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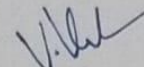
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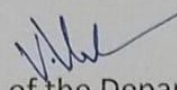
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Values for life - RESPECT

RESPECT STARTS WITH YOU.....

R - RESPONSIBILITY

E - EXCELLENCE

S - SELF CONTROL

P - POLITENESS

E - EMPATHY

C - COOPERATION

T - TRUST



- Respect yourself, then other will respect you.
- Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it.

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DEFINITION:

Respect means to demonstrate high regard for or special attention to something or someone.

Respect is really about what we admire in the world and in people. People tend to admire things that they want.

FOR INSTANCE:

If you respect women, you will treat them with **kindness and love**.

INTRODUCTION:

According to the Oxford English Dictionary(1989)the word “Respect”is derived from the latin respectus, past participle of respicere, to look(back) at, to regard ,to consider. The etymology of respect has moved some way from the original Latin. The modern meaning of the verb ‘to respect’ is ‘to treat or regard with deference ,esteem or honor ;to feel or show respect for’.

The substantive form (noun) is defined as ‘dread or fear, including deferential regard or esteem felt or shown towards a person or thing ,or the condition of the stage of being esteemed or honoured’.



Respect cannot be demanded ,it is an asset that has to be earned from the very childhood .Kids are taught to respect their parents ,elders ,teachers and an unending list of social obligations.

RESPECT -THE CORNER STONE OF DISCIPLINE....

Why is Respect Important?

Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them. Respect in your relationships **builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing**. Respect doesn't have to come naturally – it is something you learn.

Dillon (2003) characterises the responsive relation contained in respect as follows:

Respect is, most generally, a relation between a subject and an object, in which the subject responds to the object from a certain perspective in some appropriate way. Respect necessarily has an object: respect is always for, directed toward, paid, to, felt about, shown for some object. While a very wide variety of things can be appropriate objects of one kind of respect or another, the subject of respect is always a person, that is, a conscious rational being capable of recognizing things, being self-conscious, and intentionally responsive to them, and being and expressing values with regard to them' (Dillon 2003: Part 1.1).

Dillon (2002) identifies the common elements in the respecting relationship between a subject and an object as attention, deference, valuing and appropriate conduct, and summarises the nature of the activity of respect as follows: ...

respect, most generally, has cognitive dimensions (beliefs, acknowledgments, judgments, deliberations, commitments), affective dimensions (emotions, feelings, ways of experiencing things), and conative dimensions (motivations, dispositions to act and forbear from acting). Some forms of respect also have valuation dimensions. On this analysis, then, respect is, most centrally, an attitude, or more broadly (since additional attitudes might be involved in respecting something), respect is a complex 'way-of-being-towards-something. (Dillon 2003: Part 1.1) Dillon goes on to outline different approaches to describing the respectful attitude that a person may adopt towards an object. It may be viewed from the perspective of either the subject or the object. Darwall (1977) gives an account of recognition respect and appraisal-respect as experienced by the subject giving respect.

Recognition-respect is based on assessment of factors external to the subject, whereby the subject weighs up in his deliberations some feature of the object and acts accordingly. The subject may be said to owe respect to the object.

Appraisal-respect is exclusively an attitude of positive appraisal of a person's excellence either as a person or as engaged in some pursuit. It does not call for any action on the part of the subject, nor restrict the subject's range of possible actions. In short, in having appraisal-respect for a person, the subject judges the object to be deserving of or meriting respect because he manifests excellences of character which are deemed worthy of respect. Demonstrations of respect by a subject are not always what they seem. One may display recognition-respect without having respect for the object: for example, one may not respect a judge (as a judge) but behave in an appropriately respectful manner in the judge's courtroom in order to avoid being charged with contempt. Similarly, one may have appraisal-respect for a person because the traits that one respects in the person are useful to some purpose the subject has: such appraisal respect is instrumental rather than categorical, and therefore not genuine appraisal respect. Hudson (1980) distinguishes four kinds of respect arising in response to the object or some property possessed by the object – obstacle, directive, institutional or evaluative respect. The first three types have been associated with Darwall's recognition-respect, and evaluative-respect with his appraisal-respect. Although this nesting is philosophically problematic, it helps to clarify the variety of recognition-respects that may be seen to occur within social relationships.

Obstacle-respect applies to objects that are barriers or blockages in the path of the subject, obstacles in other words, which the subject must somehow overcome in order to achieve his goal or in order to avoid harm to himself irrespective of goals. You can show or have a healthy obstacle-respect for an object, in that its observance should help avoid some harmful consequences. You can also pay obstacle-respect in that you give careful consideration to the object rather than ignoring it, not owing to social conventions but owing to reason.

Directive-respect is given to an object capable of being taken as a guide to action, for example a law or regulation, a request, a command, a wish or piece of advice. As with obstacle-respect, the critical element is the action that the

subject takes: this action, conforming or not conforming with the directive, indicates whether the subject has directive-respect for the object. Objects with properties eliciting directive-respect may demand respect.

Institutional-respect is given to social institutions, offices or positions, to persons or things representing such items, or to persons who fulfil roles defined by such items. It is shown by behaviour conforming to rules of conduct, respectful behaviour. You can show institutional-respect and you can have institutional respect. To have institutional-respect is to believe that the object of respect is a good thing to respect, from the point of view of co-operative living. You may also pay institutional-respect to someone, because institutional-respect often requires deference.

Evaluative-respect is due to a person or to certain characteristics of a person. It involves a favourable attitude towards a person for particular reasons, which may be expressed or unexpressed (just as approval may or may not be expressed). The object of evaluative-respect may command respect, in that he attracts respect, or he may deserve or merit respect through his character or his actions or behaviours. You can show evaluative-respect, but it is of a different order from showing institutional-respect: for example, to show institutional-respect to a judge is to engage in the appropriate prescribed behaviours, but to show evaluative-respect you would not engage in respectful behaviour as such, but in actions such as praising the judge, taking his judgements seriously. Debate concerning the functioning of respect in a social context occurs along a continuum between dignity and character, between seeing the concepts as associated with culture and morality at the one extreme and with emotion and personality at the other. Two Harvard professors have championed the polar opposites.³ Drawing on the work of Kant and Rawls, Charles Fried (1970) proposes a moral framework within which human beings pursue rational actions and ends. He posits a 'general principle of morality', which is applicable to all rational actions and ends that impinge on other people. This abstract general principle underpins more specific principles, including justice and fairness, which in turn 'score', like a musical score, human beings' rational actions and rational ends. By this means, Fried sees order, coherence and consistency introduced to human beings' lives. Respect is central to the action of Fried's 'general principle of morality'. He defines

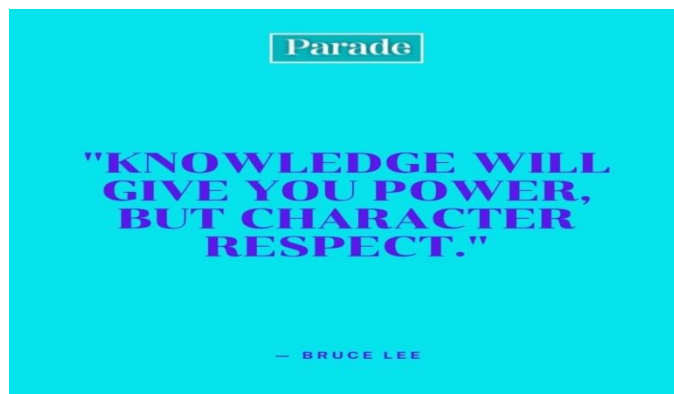
respect as 'the disposition to entertain rational principles in accordance with the principle of morality – that is, rational principles which treat other persons implicated in them as ends rather than means' (Fried 1970: 55). Through the working of the principle of morality, a person can recognise in his dealings with others the personality of the other person, can assume that his own rational ends and actions incorporate and are compatible with the rational ends and actions of those with whom he interacts, and he can treat other persons as ends rather than means. Fried goes on to elaborate how this general principle of morality infuses a person's 'life plan' with its associated 'risk budget', and the way in which the individual, guided by the general principle of morality, and respect for others, will calculate the impact of his actions on society's common 'risk pool'. At the other end of the continuum, Judith Shklar (1984) argues that in liberal democratic societies the pursuit of egalitarianism militates against the functioning of respect as an independent moral concept. She suggests that it is not reasonable to assume that the moral self exists, apart from all social definition, and is therefore deserving of social respect. Rather, the respect that is accorded to the individual self in society tends to be because of the need to regard others as if social standing were a matter of indifference: 'Not all of us are even convinced that all men are even entitled to a certain minimum of social respect. Only some of us think so. But most of us always act as if we really did believe it, and that is what counts' (Shklar 1984: 77). In other words, insofar as respect is socially rather than independently and morally determined, it is hypocritical, but no less useful for being false.

Perspective on respect as an emotion:

Kant gave two concept of respect as an emotion: firstly, respect is the only emotion that has an association with cognition, and secondly, respect is the only emotion that aids as an enticement for morally praiseworthy deed. Kant believed that emotions in respect are a class of feelings which can be positive or negative. Respect as a positive feeling has moral commands which guide us to do virtuous things and as a negative feeling which produces pain and humiliation by doing wrong deeds (Drummond, 2006).

Adolescence is a period manifested by changes in moral thinking and behaviour which gets swayed by emotions (Reed & Ham, 1993). There is a growing pressure among adolescents and in order to deal with these

challenges an enormous kind of emotions occur. Learning to cope with all those emotions entails that adolescents learn to differentiate how and when emotions are efficient from ways in which they can turn out to be negative for development, and have dysfunctional consequences (Larson, Clore and Wood, 1999). Consequently, the present study aims to study the emotions that are associated with respect among adolescents.



Consequences of Respecting :

The following list highlights positive and negative feelings and emotions regularly linked with respect, which may be regarded as the direct consequences of the functioning of respect. Taylor (1985: 175) suggests that there are more negative emotions connected with a person's integrity, and self-respect, than positive emotions, because the self may be thought of as being in a state of equilibrium and this is affected only by something going wrong: it can be upset but not improved

SELF RESPECT:

Self respect is of a very different order from respect insofar as the subject and object are one in the same person. Dillon (2002) describes self respect as something to do with the very structure and attunement of one's life, having at its centre one's sense of one's worth:

Like a sense of humour ,a sense of worth[self respect]is a perceptual capacity, that is ,a capacity to recognise and understand one's worth(and a lot more besides)and a sensitivity to whatever threatens one's worth and to what might enhance ,protect ,and sustain it. A Sense of worth is also a valuing stance .To

have a sense of worth is not simply to recognize that one has worth ,but to regard that fact as mattering a great deal. This makes one's sense of worth motivational: it disposes one's to protect one's worth when it is threatened, to confirm it when necessary, to enhance it where possible, and so on. A person's sense of worth is thus an engaged , concerned appreciation of her worth ,a lived affirmation of it. It is at the same time not so much self-conscious and affectively present as it is a matter of assumption ,construal ,perspective and disposition suffusing one's thinking, feeling, and living .Although in some contexts-as hen one's rights are challenged, degradation threatens ,or circumstances call for taking stock of oneself -one's worth and sense of worth(or lack there of)maybe at the centre of one's thoughts and feelings, in calmer context the sense of worth may operate as unconsciously as one's sense of solidness of the ground: completely taken for granted yet informing every move.

Philosophically ,two kinds of self-respect have been elaborated on -one focusing on the dignity of the person and valuing oneself as a human being, and the other focusing on a character of the person and enjoying a favourable attitude towards oneself.



**Pride:**

Pride (Dillon 2003: Section 4.1) may be associated with recognition self-respect: it may be expressed either through staking a claim to or celebrating one's status as equal to others, or through declining to do something deemed unworthy because it is inconsistent with one's sense of dignity. Pride may also be associated with evaluation self-respect and/or self-esteem: for example, one may take satisfaction or pride in one's achievements, or one may display an excessively high opinion of one's qualities, accomplishments or status. Displays of pride in connection with evaluation self-respect may show one up in a negative light, as arrogant or contemptuous of others.

RESPECTABILITY:

There are two distinct categories of meaning of 'RESPECTABILITY' in modern western society .On the one hand it denotes deserving respect ,or being of acceptable social standing. This category indicates that a person is respected on the basis of his conforming to the socially dominant norms, his possession of socially-approved attributes and behaviours .A person who is deemed respectable in this sense enjoys social acceptance and recognition, legitimacy, affiliations within the wider social group,and competitive advantage ,be it in the social, cultural or economic arenas. Potentially any group may bestow this stamp of respectability on its members-a professional (Macdonald 1989),racial

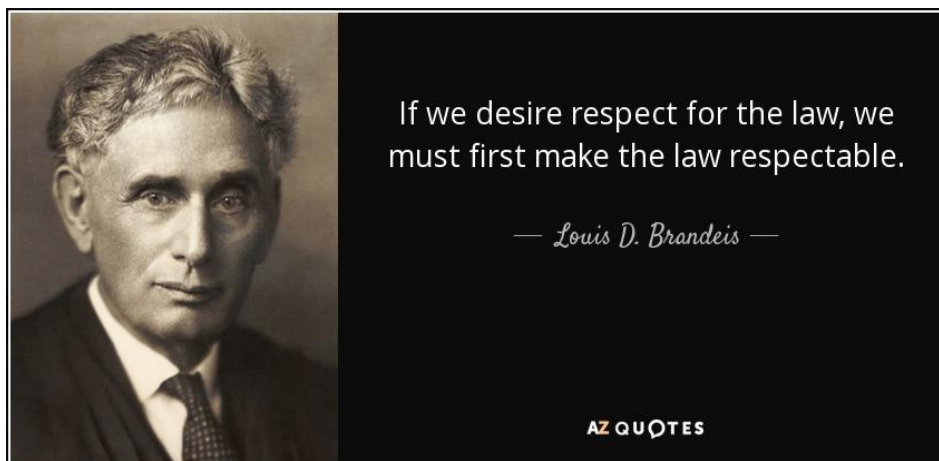
(gross1997)or class based(Waddington 1999)group ,or indeed in a group of illicit drug users(Faupel 1991:25-26)

The second pejorative definition of respectability sees it as relating to something that is primly conventional. A person who is respectable in this sense will tend to follow the prevailing social norms unquestioningly ,be conformist and lack individuality. Robert Louis Stevenson went further, accusing such respectable people of being devoid of moral fibre and craven:"....to do anything because others do it ,and not because the thing is good,or kind ,or honest in its own right ,is to resign all moral control and captaincy upon yourself.....The respectable are not led so much by any desire for applause as by a positive need for countenance.


