



Role of Education for World Peace

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Abstract

In this topic, an attempt has been made to focus on the education for world peace. It is very correct and right statement regarding the need of hour of the education for world peace, because when we rise in the morning and listen to the radio or watch the TV or read the newspapers, we are confronted with the same sad news like wars, crime, violence, disasters and corruption. We cannot recall a single day without a report of something terrible happening somewhere. Even in the present times, it is clear that one's precious life is not safe. There is fear and tension everywhere. It is the age of inventions of science and advanced technology. Science and technology have worked wonders in many fields, but the basic problems remain the same. As per the record of the whole world, there is unprecedented literacy, yet this universal education does not seem to have fostered goodness, but only mental restlessness and discontent instead, but somehow this is not sufficient as we have not yet succeeded in bringing about world peace or happiness or in overcoming suffering. We are not against science and technology, because they have contributed immensely to overall experience of humankind, to bring material comfort and wellbeing and to our greater understanding of the world, we live in. However, if we give too much emphasis to science and technology, we are in danger of losing much with those aspects of the human knowledge and understanding that aspire towards honesty and altruism. No one can deny the unprecedented material benefit of science and technology, but our basic problems remain the same; we are still faced with the same, if, not more, suffering, fear and tension. Thus, it is only the logical try to strike a balance between material developments on the one hand and development of spiritual, human values on the other hand. In order to bring the balance between material development and development of spiritual human values, education is must. Education can play an active role in developing the world peace. Without the proper education, the matter of the peace is a distant dream, as per the situation and environment of the world.

Introduction

The whole world is suffering in terrorism. The man has become the enemy of man. Everyone has the thrust of wealth and the power. It is the matter of regret that man is misusing the power and wealth. There is blind sheet on his eyes and due to this; he is not using his mind to differentiate between right and wrong. He is ready to do everything to become rich overnight. Every country hates other country. People are fighting each others in the names of the religions, castes, colours, boundaries and creed. Each and everything happens due to the thoughts of the man. Thoughts can be changed only through proper education. Only education can change the thoughts of human beings and direct them to serve the humankind. Education can help human

beings to use science and technology to the welfare of the whole world and maintain the world peace.

The political tension and terrorism at present times are mainly because knowledge has increased, but morality has lagged behind. Morality in the form of truth, righteousness, love, non-violence and peace is only the balm, which can heal the wounds of humanity. It is education which would impel man to utilize atomic energy for the betterment of humanity rather than destruction.

When social, moral, cultural and spiritual values are degrading, when religion is losing its hold, when power and knowledge are being misused for the vested interests, when nations do not trust one another, when black marketing, corruption, barbarism,



indiscipline, violence are fast spreading in the whole world, then only education can promote individual and social welfare, love, peace, goodwill and understanding. The false values made him slave. He is doing wrong to the mankind. Thus the Truth, love, peace, righteous conduct and non-violence, the tools to help us to approach the facts for the sake of inner self. Aspire and achieve, ought to be the motto of every member of the society, teacher and society.

Man with the help of thought organization, has created a marvelous scientific and technological world, but human being, as an individual, is unhappy and frustrated, not at peace with himself, not at harmony with the different layers of his being. Man is materialistic, bewildered, frustrated and confused that he does not know the art of living with others in love, peace and harmony.

The whole world is burning in the fire of politics and terrorism. The matter of the world peace is to be seemed a distant dream. Everywhere we find callous, selfishness, unlimited greed, bribery, corruption, narrowest, rowdy's, hooliganism, violence, destruction, abuse of human rights, gross injustice, frustration, crisis of character and terrorism. There is no sign of peace. We are living in the world of political tension, economic stresses, fear and frustrations. Exploitation, corruption, disaster, destruction, selfishness violence and terrorism are having their head high.

Peace

Peace is a state of power packed stillness and follows the awareness that the source of human fulfillment within. Peace can be reality for each of us, if we have faith in our innate power to do best, to be good and see better. Peace is ever sought after by man in all his activities. Right or wrong, whatever a person thinks or does it with the purpose of securing peace and joy. Peace is a state of bliss mental equipoise, tensionless. Peace is the awareness of beauty majesty and omnipresence of God that opens up the springs of shanty in the man's heart. Peace

is the serenity and equanimity. It is the calm contentment arising from the right attitudes towards action. It is a sound and balanced mental state which learns to find rest in action and which utilize all the inherent vital energies to create a perfect harmony in action. Peace means being one with life itself. Peace is more than merely sitting still or silence. Tagore has rightly said "Where the mind is without fear and head is held high, into that kingdom of freedom my father let my country awake!"

