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## GANDHIAN TRUSTEESHIP—A PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

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### ABSTRACT

Trusteeship is a way to change the out of line financial request to a libertarian one by maintaining a strategic distance from class battle or coercive state activity. It is a peaceful choice to achieve a monetary change. That is trusteeship, which is in concurrence with other Gandhian beliefs, would welcome financial change based on the adjustment in the psychological mentality of the individuals. Once there is change in the ethical ethos, it will tackle perhaps the best issue of society. At that point evenhanded conveyance of riches would be a programmed procedure and financial equity would be improved. Financial equity is an essential for a social equity. When it is accomplished through the peaceful technique for trusteeship probably the best emergency confronting human culture would be finished.

Trusteeship is another novel and imaginative thought of Gandhi. Getting work and capital as being reciprocal to one another for significant financial improvement, Mahatma thought of his own model of a relationship dependent on trust by the laborers for indigenous industrialists.

Further Gandhi's trusteeship is established and identified with his conviction of intrinsic decency of human instinct. He has had the conviction that any human issue – be it social, monetary or political-is fundamentally an ethical issue at the root. So to have financial uniformity or an impartial request, there ought to be common love and trust rather than class battle. By advancing trusteeship, society can experience an ethical change. Society would then be able to become peaceful and equivalent.

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### INTRODUCTION

The doctrine of trusteeship is Gandhi's contribution towards the peaceful transformation of Society. It may be a call for a new social order. It obliges an integrated political, moral and economic approach. It is a concept to be implied to all the levels not just towards the capitalist. More specifically, it should not be identified with social obligations for representatives or illuminated free enterprises. Gandhi's views about respect to wealth, private property, possession etc. are best illustrated in his theory of Trusteeship. It holds that each individual having wealth and property should hold it in trust for the society. The essential assumption underlying this theory is that overabundance of property or wealth or ability should be placed in the trust to be uninhibitedly accessible to all who need it. It does not distinguish legacy or personal ownership, or acknowledges all holding of wealth, above and beyond one's requirement as robbery. It provides scope for the state to control the requisition of the trustees and never makes an attempt to diminish the special talents of procurement in individuals.

The main objective of Gandhi's theory of Trusteeship is equitable distribution. Equal distribution does not mean possessing equal amount of everything to every individual. It just intends going to common necessities of every individual by pursuing enough things. To achieve this Gandhi suggested conditions like equality of opportunity, equality of income, reduction of wage disparity, re-organizing framework about production, decentralization of political and economic power etc. His theory of trusteeship is centered to each according to his need.

Economics behind Trusteeship is based on need and not on want. Besides satisfaction of needs, welfare of all, equality, non-exploitation and creative work for all, are some of the other essential focuses of the Trusteeship theory. To bring economic change he prefers non-violent mass action and non-cooperation in case the privileged groups do not voluntarily agree to act as trustees. Along with it he will also suggest state power within a democratic political framework as long as state is there as a political organization. For a practical solution to the problem Gandhi will combine non-violent mass action and legal steps within the democratic policy of the state.

Gandhi, with the passage of time, has added an economic content to the purely ethical conception of trusteeship. He provided a simple and practical formula of trusteeship drawn up by Kishore Lal Mashruwala and Narahari Parikh, approved by Gandhi with some modifications. The basic assumptions of the doctrine are:

1. Trusteeship provides a means of transforming the present capitalist order of society into an egalitarian one. It provides no quarter to capitalism, but gives the available owning class an opportunity of reforming itself. It is based on the belief that human nature is never beyond reclamation.
2. It does not perceive any right of proprietorship of property except so far as it may be permitted by society for its own welfare.
3. It does not avoid authoritative regulation of the proprietorship and utilization of wealth.
4. Thus, under state-regulated trusteeship an individual will not be free to hold alternately use wealth for selfish fulfillment or neglect the interests of society.
5. Just as it is proposed to fix a decent minimum compensation, even so a limit should be fixed for the maximum income that could be allowed to any individual in society.