Here is One Quote.....

“Having the Courage to live within one’s means is **RESPECTABILITY**”.

Respectability in both senses has the properties of being *ad hominem* and negotiable .It is also exclusionary in that people who do not conform with the socially determined requirements are omitted from the ranks of the respectable and ,as a result ,may suffer from a lack of access to resources ,both tangible and intangible(Waddington 1999)



“Respectable Character is developed by consistency in *Self-discipline* and *Self-control*” ...



Unless your government is
respectable, foreigners will
invade your rights; and to
maintain tranquillity, it must be
respectable - even to observe
neutrality, you must have a
strong government.

Alexander Hamilton

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Your tango

**We don't need to
share the same
opinion as others,
but we need to be
respectful.**

TAYLOR SWIFT



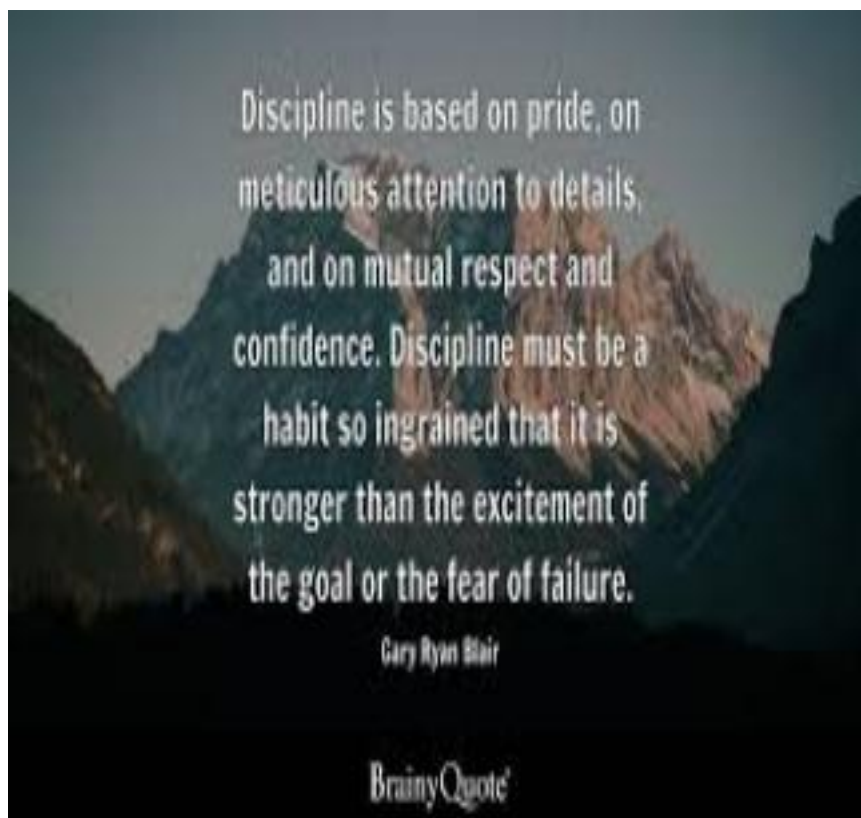
**“If they respect you,
respect them. If they
disrespect you, still
respect them. Do not
allow the actions of
others to decrease
your good manners,
because you
represent yourself,
not others.”**

— Mohammad Zeyara

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CONNECTION BETWEEN RESPECT AND DISCIPLINE:

Respect and Discipline are like 2 sides of the same coin. They are closely linked, when we learn to respect rules and regulations. This respect extends to other people as well. We begin to understand the importance of other people's time, feelings and rights.

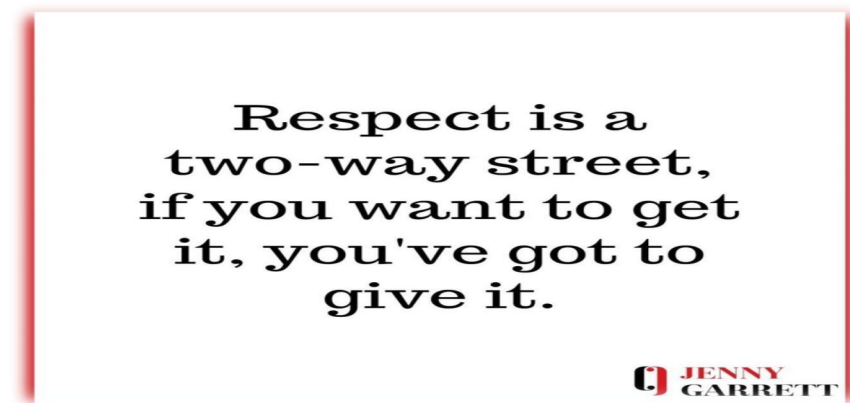


REASON:

The great hold upon people is the desire for respect and admiration by others. Why....

People need friends and to feel loved. If you are constantly rejected by people it hurts.

So we get two kinds of people, Those that reject societal values and stand alone. And those that get into the systematic value's. Those that reject societal values have a very hard time with people and life. Those that get into the system are rewarded. In the end both camps of people are some what unhappy because the trust way to happiness would be to have complete selidarity with values that are grounded in love and kindness.



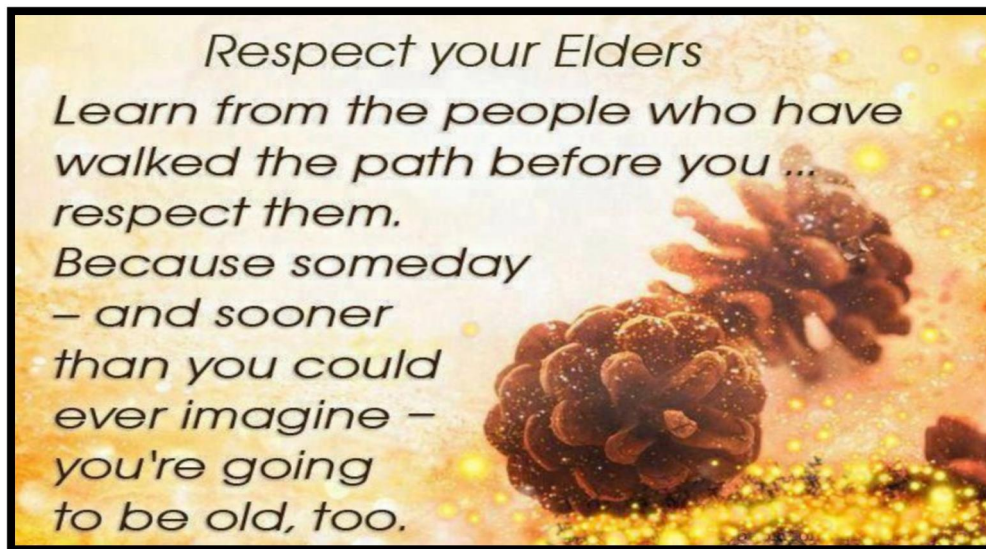
SELF-RESPECT LEADS TO SELF-DISCIPLINE....

IMPORTANT POINTS OF RESPECT:

- 1) Speak to your elders politely.
- 2) When an elder person enters, offer your seat to sit.
- 3) Help your elders when they need or want something.
- 4) Spend quality time with them.
- 5) Someone will respect us only if we respect someone.
- 6) First of all we should respect our parents and teachers.
- 7) Ask them for advice, because they are experienced.

8) Eat together.

Above are some important instances of respect.....



Respecting elders is not just a matter of good manners; it is also a moral obligation. Elders have contributed to society throughout their lives and deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in their oldage. Respecting elders also sets a good example for younger generations, teaching them the value of empathy, compassion and kindness.



By being transparent and honest ,you show your team that you respect them, value their input, and trust them in return....




GIVING ONE EXAMPLE.....

According to research conducted by the World Health Organisation, Japan has one of the longest life expectancies globally, with many elders living beyond 100 years. One reason for this is the respect they receive from younger generations. Elders in Japan are revered and are often consulted for advice and guidance in all areas of life. Their cultural traditions and customs are also preserved and celebrated, fostering a sense of belonging and community. This is a testament to the power of respecting our elders and the positive impact it can have on their well-being.



Traditional Behavior in Japan

- They bow to greet one another and their king.
- They bow to people even when they talk on the phone.
- Old and special people get special greetings.
- The lower you bow the more respect you give.
- Also they will hide their own feelings instead of hurting another's .

A small inset photograph showing an elderly person in a dark kimono and white tabi shoes bowing deeply against a solid red background.

Second example:

In Norway, a program called "OLD FRIENDS" pairs older adults with younger people for regular social activities, such as going for walks or cooking together.

The program had significant success in reducing loneliness and social isolation among older adults and fostering intergenerational connections.

Norwegians tend to have a strong sense of history and civic engagement and on special occasions, many Norwegians wearing traditional clothing. **In Norwegian culture, some of the most important values are tolerance, respect and equality.**



Third example:

To many Westerners and travelers from the U.S., Indian customs may seem very stiff or formal. When it comes to verbal greeting, a simple English “hello” will usually suffice. As a polite gesture, you may want to try greeting someone in the native language of Hindi. Greetings vary between religions: for Hindus, say “namaste,” for Muslims, say “salaam alaykum,” and for Sikhs say “Sat sri akal.”

Many Indian people, especially Hindus, usually press their palms together (“praying style”) in front of their chest and bow.



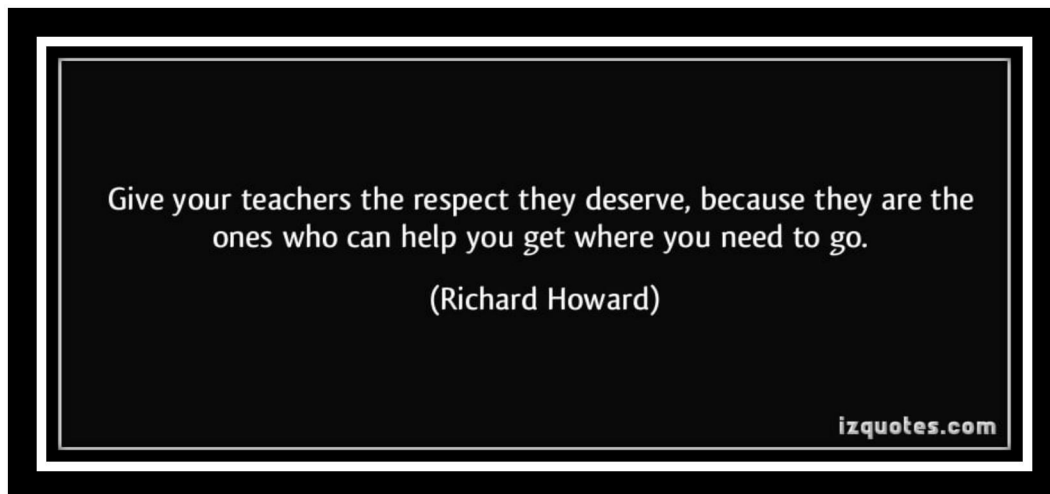
Respect for elders

- Special respect
- 5 forms of traditional welcome
 - Prathuthana – rising to welcome a person
 - Namaskaara – paying homage with palms together
 - Upasangrahan – touching the feet of elders or teachers
 - Shaastaanga – prostrating fully with feet, knees, stomach, forehead & arms touching the ground
 - Pratyabivaadana – returning a greeting

According to study conducted by Chicago, older adults who feel respected are more likely to experience positive emotions and have better mental and physical health.

Lastly, Respecting teachers is vital because they play a important role in the development of emotional intelligence, problem solving, and social skills in students. Teachers serve as role model for their students ,modelling virtues like integrity ,respect, and honesty. Their hardwork will have a major impact on

shaping the future of our world. Respecting and obeying our parents and teachers will make our life a lot less complicated....

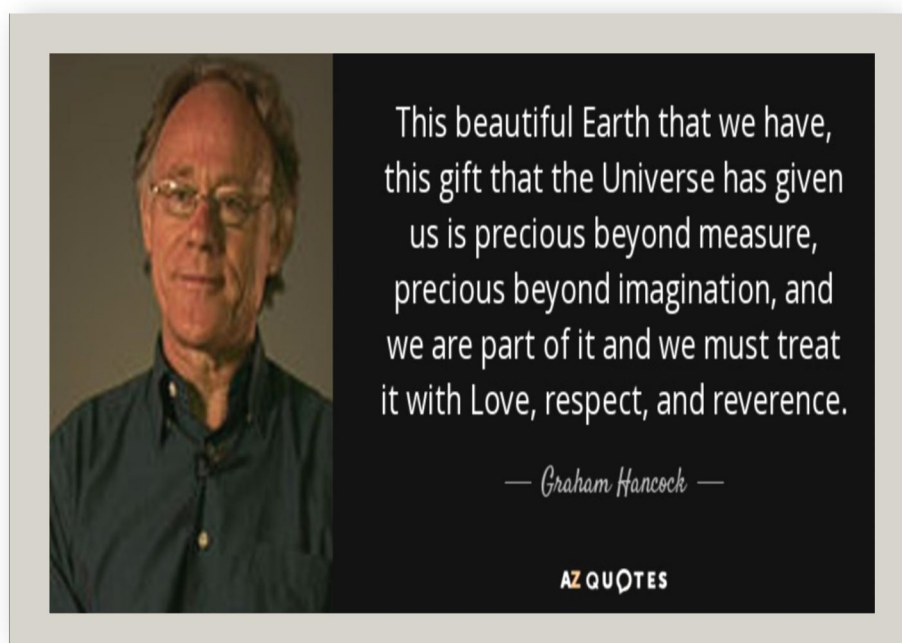


CONCLUSION

Respect is one of the greatest expressions of love. So respect your efforts, respect yourself. Self respect leads to self discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power.

RESPECT IS LIKE A MIRROR....

THE MORE YOU SHOW IT TO OTHER PEOPLE, THE MORE IT WILL REFLECT BACK ON YOU.....






Seek respect, not
attention. It lasts
longer.



