

EVALUATION INDICATORS

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All the Best

The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.

Angulimala was known for a garland of fingers around his neck which he severed from the victims. Brutal, savage, unheated Angulimala derived pleasure by killing others. Buddha, with a begging bowl, approached Angulimala despite warnings of villagers. He said, 'You stop' to Angulimala while himself kept walking. On being intrigued, Buddha said, 'I have stopped, it's you who have to stop the violence against the fellow beings'. Angulimala gave up violence once for all.

The anecdote depicts the importance of intervention of good to eradicate evil. The world is ridden with evil elements. But, what is more unfortunate is the indifferent attitude of others who watch them perform evil act without doing anything.

The global order is bound to be destroyed by those who do evil. In social sphere, people with evil mind create disintegrating tendencies and try to destroy social fabric of society. For example, provoking caste or religion based conflicts and disturb social cohesion.

The intention of wrong-doer itself is to destroy the social or moral structure. In a political establishment, there are some who foster hatred against government of the day and create secessionist demands to dismantle institutions of governance. The technological tools like robots, drones, intelligence-sofware, etc. are also deployed for illegitimate purposes by wrong-minded individuals. The evil tendencies to destroy the world exists from time immemorial. Be it demons in 'Bhagvat Gita' or evil forces in 'Puranas', anti-social elements or naxalites, there is some potential to diminish world peace, prosperity and stability.

The core of the issue is the apathy showcased by those who watch the evil pursuing immoral acts. The non-intervention and indifference of onlookers strengthens the evil-doer, while defeating the entire purpose of ethics, education, laws, democracy and other reformist movements. It amounts to the evil done by those who does nothing.

Consider the act of sheer discrimination against dark-complexion people in colony of Africa by whites.

If Gandhi or Nelson Mandela would have not intervened to stop the social evil, the practice would have gone unabated for longer. In 19th century India, untouchability and 'sati' practices prevailed at a large scale. If the morality of leaders like Ram Mohan Roy and Ishwar Chandra has not led to awakening, India was also on a path to social degradation. Such regressive practices could be rooted out only by the efforts of those who could not tolerate such evil.

Terrorism is one of the heinous crimes that exist to destroy the world's stability, peace and prosperity. The bystanders and supporters of fundamentalism, extremism, nationalism, terrorism or any other activity of such kind, for whatever reason, are also culprits for the evil and inhumane practice. Due to potent weapons and technologies, terrorism can destroy the world in few hours. (Think of atomic warfare!) Who shall be held accountable?

It is the onus on morally and ethically sound people to bring people out from this darkness into light of peace and prosperity.

In International arena, evils exist at large scales. The racism and associated attacks on the basis of xenophobia is an evil-minded policy. The administrative,

Law-making and judicial authorities should consider to curb such malefic acts.

The religion-based genocide in camps (especially of minorities) still continues in today's world due to bystander apathy. The silence of observers is damaging.

For the environment's health, reckless expansion of industries, mining and emission of greenhouse gases is destroying / evil. The world is destroyed if the environment gets affected negatively and ecosystem collapses. The vicious acts of pollution, unprecedented climate change, biodiversity loss and deforestation are prevalent due to the silence of government, residents, forest officials and whosoever concerned. There are some who wake up from their state of slumber and raise voices. This reminds of Chipko movement, 1972 Earth summit, Paris deal, Narmada Bachao Andolan and also Land Degradation Convention. Greta Thunberg is a great example of raising voice and standing against evil.

Can the economic disparities and state of poverty of millions of people across the world be considered evil?

There are more than a million people who sleep hungry due to poverty or conflicts. Neither the government nor the civil society initiates for their welfare. It might not be the fault of government for their impoverishment. But somebody has to be held accountable for such injustice that is faced by innocent beings.

Evil is not limited to social and Political spheres. It has lots of other dimensions too - be it economic or environment or individual acts. Anything that harms or intends to harm others is evil-minded. It is morally wrong in practice.

The question that arises is whether evil could be turned good or if good and morality exists, why it is unable to overpower the evil. This is a pointer to the role of morally-sound and ethically competent people to help build strong foundations of a world.

A morally strong person is the one who neither commits any wrong, nor allows it to happen even by others.

Arjuna was able to act rationally and according to values during Mahabharata after an advice by Krishna.

In Indian Freedom Struggle, Gandhi's principles of Truth

non-violence and Satyagraha were propounded. He stood for them at any cost and didn't allow his followers to deviate from what's right.

(Calling off Non-Cooperation movement after Chauri-Chama violence in 1922).

If Gandhiji had not been vocal about principles, that would definitely cause more harm to the society.

There are reasons as to why morally upright people also stay silent and onlook evil with apathy. The fear of power and authority often compel people to maintain silence. For instance, a public official could not raise stand against practice of corruption by political leaders for the fear of loss of position or job. There are personal reasons also that makes a person avoid evil act. There could be some vested interests or involvement of near or dear ones. Moreover, the culture of acceptance of wrong and ignorance results in bystander apathy. The lack of courage to act and emotional weakness creates a condition of ignoring the situation rather than facing it with an ethical framework in mind.

The need of the hour is to make such a strong ethical foundation of society that no wrong can be tolerated. Consider a population with utmost integrity, courage and conviction based on objectivity as the bedrock traits. Such people will never accept any evil act. The consequences of evil should be well spread among all. A 'zero-tolerant' attitude is must. This could be built in society by emotional intelligence. There should be a clear-cut distinction between right and wrong. The purpose of life should be well-stated and the society should be balanced. There cannot be a gap or disharmony between means and ends.

The deterrence to evil could be created by the government through legislative and administrative measures. The Constitution in itself a source of argumentative power to exercise freedom to stand against evil.

The motivation for those who stand against any wrong should ideally come from within. However, they can also be externally motivated by incentives, rewards, recognitions, etc. . Gandhi or Swami Vivekananda are role models because they stood for what's right. The choice rests with the individual, whether they wish to strengthen right or let wrong or evil to be stronger.

The world could not become a peaceful abode of living beings if evil deeds go unpunished. The ethically and morally strong minds have to take the lead and spread righteousness.

It is rightly said,

'The only thing necessary for the triumph
of evil is for the good men to do nothing'.