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Me and My Second Mother

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I was too young when my mom started her job. So I often used to be lonely. At that time the common phenomena should be looking for an imaginary mother who would answer your entire questions. I was also not an exception. I too searched for an imaginary mother and found **NATURE** as my Imaginary Second Mother.

It is common that the first step of socialization starts from a family. It was also same for me. But as my parents were a working couple, the time I spent with them was not enough to meet the curious mind of a boy of seven. I had a lot of questions unanswered. The world may be too busy to answer some lunatic questions of a boy of tender age. So for being alone, I went to my second mother i.e. Nature.

My first teacher was an old Banyan tree standing in front of my house. I wanted to be big like that. So when I expressed my childish feelings to my dad, he being a really witty person infused the thinking into my mind that the way the tree is giving shade to the passerby, I should also have the will to help people equally like the Big Banyan tree. Maybe the teaching was too simple but that left a great impression in my mind and I got my first lesson of life i.e. to be a man of broad mind and having the will to help people silently. Of course that continued with time when I wanted to shine like the stars, wanted to be calm like rivers and wanted to be great like mountains. Maybe it was too much for a boy aged seven but still my beautiful dreams, having no bounding, started to fly dauntlessly like the clouds.

With time I grew up more and finished my primary education. Then I started to learn about the nature science slowly, which was a complete new thing to me. I learnt about '**Biomimicry**', the technology of biology. I learnt how my second mother became an inspiration for new inventions that created systems to solve human problems. It is an extraordinary creative science for using birds as an inspiration to build air planes and build buildings in shapes similar from bugs. Now when we are destroying our beautiful planet, this science, invented as the blessings, is trying to find the solutions and solving the problems. The glaring examples are to

use gravity to create energy, razorblades to fix bones in the body, system for fishing industries to save all fish with eggs and system to take care of the whole coffee plant instead of just the 0.2% we used before.

Einstein said, "***Look deep into Nature, you will understand everything Better***" for me it really helped and it triggered my mind for doing something for the nature. So I came up with an idea of a non profitable organization named '**A Dream for Tomorrow**' with a motto '**Let's Go Green**'. This thinking at the age of sixteen maybe a work of a novice, but the dream I bear in myself may not be compared to anything else. Maybe it is not a big project but this will help to pave the way for 100 more youths to do something for the nature .From my childhood, my second mother not only taught me the real morals of life but also made me understand my responsibilities towards the world, towards the future generation, towards that baby who hasn't seen the light of this beautiful world yet and it is still being continued as my dream for tomorrow is to enlighten the people so that they come up with 100 more organizations like my one just for loving the nature.

We can get these teachings of nature from the gentle dews on the morning grass, from the orchids of our rooftops, from the calm night sky everywhere. It is the vision how we see it and the truth how we believe it. And this vision and truth make our life more colorful. So we should believe in '**Learn to help and Help to Learn with the Nature**' to create a better future for all.