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HUMAN VALUES FOR BETTER SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT "Values are the scales we use to weigh our choices for our actions, whether to move towards or away from something". Our values associate emotions to our experiences and guide our choices, decisions and actions. A person's observations on its environment are filtered through his values to determine whether or not he should expend energy to do something about his experiences.

Ex: A person, who values gold and sees a large bag of gold in his path as he walks, will be motivated to reach down and pick it up. A person who values his life and knows about venomous snakes will retreat from the sound from nearby, when he is walking in the desert.

KEYWORDS : values; guide; choices; energy; motivated

I.INTRODUCTION:

'value' is derived from the Latin word 'valeo' which originally meant strength and also health, and then by natural transition, it came to mean being effective and adequate. In French the term 'valeur' means excellence. Value is a mixture of three concepts such as Idea, Quality and Supervention. Values can be defined as the principles that guide people's lives, and have varying significance. Values are the essence of our personality, and affect us to make decisions, trust people, and arrange our time and energy in our social life. Values may be treated as keys to solving many world problems.

It is to be pointed out that value is the worth of something. It is the importance or usefulness of something. Conventionally speaking, the term 'value', itself came to ethics by way of economics. In economics it is used for value in use that is the capacity of an object to satisfy a human need or desire, and value in exchange or the amount of one commodity that came to be obtained in exchange for another.

II.TYPES OF VALUES:

Values may be broadly categorized into two:

(i) Intrinsic value.
(ii) Extrinsic value.

Intrinsic values are those values which are associated with certain objects appearing to have such value that they would retain it even if they were to exist completely alone, whereas Extrinsic values are those values where certain objects have value as parts of other objects of value, or as means to ends of value.

Values may be regarded as positive and negative. Anything that has positive value is considered to be good, whereas anything that has negative value is said to be evil.

Human values have been a central concept in the social sciences since their inception. Human values play a vital role in the society, for they are said to be the basis of human beings for leading a better life. It is believed that all holy books of all religions contain the values of good life. The importance of values is frequently cited in relation to the global and national problems, whether it is in debates in international assemblies, in studies criticizing "value-free" approaches to research, or in discussion of quality of life and individual fulfillment. Thus, values are deemed especially important in questions of cultural development and a re central to concern for the preservation of cultural heritage.

It is to be mentioned that importance of human values is seen right from the childhood of a person. Preschool is the first stage or period that lays the foundation of information on human values. Because information about the values of life is a continuous process found in the society. However, the first information not only gains in earlier periods that begin and end in the period to adolescence but also continues personality. From now on, there can be changes on these values, but basic values have been developed. Changing child's wrong behaviour is more difficult than trying to develop a new behaviour. It is critical to develop the child's personality in a planned and systematic process in order to prevent the wrong development of values education. There are different factors which affect human values in the life of an individual and the society. Value education starts from families and it is continuous at schools with the help of educators.

Because of this, families, teachers and educational programs are crucial to values education. Families are the first source of information so they should be careful about their behaviors and attitudes as children see them as a model. Cooperation within families and teachers is very important for the thing that affects the children most is what the teacher does in the classroom. Besides this, education programs must be reorganized according to this cooperation. Also in this period by the help of education al activities like seminars, conferences; families can take an active part in organizing these programs. So that, there can be an effective harmony among families, educators and educational programs. It may be mentioned that value is a theory about "what things in the world are good, desirable, and important."

There are individual morality and social morality. Individual morality provides the basis of decisions of and judgments by the individual: honesty, loyalty, good faith, being responsible. Social morality means fairness, which is one basis of law, which helps to govern society and to control individual behavior. Social morality considers whether an action threatens society's well-being.

CONCLUSION:

Thus, human values possess a significant position in the society. Values are a cognitive structure that describes the ideals of life of individuals, their preferences, priorities, Principles and the behavior of a cognitive. Values are the effective cultural elements which shape the elements around the point of view of individuals, members of a community that holds together. In line with the protection or disregarding of these values by individuals in a society, the values will be lost in time or they will be continued many years by transferring. Continuing and being permanent of these values depends on individuals' general acceptance and internalizing. But, together with the values that show differences in cultures, there is a case of values which are universal and ethical that are accepted in all cultures. Truth, respect, kindness, benevolence, patience, tolerance, peace, democracy, etc. are expected to be universal hum an values throughout globe. It is a universally accepted view that without these human values human society will not sustain for a long time.

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