



Education and world Citizen

Education is significant to present day society. It releases people from the state of being illiterate to intelligent, knowledgeable and able to work for a living as well as live in a better life than less educated or uneducated people. Education broadens opportunity for people from Bachelor's, Master's and eventually Doctorate degree. Ability to learn depends on the individual wisdom; and as people learn more they know more which they can use their knowledge for all time. World community therefore studies more broadly and in depth. They study about both national and international modernization, lands, water, sky, stars, galaxy and universal phenomenon. Education brings about learning and creating new technology; systemizes things in a modern way; and provides convenience with a variety of usefulness. However, what we never know and think that it is not necessary to know is about ourselves and surroundings. When people face the problems, many of them cannot solve and get over with these problems. Some of the people cannot accept the truth and even make wrong decision. Sometimes, they use their lives as the bet. We study in different fields of knowledge; know all the advancement, but we never study basic dharma principles that can adapted in life for peaceful purpose. We are afraid of being out of dated person in an online society. We use money and all facilities to serve our luxurious life without considering that sufficiency is the true happiness. This type of education cannot really help us to stop being ambitious, suffered, greedy, selfish and craving in a wrongful way, as well as stop taking advantages from others. These thoughts caused unhappiness to human beings. All man-made creation causes tremendous troubles to human beings. We all know that the world is now facing unusual conditions, for instance, global warming, drought, earthquake, flood, and flood, and off season snow. Education assists people to invent new things in which some of them are miraculous whereas some are disastrous. Nature is eventually destroyed and humans need to adjust themselves with this change. Without adjustment, they will face tremendous loss.

We accept the education continually progresses, but with following problems namely, corruption, crimes, drugs, and genocide. These problems are getting worse in every moment; and happiness cannot be found in this condition. Parlous people used education and wisdom to take advantage from others. Less and uneducated people will be the victims

from illiteracy. Despite these troubles, Buddhists like us should stop these problems by using dharma in our life, for example, conscience, and consciousness. This includes keeping five precepts, refraining from the allurements which lead to ruin in all vices. We should also live our lives by holding eightfold noble path in thinking, speaking and acting as well as living without negligence. These moralities can stop people from causing any troubles to others. It is beneficial in creating happiness until the last moment in life by not living in endless suffering.

Educated people do not only cause the troubles, but they also make numerous benefits to the country and the world. These people should be honored and recalled. They are the product of well upbringing, proper living and good morality that lead their lives in the right way. We as good Buddhists should use Dharma to remind us to think, speak and act in a right way; and most importantly to be a good citizen in a peaceful society.

May the august virtues or triple gems which are the true pillar for all Buddhists, bless you all with happiness, safety, and prosperity.

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