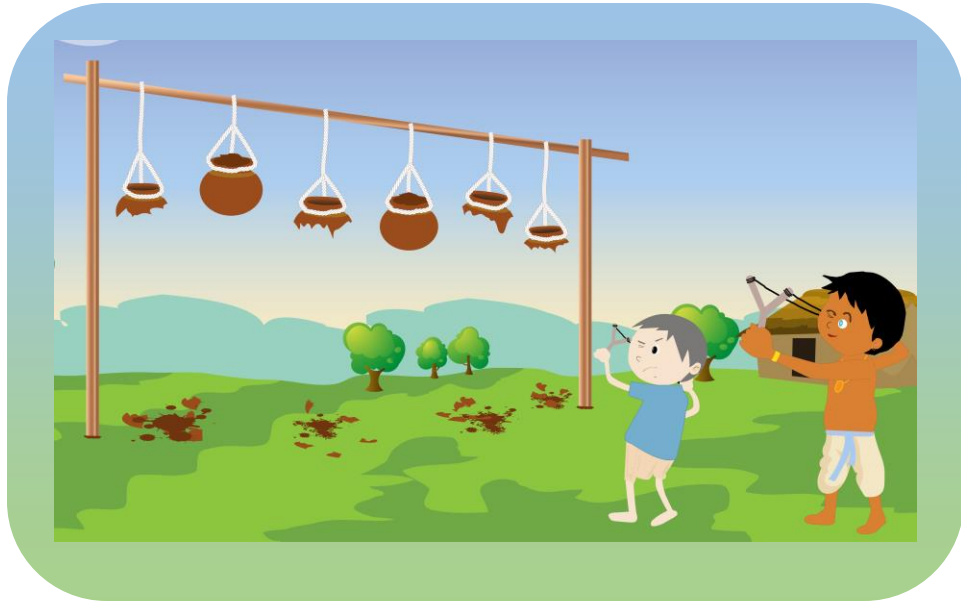
Gwri: Krsna, in our last meet you said anger cloud must be blown away with the breeze of Dharma. Damu angrily punched his friend's face violating his Dharma of being a friend. I think that is making him unhappy.



Damu: Gwri, you have mistaken. In the last meet, Krsna said that sometimes anger clouds are needed to groom the positive anger in us. Do you remember? You chased Amsu with a stone in hand for breaking your Elephant toy.



Oh yaa, now I very well understand the trouble you both got. Damu, why did you assault the boy?



Damu: Krsna, that boy's name is Thaandu, my neighbor. Late at noon, we were practicing slingshot skills that our respective teachers had trained us in the previous class. Thaandu hit most of his pot targets rightly. I missed a couple of them closely. Just then, he started criticizing my teacher. He alleged that my teacher was not an accomplished person, so he could not train me well. I cautioned Thaandu that it was not my teacher's mistake and that I failed to put sufficient practice to help me master the skill. He was not heedful to my caution until I punched his face to teach him a lesson for speaking ill of my teacher. He then apologized for the deed.



A teacher makes a huge difference in our lives. He not only imparts the right skills for a fruitful future but also builds your inner personality. In our culture, teachers are given the position of a god. Disrespect to a teacher in words or actions is not permitted.

So Damu, your anger and fight you had put up to keep the honor of your teacher have a valid reason. But always remember to find the right way to get angry. You can consider talking to an elder to sort out things before you resort to a physical fight.

Anger that helps us to do the right thing is good. You tried to uphold the DHARMA of a student.



Gwri: Krsna, I followed the Dharma of being a good daughter and taught a lesson to Amsu for breaking my toy.



Gwri, there is a virtue called 'DAYA' which means being kind to the life around us. In certain circumstances, you must use your reasoning and take the right action. Amsu made the mistake of breaking your toy. If you go by Dharma, you have all the right to teach him a lesson because he is responsible for your loss. But the damage caused to your toy was an accident and not an intentional act. If you follow Daya, then you would be kind to him and forgive. So Daya takes precedence over Dharma.

Vengeance always steals our peace of mind. Following the path of Daya and Dharma helps us to manage our anger and concentrate on more important aspects of life.

The formula is, at a personal level hold on to the goodness of 'Daya' just as you would forgive Amsu although you are at loss.

If you aim to achieve the greater good, which means the benefit of other people than oneself, then hold on to the virtue, 'Dharma' just as Damu stood by his guru's respect. If you don't understand this statement now, worry not. We shall have more illustrations to understand when to hold to Daya and when to follow Dharma.



Gwri: Thanks for your guidance Krsna. Certainly, we all shall try to practice Daya and Dharma in our daily lives.

For C&B Thinker

1. What is Daya?
2. How is Dharma different from Daya?
3. You promised your friends for a movie-meet on a Sunday evening. That afternoon, your grandmother came over and asked you to help her in a charity work. What would you do and why?

Thank you.

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