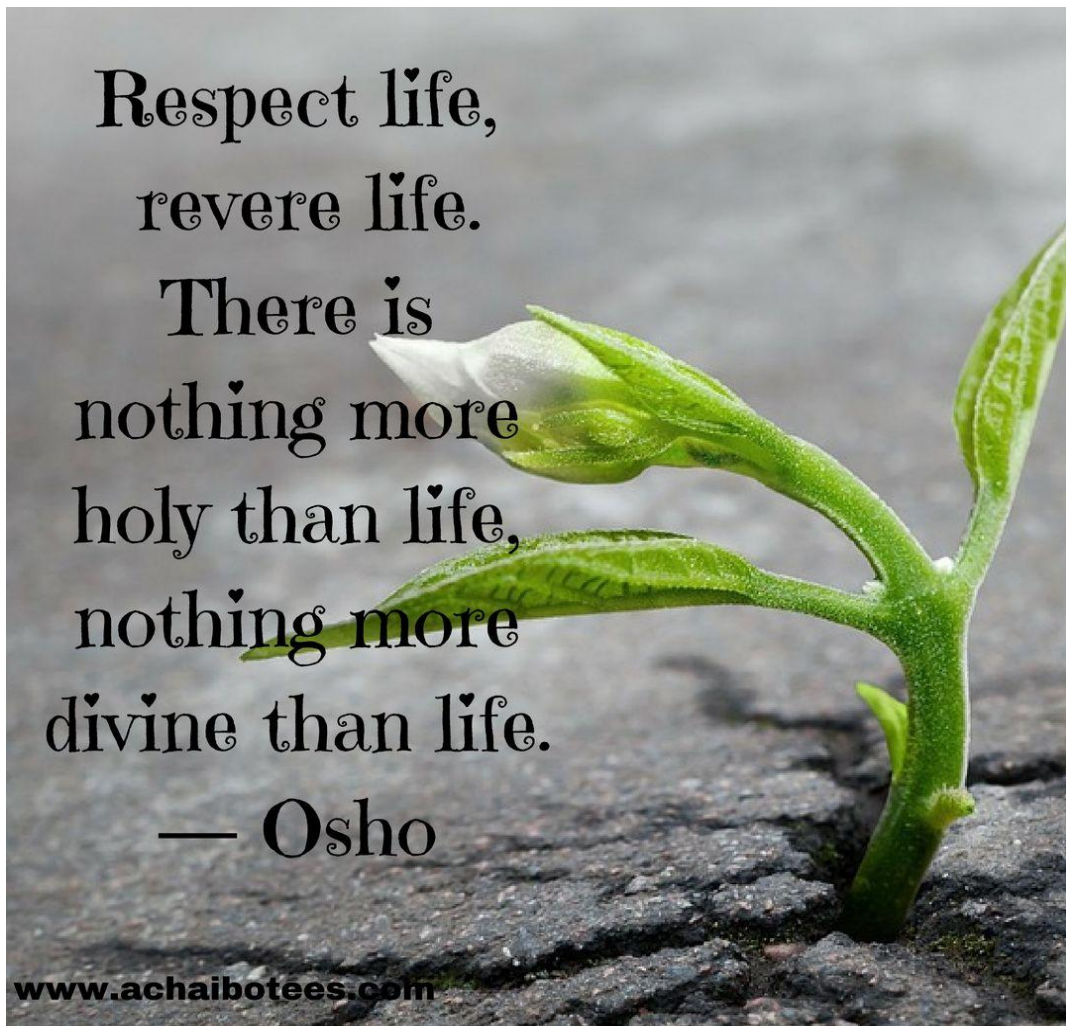
**Respect is an invention
of people who want to
cover up the empty place
where love should be.**

Leo Tolstoy

EVERYDAY POWER



If you want to be
successful in life,
respect one rule:
never lie to yourself.
Paulo Coelho



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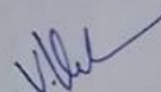
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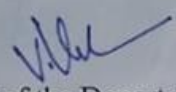
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LOVE



Love encompasses a range of strong and positive emotional and mental states, from the most sublime virtue or good habit, the deepest interpersonal affection, to the simplest pleasure. An example of this range of meanings is that the love of a mother differs from the love of a spouse, which differs from the love of food. Most commonly, love refers to a feeling of strong attraction and emotional attachment

Love is considered to be both positive and negative, with its virtue representing human kindness, compassion, and affection—"the unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another"—and its vice representing a human moral flaw akin to vanity, selfishness, amour-propre, and egotism, potentially leading people into a type of mania, obsessiveness, or codependency. It may also describe compassionate and affectionate actions towards other humans, oneself, or animals. In its various forms, love acts as a major facilitator of interpersonal relationships and, owing to its central psychological importance, is one of the most common themes in the creative arts. Love has been postulated to be a function that keeps human beings together against menaces and to facilitate the continuation of the species



The colour wheel theory of love defines three primary, three secondary, and nine tertiary love styles, describing them in terms of the traditional colour wheel. The triangular theory of love suggests intimacy, passion, and

commitment are core components of love. Love has additional religious or spiritual meaning. This diversity of uses and meanings, combined with the complexity of the feelings involved, makes love unusually difficult to consistently define, compared to other emotional states.



DEFINITION OF LOVE:

A strong feeling that you have when you like somebody/ something very much love is a universal emotion that transcends cultures and languages, and is one of the most fundamental aspects of human experience. Love is also an intense feeling of affection and connection towards another person or entity, which manifest in many different forms and contexts.



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MERITS OF LOVE:

- ❖ Love with your work = Success
- ❖ Love with your Brothers And sisters = best person ever lived Sisters
- ❖ love with your family = A royal person
- ❖ Love with your grandparents = service oriented
- ❖ Love with your enemy = danger to life of self and others be ready to sacrifice
- ❖ Love with god = divine person



- ❖ Love with ghost = blood drinking water
- ❖ Love with human = normal

DEMERITS OF LOVE:

- ❖ You might settle for less than what you deserve.
- ❖ You won't achieve true intimacy.
- ❖ It damages your self esteem.
- ❖ You will morph into someone else and lose your self.
- ❖ You will become a people pleaser.
- ❖ Defining yourself worth by others leads to negative self judgement.
- ❖ An individual's love can cause broken hearts, vulnerability, and loss of ambition.
- ❖ While one image argues that love is superior and devoted to honor others, the second image suggests that love has its poisonous and misused towards others.

What is special about love :

Love makes you feel as if you can do anything. Your approach on life is brighter and happier. You have courage to do things you didn't think you were able to do. Being in love makes you feel inspired.

IMPERSONAL :

People can have a profound dedication and immense appreciation for an object, principle, or objective, thereby experiencing a sense of love towards it. For example, compassionate outreach and volunteer workers' "love" of their cause may sometimes be born

not of interpersonal love but impersonal love, altruism, and strong spiritual or political convictions People can also “love” material objects, animals, or activities if they invest themselves in bonding or otherwise identifying with those things. If sexual passion is also involved, then this feeling is called paraphilia.



Interpersonal :

Interpersonal love refers to love between human beings. It is a much more potent sentiment than liking a person. Unrequited love refers to feelings of love that are not reciprocated. Interpersonal love is most closely associated with interpersonal relationships. Such love might exist between family members, friends, and couples. There are several psychological disorders related to love, such as erotomania.

Throughout history, philosophy and religion have speculated about the phenomenon of love. In the 20th century, the science of psychology has studied the subject. The sciences of anthropology, neuroscience, and biology have also added to the understanding of the concept of love.

Cultural views

Ancient Greek :

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**Roman copy of a Greek sculpture by
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Agape (ἀγάπη agápē) :

Love in modern-day Greek. The term s'agapo means I love you in Greek. The word agapo is the verb I love. It generally refers to a “pure,” ideal type of love, rather than the physical attraction suggested by eros. However, there are some examples of agape used to mean the same as eros. It has also been translated as “love of the soul.”

Eros (ἔρως érōs) :

(from the Greek deity Eros) is passionate love, with sensual desire and longing. The Greek word erota means in love. Plato refined his own definition. Although eros is initially felt for a person, with contemplation it becomes an appreciation of the beauty within that person, or even becomes appreciation of beauty itself. Eros helps the soul recall knowledge of beauty and contributes to an understanding of spiritual truth. Lovers and philosophers are all inspired to seek truth by eros. Some translations list it as “love of the body”.

Philia (φιλία philía) :

Dispassionate virtuous love, was a concept addressed and developed by Aristotle in his Nicomachean Ethics Book VIII. It includes loyalty to friends, family, and community, and requires virtue, equality, and familiarity. Philia is motivated by practical reasons; one or both of the parties benefit from the relationship. It can also mean “love of the mind.”

Storge (στοργή storgē) :

Natural affection, like that felt by parents for offspring

Xenia (ξενία xenía)

Hospitality, was an extremely important practice in ancient Greece. It was an almost ritualized friendship formed between a host and his guest, who could previously have been strangers. The host fed and provided quarters for the guest, who was expected to repay only with gratitude. The importance of this can be seen throughout Greek mythology—in particular, Homer’s Iliad and Odyssey.

Ancient Roman (Latin) :

The Latin language has several verbs corresponding to the English word “love.” Amō is the basic verb meaning I love, with the infinitive amare (“to love”) as it still is in Italian today. The Romans used it both in an affectionate sense as well as in a romantic or sexual sense. From this verb come amans—a lover, amator, “professional lover,” often with the accessory notion of lechery—and amica, “girlfriend” in the English sense, often being applied euphemistically to a prostitute. The corresponding noun is amor (the significance of this term for the Romans is well illustrated in the fact, that the name of the city, Rome—in Latin: Roma—can be viewed as an anagram for amor, which was used as the secret name of the City in wide circles in ancient times),[34] which is also used in the plural form to indicate love affairs or sexual adventures. This same root also produces amicus—“friend”—and amicitia, “friendship” (often based to mutual advantage, and corresponding sometimes more closely to “indebtedness” or “influence”). Cicero wrote a treatise called On Friendship (de Amicitia), which discusses the notion at some length. Ovid wrote a guide to dating called Ars Amatoria (The Art of Love), which addresses, in depth, everything from extramarital affairs to overprotective parents.

Latin sometimes uses *amāre* where English would simply say to like. This notion, however, is much more generally expressed in Latin by the terms *placere* or *delectāre*, which are used more colloquially, the latter used frequently in the love poetry of Catullus. *Diligere* often implies “to be affectionate for,” “to esteem,” and rarely if ever is used for romantic love. This word would be appropriate to describe the friendship of two men. The corresponding noun *diligentia*, however, has the meaning of “diligence” or “carefulness,” and has little semantic overlap with the verb. *Observare* is a synonym for *diligere*; despite the cognate with English, this verb and its corresponding noun, *observantia*, often denote “esteem” or “affection.” *Caritas* is used in Latin translations of the Christian Bible to mean “charitable love”; this meaning, however, is not found in Classical pagan Roman literature. As it arises from a conflation with a Greek word, there is no corresponding verb.

Chinese and other Sinic :

愛 (Mandarin: ài), the traditional Chinese

character for love contains a heart (心) in the middle.



Two philosophical underpinnings of love exist in the Chinese tradition, one from Confucianism which emphasized actions and duty while the other came from Mohism which championed a universal love. A core concept to Confucianism is 仁 (Ren, “benevolent love”), which focuses on duty, action, and attitude in a relationship rather than love itself. In Confucianism, one displays benevolent love by performing actions such as

filial piety from children, kindness from parents, loyalty to the king and so forth.

The concept of 愛 (Mandarin: ài) was developed by the Chinese philosopher Mozi in the 4th century BCE in reaction to Confucianism's benevolent love. Mozi tried to replace what he considered to be the long-entrenched Chinese over-attachment to family and clan structures with the concept of "universal love" (兼愛, jiān'ài). In this, he argued directly against Confucians who believed that it was natural and correct for people to care about different people in different degrees. Mozi, by contrast, believed people in principle should care for all people equally. Mohism stressed that rather than adopting different attitudes towards different people, love should be unconditional and offered to everyone without regard to reciprocation; not just to friends, family, and other Confucian relations. Later in Chinese Buddhism, the term Ai (愛) was adopted to refer to a passionate, caring love and was considered a fundamental desire. In Buddhism, Ai was seen as capable of being either selfish or selfless, the latter being a key element towards enlightenment.

In Mandarin Chinese, 愛 (ài) is often used as the equivalent of the Western concept of love. 愛 (ài) is used as both a verb (e.g. 我愛你, Wǒ ài nǐ, or "I love you") and a noun (such as 愛情 àiqíng, or "romantic love"). However, due to the influence of Confucian 仁 (rén), the phrase 我愛你 (Wǒ ài nǐ, I love you) carries with it a very specific sense of responsibility, commitment, and loyalty. Instead of frequently saying "I love you" as in some Western societies, the Chinese are more likely to express feelings of affection in a more casual way. Consequently, "I like you" (我喜歡你, Wǒ xǐhuan nǐ) is a more common way of expressing affection in Mandarin; it is more playful and less serious.[35] This is also true in Japanese (suki da, 好きだ).

Japanese :

The Japanese language uses three words to convey the English equivalent of “love”. Because “love” covers a wide range of emotions and behavioral phenomena, there are nuances distinguishing the three terms. The term ai (愛), which is often associated with maternal love or selfless love, originally referred to beauty and was often used in a religious context. Following the Meiji Restoration of 1868, the term became associated with “love” in order to translate Western literature.

Prior to Western influence, the term koi (恋 or 孤悲) generally represented romantic love, and was often the subject of the popular Man'yōshū Japanese poetry collection. Koi describes a longing for a member of the opposite sex and is typically interpreted as selfish and wanting.[37] The term's origins come from the concept of lonely solitude as a result of separation from a loved one. Though modern usage of koi focuses on sexual love and infatuation, the Manyō used the term to cover a wider range of situations, including tenderness, benevolence, and material desire. The third term, ren'ai (恋愛), is a more modern construction that combines the kanji characters for both ai and koi, though its usage more closely resembles that of koi in the form of romantic love. Amae (甘え), referring to the desire to be loved and cared for by an authority figure, is another important aspect of Japan's cultural perspective on love, and has been analysed in detail in Takeo Doi's *The Anatomy of Dependence*.

Indian :

The love stories of the Hindu deities Krishna and Radha have influenced the Indian culture and arts. Above: Radha Madhavam by Raja Ravi Varma.

In contemporary literature, the Sanskrit words for love is sneha. Other terms include priya which refers to innocent love, prema refers to spiritual love, and kama refers usually to sexual desire. However, the term also refers to any sensory enjoyment, emotional attraction and aesthetic pleasure such as from arts, dance, music, painting, sculpture and nature.

The concept of kama is found in some of the earliest known verses in Vedas. For example, Book 10 of Rig Veda describes the creation of the universe from nothing by the great heat. In hymn 129, it states:

कामस्तदग्रे समवर्तताधि मनसो रेतःपरथमं यदासीत् ।
सतो बन्धुमसति निरविन्दन हर्दिं परतीष्याकवयो मनीषा ॥[41]



Thereafter rose Desire in the beginning, Desire the primal seed and germ of Spirit,

Sages who searched with their heart's thought discovered the existent's kinship in the non-existent.

