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Question:

“Compassion can be put into practice if one recognizes the fact that every human being is a member of humanity and the human family regardless of differences in religion, culture, color and creed.”

– Dalai Lama

Do you agree with this view? Discuss.

Answer:

Compassion is a value, wherein, one not only feels the pain and suffering of others, but also tries to ward off the distressing situation. Compassion to fellow beings devoid of the difference in religion, culture, color and creed is an extension of the ancient Indian concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

In fact, it is not alien to the Indian Constitution. Article 51A (g) motivates us “to have compassion for living creatures”. The concept of PIL, introduced by Justice Bhagwati, relies on this very value of compassion, wherein people feel the pain of their fellow beings and raise their voice to win justice for others.

Compassion is a pivotal point to maintain harmony in a society as diverse as India. A lot of differences in social etiquettes, religious practices or opinion can perpetually keep us at logger heads. Yet we witness in calamities or more recently in the COVID-19 lockdown that people break away these shackles to protect each other.

Thus, there can be no doubt that a compassionate life is a life worth living as it adds purpose and satisfaction to the otherwise unconcerned and detached humans