

When Gold Rusts What Should Iron Do?

Outline

1 Introduction:

Thesis Statement: The deterioration of integrity in those who are expected to set standards has a cascading negative effect on society. However, the society should bring reforms and hold leaders accountable.

2- Deciphering "When gold rusts, what should iron do?"

Here 'gold' represent those in power and are prestigious, while 'iron' represents common people of the society.

Role of gold (moral leaders)

(i) Ethical leadership sets role models.

Case in point: Nelson Mandela upholding justice

4- Consequences of Moral Decay in Leadership (rusting gold)

A. Impact on society

(i) Society starts losing trust in institutions.

For Example: Richard Nixon case of Watergate scandal

(ii) Imposing terrible laws leads to societal upheaval.

For Instance: French Revolution

B. Effect on the Common People (Iron)

(i) Crisis in leadership often results in financial instability.

Case Study: Financial crisis in Vietnam regarding rich in oil resources.

(ii) Corruption and moral decay among elite increase in lawlessness.

Case in point: the breakdown of Soviet Union society

The fall of the Roman Empire

5- What should Iron (people) do?

(i) Common people should resist corruption and moral decay.

case in point

Reser Park resistance

(ii) People should uphold moral standards.

For Example: Emancipation proclamation
by Abraham Lincoln

(iii) People should work to restore integrity.

Case in point: USA journalism investigating
~~during~~ un investigate scandals

(iv) Individuals should strive for reform.

Historical Example: Luther Martin's
Reformation

5- Ways to Prevent Rust

(i) Implementation of checks and balance.

(ii) Promoting accountability among rulers.

(iii) Upholding the role of law by independent judiciary.

7- CONCLUSION

The picture of rusting of those in prestigious position seems to point a bleak situation for common individual. However, common people should act out positively to reduce the deteriorating effects.