

How should Humanity Steer the Future?

(How should Humanity Steer into the Future?)

The 'present' is the vehicle we ride on at any point of time, hence we can steer it only. We would reach the future riding on this vehicle. Hence, there is no question of steering the future, but the real question is how to steer the present for reaching into the future with brighter prospects.

The Drifts

Humanity drifted from the chosen path of progress by its ancestors about 2,500 years back and lost its most precious feel of happiness in spite of tremendous progress made in fields of science and technology, overall economic prosperity through development of newer means of wealth generation, individual comforts and better working conditions. Theoretically, all these indicators of progress must have made a healthier, more civilized, peaceful, and happier humanity. But the result has been the present chaotic condition wherein most of the humans are distressed with worries in their minds. There may be comforts, there may be some sort of satisfaction also, but there is no contentment in any mind, hence the worries.

Religion and Spirituality

The path chosen by our ancestors was health through selective foods, limited sex, and life full of intellectual activities, such as authorship, reasoning and creativity. With some basic progress in human civilization was made treading that path, some cunning enemies of the humanity brought in concepts of God, religion and spirituality for terrifying the humanity and sowing seeds of devotion to Gods and Goddesses, instead of dedication to work, in human minds under terror. The objective of enemies was to establish their economic, psychological, sexual and political domination over people through declaring themselves as agents of God and channels of pleasing that phantom of supreme power. They succeeded in their designs with the humanity still suffering under them.

Had there been the progress on the chosen path by our ancient ancestors, a good number of humans would have moved into a new arena of super-humanism, like the present humans evolved from their primates. Instead, a huge humanity has moved towards sub-humanism for various reasons such as economic disparities and deprivation, inter-personal and international exploitations, and overall moral turpitude for gaining authority for dominating others.

Economic exploitation of people became their prime vehicle of domination with the innocent humanity working hard for survival under terror of the superiors, and the

superiors robbing them of their hard-earned resources for their own luxurious lifestyles with no productive work by themselves. With this, accumulation of unlimited wealth became the prime most objective of life of every human-being. It still remains the same as the prime cause of human anxieties.

This has been the cause why rare individuals and organizations in the World feel perturbed over the stresses human minds are suffering from, hence this sort of brain-storming for finding ways for the humanity to have a better future in terms of overall happiness and peace of minds. The path can't be retraced back to ancient times for the changes in circumstances and human psyche during all this long period of human follies. Therefore, we need to devise ways of moving forward under the present situation to usher in a better future for the humanity.

Sexual exploitation became the cause of dirty blood of the malicious-intentioned cunning people reaching veins of even the pure souls on the Earth. Only a few could save their generations from infusion of this dirty blood.

Politics and Democracy

We have created a situation in the world where political situation of a nation determines the way her constituents think and conduct themselves. And if there is one factor that has undergone the fastest and the most dramatic change, it is the politics. Politics provides a government to rule over the people for steering them into a future - brighter or darker.

Political philosophers have been drawing a blank on providing a congenial system of governance of people, better than the Democracy which was seeded about 2,500 years back in Acropolis. We are told that it is the best system of governance of humanity. There can't be a greater falsehood than this. No thought developed about 2,500 years back for a particular condition of humanity at a particular location, can't be relevant today, what to talk of being the best.

We are grossly mistaken in evaluation of Democracy today as a backlash of our following religious dictums issued long-long back, even today. Each issue of relevancy at a time is subject to prevailing circumstance at that time. Since everything has been gradually changing around us, so must be the relevancy.

Democracy was devised for a small set of people for their direct participation in their own governance under their particular situation of parity. Therefore, all persons were given equal rights for the participation. Those conditions are no more available today in any nation or society. Economic and intellectual disparities have grown and equality is nowhere to be seen, hence the concept of equality, hence that of Democracy, is no more relevant today.

Another serious lacuna of Democracy is its total reliance on quantity with no consideration of quality of the constituents. Whereas from the present thinking point of view, quality must play more important role than the quantity in every sphere of human life, including politics. Look at people of any nation today, you

would find a wide gap in qualities of individuals, particularly in prosperity, intellectualism and morality. Treating such widely varied individuals equality and providing them equal rights in electing their government doesn't make sense.

