Deterioration of Values in Society: Reasons and Solutions

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The moral deterioration of youth in India is at present a blazing issue. The root of this issue is not a recent phenomena, its trace can be indentified in the society of the past, the magnitude of which has spread over largely in recent days. The expression of this sort of degradation is being reflected in different undesirable aspects of the society. Therefore, it is very much essential and a duty of everybody to find out the solution of this tyranny to establish India in the world of peace and harmony. This present paper aims to explain reasons and solutions of deterioration of values in society. It has been emphasized that in this situation, a teacher and education can play a deciding role.

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1. Introduction

If we talk about the falling standards of the moral values, today the human history is going through the most challenging and the transitory phase, If we believe in myths, then even in satyug devil dominated the earth and for that we had to say ‘Satyamev Jayate’ Meaning the truth will win. To prove the significant of the values of life. A person has to decide what he wants in his life and choose a path accordingly. In today’s world wrong or evil is becoming dominant. Values are

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It was started when in Britain after the development of honesty was declared, honesty became related to policy. Honesty was not a thing related to morality, it became an issue related to policy. Being honest was linked to getting profit.

In our society when learned said “Tammso ma Jyotirgamay Asato ma Sadgamay” then a formula was followed which decided the values of life. But gradually light and darkness, good and evil and life and death have changed their meaning. Man is happily treading on the path of darkness life and death. Life is being justified by the amount of success and success is being decided by instant gains achieved at any cost. Values are not only but there for law and legal system ignore the morality openly. Law was blindfolded and a myth was designed from which man has not become free till date. They are also related to the pure means of achieving them and today object orthodox and purity of means are becoming meaning less. Due to this man is becoming tense and insecure.

As the cost of the Education is rising the values of life is decreasing. Maximum people are educated today. But our society and man both getting some positive gains in the same ratio worst thing is that inspite of the great developments seen today values of life have become an issue of morality instead of legally values of life and morality are not protected by law.

What are values of life:- As the man started feeling secure about the destructible life, he started to say right what could be followed and wrong what could not be followed. This was labeled as good and evil by the religion. Whatever is right and good was termed a life value which could be followed and what was harmful for the man and society was termed as wrong immoral and was classified as an evil.

2. Reasons of Deterioration of Values in Society

Reasons of deterioration of values in society are following:

2.1 Degradation of Values on Family Level

First Unit of society is family first teacher of a child is his mother, who gives him a treasure of values, Teacher Teaches him about moral values. First teaches him about life’s boundaries. If we observe closely we come to know that we have come to a very low level in moral values and are not able to widen our role in giving good moral values to our children.

Therefore these are widening their role in inculcating values. To some extent we are unable to tell our children the difference between right and wrong. Possibly this is an effect of era.

2.2 Structure of the Education

The structure of modern primary & higher Education is not what it was in the system of the ancient India. Students studied in gurukuls where they were thought
about higher moral values along with the education. A student who studied in a
Gurukul gave important contribution in nation and Society building after
completing his education, he followed ‘Simple living and high thinking in his life’.
In the modern times teacher are also losing their moral values and its effect can be
clearly seen.

2.3 Marketism Mentality

Modern social scenario is revolving around the market. When everything is
seen through the market glasses no place is left for values, news, morality and
culture preservation everything gets concentrated an gains/ Profit with the
increasing tendency of consumerism values of life and social beliefs have taken a
back seat. We have developed a consumer mentality. We are ready to pay any price
to fulfill our life with all worldly pleasures. we have sacrificed our morality and
have only started concentrating on materialistic.

2.4 Unhealthy Competition

In the blind values and ethics, boundations, thoughtism and cultural
elevation concepts have become out dated. Impurity in thoughts is increasing and
Indian culture and high moral values are getting destroyed.

3. Solutions

Whatever the problem is solution can be found if there is transparency and
will to succeed in the efforts. This applies on the falling moral standards as well.
First we will have to start finding a solution from the family & society level. We will
have to develop high moral values in our kids on the family level and give them a
culture which makes them a person of strong character. They are able to
differentiate between right and wrong and gives value to truth and dedication.

Education should be connected to morality. we will have to emphasis on
moral values through education. We will have to bring a change in the basic frame
work and follow the thought process of Mahatma Gandhi, which is relevant even
today. Education is an art of living and through this is a person will be able to
differentiate between different values, understand them and evaluate them.
Education includes the values of life on the education level through which a person
can choose the right path.

To stop the falling standards of life values we will have to concentrate on
society building and to solve this problem - thinkers, saints, literary personalities
religious leaders and intellectuals should come forward and give the younger
generation the right direction.

Globalization, liberalization, consumerism and imitating the western culture
and materialistic tendencies have created a situation of confusion for which we will
have to start a fight to get out of it.
In this situation a teacher and education can play a deciding role. Education tells us the difference between conservative beliefs customs and changes so that a person can choose the right path. The leader of revolution of France Dante has rightly said: “Education is the second most valuable thing after bread because bread is important for biological life and education for socio-cultural life”.

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