

Research Paper

Lust for Betterment of Life and Luxury, a Destructive Mentality of Human Being

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ABSTRACT

Human being is the only driving machine of earth ecologically, director of war and peace politically and lord of everything by survival of the fittest theory of Charles Darwin. Human species was started their journey on earth more or less two million years ago from Anthropocene that was 1950s from the time this was clear that human is the God of everything earth concerned including themselves. Human was and is the hunter of betterment of their life and this process of hunting or searching is endless. In that sphere human are non-compromising even with earth's health and environment, dangerous consequences for near future destructive for whole life cycle of the planet including human being naturally. However, if one goes through the path of history, she/he can see a black chapter and that is suppression of one by another. Here comes mentality of human being and from the phase of slave society, a group of people gathered power and began to suppress fellow persons though the powerful group is unthinkable smaller than the people was and is being tortured. This is also seen that human being is going towards a way of luxury and this is a part of their mentality from the prehistoric age. Human being couldn't and can't stay in open air throughout the year need shelter, cover and so many things to live on earth. Their existence would be impossible if human should stay in open air like other animals. Human is only exception, can't do anything without using artificial commodities i.e. clothing, shelter and this is impossible for them to fight with the adverse forces, powers and animals of nature except making a group. However, that was prehistoric period but today human can move, stay, fight, live and do anything they want without help of others. But their lust for better life and luxury never ends. This tendency takes us all to a dangerous phase, the day of total destruction from where no one can return to life. However, a smallest group of people have been trying to solve the grave situation but can't find proper way. This is a passive and destructive mentality of human being started not from the last decade of twentieth century but from the prehistoric age. The author of the article is trying to find the way of life expecting the mentality of human being would change one fine morning suddenly and surprisingly.

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Earth is the only living planet as far as scientific invention reaches its highest limit. And human being makes the life meaningful because only this species can think beyond preliminary needs like other animals, doing various works and researches to know

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everything earth and universe concerned, observing culture and art, literature and science and investigating everything of life and death. Enormous advances have occurred in the understanding of the structure and function of living organisms including basic elements of structure and function of life, i.e., the cell, and the fundamental structure and function of the hereditary material of life, i.e., the gene.¹ The understanding of the complexity of modern life, while far from complete, is enormous and increasing daily and at the same time, researchers have proposed that a complete comprehension of life in all its complexity will require a detailed and more complete understanding of the origin of life.² The current knowledge of likely steps involved in the development of life is far from complete and the gap between proposed simple elements and processes of early life arising on primordial earth and nearly unlimited complexity of living organisms today leaves an enormous hole challenging the very credulity of the transition from one to other.³ At the same time, this virtually unfathomable gap should also serve as an inspiration to current and future generations of researchers to achieve a greater understanding of life in all of its glory.⁴

Every research and result of research both is common to any animal except human being. Human is the only species, think and do everything different from other animals. Once the biggest animals were and are on the top of ecological pyramiding i.e. lions, rhinoceros etc but human descended down from the very beginning through the path of evolution.⁵ Because human was and is the most helpless weakest animal comparing to others and this makes human most dangerous and cruel also.⁶ Human failed to adjust with other majestic animals, forces of nature and always live in anxiety and fear. They (human) were completely helpless and to overcome the condition, they always try to adjust with nature, environment, predator animals and what not! They learnt to control on fire and cooking, took themselves to the highest position according to intellect, not by power and position. They began to invent commodities one after another through the eternal time from prehistory to present, taking them also to future. Another game human species love is conflict of different kind's i.e. battling, fighting and making war with each other and among the states. In this new world the most pervasive, important, and dangerous conflicts will not be between social classes, rich and poor, or other economically defined groups, but between peoples belonging to different cultural entities. Tribal wars and ethnic conflicts will occur within civilizations.⁷ During primitive or past times, battles were fought using weapons made of natural stones, clay, wood or fossils, animal bones etc transformed into natural metallic weaponries never harms the nature and environment. But present day weapons are made of radioactive energy, produces enormous radioactive wastes, sending the living earth into the lap of death. War is one of the ways of winning other territories, the aims and objects are to squeeze wealth to enrich the countrymen with luxury items and better commodities of daily life usages. Development means wastes produce of different kinds. There are some common wastes of human civilization including daily life. There are some Common Hazardous Wastes: Industrial Uses, Petroleum, Nonhalogenated Solvents, Hydrocarbons, Ketones, Alcohols and Esters, Halogenated Solvents, Aliphatic Halocarbons, Common Halogenated Solvents, Pesticides Insecticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Soil Fumigants, Explosives, Aliphatic Nitrate Esters, Nitramines, Primary Explosives, Industrial Intermediates, Polychlorinated Biphenyls, Polychlorinated Dibenzodioxins and Dibenzofurans, Metals and Inorganic Nonmetals, Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, Nickel, Mercury, Cyanides, Asbestos etc. Every moment human life style produces these kinds of hazardous wastes, affecting life on earth. One can't just imagine that there is no substitute of these commodities and man has no idea about the fatality of these luxury items or commodities. There is a common idea that electricity is green energy. But nobody knows and there is nobody to make it understand to all that over seventy seven percent of electricity produces from thermal power, by burning

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coal, enhancing global warming, affecting the ozone layer and produces asthma, various heart and lung related diseases, kidney failure, carcinoma of different kinds and other fatal deadly diseases. Common man thinks that replacement of car driven by fossil fuel to electricity/rechargeable battery is the ultimate solution because electricity is green energy. The notion is wrong absolutely and moreover a battery car needs some chemical for its battery and one of the chemicals is cobalt, a little quantity of cobalt is poisoning trillion barrels of pure underground drinking water whenever it's being extracted from mine.

