Dear Colleagues,

Happy prosperous and wonderful new year to all of you.

Necessity Is the Mother of Invention

The real author of this proverbial saying isn’t known. But this reminds me very inspiring story of our childhood as told by Grandma. The tale is an old and familiar one: a thirsty crow drops stones into a pitcher to raise the water level so she can drink. Like most quotes, they can have different meanings for different people. To me, this quote means that without ever having to need anything, nothing would have been invented. In the early days of mankind, the necessity of communicating with one another led men to the invention of languages. Later, the necessity of keeping some record of what they did or said led to the invention of writing. Later still, the necessity of spreading news and knowledge led to the invention of printing. This proverb just means that there is nothing like a pressing and urgent need for setting people to work to find a way of meeting it. If we could get all we want from nature we should not bother to invent anything; as we can’t, we are forced to find out ways and means to satisfy our need. Hence we recognize “necessity” for the progress of the human race. Still, the question is: Can all our necessities be assured and fulfilled through inventions? My friend has rightly pointed out “If necessity is the mother of invention, its opposite is the father of creativity”. Necessity makes us bold, zealous and eager enough to fulfil our needs. Necessity is a blessing in disguise. Man can achieve anything he wants provided he puts in hard labour and sincere efforts.

Happy Reading

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