Parable

 *Instruments of Spiritual Harmony*

“I am so unhappy... I guess I’m a bad person”, complained the pupil to his teacher.

“You are not a bad person but you need to change yourself”.

“How’s that? If I’m not a bad one why do I need to change myself?”

“It will be better if I show you”.

He gave a pipe to his pupil and asked him to play his favorite melody. The pupil wasn’t able to play it but anyhow has brought it closer to his lips, started to blow into it while interchangeably closing its holes. Nothing but whistle and hoarseness came out from the pipe.

“See what’s happening”, said the teacher. “But if you learn to play it the music will become totally different. What will change? It will be again you playing it, the pipe will be the same, as your hands and air will but... The music will be absolutely different which will calm, heal and ascend the soul.

**The moral**: everything you need is in yourself. It may seem bad to you because you are not able to make harmony out of it. The moment you learn to manage harmonically your will and thoughts those instruments would become compliant for your soul. Then it will become clear that your imperfections are nothing more than your brightest virtues you need to learn to apply.

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