Importance of Value Education in Modern time

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Everyone knows that life is precious – that life is important. We all protect our life because we care for it more than anything else. If life is so important, the values of life are even more important. Values are guiding principles, or standards of behaviour which are regarded desirable, important and held in high esteem by a particular society in which a person lives. "The Importance of Values and Morals are the code we live by in a civil and just society. They are what we use to guide our interactions with others, with our friends and family, in our businesses and professional behaviour. Our values and morals are a reflection of our spirituality; our character. They are what we hope to model for our children and the children around us, because children do watch us as they develop their own sense of right and wrong. Value education means inculcating in the children sense humanism, a deep concern for the well-being of others and the nation. This can be accomplished only when we instill in the children a deep feeling of commitment to values that would build this country and bring back to the people pride in work that brings order, security and assured progress. A person with proper values will not be afraid to face problems. He or she will expect and accept them as part of life. He or she will not give un necessary importance to anything that happens in life. He or she will have complete faith in God. Such a person will be an example to the rest. Last but not least we must love our own values in life, to build a strong character. It will help us to lead our life as it should be lead. It is very necessary for the fulfillment of life’s purpose. In today’s scenario our values have been discarded by the new generation in the upcoming of the new fashion. In such a situation it is very important for someone to lay down basic principles for us so that we may lead a brightened life, no matter the stepping stones of success hit us hard we on the basis of these principles can guide our life. Thus value education completes this need very easily with an impact on the young minds making the world a better place to live in.

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Value shapes our relationships, our behaviours, our choices, and our sense of who we are. The more positive our values, the most positive our actions. This is one of the reasons why value education is being taught or included in all type of education, because it plays a great role for student’s becoming successful in their own choice of careers.

Values in education are like what virtues make of a human being. Value education harmonizes the need for the student to achieve in a competitive world and the need to be compassion to his fellow beings. While society today faces many pressures and pulls of modern day advancement education with its competitive marking system is creating a market oriented society. Children are being groomed to be professionals to capture the top salary jobs in the market. All the same while it is necessary to teach the child to fish instead of giving him a fish it is values that make a man.

The definition of value education is educating the child to harmonize every aspect of his being viz. spiritual, physical, emotional, intellectual and psychological so as to develop his personality in a holistic manner.

**Meaning of value-based education:** Education is the vehicle of knowledge, self-preservation and success. Education not only gives a platform to succeed, but also the knowledge of social conduct, strength, character and self-respect. The greatest gift education gives us is the knowledge of unconditional love and a set of values.

These values include the simple difference between right and wrong, a belief in God, the importance of hard work and self-respect. Education is a continuous learning experience, learning from people, learning from leaders and followers and then growing up to be the person we are meant to be.

Value-based education is a threefold development of any individual of any gender and age, but most importantly of a child. Education tries to develop three aspects: physique, mentality and character. Even though physique and mentality are important, they are menaces without the third because character is the greatest of these. Education plays a huge role in precisely this area.
Value-based education is a tool which not only provides us a profession which we can pursue but also a purpose in life. The purpose of our life is undoubtedly to know oneself and be ourselves. We cannot do it unless we learn to identify ourselves with all that lives. The objective of education in a country like India, which has a glorious heritage and can boast of diversity in geography, culture, values and beliefs very rarely seen in this wide world, should be to educate a student of the value system which is indispensable to live successful life (Das, Sayan, 2008).

**Role of value education in contemporary society:** Every Country develops its own system of education to express and promote its unique Socio-Cultural identity and also to meet the challenges of the times. Although the country has made rapid progress in various areas like scientific technology, economic infrastructure etc. but its value system has been declined. Therefore, Education in general and value education in particular occupies a prestigious place in modern context of contemporary society. The problem of value education of the young has assumed increasing prominence in educational discussion during recent times. Parents, teachers and society at large are concerned about values and value education of children. We are witnessing tremendous value crisis throughout the world today. A lackadaisical attitude towards value and its institutions is pervasive in the world today. The reappearance of barbaric qualities of selfishness, clashes and conflagration give clear indication of the process of degeneration of human society. There is an urgent need for a great effort to revive and reform the values of human life and to rejuvenate the foundation of civilization.

Values are goals set for achievements and they motivate, define and color all our activities cognitive, affective and conative. They are described as the socially defined desires and goals that are internalized through the process of conditioning, learning & socialization. The present education needs moral, spiritual and aesthetic values also to be included in it. The culture and traditions can be preserved & transferred to the next generation by the help of value education only. Value education is much concerned with striving for personal wholeness as well as generating a responsible attitude towards others and an understanding of wrong and right behavior. The most constructive factor in value education is its purpose which encourages the child to explore the powers while offering living guidance and setting appropriate limits to behavior. Value education helps in building and strengthening of positive sentiments for people.
and ideals. It should prepare individuals for active participation in social life and acceptance of social rules. Value education has to be included in various aspects of education. Attention needs to be pay by higher authorities to spread the importance of value education in society.

**Importance of value education:** Education is a methodical effort toward learning basic facts about humanity. And the core idea behind value education is to cultivate essential values in the students so that the civilization that teaches us to manage complexities can be sustained and further developed. It begins at home and it is continued in schools. Everyone accepts certain things in his/her life through various mediums like society or government. Value education is important to help everyone in improving the value system that he/she holds and put them to use. Once, everyone has understood their values in life they can examine and control the various choices they make in their life. One has to frequently uphold the various types of values in his life such as cultural values, universal values, personal values and social values.

