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IMPORTANCE OF MORAL VALUES IN EDUCATION IN PRESENT DAY LIFE

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Abstract

Moral values are guidelines for life. They are responsible for the overall development of the personality. Values reflect personality, behavior, attitude, mission, and vision. Values are the foundations of every personality, religion, society and nation. Moral values bring peace of mind, bright environment, better quality of life, stability and harmony to the international community. Countries like India have different levels of moral values and educational traditions. In India, which was greatly diverse both religiously and geographically, moral education was mainly imparted through religious sermons and other means. Our country faces serious pressures and challenges such as corruption, racism, linguistics, regionalism and territorial disputes. Values-based education can go a long way in curbing this trend of dividing Indians into different categories and creating a sense of togetherness and unity, company. Personality is the basis for self-development. Character development requires the development of such qualities as purity, maturity, faith, honesty, obedience, patience, respect, and humane conduct. Education is a process of personal development, not just the acquisition of credentials and skills. Education is the process by which character is formed, intelligence is increased, wisdom is increased, and man learns to stand on his own feet. Parents, teachers and educational institutions do not take seriously the responsibility of inculcating moral values in their students, raising concerns about the continuing deterioration of human values and social relationships. Therefore, there is an urgent need to take serious steps to rehabilitate the moral values of our youth. This article attempts to clarify the need for moral values.

Keywords: Moral values, Character formation, Education, Co-curricular activities

Introduction

Education is a methodical effort towards learning basic facts about humanity. And the core idea behind value education is to cultivate essential values in the students so that the civilization that teaches us to manage complexities can be sustained and further developed. It begins at home and it is continued in schools. Everyone accepts certain things in his/her life through various mediums like society or government. The purpose of education is determined by the philosophical, social, economic, political and cultural norms of society. Education should be able to stabilize social order, preserve culture and society, and act as a means of social reconstruction. Education should not only preserve the social heritage, but also enrich it. Education, which is a multifaceted activity, is an important tool for imparting social, economic and cultural understanding to people, but also for understanding and promoting social values among people. Education can decide the future and future of our society or country. It prepares the local youth for a smart and practical way of life. It helps society value life and work for growth. Without proper education, there will be panic and chaos for the youth of this country. Education is the creation of a system based on values and in accordance with the norms accepted by the society. The goal of education is not self-denial, but self-affirmation. Only value education gives real meaning and meaning to life, strengthens the cultural element in a person. Swami Dayanand, Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Doctor. S. Radhakrishnan, MD. A.P.J., and . Moral values are based on educational visions of great visionaries, etc. Abdul Kalam appealed to their intuition that education without moral values would lead to chaos and anarchy as well as psychological and social collapse in the current situation.

Need of Moral Education

There are various aspects to our civilization like population explosion, rapid technology advancement, knowledge expansion, industrialization, globalization, mobilization, influence of various cultures on own culture etc. The society has become dynamic due to this modernization process. It is posing multiple problems of anxiety, stress, and worries in front of human life. Core human values like honesty, sincerity, morality, humanity, non violence are getting affected due to the evils of

poverty, unsociability, caste system, gender inequality, ill treatment to child women and old people, over utilization of natural resources without planning. To address to these problems one must look at morals/ value education as integral part of education system as a whole. In the materialistic era of science and technology, everything except morality has reached its peak. Higher education in present era is stimulated by economic consideration without any reference to age old human values that separate man from animals.

