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When you see a cockroach or a bed-bug your first reaction is one of disgust and that is immediately, followed by a desire to exterminate the offensive creature. Later, in the garden, you see a butterfly or a dragonfly, and you are filled with admiration at its beauty and grace.

Man's feelings towards insects are ambivalent. He realizes that some of them for example, flies and cockroaches are threats to health. Mosquitoes and tsetse flies have in the past sapped the vitality of entire tribes or nations. Other insects are destructive and cause enormous losses. Such are locusts, which can wipe out whole areas of crops in minutes, and termites, whose often-insidious ravages, unless checked at an early stage, can end in the destruction of entire rows of houses.

Yet men's ways of living may undergo radical changes if certain species of insects were to become extinct. Bees, for example, pollinate the flowers of many plants, which are food sources. In the past, honey was the only sweetening agent known to man in some remote parts of the world. Ants, although they bite and contaminate man's food are useful scavengers, which consume waste material that would otherwise pollute the environment.

Entomologists who have studied insects' fossils believe them to have inhabited the earth for nearly 400 million years. Insects live in large numbers almost everywhere in the world, from the hottest deserts and the deepest caves to the peaks of high mountains and even the snows of the polar caps.

Some insect communities are complex in organization, prompting men to believe that they possess an ordered intelligence. But such organized behaviour is clearly not due to developed brains. If we have to compare them to humans, bee and ant groups behave like extreme totalitarian societies. Each bee or ant



Insects have not only changed men's thought but also their actions. He feels disgusting when sees a cockroach but feels pleasure to see a butterfly. Some insects are beneficial like bees but others are destructive like locusts. In case of actions, certain insects are environment friendly and used as a food source. Ants or bees are largely known for their organized behaviours and also others insects wonders ~~happens~~ men about their intelligence. Insects <sup>have</sup> shaped men's behaviour because they are living a long ago and are adapted to every kind of environment.

Title: Effects of insects on human behaviour.