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The Culture of Photographing: A Hurdle to Humanity

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Human beings take pleasure in taking photos and documenting those photos for their future. When we are on a special occasion, we take photographs to remember and cherish those occasions in our life. We photograph and video all the special occasions except death and death also is photographed for great personalities. At present scenario, there is a culture spreading fast among the youngsters that is 'taking Selfie'. In those days, we will invite a photographer or we will go to the studio to take a photo. But, today, due to the advancement of technology, we need not to have the help of somebody to photograph us. We ourselves can photograph us. Since, mobile phone plays a vital role in communication; mobile phone producing companies keep on developing this device with many features like increasing megapixel of the camera. Though mobile phone was created for the purpose of communication, today it has undergone much evolution and became a multiuser. Today it is too difficult to see a man without mobile.

The culture of photographing has become more popular among youngsters. Youngsters are more interested in taking photos and videos. They not only photograph happy moments like birthdays, marriage, etc., but also photograph sad moments like accidents, critical and dangerous situations. As a human being, we are supposed to help the people who met with accident or those who in a dangerous situation or who are about to die. But, instead of helping them in the accident, if they photograph and video the accident means they kill humanity. Following incidents explain the concept very clearly. The first one is, a bus was flying from Trichy to Salem on 27 July 2019, and the bus hit a small vehicle at Uttamarkovil nearby TVS Tolgate. So, the vehicle fell down and rolled on the road. The driver was inside of the vehicle. Blood was coming out of it. Some of the passengers got down from the bus and were trying to relive the driver from the vehicle. In the same time most of the youngsters were photographing the incident and they are taking selfie. They are taking photos to upload them in the social media and to update their status in WhatsApp. They fail to save a human being from a dangerous situation. It shows their inhumane attitude.

The next incident was a fire accident held in a private college hostel in Trichy, on 04th March 2014. After the hostel day celebration, a pile of plastic chairs was arranged in the ground floor. An anti-social enemy burnt the chairs with the help of the Camphor. There were nearly five hundred chairs. The chairs were burning as if lava coming out from a volcano. The building consisted of four floors. The whole building became dark within ten minutes. Really, students were struggling to come out of the rooms. But what pained was, the students who came from other buildings were taking selfie and videos while their own friends in a dangerous situation. They uploaded the photos and videos in Facebook immediately. They did not mind the students who were struggling to come out of the rooms. Their intention was to photograph before the fire was extinguished. Their intention behind uploading these kinds of videos and photos was to receive more likes and comments from their friend and viewers. They took pride in receiving more likes and comments. They were also interested in updating their WhatsApp status account and they take pride in how many people have viewed and commented it. They update their social media status quite often but they don't update their basic human value system. As technology grows, we also lose our value system.

Youngsters are addicted to the access of social media, so, they fail to be a human being. Where is the human value system? The society fails to update the younger generation with moral values. We failed to teach the younger generation that, we should help those who are in a need, we should save those who are in dangerous situation, we should console those who are in depression and we should encourage those who are discouraged. If we fail to teach, then the future generations will be like beasts.