

GHANDI'S 7 DANGERS TO HUMAN VIRTUE

- ① WEALTH WITHOUT WORK
- ② PLEASURE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
- ③ KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CHARACTER
- ④ BUSINESS WITHOUT ETHICS
- ⑤ SCIENCE WITHOUT HUMANITY
- ⑥ RELIGION WITHOUT SACRIFICE
- ⑦ POLITICS WITHOUT PRINCIPLE

Seven Social Sins, sometimes called the Seven Blunders of the World, is a list that Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi published in his weekly newspaper *Young India* on October 22, 1925. Later, he gave this same list to his grandson, Arun Gandhi, written on a piece of paper on their final day together shortly before his assassination.

Wealth Without Work

WEALTH
WITHOUT
WORK



This refers to the practice of getting something for nothing - manipulating market, people and things without working hard. Today, there are professions built around making wealth without working, making much money without paying taxes, benefiting from free government programmes without carrying a fair share of the financial burdens, and enjoying the same advantages as hard working individuals.

Pleasure Without Conscience

Pleasure
WITHOUT
CONSCIENCE



The chief query of the immature, greedy, selfish, and sensuous has always been, "What's in it for me? Will this please me? Will it ease me?" Lately many people seem to want these pleasures without conscience or sense of responsibility, even abandoning or utterly neglecting spouses and children in the name of personal pleasure. But independence is not the most mature state of being - it's only a stage on the way to self-fulfillment, the most advanced and mature state. To learn how to give and take, live selflessly, be sensitive and be considerate is a challenge. Otherwise, there is no sense of social responsibility or accountability in our pleasurable activities.

Knowledge Without Character

KNOWLEDGE
WITHOUT
Character

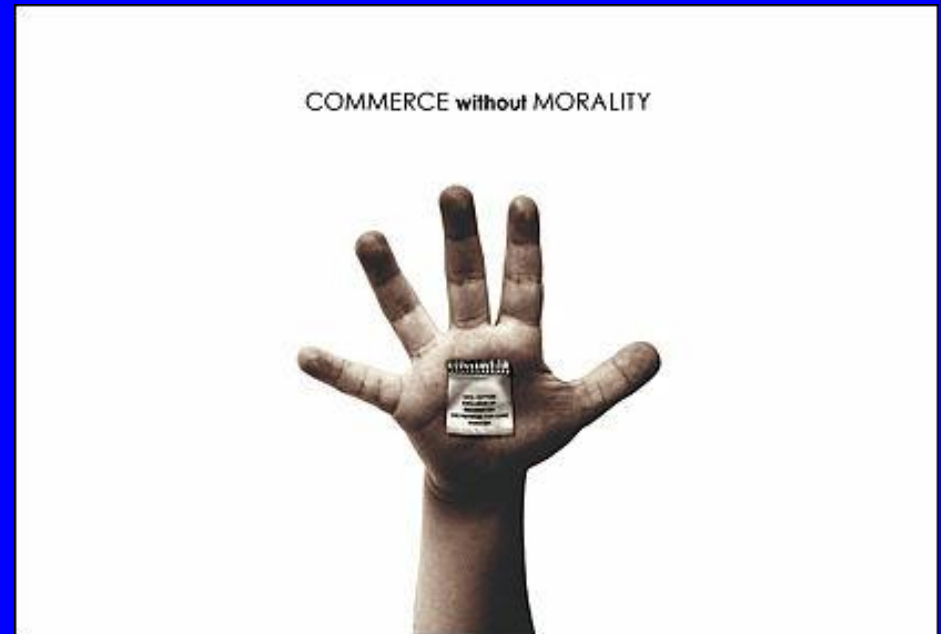
KNOWLEDGE without CHARACTER



As dangerous inadequate knowledge may be, knowledge without a strong, principled character is equally or even more hazardous. Purely intellectual development without commensurate internal character development makes as much sense as putting a high-powered sports car in the hands of a teenager who is high on drugs. Yet, all too often in the academic world, that's exactly what we do by not focusing on the character development of young people.

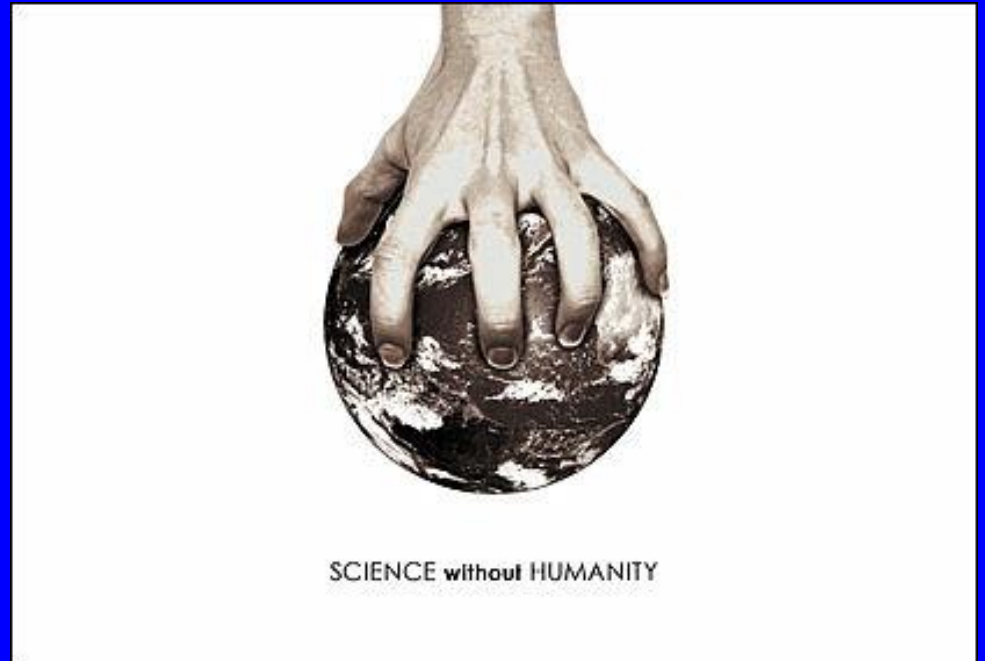
Business Without Ethics

(Commerce Without Morality)



