

# Value Education: A Need

## Abstract

This Paper addresses the challenges and need for value education. The author advocates that a proper combination of academics and Value Education will be an ideal approach to education and Value Education need to be integrated with in the school curriculum.



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#### Introduction

Education is a methodical effort towards learning basic facts about humanity. And the core idea behind Value Education (VE) is to cultivate essential values in the students. Everyone accepts certain things in his/her life through various mediums like society or government. VE is important to help everyone in improving the values system that he/she holds and put into them to use. Once, everyone has understood their values in life they can examine and control the various choices they make in their life. Thus, VE is always essential to shape one life and to give him an opportunity of performing himself on the global stage. The family system in India has a long tradition of imparting value education. But with the progress of modernity and 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 VE programs that are addressed to rising problems of the modern society. These programs concentrate on the development of the children, young adults etc. focusing on areas like happiness, humility, cooperation, honesty, simplicity, love, unity, peace etc.

#### Objectives of VE

1. To improve the integral growth of human beings.
2. To create attitudes and improvement towards sustainable lifestyle.
3. To increase awareness about our national history our cultural heritage, constitutional rights, national integration, community, development and environment.
4. To create and develop awareness about the values and their significance and role.
5. To know about various living and non-living organisms and their interaction with environment.

#### Challenges

Lack of proper VE in school and society we are facing human values problem. Some facts related to human values problem are given below :

1. Violation of human values is a regular feature by persons in power or persons belonging to the under-word.
2. Police violation of human values is a recurring phenomenon.
3. Woman and children are abused in every place.
4. Moral and Ethical Values exist in name only. No practices of values.
5. Materialism is causing the violation of human values.
6. Universities, colleges and other institutions not involved in the education of Human values.
7. Politicians of whatever political parties they belong do not adhere to Human values and Duties.

Values however are either innate or acquired. Innate values are our inborn divine virtues such as love, peace, happiness, mercy and compassion as well as the positive moral qualities such as respect, humility, tolerance, responsibility, cooperation, honesty and simplicity. Acquired values are those external values adopted at your "place of birth" or "place of growth" and are influenced by the immediate environment. Like... cultural customs, traditions, habits and tendencies.

We know today children are tomorrow's citizens. If we give good education to the present day children, the future of the next generations will be will.

The main causes of moral degeneration are:

1. Lack of respect for the sanctity of human life.
2. Breakdown of parental control of children in families

3. Lack of respect for authority, seen through the brazen breaking of the law and
4. Total disregard for rules and regulations
5. Crime and corruption
6. Abuse of alcohol and drugs
7. Abuse of women and children, and other vulnerable members of society.
8. Lack of respect for other people and property.

**Need for VE**

- 1- Moral awareness should be endorsed to orient the progress in science & technology towards the welfare of mankind.
- 2- Common values should be re-discovered to unite human beings with the general decline of traditional values.
- 3- Teachers pass values to the students both consciously and unconsciously through their conduct in and out of class rooms. Therefore the need for a consciously planned VE program is obvious to establish a formal learning.
- 4- The students might face more complicated decision making situation about issues involving values. They should be helped in developing the ability to make proper choices in such situations through value education.
- 5- Increase in Juvenile delinquency is a crisis to youth who under goes the process of personal growth. In such situation VE assumes a special significance.
- 6- VE awakens Curiosity, development of proper interests, attitudes, values and capacity to think and judge about oneself.
- 7- VE helps in Promoting Social and Natural Integration.

It is unfortunately that the present system of education which we have inherited by Macaulay, makes us just gentleman and ladies only and does not impart us moral and spiritual education. In this context Swami Vivekananda has said, "we want man making education, character making education, character reforming education, inspiring us to become human first and then Divine." It is to be noted that the present generation is becoming bad to worse because of this attitude by following the westerners blindly.

It is not so that we should not follow the west or we should be against the modern science, technological advancement and progressive outlook but we should also not forget the custom, tradition and culture of our country. Rather what we should do is a synthesis between the Indian spiritualism and western scientific attitude. So there is a need to supplement technical education which VE as it will enable a human being to decide and pursue what is really "valuable" i.e. conducive to human happiness, human welfare, what is "value" to him.

**Conclusion**

Modern education has neglected concern for human values. It has become a mere professional ground to convert man into a money making machine. It triggers the sense of competition to acquire position and money. The result is the erosion of moral values in society. The present day education system has to bear the responsibility for restlessness in man, Terrorism, corruption, Social irresponsibility, and related such evils.

"Promotion of human values should become an integral part of education. Education should strive to achieve national unity and national integration. Teachers and educationists should shed narrow loyalties and serve the society. By instilling human values in students and teacher, India can become an ideal country and example to the whole world."

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