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Mistakes To Miracles

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Mistakes are often the portals of self discovery; they could be your defining moments! All that you need to do perhaps is to understand a simple fact that mistakes are simply acts of aberrations, certain deviation from norms, customs and set pattern of life. Those norms, customs and mores have their relevance only in the

given context. That means, all our mistakes are not mistakes in all societies and in different cultural contexts. In fact, what is perceived as mistake may not be a mistake at all? It is important not to feel crest fallen simply because your effort has been labeled by some as mistake, a word that has the potential to dampen the spirit of any well-meaning individual and community. Our society is very fond of labeling individuals and their acts, without realising that labels are not just descriptions of reality; they rather contribute towards shaping reality.

It is rather disconcerting to discover a pattern in human behavior to find fault with others and highlight the mistakes. Such a trend leads only to frustration and depression among modern people across the globe. This might one day justify the statement that 'ours is mainly a tragic age, wanting in creativity and positive mental outlook'. Our life is fast getting filled with stress and strain. Against this backdrop, it would be quite interesting as also challenging to explore the possibilities of converting our mistakes into miracles. Better, we begin by asking some fundamental questions. Are mistakes not part and parcel of our life? Is making a mistake not a universal phenomenon? Do we ever consider mistakes good or desirable? How do we, as society treat people who commit errors? How do educational institutions throughout the world behave with those learners who err or tend to learn only by committing mistakes? How good and quick are we at accepting our mistakes? Do all mistakes have the seeds within that can sprout into miracles?

It is true that all our mistakes may not be the gateway to miracles but we can still have the best out of them. First of all, the fear of making mistakes must be banished from the mind. This is possible only when we understand that making mistakes is no sin. It is rather a natural process of learning or undergoing new experience in life. And there is nothing like good or bad experience as every experience is only a learning experience. The more the mistakes, you and I commit while learning, the more enduring could be the learning imprints. It is time to redefine our mistakes as these are stepping stones to achieving excellence and professionalism. The best way to respond to mistakes is to accept them as inevitable. They are also our constant companions and remain with us as loyal friends till we live. Mistakes and failures are twin sisters that would propel us towards achieving the sublime purpose of human life. Let us grow fearless. One can experience the true joy of living only by accepting what is earthly and real. Mistakes are real and we ought to accept them as an integral part of reality. All our mistakes are simply waiting to be miracles, only if we could just get in sync with this powerful belief!