Among the hazardous wastes the most deadly, dangerous and fatal is radioactive or nuclear wastes.⁸ During GATT agreement (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), signed on July 8, 1948 to reduce international trade barriers India was one of the participant country signed in it. India was agreed to import hazardous wastes including nuclear/radioactive wastes from U.S.A. and European countries to reduce the interest rate of lending money from IMF and other monetary funds abroad. The Indian perpetrators of the agreement never thought of the dangerous fatality of hazardous wastes, especially the nuclear/radioactive wastes and its consequences on human, the whole animal world, paddy fields, rivers, air and everything Indian nature and environment concerned. Nature doesn't limit herself within a country, for instance Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Okuma, Fukushima, Japan affected the whole of the earth's environment and nature by radioactive heavy water disposed from destroyed nuclear power plants on 11 March, 2011. Everyone knows that fossil fuel is limited and instead of it nuclear power can be replaces producing huge electricity but never thought of its radioactive wastes. The huge demand for electric energy is nothing but to fulfill the unnatural demands of human, not for other animals.

The circumstances made human today's peculiar type of animal, want to know nothing except their own luxury, comfort and smoothness of living as well as conflict among themselves. Every conflict bears a common thing and that is enmity to each other. The conflict may be at home/family, neighbours or between states, means battle or wars, conventional or proxy, whatever it may be. Human demands never end and psychology of human differs from each other. One can understand or guess animals categorically according to their characteristics features and their behavior because this doesn't match only with human being. None can guess a human by her/his external behavior. The genesis of Homo sapiens as far as Science's knowledge concerned goes back to more or less two million years from current time. The first footprint of human on earth was full of problems they faced from the part of nature. Surprisingly nature wasn't their friend or mother, like other animals and probably for this reason, human never love nature or trying to protect it for future generations. The natural forces were and are always adverse to human but not to others, i.e., forest fire, electricity, flood, cold and earthquake because except human being, every animal can easily protect him/herself from every natural calamity and if it becomes irresistible, they also die naturally. They do nothing to change the natural law to stay safe and more comfortable like human, creating endless wastes, the scientists can't trace any way to clean earth from it and protect the lifeline of one and only living planet.

The thirst for better living became lustrous and thus consumerism entered the picture. However, once there was a wall of invisible limit in the whole scenario of luxury. And probably it would be better to say that was not luxury but need, although these needs were and are not at all necessary for the whole animal world except human being. Summer without electric ceiling fan and winter without warm cloths both were beyond imagination in India till 1960s for maximum people. During 1970s to 2000 C.E., electricity made it possible and city dwellers became dependant on electric ceiling fan, reading in clay lamp and hurricane replaced into electric lights. Load shading was a quiet natural incident, the city dwellers

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thought accordingly and a home without kerosene lamp was beyond expectation. Hand fans made of dried palm leaf were friend in need for rich to poor, every category of people. The villagers were and are more dependent on nature and very slowly with an imposition of consumerism. The skyscrapers, for example, seems to anyone nothing but home of human but no one never think that a huge portion of rocks and hills are being cut off for making cement and stone cheeps, the main ingredients of making buildings. The Creation of Heat Island Materials like concrete, asphalt, bricks etc absorb and reflect energy differently than vegetation and soil.⁹ Cities remain warm in the night when the countryside has already cooled.¹⁰ Changes in Air Quality for Human activities release a wide range of emissions into the environment including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, sulfur oxides, nitrogen oxides, lead, and many other pollutants.¹¹ Pollutants are often dispersed across cities or concentrated in industrial areas or waste sites. Lead- based paint used on roads and highways and on buildings is one such example of a widely dispersed pollutant that found its way into soil.¹² Flow of Water into streams, natural vegetation and undisturbed soil are replaced with concrete, asphalt, brick, and other impermeable surfaces.¹³ This means that, when it rains, water is less likely to be absorbed into the ground and, instead, flows directly into river channels.¹⁴ Urbanization means unthinkable misuse of pure natural and purified drinking water both. Another dangerous consequence of urbanization and industrialization is acid raining. The air pollution is caused by cars both private and public, industrialization and making of buildings. However, to protect basically the car making companies, building material industries and promoters, a group of members from administration, judiciary, so called environmentalists and even a huge portion of printed and electronic media both encourage behind these, never take a big role of protest to protect nature and environment and targeted on some softest targets like coke-ovens, roll centers, firecrackers or on stubble burning, even adding not a droplet of pollutant in the Atlantic of pollution by human luxury and ‘civilization’ polluting the nature and environment every second, round the clock, throughout the years.. These things like fire crackers or coke oven etc are not even enlisted in pollutant list of international environmental pollution preventing agencies and laws.

