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# Seek Higher Values of Life

Higher values of life are the cornerstone of a civilized and moral life. A community, shorn of higher values of life, is not a civilized social entity, no better than a herd of sheep. Truth, honesty, sincerity, ethical view of life, transparency, fellow feeling, love and good will for others, love for the country, helpful attitude, spirit of sacrifice and above all tolerance of others' beliefs and convictions are some of the higher values of life which should be nurtured and cherished by all. All the scriptures of all the religions of the world ordain a certain system of higher values of life, which members of the society should cultivate and propagate. All the higher values of life may be condensed in a single phrase : Truth, good and beautiful. These are the eternal principles bequeathed to us by all our scriptures. A life without higher values of life is no way better than the life of an animal or a beast. This world may become a real heaven if all of us tread the path leavened with these values of life. It is incumbent on us, therefore, to so shape our lives and to so order our lives' priorities that higher values of life become a part and parcel of our thought, intellect and action for the sake of peace and prosperity for all. We will have to put a stop to the erosion of higher values of life, which unfortunately we witness today.

It is said that you see the world through the spectacles you wear. It is a fact that everyone has his own views of life and the world because he is born with certain individual characteristics which work as his spectacles. According to the students of psychology the point of view of a person is the result of factors of the environment and circumstances in which he is born and brought up. All these things go to make his or her character, which prompts a person to behave in a certain manner in the society. Every word and action of the person is the reflection of his personality which is made up of his inborn tendencies and life values. We expect others to behave with us in a manner as we try to behave with them. Whatever we hear or read about the people in general is not generally in tune with our expectations and hopes. Thus, we get into a difficult situation created by our inner self and outer world. The result is that we try our best to get out of this unenviable situation. For this we take advice of senior persons and books and at times also we pray to God to help us.

We come across a group of such persons as feel satisfied with their circumstances. One such person said : why try to search mental peace, go with the stream of life and our mental leanings will show the way through because that is my destiny. My discontentment and difficult situations seem to be my destiny and they give me the necessary inspiration to face life and its difficulties. They emphatically say that such mental

conditions keep me free from fear and diffidence. I am fully involved in my present life and at the same time feel full of energy. In this context they like to quote Benjamin Disraeli in support of what they feel—"We are not creatures of circumstances, but we are creators of circumstances."

Be that as it may, if our viewpoint is of happiness and abundance then we shall see the same everywhere in life and everything will be welcome to us. As Lord Maitreya has said, the world is our creation, as we feel inside so we see outside. Our mind is the creator of the world. The question arises whether we can make other people partners in our viewpoint.