

## Virtuous Human Values Limit World's Ravages

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**Abstract:** *This study aims to draw the attention of individuals, politicians and leaders to the importance of virtuous human values and their role in spreading love harmony and peace in all parts of the world. The most important of these values is altruism that must be instilled when educating generations because it generates good and prevents evils, woes, malevolence as well as calamities. Reliance on international laws, spending huge funds on the organizations that keep peace around the world, neglecting spreading of virtuous human values and failure to maintain them complicates the world's problems and reduces the chances of solving them. When the qualities of altruism, modesty, benevolence, mercy, compassion, tolerance and justice prevail; the inhabitants of the world will enjoy security and peace.*

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### I. Introduction

Despite the incredible economic, scientific, industrial and communication booms that predominate in today's world; the world's population suffer from many of scourges, ravages and misfortunes that threaten families, tribes, societies, congregations, organizations, nations and countries with disintegration and collapse. Of these calamities are environmental disasters, man-made troubles and human interventions in the environment to improve the conditions of life. To avoid these problems; benefiting of manpower, financial capacities and the scientific boom; a lot of people, nations and countries create societies, alliances, organizations, and conglomerates to find solutions that they believe appropriate and effective to solve these problems. Most of these social configurations surrender and track the opinions, hypothesis and theories of seniors, bosses, chiefs, intellectuals, scholars, scientists, philosophers, politicians and leaders. They see what they see and think what they think. The opinions of mankind are not correct in all cases, renewable, changeable and divergent. They also differ with situation, place and time. What you see today correct probably you and the others tomorrow will see it wrong and vice versa. Most of the ideas of the leaders of today's world stem and/or affected with religious ideologies, atheistic doctrines, racist ideas, arrogances, feeling of grandeur, conjecture, envy, jealousy and pessimism. Some of these ideas may be misleading and incorrect and lead to devastation of the world in the near or long term. People are driven to dependency by eloquent statements, fascination or fear of power, luring of riches, the need and others are vulnerable and illiterate. All these factors combine and lead to subordination and loyalty. Consequently arrogance, egoism and autocratic opinions spread leading to injustice, oppression and tyranny. If these noxious qualities prevail they do not only affect individuals but also affect people and nations. The true testament to validity of this claim is the outbreak of the First and Second World Wars. The greed for other nations' resources and the spread of some of the anomalous ideas; thought by some world leaders who belief that they are the best and should prevail on the world; are of the most important motives of these wars. If such destructive ideas spread the human race dreams to live in dignity will dissipate, peace recede; trust decrease, injustice become rampant and calamities prevail. Consequently conventions are resolved, alliances and organizations disintegrate; families, tribes and states fade and the civilizations dissipate sooner or later. This article stresses on the importance of the values of altruism, modesty, benevolence, compassion, mercy, tolerance and equality for maintenance of security and peace locally, nationally and globally.

### II. Altruism

Altruism is merely willingness to act in the consideration of the interests of other persons, without the need of ulterior motives (Nagel 1970). Simply altruism is to give priority to the needs of the others. The ideal altruistic is the one, who starves to feed the others, thirsts to quench others, bares to cloth other, watches while others are sleeping and presents himself as redemption for others at risks. These are the highest degrees of altruism which are impossible to achieve in today's world. The people are not asked to relinquish their rights for others, but they are requested to give priority to the rights of others in order to spread love and bring peace. If the human being gets utility from his altruistic approaches; without any concern for the interests of others (Andreoni 1989, 1990), this can go alongside of altruism. Altruism is a moral degree which if prevailed in this world the people will enjoy tranquility, harmony, affection, love and security. Consequently there will be no need for today's world holding organizations and councils that are devoted to injustice and oppression under the

pretext of justice (Ziabari 2011). Most of the rich countries; driven by greed and egoism (Ballentine and Sherman, 2003); seek to attract the vulnerable ones who possess unexploited resources sometimes by seduction and other times by intimidation. They donate to them what they do not need or what almost spoiled; claiming that they offer them assistance. If they refuse these offers or complain of their bad quality, the woes and curses are due to them. Sometimes donors provide weapons seeking to spread chaos among the vulnerable communities to have an opportunity to intervene to resolve the conflicts they created under the pretext of justice. But actually what leads them is the theory of more chaos more profits. The one who created this chaos has the opportunity to milk the cows while the owners are unaware. The wealth and precious relics are plundered and the factories, hospitals, schools, houses and farms destroyed. This gives the usurper a chance to enter under the pretext of reconstruction and depletes the rest of the resources.

