



MEN FOR OTHERS

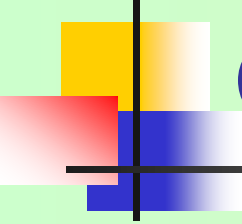
THE MODERN CHALLENGE
TO OUR VALUES

1. Mahatma Gandhi once wrote the following:

The Things That Will Destroy Us

- POLITICS WITHOUT PRINCIPLE
- PLEASURE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
- WEALTH WITHOUT WORK
- KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CHARACTER
- BUSINESS WITHOUT MORALITY
- SCIENCE WITHOUT HUMANITY
- WORSHIP WITHOUT SACRIFICE

What do you think? Are these destroying people now?



2. HOW TO ANSWER THIS CHALLENGE

**“TO EDUCATE A PERSON IN MIND
AND NOT IN MORALS IS TO
EDUCATE A MENACE TO SOCIETY”**

BASIC HUMAN VALUES



3. PRESENT WORLD CHALLENGES OUR VALUES

THE WORLD VIEW

Our Human Nature In Context

GOD

TRINITY OR PERSONS - COMMUNITY OF LOVE
CREATES SHARING HIS LOVE

THE UNIVERSE : OUR HOME

CREATES THE HUMAN PERSON
THE HUMAN FAMILY

ALL THAT HE MAKES IS GOOD

WONDER : VARIETY. BEAUTY

MADE IN HIS OWN IMAGE
LIKE HIMSELF

THE MYSTERY OF NATURE

THE WONDER OF MY BEING

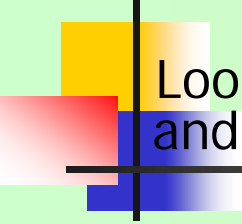
ALL WE NEED FOR LIFE

CREATIVE AND LOVING

REFLECTIONS OF GOD'S BEAUTY

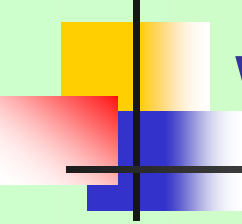
FREE TO CHOOSE : TO LOVE

NATURE AND GROWTH



Looking at human nature what is most suitable for its development and growth?

1. To belong to a family : to have a home, to have security
2. To have food and drink and exercise for good health
3. To be loved, respected, appreciated, valued and justly treated
4. To be educated and learn the truth
5. To work using the gifts which we have discovered are ours which are ours to share
6. To live and work with others in peace, justice and freedom



If these needs are fulfilled then
we will have a happier life

Deprived of these we suffer.

We struggle for justice, for human rights,
For work, for equality,
For better distribution of wealth and resources
For health care etc



STRUGGLE

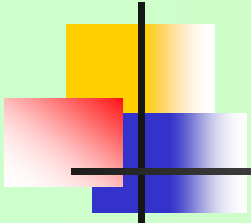
What we value we respect - what we respect we value

ANSWERING THE CHALLENGE

VALUES AND BEHAVIOUR

How do we behave in our environment?

TWO BASIC MORAL VALUES



RESPECT

(inner attitude)

AND

RESPONSIBILITY

(points towards others)

HONESTY

FAIRNESS

TOLERANCE

PATIENCE

SELF DISCIPLINE

HUMILITY

HELPFUL

COMPASSIONATE

COOPERATION

FORGIVENESS

SOCIAL CONCERN

SERVICE



RESPECT

RESPECT means recognizing another person as having value or worth

RESPECT FOR LIFE

Life has dignity and rights. We belong to God.

RESPECT FOR SELF

Our Life is Precious and Valuable.



RESPECT FOR OTHERS

“Do Unto Others As You Would Like Them
To Do To You”

RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Our Garden, given to us to live in and use.



