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Q3

Thought finds a world and creates one also.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · Essay · 125 marks · Philosophical and ethical quotes

Philosophical and ethical quotes

Core demand of the question

- **Two verbs:** thought finds a world (discovery) and creates one (construction)
- **Stake:** mind is not a camera only, nor a dream only
- **Science, constitution, markets, digital life. Counter:** facts that do not care for our stories

Revision summary

Guidance only.

- **Anecdote:** map that finds vs map that creates.
- **Body:** science, social inventions, constitution, digital.
- **Quotes:** Kant or Tagore; Sen on identity; Ambedkar on caste as made.
- **Counter:** some facts are not stories. Close on responsible creation.

Note

This is a map, not the full 1,000-1,200 word essay.

Anecdote

A surveyor in the 1950s walks a ridge and "finds" a village that was always there. A planner in 2025 draws a smart-city boundary and "creates" a world of who is inside the map. Same human faculty: thought. The line asks you to hold both - discovery and making - without collapsing into relativism.

Heading map**Two movements of thought**

- **Finds:** Kepler, Ramanujan, a farmer reading clouds - the world answers.
- **Creates:** language, money, caste rules, nation, app - we inhabit what we named.
- **Stake:** wisdom is knowing which is which.

Quote to earn: Kant - we meet the world already structured by categories. Tagore - "the world is not a machine"; imagination is also truth-seeking. Amartya Sen - identities we make can wound or widen.

Knowledge and science

- Hypothesis finds; instrument creates a new visible (telescope, CRISPR).
- **Fact peg:** ISRO's missions did not invent Mars; they created a capacity and a public story of India in space.

Social worlds we create

- **Money is a thought that became a world (Keynes:** animal spirits; also trust).
- Caste is a created world that pretends to be found in nature - **Ambedkar**'s labour is to unmake it.
- **Constitution:** a created world that finds dignity already in the person.

Politics and media

- A speech can find a grievance and create a mob.
- **Census** categories find people and create vote-banks.

Digital

- Algorithms create a feed-world; they do not find "the" public.
- **Deepfakes:** creation that impersonates finding.

Counter

Gravity does not negotiate. Hunger is not a narrative. The essay fails if "creates" becomes "anything goes". Creation is responsible when it answers to what was found.

Last paragraph

- **Close:** think as a trustee - find carefully, create accountably. A civil servant's notification creates a world for the poor; it must still find their actual queue. Expand; do not stop at this map.

Facts & figures

Kant

The mind does not only photograph; it structures experience - useful if applied, not dumped.

Ambedkar

Caste is a social creation with the force of a found "nature"; annihilation is unmaking a world.

Constitution 1950

A created legal world that claims to find equal persons - still a project.

UPI

A created payments world on public rails; it found a habit of small transfers and scaled it.