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Topic

An empty stomach knows no morality

Outline

I Introduction

Hunger has remained the major cause of immorality in the mankind over the course of time. An empty stomach, indeed, knows no morality. Therefore, saturation is required to foster the virtue of morality

II How hunger breeds immorality?

A There is a high crime-rate in poverty-ridden areas

B Remarkably high corruption levels can be seen in poor communities

C It is hunger which leads the politicians toward lust for power

D The greed of capitalist mindset

has crushed the principles of morality.

E Hunger has remained the chief motivation for a traitor to betray his own country.

F Widespread inter-faith disharmony is a result of hunger of the clerics.

G Hunger is in the backdrop of major wars of human history.

III How satiation fosters morality?

A The rich countries exhibit better status of morality.

B Fair system of governance is possible only in economically strong countries.

C Satiation leads to compassion in people.

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D A culture of respect can only be developed in resource rich communities.

E Responsibility can only be envisaged in hunger-free environment

IV what is the lesson of the adage?

morality is much likely to be affected by forces of hunger.

V Conclusion.

man is born with many limitations. Certain commodities are required for his proper functioning. One such limitation is hunger. He has to eat after certain time intervals for the whole life in order to survive. Besides his biological needs, the man is also hungry in spiritual aspect. Biological hunger is strongly inter-linked with the spiritual hunger. As hunger is directly linked to the survival of man, he is much likely to be taking any step for his gratification. Doing so, he forgets even the basic principles of morality. This is the reason why we see widespread immorality in poverty-ridden regions of the world. From prevalence of crimes to the bad governance, we see that hunger has badly affected the socio-economic apparatus of those regions. Contrarily, developed and economically strong

countries have made significant progress in establishing the virtues of morality into their societies. Such a glaring difference between both type of communities illustrate the fact that an empty stomach knows no morality and satiation is required to foster the virtue of morality.

When it comes to morality, its basic principle is not to harm anyone. However, ~~most~~ we see a much higher crime rate in poor and developing countries. For instance, Venezuela is ranked number one in crime-index ranking. It is a country where 65% population lives below poverty line. Likewise, the leading countries in the list, including Syria, Peru, Afghanistan, Nigeria, Namibia, all all weak economies. Likewise, Pakistan too is facing higher crime-rate after the post-COVID economic crisis. As hundreds and thousands have been left jobless, people are

indulging into crime to earn bread and butter for their family. Thus, we are witnessing a rapid decline in moral values in our society.

Besides corruption, another evil is entailed with changes ~~in~~ is corruption. Owing to limited resources, man are is more likely to indulge in corruption to materialise his wishes. This is the reason why all the leading corrupt countries are also facing the menace of poverty. For example, Somalia, Sudan, Venezuela, Haiti, Yemen and Syria are all economically weak countries. weak economic structure contains the governments to implement strict check and balance. ^{The} people, too, set aside the principles of morality in order to meet the needs of their hunger. Contrarily, the communities where people have sufficient economic resources are less prone to corruption.

like other people indulged in immoral activities, politicians too are prone to immorality owing to their hunger for power. Particularly in developing countries like Pakistan, we have seen that politicians do not hesitate to break even the basic principles of morality. Whether it may be lying to the public, doing miscommitments, ^{dealing} horse-trading or taking kick-backs, all seems fine to them for the sake of their hunger. Quite ironically, many politicians consider politics ~~a~~ merely a way to fulfil their worldly needs. As Anatol Lieven has rightly expressed in his book "Pakistan: A Hard Country", the primary purpose of many politicians is just to accommodate their 'biradri' or relatives.

Unlike ^{the} common perception, hunger is not ^{just} ~~only~~ limited to

The less privileged community. In fact hunger of the elite and capitalist segment of the society is even more clamorous to the code of morality. The very fact is more obvious today than ever. According to "Forbes," after the advent of technology, the riches of the world is rapidly concentrating in few hands. These multi-billion dollar entities are sucking the blood of the poor neglecting ethics and morals. For instance, multi-billion dollar tech giants are heavily investing in carbon emitting energy products. Consequently, they are causing irreparable damage to the earth and the mankind. Their hunger for more revenues is increasing day-by-day.