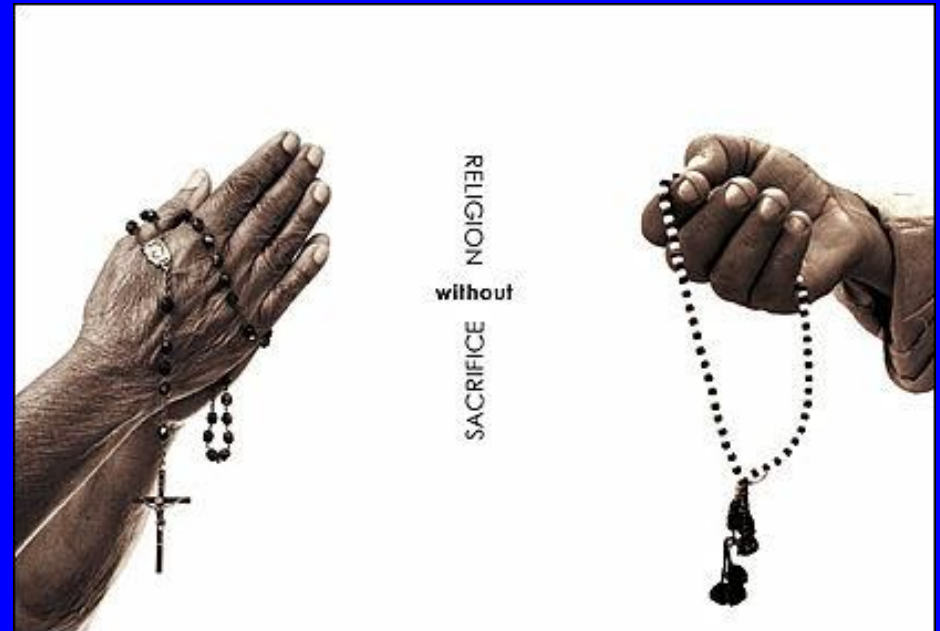
In his book *Moral Sentiment*, which preceded *Wealth of Nations*, Adam Smith explained how foundational to the success of our systems are the moral values: how we treat each other, the spirit of benevolence, service and contribution. If we ignore moral values and allow economic systems to operate without them, we will soon create an amoral, if not immoral, society and business. Economic and political systems should be ultimately based on moral values.

Science Without Humanity



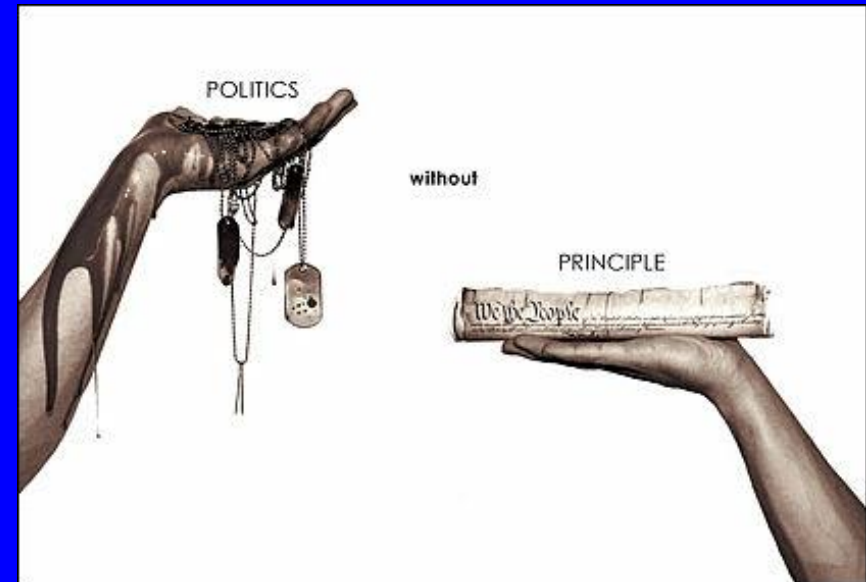
If science focuses mainly on technology, it quickly makes man hostile against humanity. Technologies come from the application of science. And if there's very little understanding of the higher human purposes that technology is striving to serve, we become victims of our own technocracy. We observe highly educated people climbing the scientific ladder of success, even though it's often missing the rung called humanity.

Religion Without Sacrifice



Without sacrifice we may become active in a church but remain inactive in its gospel. In other words, we go after the social facade of religion and the piety of religious practices. There is no co-operation or attempts to deal with our social problems that may eventually undo our economic system. It takes sacrifice to serve the needs of other people - the sacrifice of our own pride and prejudice, among other things.

Politics Without Principle



If there is no principle, there is no true worth, nothing you can depend on. The focus on ethics is the instant creation of an illusion that is successful in the social and economic area.

The End

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