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## Dedicated to



**MR. EINOJOEMON ANDO**

Chairman,

PHP friendship club association Japan,

In fond remembrance of his visit to  
Sister Nivedita College of Professional Studies,  
Hyderabad - A.P. INDIA

# Japan and Japanese

- World culture began in Asia and must return to Asia, that is, to Asia's highest peak, Japan.
  - The Japanese loves his country and its people more than others do... yet he feels stranger in foreign countries more than others. I have learned.... To understand the shyness of the Japanese toward Europeans and Americans: in our countries, education is focused entirely on struggling to survive as individuals.... Family bonds are weakened, and .... Isolation of the individual is looked upon as a necessary consequence in the struggle for existence.... It is completely different in Japan. The individual here is left to himself much less than in Europe and America. Public opinion here is even greater than in our countries, and sees to it that family structure is not weakened.
  - This flower like being here the ordinary mortal must defer to the poet's worlds.
  - May they not forget to keep pure the great heritage that puts them ahead of the West: the artistic configuration of life, the simplicity and modesty of personal needs, and the purity and sanctity of the Japanese soul.
  - It was wonderful in Japan – general manners, a lively interest in everything, an artistic sense, intellectual honesty together with common sense – a wonderful people in a picturesque land.
  - I have, for the first time, seen a happy and healthy society whose members are fully absorbed in it.
- Einstein**
- The Japanese are devoted to their nation; they are proud of their country and its history and culture; they will do everything to improve their country. If they go to a foreign country for education, they will return home and use their knowledge and talents for the welfare of their own country.

**- Swami Ranganathananda**

## From the “Principles of Success”

- **Konosuke Matsushita**

**Founder of the Matsushita Group and PHP Institute Inc., Japan**

- Those who pursue business are artists at work on an endlessly unfolding canvas.
- A business is a public entity, it should never be thought of as a private possession.
- The world is constantly moving forward. We should strive to make each day little better than the day before.
- A person who is truly successful becomes more modest and more humble with each success.
- Work simply to sustain your livelihood can be a hardship, but work as way of enriching your life as whole is enjoyable and fulfilling.
- We should live each in such a way that we can pat ourselves on the back at the end of the day.
- If you are well focused, you can learn even from the sound of the wind.
- A good listener can garner better information than a good speaker.
- Poverty and conflict could be eliminated if we always gave more than we received.

## MY WORD

These poems are composed, taking the contemporary context of men, matters, systems, practises, cultures and institutions mostly relevant to India, but also relevant to a large extent to the entire world.

There are poems of general and universal nature and also poems which are location-specific, time-specific, culture and civilization specific.

They are all composed in four lines akin to the poems composed in Telugu by the famous poet “Vemana”.

Some of them may even appear and sound almost identical to what he has rendered, but so do many other compositions of many other authors of universal intent and content. Thoughts and ideas on values and virtues mostly appear and sound alike when they are dealt with by many an author with identical sense, sensibility and sensitivity. They may almost coincide both in norm as well as the form, but for that reason not the same, the very same.

The compositions are mostly in the genre of free verse, where deviations from the normal rules and regulations of poetics are more in vogue for various reasons. That does not mean that one can be as licentious in deviating but rather has to be frugal as I was in doing resorting to them only in a dire exigency and emergency, when either the theme was at stake or the rhythm.

I am happy to dedicate this book to Mr. Einojoemon Ando, Chairman, PHP Friendship Club Association Japan, a champion of world peace, prosperity and happiness, who even at his advanced age is promoting the cause that is not only dear to him but also dear to every one all over the world. I thank him for his acceptance to be the recipient of this small token of my respect and reverence in deference to what he stands for.

**- Dr. V. Kondal Rao**

## POEMS TO NOTE

1. Why spend so much on the statues of the dead?  
Of what use is that when their values are forgotten, the virtues?  
The words are forgotten, the deeds  
Can that help you in any way, say, Prema?
2. You may win a point but may lose a friend arguing hot,  
Of what use is that winning a point , losing a friend?  
Hence first befriend, then mend or amend  
That is the right way to blend, tend, Prema.
3. However much you may concentrate  
On matter and material, read, research ,  
You will neither get the real wealth of peace nor the myth of truth.  
Seek not with the mind but with the heart, you will get them, in truth, Prema.
4. One should protect the uprooted, care for the neglected.  
It is only they who remember you and value most  
With gratitude utmost  
Even the little that you do unto them, the least, Prema.
5. Can the sin of the mind be washed off washing the body?  
The sin of the heart, washing the mind?  
Mind should be washed only by mind  
Heart by heart, by no other, Prema.
6. All that is felt and experienced can't be expressed in words.  
Knowledge is experience, can only be had by experiencing.  
Can a swimmer learn swimming, remaining only at the pond  
Not entering into the pond, establishing a bond, Prema.
7. There are only fellows now in the world, no fellowship.  
Comrades now in the world, no camaraderie.  
Friends now in the world, no friendship.  
Relatives, no relationship, Prema.

