

**ROAD TOWARDS
WORLD PEACE THROUGH
WALT WHITMAN AND
KEKI N. DARUWALLA POEMS**



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BETTER PEACEFUL AND HUMANITARIAN WORLD THROUGH WALT WHITMAN AND KEKI N. DARUWALLA POEMS

In this world where we can see that there is no peace, violence exist, there is degradation of moral values as man has become selfish in this fast pace and cut throat competitive world. For this we have to take immediate steps and preserve humanity, culture, tradition and peace etc. We have to teach students moral values which is the basic foundation of children as when they grow up they would be able to be better future citizens who would definitely help in the development of society, country as well as the whole world. Through moral values they would be able to learn about ethics and aesthetic sense which would help them in becoming good human being. They would be able to respect others rights and be dutiful towards the nation too.

Students should be taught poems like of Keki N. Daruwalla and Walt Whitman which tells about the harsh realities of life, struggles of man, corruption, riots, wars, consequences, war, exploitation of the people. Walt he emphasizes on Universal Brotherhood, love, care, compassion, peace, kindness, Universal Democracy which would help in saving and preserving this earth etc. When these poems would be taught to the students in schools and at University level they would become emphatic and would help in making this world a better place to live in by spreading love, peace, joy, care, kindness, compassion, fraternity and have the feeling of patriotism too.

We can say this because future of the nation is build inside the class-rooms and if students are taught moral values and asked to serve society like by cleaning, helping needy, spending time with

orphans, old people in old age home and orphanage and make judicious use of resources, being eco-friendly, they can help in sustainable development along with transforming this world into a paradise.

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LOVE

Without love one can't survive or exist in this world. It's essential for all. Even animals and birds love each other so why not human beings. Love makes this world beautiful and heaven for all. God loves all his creation. We are born out of love. Love only can transform this world.

PEACE

It is very important for all of us. It can only take place when we are happy. Happiness in this world is a state of mind. People feel that accumulating materialistic things from that they will attain happiness as well as peace but it's not as such but by knowing our inner self our true self listening to our true voice because when we are happy everyone tries to come in contact with us surround us they like our company too because we are complaining, fighting or getting aggressive. We should ask ourselves who am I? Why am I in this world? Who created me? Am I here for a purpose? By connecting.

HUMANITY

When people they know about their rights as well as give the rights to others treat everyone equally, help others, having the feelings of care, kindness and compassion, love for all, beauty, nature and animals, old age, people, women, children, downtrodden neglected people hearing their voices giving them justice, love is humanity not harming anyone in this world leads to humanity. Therefore the development should also take place in such a manner which leads to sustainable development and democratic world and universal brotherhood. For that the students should be taught in schools as in primary classes till University level. They should be taken on excursion, tour, old age homes, orphanage

and should be asked to spend time there. There should be no cut throat competition amongst individuals or even countries. There should be disarmament amongst all countries. Old age people should be respected and they should be cared for as being senior citizen. As they are always vulnerable to violence they should be safeguarded and given justice this goes even for the women and children their voices should be heard they should be protected from any kind of abuse and violence.

TEACHING ABOUT LOVING HUMAN FOR PEACEFUL WORLD

Teaching students about love is very important. They should be taught about values. They should be made responsible and better citizens in this world. They should be made to serve the society. They should be taught in such manner that their values are developed. Feelings of love for the country and countrymen is aroused amongst them. They love humanity. They work for the humanity. They should learn to give back to the society what they have received from the society. They should treat everyone equally. One should not discriminate anyone on the basis of caste, creed or religion. One should be able to respect others rights, ideas, thoughts, ideas, religion. One should treat even animals lovingly. One should give others their right too. One should not violate others rights. One should abuse others. One should not be violent against any creation of God. One should love everyone equally. One should be kind, compassionate, caring etc., to others. As everyone is part of the same God or supreme power. Everyone has the same energy. For that the whole society, teachers, parents have to come together to support the children to become lovers of humanity as they are future citizens of our country and the development of the country depends upon them.

LOVING AND PEACEFUL PEOPLE ATTRACT

They can transform this world and they can make this world a better place to live in. They can become non-violent, non aggressive and caring human beings if we teach them so. They are learning from the society what they are seeing and the rough observation. As children learn more through observation. Peace is very important it can come only through meditation and feeling calm and relaxed. As we can see that there is too much stress people are running after materialistic

thing they are becoming frustrated and they suicide and become aggressive therefore we can say that through meditation they have learn to be in contact with themselves. They come in contact even with the cosmos the energy which has created them. They learn to be at ease with themselves. They feel comfortable with themselves they love themselves and therefore they start loving others too. The people start loving and liking their company and they create an aura which is happy and therefore people like surrounding and coming in contact with the people who radiate positive energy.