### **BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLE**

Gandhi's precept of trusteeship getting motivation from both eastern and western sources remains on a pentagonal platform as follows:

#### **Emphasis on nobility of means**

Gandhi fixed his thought process on the formation of a populist society, a general public liberated from contrasts of flourishing of a couple amidst hopelessness of millions. The general public must be reproduced on populist standard where everyone, will have his outright least, his legitimate due, will not go hungry and will possess equivalent status in the general public alongside others. The general public will be very much arranged and loaded up with decency and equity, equity and brotherhood. There will be no degree for the abuse of one by another or hardship of one of his real due. Other than Sarvodaya or government assistance of all will be the bed-rock of such society and not a solitary individual will experience the ill effects of any handicap, physical, mental good or otherworldly. Under the framework everyone will get suitable open door for the development and improvement of his inward resources. Rich and poor, have and those who lack wealth, instructed and ignorant, smart and dolt, moronic, hard of hearing, dazzle and the impaired will get scope for their multi-dimensional advancement.

#### **Sarvodaya and Trusteeship:**

The second side of the Pentagonal establishment of Gandhi's idea of trusteeship is given by his hypothesis of Sarvodaya. The Gandhian idea of Sarvodaya comprises of government assistance of all and all-round and adjusted improvement of every individual from the network. It is worried, as much with the freedom of the rich, the special and the financially prosperous, as the upliftment of poor people, the oppressed, the substantially defenseless, seized and the denied. Anyway when Gandhi thought of government assistance of the rich, favored and the prosperous, he remembered good and otherworldly liberation of these classes of individuals and not their further improvement or material success. He accepted the more a man advances physically the more he decreases in good and otherworldly scale. He considered collection of riches as exceptionally untrustworthy, corrupt and even a wrongdoing from which, people ought to be freed. In another association Gandhi likewise stated "Man becomes extraordinary precisely in the degree wherein he works for the government assistance of his kindred men". Henceforth as Gandhi accepted a full life, a completely coordinated life, and a genuinely honorable life that blooms not through the securing of riches and however through 'acknowledgment of God' "which can be accomplished by serving others and by social government assistance. In the event that such a completely incorporated life for everything is the goal of Sarvodaya trusteeship of one's riches and its usage for the administration of every single individual advances such a completely coordinated life. Trusteeship of the rich along these lines follows as a characteristic similarity of the Gandhian idea of Sarvodaya.

## Bread Labour and Trusteeship

The third side of the pentagonal foundation of Gandhiji's concept of trusteeship is provided by Gandhi's theory of Bread Labour. According to this, sufficient quantity of physical labour has to be performed in order to entitle himself to lay his claim on his bread. Nobody who does not perform some reasonable quantity of physical labour shall have the right to have his bread. Gandhi believed that not only the Bible emphasizes on body labour; even the Bagavad Gita does so. The Gita's emphasis on yajna was understood by Gandhi as performance of body labour or physical labour. Interpreting the term Yajna as found in verses 12, 13 and 14 of Chapter\* 111 of the Bhagvad Gita, Gandhi says that the emphasis here is on physical labour or manual labour. In this connection Gandhi writes "I venture to suggest that in verses 12 and 13 of Chapter III (in the Gita) the word yajna is capable of only one meaning. The fourteenth verse makes it absolutely clear". Here Gandhi quotes Edwin Arnold from his Song Celestial to justify his point. Edwin Arnold in translating the fourteenth verse writes "By food the living live, food comes of rain And rain comes by the pious sacrifice, And sacrifice is paid with tithes of toil" Thus Gandhi's concept of Bread Labour carried to its logical conclusion implies that where as each shall work according to his capacity, shall acquire from the society only according to his need.

## Gandhi's Faith in Man and Trusteeship

Gandhi's confidence in man gives the fourth side of the pentagonal establishment of his regulation of trusteeship. The Marxian strategies of savage upset and liquidation of the special class, comes from the Marxian premise that the bourgeoisie as a class is exceptionally narrow minded, greedy and self absorbed, principally worried about its own advantage. It had by Marx cleared away all qualities and all "antiquated and revered biases", for raising itself to control and has benefitted itself adequately to the detriment of the whole network.