History, too, is full of the incidents where ^{the} man betrayed his homeland for the sake of money and gold. For instance, the

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Ephialtes of Trachis, whose name is synonymous with 'nightmare' in Greek was a Malian Greek who betrayed his own The Spartans for Persian gold. He showed a secret path from mountains to the Persians. Their archers were able to flank through that passage and later destroyed the Spartans. However, ~~the~~ Ephialtes was also assassinated, but his changes for gold changed the history forever.

Contrary to common belief, clerics, too, often set aside the principles of morality for the sake of their own vested interests. That is the reason why we see such a great issue of inter-faith disharmony despite the fact that almost every religion has endorsed peace and harmony. It is no wonder that religious intolerance has, consequently, resulted in mob-lynchings like incidence, particularly in India. Such a gravity of situation

has definitely put peace and harmony of the world's second most population at stake. Contrarily, sated and knowledgeable scholars, who are contented, have always been a source of message of morality.

Hunger is such a compelling factor that human history has witnessed major wars caused by the very factor of hunger. Most of the wars in the past have been waged to capture the resources of the other country. A more recent example could be of American invasion on Iraq. It has been verified ~~noted~~ that American invasion on Iraq on the basis of weapon of mass destruction was altogether baseless. Even BBC has proved the same; what motivated a country to ^{vast} invade the other was merely the oil resources of the region. Doing so, all the principles of morality were

crushed altogether and millions of lives were devastated.

In comparison with poor and weak economies, it has been observed that rich countries have much better moral values in their societies. For instance, countries like Denmark and Canada, which are usually regarded the best countries to live in are both economically strong countries.

Likewise, Japan, which is considered one of the best countries in the world in terms of moral values is also an economically strong country. Similarly, various countries ranked in top positions in various moral values like honesty, fairness, good governance, accountability, all have strong economy.

Dr. Maleeha Lodhi has also pointed that poverty is leading Pakistan toward moral decline.

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Fair Governance System, another indicator of good morality, is also in rich countries. For instance, Boris Johnson had to resign just because of the fact that he is too as much accountable as an ordinary citizen of the UK. Similarly, there have been many instances where powerful people of the country were held accountable for their illegal actions. Such an accountability is only visible in ^{the} developed countries. As Winston Churchill said that system of governance will not be hampered as long as the judiciary of the country is functional. So, such a status of morality is due to their economic power.

Aside from good governance, education leads to the promotion of ~~good~~ other values as well. For instance, compassion is one

of the leading example of morality. we have seen that many of the rich people have contributed remarkably for the mankind on compassionate grounds. Besides the rich, even poor but salied souls like Edhi have made remarkable contribution to the humanity Bill and Malinda's Gates foundation is running a gigante philanthropic system which reludes the whole globe campaign of the world.

Responsibility is another example of moral values. besides compassion, like compassion, responsibility can too be envisaged in those communities where people are not suffering from hunger. Psychology^{too} states that sufficient food is compulsory for proper functioning of brain. A continuous stress to earn bread and butter makes a person irresponsible of his duty.

That is the reason why we see that people dwelling in developed and economically strong countries are much more responsible than those of living in less privileged areas. Due to the same, we see that people in these countries use natural resources consciously and try to go for environment friendly products.

This adage has a great lesson for all of us. Ensuring the satiety of the people will ultimately result in better morality in ~~our~~ societies. If we want to build moral character of our society, we must first ensure the provision of basic commodities to everyone without which one can only dream of uplifting the character of ~~our~~ ^{the} people. Another aspect which the adage underlines is that we have to address the issue of

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hunger in all the forms as the term is not just limited to the biological context. For the very ~~pro~~ purpose of eliminating hunger in all forms, we must ensure that people are more informed. Once we accomplish this, we can better furnish our people with high standards of morals.