

A child can be forgiven when he is afraid of darkness, but real tragedy is when man is afraid of light.

## 1 Introduction

A mistake of ignorant is acceptable. But intentional avoidance of truth is the thing that hurts the humanity most. Hence, it is crucial to avoid any such act.

## 2. Manifestations where truth is intentionally been ignored.

- a. Deprivation of youth from right to marry with consent
- b. How racists and supracists ignore scientific facts
- c. Nazism: How pseudoscience led to deaths of millions;
- d. Neglecting the needs of time keep the muslims poor.

## 3. Major reasons why people are afraid of light

- a. Following pseudoscience as a source to satisfy ego
- b. Avoiding truth to 'preserve culture'
- c. Blind faith as a barrier to reach truth
- d. Convenience of darkness

4. How to embrace the light
- a. Knowledge as a way to get out of darkness
  - b. Critical thinking as a tool to embrace Truth.
  - c. Shunning of irrational thoughts and decisions

5. Conclusion

## ESSAY

A mistake when done by anyone who is relatively infat and unaware of conditions is acceptable and ignorable, but when any such mistake is done by the one who is adult enough to see the conditions, and understand from every aspect but intentionally closes his eyes and avoids the truth. ~~It~~ It leads to real tragedy, which is always unforgivable and the consequences are beared, not only by individuals, but nations ~~as~~ as a whole. Infact such acts <sup>sometimes</sup> act as a source of punishment for whole the humanity. This tragedy is not something rare, but quite common, and can be observed in the lives of individuals and societies across the world.

A one such example of aforementioned tragedy can be observed in Pakistani Society where people instead of allowing their children to marry according to their will and remain happy in life. They impose their decisions on their adult children. In this way, they want to preserve their culture and values, and to achieve peace; But infact such decisions clearly lead to disaster. It not only take away their peace; But also produce hatred towards their

values among coming generation. In this way, in the pursuit of satisfying their ego, they destroy their lives.

A similar manifestation of it could be observed in the lives of racists, who despite scientifically proven theories, and live examples openly denies reality. Such kind of racism is still common in the form of concepts like white supremacy, or the concept of special people. Many people from backward classes, and traditionally declared 'lower races' have given live proof that such concepts have no value, but even now there are huge number of people who avoids reality despite seeing everything from eyes.

~~The~~ The greatest war in the history was even result of such kind of intentional ignorance where one of world's most advanced nation which had prestigious philosophical and scientific history adopted Nazist ideology of racial supremacy which led to death of millions of Germans and other nationals, and led to a complete destruction for Germany.

A major reason for backwardness of Muslims which is agreed upon by scholars like Sir Syed Ahmed Khan, Dr Allama Iqbal, Moulana Waheed-ud-din Khan and others is avoidance from adaptation according to the needs of time. It is like avoiding the truth and insisting on outdated values and customs which are misfit for time; and ultimately lead to destruction of Ummah in the form of educational and technological backwardness.

There are plethora of reasons as to why humans avoid light of truth and intentionally adopt darkness. A potential reason is satisfaction of ego. Adoption according to others and confession of being wrong at some point is a task that really hurts people. As Nimra Ahmed wrote that family Patriarch's in third world highly depend upon strictly enforce their decisions, and take it as a way to maintain their rule. Hence, avoiding truth give them power to stay on their positions.

Another major reason for avoiding the light of truth is preservation of so called cultural values. For instance, in

third world states like Pakistan and Afghanistan, people do not prefer to let their women get education, and they consider it as their culture to confine women within the four walls of house. Hence, the name of cultural preservation is often used to suppress truth; no matter how much hard this 'preservation' hurts them and their loved ones.

A third major factor behind avoidance of truth is blind faith. Most of people instead of researching on their own found it more right to follow their traditional religion instead of because of their emotional attachment. This emotional attachment is many times so strong that open and clear facts are denied in front of it. For example, many historical wars are justified by people because of their record in spiritual texts; in spite of fact that science categorically denies such events.

One of the biggest reason that is quite common among almost all humans is the convenience of darkness. It let people to remain in their comfort

zone because knowing the truth can discomfort them, and it can take away their peace from them. For instance, a person who is gaining weight day by day. It is easy for him to tell himself that it is all right to be fat; instead of going to gym and working for months and months to get himself in shape.

In the world of darkness, embracing light is crucial to acquire peace and success. It is the only way to stand out from the herd. A quite fundamental way to embrace truth was explained thousands of years ago by Plato and Socrates. According to them, the way to go out of darkness is knowledge. By getting knowledge, accepting it and by applying it one can come out of '~~allegory of~~ cave' which is the cave of ignorance, and he can find truth. This is the way in which truth comes out to be so bright that mind and heart embrace it with full potential.

Another major philosopher in the history of western philosophy Emmanuel Kant declared critical thinking as a way to

come out of darkness and to embrace light with greater potential. He called critical analysis ~~as a~~ way to clearly understand reality and to embrace it more heartfully.

Irrationality is the biggest danger that pulls away from light. It comes mostly out of dangers and emotions. The real darkness lies in irrationality when decisions are taken without calculations and just based on fears and ambitions. The results that follow are often uncalculated and unexpected. Hence, it is crucial to replace irrationality with rationality so that fair decisions can be made.

To sum up the discussion, the adoption of falsehood instead ~~the~~ of truth is a tragedy for humans; The creations that are blessed with rationality, and ability to differentiate between right and wrong. It is the thing that deprives humans of growth and prosperity, and brings misery and sorrow. Hence, it is mandatory to replace darkness with light, and it



is only possible by adopting critical thinking and rationality. It is the only possible way that oppression, war and hatred can be removed from the world.