To correct the situation, we need to add quality aspect to Democratic processes of electing governments for the people of a nation. Human quality is determined by intellectual development of the individual, as this is the area where the humanity differs from the wild animal world. Therefore, it is suggested to assign an intellectual marker to each adult citizen of a nation to determine his/her value of vote in electing his/her representative to the government. Such a modified Democracy is termed '**Intellocracy**' by this author in his writings through development of the idea on the issue in the last six years or so.

The Way-Out, Now

The way back to human happiness is difficult for the present crises in all aspects of life, but it is still possible. It has become easier than expected for the developments in the fields of Psychology, Sociology, Science and Technology, etc we have made so far. Revolution in communication may prove to be a boon for improving the lot of future humanity through positive actions today. We need to redirect these developments towards overall human happiness from the current use of these for perpetual exploitations.

Humanity had been innocent by and large. It has not traced the wrong path on its own will but has been engineered by some vested interests to keep the humanity under their psychological controls through degradation and disallowing the people to evolve to better and more intelligent individuals. Same way, if a positive change is desired, there have to be some people to engineer this change. Here is what these some persons must embed into psyche of those who matter in human societies. Internet has made this embedment much easier as a single individual can handle human minds all over the globe with a few clicks after having and developing a positive thought. I call this process as 'Social Engineering'.

It can't be achieved through allowing full freedom to each individual or groups thereof, but at some point, general conduct of the people would need regulation and control. I take up here important issues of social engineering needed for a positive change in condition of humanity.

Intellocracy

Based on experiences of the humanity with democracy, two provisions need special consideration for the new system of political power incumbency.

Preference to Presidential System

Nations of the World have experienced about both systems of democracy - Presidential and Prime Ministerial. The former system empowers and makes

him/her accountable for running the Nation on sound footing, while in the latter system, the responsibility and accountability are shared by a cabinet resulting into none remains responsible and accountable. This has made the presidential democracies more successful than the latter. With this background, Intellocracy would favor a presidential form of government for affixing accountability and taking responsibility of running the nation on a single person.

Ensuring Majority Support

Many democracies of the world, like India and England, don't ensure majority vote for forming the government. In elections of such democracies, a candidate getting maximum votes is declared elected to a position in the government. Because of this, Indian governments have been under control of persons getting as low as 20 percent votes of their constituents. This gives authoritative positions to those apt at tactical politics while persons are losers in the so-called democratic elections. Therefore, Intellocracy would ensure that only persons getting more than 50 percent votes of their constituents are declared elected.

For ensuring a clear majority support, preferential voting system would be used wherein each voter indicates three different choices out of all the candidates and marks them 1st, 2nd and 3rd. While the 1st candidate gets 3 vote points, the 2nd choice candidate 2, and the third choice candidate get only 1 vote point for a vote by the voter. Sum total of all the vote points obtained by a candidate is his/her total score. A candidate having score more than 50 percent of the total score by the electorates. If need be, there may be a second round of election between the top 3 scoring candidates to ensure a clear majority view in favor of the elected person.

Roles of a Government

Role of a government must be limited to enabling the people to lead individually-independent, socially-disciplined and exploitation-free lives of their own. This in turn calls for availability of good health, education and judicial services to them. Apart from these, the government is responsible for economic management of the nation at gross level. Intellocracy assigns three types of roles to a government - Services to People, Economic Management of the Nation, and Social Engineering of People

Services to People

With due considerations for a happy human life and creation of precious asserts of the nation, I have shortlisted three key services needed by people of nation from their government.

Health Services

Health of people is the most precious asset of their Nation apart from it being the same at individual level. Therefore, it becomes the duty of a government to provide

free and uniform health services to each citizen of the Nation. Commercialization of health services must be banned as this creates disparities in health based on economic disparities of people. Keeping in good health is the first and the most important need of an individual which must be ensured by the government.

Educational Services

What is said above about health applies to education of people also. But the difference lies in health being a necessity while education is a matter of individual's choice. Therefore, the government must provide free and uniform educational opportunities to all individuals without allowing any commerce in this field. Economic prosperity should not be allowed to make a person more educated than his/her poorer counterparts. This is important for fair competition of merits of the individuals.

