

has been issued only just yesterday! How did you get it so soon? -- because through the post it will reach you in three days." He suspected; he thought there is something strange: it has just been signed yesterday, and the next day I present it -- and it was a distance of one thousand miles from the capital to that college.

So he said, "I will have to phone the minister; please forgive me."

I said, "There is no problem; you phone. And I am sitting here if there is anything..."

He phoned the minister and the minister said, "Yes, it has happened. I don't know how it happened. I should not have done it, but he simply made it so clear and so authoritative that I had to give it to him. And I knew the rules."

Politicians are dependent on public opinion. They don't have any integrity. You just be assertive and immediately they are prepared to listen. If you are not assertive, then they will be assertive.

So I told the education minister when we met on the train, "There was no hypnotism, nothing. I just know that the mind of the politician is a weak mind; it depends on public opinion. It has no authority in itself, no acceptance of itself. In fact it keeps denying itself, and if somebody comes and just throws away all those public opinions and looks directly into your eyes, within you, you become afraid because you are empty there."

So if you feel afraid of going to people, meeting people, that means that you are feeling very empty, and this should not be. You should be overflowing with yourself, not with anybody's opinion or appreciation, but with your own life, with your own gusto. And that's exactly what I mean -- meditation gives you authority, power... not over others, but simply a quality of power and quality of authority that nobody can take away from you. It is yours.

Public opinion can be taken away -- today they are with you, tomorrow they are not with you. Today they all appreciate you as a saint; tomorrow they all condemn you as a sinner. It is better to be on your own -- saint or sinner. Whatever you are, just be on your own so nobody can take it away.

It is better to be a sinner on your own than to be a saint on public opinion. That is borrowed, and you are empty.

-Osho, *The Path of the Mystic*, Ch 9.

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Osho group to free Japanese from stress

By a Staff Reporter

PTNB, May 6: The Japanese stress problem of office workers may soon be solved by a new meditation programme offered by the Osho Meditation group for Japanese at the Osho Centre.

The programme, intended for those who are suffering from stress, is being offered at the Osho Centre, which is located in the Osho Meditation group for Japanese at the Osho Centre.

THE NEW JOURNALISM

A new kind of journalism is needed. The journalism that is routine is already out of date. It is not really concerned with humanity and it keeps on fulfilling juvenile needs. Murders, divorces, accidents, wars -- all that is rotten and negative gets the greatest coverage. Ninety per cent coverage is about the ugly, nauseous, horrible... and it is exaggerated because that is what the neurotic mind needs. That is the neurotic mind's food, nourishment; it cannot remain without it. It needs murder stories, it needs wars, it needs suicides; this is the news for the neurotic mind.

On the TV this mind wants to see horror films. This neurotic mind will go to the movies to see murder, lust, passion -- something ugly and horrible that he always wanted to do but could not gather courage to do. So he lives through others vicariously. Somebody is murdering -- he lives through the murderer. But both are the same; he becomes part of it. It is his violence that is projected there. So the old journalism is out of date; it has no future. In the future, when the right journalism has appeared, people will simply be unable to believe why for many years these stories were written and elaborated and repeated again and again, and why people were reading all this nonsense. For what? The whole of humanity must have been mad; that will be the conclusion of future generations.

It is perfectly good to bring to people news of the soul, of the new frontiers of consciousness, of new possibilities, of new horizons. Of course it will not be very paying and it will be insecure but it is worth it. You may not be very rich but you will be enriched through it.

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-Osho, *The No Book*, ch 23.