MESSAGE TO THE WORLD BY GREAT MEN

Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa and Rabindranath Tagore as well as many more have left the message of love for this whole world. Love truth and non-violence were the biggest weapons in Mahatma Gandhi's hand. Rabindranath and Swami Vivekananda also cried for humanity and love they came up with opening the schools like Vishwa Bharti and Ramakrishna Mission etc., where there are no boundaries no limit where everyone is treated equally. Everyone gets right to education without any differentiation. We have to teach children through action. Nelson Mandela also fought for peoples rights because he loved humanity. You are in this world because of love.

BUILDING RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

This world could not exist without love. Students should be taught value education for that at least once in a week. They should be asked to spend time in orphanage and old age home and serve them so that the feeling of compassion is aroused in them.

PARTICIPATE EXTRA—CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

They should be asked to participate in extra-curricular activities like role-play, drama, opera, dance and drama so that they can spread the message of love peace and humanity. They should be asked to participate in music, dance and poem recitation and writing etc., through which they would be able to express themselves in a better manner. They would develop the we feeling. They would learn to be democratic. Adjust in society and love it. That should start from home only.

PARENTS DUTY

Parents should be non-violent and even the society because the children learn, mainly from home and society. Children should be asked to take care of neighbours and love them. Go to their homes during festivals and greet them. Love others feelings their lifestyle, fooding style, dressing style, celebrate festivals with them, respects others ideologies philosophy. They should be asked to help them. Children should be asked to help at home while doing chores. They should be taught like how to serve, how to do the cleaning, how to help in household work because charity begins from home. Students should be taught about different religions and that it wants good of all fellow human beings.

TEACHING VALUES

Values are getting degraded now. Students as they are the one who can help in spreading the message of peace, love and humanity they should be taught to respect every human being creation created by God, animals and not to discriminate, hate feel jealous, angry or aggressive etc., as we can find all these things prevailing in society as children are exposed to all kinds of violence taking place in society through the mass media therefore we can see that war, riots, fight without any reason is taking place in the society. People are thirsty of each others blood. They want to kill each other. They are equipped with arms and ammunition. They carry weapons along with themselves. No one is secured and safe. Therefore there is a dire need that some steps should be taken so that we can make this world a better, peaceful and loving place to live in. There should be brotherhood, love and fraternity existing in society and all this should be taught to students since childhood in primary classes till University level than only we can find responsible students existing and prevailing in society because the future of the country are developed inside classes.

They should be taught about Keki N. Daruwalla and Walt Whitman.

WALT WHITMAN: MESSAGE OF LOVE

Walt teaches eve to love animals as they are the part of the same energy. We should love our fellow human beings as all are part of the same

God. He sees god even in laborer and gardener. He love to see the they are so relaxed they are not running after anything they don't fight for no reason etc. War teaches about universal brotherhood, love, kindness and compassion for all, fraternity, patriotism etc., whereas Keki makes us aware about the evils existing in the society so that people can learn about them and make efforts to improve the conditions in their own manner though he himself doesn't want to change anything he says that these things have always existed in this world and would always exist even in future. These poems if taught can bring revolution in this world.

WALT MESSAGE FOR PEACE

Walt never wanted violence, war, exploitation, selling of black people by the white people, corruption, human trafficking, prostitution taking place in the society. He wrote poems and he even showed through action love for humanity by nursing the wounded soldiers during the war. He wrote poems and dedicated to Abraham linclon it was tribute to him which expressed how he sacrificed his life fighting for the people of America and safeguarding them from outside dangers.

KEKI N. DARUWALLA POEMS ABOUT COMMON MAN

Keki also observed man struggling for the daily living, wars, violence, riots, blood shed taking place in the society, partition, death, diseases etc., prevailing, selling of woman, exploitation and corruption taking place, hatred, jealousy etc., like emotions existing within man how a person for daily living and due to societal pressures become a bandit. How superstitions are existing in society etc. K. N. Daruwala he tells about society, people, rituals, death, disease, emotions like jealousy, hatred leading to curfew, riots how a man is trying to kill another man. Through his poem we come to know how cruel he can be?

