

Indian civilization and culture

(a) How is Indian civilization different from European civilization?

Ans. The tendency of Indian civilization is to elevate the moral being : where as European civilization is to propagate immorality. The former is based on a belief in God where as the latter is godless.

(b) Why does Gandhi say that 'mind is a restless bird'? What makes the mind restless?"

Ans. Gandhi Ji says that 'mind is a restless bird' because the more it gets, the more it wants and still remains unsatisfied. Our passions make our mind restless.

(c) How did our ancestors view large cities? Why were they satisfied with small villages?

Ans. Our ancestors viewed that large cities were trap and useless burden where many vices were flourishing and the poor would be robbed by the rich. They were satisfied with small villages because they enjoyed true 'Home Rule' depending on agriculture."

(d) How did our ancestors enjoy true 'Home Rule'?

Ans. Our ancestors enjoyed true 'Home Rule' because they lived independently and followed their agricultural occupation which is free from the evils of the cities.

(e) What is the civilization in the real sense of the term?

Ans. Civilization, in the real sense of the term, consists not in the multiplication but in the deliberate and voluntary restriction of wants. This alone increases and promotes contentment, real happiness and capacity for service.

(f) Why is still Indian civilization and culture alive?

Ans. Indian civilization and culture is still alive because Hinduism developed not only with material but spiritual lines. Our civilization culture depend upon self denial, not upon self-indulgence.

(g) What, according to the author is Modern civilization? Or, What is the distinguished characteristic of modern civilization?

Ans. Modern civilization means the worship of the material which creates brutality in us. It is nothing but the triumph of materialism.

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