Judicial Services

Law and order, and justice are two sides of a coin, both made to prevent exploitation of weak by those with more resources under their command. This is the third important responsibility of the government. Here again, this service should be free and uniformly available to each citizen.

Judges are supposed to be absolutely correct in their considerations and judgments, and this need be so practice too. Firstly to make the judges free from being autocrats, their judgments would be open for public debate and criticism. Secondly, if judgment of a judicial officer is reversed by a higher officer, his/her capability of being fit for being a judicial officer would be put to test again and he may be made to lose his/her position in the process.

Economic Management

With people becoming healthy, educated and free from exploitations by others, each individual becomes a source of taking care of own economy, and the gross of all individual economic conditions becomes the economy of the Nation. With individuals becoming capable in managing their economies well, management of the Nation's economy becomes easier.

Management of the Nation's economy without waste of resources is the fourth responsibility of the government. But the government's role must be limited to regulation and control of the economy without direct involvement in any economic activity which should be left to individual and Corporate entities to participate.

Economic management of a nation has three main components - Resource Allocation, Wealth Generation, and Taxation.

Resource Allocation

We the people get a lot of precious resources from the Nature we live with. Important of these resources are Land for living on and cultivation to grow foods,

Vegetation to supply food and smoothen weathers, Water essential ingredient for survival and for growing vegetation, Air to breathe and control climates, Climatic Energy for meeting our working needs, etc. All other forms of wealth are derivatives of these basic wealth produced through human endeavors. The producers of derived wealth have a right to own, utilize and transfer on own terms such wealth, but not on any of the naturally available wealth. The natural forms of wealth must be available to all those living on the Earth in accordance to their needs without interference by anybody else. Humanity has been following this principle on all forms of natural wealth except the Land.

In case of land, the humanity has committed a blunder by putting its pieces under private ownership. This has resulted in about 50 percent of the human population not having any place on the Earth to put their foot on, while some members of the rest population own huge pieces of the land. This disparity in land ownership has been one prominent reason of economic disparities in people. Intellocracy disallows any private ownership of land with the whole land of a nation put under State ownership and control.

Each family unit would be entitled to get a piece of land - 300 sq. meter in an urban area and 500 sq. meter in a rural area, at the place of his/her choice free of cost for building its home on it. Needs of land for other purposes would be met by the State on availability and demand basis on lease rent basis, prefixed in accordance to the use of the land with agriculture and horticulture having the lowest rent structure. The pieces of land so obtained may be returned back to the State to get another piece at some other place, but can't be sold or transferred to anybody else. Once a piece of land is allotted, it can't be taken back by the State without the consent of the allottee. Ownership of building or any other structure on such a land piece would however be transferred as inheritance to his/her kin on death of an allottee but can't be sold or transferred in any other way.

Wealth Generation

Agriculture, Mining and Industrial Production are three main means of wealth generation for a nation. All these means would be under private controls with regulations by the State mainly to minimize competition and quality standards of products. Both the competition and production of low quality of products are wastages of resources, hence need strict controls by the State.

A competition in business is the result of more production than the demand. This happens due to mistake in demand forecasting of a product. The State would have permanent Commissions for demand forecasting and control on production quantity of various products in fields of Agriculture, Mining and Industries.

Similarly, there would be another set of Commissions on Product Quality and Prices in all the three fields of wealth generation. The Commissions shall all on fixed qualities of products and make available those to people at prices prefixed by the Commissions allowing a fixed margin to business enterprises. The

Commissions would compute production costs of various products under standard norms of business operations. Business enterprises optimizing their business operations better than others would thus earn higher profits than others. This would be an incentive to business enterprises for improving their management skills and production technologies.

Overall effect of these Commissions would be minimization of competition in business fields and standard qualities of products to people.

Taxation and Government Expenditures

Sources of revenue for the government to spend on health, education and judicial services and expenditures on the governance would be met through lease rent receipts for the land allotments, and taxation on people on their respective consumptions of industrial and mining products. There would single point of tax collection at the manufacturers' outlets with the taxes ultimately charged from users of the products. More a person buys, more he/she pays to the government. Agricultural produce shall be free from any taxation.

