Humanity or Morality

The essential nature of ‘humanity’ has been suppressed and destroyed in many ways, so the substitute of ‘morality’ has been brought in to bring some order and sanity to your life. Right now, if you take away morality, a lot of people will behave like animals for some time. This has happened because we have not done anything to keep our humanity awake and alive all the time. If your humanity was alive, there would be no need for morality. The very fact that you are living your morality means that your humanity has not been kept intact.

Morality is always different from society to society and person to person. Something that is perfectly okay in one society is wrong in another society. So morality is always subject to people’s convenience, but humanity is not a convenience; it is your essential nature. It is not something that you invented; morality is invented; humanity has to be discovered. You can only discover that which is already there whereas you can invent anything. Different times in history and different points of geography have different moralities.

Whatever your grandmother thought was absolutely immoral, is something you are doing shamelessly today. Isn’t it so? So morality always differs from person to person according to times and situations. And there is always a huge argument between one generation and another generation about what is moral or immoral. In every house, the fight is going on. But there has never been an argument about humanity. Wherever humanity found its expression, at any time in history or any point in geography, it is always the same.

On the surface, in our values, morals and ethics, each one of us maybe different, but if you know how topoke a person deep enough to get this humanity out, every one of you will do things the same way. To impose morality, you don’t need any involvement with people. I just have to tell you ‘Be like this; speak kindly, if you speak angrily, you will burn in hell. This will happen to you; that will happen to you.’ But if you want to bring forth humanity in that person, it takes much more involvement; you have to give yourself. Otherwise it won’t happen. But it’s still worthwhile, because morality may bring social order but it will cause inner havoc. Morality brings some sense of social order for some time but it destroys the human being.

Humanity will also bring social order, but in a loose way without any enforcement; it will make the human being beautiful. That’s what is most important; isn’t it so? If humanity flowers and overflows, then divinity will be the next natural step. Only if you allow your humanity to overflow within you, then divinity will flower. Without the richness of humanity, divinity cannot happen, no matter what you do. Morality never brought divinity, but it has brought you guilt, shame and fear, because nobody can fulfill the kind of morals which have been set.

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