

Man is born free but everywhere he is in chains.

1. Introduction

2. Deciphering the phrase/quote

3. Manifestations which show that a man is born free but his freedom is undermined by multifaceted inhibitions.

a) Caste and class segregation in different societies inhibits and individual's ability to get married as per his own will, thereby undermining his freedom.

b) Strong kinship ties forcing an individual to vote for the person from his kinship, undermines his freedom to opt for the candidate that he actually finds competent.

c) Sharp economic inequality prevalent in capitalistic societies sharply mitigates a less-fortunate individual's ability to participate in elections and ultimately diminishes the chances of upward mobility.

d) Acceptance for gender-specific professions for boys and girls e.g. engineering for boys and medical for girls, undermines their freedom to opt for professions of their will.

e) Societal pressure to follow irrational rituals associated with marriage commercializes the marriage ceremony and makes it unaffordable for a less fortunate person.

f) Consideration of divorce as a strong social taboo in our society undermines women's ability to take decision for themselves even when it's no longer rational to continue the relationship.

g) Critical thinking brains avoiding thought-provoking debates on sensitive religious topics fearing the backlash from the extremist strata of society.

h) Societal expectations to excel in school produces standardized minds making him a suitable person for society but undermining his overriding individual passion.

i) Aggressive tactics used against journalists who are in pursuit of truth undermines their freedom of speech

j) Cultural inhibition for adoption of technology in all domains increases the overall expenditure of government functioning.

4. Does a man being in cultural/societal chains only undermines his growth or it has some benefits too?

a) Inacceptance of society towards unethical behaviour regulates the immoral behaviour that may be inimical for society and individual e.g. smoking, drinking, disrespect towards rule of law etc.

b) Strong check and balance on freedom of speech also ensures that no uncorroborated information pollutes the immature minds

5. Conclusion.