

Degradation of Ethics

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An apology,

The topic of Degradation of Ethics is an update version of “Is Ethics Fading Away?” that was published in the Khorasan Zameen few years back.

Unfortunately, it was my mistake to send the wrong article last week. My special thanks go to Jorat Sahib for considering the re publication of this article and very sorry for interrupting his Normal daily schedule.

People are not comfortable with what is going on in the world. The erosion of ethics in every corner of our lives, are obvious to the point of being sickening. Too many ethics related questions cross our minds every single day. The followings are a few limited samples of these ethics related questions. You may call some of these questions nonsense and you may be right, but there are people who ask these types of questions. It would be better if the subject authorities should provide them with satisfactory answers and offer comfort to those concerned.

Ancient Greek scholars, Professors of ethics, all three major religions; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have taught their followers about ethics. Zoroaster, Buddhism, Hinduism, and other religious and non- religious communities also have guided their followers on ethics. Government Offices, the United Nations, major corporations, hospitals, the White house, and Congress all have ethics committees. Universities have ethics teaching departments with distinguished professors. While other schools have ethics departments and are teaching their students, ethics every day; unfortunately, in spite, the Ethics are fading away!

Thousands of pages and volumes after volumes of publications, including a variety of laws, decorating libraries of all authorities and offices mentioned above, as well as others all over the world. Millions of taxpayer dollars are spent to publish and train hundreds of Ethics Specialists and professors who are earning a great deal. Yet, the Ethics are fading away!

What was the use of Socrates Ethics? Or of Plato's or of Aristotle's? What has happened to Kantian Ethics? Does the ethics of Russian people allow Vladimir Putin to attack their neighbor Ukraine to kill the innocents with highly sophisticated weapons. Ukraine is a member of UN as Russia and USA and others. All have signed the same charter. Does the Israeli Ethics allow them to occupy neighbors' land and provoke them to send rockets so they can find excuses, and destroy their mud houses, kill their children and elderly? Is this Christianity Ethics, to go after illiterate, poor people and to convert them to Christianity? Is the Western world's proud ethics allowing them to spread armament among war torn poor countries to fuel their domestic violence fire only to leave and let them to burn? These are the examples of; Ethics are fading away!

Are these a real Muslim's Islamic Ethics when under Allah - Akbar, they call the name of Allah who has instructed them, if you kill one innocent person it is like killing all the mankind, but they still kill innocent old and young, men and women? What kind of ethics is this, that some so called, Muslims like ISIS, Taliban, and other different group call themselves 'Jaeshes' (soldiers) continue to kill, rob, rape and be proud of? Is this Islamic ethics to commit suicide for killing innocents and destroy properties? And proudly announce that the Taliban are the only group with highest number of suicide attacks in the world! This is the sign of no Ethics in their culture.

Will the ethics of Journalists allow them to ignore reporting the killing of thousands of Muslims in Myanmar? Will the ethics of Journalism allowing journalists to identify a Muslim attacker right away as "terrorist" but not a Jewish or Christian attacker despite terrorizing people, as what happened in the case of Las Vegas where close to 60 people were killed and 530 injured. I like and admire the Journalists report from War Front in Ukraine the reporters are taking all sort of risks to report us the war situation; I wish they were doing the same when Israel attacked Palestine! Isn't this the sign of ethics fading away?

What type of ethic is this in USA to say using assault weapons are allowed, but health care is not? What has the Ethics Department of United Nations done to the world? Why are their ethics not allowing them to stop the genocide of other human beings in Myanmar and Ukraine? Buddhists are against killing any life, but is it in Buddhist Ethics to be an onlooker for killing of another human being, and not stop it? Is it proper ethics in Buddhism to torture and kill thousands of innocent Muslims because of their religion? Is the Caste system of India ethical in the

twenty first Century? Is the killing of black young men Ethical in a Democratic society? All are happening because the Ethics are fading away!

What role has been played by United Nations in stopping the war on Democratic Ukraine by Socialist Putin? Why the five powerful nations have the veto power? Time to change the structure and/ or duty responsibilities of this institution. Otherwise, the United Nations Ethics will fade away and to lose credibility.

How successful is your community's committee on ethics? How successful is "the Professor" in teaching social ethics to the students? Can the good professor show me the effect of his teaching on an individual community of corporations, health & other insurances, industries, businesses, human trafficking, children rape-mutilation and killing, smuggling, kidnapping, stealing, computer hacking, anti-education activities, family life, lawyers, physicians, judges, governors, government, congress and the President? Without doubts related ethics are fading away!

What role so far have the US Government Ethic Committees played in uniting the country? What is the role of government ethics committee to guide government employees, not to cooperate with foreign government who is our enemy? What was the role of, HHS's Ethics Committee? Is it to advice the past secretary of HHS on the use of private jets funded by taxpayer money? Is congress following the ethics of their Party? Is Congress thinking of constituents or keeping in mind how to be reelected? Do they know what action, what scientific findings is good for people or are they there for their pockets, businesses, stocks, golf, and plane rides; paid by taxpayers. Isn't this this a sign of their Ethics fading away?

What was the role of the Previous White House Committee on Ethics? How the Ethics Committee advised the past president and members of his cabinet on the house rules on ethics, interpersonal relation rules of ethics, international diplomatic rules of ethics, ethics of communicating with staff or people, ethics of respecting America's mother, or the ethics respecting the first amendment; freedom of speech? Did they advise the president on 18 U.S. code §227- "Wrongfully influencing a private entity's employment decision by a Member of Congress or an officer or employee of the legislative or executive branch"? Is this the ethics of White house and/or Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) to ignore the Climate Change and global warming? Is it considered ethical to nullify all good works of a previous President for one's personal reason? What kind of ethics is it

to ignore scientific findings and call themselves to be a civilized, Scientific nation?
Too many signs I see for ethics of this group to fade away!

Where are the ethics of caring for the elderly, being kind to children, and respect women? Is there an ethics of being good neighbors? Is what Pakistan and/or Iran doing to their neighbor, Afghanistan, sending armaments and sending suicide bombers, ethical? NO!!

Do we have the ethics of a good wife or a husband? Does an insurance company really provide what they advertise? Is the consumer properly protected? Is the US lawyer's professional ethics allowing them to charge \$750.00 per hour? Particularly, when everything is at the tip of a paralegal finger on his / her computer keyboard?

This is only a message for those dealing with ethical issues. They may have encountered some or corrected some ethical problems. Probably, most of their advice have been ignored and others they forgot to follow through. These few lines may draw their attention towards a practical ethical solution to the issues or may have to witness the gradual fading away of ethics to the point of God forbid, shame! Currently, war ethics has been Broken by Putin! building destroyed, and people including children killed, more than a million people including children are displaced!

Fortunately, in many of America's communities there exists a brotherhood and sisterhood where people help each other without thinking of religion, color, occupation, supremacy, sexual orientation.... in time of need, even to those Afghans who have escaped the terror of Talib on August 16, 2021, and after runaway president, Ashraf Ghani. I call this sense of offering helping hands to humanity, a Personal Innate Ethics (PIE) for they do not require an ethics committee or a professor of ethics to teach but conscious inspiration arises from heart and put to action when it is needed; I wish to see the same level of cooperation in governments, corporations, and organizations to serve humanity.

