

## **Life Made of Actions and Reactions**

Each of us would have a model to follow in life. Maybe there are different aspects in life and consequently one could have many characters to follow as a model.

One could have a certain character to be the model and the philosophy of life in its ethics while having another model in managerial and administrative sciences, setting how to move and mobilize individuals things, finance and others in a consistent and homogenous system.

Yet the model that I am about to quote some of its wisdom here is a benign person who is very much respected. You can see in his eyes the highness and the tolerance that would not omit firmness and discipline, whether regarding himself or with dealing with other around him.

The noble gentle person who has a deep content is regarded by me as a godfather, so I take this lesson from him, because learning that has enriched my life and enriched my interactions with others when I came to comprehend this vision of his since I was young, and applied that in dealing with others, whether at the level of give and take, or take only, or give and take later. This philosophical vision of dealing with actions and reactions in calculating all that and seeing its impact on life is the thing that characterizes this perspective in a very certain way.

Laws of nature which we learn early in our lives tell us that for each action there is a reaction equal in quantity and opposite in direction.

Yes laws of life might differ but not to the extent that cancels the initial theory. In life, there is a reaction for every action, but the reaction could be

violent or light. Yet the wisdom says that the wise man is the one who calculates thoroughly for the reaction of every word he spells out and sees where the world is going and how it will affect.

The reaction might be typical to the initial action in its form and content, typically like the laws of nature, and it might be totally different from that the way we see the ironies of life.

We could witness in many cases some killer who killed a friend in an irrational moment over just one pound or a cigarette which this friend borrowed and refused to return.

At this moment, friendship is lost and logic is lost, and a human life is wasted without having a reasonable relationship between the action and the reaction.

On the contrary, we could see in many ways a very generous and gentle reaction to the action of presenting something good to someone who deserves to be well treated, and the reaction would be far beyond the value of the good thing that was initially done.

This copes with the wise saying of a wise poet who said: "Be kind and good so you would enslave their hearts, because in many ways the human heart is enslaved by the kind thing.

Yet on the contrary, if the good thing is met with lack of gratefulness and lack of gratitude, the reaction for that negative attitude would be discontinuing doing the good thing to this person". One of the wise men once said: "**No gift would have no surplus added to it, except the one that was not met with thanks**". On another level, the stories of revenge and vendetta, especially in the countryside, represent nothing but reaction.

Even if they don't happen immediately, but the reaction or the revenge would definitely come even after some time. Sometimes if the revenge or the reaction does not come from the same person who was inflicted by the suffering, it could come from his sons or followers in one way or the other.

The coercive oppressive policy practiced by the white man in black Africa resulted in many reactions against it beyond time and space. Such reactions even brought a leader from prison to become the first black ruler of South Africa, i.e. leader President Nelson Mandela.

There have also been many reactions to colonialism in many African countries colonized by the West, and thus the reaction came in the form of independent movements that had a clear rupture with the colonial era, and now they are ruling themselves by themselves.

In India, we saw the passivist philosophy reaching a great victory against the British colonials that had all sorts of lethal weapons. The passivist, peaceful, humble leader came out to take India towards independence. He is the great leader Mahatma Gandhi who represented a unique theory.

There is no doubt that arrogance and prejudice against people has its own reaction as well. The famous French Revolution in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century can stand as an evidence for that, because this revolution changed once and for all and to the ground the French Empire and brought the slogan of "Freedom, brotherhood and equality".

Then the unfair practices of the tyrant Robespierre had another reaction, then came the era of Napoleon Bonaparte, and things evolved after that.

Therefore, every human being should have a thorough calculation for the reaction of every action he is about to commit and to every word he is about to say, because one thing, one word, or one action could have enormous successive reaction beyond the calculation of that person.

The reactions of leaders and presidents are so tough in this regard. Therefore, history would never side it away from its memory. Therefore the wise Arab man once said: "Calculate the step of your foot before you lay there".

The reactions might go beyond time and space. The French Revolution had reactions outside France, the Egyptian Revolution had reactions outside Egypt, even the October victory in 1973 had enormous reactions throughout the Arab World and in Israel, and changed the vision of the world towards Egypt; and leading the world to respect this country.

Man's activity or laziness is going to be taken for him or against him. Even the thoughts of a simple person, it will not go without a reaction. It will have an impact on him and on any other person who will be influenced positively or negatively by these thoughts if he supports them or denounces them.

We all are in dire need to look thoroughly into our deeds and put before our own eyes the reactions that we might expect on various aspects and measure that on the scale of cost and revenue, whether at the level of an individual, an institution, or the society as a whole.

Each of us could become more effective, more positive and more successful depending on the way he develops such vision and sees where it leads to.