8. If the maker himself breaks the rule, becomes a brake,  
Of what use is that making a rule  
Unless it is aimed at the innocents to fool  
Or himself by himself to befool, Prema.
9. The sculptor carves a figure out of a rock,  
The gardener makes a bouquet out of the flowers,  
The gardener looks at the sculpture as if a rock.  
The sculptor at the bouquet as if a pack, Prema.
10. It is not the size of the knowledge alone that matters  
But the way of learning wise.  
An iota of commonsense would constitute a ton of education  
Over all that you learn, but don't properly earn, Prema.
11. What is the use of that education that only informs and  
instructs, not inspires and motivates?  
The use of that attention that lacks in affection  
Concern and devotion, conviction, Prema?
12. Experience itself is not wisdom, unless turned into a moral, a message.  
Do all the letters and words mean anything  
Unless converted into sense, essence  
Composed into a line, a sentence, Prema?
13. Not by learning alone, but by practice you become sound, profound.  
Of what use is that learning  
Learnt today, forgotten tomorrow?  
How can that be the right way to learn, earn, Prema?
14. Of what use is that education that is more,  
But does not help to soar, remains only like an unpolished oar?  
Not used or utilized for the good of you or others galore,  
That only ends up like a wisdom's store, Prema.

15. It is not sufficient to have ears  
If they are not used to listen to the seers.  
Nor eyes, unless used to see the clean and the clear.  
They are the divine gifts given to you to lift, sift, Prema.
16. If the man is wise, the mind won't waiver or vacillate  
The heart beats not only for him but also for others,  
The body won't yearn for the sensual  
but for the soul, the spiritual, Prema.
17. Don't do the work of yesterday today,  
Nor the work of today tomorrow.  
Time won't wait, nor the tide.  
Time is the gate, through which you pass, decides your fate, Prema.
18. Water alone doesn't help the plant to grow, manure alone.  
Water and manure, both are needed, many more.  
One needs a team to make or to break  
Hence be together to work for that sake, Prema.
19. Make friends with the great, more with the grateful.  
Great only make much of their own greatness but not of others.  
Grateful make others too feel great, by talking about them sweet  
For even the little that you do unto them, the least, Prema.
20. It is from the earth everything emanates  
But only by cultivation and effort.  
Even so, everything of man from the body,  
Hence, cultivate the body like cultivating the land Prema.
21. This world has its logic too and magic  
Don't take it, as if it is just a logic, just a magic.  
Don't try to dispute or disprove  
There is enough of proof already, Prema.

22. God himself has created some equal, some unequal,  
The nature of the nature itself is diverse  
Otherwise where is the need for effort  
If everything, were to be the same, the similar, the very same, Prema.
23. Leave alone men, lands, trees, animals, birds, fishes, rivers,  
oceans, mountains, valleys  
All of them are not equal to one another.  
Inequality is there in Nature for the sake of diversity, variety, Prema.
24. To say men are unequal only because of man's exploitation is not true.  
Exploitation of men by men is only one part of inequality,  
Birth accounts for more, environment much more,  
Whatever any one may say, gainsay, Prema.
25. Can you change the basic texture of the lands  
by merely applying the manure more and more?  
Change the rainfall, climate and sunshine as you care  
Equality is a myth, reality defies it in truth, Prema.
26. Women have their own entity and identity.  
Beauty is their exclusive privilege and prerogative,  
Why then they try to dress up themselves like men  
Losing all their fun, woe to it if that that were to so happen, Prema.
27. Gold too needs a wash to shine bold  
If true to itself it has to hold.  
Even so education has to be renewed again and again  
If it has to shine like the gold, bold, Prema.
28. Demon becomes the king, rules the roost  
When ruler remains, rule evaporates.  
Rule becomes the fool, when the ruler himself rules foolishly  
or rules like the wool, too cool, Prema.

29. Of what use is he, the scholar, the teacher, the preacher, the leader  
Who preaches but does not follow the same  
Like the watchman who watches but himself  
Robs, grabs, snatches, Prema.
30. When the roots of the tree are exposed  
The tree withers, the branches, the flowers, the fruits.  
Even so, the man uprooted from his moors and cors  
His base and his basics, the roots, Prema.
31. Why spend so much on the valuables, so less on values?  
Valuables don't add much to your value like the values.  
It is only the values which cure and endure at the end  
Hence be brave and crave for the values, to be valued, Prema.
32. Equality can never be attained but equity for opportunity,  
Opportunity may not as much be created as wanted and desired,  
May not as much be availed  
Hence the inequality, disparity, lack of parity, Prema.
33. State has its base in the society, society in its men.  
If men go astray, don't with civility obey, evil rules, the cavil.  
State becomes powerful,  
Society weak, man meek, Prema.
34. Not all understand religion in the highest sense  
Nor behave religiously for want of culture and education.  
Hence the need for the state to check, checkmate  
The illiterate, the ill-educated, the half - baked, Prema.
35. Religions don't divide the people, but the priests, the interpreters.  
It is not the intent of religion, but of the pseudo- religious  
Which divides the people, derails, disintegrates, distances,  
It is the conceit and content of the conceited, Prema.

**End of Preview.**

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