

Critical analysis of Bertrand Russell Essay "Philosophy for Laymen"

Bertrand Russell ~~is~~ ^{is} one of the most profound writers of modern age. He ~~is~~ ^{is} famous ~~for~~ ^{for} his logical and argumentative writing style. Philosophy for laymen is his splendid work. In this essay, Bertrand Russell discussed two problems of mankind, ever since they have been civilized communities. He also discussed the solution for these problems which civilization have been confronted. Furthermore, in the essay he asserted that wisdom ~~become~~ ^{should} be taught to mankind in the ~~word~~ modern world to tackle the problems of new technological world. Mankind, ever since

have been organized into societies have been facing problems. The first problem is that mankind continuously struggles to control natural forces. The need of controlling natural resources is very crucial because it gives human shelter, food, and important for survival. It is essential for economic growth, mitigating risks, utilization of resources and for incorporating new ideas which help in health and medicine. As forementioned needs of human being, it is significant that humans must learn to deal, manipulate and stewardship of natural forces. These natural forces when use in a proper way, become a great source

of sustainability for other generations too. Mankind also acquired knowledge to produce tools and weapons which help them for hunting, for sheltering, for protecting themselves in dangerous situations. These kind of problems can be effectively and efficiently sort out with help of science and scientific techniques. It is important that to train large number of specialists; and these ^{specialists must} have proper understanding of their fields. Moreover, the specialists of different field ~~to need to~~ ~~so as to~~ cope up with issues fields need to collaboration to cope up with the issues of modern world.

The second problem which ~~was~~ seems unimportant

to large number of people, but it is far more important than previous one. This burning problem / issue is that mankind need to decide, which is suitable for them, such as capitalism versus socialism, democracy versus dictatorship, International government versus International anarchy, authoritarian dogma versus free speculation. Mankind intensively need consideration for these topics because these issues can not solve through science and laboratory. ~~And~~ This is an important argument to understand that skills ~~can~~ never play an import science and skills are not enough to solve such burning issues. ~~There~~ ~~some~~

Bertrand Russell said wisdom is important to tackle these burning issues. The best way to solve them is that to explore past, observe present. It is mentioned in the essay that skills never become source of happiness for mankind, to prove this argument, it is significant to go back in the history and unearth the events which became source of misery or contentment for mankind. For instance, when humans learned to cultivate the soil they sacrificed humans. Their beliefs were that if we give good thing to God so we get good thing in return. In past, many people sacrificed their lives for this purpose. So, ^{the} result was that, farming

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but for
was skill ~~but though~~ its better
cultivation humans need
to sacrifice themselves. Another
significant instance is that,
when humans learned to
control horses, they misused
this skill. Landlords and
powerful people had horses so
they used to harass lower
class or serfs and invaded on
others land. They occupied the
lands of poor people and
made them their slaves.

As forementioned examples
clearly describes that there
is something more than
skill is need and that thing
is wisdom.

In essence, Russell criticises
that in the modern world,
with the advancement of
science and technology, humans
are forgetting ancient thoughts.

The focus of modern world is only mastering of natural forces, to acquire knowledge to produce tools and weapons and production of useful animals and plants. He emphasized that there is need of wisdom in the technological world. because past clearly unveiled that skills ^{only} never became source of happiness for common masses.