



Does Diversity Unite Or Divide?

We, Indians are leading our lives in a nation, where we believe in the saying 'unity in diversity'. India is a land of diverse cultures, customs, religions, languages and heritages. Even the food we eat and the cloth we wear varies according to different places.

Eventhough there is a lot of diversities in our nation, we Indians live our lives peacefully with unity, love, brotherhood and harmony. Indians are the living evidence of the fact that unity in diversity is possible when we have respect, love and empathy for each other. Indians are considered worldwide as the people with love, kindness and empathy for each other. They are one of the best hosts in the whole world. Indians live in different parts of the world by changing their lifestyle and involving in the cultures, traditions and celebrations of the people living there without any division. They are ready to adjust

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to any kind of living style or situations. People of different culture and religions celebrate together with joy and happiness. They share and care. They learn together and help each other in need. People of different languages and traditions travel to new places to explore and learn, the people living in those new places welcome them with great enthusiasm and pleasure. Many people finds happiness by making others happy. However, diversities are only enjoyable until there occurs conflicts in them. The chances for conflicts in diversities are more in rich diversities. Different types of people living in different cultures and believing in different religions may have conflicts in ideologies and beliefs. This will lead to new conflicts. The first conflict in India due to the ununitedness in diversity resulted in the formation of Pakistan, a new country in muslim majority areas. Even though, many muslims stayed, lived and died in India believing in the nobleness of unity after the formation of Pakistan. Even after the formation

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of Pakistan, India remained as a secular nation without any official religion for the country. India formulated and provides a wide constitution with equal rights, duties and consideration for all with unity so that the nation can overcome whatever conflicts or problems occur in the society. To unite the privileged and underprivileged, the government has introduced several schemes and organizations.

The unity and division in diversities occurs according to the visions and actions of the people in a certain place. There are places in the world, like India where people live in unity with large diversities and surely there are places in the world where people argue and even kill each other due to the ununitedness in the diversities they face. Diversity in skin colour has always remained as an issue which ununites people. It is the attitude of people that the white colour is supreme and others are backward which is leading to the unwanted divisions among people. This centuries old

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stereotype can be simply removed from the earth if everyone develop equal respect, understanding and consideration for each other. Also there are various religious conflicts taking place without realising the fact that the core concept of every religion is almost the same. Religions and beliefs are to make people better but unfortunately many are unaware of that truth and the actual morals the religions provide for a better living, they are more focused on causing conflicts that may harm the society. Economic diversity is a serious issue which cause conflicts. Political liberty without economic equality is meaningless. To avoid the conflicts based on economic diversity, economic equality should be developed in a country. Some people being rich and they taking dominance on the poor is a serious violation of human rights. Sometimes, even the dressing styles causes conflicts in the society. People may relate dresses along with religions which leads to quarrells. And this quaralls may later become serious issues

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in the society. This crisis occurs because some are not ready to accept the diversities of others. These kind of inacceptance in any aspects of life causes unwanted divisions among the people. Division among people was first brought in India by the British when they implemented divisive force. They planted the seeds of divisions and ununitedness in the heart of some Indians which came out of them even after the independence. It was the inacceptance of diversities in religion that caused the death of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of our nation. Madharam Vinayak Godse assassinated Gandhiji by saying that Gandhiji is supporting Islam. It was the secular thought of our Bapuji that made him a martyr, that happened only because of the division Godse had in his mind.

Diversities provides diverse experiences which teaches new lessons and gives unexplored fun and bliss. Diversities unite and divide people according to their attitude and views on life. Unity in diversity provides peace while the division damages the society and people living there.

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