Today's world suffers egoism which annihilates the good and develops evils, aversion and hatred. Today's man knows only himself; he becomes sad when he faces misfortunes and rejoices when he has blissful. The majorities of the inhabitation of this universe do not care about calamities and grief of millions of people. They remember them only to the extent that realizes their dreams and hopes or as much as concerns they stir. Everyone of the world's population has to know that there are other human beings; if he spoke about his needs, rights and interests to them; he must remember their needs, rights and interests to him.

Today's world is in extreme chaos; which is planned by the covetous who wishes to seize other people's resources. Driven by egoism and self-love; the covetous strives to instill hatred among the people of the same country and between the neighboring nations. Taking the advantage of the international organizations and councils; which was established on the basis of interest's jurisprudence; many countries seized the lands and/or the resources of other peoples. Still every day we hear about a new encroachment on the property of others. This world cannot enjoy security, safety and tranquility unless the values of altruism prevail. Values that make the human loves for his brother what he loves for himself, fears for him calamities and woes as he fears them for himself and likes goodness for him as he loves it for himself. The human race, which was chosen by God from among all creatures, must ennoble from stinginess, greed and hatred. Values of unconditioned generosity and altruism; which are not intended to achieve pre-planned needs and goals; should prevail. Grants, donations and loans should be altruistic and not intended to access hidden motives. Alliances, congregations, councils and organizations must be founded on the values of justice and equality; and power and richness should not be the bases upon which these institutions are established.

In order to develop the trait of altruism among the world communities; it is necessary to know where it comes from? How it can be developed? Some believe that altruism stems from the culture of the community. The validity of this hypothesis is evidenced by the varying degree of altruism among individuals and nations (Roth et al. 1991; Henrich et al 2001). There is a belief that altruism grow among individuals with psychological and social development (Harbaugh and Krause, 2000). A third belief says that altruism is an instinctive behavior controlled by centers in the brain (Tankersley et al. 2007). Whatever is the source of altruism among the human race; the people of the world should seek to concentrate this benign trait that generates goodness, restrains evils and stops the horrors afflicting the human race who suffers from greed and self-love.

### **III. Modesty (Humility)**

Humbleness is a great moral that must be displayed by the human race. Many people around the world do not possess this moral. The opposite of this moral is arrogance which may affect presidents or subordinates, teachers or students, men or women and the white or black of the human race. Of the things that make the human acquire arrogance what is linked to his creation, appearance, fortune, knowledge, power, origin, tribe; group and his country. It is noticeable that the majority of these features that make the human acquire the arrogance are gifts from the God, the Almighty and Creator. Beauty, height, size and color they are all God creations. No one wants to be dwarf, ugly, deformed or to have any of the unwanted features that are not accepted by the human soul. The same is true for all the other human characteristics. The moral of arrogance is rampant between individuals; families, small communities; tribes; education institutions; workplaces; organizations and countries. Many individuals, politicians, organizations, and countries see that they are better than others because they have material and scientific powers. They always seek to control and dominate others. Having knowledge and wealth is not a cause of arrogance it should be a cause of modesty. Who owns science and wealth has the material power and he does not need to contempt or belittle others; because his preference over others in this aspect is known. The arrogant must remember that both wealth and science can increase, flourish and evolve as they can decrease deteriorate and subside. These qualities make the science and wealth not linked to persons, places, time or countries. The situation might change and that the illiterate become a scientist and the poorer become a rich. Many poor individuals, communities and countries might flourish and history alone will attest to this. Modesty; which must be developed among individuals and nations; includes all human characteristics, commendable traits called for by all monotheistic religions, reformers of different beliefs and many philosophers. Modesty in clothing, food, drink and behavior solves many of the problems of human

