

Knowledge Implies Responsibilities

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1) Introduction

This's statement: Knowledge refers responsibilities from an individual to the international level. This Post-modern era required the best and qualitative knowledge which makes a person responsible. However, with the use of knowledge, we can become responsible people to make positive change in our lives, societies and the world (46).

2) How knowledge implies responsibilities.

3) How knowledge makes individual responsible.

a) Knowledge as a tool to become philosopher whose responsibility is to make people aware about right or wrong.

b) Role of scientists to make change through their knowledge and research.

4) Role of family to make person knowledgeable and responsible.

a) The behaviour of family members play effective role to make individual responsible.

b) Family as a first source to teach and to make individual responsible.

5) Society as a tool to get knowledge and to make responsible person.

a) Learning through observations and reinforcement.

b) Role of peer groups to make people responsible through knowledge

6) Politics as a source of knowledge and responsibilities.

a) Machiavelli's role in "Power politics" to become a responsible ruler through the knowledge

b) Aristotle's concept of "ideal state"

c) Montesquieu's concept of "separation of power" for good governance.

7) Ethical importance of knowledgeable and responsible person.

a) Person's responsibility to know ~~wright~~ about right and wrong through good moral action.

b) Knowledge as a source to solve moral dilemmas.

8) Importance of knowledge and responsibilities in different religions.

a) Importance of knowledge in Islam

b) Knowledge in religions except Islam.

9) Knowledge in history.

a) Era of enlightenment and Renaissance

10) Knowledge and responsibilities on national and international level.

a) Role of media

b) Responsibilities of Politicians and other civil servants.

11) Conclusion.

Knowledge reflects responsibilities from an individual to the international level. This post modern era required best and quantitative knowledge which makes a person responsible. However, with the use of knowledge, we can become responsible people to make positive change in our lives, societies and the world. More knowledge means more responsibilities but, with easy lifestyle. Use of knowledge makes our lives easy. As in "The story of four Brothers", there are four brothers come upon a great river that they must cross. The eldest brother with no knowledge wanted to cross the river on his own will. The other two brother wanted to cross the river by making a bridge with limited knowledge, this option could be harmful for their lives. But the youngest one, however, is able to use his knowledge and understanding of river currents to safely swim across the river. The story tells that the knowledge is power, and those do not use their knowledge will face great risks. During all eras, we can see that how knowledge made scientists and philosophers, a responsible person who served for humanity. Family is a first school to teach individual that how he become a responsible and well-manner person through the knowledge. Society also make individual, a social

animal. Throughout the process of socialization, we are getting knowledge by observation and experiences and know about our responsibilities. In politics and governance, some philosophers such as Machiavelli, Aristotle and Montesquieu have played their role to make ruler and state responsible. Knowledge helps us to differentiate between right and wrong and to solve dilemmas. All religions also explain the importance of knowledge gain to understand responsibilities. Knowledge was also used by some philosophers during the enlightenment and renaissance to make people aware. Furthermore, knowledge shapes the personalities of politicians, and civil servants to perform their task in a better way with the use of media. (314)

Knowledge is a tool which shapes human personality to become responsible. Knowledge effects human life from lower level to upper level. A human being with more knowledge, has easy and comfortable life as compared to human being with no knowledge. "Knowledge is a power, but knowledge without wisdom is like a loaded gun: it can be used for good or for ill, so use it wisely and with responsibility." (Benjamin Franklin) All thinkers believe in the best use of knowledge. Knowledge can

be used for the welfare of human being that was done by the scientists and philosophers and it can also be used against humanity that was done by terrorists etc in different world incidents such as in 9/11, Army Public School attack, violation of Kashmiris and Palestine muslims fundamental rights etc. So, in a nutshell, knowledge implies responsibilities but it depends on human being whether he take it positively or negatively. (150).

