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Friends, do you feel that there is a relationship between a man & the tree. I feel that a very close relationship is prevalent between a man and the tree. This subject flashed in my mind when recently I was specially shooting the big trees and their trunks. You can refer those photos on <http://is.gd/aMMwF>.

We should consider ourselves lucky, if like a tree we all get a place to grow and branch out.

Visualize the trees in the jungle. Who takes their care? Birth is not in their hands but still they make all out efforts to grow & branch out and reach for the air at one end and for the water at another end by spreading their roots. Friends, don't you think we can learn from this? Just imagine. Like trees in the jungle, we have no control on our birth. We can't select the parents, family, financial condition etc. But still we should make every effort to shape our life. If you get good parents, nothing like it.

When ever we talk about a family and want to unearth the relationship between various family members, we use the term 'family tree'. Obviously because family has number of branches like uncles, brothers & sisters etc. When all the branches are intact, tree not only looks attractive but also provides the shade to passengers. Well, joint families are fast vanishing for various reasons-right or wrong and we have to accept this hard core reality.

If you wish to learn about Karma yogi, then you should look at trees. Trees give their fruits to every one, shade to passengers etc. Even when it falls down or dies, it provides wood for fire. In fact every part of coconut tree is made to use. Here I find that we hardly learn from trees. We are always anxious that we should be the sole beneficiary, without much regards to those who assisted us in the process. We try to derive happiness & satisfaction in life by accumulating 'material products.' You may not get what you want but you can certainly love what you get in life. Each tree in a jungle does not get free access to air but they find their way to survive.

Good relationships are like Trees. They demand attention & care in the beginning but once they blossom, they provide you shade in all situations of life. Relationship is another pendulum box and less said the better. Man is a social animal. We stay in the society. Please remember that society starts from you or you are the centre point of the society. Hence we build & maintain relationship with others. However the outcome of relationship also depends on the response from the other end. Disturbance in the relationship upsets you. Relationship should not be based on selfish grounds. It should not be developed by concealing the expectations from the other party. Since the other party does not know your expectations, may not reciprocate thereby upsetting you. Just think on your real motive in developing relationship.

Trees shade their leaves every year and after monsoon get new leaves. Can we not shade bad qualities like anger, jealousy, enmity etc. and acquire whatever is good?

In case of heavy wind and breeze, trees bend to the extent possible and save themselves. Those who don't, fall down. Same thing happens with a man. One should know what to adjust, when to adjust and how to adjust in life. However these parameters are achieving new 'lows' in real life.

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from air and breathe out oxygen during the day. However in the disguise of urbanisation and development, we are not realizing this fact and cutting more and more trees. The various Acts provide punishment for cutting trees. Local authorities specify condition in permission granted to builders about planting trees on the plot. Nations hold international conferences on reducing the carbon dioxide levels etc. Why the need has arisen to hold such conferences? Weather conditions including monsoon over last few years have shown unpredictable pattern due to disregard of 'nature.'

Still the time has not gone and I am confident that a good counsel will prevail and once again a man will love nature.