

78. The world today is divided into smokers and non-smokers. It is true that the smokers cause some nuisance to the non-smokers, but this nuisance is physical while the nuisance that the non-smokers cause the smokers is spiritual. There are, of course, a lot of non-smokers, who don't try to interfere with the smokers and wives can be trained even to tolerate their husbands smoking in bed. That is the surest sign of a happy and successful marriage. It is sometimes assumed, however, that the non-smokers are morally superior and that they have something to be proud of, not realizing that they have missed one of the greatest pleasures of mankind. I am willing to allow that smoking is a moral weakness, but on the other hand, we must beware of a man without weakness. He is not to be trusted. He is apt to be always sober and he cannot make a single mistake. His habits are too regular, his existence too mechanical, and his head always maintains its supremacy over his heart. Much as I like reasonable persons, I hate completely rational beings. For that reason, I am always scared and ill at ease when I enter a house in which there are no ash-trays. The room is apt to be too clean and orderly, the cushions are apt to be in their right places, and the people are apt to be correct and unemotional. And immediately I put on my best behaviour which means the same thing as the most uncomfortable behaviour.

Now the moral and spiritual benefits of smoking have never been appreciated by these correct and righteous and unemotional and unpoetic souls. But since we smokers are usually attacked from the moral, not the artistic side, I must begin by defending the smoker's morality, which is, on the whole, higher than that of the non-smoker. The man with a pipe in his mouth is the man after my heart. He is more genial, has more intimate indiscretions to reveal, and sometimes is quite brilliant in conversation. I agree with Thackeray who wrote, "The pipe draws wisdom from the lips of the philosopher and shuts up the mouth of the foolish; it generates a style of conversation contemplative, thoughtful, benevolent and unaffected".

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## Title Smokers and their conduct

Currently, the world is bifurcated into smokers and non-smokers. Both groups are judged on moral grounds. Although, smokers slightly damages the health of non-smokers, in return, their spirituality is tarnished. It is believed that non-smokers are upstanding without knowing the fact that they have not tasted the greatest pleasure of smoke. Moreover, it is undeniably true that smoking is moral flaw. However, person without flaws is untrustworthy. Those who distanced from smoking seem too ordinary and machine-like as they prefer brain over heart. These virtuous people have never discussed the benefits smoking provides morally and spiritually. Despite being judged on their character, smokers possess higher morale and are not only amiable but also sagacious, unlike, non-smokers.

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