K. N. Daruwala tries to make us aware about our surrounding. How one race conquered another race about fake rituals taking place, how people are dominated by their ministers when they attain authority. How one who is a sadhu can be a fraud. How the people (men and women) are trapped in a society woven web. They are all trapped in some way or the other. They have to follow all those rituals, traditions in whose web they all are trapped since past many generations.

It also tells about how cruel a man can be when he is ambitious like king Asoka and how does he regret after killing so many innocent people in the battle of Kalinga. He feels guilty and don't know what he would do so that he would again be accepted by the people who have started hating him after Kalinga war. It helps us to ponder over what were those feelings that led him Kalinga war shedding so much of blood of innocent people and then why did he feel guilty.

Asoka by writing on the pillars. It was dug deep in the rock so that generations could read his message of spreading of love, peace, truth and non-violence. He wanted to tell through it that how deeply he was hurt about it the Kalinga war which took place. He said that he was hurt so deeply he wanted to come close to common people but couldn't repent now as it was too late millions had already died and there was a river of blood flowing between him and the common people. He can't cross this river and it's too difficult he can close to them only by serving humanity.

Our country being the biggest democratic country has always set an example for the whole world so again it's the duty of the teachers who are the guiding light to teach students who are the future of this developing country to learn and imbibe in themselves about peace and help in spreading the same message to the whole world if we want our children to live in peaceful and loving world where there is no hatred, love for humanity, universal brotherhood, no exploitation, no discrimination, no selling of people and no war.

KEKI'S POEMS

Keki through his poems tries to express what he sees and observes. He sees the riots taking place, corruption, exploitation taking place he expresses selling and buying of people. Hardships faced by the people during India Pakistan's partition. How people died during the partition and havoc it created. He talks about that in some place there is dearth and scarcity of water and mosquitoes are biting but still people are staying at such places for job to earn money. Farmers they marry and they leave their wives to feed themselves and their children all on their own therefore they indulge in prostitution. Man is cruel and enjoys giving pain to others as they are worst than animals. What develops in them this animal instinct whereas Walt says that war should stop, peace should

only prevail animals are more peaceful than human beings as they don't run after power and they can also learn a great deal from the animals too. Whereas Keki says that human beings are greedy, cruel, dominating since past many ages and centuries. For ex: Asoka, Mughals, Alexander etc. Wars have taken place and greed for domination, power etc., have taken place and would always remain the same always. If one wants changes in the society they can be made because even an individual can make a difference. Teachers by teaching students through value education, poems, stories, dramas, role-play, skets, opera, movies, audio-visual aids, field excursions, visit to historical sites should spread and inculcate the values amongst students. Teach about human rights and duties. Make students responsible citizens who are dutiful and who know their rights. Even culture teaches a lot. Children learn more by seeing and observing what others are following and doing they learn more through actions. Through literature one can come to know about the life style, thoughts, feelings, emotions of human beings etc. Way of dressing, fooding, culture too at particular point of time. So therefore through poems also message of human rights, duties, fraternity, universal brotherhood, peace, love and non-violence can be spread. Literature depicts the culture of the society. When poems are taught like of Keki and Walt we can say that solution to Keki's problems can be found in Walt Whitman's poems. Keki talks about harsh reality of life he don't want to change anything or whereas Walt says that stop this war, selling of people, exploitation (corruption and prostitution), differentiation on the basis of caste, creed, region, colour, economic status or religion.

MESSAGE OF LOVE, PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

Asoka had spread the message of peace by drilling the message deeply on the pillars. It was dug deep in the rock so that generations could read his message of spreading the message of love, peace, truth and non-violence. He wanted to tell by drilling the message of peace deeply on the rock that how deeply he was hurt about it the Kalinga war which took place. He said that he was hurt so deeply he wanted to come close to common people but couldn't repent now as it was too late millions had already died and there was a river of blood flowing between him and the common people. He can't cross this river of blood and it's too difficult

but he can come close to common masses only by serving humanity. For that Asoka had send his messengers to different islands for spreading his message of peace and non-violence and followed BUDDHA'S PATH, the middle path and now he is known to the world. So therefore we should learn from the mistakes of great people that one should learn about values and conquer themselves first.

Parents Role

- Celebrate all festivals together with neighbours. Respect everyone.
- Treat everyone equally.
- Show love, care, kindness and compassion to all family members because children learn through observation.
- No gender discrimination or biasedness.
- No killing of girl child.

