

# Generalizing and Neutralizing

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**Abstract—** This research paper deals with a new concept (generalizing and neutralizing) to overcome any possible problem we face in life to the extent that the failure we encounter loses its base and becomes void. The first section deals with the properties of this new concept followed by 5 case studies: having the intelligence tag, rubbishing criticism, facing life's tragedy, overcoming rejection and college issues.

**Index Terms—** Generalizing, Neutralizing, failures, problems, overcoming.

## I. INTRODUCTION

The first mention of this concept can be seen in the research paper published in the International Journal of New Technology and Research (Volume 2 Issue 7 – July 2016) entitled 'Grips and Strings' in the second segment, 7<sup>th</sup> point. This research paper is an extension of that property i.e. point number 7 of Grips and Strings.

## II. GENERALIZING AND NEUTRALIZING:

- 1) Generalizing means repetition of the same incident to someone close to you or similar incident to you.
- 2) Neutralizing means rubbishing failures through achievements.
- 3) Achievement has to be failure oriented. It means that those achievements don't matter that don't help in overcoming failures.
- 4) As the famous saying goes, "We are not what we have become, we are what we have overcome" applies to this concept.
- 5) Everyone faces problems at some point or the other. This concept that is generalizing and neutralizing helps us to make those problems futile by overcoming them.
- 6) If the bad incident that occurs to you happens in the life of some known and respected personality, it gives us confidence to see that you are not alone. It gives you satisfaction.
- 7) But how do we identify which incident will generalize or neutralize our problem and which won't?

## III. CASE STUDY 1: GETTING THE INTELLIGENCE TAG

'A' was a student in 'PQR School'. She was studious. Teachers were partial towards her because she was the brightest student in her class out of all the sections. Teachers would give her grace marks because she was disciplined, punctual and well mannered. Students were jealous of her and

would do all kinds of things to distract her. They would often say that she is not intelligent and would get grace marks only because she would cry on the day of result to get sympathy from teacher to come first in class.

Then came the 12<sup>th</sup> Boards (Non Medical). When the results came out, 'A' stood first in whole of Punjab. Since the rumors that the students spread that she was not intelligent bothered her so much, it was a failure for her which she needed to overcome. So to rubbish the criticism, she worked hard to achieve good marks. Her achievement was failure oriented. Which means she worked hard mainly overcome her problems by silencing her critics. As we all know, in Board Exams, teachers who check the paper don't know the students. So getting extra marks from them was out of question. She got calls from teachers on the day of result congratulating her and this achievement neutralized her problem. She finally got the official intelligence tag mutually agreed by all.

## IV. CASE STUDY 2: RUBBISHING CRITICISM

'B' was a student of ABC School. The school was considered the best school of the city. It had the cream of the city and only rich parents could afford their children to study in the school. B's father died a natural death. The incident affected her so badly that she started wearing her late father's clothes in his memory. She soon became a tomboy and didn't fit into her previous circle of friends. She soon started receiving criticism for the way she looked. It depressed her. The criticism was severe and it would eat her.

She decided to do her makeover by professionals. She had recovered from her father's death. So she discarded the clothes of her father as suggested by the professionals and was told how to do her makeup and hair. She was given branded outfits for her body type. Once the makeover was done, her classmates noticed and started writing shayari (poetry) on her beauty as facebook status. The severe criticism that once depressed her was being generalized in front of the same audience. Those classmates who abused her were on facebook and knew that poetry was being written on her. So her image rectified which was a relief for her as it 'generalized' her insult.

If that was not enough, the same classmates also started making rounds of her house to have a glimpse of her famed beauty. This was an achievement that neutralized her failure i.e. the criticism she faced in school. She successfully both generalized as well as neutralized her problem which lost its base making it look futile and void. So she successfully overcame her problem.

### V. CASE STUDY 3: FACING LIFE'S TRAGEDY

'C' was an American who faced tragedy early in his life when both his parents died in a car accident at the age of 15. This incident traumatized him for life leaving a scar behind which he felt would never heal. He thought that he was going to die. To save himself from depression, he needed way to escape the pain. He soon became a workaholic and a sex addict. He met a British boy 'D' who belonged to a respectable family. C started stalking D. He hacked all his devices, tapped his phone and would monitor his daily activities through satellites. C soon became addicted and obsessed with D and started to overwhelm his life. D couldn't file case against him due to lack of evidence. The stalking became so brutal that he hired mind readers and bought computer to read his mind. If that was not all, C paid some men to follow him wherever he went.

The sole purpose of C doing all this stuff was because he lacked family comforts and he wanted to know how this feels like. Who would better know the bliss of having a respectable family than D? Also, C felt that gay marriage would generalize the tragic incident happened in his life. But D was always in denial due to obvious reasons. Also, if C wins D; this achievement would neutralize the pain of his life as this achievement is failure oriented.

### VI. CASE STUDY 4: OVERCOMING REJECTION

This story is foretold by the astrologers. If predictions are to be believed, than Demon Kali is the ruling God of Kali Yuga. He falls in love with an apsara and makes love to her. He is fond of beauty. The apsara leaves him. He is bewildered and shattered. Since he is fond of ladies, he makes girlfriends who he thinks can overshadow that apsara's beauty. But all in vain because she was the most beautiful woman on the planet and there was no one prettier than her.

A Goddess incarnates as a girl who is more beautiful than the apsara. Demon Kali meets the Goddess and sees his future in her. He chases the Goddess and marries her eventually. Since one of the attributes of a Goddess is beauty, that Goddess was truly beautiful. Her divine beauty had a universal appeal unlike that apsara whose beauty just had a global appeal. Since Goddesses' beauty was divine, it was recognized in the abodes of all Gods.

That Goddesses' beauty generalized the apsara's rejection and marrying Kali was an achievement for him as it neutralized the rejection he faced before. Hence he overcame rejection.

### VII. CASE STUDY 5: COLLEGE ISSUES

'E' used to be consistently the first ranker in his class. Only once, when he was in 7<sup>th</sup> standard, he stood 3<sup>rd</sup> in his terminal exams. This hit him really badly. He realized how important it was for him to be a topper and studied very hard for the final term and once again, he stood first in all the divisions of his standard.

In spite of being a topper all along, his ICSE 10<sup>th</sup> results were dismal, forget topping his school, he did not even figure out amongst the first five students. He came 8<sup>th</sup> in class with 83%. He couldn't believe it because he realized that he couldn't just walk into 'GHI' College as he had always dreamt. It was

a big blow to his ego as he had not been able to live up to people's expectations. The shame he faced was severe. He was broken for months after that.

He anxiously checked out the college lists to see if he had secured his admission. To see his name on the waiting list when all along people said he would walk into any college was appalling. It was like a slap on his face. Finally, he walked into 'XYZ College' because he didn't get admission elsewhere.

But his grief was short lived. He met a girl 'F' in college who was also his classmate in high school. F had a crush on him and asked him to become her partner which he readily accepted. This relationship generalized his failure and it made no sense after the acceptance since the shame he faced in front of his high school classmates was overcome after F informed all her classmates about her relationship. The approval and validity of the relationship was an achievement which neutralized his failure. This way he overcame his failure.

### VIII. CONCLUSION:

The secret to the solution of our problem is hit and trial method. We have to try all possible procedures that we can think of and we will notice that whichever procedure gives us relief when we are facing the problem will be the one that will get us out of trouble. Now that we have identified which procedure is the correct one to generalize and neutralize, we should stick to that and extend our hard work doing that procedure so that we can eventually rubbish the failure or problem.

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