

## Section-5

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Ans.

Respect or Samman means accepting individuality and doing right evaluation (to be evaluated as I am).

- Instead of respect being a basis of similarity or one of right evaluation, we have made it into something on the basis of which we differentiate. i.e., by respecting you mean you are doing something special, because you are special or have something special or are in some special position.
- Thus, all of us are running around seeking respect from one another by trying to become something special.
- Today, we are differentiating in the name of respect. We either differentiate people on the basis of their body, on the basis of their wealth & possessions or on the basis of their beliefs.
- Therefore is no notion of respect in terms of right evaluation. Thus, there is no real feeling of relationship, only one of differentiation.

• on the basis of body :-

- (i) Sex / gender
- (ii) Race
- (iii) Age
- (iv) Physical Strength

• On the basis of physical facilities :-

- (i) Wealth.
- (ii) Post.

• On the basis of beliefs.

(i) 'Isms' :- 'Ism' means any belief & in terms of 'thought-system' that we have, or that we have adopted. There are also many modern 'Isms' such as Capitalism, Socialism, Communism, etc. The people following these sets of beliefs are called Capitalists, Socialists, Communists and so on.

(ii) Sects :- People of one sect only consider those with a similar belief system to be their 'own' and worthy of respect.

- Following a particular tradition, or what we call as religion, becomes the basis of respect and disrespect in relationship.