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Q2

Given are two quotations of moral thinkers/philosophers. For each of these bring out what it means to you in the present context. (a) "The weak can never forgive; forgiveness is the attribute of strong." (10) (b) "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light" (10 marks).

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS IV · 12 marks · Moral Thinkers and Philosophers
Contributions of moral thinkers and philosophers from India and the world.

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Mahatma Gandhi on forgiveness

The first quotation is widely attributed to **Gandhi**: forgiveness as a quality of the strong, not of the helpless.

Plato's cave

In the Republic, prisoners take shadows for reality and resist the person who brings them toward the light; the second quote is often linked to that teaching.

Right to Information Act, 2005

A statutory lamp: citizens may demand official information so that adult fear of scrutiny has a legal answer.

Section 4, RTI Act

Suo motu disclosure so that the State lights the room before a citizen has to knock.

Whistle Blowers Protection Act, 2014

A (still imperfect) path so that the person who brings light is not only a target.

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