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Ethics and Education: Its Impact on Society

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Abstract

Ethics and Education are so closely knitted to each other that one loses its importance in absence of the other. They must go hand in hand in order to promote a well disciplined society where the behaviour of people reflects their educational and ethical values. Every religion advocates the promotion of ethical values both at individual and collective level and declares education as a main tool for development and propagation of such values. The history bears testimony to the fact that ancient nations were swept from the surface of earth in wake of their moral degradation. The modern education system and the prescribed syllabi therein totally ignore the moral and ethical dimensions which in turn promote moral decadency. Thus it becomes imperative to mould the present education system for the development and promotion of a welfare society buttressed on moral and ethical values. This would result in the mass awareness of the duties and responsibilities afresh.

Keywords: Ethical values, education system, society, duties and responsibilities.

Introduction: Ethics and moral values are of primary significance for the development of a welfare society. Ethics has an indispensable place in every aspect of life and is an integral part of education. The erosion of ethical and moral values dismantled the whole structure of humanity and the law of jungle prevails. On unfolding the pages of history it is concluded that the antique nations of the world were swept away from the surface of the earth on account of the adaptation of unethical attitude and trespassing the fundamental principles of humanity. The Holy Quran clearly cites the examples and mentions at length the fate of such nations including the nations of Nuh, Lout, Salih etc. In the world today, despite being the age of science and technology, the mankind is ethically so degraded that it has plummeted from the pinnacle of humanity into the abysmal depths of ignorance and inhumanity.