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Need for Moral Education

According to Herbert Spencer, the great philosopher “Education is the training for completeness of life”. Children’s social, aesthetic and emotional development is just as necessary as their physical growth and intellectual progress.

Moral education of young people today: development of one’s character, development of a vision, defining one’s life mission, development of good manner etc.

We often hear people around us grumble that the world is in-every bad shape. There is much of corruption, exploitation, merciless killing, terrorism, a lot of casteism and communalism, pollution, global unrest, mutual hatred and a total crisis of character. Man, machine and money are the modern day trinity. Morality is a casualty. Inflicting untold miseries and sufferings on our fellow beings is the rule of the day. All this needs to be reformed. But who is to bell the cat? It is we, the children, who have to complete the task.

Today the dire need of the hour is imparting of moral and spiritual education in schools, for the simple cause of making the young ones strong, brave, courageous and valiant enough to fight the unending list of evils.

Cast in the image of God, man possesses immense potential for creativity and innovation. Every child possesses the potential to become the builder of an ideal society. What it needs is a proper mode of education to mould the child in a way to make him a useful, complete and perfect person. A rock-like character, spiritual wisdom and the quest for ‘truth should be drilled in the child at an early age. And from this firm foundation they can be taught mathematics to marine sciences and anthropology to aeronautical engineering. The sole purpose of education is to develop a sound mind in a sound body, to teach virtues of oneness, decency in public life, good manners and behaviour and so on. The great goal of education is not to cosmetically furnish the minds to produce doctors and engineers but to develop the sense of right, duty, honour, love of God and humanity.

Man is the centre from where forces radiate inward and outward. These give him an outward life and an inward existence. Schools must stress on reasoning faculty of man. He must be taught to acquire self knowledge about what is his true place in the universe and his true relation with God.

A child should be taught about the various golden moral values and virtues. Moral and spiritual values should be infused in a child. He should be taught to differentiate between right and wrong and which value to put into practice at what point of time. All these gems of beautiful values will adorn the bright and glittering personality of a child. The child will be all set personalities will help in establishing a peaceful and prosperous world.

The world has witnessed many wars, battles on the basis of caste, creed and colour. It is lack of a global understanding that stops mankind from living together. Global understanding and mutual brotherhood is attainable only when children are taught not to see others through Rose-coloured glasses and to find fault in others. Values like universal brotherhood, faith in one God and one mankind should be inculcated in a child at an early age. This would surely ensure a brighter tomorrow.

It is high time people realised the need of the hour and rise to the occasion bringing back the past glory of mother earth and restoring its pristine purity. Only moral education would lead us to attain our ultimate goal of peace on earth. Who can take a better initiative than the budding and tender ones of this world?