beings. But modesty intended here is the opposite of arrogance and hubris. It is humility and respect for others with the ability to take rights by all available means. All peoples of the world in all formations should show modesty and instill it in all generations to have modest individual all over the world. So that modesty becomes like a shady tree for the tired human beings to rest under.

#### **IV. Benevolence**

Benevolence intended here is to keep the human rights and to make benefits to any person regardless of his social status; race; religion; or country. It is against all kinds of abuse. There are many ways that the human can follow to make benefits to his race, including but not limited to:

##### **4.1. Provision of physical benefits:**

In this type of benevolence the human employs his strength, physical abilities and his power to prevent evils, calamities, disasters and misfortunes from others without remuneration, expectation of benefit or waiting for a reward. Many countries, international organizations and individuals do this type of benevolence. However, the opportunists and usurpers have hidden agenda that make benevolence an abuse. We often hear in the global media that many individuals, institutions, international organizations and countries are doing a lot of atrocities under the guise of this kind of benevolence.

##### **4.2. Providing financial and material support:**

This kind of benevolence should be done by every individual, organization or state that has the bliss of money and material resources. They should spend part of this bliss on the needy, distressed, hungry, homeless or diseased people who are unable to treat their illness due to destitution and lack of money. Unfortunately a lot of the world's inhabitants are living in luxury and bliss while others are suffering from poverty, hunger and thirst. This situation is dangerous and opens the door to evils because it generates envy, hatred, and malevolence.

##### **4.3. Power and authority:**

Many people with influence and power can provide benevolence to the needy and vulnerable people through their presence in positions that enable them to do this kind of benevolence without asking for pay or compensation for providing this kind of humanitarian service. This kind of benevolence leads to spread of love, harmony and interrupt the road to the opportunists and usurpers who find the needs of people as an entrance to illegal richness. Unfortunately, in the government departments of many countries the possessors of power and authority exercise the worst forms of abuse against the needy people. Also many countries and organizations exercise this kind of corruption with weak countries.

##### **4.4. Science and thoughts:**

This type of benevolence is the best kind and the most beneficial to the human race. Because the exchange of ideas; without monopolizing sciences; helps in the prosperity of the world. Those who are endowed with the knowledge in any aspect of life must teach the others to spread the benefits. They are not obliged to give the best of their knowledge to others for free, but they can give them an opportunity when they have the desire. It is too sad that a lot of the important sciences in the human life are monopolized. This monopoly causes serious damaged that afflicts not only the needy but extends to those who monopolize these sciences. Frequently pandemic diseases cross the borders of industrial countries; that possess science and technologies that enable them to ward off these epidemic diseases; from underdeveloped countries having no technologies to combat these diseases. Thus cooperation to spread knowledge is necessary not only for those who lack it but also very important for those who generate it.

##### **4.5. Promotion of virtue and prevention of vice:**

Today's world is suffering a lot of evils perpetrated by individuals, groups and states. The wars, drug trade, human organs trade, piracy and other corrupt businesses are rampant in many countries of the world. If individuals, groups and states abandoned the promotion of virtue and exchanging advises the evil and chaos will spread. The residents of this world must advise and assist one another and avoid tyranny, injustice and disregard of others.

#### **V. Mercy And Compassion**

Mercy is not just a casual emotion or a temporal compassion linked to a particular situation. Mercy should be a constant behavior rooted in the human soul and comprehensive values for each virtuous behavior in dealing with human beings and all other creatures in this existence. Mercy is the overarching concept for all the values of truth and goodness in this existence. Also it is the ultimate goal that the human race pursues to be happy in this life. Mercy is always present in the consciousness of people so that they deal with each other on

base of mercy. Unfortunately the world's population misses this great value in many of his dealings. Murder, pillage and injustice prevail in the world. The people of the world should be pity to the oppressed and seek to lift injustice from him. Every human being must be merciful when dealing with others. Today's world needs to show the values of compassion and pity to bringing peace and harmony between different peoples. This noble value must be maintained in all human being transactions.

