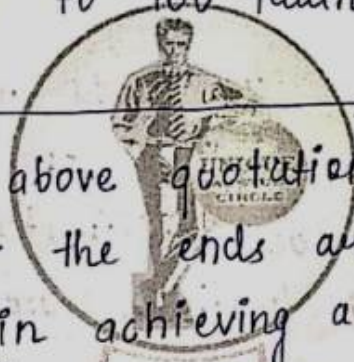


Q. No.

What does this quotation mean to you in present context: 'Falschhood takes the place of truth when it results in unblemished common good'.
 - Tirukkural. (150 words).

Ans.

If one lie can benefit several people, then that lie is equivalent to 100 truths - Bhagwat Gita.



From the above quotation it is clear that the ends are superior to means in achieving a desired goal, ~~even~~ ^{even} if the means are unethical or false. In present context, we can understand from the following example: -

A river flows through the village & if villagers dump all their wastes to the river, then certain NGOs & administrative authorities can lie that river is similar to Mother God & it can curse us by drowning the village. This can help achieve control on

water pollution.

But falsehood can't always take the place of truth. The situation & extent of lying depends & becomes the basis of our conduct. Just because in the name of common good, a criminal can't be accused of several charges which he hasn't committed.

Therefore, the ends & means to ~~both~~ achieve a goal are both necessary because ultimately the base of society is truth & we can't ignore it.

