

LIFE WITHOUT CONTROVERSY IS Date _____ 20_____

NO LIFE, BUT WHY ONE SHOULD NOT CHOOSE SAFE HEAVENS OF CONFIRMISM

OUTLINE:-

1. Introduction:

Thesis statement: life is all about evolution and transformation. Man cannot live a progressive life without having controversial ideas. One should challenge conformity to bring new ideologies, innovations and revolution in the world. However, a balanced approach ~~to~~ ~~the~~ dimensions within moral boundaries can improve the quality of life.

2. Confirmity is easy way out, but it is not the best way to live.

3. Why life without controversy is no life.

- a. Creates monotony which diminish excitement in life.
- b. There will be no progressive and innovative ideas.
- c. Predetermination of results based on past experiences.
- d. Diversification in the world is hindered.
- e. Odds of society cannot be challenged.

4. Why one chooses confirmism instead of Controversy.

- a. Fear to loose things.
- b. Man needs surety and absolutism in his life decisions.
- c. Confirmism seeks less struggle.
- d. Negative connotation of controversy pushes people to choose confirmity.
- e. To avoid disputes or social jeopardy.

5. Controversial ideas revolutionized the world.
- Genetically modified organisms improved agriculture and livestock.
 - Invention of birth control pills ensured women's health.
 - Printing press provided quick spread of information.
 - Advent of digital world allowed global access.
 - Steam engine revolutionized manufacturing industries.
 - Invention of Nuclear weapons created deterrence and prevented war escalation of war.
6. One should opt controversy within moral boundaries and balanced approach.
7. Conclusion

Second law of thermodynamics explains the everchanging nature of the universe in terms of "Entropy". It is described as the tendency of natural processes to move towards a state of disorder. The natural inclination to randomness in the physical world illustrates that the essence of life relies in controversy. The progression of existent state to subsequent stage needs disposal of conformity and challenge to traditional ideologies, norms and values. Due to lack of controversy, life remains in a loop of redundant and undiversified ideas, which leads to stagnation and unexcited world. Contrary, men always choose conformity which brings unity and absolutinism in life. Negative connotation of controversy and pacifist approach prevents men from evolving and challenging odds of society. However, all evolutionary events throughout history depicts controversial ideas such as cloning, nuclear weapons, contraception, digital world and Artificial Intelligence. Life is all about evolution and transformation. Men cannot live a progressive life without having controversial ideas. One should challenge conformity to bring new ideologies, innovations and revolution in the world. However, a balanced approach within moral boundaries can improve the quality of life.

Robert King Merton led the foundation of "Strain theory", in which he described that the social norms puts a strain on individual to achieve goals. According to him, individuals adapt to this strain in five primary modes. Confirmism is the leading mode of adaptation, where man accepts socially accepted goals (success, wealth, popularity) and means to attain those goals. However, least and most difficult mode of adaptation is "Rebellion". He declared rebellious people as controversial, who challenge both the established societal goals and means. They strive to replace them with new values and goals. This signifies that revolution can never be achieved by being confirmists, but one should choose controversy to live a best life.

Considering this fact, a progressive life lies in controversy, without which life will be monotonous and dull. The universe is made up of different planets and stars, each with

distinct properties. Every cosmic body has its own path, some revolves around stars, while some moves towards dark matter. All these events shows plurality, which can only be achieved through distinctive approach. Thus, a monotonous life will create rhythmic patterns and eliminate excitement from life.

People living a conformist life will indulge their thoughts in standard beliefs and thus no innovative ideas can be achieved. The essence of life lies in progressiveness and innovation. Till early sixteen century, people believed that earth was flat. Christopher Columbus was the men, who contradicted this belief and led an expedition to west, in order to reach Asia. However, this expedition marks the begining of "New World" or "America". He was the one to open ways for an idea to round earth and challenge traditional thought, Hence, confirming to standard notions

never leads to progressive and innovative ideas.

These standard beliefs engender predetermination of results and prior manifestation based on past experiences. People learn from prior experiences and then reinforces those actions based on rewards or punishments.

The theory of "Operant Conditioning" suggests that a child learns to perform actions based on consequences. Any action that leads to reward pushes child to perform ^{actions} regularly. Similarly, re-evaluation of outcomes based on past experiences results in cycle of same patterns. Therefore, pre-knowledge of the outcomes paves path to a consistent life; hesitant to opt new experiences.

However, interpretation of past experiences is based on individual's perspective. Controversial people are risk takers, who diversify their outcomes. The evolutionary perspective of Darwin suggests that evolution was brought

up due to "Survival of fittest." He suggested that organisms who survived harsh environment conditions and diversified their behaviour according to need of an hour were fit to continue their survival. He defended his theory with the ^{example of} elongation of giraffe's neck in order to reach higher leaves. Thus, controversial ideas to past perspectives will diversify ideologies.

The diversified controversial ideas will ^{also} challenge social odds. People challenge social evils by raising a diversified and revolutionish approach. Slavery and forced labour started as early as Mesopotamian Era. The exploitation of human resource even reached to "New world" through "Middle Passage". However, Abolitionist stroived for an end to slavery and racial discrimination. The famous controversial speeches of Frederick Douglass challenged the existence of slavery and ultimately abolished slavery from the country. Hence, controversy challenge social odds by raising sense of enlightenment.

Despite all positives of choosing controversy, people stick to rely in conformity. Men fear to opt controversy, which can make them loose things. Human is a social animal, he establishes attachment or detachment to his surroundings.

