

## Values: A mirror image of individual

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### **Abstract**

Values are determinants of human behavior. They play a very important role in the lives of every individual. It is the challenge for the 21st century. Values are related to nature by birth. No one is born with a set of values relating to events, situations, practices, individuals or institutions. These are shaped, natured and developed at home and educational institutions. "Education without values is of no use" Today's present scenario, our education is only for the heads and hands and not the hearts. - Lack of Value Education has been an important part in the present scenario of growing violence and terrorism, pollution and ecological imbalances. School has to play a major role to inculcate the values. A teacher who lives by values exercises a great influence on students. It can be introduced through curricular as well as co-curricular activities. Our educational system should therefore aim not merely at information based knowledge, but on the inculcation of values that guides the students, in the desirable use of the acquired knowledge and skills, thus molding them into ideal / positive human beings and useful members of the society. The teachers only can do the positive global changes in the society. The present article is insist the importance of value for the future generation and save our nation.

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### **Introduction**

VALUE : "Value" comes from the Latin word „valere" which means to be worth, to be strong. Thus value literally means of something precious, dear and worthwhile; hence something one is ready to suffer and sacrifice for. On the other hand, values are a group of principles or morals of behavior.

values are the enlighten principles determining in day to day behavior as also in critical life situations. In this age of rapid social change influenced by technology, there appears a value calamity in the society. Some values seem to

perish. Some values submerge into others and some new values have emerged. Disregard shown to basic values like honesty and tolerance, for example, in personal and public life, has become a matter of great concern. Crime, violence, cruelty, greed and apathy to human suffering have spread to all aspects of our life – political, economic and social. Recreating the material wealth and selfish ends at any cost has become the antecedent of life. Noticed, everywhere grossness and a general insensitivity to admirable feelings with the sole object of life being to make oneself as comfortable materially as one can. Reactivity to beauty in art, literature, craft, nature and life in general and to moral and spiritual achievement is noticeably in our life. We must realize that this process of value deterioration will prove disastrous and lead to disintegration of the society. It is the time therefore for us to make right action and make conscious efforts to change the trend and lead to the right direction. Since it has been recognized that education is necessarily a process of arising the values to help the learner lead a good Philosophers and educationists have emphasized the role of education for character development, bringing out the potentialities and inherent qualities which is developed integrated personality for the well-being of the individual and the society.

Values are held in high esteem by a particular society in which a person lives. Thus values give meaning and strength to a person's character in his life. Values reflect one's personal point of views and judgements, decisions and choices, behavior and relationships, dreams and vision. They influence our thoughts, feelings and actions. They guide us to do things in right ways. Values are the enlightenment principles of life which are conduct to all round development. They give direction, joy, satisfaction and peace to life. Values give direction of life and to move smoothly, quickly and with direction. They bring quality to life. Especially the young peoples are very much confused about their values and value system.

### **Types Of Values :**

Gandhi's Classification: In order to create new social order Gandhi (1937) introduced Nai Talim which is popularly known as basic education. 1. Truth 2. Non-violence 3. Freedom 4. Democracy 5. Sarva dharma samabhava 6. Equality 7. Self-realization 8. Purity of ends and means 9. Self-discipline 5 Edward

Spranger's classification: Spranger (1928), a German philosopher, made an attempt to classify values into six categories, namely, 1. Theoretical value 2. Economic value 3. Aesthetic value 4. Social value 5. Political value 6. Religious value

Sherry and Verma's Classification: Sherry and Verma have considered the following 10 values as important – 1. Religious value 2. Social value 3. Democratic value 4. Aesthetic value 5. Economic value 6. Knowledge value 7. Hedonistic value 8. Power value 9. Family Prestige value 10. Health value

Parker's Classification 1. Biological values 2. Economical values 3. Affective values 4. Social values 5. Intellectual values 6. Aesthetic values 7. Moral values 8. Religious values 6 General

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According to Spindler values are of two types as traditional and emergent. Traditional value stands for concepts like puritan morality, work success ethics, individualism and achievement orientation. On the other hand, emergent value is used to mean qualities like sociability, moral attitude, consideration for others, and conformity to groups etc. Sprenger, Edward (1928), in his book “Type of Men” mentioned six values as theoretical, economic, aesthetic, social, political and religious.

classifications of values have been made from time to time, but no classification seems to be conclusive. However, all efforts are focused to explain cherished experiences related to human ideas and aspirations. In total, a well-defined value system is a mirror-image of an individual’s character, perception of well-being and determines his short and long-range purposes, goals and priorities. Indeed, irrespective of divergence in classification, there is a consensus that Sattyam, Shivam and Sundaram (truth, goodness and beauty) are the highest combination of values. These are considered desirable and help in achieving a better world as well as the ultimate end of life.

general, values may be classified in personal, social, moral, spiritual and behavioral values.

