

Erosion of values

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Abstract

The erosion of values is causing havoc in our society. Cases of murder, kidnapping, forgery, dowry deaths etc. are on the high. Why? Money.....Money my friends is the root cause of all these problems. Thus, value education is imperative in today's world. 'All things in nature are dependent on one another!' 'Man is an integral part of society!' I see.....Interesting! Environmental population, ecological devastation, ozone depletion, rivers filled with industrial waste, concrete jungle in the cities-all things, tell us, just how much we love mother earth! After all, I can't stop to think about rivers and trees when my next door neighbor is buying luxury car and planning to go on a world tour Eh!

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1. Introduction

The many ills that our society as a whole is suffering today are mainly due to crisis of values. Values in public life seem to be on the cross roads. The people are losing ground in cherished values this nation stood for in the ancient past. There are erosion of social moral cultural, economic and political values at all levels. The erosion of values has to the spread of callous selfishness, unlimited greed, bribery, corruption, hooliganism, violence, destruction, gross injustice, abuse of human rights etc. "Man is the monarch of external world off emotional and passions to a large extent. There is a crisis of character in our age, owing to deterioration of values in social, economic, political and religious spheres of life..... In the midst of material, prosperity, there is a sense of frustration of gloom. In the midst of abundance we find the poverty in large section of the society (Ramji. M.T.)".

2. Erosion of Social Values

The present position of Indian society and the erosion of social values have been analyzed by Dr. Sampuran Singh in his book "The Holistic Education". In its forward Vimla Thakur writes, "Thoughts, ideologies, code of conduct and sets of values, psychological pattern of behaviour have failed in transforming man. Man with the help of thought organization has created a marvelous scientific and technological world, but human being, as an individual, is unhappy and frustrated, not at peace with himself, not at harmony with the different layers of his being. "Man is so materialistic, bewildered, frustrated and confused that he does not know the art of living with others in love, peace and harmony.

Erosion of social values can be outlined as under:

- Caste system is prevailing in the society. It is proving a serious obstacle to social progress and the establishment of a democratic society. It is opposed to nationalism.
- Our society is being rapidly fragmented into small units because of the influence of casteism, linguism, provincialism and communalism. As a result one finds social disorganization.

- The number of disorganized marriages is increasing due to the dowry, increase in divorce rate and changes in the functions of family.
- All type of corruption, bribery, dishonesty, disloyalty, nepotism and other malpractice from the top to low is increasing.
- People are becoming more and more money -minded and materialistic. They want to collect more and more money by one way or the other at the cost of values. They want to become rich overnight through illegal means or corrupt practices.
- People have become the victims of callous selfishness, egoism and unlimited greed. They have their own axe to grind in every field of life
- Social indiscipline is on the increase. There is gross violation of social values, social norms and social conduct. There is lack of social discipline, social courtesy, social sensitiveness and respect for elders.
- We do not get justice. Social justice has become a thing of the past. As a result most of the people are frustrated, dejected and unhapp.
- Love affection, industriousness, co-operation, fellow -felling, brotherhood of man, welfare of others, equality, fraternity and social sensitiveness are disappearing. These are not viewed as social values. People do not adhere to these values.
- There is social exploitation everywhere. People do not hesitate to exploit others for their own benefit. The present society has lost faith in social, cultural and moral values. Hence one finds complete disorganization of values. This acts as a serious impediment to values.

3. Erosion of Cultural Values

India has been marked in the world for its Diversity, values, ethics and Culture, we are very much known to the world for our cultural heritage. From the medieval period to Islamic age India had been a very liberal open minded culture and society we accept goodies of all the culture and despite that we try to maintain our culture as a prime. World envy us; recently British PM wore Saree on her very first day of addressing

summit. From the beginning of the last millennium, the ruthless invaders persecuted the then prosperous Indian society.

Due to the spree of LPG (liberalization, privatization and globalization) there are changes not in our thinking but it has clutched the way of living also our youth has been affected badly by this new era and it has deeply wounded our age old culture and values.

Not in our dressing sense but our cultural values have been affected way from eating, talking, living, fashion and now we are proud of our pomp and show in the name of modernization. In previous days we used to respect our elders and can never imagined talking back but now our children they not only talk loose but abuse elders. we use to respect women a lot in olden times but now due to erosion in cultural values women is now treated as model or a thing of joy.

We never use to hurt anyone not even animals but now being non vegetarian us status symbol

We lie, we steal, we don't respect our elders, we don't give time to them, we talk loose we do corruption and easily play blame game and at the end we say we acquire rich cultural heritage. which has been contaminated now and what we are left with are small broken pieces of the mirror.

We must once again stand united against erosion of cultural values so that our coming generations could learn and be proud of that legacy which was once our proud.

4. Erosion of Economic Values

There is erosion of economic values. Erosion of these values may be attributed to the following factors or causes:

- We are living in the age of science and technology. science and technology have given us abundant power. Unintelligent and wrong use of this power can destroy the entire human race and other forms of life on earth. Advancement of science and technology has given birth to cut-throat competition, materialism and barbarism.
- With emergency of materialism man has become a machine. He is so busy in amassing wealth that he has discarded values like honest, social service, service of mankind, perseverance and patience.
- With the coming up of science and technology there is a tendency towards industrialization and consequently urbanization. The growth of industrialization and urbanization has given birth to commercial outlook to life in its varied manifestations. The traditional joint family system is disappearing and the single family system is increasing. These changes have causes erosion of values.
- Psychological movement has considerably influenced the value system. Psychology attaches importance to instincts, drives, urges, impulses, desires and motives etc. As a result man has become a slave of these tendencies. He is losing touch with the values.

5. Erosion of Political Values

We are living in a state of political tension, economic stresses, fears and frustrations. Exploitation, corruption, disaster, destruction, selfishness and violence are having their head high. There is chaos, turmoil and disorder. Causes (factors) of erosion of political values are given below.

- There is lack of true leadership. political leaders are motivated by their party politics. Many high_ ups in the

political circles do not deserve the rank but they continue holding it shamelessly.

- Most of the political leaders exploit the masses to achieve their narrow selfish ends. National interests are sacrificed for personal petty interests. Political revelries get priority in the national agenda. The masses are misguided and used against the rival groups.
- Politicians lack code of conduct. They are above the laws of the land and constitutional directives. They indulgence in political corruption. Our assembly halls and parliament house have lost their charm and dignity.
- Policemen atrocities and brutalities are committed on the advice of politicians.
- Lawlessness, scandals, militancy, non-democratic tendencies and indiscipline are on the increase in the society often politics is involved consequently national progress, integrity; freedom and sovereignty are at stake.

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