Gandhi then again began with a totally extraordinary idea about the idea of individuals to which the bourgeoisie of the Marxian origination or the business people are no special case., He had significant confidence in the essential decency of people. People as sparkles of the awesome self are themselves essentially acceptable. With this conviction he said "The individual is the one preeminent thought". Obviously as a practical person he understood that in the, social system numerous individuals carry on something else. They regularly act antisocially and display brutish nature; anyway Gandhi ascribed such corruption or insufficiency their polluted condition. Thus he stated, "The transgressor is frequently the apparatus of a framework or a casualty of the conditions". Left to himself, pristine by condition, every individual will show his inborn eternality. Enlivened by such significant confidence he states "I will not speculate human instinct".

Gandhi's confidence in human instinct drove him to adore even the British individuals in dislike of his contempt towards British government and British arrangement of misuse which he perseveringly fought. As he said with regards to non-collaboration development against British dominion "Non-cooperators never told the individuals that the British or General Dyer were awful, yet that they were casualties of a framework. With the goal that the framework must be crushed and not the person". As he further said "I have found that man is better than the framework he propounded. Thus I feel that Englishmen as people are endlessly superior to the framework, that they have advanced as an organization". Aside from his confidence in man, Gandhi's confidence in the reformability of each person, anyway corrupted and debased he might be, additionally added to his hypothesis of trusteeship.

## Pragmatic Consideration and Trusteeship

The fifth side of the pentagonal establishment of trusteeship of Gandhi is given by his sober minded way to deal with populist society. Gandhi not just had in see abrogation of the then existing monetary imbalance and foul play in the general public; the general public must be one, where every individual will have his essential least. Indeed he had in see that each person under his idea of libertarian culture, will have all his fundamental needs satisfied. As imagined by him each person under his populist society will have adjusted eating regimen, a tolerable house to live in, satisfactory open door for the training of his youngsters and adequate clinical consideration for all the individuals from his family. At the point when he thought of adjusted eating regimen for every, he had as a top priority that each shall get two lbs of milk, one and half ounces of ghee or two ounces of margarine, two ounces of sugar and vital amount of grains, similar to wheat or rice or bajra, beats and new foods grown from the ground. Other than when he suspected of not too bad house to live in, he had as a top priority that each individual will have very much ventilated, vaporous and well-lit houses in clean encompassing. At the point when he thought of attire he had as a main priority that each must have adequate dress for all seasons. All these inferred increasing the monetary expectation of the individuals by expanding their pay. Along these lines he thought about social and monetary equity with regards to a prosperous economy where none shall stay poor, ravenous, denied and confiscated. There will be rise of the financial status of poor people and the oppressed and the disadvantaged sections of the general public.

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC EQUALITY THROUGH TRUSTEESHIP

Economic equality is the master key to non-violent autonomy. Working of economic equality means; abolishing the interminable conflict between Capital and labour. It intends the leveling down of the few riches whose control will be focused the heft of the nation's wealth on the one hand and the leveling up of the semi-starved bare huge number on the other. Gandhi might have been propelled by Ruskin's well known book 'Unto This Last', the central idea of which is the good of the individual as reflected in the good of all. The just real and dignified human doctrine is the greatest good of all and this can be attained by altruism and discipline. All members of a socialistic society are equal, none low and none high. Thus Gandhi's ideas on economic equality were more extreme than those of the socialists who focused their consideration on the economic inequalities resulting from private property and ignored those resulting from differences in human skills or responsibilities. In fact, he made a sharp distinction between commitment and retention, and said that "economic equality of my conception does not intend that everyone would literally have the same amount. It basically implies that everybody should have enough for his needs. The real meaning of economic equality is to everyone according to his need".