— Rig Veda, ~ 15th century BCE

Religious views :

Judaism :

Robert Indiana's 1977

Love sculpture spelling ahava.



In Hebrew, (אהבה) ahava) is the most commonly used term for both interpersonal love and love between God and God's creations. Chesed, often translated as loving-kindness, is used to describe many forms of love between human beings.

The commandment to love other people is given in the Torah, which states, "Love your neighbor like yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). The Torah's commandment to love God "with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might" (Deuteronomy 6:5) is taken by the Mishnah (a central text of the Jewish oral law) to refer to good deeds, willingness to sacrifice one's life rather than commit certain serious transgressions, willingness to sacrifice all of one's possessions, and being grateful to the Lord despite adversity (tractate Berachoth 9:5). Rabbinic literature differs as to how this love can be developed, e.g., by contemplating divine deeds or witnessing the marvels of nature.

As for love between marital partners, this is deemed an essential ingredient to life: "See life with the wife you love" (Ecclesiastes 9:9). Rabbi David Wolpe writes that "love is not only about the feelings of the lover... It is when one person believes in another person and shows it." He further states that "love... is a feeling that expresses itself in action.

What we really feel is reflected in what we do.” The biblical book Song of Solomon is considered a romantically phrased metaphor of love between God and his people, but in its plain reading it reads like a love song.

The 20th-century rabbi Eliyahu Eliezer Dessler is frequently quoted as defining love from the Jewish point of view as “giving without expecting to take”.

Christianity :



Love and the One-way Street

The Christian understanding is that love comes from God, who is himself love (1 John 4:8). The love of man and woman—eros in Greek—and the unselfish love of others (agape), are often contrasted as “descending” and “ascending” love, respectively, but are ultimately the same thing.

There are several Greek words for “love” that are regularly referred to in Christian circles.

Agape :

In the New Testament, agapē is charitable, selfless, altruistic, and unconditional. It is parental love, seen as creating goodness in the world;

it is the way God is seen to love humanity, and it is seen as the kind of love that Christians aspire to have for one another.

Phileo :

Also used in the New Testament, phileo is a human response to something that is found to be delightful. Also known as “brotherly love.”

Two other words for love in the Greek language, eros (sexual love) and storge (child-to-parent love), were never used in the New Testament.

Christians believe that to love God with all your heart, mind, and strength and love your neighbor as yourself are the two most important things in life (the greatest commandment of the Jewish Torah, according to Jesus; cf. Gospel of Mark 12:28–34). Saint Augustine summarized this when he wrote “Love God, and do as thou wilt.”

The Apostle Paul glorified love as the most Important virtue of all. Describing love in the famous poetic interpretation in 1 Corinthians, he wrote, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.” (1 Corinthians 13:4–7)

The Apostle John wrote, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:16–17) John also wrote, “Dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:7–8)

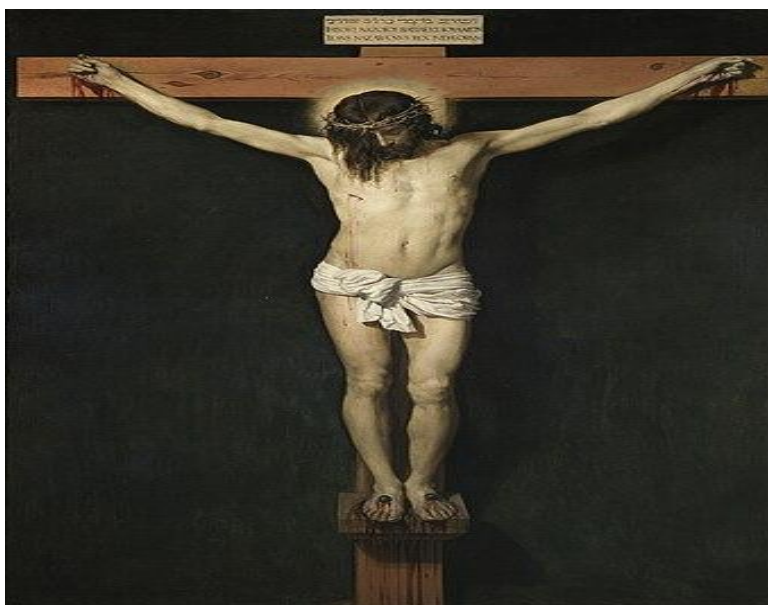
Saint Augustine wrote that one must be able to decipher the difference between love and lust. Lust, according to Saint Augustine, is an overindulgence, but to love and be loved is what he has sought for his

entire life. He even says, “I was in love with love.”[citation needed] Finally, he does fall in love and is loved back, by God. Saint Augustine says the only one who can love you truly and fully is God, because love with a human only allows for flaws such as

“jealousy, suspicion, fear, anger, and contention.”: III.1 According to Saint Augustine, to love God is “to attain the peace which is yours.”

Augustine regards the duplex commandment of love in Matthew 22 as the heart of Christian faith and the interpretation of the Bible. After the review of Christian doctrine, Augustine treats the problem of love in terms of use and enjoyment until the end of Book I of *De Doctrina Christiana* (1.22.21–1.40.44).

Christian theologians see God as the source of love, which is mirrored in humans and their own loving relationships. Influential Christian theologian C. S. Lewis wrote a book called *The Four Loves*. Benedict XVI named his first encyclical *God is love*. He said that a human being, created in the image of God, who is love, is able to practice love; to give himself to God and others (agape) and by receiving and experiencing God’s love in contemplation (eros). This life of love, according to him, is the life of the saints such as Teresa of Calcutta and Mary, the mother of Jesus and is the direction Christians take when they believe that God loves them.



Pope Francis: the "Cross ([Jesus crucified](#)) is the greatest meaning of the greatest love,"

Pope Francis asserts that the "Cross (Jesus crucified) is the greatest meaning of the greatest love," and in the crucifixion is found everything, all knowledge and the entirety of God's love. Pope Francis taught that "True love is both loving and letting oneself be loved... what is important in love is not our loving, but allowing ourselves to be loved by God." And so, in the analysis of a Catholic theologian, for Pope Francis, "the key to love... is not our activity. It is the activity of the greatest, and the source, of all the powers in the universe: God's."

In Christianity the practical definition of love is summarized by Thomas Aquinas, who defined love as "to will the good of another," or to desire for another to succeed. This is an explanation of the Christian need to love others, including their enemies. Thomas Aquinas explains that Christian love is motivated by the need to see others succeed in life, to be good people.

Regarding love for enemies, Jesus is quoted in the Gospel of Matthew:

You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

— Matthew 5:43–48

Tertullian wrote regarding love for enemies: "Our individual, extraordinary, and perfect goodness consists in loving our enemies. To love one's friends is common practice, to love one's enemies only among Christians

Islam :



In Islam, one of the 99 names of God is *Al-Wadūd*, which means "The Loving"

Love encompasses the Islamic view of life as universal brotherhood that applies to all who hold faith. Among the 99 names of God (Allah) is the name Al-Wadud, or "the Loving One," which is found in Surah 11:90 and 85:14. God is also referenced at the beginning of every chapter in the Qur'an as Ar-Rahman and Ar-Rahim, or the "Most Compassionate" and the "Most Merciful", indicating that nobody is more loving, compassionate, and benevolent than God. The Qur'an refers to God as being "full of loving kindness."

The Qur'an exhorts Muslim believers to treat all people, those who have not persecuted them[clarification needed], with birr or "deep kindness" as stated in Surah 6:8-9. Birr is also used by the Qur'an to describe the love and kindness that children must show to their parents.

Ishq, or divine love, is emphasized by Sufism in the Islamic tradition. Practitioners of Sufism believe that love is a projection of the essence of God into the universe. God desires to recognize beauty, and as if one looks at a mirror to see oneself, God "looks" at himself within the dynamics of nature. Since everything is a reflection of God, the school of

Sufism practices seeing the beauty inside the apparently ugly. Sufism is often referred to as the religion of love.[54] God in Sufism is referred to in three main terms—Lover, Loved, and Beloved—with the last of these terms often seen in Sufi poetry.

A common viewpoint of Sufism is that through love, humankind can return to its inherent purity and grace. The saints of Sufism are infamous for being "drunk" due to their love of God; hence, the constant reference to wine in Sufi poetry and music.

Bahá'í Faith :

In his Paris Talks, `Abdu'l-Bahá described four types of love: the love that flows from God to human beings; the love that flows from human beings to God; the love of God towards the Self or Identity of God; and the love of human beings for human beings.

Dharmic

Buddhism :

In Buddhism, kāma is sensuous, sexual love. It is an obstacle on the path to enlightenment, since it is selfish. Karuṇā is compassion and mercy, which reduces the suffering of others. It is complementary to wisdom and is necessary for enlightenment. Adveṣa and mettā are benevolent love. This love is unconditional and requires considerable self-acceptance. This is quite different from ordinary love, which is usually about attachment and sex and which rarely occurs without self-interest. Instead, in Buddhism love refers to detachment and unselfish interest in others' welfare.

The Bodhisattva ideal in Mahayana Buddhism involves the complete renunciation of oneself in order to take on the burden of a suffering world.



Hinduism :

Kama (left) with Rati on a temple wall of Chennakesava Temple, Belur

In Hinduism, kāma is pleasurable, sexual love, personified by the god Kamadeva. For many Hindu schools, it is the third end (Kama) in life. Kamadeva is often pictured holding a bow of sugar cane and an arrow of flowers; he may ride upon a great parrot.[relevant?] He is usually accompanied by his consort Rati and his companion Vasanta, lord of the spring season.[relevant?]

Stone images of Kamadeva and Rati can be seen on the door of the Chennakeshava Temple, Belur, in Karnataka, India.[relevant?] Maara is another name for kāma.[citation needed]

In contrast to kāma, prema—or premefers to elevated love. Karuṇā is compassion and mercy, which impels one to help reduce the suffering of others. Bhakti is a Sanskrit term meaning “loving devotion to the supreme God.” A person who practices bhakti is called a bhakta. Hindu writers, theologians, and philosophers have distinguished nine forms of bhakti, which can be found in the Bhagavata Purana and works by Tulsidas.

The philosophical work Narada Bhakti Sutra, written by an unknown author (presumed to be Narada), distinguishes eleven forms of love.

In certain Vaishnava sects within Hinduism, attaining unadulterated, unconditional, and incessant love for the Godhead is considered the foremost goal of life. Gaudiya Vaishnavas who worship Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead and the cause of all causes consider Love for Godhead (Prema) to act in two ways: sambhoga and vipralambha (union and separation)—two opposites.

In the condition of separation, there is an acute yearning for being with the beloved and in the condition of union, there is supreme happiness and nectarean[clarification needed]. Gaudiya Vaishnavas consider that Krishna-prema (Love for Godhead) burns away one’s material desires, pierces the heart, and washes away everything—one’s pride, one’s religious rules, and one’s shyness. Krishna-prema is considered to make one drown in the ocean of transcendental ecstasy and pleasure. The love of Radha, a cowherd girl, for Krishna is often cited as the supreme example of love for Godhead by Gaudiya Vaishnavas. Radha is considered to be the internal potency of Krishna, and is the supreme lover of

Godhead. Her example of love is considered to be beyond the understanding of material realm as it surpasses any form of selfish love or lust that is visible in the material world. The reciprocal love between Radha (the supreme lover) and Krishna (God as the Supremely Loved) is the subject of many poetic compositions in India such as the Gita Govinda of Jayadeva and Hari Bhakti Shuddhodhaya.

In the Bhakti tradition within Hinduism, it is believed that execution of devotional service to God leads to the development of Love for God (taiche bhakti-phale krsne prema upajaya), and as love for God increases in the heart, the more one becomes free from material contamination (krishna-prema asvada haile, bhava nasa paya). Being perfectly in love with God or Krishna makes one perfectly free from material contamination, and this is the ultimate way of salvation or liberation. In this tradition, salvation or liberation is considered inferior to love, and just an incidental by-product. Being absorbed in Love for God is considered to be the perfection of life.

Political views

Free love :

Main article: Free love

The term “free love” has been used to describe a social movement that rejects marriage, which is seen as a form of social bondage. The free love movement’s initial goal was to separate the state from sexual matters such as marriage, birth control, and adultery. It claimed that such issues were the concern of the people involved, and no one else.

Many people in the early 19th century believed that marriage was an important aspect of life to “fulfill earthly human happiness.” Middle-class Americans wanted the home to be a place of stability in an uncertain world. This mentality created a vision of strongly defined gender roles, which provoked the advancement of the free love movement as a contrast.

Advocates of free love had two strong beliefs: opposition to the idea of forceful sexual activity in a relationship and advocacy for a woman to use her body in any way that she pleases. These are also beliefs of feminism.

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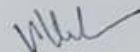
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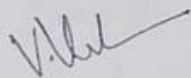
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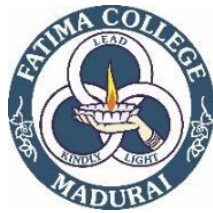
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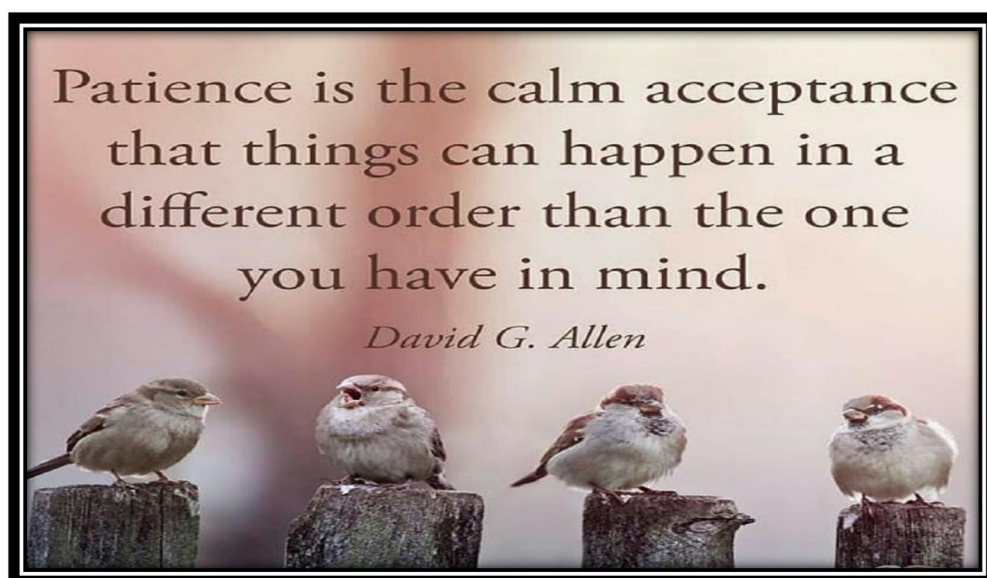
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INTRODUCTION:

Patience is a virtue, and there's a reason – it's a tough skill to master. Imagine, for instance, that you're waiting for someone to finish compiling a report that you need for a meeting. You're already late, you can feel your body getting tense, and you're starting to get angry. Suddenly, you lose your temper and yell at the person for putting you behind schedule. You can tell that they're shocked and upset by your outburst, but you can't help it.