The main objective of consumerism is to encourage and provoke the greed and lust of human mind. Consumerism knows how to improve luxurious items and make it available for maximum people in cheapest price. The items quality becomes poorer but slowly people believe that this is natural. Once nobody can believe that a record player or a radio can stop for ever after two or three years and giving uninterrupted service generation after generation. Still there are grandfather clocks in many homes, giving perfect time with bell in every hour. The golden era was beyond expectation and imagination. The multinational companies understood that with growing population and demand, supply must leave no bounds. The businessmen also thought that credit for their account must not stop within limit and for this product’s longevity must be shorten from generations after generations to two or three years only. One television for one generation is loss for multinational companies and a car or refrigerator likewise. The manufacturing characteristics were completely changed and became use and throw instead of everlasting (long lasting) commodities. The characteristics features is surprising because the present day use and throw commodities give more better service in many cases than the old ever or long lasting commodities. The service is uninterrupted but repairing is impossible once it becomes defected.

However, more produces produce more wastes and thus the earth became a waste box or waste bin. Now the bin is overflowing and waste produced by human became fatal for whole living being and one and only green living planet earth. The people, especially city dwellers are the main culprit behind the scene because they are the largest consumer, not the village

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people. Still the villages of India plunged into darkness during load shading and oil lamps are used although rechargeable lamps (another luxury item) replaced oil lamps of various kinds. One can distinguish the commodities used by human in various categories i.e., products for needs, products for luxury but ultimately each and every product creates huge wastes and a man/woman can't imagine how rapidly it (the wastes) transform the living earth into a dead planet. Polymers of different kinds produce enormous wastes. Every cubic meter of air is full of polymer micro granules, human and other animals are breathing in and their whole body including vital organisms like lungs, kidneys, heart, digestive system, metabolic system and everything life concerned are being fall into fatal poisonous polymer micro granules, transforming living animals including human into a creature full of diseases, doctors can't find out the causes behind it and day after day the number of incurable and unidentified diseases leaves no bounds.

However, for nowadays wastes of different kind are a matter of thought but not the way the wastes produced. This becomes unthinkable for a category of people living without private cars, bikes, high rise apartment, refrigerators, air conditioning machines, washing machines and mobile phone with internet, computer and polymer products and numerous luxury items. And the multinational companies have been supplying demands before the demands are falling in markets. The number of consumers becomes higher and higher day after day, round the clock and reaches village areas leaving cities in their centre part, although the percentage of consuming luxury items have a heaven and hell difference between the consumers of cities and villages. Another 'gift' of human 'civilization', mentioned before, is misuse of pure natural and purified drinking water both from underground water resources and water treatment plants. The water resources like rivers, seas, ponds and lakes are being affected by agricultural activities of using chemical fertilizers, pesticides and polymer and other waste throwing in water bodies. The fertilizers that spread across lawns find its way into water channels where it promotes the growth of plants at the expense of fish.¹⁵ The waste dumped into streams lowers oxygen levels during its decay and cause the die-off of plants and animals.¹⁶ Plastics and various kinds of polymer wastes lastly thrown in water bodies, deposited in rivers and seas, unthinkable enormous quantity of polymer and its micro granules are being intake/consumed by sea animals, destroying their metabolic systems. The scientists says, if this is to be continued, the whole eco-system and bio diversity of sea and water bodies would be destroyed within twenty years. And if this occurs, the eco system and the whole animal world of land would be fallen in the way of decay simultaneously. The whole living planet earth will become a big chunk of stone like other planets of solar family. Some space scientists/astrophysicists believe with logical experiments and thoughts that Venus and Mars both were earth like living planets once upon a time but greed, lust and conflict destroyed the protective layers of the two planets like Ozonosphere of earth (human have been destroying rapidly for their so called modern civilization, only built upon greed, lust and conflict of human) and both the planets became dead chunk of stone only.

Now the big question is what the solution is. None can solve the problem because every creation/invention by human for betterment of life from the prehistoric age to today was and is harmful to nature and environment. The danger and fatality of manmade products have been becoming unthinkable and nonreplicable to anything gives betterment and comfort, without harming nature, life on earth. The wheels of manmade so called civilization and progress would stopped for ever, if human live without these produces. Human have to return back to primitive world's cave and branches of trees like other animals. And human have to understand that hunting gathering is more beautiful instead of living surrounded by luxury items in an apartment-cave of today's city life. However, if the people dependent of luxury

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items can realize the very fact and dangerous result for the whole earth's life, then only the decay of life on earth may be stopped for ever. They do not have to return back to primitive world but at least if they take them back to the lifestyle of 1930s to 1980s that would produces surprising positive result for nature, environment, every animal including human as well as the whole life cycle of the one and only living planet, the green earth.

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