Society's Role

- Be non-violent.
- Respect every citizen.
- Not discriminating on the basis of caste, creed or religion.
- Giving everyone equal opportunity-education, job etc.
- Following the rules and regulations etc.
- Adhering to the norms of the society—custom and culture.
- Participating in all activities held by the society.
- Helping caring for others for the neighbours.
- Celebrating all festivals together.
- Respecting others ideas, thoughts, views, fooding, lifestyle, beliefs etc.
- Living peacefully with each other.
- No riots, curfew, violence takes place in the society.
- Giving everyone equal rights.
- Giving justice to all and safeguarding everyones rights.
- Protecting every citizen unconditionally.
- No gender biasedness.
- Protecting the vulnerable citizens of society like women, children and old age people etc.

Teacher's Role

- Teachers should teach Value education atleast once a week and if possible one lesson everyday.
- Take them to orphanage, old age home and spend time there in this manner orphans and old age people will feel wanted and part of society. They would feel special loved and cared.
- Involve students in activities like in music, drama, dance, opera, role-play, story-telling, poem-reading writing and recitation etc.
- Teach students about love, brotherhood, fraternity through audio-visual aids, movies, patriotic songs, field excursions, showing historical places, showing them the beauty of nature by taking them beautiful places and giving them an opportunity to come in contact of nature so that they can appreciate the beauty of God they feel that they are part of this Universe as a whole. They can develop the feeling of love for beauty of nature which is truth and truth which is God.
- They can make students to realize their full potentials.
- They can help them to be better future citizens.
- They can ask students to share their lunch, stationary etc., with other students. They would develop the feelings of sharing and care for others.
- They should be given equal opportunities to participate in all activities so that they feel part of the society and learn to adjust with others.
- Everyone should be given equal right to education and no one should be discriminated.
- Teach students to be obedient, follow rules and regulations, be punctual, not to fight with anyone, respect elders and better human being as that the only aim of education to transform students into better future citizens by making them responsible and law abiding citizens who can be useful to the society and serve the humanity.

As students are the future citizens and they have the future responsibilities to make this world a better place to live in they should be taught about love, peace, care, compassion. It's the need of the hour which can change this whole world. We can elevate our spiritual and inner self and be really like human beings and not animals.

As these feelings like of love, kindness, care, compassion, brotherhood, fraternity etc., would only help differentiating us from animals why should we behave like animals or be called as worst than them. God has made them like that for their survival but why do we shed each others blood for no reason just for satisfaction of our ego or greed for power, domination, feelings of superiority etc.

TEACHER'S DUTY

Teacher's should shoulder this great responsibility to help students become peaceful and non-violent. As we can see them they are open to mass media to a very extent. Even in society they are watching violence while watching television, video game etc. They are seeing violence at home which is cause of concern which has a negative impact on students and violence as well as abuse which needs to be eradicated from the society which can be done by the teachers only by teaching students about values and non-violence.

YOGA AND MEDITATION

Teachers should ask students to meditate and do yoga as inside a healthy body exist a healthy mind. One should be able to take care of their health and hygiene and thus lead a life of dignity and respect as it is everyones right. They should be taught about the different religious books. Though parents at home should also help children learn about peace and non-violence by following the same through action by setting examples in front of them by becoming an ideal for them and society too should also try to set good examples for the children as they are the future citizens of our country and the development of the country depends upon them they should well imagine from now that what kind of world they be leaving behind for them—world full of bloodshed or peace? Keki and Walt Whitman's poems helps to a very great extent in teaching lessons of life and struggles of life and one can learn a great deal through them and it's teachers duty mainly to teach children what is peace, human rights and how to preserve it. How to live in harmony, not discriminating anyone on the basis of caste, creed or religion, providing equal opportunities to all, spreading happiness in every ones life.

SUGGESTIONS

Students should be taught about peace they should be taught about values, respect and value others, other religion, their fooding, culture etc. Through dramas, cultural program dances of various cultures children should be able to spread the message of peace, unity and human values through dramas also they should be able to teach the moral values, human rights and duties, stop all kinds of war spread message of humanity. Students should be taught to donate blood, voluntarily participate in First Aid and Red Cross during war. They should be asked to write essays, participate in role play, debate, elocution, dramas etc., and thus help in making people aware about their rights and duties and also how to preserve peace and humanity which is the need of the hour.

CONCLUSION

Students should be taught about love and humanity. Peace is very important. Education aim should be to build better, responsible future citizens which have the feelings of brotherhood and who are against any kind of violence, war and terrorism. Who spreads the message of love, peace and humanity. Who serves society and work for the welfare of humanity because students are the one whom the future of the country is dependent. They can help in the development of the country by transforming this world into a peaceful world by spreading joy and happiness. By being non-violent and non aggressive.

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