Analysis of Corruption in Our Society

Authors:

Arjun Dahal, Tribhuvan University, arjundahalard.thereason@gmail.com

Sujan Bista, Tribhuvan University, bisuzn36@gmail.com

Abstract:

Corruption is one of the major problems of present day world, that is intangible in itself, but, plays a major role in our daily life, which either, directly or indirectly, is effecting our lives. Through this paper, we have tried to classify the types of corruption under five major headings.

Keywords: Corruption, Political Corruption, Administrative Corruption, Religious Corruption, Educational Corruption, Moral/Psychological Corruption

Introduction:

“Corruption” in itself is such a powerful word that it can tempt any of the divine human on the earth. Officially, it can be framed as a deal between two parties, one offering, and the other receiving, to get certain task completed as wished by the party offering it. In terms of convenience, it can be regarded as a bridge that shortens the load or duration of any work being completed within a certain limit of time. The question “Who began corruption?” is in itself an argument of first cause, for corruption doesn’t has any particularly history. But most of the wise men believe that it originated in parallel with the origin of life. Even the widely accepted theory of evolution formulated by Charles Darwin has the elements of corruption behind it, for it widely says, “Struggle for Existence” and The Survival of Fittest”, which clearly indicates that without being corrupted there is no any chance of sustaining the lives. Thus the word Corruption is a curious dogma.

Through this article we have tried to classify the types of corruption prevailing in our daily life. Yes! Everybody knows there are infinite numbers of ways of being corrupted, but since most of the corruption evolves from a certain root, we have tried a humble attempt to recognize such corruption under these five consecutive headings.

1. Political Corruption: It is the supreme and most respected corruption of all time. Reigning from origin of the society to the present day society. Except the persons involved in politics, (though all of them deep inside their heart generally knows), all the general public knows that, politics and corruption are two sides of a same coin. In other words, we may even say, the nature of politics and corruption goes hand in hand. First of all, the corrupted people with corrupted money tries to enter politics (except for some absurd) to be physically, mentally and socially safe. Then the corrupted people
pours all of the corrupted money beforehand the election as a bait to the general public and once he win the election, he discovers a paradise of corruption as, he now bears the power to govern the country. From the government budget, to the appointment of high-level officers, he utilizes each and every chance to be more corrupted and hence, his level of corruption seldom decreases and to a surprise he holds the utmost respect from the country.

2. **Administrative Corruption:** It is the type of corruption that supports and is supported back in return by the political corruption. Not only in the government administered areas, but also in the privately run administrative sectors this type of corruption is highly prevailed. From few sum of money to millions, the deals of corruption are held inside the offices. The offering partly comes with a certain intention of getting his work completed and the receiving party tags the price of corruption in order to have the work completed by the offering party according to his desire. Thus the corruption is formally inaugurated, the all form of works performed, under it is regarded as an inside process to the outside observers.

3. **Religious Corruption:** It is an evident fact that religion itself bears a corruption in the name of god. Hindus have uncountable examples of their lords being corrupted for certain reasons. Jesus Christ was sold for 30 pieces of silver by his corrupted disciple and every other religion bears a seed of corruption deep inside their nucleus. In context of Nepal the Christian missionaries are publicly offering donations to the needy people, convincing them to join Christianity which in is indeed, an act of bribe to change the religion, so, is an example corruption in itself. Furthermore the donations and funds collected in the name of lords is too corrupted by the leaders of that certain religious sites and the good lord is forced to watch and bless the same corrupted religious preachers. There are several examples of Tibetan monks immolating themselves on fire as a means of protest against the government. Their supreme leader Dalai Lama has praised them considering their act as an act of non-violence, as they kill themselves only, unlike the other jihadist groups who does mass massacre. And to the dismay of human rights, in such cases too, religion has used its mask to hide it’s corruption by considering it as spiritual act of objection against the laws of government.

4. **Educational Corruption:** “Educational Corruption” the word seems to be a good joke, but it is one of the evident facts that we are well aware of. These days, there are number of ways through which even education, which is considered to shed the light on corruption, gets itself dirty by the means of corruption. Nowadays Masters and PhD thesis are publicly available for sale, so without any effort or labor a student can obtain his/her required thesis by the means of corruption for certain sum of money. There are plenty of news that the colleges bribe the exam centers so that their student can cheat
freely during the examination. Many professors/supervisors are found to be enjoying the party/treat offered them as bait by their corrupted students for the completion of certain works. Time and again, we hear the news that an unqualified student gets selected for a merit list due to the corruption among the educational officials. Colleges are corrupted by showing fake advertisements to their students. Students are corrupted too by seeking easy way of collecting their works. And to the surprise of all, most of the government formed by the corrupted politicians appoint one of the corrupts as the Minister of Education.

5. **Moral / Psychological Corruption:** It is the corruption of our virtues that we face in our daily life. It consists of corruption of negligible things, but has a great effect with the sands of time. For example, In a bus fair, most of the conductors doesn’t return the change of one or two rupees, which is an indeed an act of corruption. For a single person it may not count, but if we sum up all such uncounted changes even within a single day, the figure will make our eyes pop-out. Similarly we ourselves personally offer a short get together with persons of our need to get our work completed, and it is itself an act of corruption. We pay the prices for the goods more than the MRP written on it, and it is also a corruption. These corruptions occur due to the failure of our morality to raise or speak at the right time for a right reason. Buddha had rightly said, “The mind is everything. What you think, you become.”

**Conclusion:**

We have been facing corruption from our time of infancy, till the everyday of our calendar we have moved on, to every tickle of our clocks we have passed. In fact, it has become one of the abstract behavior in our daily life, which we, either knowingly or unknowingly, face it, or sometimes, in favorable cases, we ourselves fall into its grasp, so immense that our virtues of high decree fails to escape from the eternal beauty of it. So, corruption in broad sense, when taken, is not only affecting our day to day life, but is even changing the way of our living or the usual/regular habits we are used to.

To stop the corruption from our society, firstly, we should train our mind to be honest. Every person attempts to live a decent life, so we (all of us) should be genuine from our heart and soul. If we keep insisting that, everything in the world just happens for its own reason as remarking the Voltaire’s words, “Observe that the nose has been formed to bear spectacles—thus we have spectacles.”, then it would be no good, than an argument of design, theorized in the plain paper by philosophers. So corruption in figurative sense is itself a doctrine of cruelty. Until and unless, we become morally sane, we cannot change or stop the corruption sowing the seeds in our minds, that, along with the passage of time, corrupts, not only education, religion, administration, and politics, but the entire globe as once Nietzsche said,
“The parasites is the least of species, but whoever is of the highest species nourishes the most parasites.”

References:


