

# Need for Ethics

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## **Abstract**

As we know the word “ethics” is derived from the Greek word “ethos” (character) and from the Latin word “mores” (customs).

Ethics is also often called moral philosophy. As we look around, value system is going down the drain with each passing day. We were often told by our elders that ethics are a yardstick that guides us to make a positive impact through our decisions and actions.

Ethics is what guides us to tell the truth, keep our promises and help those who are in need. But these ethics are disappearing like sparrows in our courtyard, which have become an extinct species now. The society has become valueless and values are missing in today’s generation. I strongly feel that today’s children need to be taught ethics and morality along with their curriculum. A person might be a very good scientist or a Doctor or a technocrat but may not be a good human being. To my mind being a good human being is much more important than being anything else and it is a very difficult task which can be achieved only through ethics and morality. A valueless society needs Ethics, which act like a beacon for an aimless ship, ‘Society’.

**Introduction:** Every person has values and ethics he believes in and his behavior is guided to a great extent by these values and ethics. Values are beliefs that a person holds about things and aspects of life. These are guiding principles that mould a person’s behavior all his life. Ethics are codes of conduct that decide what is wrong and what is right in a particular circumstance. These are also known as morals and are a result of evolution of mankind. Values have a moral implication. There are 900 million search results on Google when you try to find out about values. As a matter of fact every person has his or her own set of value system. My father, a renowned author of Physics, has been my ideal. He taught me the value of time, value of speaking truth, value of sleeping at night with a clear conscious that you don’t owe anything to anybody, that’s a different story that others owe you so something or the other. But a lot has changed as our society has moved away from humanity and moral values. Man has become a victim of materialism, wealthism, authoritarianism, positionalism, selfishness and regionalism, due to which man has forgotten his purpose of existence. If there is no humanity in the society, it becomes a society of animals. Values are emotional states which show you what is important and what you want to experience. If you change just one value, say value of money to value of love, most of problems will disappear from your life and you will be able to live a purposeful life. The most important values that are the need for the society today are, love, happiness, gratitude, compassion, appreciation and peace. To me peace is the most important value. A peaceful family with little resources enjoys much more bliss than a millionaire family without peace. Peace is when you need nothing; you derive peace when you

practice integrity even when no one is watching you. You are at peace when you are with your parents, wife and children. But this peace has become a thing of the past in today's restless society.

The society seems to be suffering from all kinds of evils and diseases and if we wish to build a better society, we will have to try to change our thinking. We need to develop, positive thinking and high morals, we need to learn the lesson of humanity, we need to be productive human beings, we need to treat others well we need to stay away from doubts, we need to be a good person first, we need to change our attitude and behavior and create sense within ourselves, we need to focus on training along with education, we need to develop high morals within ourselves. Each of us has to play our role to improve the society and make it a better pace for living. If we want to see the construction of a perfect righteous society, we must first try to improve our morals.

In an era characterized by rapid technological advancement, globalization, and shifting societal norms, the concept of a "valueless society" looms large as a potential consequence of various factors. A valueless society refers to state where ethical principles, moral standards, and shared values that guide human behavior are eroded or disregarded. Such a society may prioritize individualism, materialism, and short-term gains over the collective well-being, integrity, and long-term sustainability of communities. In this paper, we will explore the implications of a valueless society and argue for the critical importance of ethics in preserving social cohesion, justice, and human dignity.

The erosion of ethical values in society can manifest in various ways, ranging from widespread corruption and unethical behavior in institutions to a decline in empathy, compassion, and solidarity among individuals. In a valueless society, self-interest often takes precedence over the common good, leading to social divisions, inequality, and injustice. Economic disparities widen as those in positions of power exploit others for personal gain, undermining trust in institutions and eroding the social fabric.

Moreover, the proliferation of technology and the digital age have brought about new ethical dilemmas and challenges. Issues such as data privacy, online harassment, and the impact of automation on employment raise profound questions about the ethical use of technology and its implications for society. Without ethical guidelines and responsible governance, technological advancements can exacerbate

Existing inequalities and further marginalize vulnerable populations, perpetuating a cycle of injustice and exploitation.

In a valueless society, the pursuit of material wealth and status often takes precedence over ethical considerations and human dignity. Consumerism and the relentless pursuit of profit at all costs contribute to environmental degradation, resource depletion, and social alienation. The co modification of relationships, experiences, and even human life itself devalues the intrinsic worth of individuals and undermines the foundations of a just and equitable society.

The need for ethics in such a context becomes imperative for several reasons. Firstly, ethics provide a framework for evaluating and navigating complex moral dilemmas, guiding individuals and institutions in making principled decisions that prioritize the common good and respect for human rights. By promoting empathy, integrity, and accountability, ethical principles foster trust, cooperation, and social cohesion, essential ingredients for a thriving and resilient society.

Secondly, ethics serve as a safeguard against abuses of power and violations of fundamental rights. In a valueless society, where moral relativism reigns supreme, authoritarianism, discrimination, and injustice can flourish unchecked. Ethical norms and legal frameworks rooted in principles of fairness, equality, and justice serve as bulwarks against tyranny and ensure that the rights and dignity of all individuals are respected and protected.

Thirdly, ethics provide a moral compass for addressing pressing global challenges, such as climate change, poverty, and conflict. By promoting sustainability, social responsibility, and solidarity, ethical principles offer a pathway towards inclusive and sustainable development that prioritizes the needs of present and future generations. In a world increasingly interconnected and interdependent, ethical considerations must inform our collective response to shared challenges, fostering cooperation and mutual respect among nations and peoples.

Furthermore, ethics play a crucial role in shaping the values and attitudes of future generations. Education systems must prioritize the cultivation of ethical awareness, critical thinking, and moral courage, equipping young people with the tools they need to navigate an increasingly complex and interconnected world. By instilling values of empathy, compassion, and social responsibility, educators can empower students to become ethical leaders and agents of positive change in their communities.

**Conclusion:** The concept of a valueless society underscores the urgent need for a renewed commitment to ethics in all aspects of human endeavor. In an era marked by rapid change and uncertainty, ethical principles provide a moral compass to guide our actions and decisions, ensuring that we uphold the dignity and rights of all individuals and safeguard the well-being of future generations. By embracing ethics as a fundamental pillar of our societies, we can build a more just, inclusive, and sustainable world for all.

Values are a social glue that hold us together with all our beautiful differences .In times where we are living in mistrust , bloated ego, fear and lack of empathy , I think sharing with your close ones and society members through stories and personal experiences can altogether bring a change in society . A valueless society can meander its way into a valued one only by practicing compassion, gratitude, appreciation, kindness and by living a life of love for all.