

## EXERCISE 13

The democratic approach is by persuasion, argument and adjustment of conflicting views. If there is a difference of opinion one can say: 'Agree with me or I will hit you' or "Let us sit down, understand each other and decide". The latter is the democratic approach. It believes that love is better than hatred, cooperation better than strife, consent better than coercion. In the present world resort to violence is at best a cowardly escape from democratic processes and, at worst, treason to the future.

There are many problems facing us. It is essential to realize freedom of spirit and liberty from physical and social compulsions through right economic ordering of life and a proper fostering of social relationship. Many millions in our country suffer from a slavery more cruel than chains and shackles. Human beings are sometimes treated as commodities to be bought and sold. Clauses in the Constitution or laws in the Statute Book are not changes in the structure of society. Poor people who wander about find no work and no wages and starve. Their lives are continual round of sore affliction and crushing poverty. They cannot be proud of the Constitution or its laws. We seem to be poor with the accumulated poverty of centuries. Until we are able to free our citizens from poverty, hunger, disease and ignorance our democracy will be empty of content or hollow. We should achieve a social and economic revolution by methods of persuasion and consent. We believe that we can improve our social environment by argument, conciliation and majority vote. We should have institutions of social conciliation and arbitration. While trade unions are not to be treated as tools of the State, they should not allow sectional interests to prevail over national good. Institutions which have been obstacles to economic well-being and social justice require to be removed.

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## Democracy: A Path to Social Justice

The democratic approach is to negotiate the dissenting views. Difference of opinion should be resolved by building consensus. Concord is better than discord. The looming problems of contemporary era can be solved only by bringing hierarchy in social and economic relationships. A number of people are suffering from mental and physical slavery. They are being treated as commodities. The people who wander all around and find no work have no faith on laws, as abuses of law are unable to address their current issues practically. ~~The~~ All these issues can be corrected by democracy and building consensus. Therefore, all the ~~obj~~ obstacles in the way of economic well-being of people must be uprooted.

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