

Address to Youth (Sri Swami Dayanandaji's lectures)

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We require leadership and management for economic growth. More than that there cannot be any economic growth where there is no moral infrastructure.

Who was to provide this? There used to be a class 'Moral Class' telling "You should be like this. Do this. Don't do this". Such commands will not work. That is not morality.

Is the moral infrastructure made by man? If so, how will we come to know? Suppose Government introduces a new tax law. How will this tax law reach people? Education in the form of media, newspaper etc helps one to know.

In our country we are supposed to drive on the left side of the road and hence all signals on the cross roads and the side lights on the vehicles are all designed towards this. If, tomorrow Government wanted to make some drastic change to this system, then the Government has to reach out to people through various communication channels.

Being man-made law, it cannot be figured out by oneself. And also it will not be universal. Erstwhile governed British countries follow left side driving and the car steering is on the right side of the car. Whereas, in USA, driving is on the right side of the road, so also in other European countries. An English man driving in his own car in Europe often get in to wrong side and get involved in accidents - habits die hard.

All man made laws are not universal. Decimal system invented by India. Most of the countries length measurement is done in Meters, whereas USA still use inch, feet, miles etc. Again in USA there are capital punishment in some States, not in some other States. It is an option given to the States, because it is man-made law. Hence every state inhabitant have to be educated.

Now let us look at Andaman island. There are some tribes who are said to live in stone-age still today. Ask any one of them. "Do you want to get hurt?" Go to Alaska. Ask the Eskimos their Igloo. Get into Igloo and ask one of them. He may hurt you for more asking. He will fight with you if you claim his igloo. He does not want his property to be encroached upon. Is this is educated by any media? No.

You go to a Harvard university professor and ask him "Do you want to get hurt?" He will say a definite "No". Or you ask anyone in Baneres. You will get same reply. None - even mosquitoes do not want to get hurt. That is why before your hand reaches they fly out. It makes you beat yourself after biting. Mosquito doesn't want to get hurt. We find none wants to get hurt. Is it by education? No. That I do not want to get hurt is common sense based value. That means, this is an order. Meant for whom? It is meant for all.

Every Animal, Plant, Human being want to survive. This is natural. This is order. This is not man's creation. For human being this order is so important because I require infrastructure to behave. Because I am a big man, I should not stand on your toes. It is himsa. Going against the order I have to seek redress. Wherever there is living being, it does not want to get hurt. Where as trees and animals are controlled by their own instincts, sometimes they do hurt each other. In the creation there is no choice for them. But, as a human being you have a choice.

You can stand on my toes because you are big. Or you can respect another life. Both you can do. Which is proper and which is improper? Might is right- is it proper? No, might is not right. The one who browbeats another, hurts another, if he wants to get hurt or the other person wants him to get hurt - then there is confusion - which is right and which is wrong?

In reality none wants to get hurt. That means we have already a moral infrastructure which is commonly known to everyone. That is why it is universal. It is known to us without education. This is what we call common sense. Developed sense is what, we get by education. Common sense is, without education. The sense you have, is called 'common sense'. 'He has no common sense' we some time say.

Once you say common sense, how can you say he has no common sense? Uncommon sense alone one may not have.

Common sense is not developed by education or experience. It is something which you born with or in time is manifest. Even a baby knows how to protect itself.

It knows that something wrong going on. It does not know what is wrong. If somebody abuses the child, the child knows I am being abused. Without knowing or verbalizing, the baby knows. Theirs' is common sense. In time as one grow, one come to know others also do not want to get hurt.

One know, one does not want his property to be stolen. Same is with every other person. Suppose someone say I permit my property to be stolen. It is no more stealing. He uses wrong word. It is open house. People may pick up whatever they want from an open house. That is not stealing.

None wants his property to be stolen. Even a thief does not want (his) stolen property to be stolen.

Even this thief wants not to be lied. He comes with a knife in hand and asks the lady of the house "Tell me the truth, where are the keys of the cupboard". Hence 'not to lie' becomes an universal value, similar to non-hurting.

Whole world should behave properly. This is what everyone thinks - none should steal, encroach ones property, not to tell lie, sympathetic to me, sharing and understanding. Everyone is clear about whether he is an Eskimo or an aborigine in Australian jungle.

If everyone expects the same thing, then there is moral order. This is what we call universal order.

The problem is everyone else should behave like this. What about you? Occasionally I can tell lie etc.

Everyone wants morals to be followed. When it comes to ones behaviour, he can be different. Every other person, if he violates, there is no moral. Thus failure of moral values is not due to lack of it. We do not follow.

This moral infrastructures is very important. If you give me the freedom to be what I am, give you the freedom to you to be, that respect the common laws. Thus each one can grow, with his/ her special skills. We do not rule against. This structure is not created by human being and hence universal.

Who created this universal order?

The Giver, the Lord, Ishvara.

For whom? For us.

Why?

Because we have choices.

We can steel and make money. We can print and make money. We can bluff and make money. Or I can use my skills and compete legitimately and make money. If everyone follows the last choice, then any exception becomes visible and can be changed. Then he will also try to follow. If none cares this structures, then what will happen? There will be chaos. The very 'choice' given to human being becomes problem when it is misused.

On the other hand, living a life of dharma (following the universal order), not because of afraid of doing wrong thing but because of positive conviction that this is right thing. It starts from whom? It begins with me.

Everyone thought "When so many people pour milk, my one litre of water is not going to change the drum of milk". So I can pour some water. Everyone did the same. Finally what was inside the drum was only water.

So if you think others should follow and we share. Everyone thinks the same resulting is a confused society. If you rub against order what happens? Order is, you get rubbed. Action and reaction are equal opposite.

So when you rub against a natural law, which is part of the lord, which is the order in creation. Because you have choice to choose your action, you must know what is right and wrong. You know it with your common sense. Conforming to this order/law is harmony, peace and happiness. Going against this is disharmony and unhappiness. You have to understand this.

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