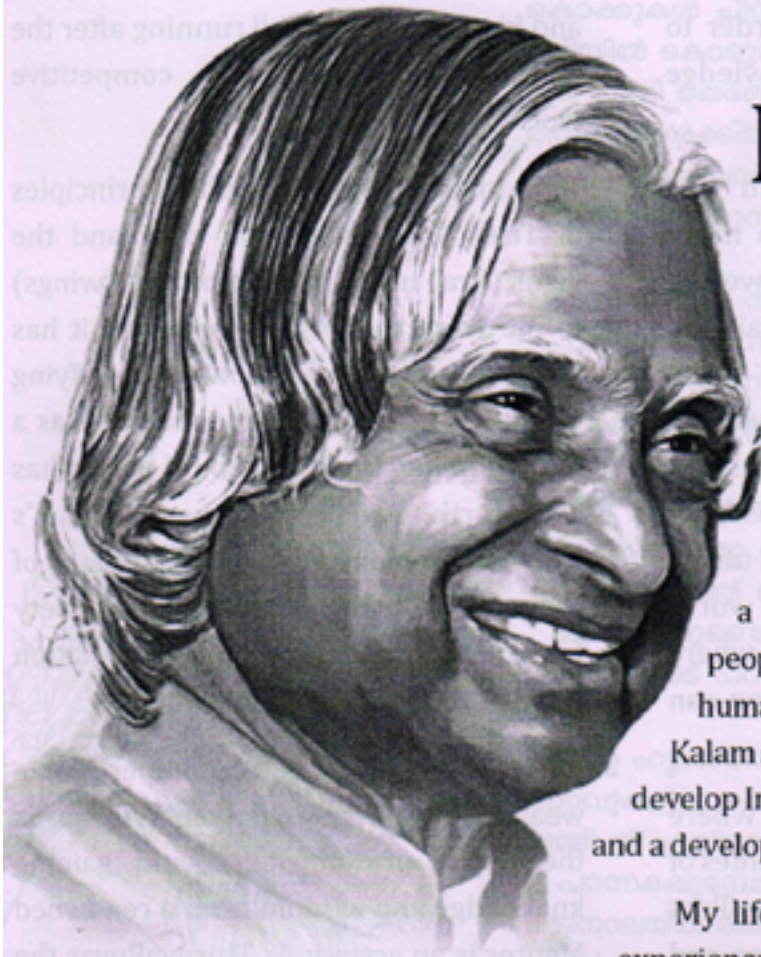


“Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam – Wings of Fire”



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Learning is a process of acquiring new or modifying existing knowledge, behaviors, skills, values etc Knowledge is information of which someone is aware whereas Wisdom is the ability to make correct judgments and decisions. Mentor is an experienced and trusted adviser.

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam believed that a country's future depends on its people, and his teachings focused on human development. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam strongly advocated an action plan to develop India into a "knowledge superpower" and a developed nation by the year 2020.

My life's unforgettable & mind-blowing experience was my meeting with my Mentor Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the Missile Man of India at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) office, Thiruvananthapuram. I handed over to Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam the National Vision documents - Vision 2020 - Mission CD DVD

Authoring India, Knowledge Village India which was the outcome of my several years of Research.

The efficient utilization of the existing knowledge can create comprehensive wealth and also improve the quality of social life in our society i.e. life - in the form of better health, education, infrastructure and other social indicators. The Knowledge economy offers a huge opportunity to collaborate with the Scientists, Academic Research scholars, Universities & Organizations, in order to create a modern, vibrant Knowledge disseminating hub of the World.

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam has appreciated and motivated me to move ahead with my mission for empowering the nation with the Technological and digital India initiative. Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's '10-point development agenda' aimed at making the state of Kerala an economic powerhouse. The idea has been hardly discussed and no initiatives taken. It is a matter of great concern and worry towards nation building process where each and every citizen of our nation can play a significant role.

We are living in a world where human beings have forgotten the values of love, respect, and kindness the true pillars of mankind. Greediness, selfishness and cunning nature have dominated the society using man for personal gains. Instead of loving human beings, we love the material aspects of the world. Dr. A. P. J.

Abdul Kalam was noted for his integrity and his simple lifestyle. The personal belongings left behind him, included books, veena, some articles of clothing, a CD player and a laptop.

Our society need to change in outlook. If we want to change the society, everyone needs to bring changes from our own home. Let us be the spark that ignites a flame in the lives of others. We are living in a competitive world and we have forgotten the true values of love, respect, and kindness. We are all running after the materialistic things in the competitive world.

Inspired by the Gandhian principles of Truth from childhood days and the vigor (fire) my Mentor imparted (wings) to me were the driving force and it has been a great inspiration in purifying myself and developing my character as a human being. Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam has given birth to endless number of Kalam's who will remain as the great pillars of society - live, preach and empower society for a new horizon and make our nation India proud in the years to come.

Learning is a true imperishable wealth, Knowledge is power, Wisdom is the depth of Knowledge and gaining knowledge and wisdom from a renowned Mentor is an ecstasy. As Thiruvalluvar, the renowned Tamil poet has said in Thirukkural - *"Learning is the true imperishable wealth; other things are not wealth."* has great relevance for us. ■