Right response to suffering

Natural Pearls are as precious as gems. As a foreign body pricks the soft tissue of an oyster, it covers the threat with a silky substance, layer by layer to form the lustrous pearl!

See, you need a die or mould, to change the form of a substance to another form. Yarns turn cloth in a loom; iron, a tool in a die; clay, a pot in a wheel. Ordeals are the anvil in which we are broken and re- formed.

We solemnly sing, 'thou art the potter, I am the clay' yet resist the potter's wheel and His finger's touch. Yes, one of our biggest engagements in prayer is pleading God to take away pain and suffering.

Remember, suffering is the essential mould of our glorious formation. Hence, respond right to suffering. It can wear or build us; break or harden us; debase or transform us...