Knowledge changes the human life at different extends, but as a philosopher, it is used to aware people ~~between~~^{about} right and wrong, good or bad etc. At the time before enlightenment and renaissance, many philosophers such as plato, Aristotle, John lock etc use their knowledge as a power to make people understood that there is no existance of "The Theory of Divine Right" as introduced by the King himself. However, who know about the problem should take responsibility to do something through their knowledge. Thus those who are knowledgeable should use their powers to address social issues (The Theory of knowledge implies responsibility). In this way, philosophers have responsibility to use their knowledge as a tool to solve social and ethical problems. (115)

Individual such as scientist has more influence on society through the efficient and effective use of knowledge. Furthermore, different scientists such as Newton, Einstein, Stephen etc used their power of knowledge to solve scientific problems for the sake of advanced and comfortable human life. Newton's law of motion, special and general theory of relativity, gravitational force etc are the best evidences that how individual use his knowledge for the betterment of human life. Scientific knowledge has been playing the major role to make human life easy. Such as the invention of different machines and technologies are the result of knowledge. So, one can easily understand that how knowledge makes person responsible and modern (113).

There are several institutions which teach child that how to become responsible and knowledgeable person but family is the most important among them. Moreover, after the birth of child, family starts child's learning process. However, in the influence of emotional attachment, child starts to follow his family members command, gain knowledge of different scenarios by passing through different circumstances and with the passage of time he become a responsible

person. Family is made up of interconnected parts, each of which affects the other part (The Family System Theory). The family member also influences the behaviour of each other. The family is a complex structure, in which members interact to influence each other's behaviours. (Kerr and Bowen, Family Systems Theory, 1988). In this way, family makes transform a baby into the intellectual and responsible person. (122)

Family is the first institution in which family members are working like a teaching staff to teach child according to religious, social and political norms and values. These norms and values help child to understand the importance of knowledge. When with the passage of time, child has acquired a good knowledge so, we he starts to identify his responsibilities as a brother, son, cousin etc. According to psychological model, which there are emotional bonds between people and these bonds can be formed, maintained, and changed over time. (Family Development Theory). Furthermore, we can observe a huge difference between two people's personalities who have family and does not those who do not have family. Thus family is the first institution of learning. (113)

human being can learn various skills by observing the societies. Our five senses such as taste, smell, touch, hear and speak can help us to observe and understand the reality behind every objective truth. We are unable to understand the knowledge of supernatural world such as God, Angels etc by using our senses. There are certain moral codes of every society which gives knowledge about responsibilities. These social norms and values help us to become a responsible person. Society exerts a force on individual to make up a collective consciousness. These collective consciousness binds individuals together and creates social integration (The Theory of Social Integration) so, Society is also a major institution of learning (108).

~~The~~ peer groups which includes, friends, cousins, colleagues etc; also contributes their roles to make person responsible. During this era, it is the most effective tool to make real change in an individual. Specially youth of our society give more importance to the ideas of their friends. Because all of these almost have same age, thoughts and profession that's why they are very easily impressed by the thinking of each other. Research has shown that peer groups can have a significant

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Influence on a person's beliefs, attitudes and. These groups can provide support, guidance and feedback to help individual learn new skills and make good decisions. In sum up, peer groups can be a powerful tool for helping people become more knowledgeable and responsible (123).

Knowledge is also playing its role in "Power Politics" that how one can become the best ruler who can rule the any nation perfectly as defined by famous philosopher Machiavelli in his book "The Prince." There are certain rules and regulation which must be adopted by follow by ruler of any society. The concepts of Power Politics are the sets of knowledge which work as guidelines to make a ruler a responsible person. Knowledge is a power specially for a ruler because he has the most important responsibility to regulate the successful and peaceful nation. Moreover, ruler should have enough knowledge to understand the problems of public so that he can give a suitable solution. Ruler is like a shadow of the God, we called him shadow of the God on the basis of his knowledge and responsibilities (135).

These are many philosophers who presents their philosophy on the basis of knowledge and responsibilities. Aristotle has given the "concept of ideal state" to make a prosperous and peaceful society. The ideal state concept was all about knowledge and responsibilities in which he had divided the society into three different classes on the basis of their knowledge and ~~de~~ responsibilities were assigned to each group accordingly. Consequently, we can understand that the political philosophy of any philosopher is also a part of knowledge, if we implement this knowledge then automatically it will become responsibility. So ~~the~~ Aristotle's concept of ideal state also guides us to become responsible and knowledgeable person. (99)

These are several concepts of philosophy which are working as a source of knowledge and responsibilities division among different institutions. Montesquieu gives a concept of "separation of power" to divide power and responsible between legislature, executive and Judiciary. This concept works as a source of knowledge to make person responsible. This theory guides the politicians for good governance. It also avoid the dominance of