We likely all lose our patience occasionally. But doing so frequently or inappropriately can harm your reputation, damage your relationships, increase stress, or escalate a difficult situation.

In this article, we explore different kinds of patience and how they apply in the workplace. We also examine the strategies that you can use to develop and nurture this essential quality.



WHAT IS PATIENCE?

Patience is the ability to stay calm while you're waiting for an outcome that you need or want. According to research by psychologist Sarah Schnitker, it comes in three main varieties: interpersonal patience, life hardship patience, and daily hassles patience. Let's look at these in more detail:

1. Interpersonal Patience:

Interpersonal patience is patience with other people, their demands and their failings. You may consider some people to be slow learners, hard to understand, or even downright unreasonable. Or, they may have bad habits that drive you crazy. But losing your patience with them will be of no benefit, and it may make matters worse. Patience and understanding toward others is essential when you're onboarding new staff, or when you're delegating tasks. It's also a huge help in dealing with difficult co-workers or managers, and it's central to high-quality customer service. This type of patience is active. Listening skills and empathy are vital, and, when you're dealing with difficult people, you need the self-awareness and emotional intelligence to understand how your words and actions affect the situation.

2. Life Hardship Patience:

We could use the term perseverance to sum up life hardship patience. It can mean having the patience to overcome a serious setback in life, like waiting long term for the outcome of a lawsuit, or for medical treatment. But it can also include your ability to work toward a long-term goal – whether it's professional, such as a promotion, or personal. You also need patience to get through those dull but unavoidable day-to-day tasks that don't necessarily contribute to your personal goals. The ability to maintain self-discipline, and give a job – no matter how mundane – the attention to detail it needs, is a hallmark of patience.

The Benefits and Risks of Patience Whatever the obstacle you

have to overcome, it will likely require determination and focus to achieve. And you will need to keep your emotions under control throughout the journey. These emotions can range from eagerness to get it done, to anger at the frustrations you encounter along the way – which can cause you to become demotivated.

3. Daily Hassles Patience:

Sometimes you need patience to deal with circumstances that are beyond your control. These are your "life hassles." Something as trivial as getting stuck in a traffic line, for instance, or waiting for a computer program to load. In general, being patient means that you're more likely viewed positively by your co-workers and managers (and your family and friends). You'll likely be a better team worker, and more focused and productive.

If you're often impatient, people may see you as arrogant, insensitive and impulsive. Co- workers may think that you're a poor decision maker, because you make snap judgments or interrupt people. If you get a reputation for having poor people skills and a bad temper, others may even deliberately avoid working with you. As a result, not surprisingly, impatient people will unlikely be top of the list for promotion.



Of course, being patient doesn't mean you should be a "pushover." Far from it. Sometimes it's OK to show your displeasure when people keep you waiting unnecessarily. So, ensure that you establish strong boundaries. But, be sure that you're polite and assertive, never angry and aggressive.

Understanding Impatience:

Impatience has its roots in frustration. It's a feeling of rising stress that starts when you feel that your needs and wishes are being ignored. In a modern environment where we're accustomed to instant communication and immediate access to data, it's a growing problem. But recognizing the warning signs can help you to prevent impatience from taking hold.

Impatience Symptoms:

Impatience has a range of symptoms. Physical signs can include shallow, fast breathing, muscle tension, and hand clenching. Or you may find yourself restlessly jiggling your feet.

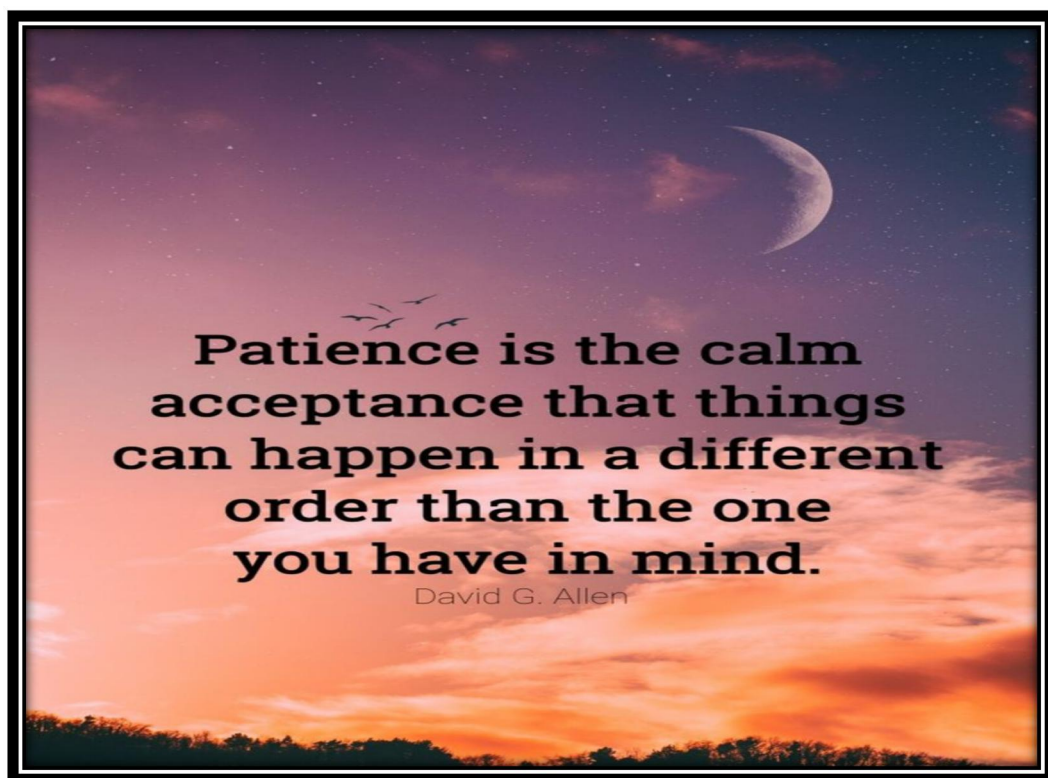
There may be changes in your mood and thoughts, too. You may become irritable, angry, or experience anxiety or nervousness. Rushing to do things and making snap decisions – the symptoms of hurry sickness – are clear signs that your impatience is gaining the upper hand.

Impatience Triggers:

If you experience these feelings and symptoms, try to identify what has caused them. Many of us have "triggers" for impatience. These could be specific people, words or situations.

Make a list of things that cause you to become impatient. If you're having trouble identifying your triggers, stop and think about the last time you felt this way.

If you're not sure, ask your co-workers (or your friends and family) about your impatience. Chances are, they know what gets you "wound up." The 5 Whys technique can also aid you in identifying the root cause of an issue. Try keeping a journal to record when you start to feel impatient. Write down the details of the situation, and why you're getting frustrated. This can help you to examine your actions and to understand why you respond in this way. You won't always be able to avoid the triggers that make you impatient. But you can learn to manage your **reactions** to them.



Managing the Symptoms of Impatience:

When you feel impatient, it's important to get out of this damaging frame of mind as quickly as possible. Try to develop strategies to deal with your impatience as you notice it.

Managing Physical Symptoms:

Take deep, slow breaths, and count to 10. Doing this will slow your heart rate, relax your body, and distance you emotionally from the situation. Sometimes you might need a longer count, or to repeat the process several times. Impatience can cause you to tense your muscles involuntarily. So, consciously focus on relaxing your body. Again, take slow, deep breaths. Relax your muscles, from your toes up to the top of your head. Force yourself to slow down. Make yourself speak and move more slowly.

Emotional Symptoms:

Remember, you do have a choice about how you react to certain situations. You can choose to be patient, or not: it's up to you. (Read our article, [Managing Your Emotions at Work](#), to learn more about this.) Challenge your negative assumptions, instead of letting your impatience build. Aim to reframe the circumstances in a more positive light. For example, people might not mind if a meeting is delayed, as long as you let them know in advance that you're running late. There may even be benefits to the delay: understanding a developing situation more clearly, for example.

Warning:

Uncharacteristic displays of impatience may be a sign of underlying problems such as stress, exhaustion or burnout. If you think this may apply to you, seek advice from a qualified health professional.

Being Patient With Other People:

If your impatience causes you to react angrily toward others, read our article on [Anger Management](#) to learn how to control this

powerful emotion. Practicing empathy can also enable you to defuse your impatience. Give the other person your full attention, and try to see beyond your own frustrations by imagining yourself in the other person's position. Remind yourself that impatience rarely has a positive effect – in fact, it may even interfere with the person's ability to perform. Impatience will likely generate more conflict and stress, which will be counterproductive. Although some people are naturally patient, the rest of us need to practice, for it to become a habit. Becoming more patient won't happen overnight, but persistence can pay off!

Key Points:

Patience is a vital quality in the workplace. It can reduce stress and conflict, lead to better working relationships, and help you to achieve your long-term life and career goals. Many of us struggle with impatience. Learn to recognize the physical and emotional symptoms associated with it, and to identify the situations that trigger it. When you understand the causes of your impatience, you can develop strategies to prevent or overcome it. These could include attending to your physical well-being by using deep breathing and relaxation techniques, and developing your empathy and emotional intelligence skills.

"Patience—
the ability to put our desires
on hold for a time—
is a precious and rare
virtue."

The Importance of Being Patient:

A person sits at their desk in a home office decorated by potted plants and lit by natural light. Patience can be a valuable skill in the workplace and for your personal life. Being patient can help you set goals, collaborate more effectively with coworkers and overcome career obstacles. Understanding how to be patient and what its benefits are can help you better understand the importance of this crucial skill inside and outside of the workplace.

What does being patient mean?

Being patient means controlling your emotional responses to certain situations and accepting that sometimes things may not meet your expectations. Managing expectations is a crucial being more patient, as you may expect certain reactions, events or outcomes, and when they don't occur, they can cause an emotional response. Patient people understand that the more they accept the things they can't change, such as events they can't control, the more they can learn to react in a way that doesn't maximize stress or make the situation worse.

What are the career benefits of patience?

Patience can have multiple benefits, from making you a better team player to being more successful in your own career. Here are some examples:

Achieving your goals:

One of the most important benefits of patience in your career is that it allows you to achieve your goals. Facing and overcoming obstacles builds endurance and confidence, and the satisfaction you receive from achieving each milestone goal can help you to stay motivated in your career.

Learning valuable skills and lessons:

Patience gives you the endurance necessary to learn difficult skills. Challenging work can be rewarding when you have a method of approaching it, and patience can help you maintain the positive mindset necessary for improvement.

Helping others reach their goals:

Patience is a necessary trait for a mentor, teacher or leader. When you're patient with other people, you allow them room to learn and grow, which can result in students, employees and coworkers that learn faster and gain confidence.

Encouraging collaboration:

Working with a team involves listening to others' ideas and suggestions and respecting their workflow. Patience can make working with others vastly more enjoyable and fluid, making problem-solving a more efficient process.

Patience doesn't mean you never feel frustrated, but it does mean you know how to handle frustration and grant allowances for it. You can avoid making decisions based on the anger or frustration you feel.

Developing patience can take some practice, so here are some strategies you can follow:

Recognize your triggers:

The first step to developing more patience is to recognize when something is triggering you. When you can clearly highlight a problem, a resolution may be easier to find. When you experience strong emotions, your body reacts to them.

Noticing these reactions can help you identify what's causing you to feel impatient. Family, friends and trusted colleagues may also be able to tell you when they notice signs of impatience. Here are a few signs you may experience:

- ❖ Anxiety or feeling nervous
- ❖ Shortened breath
- ❖ Clenched teeth or fists

- ❖ Muscle tension
- ❖ Rushing through activities
- ❖ Anger and irritability
- ❖ Making rash decisions

Asking yourself why five times may help you identify the cause of your irritation. When you recognize that you're becoming frustrated with a situation, take a moment to recover alone. Keep a list of the things that trigger you so that you're more aware of them and can be proactive about the problem.



To use the 5 whys technique, follow these steps:

Determine the immediate problem you're experiencing. Sometimes, it can help to write it down. Ask yourself why you feel the way you do. Your answer should be based on what is actually happening. There should be concrete things you can identify. Ask why for each reason. You may have many reasons why you're feeling angered or anxious. For each of those reasons, ask why. At the end of a series of questions, you can determine the cause of your frustration.

What Are Problem-Solving Skills? Definitions and Examples

One way your body responds to anger, anxiety or frustration is with physical tension. The tension you feel can increase these feelings in your body resulting in mounting emotions. To reverse the physical effects of frustration, release the stress in your body.

Try these calming methods when you're feeling tense:

Take deep breaths. When your breath shortens, make a conscious effort to inhale and exhale slowly and deeply for four seconds at a time. This can help slow your heart rate and allow you to return to a state of calm. Accept that you're feeling frustrated. When you accept that you're frustrated you can work on managing your frustration. Keep your voice level. A calm voice can calm others during high anxiety moments, de-escalating the problem. Maintain positive thoughts. Positive thinking can help you remain patient and focused on your goal. Separate yourself. If you feel anger increasing, separate yourself from the cause of the frustration and return when you're feeling calmer.

Determine whether the issue testing your patience is worth the emotion it's provoking. Remember your long-term career goals and how your emotional responses help you reach them. When obstacles arise, look for possible solutions.

Moments of anxiety can be a sign that your project needs more research, time or resources. When another person is the trigger for your impatience, practice active listening and empathy. Listening to their concerns as they talk and responding appropriately can help relieve tense situations.

It can be difficult to focus on your higher goals when our basic needs for safety and survival aren't being met. Things like getting enough food and sleep are necessary for optimal brain function.

When you're hungry or tired, your judgment can become clouded. If you're feeling restless or irritable in situations where you normally

thrive, ask yourself if you've covered your basic needs.

