"The Disintegration of Values in the Modern World."

I. Introduction

a) "Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny." ~Mahatma Gandhi

b) Thesis:

"Surely, moral values have been faded in this modern world. There are many reasons that have disintegrated the values, such as, every man for himself, far-sighted leadership, barbarianism, cultural confusion, and discrimination."

II. Why there is a decline in values

a) Human being is born selfish.
        (Adam and Eve's reference).

b) Society that is deprived of far-sighted leadership tend to fall in the process of social disintegration. (Germany in Hitler's hands).

c) The nature of being insensitive and brutal also disintegrates the value system. (Israel and USA VS. Palestine).

d) Cultural Confusion causes disharmony and conflict.

(Baluchistan, Knyber Pakhtunkwa).

e) Discrimination of race, color, caste, creed, and gender gives rise to violence.

III. Preventive Measures to control disintegration

a) Policy makers and other actors must systematically engage. (OIC, SAARC)

b) Cultural storytelling must be used for a wider audience.

c) Ijma (Consensus) and Isteslah (consideration of benefit) must try to solve perplexing problems that find no clear answers in sacred religious texts.

d) Policies like (NSP) should be made in order to focus on human development and counter terrorism.

IV. Conclusion

Mahatma Gandhi once said, your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny. It is true in the sense that if a child is born in the a family, he will certainly be raised with a belief system and moralistic values. However, in this modern, scientific, twenty first century, one can analyze that day by day moral values are being faded and disintegrated. Result -antly, this decline contributes in self obsession, disintegrated society, cases of mob attacks and violence, communal riots, international and regional conflicts, and ultimately terrorism. Unless the preven -tive measures like; effective policies, great leadership, and some religious doctrines, are taken, the disintegration of values will reach for new heights.

If one looks at the parenting method, one can assure that most children dwelling in different societies are raised with different religions

and moral values. Then, why the hell this Earth is not becoming a better place to live. There are many reasons behind the disintegration and decline of values. The first and the major one is that every human feels that he is for himself in this modern world. Resultantly, he becomes self-obsessed and selfish. Most youngsters around the world suffer from self-obsession. When they should be playing and educating themselves, they're clicking selfies and scrolling ~~throughout~~ their ~~days~~ phones. They gain nothing but disillusionment for putting out their private lives on various social media platforms. According to American research, Children under 8, starts using gadgets and it has several negative impacts on their mental and physical health. Generally, people aren't happy and content with their lives and they behave like Adam and Eve. They want to have forbidden power just like how Adam ate forbidden fruit. If someone is an intern, he wants to be

a permanent employee, employee wants to be the boss, boss wants to reign as a monarch, and the vicious cycle never stops. Therefore, this feeling of everyman is for himself disintegrates the value system.

This disintegration of values causes societies to suffer. For instance, when the reins of Germany were in the hands of fascist Hitler, the society of Germany was disintegrated and it saw the decline in the worst way possible. It is true that societies suffer due to incapability of leaders. Incapability of leaders arises political instability nationally as well as internationally. People don't seem to make a connection with the inefficient leader. Resultantly, people lack the ability to trust. For example, Pakistan faced one of the worst economic crisis in its history in 2023 with poverty, inflation and unemployment soaring, according to a report by the Human Rights Watch. Hence, when the whole society suffers because of these short comings, then the

disintegration of values is the result.

Moreover, the human nature has been dynamic and now it has become insensitive and brutal. This type of human nature adds fuel to the fire and disintegrates the value system. Historically, if one looks at the just one incident; Assasination of Archduke Ferdinand, and then later on how this one single incident brings most nations at daggers drawn. As T.S. Elliot says, "Human beings have become hollow, they're stuffed with straw." These world wars happened decades ago. However, one can also see what is happening currently in the modern world also declines the moralistic values. For example; USA is providing each and every form of artillery and warships to his closest ally Israel. On the other hand, UN is also providing aid to the survivors of genocidal attack. Globally, people have condemned USA's stance on the matter. However, many nations are still bewildered on which side to choose and India is one of them. Thus, the disintegration of the values

and beliefs is happening globaly as well as nationally.

Another reason why the people and their values are fragmented is the cultural confusion. It caused disharmony and conflicts among people as well as nations. In Pakistan, it is seen in the province of Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. There still exist speculation for the ill treatment, less development and lack of opportunities for the Balochs and Pastuns. This creates a difference among the people of different cultures and gives rise to hostility towards one another. Moreover, there is a separatist millitant organization named BLA (The Balochistan Liberation Army) which supports Baloch nationalism and separa-tism. This leads to more and more societal disintegration that the people start to consider themselves alien to the society. As a result, people lack simple values like trust, compassion, kindness and many more.

One of the main reason people lack value is because of the discrimina-

-tion they face due to their colour, caste, race, creed and gender. This discrimination disintegrates the societal values and triggers acts of disasters and violence. For instance, in February 2024, Pakistani woman was attacked by an angry mob over Arabic print attire. This incident caused a great fear in most women, and now they've to think twice before buying these letter printed attires. This shows how a woman is discriminated because of her gender, consequently there is a decline in values. Pakistani society, being the supporter of white supremacy, has the largest population of Sheedi community, according to World Economic Forum. In the report, it is stated, that, the sheedis continue to face colourism, racism and prejudice from mainstream Pakistani society. Many of them remain dock workers, domestic workers, carpenters, and blacksmithy throughout their lives. Therefore, the discrimination against race, caste, colour, creed, and gender inculcate the traits of inhospitality.