Economic equality being a crucial standard and indispensable condition of the Sarvodaya society, trusteeship may be characteristic conclusion of Gandhi's Sarvodaya. Gandhi proposes trusteeship as a means for correcting the inequalities of assets ownership, it emanates from his overriding belief in non-violence to bring about a change of the unequal social relationship without brutality. He also had profound belief in the goodness of individuals and so appealed to the higher feel of landlord and industrialist. The financial correspondence of Gandhi's origination suggests that everyone should have enough for his normal necessities. By standard necessities he suggested a parity diet, adequate garments to cover disrespect and shield oneself from chilly, a tolerable house to live in, adequate restorative assistance and offices for instruction and strong redirection. His origination of monetary correspondence additionally included fairness of remuneration for all work, regardless of whether physical or scholarly. Having set up financial correspondence as a basic rule, an imperative condition, of the Sarvodaya society of his origination, the issue before him was to how to achieve monetary equity.

The insignificant objective of essential monetary correspondence might be easily expressed, yet it is the central first stage to lift whole. Everyone ought to have the option to get adequate exertion to choose the two fair livings. What's more, this perfect can be all around saw just if the methods for creation of essential necessities of life stay heavily influenced by the majority. Gandhi said "A violent and bloody transformation is an assurance one day unless there is a voluntary relinquishment of wealth and the power that riches give and imparting them for the basic good." It was in order to avoid any such violent revolution and to create the possibility to uphold permanently the stability of equality, which is not possible if the means adopted to achieve the equality were ignoble, that Gandhi decided to propagate his doctrine of Trusteeship. Gandhi adhered to this doctrine in spite of criticize that had been poured upon it. He conceded, "it is true that it is troublesome to reach, but, so is non-violence difficult to attain. But we made up our minds in 1920 to arrange that soak ascent".

Trusteeship infers that the rich man will be left possessing his abundance of which he will utilize what he reasonably requires for his own needs and will go about as a trustee for the rest of be utilized for the remaining parts of the general public Gandhi would not like to annul the dictatorship of the Indian Princes and industrialists, yet he mentioned a change of their despotism into trusteeship. Dispossession of the well-off through power or motivation expected brutality, the usage of which would abuse his profound conviction and principal instructing. Therefore, the main approach by which economic equality could be brought about was by the non-violent transformation of society through trusteeship The concept of trusteeship as visualized by Gandhi was principally planned to apply to a society with a capitalist framework where unequal accumulation had already taken place. He certainly did not approve of the process of unnatural accumulation, or the method by which capitalists accumulate wealth. Gandhi also suggested measures as to what should be done if this transformation of the wealthy does not take place, or if they do not consent to become the guardians of the wealth in the true sense of the term. Under such circumstances, as stated by Gandhi, non-violent non-cooperation and civil disobedience would serve as the infallible means. According to Gandhi, "The rich cannot accumulate wealth without participation of the poor. If this knowledge was to infiltrate to and spread amongst the poor, they might turn into strong and might gain how to free themselves by means of non-violence from the pulverizing inequalities which have brought them to the edge of starvation".

In spite of the fact that Gandhi was worried about the whole world and its issues, he thought of it as his obligation to focus his consideration on India and to render him humble help for the enhancement of the state of her devastated millions. To achieve monetary thriving he expected to utilize indigenous schedules appropriate to the states of India and was against the selection of Western procedures. Gandhi declared his significant confidence in the rightness of financial equity. He went to the degree of recommending equivalent remuneration to all independent of their purposes for living. It might be an unrealizable objective, he gave up. However he affirmed that, "it is the duty of every Indian to set his soul towards that goal and no other, if India may be a content land". Gandhi's extraordinary goal was to lessen and evacuate imbalances of riches. The trusteeship belief system gives a way to deal with evacuate imbalances absent a lot of torment. On the

off chance that there are no imbalances of riches, there can be no disparities of pay and the other way around. Emptying total imbalance is beyond the realm of imagination, as no two people are equivalent. For keeping up financial fairness in our general public, our primary goal is to diminish the bay between poor people and rich and make a general public dependent on peacefulness.