According to famous writer "Mark Manson", the more something threatens man's identity, the more he will avoid it. This avoidance is due to fear of loosing assurance from family or society. Any controversial step creates either-or situation for men and thus one opts conformity to avoid it.

Controversy not only involves fears but it also creates uncertainty. People choose conformity to achieve certain and absolute results. This surety is achieved due to inherited human nature. Human brain adapt to changes by forming new neural connections, a process known as Neuronal plasticity. These

neuronal synapses strengthens with repetitive actions and stored as a memory. Thus, brain analyzes the certainty of results based on these neural pathways. Based on sure consequences, human always chooses confirmism to attain absolutism in life.

The Certainty which is attained due to confirmism thus requires less struggle. Man chooses confirmity because one does not have to invest same level of energy as in precedent case.

Struggle always comes after pain which is followed by happiness.

Human has inherent tendency to avoid pain and achieve ~~st~~ happiness with less struggle. The use of steroids in body building is widespread nowadays. This illustrates that a man always choose quick options rather than investing long hours of ~~ex~~ercise in gym. Therefore, certain results involving less investment pushes people to choose confirmity.

However, controversy is not always a better option. It is sometimes negatively perceived. The negative connotation of controversy makes people to avoid it. The social and familial resistance which is faced after challenging social norms and values cannot be overlooked. Many people are not brave enough to face the social humility and thus continue to live in status quo. The famous Russian politician "Nikita Khrushchev" tried to de-stalinize the country with reforms. But he faces severe resistance and challenges, due to which he stepped down from his controversial ideology. Hence, many external factors of society also makes people to choose conformity.

The social pressure which comes after controversy challenges man's peace of mind and sanctity. The confrontation and conflicts after controversy creates social unrest and jeopardy. This chaos and disputes pushes pacifist

people choose conformity. They want to live smooth life and avoid any bad repercussions due to any controversy. Since many years, politics in Pakistan has been empowered by aristocratic and influential people. Their self-serving policies at the expense of national interests creates public mistrust in politics. Common men have been avoiding to participate in politics till recent years. Middle class group in Pakistan wants smooth functioning of society and avoids social unrest.

Therefore, pacifist people chooses conformity to avoid aggression or violence.

However, all revolutionary ideas in the world always come after controversy. The controversy regarding genetically modified organisms changed the fate of agriculture and livestock. The birth of "Dolly sheep" after cloning initiated many moral and ethical concerns.

Many people believed it is against the nature and should be avoided.

But who knew this revolutionary technology could be used to increase yield crop and preserve agriculture from harsh environmental conditions. Furthermore, Genetic engineering has recently been used to cure cancer and infertility. Thus, controversy related to genetic modification revolutionized the public and private life of men.

This evolution of science did not only restrict to preserve agriculture, but also improved reproductive health. The invention of birth control pills in 1960 revolutionized the family life. The intake of contraceptive pills maintained family balance and focused reproductive health of women. Women became more independent and balanced professional life along with domestic life. However, this invention also created many controversial ideas. People believed it against religious norms and a way to alter existed demography. But instead of severe

criticism, birth control pills maintained its legacy in modern world.

Another controversial invention which revolutionized the means of communication was introduction of printing press. It was invented to provide quick spread of information, which also created controversy. Many religious clerics of Catholics were against it due to censorship and control measures. They believed it will lead to dilute their hold on spread of information and religious autonomy. Despite severe resistance, printing press evolved in society and paved path of diversified ideas.

The legacy of evolution in communication did not stop till printing press, but a revolutionary world of digital media came into existence. The advent of digital communication websites such as facebook, Whatsapp, Instagram and Snapchat diminished International

boundaries. Many controversy related to piracy, intellectual property rights (IPR) and misinformation increased rifts among users. However, economic benefits due to monetization and advent of self-employment through free-lancing overturned the controversy. Thus, digital world revolutionized the domestic as well as economic life of men.

The economic field of men was not only improved through digital world, but traced back to invention of steam engines. The introduction of steam engines in industries improved productivity and manufacturing capability. Many people challenged its use on the basis of labour displacement and environmental concerns. However, this resistance did not over powered the establishment of ever more technical engines powered by coal, gas, petrol and electricity. The innovation in manufacturing factories and industries by the

Invention of steam engines enhanced the human productivity and resources.

As the economic field grows, states became more skeptical about their national interests. Any gain of adversary in economic field was considered as a loss to parent state. Thus, states went on to invent more powerful military weapons. The invention of Nuclear weapon in 1945 by Robert Oppenheimer created a major controversy. Many scientists believed nuclear weapons will initiate arms race and it could therefore threaten human existence. However, many wars were avoided in the past as illustrated by Cuban missile crisis due to nuclear deterrence. Hence, nuclear weapons became a major deterrent policy in international politics and revolutionized war strategy.

All of above mentioned controversial innovations initiated hot debates, but man continued

to opt controversy over conformity.

This is due to continuous struggle to improve and enhance quality of life by adding diversified ideas.

Some controversial ideas flourished,

some went in vain. But only those

sustained till today, which were approached with balance and within moral boundaries. One should not

step back from facing controversy,

but should assimilate all comments with positivism and work for progressive life.

In a nutshell, life

without controversy is meaningless

life. It creates monotony and less

opportunities to evolve. Many choose confirmation due to fear to loose

and attain contradictory personality

in society. But one should be

mindful that everything comes with

a cost. One can never achieve

a progressive life without giving

fluidity to thoughts. The everchanging

nature of universe emp' exemplifies
that men should also evolve, which
can only be achieved through
challenging existent ideologies. A
progressive life does not relies in
confirmism but in controversy.