## **VI. Tolerance**

Tolerance simply means the ability or the desire to afford and accept the other, especially thoughts, behaviors and opinions that you do not agree with. It is open-mindedness, clemency and leniency when dealing with those who differ with you ideologically, intellectually, and/ or religiously. With the communications revolution and the scientific and technological booms all the human beings are living in a semi-village world. The borders disappeared, distances are drawn near and the time dwindled. The traditional image of the world was changed by cultures overlapping and numerous transactions between nations. This overlapping has led to conflicts of interests and the collision of individual and international liberties. What is required by any individual or state is rivaled by others. These things make it imperative for the man to recognize the importance of partnership in all available resources on the globe. If he does not concede amount of his rights for others conflict, strife and hatred will prevail. Consequently a world full of love and peace cannot be built. The human race is required to show tolerance in all aspects of life. Differences of races, countries, colors, and religions are not reason for feuding, infighting and seduction.

Respect of liberties that do not infringe on the rights of others is important to build safe communities and consolidate relations between individuals, groups and nations. Unfortunately many individuals, groups and countries of today's world do not respect personal liberty and religious. They infringe on others' wrights under false unjustified pretenses. All sought of today's world; to enjoy security and peace; is real tolerance of others despite our ideological and intellectual differences (Elgarrai 2014).

## **VII. Equality And Justice**

The human is inherently a social organism who does not like to live alone in this vast sprawling universe (Elgarrai 2014). Despite the need of human beings to each other, in many countries of the world they oppress each other. The oppressed always screams requesting equality. Equality term is widely used, circulated in many international forums and is called for by many thinkers. Absolute equality is impossible and cannot be achieved. In fact the characteristics of all of God's creations are all unequal. The man is not like the woman, the sun is not like the moon, the sky differs from earth and cold glacial regions differ from warm ones. This variation makes equality impossible. But justice among people according to their abilities, giving, rights and placing people in places that suit them is the desired equality. It is impossible to equate in material rights between who spent his youth in science learning to become space scientist with who abstained to learn and satisfied with a simple work that does not require skills. Everyone has a role in this world and we cannot do without any one no matter how simple his work is. Equality must be in accordance with the production. The human characteristics such as race, sex, color, disability and other characteristics that have occurred by the will of God; that the human being has no role in their presence; should not be used to discriminate people. Equality between humans is imperative despite the fact that some human characteristics make them unable to perform some works. What sought by the world's population today is not equality, but it is justice that satisfied all the people. The rights of the oppressed are taken from the oppressor as the oppressor is prevented from injustice, without using injustice as a means to take the rights. Equality amount that is realized by justice must be determined by the size of human production in all aspects of life. The more the production rights abound and vice versa. This does not mean to deny the rights of the weak and those with special needs for whom laws and regulations; that ensure them a decent living in this world; must be formulated, endorsed and implemented (Elsheikh and Alqurashi 2013).

## **VIII. Conclusions**

1. Today's world is suffering anxiety and its inhabitants are deprived of security, safety and tranquility. They are prisoners of insecurity and horrors, tragedies and wars are rampant among them.
2. The values of altruism, modesty, benevolence, mercy, compassion, and tolerance declined in today's world while inequality and injustice prevail and the values of justice retreated.
3. It is necessary to know where these benign traits come from. How they can be developed? Whatever is the source of these traits among the human race; the peoples of the world should seek to concentrate these benign traits that generates goodness, restrains evils and stops the horrors, chaos and wars afflicting the human race.
4. Greed, self-love, oppression, inequality and other bad values emerging in today's world must be ward off without employing injustice as tool.

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