Structure and infrastructure of the government and its involvement in public affairs would be kept at minimum level to reduce burden of governance on the people. Average wage of government employees would be fixed at a level equivalent to average income of families in the Nation. The uppermost and the lowermost positions in the government would have a difference of 20 percent only in their emoluments and perquisites. The philosophy behind is that every employee needs only a respectable livelihood, with none allowed luxurious lifestyle at public cost.

Social Engineering

There was a time when social issues were governed by conventions and traditions but not now. These too need laws for governance and the government has a role in handling social issues. Some burning social issues are raised here needing considerations by the humanity for steering into a future of human happiness.

Womanhood and Sex

Traditionally in old times, women used to be the Goddesses in their respective homes, the status acquired by them through their services to all the family members, and more importantly being the mothers of newer generations. With the advent of artificial birth of Krishna through implanting an imported embryo in the womb of a woman of Judaism followers on Indian soil and his growing up to adolescence, he began treating women as sex toys to play with, thus creating a new human culture on the Earth. He declared himself as an incarnation of God thus got social sanction to whatever he did. Alexander was invited by him to invade India who invaded and became his guest and his partner in exploiting women sexually. These two nastiest persons on the Earth were wiped off the Earth surface in due course of time but they left their nasty legacy of treating women as sex toys.

Due to men of militant races treating the womanhood as sex symbols, women were in general were confined to their homes with no contact with the external world and this tradition deepened and continued for long time with the militant races dominating the people of meek races and establishing their political rules.

Then came the waves of freedom of people with establishment of democratic governments in free nations. This provided sails to womanhood too to demand liberation from their men and the homes with the women getting free exposure to society and the homes losing their masters. Again, the womanhood is gradually acquiring the status of sex symbol which need be controlled before it is too late. This can't be achieved with force of law only or any provision in governance.

The society as a whole must give the most prominent role to women in their respective homes as daughters, sisters, wives and mothers to satisfy the women that they don't need any external exposure for getting respect and recognition. This would made them safe, respectful and dominant too on the men.

Individual Freedom and Social Discipline

Under Intellocracy, every individual would be allowed a total freedom in accordance to his/her family norms and ethos with no or minimum intervention by the government but within boundaries of his/her home only. This freedom would be under strict regulation by the government to keep social discipline. Thus, there would be a stark difference between individual and social lives of a person, as far as governance is concerned.

For an individual to sync his/her individual and social lives, it would be better for him/her to follow the social norms within boundaries of his/her home too. That would be the objective of social policy under Intellocracy to make people disciplined on their own.

Religion and Spirituality

Matter of individual freedom and social discipline mentioned above applies more to following religion and spirituality by people than anything else. People often follow religions and spirituality as family tradition, influenced by others doing so, or due to their own psychological weakness for which they want to be part of a crowd rather than being individuals standing on their own feet of convictions. This has been blunting intellect of humanity in general and works as degrading force for humanity.

Intellocracy would not be against a person following a faith but he/she must do so through his/her own understanding and conviction about the faith. For this, Intellocracy would provide full freedom at individual level. Further, following a religion or a spiritual practice are matters of personal nature, public display of these debars the follower from getting any benefit of solace from the practice but becomes a matter of exhibitionism. Intellocracy would, therefore, debar people from displaying their religious or spiritual leanings in public, or having public places

made for such purposes to save others and future generations from getting influenced in a traditional way.

Population Control

Overpopulation is the single most important factor of degradation of humanity to sub-human level through poverty and deprivation of basic amenities of human life. Natural resources available on the earth falling short of supporting the huge population existing on the Earth, severe imbalances in the Nature are taking place creating more problems to the humanity. Intellocracy would be implementing stringent measures for population control to keep it under manageable limits.

Democracy being based on mere number of persons rather quality of these provides incentive to narrow-minded classes and communities to increase their populations to grab political power through increasing their votes in a nation or society. Therefore, Intellocracy would favor curtailment of voting rights of couples producing more than two children. Even the children so produced would not be given any right to vote in formation of government.

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