The stress of pursuing long-term goals can keep you from engaging in enjoyable activities outside of work. Try embracing a hobby and taking time away from work. Outside interests can re-energize your passion for work.

The Best Skills for Increasing Your Employability:

Develop a positive growth mindset:

A growth mindset is one where you believe that you can improve your abilities through consistent work. Sometimes, you may find the solution to your problem requires a new way of thinking or a different skill set, which you can focus on developing with this mindset. Here are some tips to develop a positive growth mindset:

Create a strategic plan and personal vision statement to help you stay focused on your goals. Repeat positive affirmations to encourage your subconscious to generate more positive thoughts. Learn to focus on and reward yourself for hard work, instead of just end results. View all challenges as opportunities to learn. Acknowledge that imperfections aren't indications of capabilities.

15 BENEFITS OF PATIENCE FOR HUMAN LIFE

The practice of being patient is difficult for many of us. Having the ability to wait for something that you want, or to not snap at someone when they do something that angers you can be one of the hardest things for people to accomplish. It is important to remember that patience can help you in so many ways and it helps everyone, everywhere. But patience has its benefits, here are 15 benefits of patience that may just change how you view this value.

1. Patience Gives You Power Over Yourself:

The power we get from practicing patience isn't just something that allows us to get through our day without yelling at the people who annoy us, but it also lets us have control over our emotions. Patience allows you to be in

charge of your actions and reactions, which is something everyone needs more of.

2. Patience Allows You To Forgive Easier:

To forgive someone for doing or saying something that has hurt you can sometimes be one of the hardest things for us to do. Forgiveness is something that will benefit you personally, though, so it's worth the time and effort.

3. Patience Lets You Spend Quality Time With Loved Ones:

We all need time to ourselves, and we all need time with people we care about. Being patient allows you to spend more quality time with your friends and family because it is easier for you to keep your cool around them, which might not always be possible when you're in a rush or feel strangled by your anger.

4. Patience Means You Turn Problems Into Opportunities:

When we're patient, we turn problems into opportunities for growth and change. Instead of getting frustrated and ruining a situation because it doesn't work out how you intended, patience allows you to calmly deal with the obstacle and come up with a solution that will allow you to move forward.

Being impatient will not solve your problems so if you want to solve your problems easily and with the best result that you have to be patient.

5. Patience Leads To A Better Work Environment:

It's difficult for some people to work with others, and it's even harder when those others don't have the same drive or the same wants as they do. In a work environment where everyone is impatient, working becomes difficult and sometimes impossible, yet being patient can turn an unbearable job into a pretty good one.

Being patient will develop a friendly work environment in which everyone can participate without any hesitation.

6. Patience Gives You The Strength To Fight For Your Dreams:

When you're impatient about reaching your goals, it's hard to get past that feeling of restlessness that makes you feel like giving up. When you're patient, though, it's easier to keep going because your dreams are worth the time and energy.

7. Patience Can Change You At Your Core:

Learning to be patient can change who you are as a person on the inside because it teaches you that things come in your own time. Instead of trying to rush things, patience allows you to wait for them to happen naturally.

8. Patience Helps You Keep Your Sanity:

When you lose your cool, it's hard to get yourself back together because of the extra baggage you have now acquired. Keeping your composure is everything when it comes to being patient because it gives you a sense of serenity and a feeling of being centered.

9. Patience Helps Keep Your Friends Around:

When everything around you is chaotic, it's difficult to stay calm because the rest of your world seems like it is in pieces. Being patient keeps your friends around because they know that when they need you, you will be there without any drama.

10. Patience Makes Your Relationships Stronger:

We all know how difficult it can be to deal with relationships sometimes, but patience makes everything easier because it allows the people in your life to trust you and depend on you even when things get tough.

11. Patience Gives You A Peaceful Mind:

When you're constantly rushing around, you can't learn to be patient because your mind is already occupied with everything else that needs your attention. Once you slow down and take the time to cultivate patience, though, it becomes easier for you to sit back and take a deep breath without being too overwhelmed.

12. Patience Prevents You From Making Bad Decisions:

When you're not patient, making the wrong decisions becomes almost too easy because there is no time for careful consideration. Being patient, though, prevents you from making bad choices by keeping your mind clear and your emotions in check so that you can think things through and come to a decision that will be the best for you in the long run.

13. Patience Allows You To Take Care Of Yourself:

When you're impatient, it's hard to take care of yourself because your mind is occupied with everything else going on around you. Being patient allows you to take care of your physical and mental needs so that you can get the rest you need to stay strong and healthy.

14. Patience Makes You A Better Person:

People want to be around others who are patient because patience is contagious. Being patient makes people feel safe and comfortable, which in turn makes everyone happier and contributes largely to your general well-being.

15. Patience Allows You To Take Life As It Comes:

When you're impatient, it's hard to enjoy the process of life because you are always thinking ahead and wishing that things would happen faster than they do naturally. Being patient, though, lets you live in the moment without trying to speed through it, and that gives you a sense of peace and happiness.



When there are no answers to be found, the only virtue that comes to save the day is Patience. The ability to meet adversity with calmness, perseverance, courage, a positive attitude and the gentle knowing that all will be well eventually is when we truly are able to practice the virtue of Patience.

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- ❖ Evidence of this being practiced can be seen in our communities. Be it big acts or small.
- ❖ Whether it is the grandparent who patiently waits for the day they can hug and hold their grandchildren.
- ❖ The college student who waits for the day to meet his friends again at their favorite places.
- ❖ The parent who patiently adjusts to their children's home schooling schedule. The families who learn to patiently share spaces with each other.
- ❖ The shop owner who waits for his business to take off again.
- ❖ The people who patiently wait for that train or flight back home.
- ❖ The colleagues who adjust to the new working norms.
- ❖ The teams who stay patient as they work through new technology.

- ❖ The doctors who patiently endure their PPE kits while serving others.
- ❖ The people in isolation who wait to get better.
- ❖ There are countless examples of Patience being practiced.
- ❖ We applaud them all.



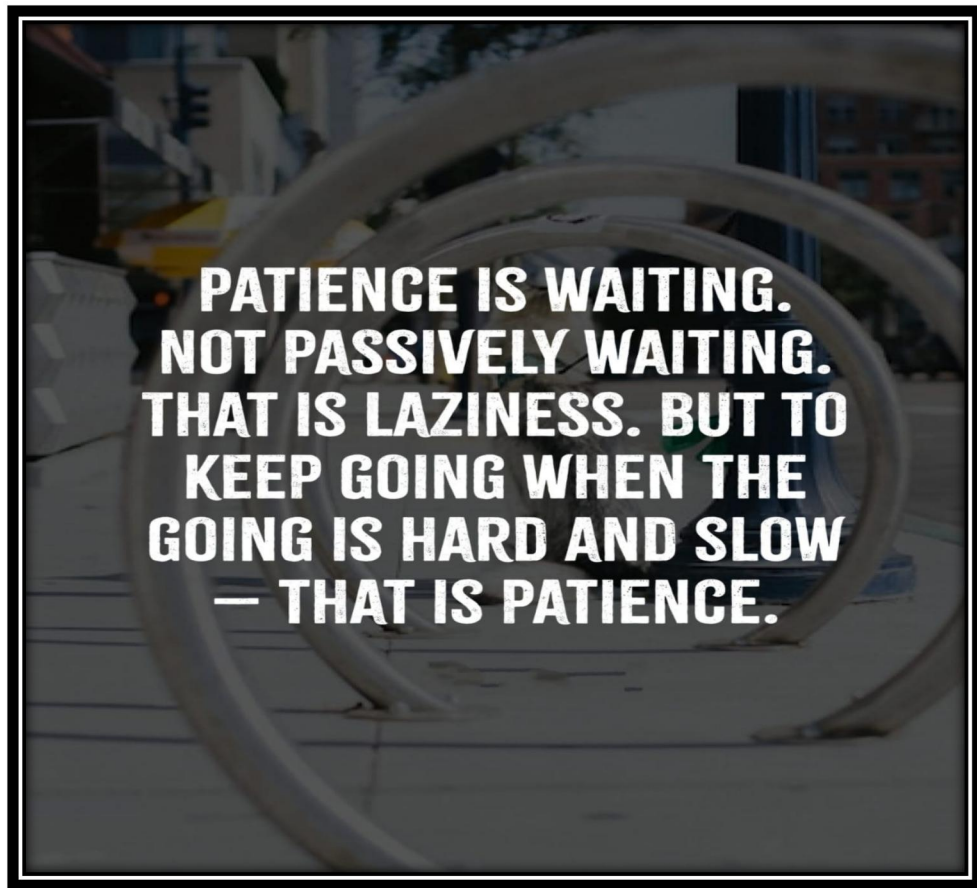
PATIENCE HELPS US IMPROVE OUR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH:

Impatience leads to stress that can impact our mind and body. The person who snaps at the slightest hint of traffic or has an outburst when something doesn't go as planned are examples of situations where people are more likely to feel mental strain, frustration and dissatisfaction towards life and in many cases depression and low motivation. Our physical health responds to our emotional environment, opening up the potential for a whole host of physical ailments. Patience helps us renegotiate these negative emotions, feel more hopeful and enhance our happiness. When challenging events come by, patience contributes to our endurance to see it through in a calm and peaceful manner.



PATIENCE HELPS US REACH OUR GOALS:

Goals and eventual expected outcomes generally have a gestation period. If we rush before it has come into full fruition, we run the risk of sabotaging the process. Certain goals take time to come into our experience. A college student first started learning ABC's in school, a company was built one person at a time, a fitness regime starts with a step, a book was written starting with a first sentence. The gap between start to finish is bridged with patience. If we impatiently take score too soon, we might give up prematurely and stop enjoying the journey. In an age of instant gratification, patience is the call of the hour. This is needed more than ever as we all man oeuvre through trying times and wait to come out on the other end of it. We take a look at what Patience is, what it is not, why it is important and how do we cultivate it.



PATIENCE IMPROVES OUR RELATIONSHIPS:

The practice of patience helps us extend compassion, tolerance, empathy, flexibility and understanding towards those around us. Patience allows us the time to regulate our emotions and see situations holistically, keeping in mind the challenges of everyone involved. Patience allows us to actively listen and hear others out which fosters cooperation. This makes us better peers, parents, siblings, friends and neighbors. When this patience is directed inward, we build a better relationship with ourselves as well. We are more forgiving and compassionate towards ourselves which contributes to our emotional health and wellbeing. Being patient with ourselves allows us to bounce back from setbacks and learn from them.



PATIENCE HELPS US MAKE BETTER DECISIONS:

Patience gives us time to think about our thoughts and emotions, helping us to move from a reactionary state of mind to a more rational and responsive one. In a rush to push for things to get back to “normal” before its time or while feeling fear of a situation, we may end up doing things in haste or panic. When practicing patience we are less likely to have knee jerk reactions to events. People often mistake patience to mean being complacent or accepting negative situations passively. This is not the case. Patience in fact allows for time to unfold proactive solutions, particularly when things are not in our control, allowing us to reframe, think positively and see things long term, thereby encouraging resilience and better decision making.



HOW DO WE CULTIVATE PATIENCE?

1. Practice using the Power of Breathing:

Breathing helps us slow down and connect with ourselves, diffusing any feelings of irritability and impatience. Let your unrushed breath guide and demonstrate patience through every inhale and exhale.



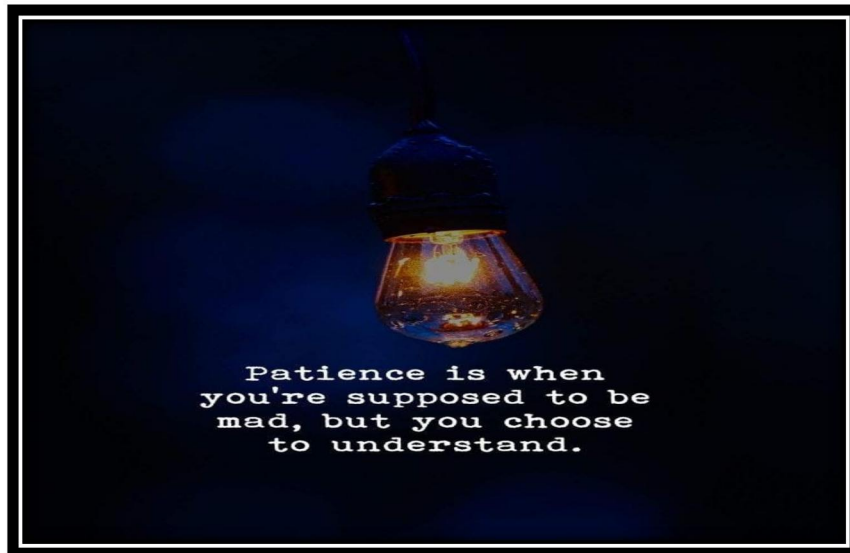
2. Embrace Time as an Ally:

Time can be a great healer, help develop perspective through experience and act as a buffer in emotionally triggering situations. Embrace time in difficult situations to help build on patience. Time also allows other skill sand strengths to be cultivated, offers space for reflection, learning and growth, all of which are impactful in the long run. Trust that all hopes and dreams unfold in their own way with time. When it comes to challenges, remember, that this too shall pass.



3. Reframe and Practice Gratitude:

We often are quick to point out things that have not gone well, have not been accomplished yet, things that need to be achieved or haven't worked. Instead take a moment to look at how far you've come and the challenges you have overcome in the past. Remind yourself of your strengths, the things you have accomplished or achieved. Remember that you are still on your journey of growth and learning. No matter how long it takes, you have the strength to see it through.



4. Take things a Step at a Time:

It's okay to work out small achievable goals and take things a step at a time. Focus on what is in your control as opposed to what is not in your control. This can apply to challenging circumstances as well. Instead of losing hope or thinking of the worst-case scenario, bring yourself back into the present moment and do as much as you can in that moment itself.