Trusteeship based monetary correspondence ought to be advanced among the people. The relevance of peacefulness in down to earth life might be remembered for the informational instructive program. Gandhi dreams that individual ought to need to develop the act of bestowing the overabundance riches for the benefit and government assistance of the whole society than for the individual government assistance. Gandhi was continually concentrating on the advancement of the rustic economy and the government assistance of the minimized individuals in the general public where the spirit of nation is resting. The real meaning of economic equality is to each according to his necessities. According to Gandhi, "My ideal is equal distribution, but so far as I can see, may not being realized. I hence work for equitable distribution." Gandhi considered that it is our duty to serve the poor to realize economic equality. His idea of society was based on the view that "while we are born equal meaning that we have a right to equal opportunity, all have not the same ability. It is in nature of things, incomprehensible."

Sarvodaya considered by Gandhi is a libertarian socio-political and monetary request with balance winning in every circle of life. All are equivalent individuals from this perfect request and all sharing the produce of their work. There is no augmentation to separation and misuse of man by man. In the monetary circle Sarvodaya represents fairness of salary and decentralization. By monetary fairness Gandhi doesn't plan that everybody will have truly the equivalent measure of riches. The genuine hugeness of fairness suggests the standard from each as per his capacity to each as indicated by his need. Financial balance through trusteeship will consequently ensure an evenhanded flow of riches among all. To bring monetary correspondence Gandhi didn't endorse any huge job to the state. He is against the state since state is conflicting to peacefulness and individual alternative. To bring financial change he lean towards peaceful mass assembly and non-participation on the off chance that the favored gatherings don't willfully agree to go about as trustees.

### **RELEVENCE OF THE PRINCIPLE**

A portion of the basics of trusteeship that are relevant today are given as under:

- Surplus plenitude should be held as trust for the essential great and the government assistance of the general public.
- To totally change the possibility of trusteeship a peaceful methodology should be grasped.
- All that we would must be financially possible and good simultaneously ensuring that we raise manageable employments at larger part.
- Economic balance through trusteeship will in this way ensure a fair dissemination of riches among all.
- Supreme trusteeship might be out of reach, yet in the event that individual portable like trustees, at that point we might container foundations that are monetarily achievable yet chivalrous.
- While there are various perspectives to trusteeship in its ideal Gandhian term, the fundamental idea of trusteeship is about equivalent and feasible development. A Trusteeship approach puts highlight as for reconfiguring social advantages and business structures so singular feel engaged and inclined with showing to common intrigue.
- The Gandhian point of view is increasingly significant today that it may have been ever previously. Gandhi needed to guarantee distributive value by guaranteeing that entrepreneur demonstrations like trustee to its numerous partners and indicated that monetary activities can't be separated from different ones. Financial aspects is the main strategy for presence which might be related to total qualities.
- Gandhi said that genuine financial aspects represent social value it advance the government assistance of all similarly including the most fragile and is essential for a better than average life. This has suggestions at the full scale financial level just as at the smaller scale level, as it discusses reasonable allotment of abundance continuously a measure from guaranteeing achievement, instead of current indication which as high cash aberrations. It likewise extends the circumstance for CSR being embedded inside the advantages of business characteristics of the private section as Gandhi clearly expresses that circulation of riches isn't about magnanimity yet about guaranteeing basic human pride.
- Economical usage: exhaust what might be adequate to your necessities without completing harm to other people.
- Utilization of common resources in a feasible best methodology: you would be a trustee and you have to deal with what has been inhibitedly

given ordinarily.

- Dignity of work and impartial dispersion of abundance: abundance alone isn't the appropriate response, to feel cheerful you have to guarantee that the person who worth of exertion for you and society everywhere dealt with.
- Sustainable livelihoods: also not altruism is an enchantment with ensuring human nobility, development and satisfaction.

