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Evolution of Middle-Class from being worthless to be respectable

Author gave a brief description about how middle-class were being treated in the 19th Century. There were not even considered as a part of Society, they were ^{not} respected and were not usually invited for any sort of social gathering. Despite, all this middle class knew their own worth and value and tried to build their own society for themselves. With the passage of time they grew in number and position in society. Their main concern was the condition of poor and their own values in the society. They were more into social welfare and promoting goodness in society by listing down all what is good and what is bad for the state. For this reason, there were started to be respectable, in the society.

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Q How does author characterizes the Concept of "Voluntary Simplicity" as a movement & as a philosophy?

According to author, Voluntary Simplicity movement focuses on minimizing the consumption of goods and energy and impact of individuals on environment. While in the context of philosophy he said, Voluntary Simplicity means differentiating between what one wants and what one needs by consciously eliminating trivial things from your life.

Q How imp is happiness to most ppl & what is the relationship b/w material wealth & happiness?

Happiness is the central element of human lives which cannot be achieved through any material means but merely through spiritual satisfaction. Material wealth ~~is~~ is only a mean of survival not living a life.

Q What impact is feared by the growing consumerism of modern society?

Modern Society with the growing consumerism usually instill the fear of being seen as inferior, poor or socially unsuitable because of living a life with less resources. This makes humans to struggle to obtain more resources which create chaos in their lives.

Q What influences make it difficult for ppl to reduce their consumption patterns?

Amid growing consumerism it is really difficult for the people to reduce their consumption because in the society every product or article is being displayed in form of advertisement and it dictate people that without these products we are unimportant and almost nothing in the society.

Q What are the challenges & rewards of voluntary simplicity?

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and advertisement, it is really difficult for the people to distinguish between what ~~do~~ they need and ~~what~~ what not. But, voluntary simplicity also have merits; it helps in saving resources for future use, more time for yourself and your loved ones and more satisfaction and enjoyment in life.