



Letter from Langshott

My Dear friends and creative thinkers,

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Seven Deadly Sins

Thoughts are a dress rehearsal of what is to come

My spirit shudders when I think about what kind of world our grandchildren will inherit.

The stories of mayhem, conflict, and atrocities of all kinds, and lack of behavioural rectitude on the part of leadership in the key administrative national organs brought to us by the press and media continue unabated all around the world. The sad part of it all is that because it is a recurrent daily newsfeed, we have come to accept it as normal. **This is how we have learned to justify our abdication of moral responsibility for bringing about a new order to life.**

For how long can we continue to delude ourselves? For how long can we continue to tolerate a broken, fragmented, and divided world around us? Our thinking has to change. We have to identify and destroy in ourselves the seeds of greed, self-centeredness, hatred, indifference, and insecurity if we have to recreate robust and happy societies untainted by ignorance, prejudice, divisiveness, and spiritual void.

Society has to transcend its failing social values and transform itself into being underpinned by and committed to the spirit of service and contribution, integrity and dignity, kindness and fairness, benevolence and magnanimity, and love and compassion.

Several decades ago, an enlightened soul drew the world's attention to **'The Seven Deadly Sins'** which, it was said, will destroy our civilization if we fail to put the common good of all at the centre of all our actions.



Here they are in summary:

Wealth without work – deriving something for nothing without any added value; manipulating lawmakers and administrators so wealth can be accumulated without paying taxes; using tactical methods to manipulate markets and prices; hatching Ponzi schemes; selling fake and dangerous products and news; benefitting from Government programmes through devious methods; being steeped in get-rich-quick arrangements to accumulate wealth without commensurate effort for creating real value to benefit others.

Knowledge without character – character and intellect not aligned with commonly accepted enduring values; knowledge misapplied to commit cybercrime and heinous acts like germ warfare. Fairness, compassion, loyalty, kindness, and dignity are seen as worthless attributes of the weak-minded.

Politics without principle – abuse of public trust; political chicanery and misuse of the power of position for personal gains; misleading public with weasel words; failing to fulfil promises made to the electorate; showing no grit for fear of loss of position.

Religion without sacrifice – individuals being active in the administration and popularisation of a religious organization, but inactive in its gospel; more concerned with advancing personal status in the organization and adding no value to the moral standing of the society.



Science without humanity - unchecked advancement in and application of science to replace human effort with machines; blind to the possibility of humans being enslaved to technocracy, and to the possibility that one day an army of robots may be unleashed on the masses; using science and technology to promote spiritless materialistic societies.

Business without ethics - favouring the free workings of the economic system independent of the negative impact on the moral foundations of the society; employing social media to control and manipulate all aspects of life even with misleading data and fake news; parading success with unchecked profiting without any regard for the harmful effects on employees, customers and the society in general; sophistry, bribery, and corruption seen as essential components of a business.

Pleasure without conscience - hedonistic indulgence in pleasure pursuits with callous disregard for the social responsibility for the wellbeing of others; failing to exercise basic social mores; not being considerate and selfless; assuming the right to abuse children and women; basically side lining conscience in the matter of governance of one's behaviour.

It would be self-evident to the deep-thinking mind that most of the unconscionable behaviour we experience daily in modern times can be imputed to one or more of these deadly sins, the off-springs of warped thinking driven by ephemeral social values rather than the ever-constant natural principals.

If we put our thinking in proper order and accept that this is not a problem to be addressed at a political or social leadership level, but at each individual mind level, then we will begin to see a transition to a better world for posterity.



Clear, unbridled, and unselfish thinking replete with benevolence, compassion, integrity, and gallantry will be a good start. The only effort involved here is to change the way we think, be fully aware of it, and look at the world without the need for more and more stringent codes of behaviour that have never worked.

**Light your flame so brightly that you burn in it.
Now you will change from within**

Be Blessed
Anil Kumar