RESPECT

For God – Our Father, or Creator, love and listen to HIM

For Self – Valuable as a gift; cared for; loved; gifts and abilities

For Others – love them; appreciate them; care for them; not cheat; rob, kill or abuse them

For the Environment – air, water, trees, flowers; plants and animals

- not wasting or causing pollution (ozone layer)



RESPONSIBILITY

Committed,
Dependable,
Trustworthy,
Socially committed,
Respecting other's rights



NATURAL LAW

Everything has its own nature and its own requirements to help it grow.

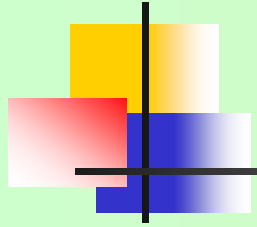
Human Nature basically does not change

What is good for our nature is true whether we like it or not, whether we follow it or not.

We are free to choose, to reject what is right and good and follow our own wrong and evil ways.

RIGHT - It is always right to love, to respect, to be honest, truthful, fair and just, to forgive and have compassion.

WRONG - It is always wrong to kill an innocent person, to injure him, to abuse him, to steal from him, to be corrupt, to be violent etc.



Right: Always:

To Love

To Respect Others

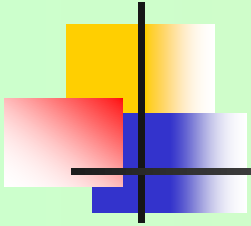
To Be Honest

To be Truthful

To be Fair, Just

To be Compassionate

To Forgive



Wrong Always:

To Hate

To Despise Others

To Kill Innocent Life

To Injure Another

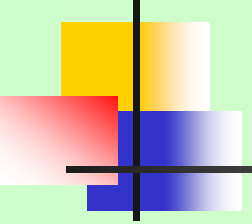
To Steal

To be Corrupt

To Take Revenge

To Use Violence

To Be Selfish



We are free to choose
but the Laws of Nature
remain whether we
follow them or not



LAWS OF NATURE

Basic Human Nature does not change

The environment in which we live changes

Therefore basic human values do not change

They are always true



RIGHTS AND DUTIES

These follow from the
Natural Law



SUMMARY

LIFE IS LIVING

MY RELATIONSHIPS

Relationship with God



Relationship with God

Our Father, we are His children;

He loves us, cares for us: give us all we need

We should respect Him, listen to Him: obey Him

Talk to Him: ask His help, guidance and
protection

(Religion is living out this relationship)



Relationship with Self:

My Self-Image. I am valuable. I am loved
Respect myself; care for my health;
My gifts and abilities; to use in Service
How do others see me?



Relationship with Others

With our Family, Relatives and Friends

With the wider Human Family

How do we treat them? With love and respect

With no discrimination or injustice?



Relationship with The Environment

Enjoy and respect the wonders of nature
Do we waste or pollute our environment?
Man's greed to possess more – materialism

The results? Famine, drought, disease,
pollution



CONCLUSION

The Golden Rule:

“Do Unto Others What
You Would Wish Them
To Do To You”



THE GOLDEN RULE

“DO UNTO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO DO TO YOU”

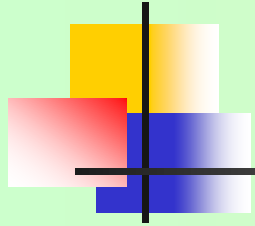
This expresses love, concern, service and generosity.

They are opposite to selfishness, greed, pride, freedom to do what we like without any responsibility for others.

They are opposite to lack of respect and responsibility, to hatred, revenge and cruelty.

Happiness depends on our relationships.

It is love which unites us.



Let us be loving people, grateful people, kind people,
generous people, caring and compassionate people.

This is the challenge to young people living in the world
today.

Young people need to learn to be men of integrity,
really “Men for Others”.

Men who are loving, compassionate, generous.

Men who serve others.

SUMMARY



1. We are challenged by today's values.
2. What are our values, our guidelines?
3. Men for Others are different. They can make a difference by living their values of respect and responsibility.