Thus, value education is always essential to shape one's life and to give him an opportunity of performing himself on the global stage. The need for value education among the parents, children, teachers etc., is constantly increasing as we continue to witness increasing violent activities, behavioral disorder, lack of unity in the society etc.

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 value education 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.

**Importance of value education in schools:** The importance of value education in schools is highlighted by many a principal. Why is value education important in schools? Often the teacher explains the meaning of value education to children. Value education begins at home and is developed in schools. Stories with quotes on value education are important to help children
understand the topics of value education. Many value education videos are also available for value education for kids, students and for children for all ages. At time value education is offered in schools. Moreover value education and character building go hand in hand just the same as national integration does. **Don Boscos’s School, Jesus and Mary’s Convent, St. Xavier’s School and St. Michael’s** in India are fore runners in the field of value education in schools today.

**Importance of value education in India:** Value Education in India from the ancient times has held a prime place of importance. From the gurukul stage the child not only learnt skills of reading and archery but more the philosophy of life in relation with its impermanence. Hence education in India was born of this vision to achieve one's experience in the absolute as a spark of the divine and in this process practice of one's duty accompanies the acquisition of knowledge. In the modern school system value education, was termed moral education or moral science.

Today most schools in India offer value education through school education. While private schools offer value education through class-wise books on value education others offer value education at special times in the school schedule e.g. assemblies, festivals etc. through activities on special themes and topics of value education e.g. national integration, character building etc. Value education quotes are available on websites for special displays, use in essays on value education and for notes on value education.

**Importance of value education for children:** While value education is important for children in schools, the curriculum includes various forms of value education by means of stories, power point programs, activities etc. Books, videos and source material on various topics of value education are provided to children. Several schools promote value education projects, and exposure trips. Schools run by the Montford Brothers like St. Columbus, and MSFS schools in India train children to be responsible and contributing citizens of the nation for a better world. The archdiocesan schools in Delhi impart value education, which is compulsory in all the seventeen schools. So to in the 150 archdiocesan schools in Mumbai value education takes prime place.
Conclusion: The values or moral values present a true perspective of the development of any society or nation. They tell us to what extent a society or nation has developed itself. Values are virtues, ideals and qualities on which actions and beliefs are based. Values are guiding principles that shape our world outlook, attitudes and conduct. Values however 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. In the present time moral degeneration are occurred. The main causes of value degeneration are:

- Lack of respect for the sanctity of human life
- Breakdown of parental control of children in families
- Lack of respect for authority seen through the brazen breaking of the law and total disregard for rules and regulations
- Crime and corruption
- Abuse of alcohol and drugs
- Abuse of women and children and other vulnerable members of society
- Lack of respect for other people and property

To solve all these type problems it is necessary to know the main causes of the above problems. 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 well. My opinion education is the solution for all types of the problems. Now we are living in the modern century. If we use science and technology in the proper way it is not difficult for us to solve all the problems of the non-moral and value things. The main object of the study is to inculcate moral and value based education in schools and colleges and to know the attitude of intermediate students towards moral values (Naraginty, Reddy).

Hogan (1973) believes that moral behavior is determined by five factors: (1) Socialization: becoming aware as a child of society's and parents' rules of conduct for being good. (2) Moral judgment: learning to think reasonably about our own ethics and deliberately deciding on our own moral standards. (3) Moral feelings: the internalization of our moral beliefs to the degree
that we feel shame and guilt when we fail to do what we "should." (4) Empathy: the awareness of other people's situation, feelings, and needs so that one is compelled to help those in need. (5) Confidence and knowledge: knowing the steps involved in helping others and believing that one is responsible for and capable of helping.

Today we facing so many problems like terrorism, poverty and population problem. It is necessary to inculcate moral values in curriculum. Education is an effective weapon. Education is a weapon, whose effect depends on who holds it are his handstands at whom it is aimed. (Joseph Stalin)

**Curricular Activities:**

Due to liberalization, industrialization and globalization rapid changes are occurring in almost all social sciences. The value possessed and their attitudes according to the changes should be known up to date vast changes are occurring in the education. So called philosophical foundations of India are declining day to day with the country in a state of social turbulence, the goals and functions of formal education need to be reassessed and updated. Through education we can change the world.

- By giving a place for moral values in the curriculum.
- Moral values can be explained through stories and illustrations.
- Through poetry, novel and stories we can inculcate moral values in the students.
- Role plays of a good story in the lesson.
- Educate students through posters, advertisements and dramatizations; those are all a part in the curriculum.
- By introducing a course on moral values as a part of its Master Degree in Developmental Administration.
- Giving course training to students to develop moral values in the society.
- By educating citizen through direct contact by setting up local offices across the religion.
- First of all educate women in the society. Mother is the first teacher. Motivate every woman to know about moral values through special course like "Gandhian Studies".

According to Father of Indian Nation **M.K. Gandhi**:

“If wealth is lost nothing is lost
If health is lost something is lost
If character is lost everything is lost”

Best of all things is character.

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