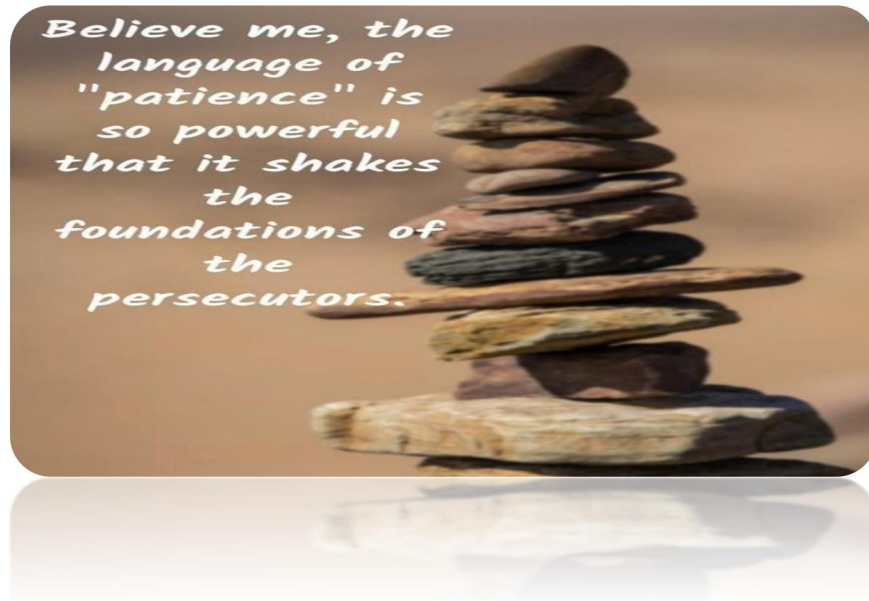
During adversity, Patience is a companion as you walk through a dark tunnel waiting to get out onto the other side. It encourages you to keep taking things a step at a time during that period.



5. Trust:

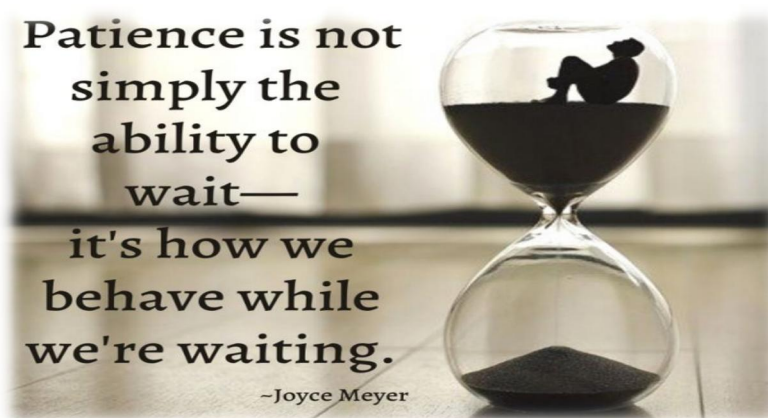
Patience comes with a deep knowing that all will be well and challenges are not setbacks but rather an opportunity for growth and learning. It comes with the belief and trust in the value of all

experiences that will eventually lead to a desired and meaningful outcome. It is also accompanied with trust in oneself to persevere and see difficult situations through.



6. Practice Presence and Mindfulness:

It is easy to feel irritable if your mind wanders to the future and what has not taken place yet. Bring yourself back to the present moment and savour all the things that are pleasing in the moment. This way you can enjoy the process, the journey, the moment's stillness instead of focusing on the outcome.



7. Compassion:

Practice of compassion towards self and others will help bring a sense of peace when things are not going according to plan. This will

facilitate the practice of Patience. This compassion can be experienced through the practice of kind thoughts, kind words and kind actions.



Conclusion:

Patience is a valuable virtue that can greatly improve our relationships, personal growth, and overall well-being. It allows us to approach challenges and difficult situations with calmness and understanding, rather than reacting impulsively or becoming frustrated.

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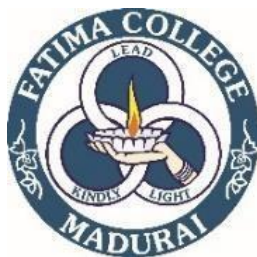
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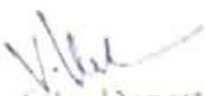
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INTRODUCTION:

Kindness, often regarded as a simple yet profound virtue, has been a guiding principle in human interaction since time immemorial. It is a quality that transcends cultural, religious, and societal boundaries, resonating with the essence of what it means to be human. Defined by acts of empathy, compassion, and benevolence towards others, kindness holds the power to transform lives, mend broken spirits, and foster harmonious relationships within communities.

From the earliest civilizations to the present day, the concept of kindness has woven its way through the fabric of human history, finding expression in various cultural practices, philosophical teachings, and religious traditions. Whether through ancient moral codes, the teachings of spiritual leaders, or modern-day social movements, the importance of kindness has endured as a timeless principle that speaks to the inherent goodness within humanity.

Kindness

- Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous, considerate, and compassionate towards others.
- It involves showing empathy, understanding, and goodwill in our interactions with people, animals, and the environment.
- Acts of kindness can range from simple gestures, like offering a smile or a helping hand, to more significant actions that alleviate suffering or promote well-being.
- Kindness is essential for fostering positive relationships, building trust, and creating a more harmonious and compassionate society.



History

The history of kindness is deeply rooted in human civilization and is intertwined with various cultural, religious, and philosophical traditions. While it's challenging to pinpoint a specific origin or timeline for kindness, historical records and texts from ancient civilizations often highlight the importance of compassion and benevolence.

Ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and China all had moral and ethical codes that emphasized the value of kindness towards others.

For example:

1. **Ancient Mesopotamia** - In Mesopotamian societies, such as Sumer and Babylon, there were codes of conduct that emphasized fairness, justice, and compassion towards others. These principles were often enshrined in laws and legal codes, such as the Code of Hammurabi.
2. **Ancient Egypt** - Egyptian religious texts, such as the teachings found in the Book of the Dead, emphasized the importance of leading a moral life, which included acts of kindness and charity towards others.
3. **Ancient Greece** - Philosophers like Plato and Aristotle discussed the concept of *philia*, or love and friendship, as a fundamental aspect of human relationships. The Greek mythologies also often portrayed acts of kindness and compassion among gods and mortals.
4. **Ancient China** - Confucianism, Taoism, and Buddhism, which have deep roots in Chinese history, all promote kindness, compassion, and benevolence as essential virtues for individuals and society. Confucius emphasized the importance of *ren* (benevolence) and emphasized treating others with kindness and respect.

Throughout history, religious teachings have also played a significant role in promoting kindness.

1. **Judaism** - The concept of "tikkun olam," or repairing the world, emphasizes the importance of acts of kindness, charity, and social justice to make the world a better place.
2. **Christianity** - The teachings of Jesus Christ in the New Testament emphasize love, compassion, and forgiveness as central tenets of the faith. The parable of the Good

Samaritan, for example, illustrates the importance of showing kindness to strangers in need.

- 3. Islam** - The Quran encourages Muslims to show kindness and compassion towards all creatures and to engage in acts of charity (zakat) to help those in needs.

In more recent history, movements promoting kindness and compassion, such as the human rights movement, civil rights movement, and various humanitarian efforts, have further emphasized the importance of empathy and compassion towards others. Overall, while the specific expressions and interpretations of kindness may vary across cultures and time periods, the underlying value of treating others with empathy, compassion, and generosity has remained a constant throughout human history.

Various methods of kindness:

- 1. Surveys and Questionnaires** -Design surveys or questionnaires to gather quantitative data on people's perceptions, attitudes, and experiences related to kindness. Ask questions about their frequency of engaging in acts of kindness, their motivations, and the impact of kindness on their well-being.
- 2. Interviews** - Conduct interviews with individuals who have either demonstrated kindness or have been recipients of kindness. These interviews can provide qualitative insights into the personal stories, motivations, and emotions associated with acts of kindness.
- 3. Observational Studies** - Engage in direct observation of kindness behaviors in various settings, such as public spaces, workplaces, or schools. Take notes on the types of kindness observed, the context in which they occur, and any observable patterns or variations.
- 4. Literature Review** - Conduct a review of existing literature, including academic research, books, articles, and online resources, to gather information about kindness. Look for studies, theories, and examples that explore different aspects of kindness, such as its psychological effects, cultural variations, and historical significance.

5. **Case Studies** - Explore real-life examples of kindness initiatives, campaigns, or organizations that have made a positive impact in their communities. Analyze these case studies to understand the strategies, challenges, and outcomes of promoting kindness in different contexts.
6. **Content Analysis** - Analyze media sources, such as news articles, social media posts, and blogs, to identify instances of kindness and the narratives surrounding them. Look for themes, trends, and public perceptions related to kindness in these sources.
7. **Ethnographic Research** - Immersing yourself in a specific community or cultural context can provide rich insights into the practices and values related to kindness within that group. Use ethnographic methods, such as participant observation and interviews, to study kindness within its social and cultural context.
8. **Online Communities and Forums** - Participate in online communities, forums, and social media groups dedicated to kindness or related topics. Engage with members, share experiences, and gather insights from diverse perspectives on kindness.
9. **Personal Reflection and Journaling** - Reflect on your own experiences with kindness and document them through journaling or personal reflection. Consider moments when you've witnessed or experienced acts of kindness, how they made you feel, and any lessons learned from these experiences.

Research on kindness

In Books:

Research on kindness has been conducted using various methods, including picture book reading with children aged 5-6 years (**Retnowati et al., 2018**). The effectiveness of picture storybook reading in increasing kindness in children was measured through observation sheets and a measurement instrument created by the researcher (**Abdulkadyrova and Kadachieva, 2022**). Another study explores the pedagogic potential of kindness as a taught construct within a

business ethics program (**Leifeld, 2015**). The research argues that kindness should be deconstructed as ethics-in-practice and embedded in the business curriculum (**Day and Robinson, 2022**). Additionally, there is a paucity of research exploring children's lived experiences of kindness, but one study used qualitative interviews with puppets to understand children's understanding of kindness (**Perkins, 2022**). The study identified themes such as doing things for others, relating with others, rules and values, and the impact of kindness on individuals. These findings have implications for future research on prosocial development and the design of kindness-based interventions.

In articles:

Conducting research on kindness involves exploring various aspects of the concept. One study examined the impact of news stories featuring acts of kindness on people's well-being and belief in the goodness of humanity (**Buchanan and Sandstrom, 2023**). Another study focused on the linguistic analysis of the concept of kindness in British media texts, highlighting its complex structure and different spheres of interpretation (**Abdulkadyrova and Kadachieva, 2022**). Additionally, research explored the pedagogic potential of kindness as a taught construct within a business ethics program, emphasizing its role in promoting ethical behavior and positive psychology in business (**Day and Robinson, 2022**). Another study analyzed the quantitative features of kindness in modern Russian journalism, revealing its core meanings and the influence of journalistic discourse. Finally, a study investigated the engagement of adolescents in a kindness intervention and its impact on their well-being, highlighting the importance of implementation and its effects on self-reported negative affect and kindness to others (**Binfet and Whitehead, 2019**).

In Observation

Observation of kindness can be seen in various contexts, including the workplace, community, and everyday interactions. In the workplace, practicing and receiving acts of kindness can lead to mutual benefits in well-being, such as increased happiness and job satisfaction (**Chancellor et al., 2018**). Kindness in the workplace can also foster collaboration, innovation, and improve employee engagement and trust (**Chancellor et al., 2018**). In community settings, participation in kindness exchanges has been shown to improve loneliness

and well-being (Goodyear 2023). Additionally, kindness can play a role in authentic allyship and supporting marginalized groups in the workplace, as it contributes to a more inclusive discourse on racism (Novere, 2022). Overall, kindness has positive effects on individuals' well-being and can create a ripple effect, inspiring others to engage in prosocial behaviors.

Various fields and applications of kindness

1. Psychology of Kindness:

- Cognitive mechanisms underlying kindness
- Emotional aspects of kindness
- Developmental psychology and kindness in children
- Psychological benefits of practicing kindness
- Motivations for kindness

2. Sociology and Anthropology of Kindness:

- Cultural variations in expressions of kindness
- Social norms and expectations related to kindness
- Group dynamics and collective kindness
- Historical perspectives on kindness in societies
- Role of kindness in community building and social cohesion

3. Education and Kindness:

- Teaching kindness in schools and educational settings
- Kindness curriculum and programs
- Bullying prevention and kindness initiatives
- Role of educators in promoting kindness
- Peer interactions and kindness in school environments

4. Health and Wellness:

- Effects of kindness on physical health
- Mental health benefits of practicing kindness
- Kindness interventions in healthcare settings

- Compassionate care and patient outcomes
- Kindness as a coping mechanism for stress and trauma

5. Workplace and Business:

- Kindness in leadership and management
- Creating a culture of kindness in organizations
- Employee well-being and kindness initiatives
- Kindness in customer service and client interactions
- Corporate social responsibility and acts of kindness in business

6. Technology and Kindness:

- Role of technology in facilitating acts of kindness
- Online communities and platforms promoting kindness
- Social media and kindness campaigns
- Ethical considerations in designing technology for kindness
- Digital empathy and virtual acts of kindness

7. Philosophy and Ethics of Kindness:

- Ethical frameworks for understanding kindness
- Philosophical perspectives on altruism and compassion
- Kindness as a moral virtue
- Debates on the nature of kindness and free will
- Kindness and justice in ethical theories

8. Environmental and Animal Welfare:

- Kindness towards animals and animal rights
- Environmental stewardship and acts of eco-kindness
- Sustainable practices and kindness towards future generations
- Compassion for wildlife and conservation efforts
- Intersections of human kindness and environmental justice

These subtopics represent various fields and applications where kindness is studied, practiced, and promoted, each offering unique insights and opportunities for exploration and action.

Psychology of Kindness

The psychology of kindness is a topic that has been explored in various contexts. One perspective is the developmental aspect of kindness, which aims to understand how kindness develops and its ethical implications (Malti 2021). Another perspective focuses on the application of kindness in therapy, where random acts of kindness can be used to promote empathy, self-regard, and physical health (Passmore and Oades,2023). Additionally, research has examined the concept of self-compassion and its behavioral manifestation as self-kindness in the face of threats. The Unconditional Self-Kindness Scale (USKS) has been developed to measure this behavioral response and has shown good psychometric properties (Poli and Miccoli,2023). Kindness has also been explored in the context of business ethics education, where it is seen as a virtue that can lead to ethical behavior and ethical businesses (Day and Robinson,2022). Finally, interventions promoting acts of kindness have been found to enhance university students' well-being, with a particular focus on the role of social ties and the impact on mental well-being.

Sociology and Anthropology of Kindness:

The sociology and anthropology of kindness is an area of study that has been largely overlooked by sociologists. However, there is a growing recognition of the importance of kindness in social interactions and its impact on individuals and society. Kindness is seen as a virtue that is rooted in our kinship with all other animals, and it has the potential to transcend species boundaries. The concept of kindness is complex, encompassing both cognitive features and evaluative aspects. It can be manifested in various ways, including genuine acts of care and consideration for others, as well as in fake forms that lack sincerity. Fake kindness can be seen as a form of symbolic violence, perpetuated by microsociological norms and values. The development of kindness pedagogy in education reflects the humanistic tendencies in society and the recognition of the importance of nurturing students' best qualities and creative potential (Abdulkadyrova and Kadachieva, 2022).

