

## **Gandhism should be Victorious, not Hitlerism**

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### **Non-Violence:**

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The cultural basis of our country is Non-violence. It is the lifeblood of truth, without this trait, man is an animal. It is in the non-violence that the direct and short path of seeing God is visible. Non-violence is a powerful ethology. There is a supreme effort in it. It moves away from coward as it is the beauty of the brave. Non-violence is not a dry, monotonous inert matter. It is conscious, a special quality of the soul. India is considered as a "world guru"<sup>1</sup> because of its moral and spiritual divine message to the world. The cultural basis of the country is non-violence. In a country with such a sacred culture, there are a lot of debates going on to implement euthanasia. The matter is now in the supreme court of India but it has not yielded any result so far. The central government wants to know the views from the states.

### **Human Life is a Priceless Gift:**

Human life is a priceless gift given by God. The feeling of expectations toward life is the root of euthanasia. The process of killing people suffering from physical, mental, and old age is called euthanasia. This misdeed was first started by Hitler in order to make the Germans more powerful and working. Hitler started it so that no weak or sick person should remain in his state. Because of this misdeed, many blinds, deaf, mentally challenged and disabled people were killed. From the students who failed in the examination to the people suffering from the smallest disease whose contribution to the country was nothing (in the

eyes of Hitler) were not allowed to survive. Due to which the name mark of an entire caste, gypsy, was erased. Hitler's attitude of intolerance became the cause of the massacre. An intolerant person is a victim of small and narrow-mindedness. Such a person cannot tolerate poor people. Hitler did not like Jews. He tried to annihilate the Jewish race. He did so by prioritizing his personal interest.

### **Gandhiji's Weapon of Non-Violence:**

But the surprising thing is that the people and the government who opposed this practice are supporting it today. Hitler made the right to live for the powerful his core. On the contrary, Mahatma Gandhi kept the imagination of 'Daridra Narayan'. He substituted the right of the poorest to survive and at the same time transformed the weakness of the weak and oppressed voids into a great power by inventing the weapon of non-violence and satyagraha for him. To determine the usefulness of every scheme for public welfare he laid a criterion that determines the benefit given to the weak at the bottom of the scheme. He was even against the practice of "killing the goat to save his son's life"<sup>2</sup>. But today, our nation has fallen so much that it forgot the spirit of non-violence and human welfare of Mahatma Gandhi and takes the lives of the people by adopting the spirit of ruthlessness. This has become a matter of concern that is being discussed in every household today. The basic cultural premier of India is non-violence and human welfare. If this euthanasia is implemented in India, then it will have a negative effect. The sacred culture which makes our head raise high over the world and the message of non-violence may decline and the soul of great people like Mahatma Gandhi will not find peace.

### **Forms of euthanasia:**

There are many forms of euthanasia.

e.g. 1. Before the child is born, it is killed in the mother's womb. In many places, girl child is killed just after giving birth to them.

2. Sometimes, even doctors have been seen giving medicines to sick to put them to eternal sleep.

3. In the modern era, there has been a decline in good attitude and service towards patients and old people which has resulted in increased deaths due to lack of care and medications at the right time.

4. It has also been noted that the sick wanting to embrace death as they find themselves in dire helplessness. The suffering makes people wanting to separate themselves from this world while the curing process makes them think otherwise.

5. Sick people are put to death without their permission. Whatever be the case, this type of death is murder. We see people who show euthanasia in their expressions and thoughts in public. When a sick person becomes a burden, he is killed by others and is called by the name beloved. A person is a human being even if he cannot contribute anything to the society. No one has the right to take his life. Those who support it resort to the law to suppress violence. Then there is the use of legally recognized violence. The lack of human sensibilities can be seen in the personality of such people. The motive behind euthanasia is always pure selfishness or personal profits. It is never non-violent. It is the enemy of human

rights. In a country where it is recognized as a statutory, abuse of human rights is bound to happen on a large scale. The victims of this abuse are mostly people who are helpless. Therefore, it would not be unreasonable to call it the enemy of human rights.

The path of violence is easy, but it is destructive. Violence done by man is not only an indicator of animal instinct, but also an indicator of being devoid of thinking ability, intelligence, conscience and possessing a narrow and cruel mentality. A person who possesses a narrow mind adopts the path of violence. Violence if done purposely indicates degradation from the human condition. Wisdom is the entity that separates man from the animal. Wisdom is the proof of human being's humanity.

Therefore euthanasia is an indicator of the decline of humanity that is visible in the decline of forgiveness, kindness, affection, and benevolence that have resulted in paving the way for euthanasia. A person involved in the act of non-violence may destroy the lives of others for his selfishness, but this decision will certainly make his life miserable at some point.

#### **Consequences:**

If this is implemented, many doctors will be forced to kill sick people. Any kind of such act is against human rights. Through this, such a doctor exploits the patients to his advantage. It is a sin to kill due to illness, disability, old age, or other circumstances. All are equal before God. The duty of the doctor is to save life and not to destroy it. Euthanasia is a heinous crime against humanity and God and hence unethical<sup>3</sup>. The root cause of its condemnation lies in its inhumanity. It's anti-life. No one has the right to implement it from any point of view. because it is against Indian culture and humanity. Death doesn't give happiness to anyone. It is a cause of sorrow in front of our eyes. How would we feel if a loved one is killed in front of our eyes? Everyone has the right to live. But we should understand that if the governance system advocates euthanasia, if the helpless people in the society continue to bear it and if those who support it give recognition for this selfish interest, then the victory is not for human rights and non-violence, but for violence, *i.e.*, victory is of Hitlerism -and not of Gandhism.

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