

*On analysing Marlowe's work and the famous quote from Ghandi's preachings it is becoming more and more obvious that people would go to any lengths in their pursuit of "excellence" at the expense of values and morals that have guided human life for centuries now. Discuss the following statement with reference to the 2 extracts using specific examples that demonstrate an element of "derailment" and disorientation of excellence amongst us.*

Every human tries to reach excellence. But what does "excellence" exactly mean? In this society we all try to survive. This way of living, though, reminds me of a jungle simulator. We live just like animals, we hunt down other people, we eat them alive just to promote ourselves. Whereas the poor family of the dead animal tries to survive itself. This is what we call nowadays business. Everyone strives to reach excellence in their job and become the greatest. However, this includes demoting other people without showing any sign of humanity. There are people in this world that they would kill just to become greater and stronger. These are ambitious people that take advantage of other people to achieve their own not always good purposes.

Mahatma Gandhi's great quote about the seven dangers of human virtue just proves what I mentioned earlier. These seven dangers are: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, business without ethics, science without humanity, religion without sacrifice and politics without principles. The seven dangers are connected to our everyday life because we all have experienced some of them. Feature example is science without humanity. Scientists are forced to make nuclear weapons that could destroy half of the planet than try to find cure for cancer. Another example is wealth without work. Unfortunately there is a number of people in this world who don't have to work at all and they are the richest people in this world. Whereas there are people who work endlessly, are really educated and they barely earn their living. Nevertheless, these are examples that come about every day.

The seven dangers of human virtue are connected to Marlowe's story Dr Faustus who sold his soul to the devil so he can achieve immortality and other privileges and values. He thought he could reach "excellence" and

ignore the consequences he brought about. Although he had achieved immortality he started to regret it because he lost some values that they are really important.

In conclusion, what I wanted to point out is that we all try to reach "excellence" whatever we do, no matter what we are (students, doctors, employees, etc). The problem is which way we use to reach this important purpose. If we must kill to become better, then it's preferable not to do it at all. But if we achieve this with the right means, we will become honorable people and there is no need always to win. Effort is the most important value. So if we just try without succeeding then noone will blame us.