The aim of moral values inculcation has remained most neglected one. The neglect has been abundantly visible now in the present dismal picture of society, rampant with corruption, malpractices, flouting of rules, polluted minds, restlessness, lack of peace, frustration, mental depression, violence and crime, lack mutual faith and trust among people by and large. Undue importance to achievement in terms of marks, remarks, awards, honors, degrees, judgments passed for others in one cause of depleting moral values. Without value inculcation, an extracurricular activity is only viewed as an activity to win the competitions. Era of globalization has taught to become more and more selfish. Education without value is not only useless but also very harmful. The realization is particularly relevant at the present juncture of history, when social, moral, cultural and spiritual values are disintegrating, when the horizon of knowledge have been immensely widened and the media and the incident of scams, scandals threaten to disrupt value system and destabilize cultural base. The bookish knowledge is not helping the youth to achieve the goal of life. What the world badly needs today is a moral and spiritual revolution. Social interactions have reduced drastically. People have less tolerance, depressing mentalities and a bloated ego. Materialism has put all the Indian traditions and values in the dump yard. Everyone is running for well defined and cash convertible goals. Nationalism, family, society and morality no longer matter for him. The youth of today are caught in the vicious circle of crime and violence. They have lost their moral values to the new era of commercialism and modernization world. This is a great concern for India. Inculcation of moral values through personality development is the necessity of hour to check the disintegration of social relations. Moral values are needed for developing quantities such as humility, truthfulness, honesty, courtesy, tolerance, sacrifice etc among the youth. It will help in developing positive social attitude in new generation which prompts them to raise their voice against social

evils. Moral values will inculcate sense of cooperation and fellow feeling among people

Life and Value Education

Value education is important to help everyone in improving the value system that he/she holds and put them to use. Once, we understand our values in life, we can examine and control the various choices we make in our lives. It's our duty to uphold the various types of values in life such as cultural values, universal values, personal values and social values.

Student life and Value Education

Thus, value education is always essential to shape a student's life and to give him an opportunity of performing himself on the global stage. The need for value education among the parents, children, teachers etc, is constantly increasing as we continue to witness increasing violent activities, behavioral disorder and lack of unity in society.

Family Life and Value Education

The family system in India has a long tradition of imparting value education right from the ancient practice of the gurukul system. But with modern developments and a fast changing role of the parents, it has not been very easy for the parents to impart relevant values in their wards. Therefore many institutes today conduct various value education programs that meet the rising needs of modern society w.r.t. code of conduct and values. These activities concentrate on the development of the children, young adults etc. focusing on areas like happiness, humility, cooperation, honesty, simplicity, love, unity, peace etc.

Mass Society and Value Education

Modern mass society presents a sharp contrast, as the young grow up. They are faced with confusions, delays and discontinuities. Adolescents in particular are uncertain about themselves. Some are in conflict with themselves, bewildered and insecure.

Values and Changes

Values are usually influenced by the changing philosophical ideologies, cultural and religious perspectives, social, political and geographical conditions. In modern emerging society, there has been a revolutionary change in the field of values due to many factors in addition to the influence of modern culture, industrialization, modernization, urbanization, globalisation and multinationals.

Values becomes a Moral Guiding Principle

Values are the guiding principles, decisive in day to day behaviors as also is critical life situations. Values are a set bring of principles or standards of behavior. Values are regarded desirable, important and held in high esteem by a particular society in which a person lives.

Value Education and Morality in Present Day

Value education means inculcating in the children sense humanism, a deep concern for the well being of others and the nation. This can be accomplished only when we instill in the children a deep feeling of commitment to values that would build this country and bring back to the people pride in work that brings order, security and assured progress.

Value education refers to a programme of planned educational action aimed at the development of value and character. Every action and thought of ours leaves an impression in our mind. These impressions determine in our behavior at a given moment and our responses to a given situation. The sum total of all our impressions is what determines our character. The past has determined the present and even so the present our present thoughts and actions will shape our future. This is a key principle governing personality development. The human values are resolved having lasting impact necessary for bringing about change in thought and conduct, in the 21st century.

"If there is righteousness in the heart there will be beauty in character If there is beauty in character There will be harmony in the home When there is harmony in the home There will be order in the nation When there is order in the nation There will be peace in the world"

At the boyhood state, individual physical development is concerned, during manhood and old age intellectual and spiritual values start dominating the corporal values. Therefore while imparting moral education educators must keep in mind that the young must be educated.

Prizes may be given to the deserving persons for showing honesty, bravery, truth etc. The award should be given during school gathering. Contests may be organized on values of life.

According to Father of Indian Nation M.K.Gandhi

"If wealth is lost nothing is lost"

"If health is lost something is lost"

"If character is lost everything is lost"

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