Peace Education

Peace education is education of humanity. It is manifestation of seeds of integral culture of body, vitality, mind, intellect and spirit. These elements constitute every man, women, and women without any discrimination of race, caste, creed, language, nationality and other differences. And this education would continue perpetually till the end of life of every man and women unfolding integrally the treasure of physical, vital, mental, intellectual and spiritual cultures within, leading them to be just, peaceful and nonviolent. Peace education is broadly defined as the educational policy, planning, pedagogy, and practice that develop awareness, skills, and values towards peace. Peace education may serve as the nucleus, but co- discipline interlinks and interconnects with others directly.

Several countries are fully suffering from the terror activities, fear of terrorists and unlawful activities creating unrest in the society so the need of time to inculcate tranquility in the mind of people through peace education. In the past, peace education centered on the causes of war, an issue that grew as nations developed the capacity of destroying the whole human race many times over. But today the scope of peace education includes not only the causes, the nature and the terrible consequences of war but also the study of violence in all forms. Such forms of violence include conflict, threat to life, ethnic hatred, discrimination, prejudice, racism, injustice,



genocide, poverty, violence in the home and family, destruction of the environment and so forth.

Challenges for world peace

- War: The root cause of war is conflict. The conflict may be personal, interpersonal and communal etc. The concept of peace education goes hand in hand with conflict resolution. Mostly countries are attacking on each other's directly and indirectly. There is no peace due to these activities. Every country, is spending most of its budget on weapons instead of human welfare.
- Terrorism: every country is burning in the fire of terrorism. Terrorists are doing such activities, which are totally against the humankind. It has become a very serious problem not only for one country, but for the whole world.
- Racial Difference: Whiteman of the world is hating the Blackman. It is a continuous fight between two both coloured persons.
- Boundaries Differences: the boundaries of the both countries are not so clear so each country is trying to cross the boundary. Both countries are fighting on the boundaries.
- Religion: People of the whole world are fighting to each others in the name of the religion. No body is paying respect to other religion.
- Economic Disparities: Some countries are very rich and some countries are poor, some are developed and some are under developed .Developed countries are trying to control the underdeveloped countries. There is conflict in both types of countries.
- Culture And Educational Manipulation: Every country likes its culture and develops the system of education according to need of its society. The manipulators of every country are manipulating the innocent public by reinforcing and creating images of the enemies. The tendency to dehumanize the enemy is to the denial of the human values resulting in killing of innocent civilians including children and women.

- Misuse of Development of Science and Technology: We are living in the age of science and technology. Science and technology has given us abundant power. Unintelligent and wrong use of this power can destroy the entire human race and other forms of life on the earth. Every country is busy in making and storing nuclear weapons for safety point of view. Weapons always bring destruction instead of construction and welfare.
- Political exploitation: Most of the political leaders of the world level exploit the masses to achieve their narrow selfish ends. National interests are sacrificed for personal petty interests. The masses are misguided and used against their rival country.
- No Justice: Several countries are suffering from the interferences of the other countries. There are prayers to justice, but justice has become a thing of the past. As a result, people of most of the countries are frustrated, dejected and unhappy.
- Lack of Code of Conduct: politicians lack in code and conduct. They are above the laws of the land and constitutional directives. They are indulging in political corruption. Everywhere at world levels to state levels they have lost their charm and dignity.
- Lack of Strong of International Security and Safety : No doubt, there are international security organizations, but they are failures in many matters of the nations. They could not provide the strong security to the required nations.
- Materialistic Attitude: people of world are becoming more and more money minded and materialistic. They want to collect wealth by one way or the other at the cost of values. They want to become rich overnight through illegal means or corrupt practices.

Major Aim of Peace Education

The major aim of peace education is to save the humankind from destroying a large portion or all of itself. To educate for social and ecological peace, active participation of



people along with student is required. With regard to peace education, the NCF recommends creating an environment that builds sensitivity to others cultures, perspectives and rights, clearly stating that education must be oriented towards values associated with peaceful and harmonious coexistence. National curriculum framework 2005, proposes the integration of peace education and the building of peace seeking mindsets across the entire curriculum, not just in a weekly moral science classes.

