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I was familiar with the name Blaise Pascal because we have been taught his scientific contributions in school like Pascal as measuring unit, pascal's triangle and pascal as a programming language. So, I decided to read the book, in French, "les pensees de pascal".

Before we go into details of the book it is important to remind ourselves who is Pascal. Pascal was a Child genius – who developed his talent with help of his father, a respected tax man and mathematician. Pascal was a mathematician – He founded modern theory of probability, He made Pascals Triangle. Pascal was a Scientist – He was the first to measure atmospheric pressure, whom he called gravity of the air, using mercury. (b) He invented thermometer (c) Pascal gave idea of perpetual machines and (d) Pascal is a unit of pressure measurement. (e) in world of scientists, pascal is as important as newton. Pascal is an inventor – (a) He made first calculator in the world to help his father do taxations. He made 50 prototypes to sell his product but was not able to sell (b) Pascal invented Casino's roulette machine, although he made it for a French game biribi which is like tambola (c) Pascal is a programming language... Pascal was a religious and Philosophical Writer – (a) He is famous for letters de provincial which defended his Jainist faith. (2) Most importantly, he wrote Pascalès Wager- a mathematical, logical and probability based argument that that it is more advantages to be religious or believe in God than to be a non-believer, if a higher power is revealed after death. In last 10 years of his life, he wrote down his thoughts, his realizations in life... which we can read in form of a book in french, <<LES PENSEES>>

## PERSONAL LIFE JOURNEY OF PASCAL

Born on 19.june.1623. His father Etienne was a tax collector and very talented mathematician. He had 3 sisters and was only son of his parents. He was very close to his sisters Gilberete and Jacqueline. His father taught him at home because he lots of health problems, his was taught in an unorthodox curriculum so that he could express himself in every possible way. Pascal was very fascinated with mathematics, particularly geometry, pascal also studied Latin and Greek but his often surprised his father and other mathematic professors of his time with his mathematics skills, learning and projects. In 1640, when pascal was 16, due to political turmoil his family moved to another city in France - Rouen, 4 later, his father had an accident. Which created shift in beliefs of Pascal and His sisters. From regular visits to hospitals, visits by doctors and visits by brothers from church to pray for his father's healing.... pascal and his 2 sisters developed strong faith in jansetism, and their whole family was converted. and pascal became strong devotee and his sister Jacqueline became a nun.

## SOURCE, COMPILATIONS AND UTILITY OF THE BOOK

Pascal wrote his realizations.... Sur various subjects....Sources are his ENLIGHTENMENT... what is enlightenment writing.... Writing is of different types, story telling, scientific writing, fictional, question based thought provoking, picturesque writing, (Laila sulemani, par example painter in words)... , philosophical, and then there is writing like mother Teresa said, I am pencil in the hand of God, enlightenment writing is that you don't write it, its like Deja vous, without thinking, the words come to your heart your spirit, as if they are sent by God, as revelations, as solutions, as .... Like you think about them, think about problems and a solution automatically comes to your mind.... Archimedes shouted eureka... It is a moment divine, spiritual, or those who believe in God, consider it enlightening....

Enlightenment - Une autre exemple... dans le monde de art...chitra (Apple), vichitra (Apple mais in colour blue)... ati vichitra,.. (modern art, apple en forme de banane)...param vichitre..... je vous donne une histoire...il ya deux celebre artist....un dit le autre, deuxième a dit, ja vais préparer une peinture exactement de vous, sans regarde a votre peinture...comment, impossible... le roi ordre le deux travaillae dans une chambre....on left ---- artist 1, on right the challenger.... art 2 and in between a curtain...after one month of work...room was opened... artist 1 made a very beautiful painting.... Curtain was removed....second artist made exactly same painting,.... How ....everyone was surprised..... how? Then they said, he had made a mirror....it was reflection of painting 1... now u khow he did it...u know the technique,....cest la realization, cest un petit moment de enlightenment, realization....cest possible comme ca... quand vous trouve le technique qui vient de Dieu a votre esprit comme solution, cest la enlightenment....

## **STRUCTURE OF THE BOOK AND COMPILATIONS AND UTILITY OF THIS BOOK**

It is Important to know that les pensées is collection of thoughts put together, classified indices par several authors...there was not structure or flow in his original work, it was continuous 10 years of writings are used as basis by several translators, authors and have presented their take on his writings.

In general, key themes of his writings are in the areas of: (1) Man, His nature and way of living, (2) misery of man without God. (3) Belief, Morality, Justice and reasoning (4) Fundamentals of Christianity (5) Proof of Jesus Christ and (6) His Noting on divine miracles. Journey of his book is that First half is philosophical understanding of human nature and misery, then later he takes readers towards his thoughts are on Christianity. He logically and intellectually answered many doubts of Christianity of that time.

Utility of this book: If you look whole body of work, whole book.... Pascal talks about misery of man without God, then takes him to God.... And establishes importance of God and Christianity...to understand whole book which needs a genius scholar brain.... Majority of verse scan be topic of debate and lectures, discussion for hours... Pascals logic and literature work is like spinal cord of religious vs non-religious debate... for example famous German philosopher Nietchze who loved pascal...he referred to Pascal works, even if he had to criticize the religion and morality.

## **MY PERSONAL OPINION**

**Pascal book can be summarized with 3 of his quotations:**

(1) There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who think they are sinners and the sinners who think they are righteous; (2) In faith, there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't; and (3) Justice and power must be brought together, so that whatever is just may be powerful, and whatever is powerful may be just.

Pascal lived from 1623 – 1662. Many of his observations are still valid, revolutionary and strong today. Some are not. Those who see Astha, Sanskar, God Tv, Win Tv, etc will say that Pascal is a Christian + Hindu + Sikh in many ways.

Pascal is like Vivekananda when he says, (study of ethics and morality and more important than science...study of God as highest subject. Now Vivekananda but difference is that was saying that we colonial poor also have Spirituality like you rich, are equal brothers, here Pascal is saying Christianity and God is superior and speaks the necessity of religion as a solution to social and human order) ,

Pascal is like Osho when he says (Verse 134 - How useless is painting, which attracts admiration by the resemblance of things, the originals of which we do not admire!.... Osho said today painting of horse by mf Hussain is sold for 50 lacks, but that horse itself of is 5 lakhs...)

Some of Pascals ideas are not relevant to time or debatable and obsolete... Vers 44 - Do you wish people to believe good of you? Don't speak. I don't agree to this and today many wont... if u r not speaking on yourself on social media or in personal or professional life, u will be left behind... you have to prove your utility and usefulness so that ur irreplaceable.

**After reading this book, my personnel Connection with pascal because he writes enlightenments in words, I make them in form of postcards but there is one good coincidence,** in my room I have an 8 years old art work but before I show you that,... I want you to read une text de pascals book...Number 199 - *“Imagine a number of men in chains,” he writes, “all sentenced to death, some of whom are each day butchered in the sight of the others. Those remaining see their own condition in that of their fellows, and looking at each other with grief and without hope, await their turn.*

Now see the sketch illustration below... interesting isn't it?



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