### **CRITICAL EVALUATION OF TRUSTEESHIP**

There are a few factors that fundamentally assess the tenet of Trusteeship, which are as under:

1. The theory of trusteeship won't be appropriate in the present forceful business on the grounds that every agent concentrates to obtain a consistently expanding sum benefits and collect bounty.
2. It demotivates the committed specialists and they will lose their innovativeness and transform into lazy. This will ease off the monetary improvement of the nation.
3. The theory might be reliant upon the thought regarding socialism at any rate today socialism will be antiquated.
4. The standard might be not recognized toward investors who put contribute to increase tremendous advantages.
5. Pundits state that Gandhi's speculation of trusteeship might be brimming with irregularity like socialism it helps that each individual ought to be given necessities of life, however it contradicts the communist standards of nationalization and large scale manufacturing. It reproaches free enterprise yet not for winding it. It thinks about state as severe dislike yet not for nullifying it.
6. The primary standard of Gandhi's hypothesis is peacefulness. It accentuates It underscores the use for peaceful and peaceful expects for the achievement of goals. Be that as it may, right now prevalence and fight to control, it is astoundingly irksome ought to accomplish accomplishment best through peacefulness. It is impracticable to confront monster power for good compel. It is impracticable to a state and its lawmaking body to be peaceful, when different states would get equipped with remuneration a war.
7. Gandhism advances the usage for Satyagraha for going up against malice, injustice and persecution. Be that as it may, it might be particularly problematic to choose an appropriate usage of this weapon. A Satyagrahi might be required to have conspicuous of good oblige. Such men would be inconsistently found. Gandhi himself conceded that Satyagraha is a dangerous weapon and it should make used exact carefully.
8. It will be irksome to give a helpful shape to Gandhi's monetary idea in states. Portion of assessments towards finishing work might be speculatively an incredible standard yet all that it can't be given a valuable shape. The rule of trusteeship property will be morally stable. During same time it will be ideality and idealistic. There is little open door that the entrepreneurs can by any way to deal with use their private property for open government assistance. It might be just a fantasy. In the cutting edge time of science, machine and innovation, it is uncommonly inconvenient for town and house businesses to fight for current business undertakings.
9. Socialists state that Gandhism bolster private enterprise. It dismisses the models of class fight and nationalization. It wrongly advocates that the business people and authorities can worth of exertion together for co-activity and cooperative attitude. It wrongly perceives business people as the trustees of social property. Every one of these thoughts might be in the kindness of industrialists and against the masters. The socialists hold that the interests about business people and works would be commonly confined with each other. The industrialists for the most part need to obtain a more noteworthy sum advantage and routinely they ceaselessly pay less remuneration of the works. Private enterprise would be a course of action of maltreatment of work. Works demand for more remuneration for the most part mean advantage to the industrialists.

### **CONCLUSION**

Gandhi's perspectives as for riches, private property, ownership and so forth are best shown in his hypothesis of Trusteeship. It holds that every individual having riches and property should hold it in trust for the general public. The basic suspicion fundamental this hypothesis is that excess of property or riches or capacity ought to be set in the trust to be uninhibitedly open to all who need it. It doesn't recognize inheritance or individual possession, or recognizes all holding of riches, well beyond one's prerequisite as theft. It gives extension to the state to control the order of the trustees and never makes an endeavor to break down the uncommon abilities of acquirement in people. It announced the claiming class should be allowed to hold the stewardship of their ownership and utilize their abilities to grow their riches.

Trusteeship recognized free enterprise and industrialists and attested that solitary the previous was to be evacuated, and not the later on the grounds that the destruction of the business people must mean annihilation of the work alone.

Gandhi's hypothesis of Trusteeship is a true working out of the rule from guaranteeing non-ownership. The rich must be made to acknowledge through an enhancing procedure, the morals about non-ownership. Gandhi pointed at making financial equity through non-ownership. The prime target of Gandhi's hypothesis of Trusteeship is fair conveyance. Equivalent circulation doesn't infer having equivalent measure of everything to each person. It just plans going to basic necessities of each person by seeking after enough things. To accomplish this Gandhi recommended conditions like uniformity of chance, correspondence of pay, decrease of compensation uniqueness, re-sorting out system about creation, decentralization of political and financial force and so forth.

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