1. Personal values: They refer to those, which are desired and cherished by the individual irrespective of his/her social relationship. Cleanliness, honesty, regularity, punctuality help the individual to achieve the target.
2. Social values: Social values refer to those, which are concerning to society. It shows our association with others. Social values necessitate the interaction of two or more persons. E.g. courtesy, team work etc.
3. Moral values: Moral values related with personality and individual’s character conforming to what is right and virtuous. They reveal a person’s self-control. E.g. honesty, integrity, etc.
4. Spiritual values: Spiritual values refer the capacity to see wrong and right, true and false The ultimate ethical value is called spiritual value. E.g. purity, devotion to God, sublimity, etc.
5. Behavioural values: Behavioral values refer good manners of our life. They are giving successful and joyous life.

### VALUE-ORIENTED EDUCATION

Value-oriented education means inculcating in the children a sense of humanism, a deep concern for the well-being of others and the nation. When People are loyal with values it will build the country and people will feel pride in work. This will definitely brings security and progress. Values develop the social, moral, aesthetic and spiritual sides of a person which are often undermined in formal education. The main aim of value-oriented education in schools should be to make the students good citizens so that they may share their responsibilities for the development of the country. Students should also be able to understand our national goals. They could develop our inner strength.

#### Benefits of Identifying Values

- Values help you find your purpose. ...
- Values help you make decisions. ...
- Values help clear out clutter. ...

- Values help to select path for right career. ...
- Values develop a sense of self. ...
- Values help increase your confidence. ...
- Values help your overall happiness level.

#### Why Values Are Important

- Values help us to grow and develop.
- Every organization and individual have to make many decision everyday.
- Values and beliefs help us in making Decisions.
- The specific purpose is the satisfaction of our individual or collective needs.
- WHEN WE USE OUR VALUES TO MAKE DECISIONS, WE MAKE A DELIBERATE CHOICE TO FOCUS ON WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO US. WHEN VALUES ARE SHARED, THEY BUILD INTERNAL COHESION IN A GROUP.
- Four types of values are needed for organizational setting: individual values, relationship values, organizational values, and social values.
- INDIVIDUAL VALUES
- Individual values reflect in the principles of our life when we present before others and consider important for your self-interest. Enthusiasm, creativity, humility, and personal fulfillment are the parts of individual values.
- RELATIONSHIP VALUES
- Relationship values related to other people in our life like friends, family, or colleagues in your organization. Relationship values include openness, trust, generosity, and caring.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

- Organizational values show our concern with organization and operates in the world. Financial growth, teamwork, productivity, and strategic alliances are needed for organizational values.
- SOCIETAL VALUES

Societal values reflect how you or your organization relates to society.

Today 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,

Values reflect our sense of right and wrong. They help us grow and develop. They help us create the future we want. We learn values from our parents. Social and cultural values are also needed for family. Sometimes new life experiences may change values we previously held.

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Individual values are important for self interest. Enthusiasm, creativity, humility and personal fulfillment are the parts of individual values.

How we relate to other people in our life, such as friends, family, teachers, managers, etc is relationship value. It includes openness, trust, generosity and caring.

Social values reflect how we relate to society. Justice, freedom, respect, community, and responsibility are the part of social values. Our society doesn't practice many values. We have to think what we are leaving behind for our future generations? Importance should given to values not to power and greed.

Here we are feel our society needs more values such as:

- Empathy –Understanding and sharing the feelings of another is empathy. It helps us to accept others. Focusing on how we can grow together should be our ultimate position.
- Respect – If we want other should respects then we have also to pay. This is what makes us human. Having respect for everyone, in spite of the differences between us, towards something. It is also feeling shown towards someone.
- Love – When we are in love we do not harm others. Love helps us to understand the similarities.
- Loyalty – Loyalty shows our concern with a person, thing or sentiment. With loyalty, we do not betray. If we all shared loyalty, it would help us to build the commitment needed to stand up against something.
- Honesty – With honesty, you can admit your defects and take the necessary steps to improve yourself. Eventually, we can all help each other become a good people.

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Knowing our values helps us achieve intelligibility and simplicity regarding why we do what we do, and accordingly stay on track and live a harmonious life. Values effects our actions and decisions. Anthony Robins, in his book titled Awaken the Giant Within states that values guide our decision and, therefore, our goal. Those who know their values and live become a leader of our society. Values help us to achieve our goals. Knowing others' values is equally important to understand their behavior and the causes behind it. We can also understand their decision making power by understanding their values. While ultimate values provide us a sense of achievement, contentment, richness, and reward, the instrumental or temporary values provide us a direction to achieve our life goals

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