Education and Kindness:

Kindness plays a significant role in education, particularly in post-secondary institutions. It is seen as critical for students' experiences and university culture, and there is a need to integrate kindness into these institutions (Shillington, et al., 2023). In healthcare settings, kindness is defined as small actions that benefit others and can improve a patient's perception of their care (Hake and Post, 2023). Kindness is often taught in early years' education but is rarely addressed at the tertiary level. However, incorporating kindness into business ethics programs can instill ethical behavior and create ethical businesses (Day and Robinson, 2022). Collaborative online learning projects that focus on kindness and trauma-informed teaching have been found to be beneficial in teacher education (Kuzmina, et al., 2023). Kindness in university settings has been associated with increased life satisfaction, psychological flourishing, and reduced COVID-19 anxiety among students. Overall, promoting kindness in education can have positive effects on students' well-being and the overall learning environment.

Health and Wellness of kindness:

Acts of kindness have been shown to have positive effects on health and wellness. Participating in acts of kindness can improve subjective well-being and increase social connection, which in turn can lead to improvements in mental health and life satisfaction (Ciocarlan et al., 2023; Cregg and Cheavens, 2023). Engaging in acts of kindness with strangers, such as sending and receiving cards with goodwill messages, has been found to enhance personal fulfillment, reduce loneliness, and establish a sense of connection with others (Wang et al., 2022). These acts of kindness can have a lasting impact on well-being, with improvements observed in measures of well-being, loneliness, sense of belonging, and hope. The findings suggest that interventions promoting acts of kindness, such as personalized persuasive messages or participation in kindness exchanges, can be effective in improving well-being and reducing loneliness.

Workplace and Business in kindness

Kindness in the workplace and business is an important topic that has gained attention in recent years. Research has shown that compassion, which includes the desire to alleviate

suffering, can have positive effects on both individuals and organizations. Compassion can protect employees from negative experiences and improve their overall well-being (Krivacek et al., 2022). Kindness can be taught as a construct within a business ethics program, and it has the potential to generate ethical businesses grounded in ethical employees (Day and Robinson, 2022). Loving-kindness and compassion meditation (LKCM) have been found to benefit employees in terms of reducing burnout and stress, increasing mindfulness and self-compassion, and improving job attitudes and interpersonal relationships (Wang et al., 2024). Kindness and care align in the field of care ethics, and kindness can be seen as a pathway to care or as an enhancement to care in the workplace (Winham, 2022). Gender stereotypes of warmth can shape feedback givers' goals, leading to a kindness bias when giving critical feedback to women compared to men in the workplace (Jampol et al., 2023).

Values for Life -Kindness

It refers to the ethical principle and moral virtue of demonstrating compassion, empathy, and benevolence towards others in one's actions, attitudes, and intentions. It encompasses a deep appreciation for the intrinsic worth and dignity of all individuals, motivating individuals to act with generosity, understanding, and goodwill in their interactions with others and the world around them.



Kindness is not merely a superficial nicety but a foundational value that underpins positive relationships, fosters social cohesion, and contributes to the well-being of both individuals and communities. It involves extending care and consideration to others, offering support and assistance without expecting anything in return, and striving to alleviate suffering and promote the welfare of others.

At its core, "Values for Life - Kindness" emphasizes the importance of empathy, compassion, and altruism in guiding moral behavior and shaping a more compassionate and empathetic society. It calls upon individuals to cultivate a mindset of kindness in their daily lives,

recognizing the interconnectedness of all beings and the profound impact that acts of kindness can have on fostering harmony, understanding, and mutual respect in the world.

Various Methods:

1. Literature Review

- Start by conducting a comprehensive review of existing literature on kindness, ethics, moral philosophy, psychology, sociology, and related fields.
- Look for scholarly articles, books, and research papers that discuss the concept of kindness, its significance, effects, and applications in various contexts.
- Pay attention to studies that explore the psychological, social, and cultural aspects of kindness, as well as its role in personal well-being and societal harmony.

2. Interviews and Surveys

- Conduct interviews with individuals from diverse backgrounds, including experts in psychology, sociology, education, ethics, and community leaders.
- Design surveys or questionnaires to gather quantitative data on people's perceptions, attitudes, and experiences related to kindness.
- Ask open-ended questions to elicit personal stories, insights, and reflections on the value of kindness in daily life, relationships, and society.

3. Observational Studies

- Engage in direct observation of kindness behaviors in different settings, such as public spaces, workplaces, schools, and community events.
- Take notes on observed acts of kindness, the context in which they occur, and any patterns or trends that emerge.
- Consider using tools like ethnographic research methods to immerse yourself in specific communities or cultural contexts to study kindness within its social and cultural dynamics.

4. Case Studies and Examples

- Explore real-life examples of kindness initiatives, campaigns, or organizations that promote kindness in various fields, such as education, healthcare, business, and community development.
- Analyze case studies to understand the strategies, challenges, and outcomes of promoting kindness in different contexts.
- Look for inspiring stories and anecdotes that illustrate the transformative power of kindness in individual lives and collective well-being.

5. Personal Reflection and Experiences

- Reflect on your own experiences with kindness, both as a giver and a recipient.
- Consider moments when you've witnessed or experienced acts of kindness that left a lasting impression on you.
- Journal about these experiences, reflecting on the emotions, motivations, and outcomes of kindness encounters.

6. Online and Social Media Analysis

- Analyze online communities, forums, and social media platforms dedicated to discussions on kindness, empathy, and compassion.
- Look for trends, themes, and public perceptions related to kindness in digital spaces.
- Engage with online communities to gather insights from diverse perspectives on the value of kindness in modern life.

Importance of kindness

Kindness" lies in its profound impact on individuals, relationships, communities, and society as a whole. Here are several key reasons why kindness is essential:

- 1. Enhanced Well-being-** Practicing kindness has been shown to boost mental and emotional well-being. Acts of kindness release neurotransmitters such as serotonin and oxytocin, which promote feelings of happiness, satisfaction, and connection. Additionally, individuals who engage in kind behaviors often experience reduced stress levels and improved overall mental health.

- 2. Strengthened Relationships-** Kindness forms the foundation of healthy and fulfilling relationships. When individuals demonstrate empathy, compassion, and understanding towards others, it fosters trust, intimacy, and mutual respect. Kindness strengthens bonds between family members, friends, colleagues, and acquaintances, creating a supportive network of social connections.
- 3. Promotion of Social Harmony-** Kindness promotes inclusivity and acceptance, contributing to greater social cohesion and harmony. By treating others with kindness and respect regardless of differences in background, beliefs, or identities, individuals can bridge divides and build bridges of understanding, leading to a more tolerant and compassionate society.
- 4. Alleviation of Suffering-** Kindness has the power to alleviate suffering and provide comfort to those in need. Whether through acts of charity, empathy, or emotional support, kindness helps to ease the burdens of others and offer hope in times of adversity. It demonstrates solidarity and compassion, reinforcing the shared humanity that binds us together.
- 5. Positive Ripple Effect -** Kindness has a ripple effect that extends far beyond the initial act. When individuals engage in acts of kindness, it inspires others to do the same, creating a positive chain reaction of goodwill and benevolence. The cumulative impact of small acts of kindness can lead to significant positive change in communities and society as a whole.
- 6. Cultivation of Virtue-** Kindness cultivates virtues such as empathy, generosity, and humility, which are essential for personal growth and moral development. By nurturing a mindset of kindness, individuals cultivate a greater sense of empathy towards others and become more attuned to the needs and experiences of those around them.
- 7. Contribution to a Better World -** Ultimately, kindness plays a crucial role in shaping a better world for present and future generations. By prioritizing kindness as a core value,

individuals can contribute to creating a more compassionate, equitable, and inclusive society where everyone is valued and respected.

"Values for Life - Kindness" is of paramount importance for fostering individual well-being, nurturing positive relationships, promoting social harmony, alleviating suffering, inspiring positive change, cultivating virtue, and contributing to a better world for all. It serves as a guiding principle that empowers individuals to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives while making a positive impact on the lives of others and the world around them.

World Kindness Day



World Kindness Day is an international observance held annually on November 13th. It serves as a global reminder of the importance of kindness in society and encourages individuals to engage in acts of kindness towards others. The day aims to promote empathy, compassion, and goodwill, fostering a more caring and harmonious world.

The concept of World Kindness Day was first introduced in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement (WKM), a coalition of kindness organizations from around the world. The WKM was established in 1997 at a conference held in Tokyo, Japan, with the aim of promoting kindness and goodwill as universal values.

On World Kindness Day, people are encouraged to perform acts of kindness both small and large, such as offering compliments, volunteering in their communities, donating to charitable causes, or simply extending a helping hand to those in need. The day serves as a catalyst for spreading positivity and making a difference in the lives of others.

World Kindness Day is celebrated in various ways around the world, including community events, school activities, workplace initiatives, social media campaigns, and kindness-themed projects. It provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to come together in solidarity and demonstrate the power of kindness to create positive change.

The ultimate goal of World Kindness Day is to inspire people to make kindness a daily practice, not just on November 13th, but throughout the year. By fostering a culture of kindness and compassion, we can build stronger, more resilient communities and contribute to a more peaceful and equitable world for all.

Importance world kindness day:

World Kindness Day holds significant importance for several reasons:

- 1. Promotion of Kindness** - World Kindness Day serves as a global platform to raise awareness about the importance of kindness in our daily lives. It encourages people to prioritize acts of kindness, empathy, and compassion towards others, fostering a culture of goodwill and benevolence.
- 2. Global Unity**- The observance of World Kindness Day transcends borders, cultures, and languages, uniting people from diverse backgrounds in a shared commitment to kindness. It reinforces the idea that kindness is a universal value that can bridge divides and promote understanding among individuals and communities worldwide.
- 3. Positive Impact**- By promoting acts of kindness, World Kindness Day has a tangible and positive impact on society. Small acts of kindness, when multiplied across millions of people, can create significant ripple effects, spreading positivity, hope, and happiness to those in need.
- 4. Community Building** - World Kindness Day provides an opportunity for communities to come together and engage in collective acts of kindness. It strengthens social bonds,

fosters a sense of belonging, and promotes solidarity among neighbors, colleagues, and friends.

- 5. Empowerment** - Participating in World Kindness Day empowers individuals to make a difference in the world through their actions. It reminds people that kindness is not only a virtue but also a powerful force for positive change, inspiring them to take proactive steps towards creating a better and more compassionate world.
- 6. Educational Opportunity** - World Kindness Day offers educational opportunities for schools, organizations, and institutions to teach the importance of empathy, compassion, and altruism. It encourages discussions, activities, and initiatives focused on kindness, promoting social and emotional learning among students and participants.
- 7. Recognition of Goodness** - World Kindness Day celebrates and recognizes the inherent goodness within humanity. It acknowledges the countless acts of kindness, generosity, and selflessness that occur every day, shining a spotlight on the positive contributions individuals make to the world.
- 8. Inspiration for Change**- World Kindness Day serves as a catalyst for inspiring positive change on a global scale. It encourages individuals, organizations, and governments to prioritize kindness and compassion in their policies, practices, and decision-making, ultimately leading to a more inclusive, equitable, and harmonious world for all.

World Kindness Day is an important annual observance that promotes the values of kindness, empathy, and compassion. It highlights the transformative power of small acts of kindness and inspires individuals to make a positive difference in their communities and beyond.

Activities of world kindness day

On World Kindness Day, various activities and initiatives are organized to promote kindness, empathy, and compassion. Here are some common activities associated with World Kindness Day:

- 1. Random Acts of Kindness** - Encourage individuals to perform random acts of kindness throughout the day, such as offering compliments, holding the door open for someone, or paying for a stranger's coffee.
- 2. Community Service Projects** - Organize volunteer activities and service projects in local communities, such as cleaning up parks, visiting nursing homes, or organizing food drives for the homeless.
- 3. Kindness Challenges** - Create kindness challenges or campaigns where individuals are encouraged to perform specific acts of kindness and share their experiences on social media using a designated hashtag.
- 4. Kindness Workshops and Seminars** - Host workshops, seminars, or discussion panels focused on topics related to kindness, empathy, and compassion. Invite guest speakers, experts, or community leaders to share insights and practical tips for fostering kindness in daily life.
- 5. Educational Activities** - Organize kindness-themed activities and lessons in schools and educational institutions. This could include storytelling sessions, art projects, role-playing exercises, or discussions about the importance of kindness and empathy.
- 6. Kindness Awards and Recognition** - Recognize individuals, organizations, or businesses that have demonstrated exceptional kindness and compassion in their communities. Present kindness awards or certificates to honor their contributions.

- 7. Kindness Concerts or Performances - Host** concerts, performances, or cultural events that celebrate the theme of kindness and promote messages of unity, tolerance, and understanding.
- 8. Kindness Pledge-** Invite people to take a kindness pledge, committing to practice kindness and empathy in their daily interactions and to make a positive difference in the world.
- 9. Social Media Campaigns -** Launch social media campaigns to raise awareness about World Kindness Day and encourage people to share stories, photos, and videos of acts of kindness using specific hashtags.
- 10. Spread Kindness Cards-** Distribute kindness cards or notes with uplifting messages to strangers, friends, or colleagues, spreading positivity and kindness wherever they go.
- 11. Kindness Rocks -** Paint and decorate rocks with inspirational messages or images of kindness and leave them in public places for others to find, spreading joy and encouragement.
- 12. Kindness Challenges for Kids -** Organize kindness challenges or activities specifically tailored for children, such as creating kindness-themed artwork, writing thank-you notes, or performing acts of kindness towards classmates.

These activities aim to inspire people to embrace the spirit of kindness and to make a positive impact in their communities and beyond on World Kindness Day and throughout the year.

Conclusion:

In the symphony of human values, kindness emerges as a melody of compassion, weaving its way through the fabric of our lives, uniting hearts, and inspiring hope. As we navigate the complexities of existence, let us hold fast to the timeless wisdom that kindness is not merely a gesture; it is a way of being—a guiding light that illuminates our journey towards a more compassionate, equitable, and flourishing world. Let kindness be our compass, guiding us

on the path of love, empathy, and connection, and may its ripple effects echo throughout generations, shaping a legacy of compassion for all of humanity.

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