Peace Education - Need of the Hour

When there is no peace among the persons, then peace in the society is threatened. Sometimes this leads to chain of violence. Lack of peace destroys the identity of a country. Our mental and creative energies are diverted from useful activities to destructive one. Interpersonal peace is an indispensable requisite for harmonious living in society. The inter-relationship should be rooted in respect, one has for the existence of all life. We need peace at global level for the world is in a state of instability and tension with the depletion of human values existence. Education can play an active role to change the thoughts, develop the values and promote the world peace. It is education which can help by changing the minds of the people and promote the world peace.. Therefore education for the world peace is the need of the hour. The following facts throw light on the education for the world peace which is the need of the hour.

Secularism

It means that to pay respect to all the religions in real sense and people have the right to leave or adopt any religion. However, it has been observed that the dictators have changed religion forcibly, it is not so good. This process creates disturbance and peace disappears. Education can convince the dictators that religion is adopted by heart, not by force, if forcibly changed then heart is not changed and heart does not accept the change of religion. Education opens the eyes of every person.

Respect to All Religions

People are fighting in the name of religion in every country. Religion never teaches the lesson of enmity for the people. Every religion conveys the message of brotherhood and respect to all the religions. Education is the greatest weapon, which can help human beings to develop the positive attitude toward everyman of the world, whether he belongs to Muslim or Hindu, or Christian or Sikh or other community. Without the proper education it is not possible to remove the black sheet from the eyes and mind of human beings. Only education can develop faith and respect for all the religions and help in the world peace.

Positive Attitude

Education is that weapon which helps to cut the negative thoughts and develop the positive attitude in the man. Without education, it is not possible. Education purifies our soul and develops the positive thoughts.

Use of Science and Technology to Mankind

Without the proper use of science and technology to the humankind, world peace is not possible. For this, the use of science and technology should be for the good of mankind not for destruction, then only world peace would be possible.

Broadmindedness: There should be specified boundaries of every country and after that, there should be no dispute regarding this. If any dispute arises then it should be solved by the UNO. Education plays an important role to solve the problems of the boundaries between countries. It helps to remove the narrow mindedness and bringing broadness of the leaders.

Justice : There is public cry regarding injustice. The people are demanding justice. Education can help the people to get justice against the injustice. It suggests the various measures.

Healthy Politics : politics should be healthy and for the welfare of the humankind. It has been observed that politicians create the tension, frustration and corruption for their



personal interest. It is not so good. Education develops the human values among the leaders and a sense of loyalty to the people of the country. It teaches a lesson of healthy politics to the politicians.

Respect for Culture: Education helps to transmit the culture from one generation to other generation. It helps to accept the changes in the culture, adds something new from the other cultures, and pays the best regard to the other cultures.

Faith in God: Faith in the God always gives peace to the human being. Having, who does not believe in God, creates bad environment in the world. Leaders of the terrorists and their leaders are such type of persons. Without the faith in God world peace is impossible. To develop the peace in the world we should have faith in God and aware the public to believe in God. This faith will bring world peace. Education can develop the faith in God.

Hating Terrorism: Education develops a sense of right or wrong in the mind of every man. Terrorism brings destruction and creates tension. Education teaches a lesson to everyman that terrorism is not good thing. It is destruction of disappearing the world peace as well as the human race. It conveys the message to masses to hate terrorism and love mankind.

Faith in Karma : Education can develop a sense of faith in Karma in the human beings. It can develop sense of hard work and dignity of labour. The result of this will bring peace in the world and whole people of the world will be busy in work and hate the corruption.

Corruption Is Sin: Education can develop the thought in the minds of the human beings that corruption is sin. Education will convey message to human beings that we should keep distance from the corruption and corrupt persons.

International understanding is a must for world peace. Education is such media that can develop feeling of international understanding. For international

understanding peace education can teach a lesson of benefits of peace through posters, skits, dramas, discussion, debate, films, serials, organizing intercultural activities, programmes, posters , international seminars, workshops, conferences,etc.

Conclusion

Keeping in view the present scenario of the world, it is felt that education for the world peace is the need of the hour. The whole structure of the world has been changing. World peace seems to be the dream of the distant. There is corruption and terrorism everywhere. Every country is facing the terrorism and corruption and world peace is disappearing day by day. Every country is making efforts to reduce them, but it has not been reducing. Without proper education, it is not possible. Education is only a guide, which can guide the people to follow the right path and discard the wrong path. Education can melt the cruel heart and develop the sense of service of mankind. Peace education can play an active role to spread peace in the whole world and help in walking on the right track. Peace education develops peace of mind, if peace of mind exists then we can take the dream of peace of world, without peace of heart and mind , world peace is the dream of distant. International understanding is totally depends upon peace of mind. Human being cannot understand to each other without peace of mind. It means that peace education is must.

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