DEPED’S CORE VALUES AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO THE SOCIETY

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The Department of Education, being the institution solely dedicated in forming the academic and human aspect of every Filipino has given its four (4) Core Values that will lead not only the agency but its clienteles.

Maka-Diyos. I think, it is intelligible to us Filipinos the concept of religiosity and spirituality. Everyone among us, though belonging to different religious groups has an idea or notion about the existence of a Supreme Being. Such belief is good because it leads a human person to do good and avoid evil.

Maka-Tao. Having concern to our fellow human beings is one of the great manifestations of our humanity. Filipinos are fond of helping others, even if one is his/her fellow Filipino or not. The spirit of Bayanihan is a very imminent proof of such values. Unfortunately, due to the advent of modernity, it seems that our concern towards other people is deteriorating. Sympathy and empathy should be inculcated to everyone because this will improve our humanity. Being apathetic only adds up to the burdens of somebody who is feeling bad because of one’s negative experiences.

Makakalikasan. Our love and respect for the environment is best reflected when we value our forests, oceans, rivers and the animals. Not because we are created to be more superior with such creatures, we could just do anything even if it means devastation to such. Whether we like it or not, if we continue to exploit them, we will suffer the consequences that it will surely bring to us. We have to remember that our lives are interconnected to each other, meaning the fall one, is the fall of all.
Makabansa. Being Patriotic and Nationalistic are the best experiences that I had when I was still young. I can still remember when I was in grade school that whenever there is a flag raising ceremony, I sang on the top of my lungs because I am too proud to sing our National Anthem. I, too, am very proud to recite with confidence our allegiance to the flag and the promise to our motherland. But today, seeing the young people towards their attitudes towards these nationalistic activities make me feel sad and regretful, even guilty of blaming myself why they became such.

So what now? What are the significance of these core values to all us? What will it do to alleviate the poverty level in our country? As an educator? How can I deliver and cater such values to my students? To start with, the four core values will enable us to be good citizens of this republic. Being a good citizen will lead us to the different avenues towards prosperity not only in terms of material wealth, but in terms of nonmaterial aspects that are far more important than material riches.

The goal and rationality of these is to form holistically all Filipinos and to awaken the traditional, yet vital values that we have as a nation. If such will be inculcated to every one of us, I think we will be enriched in every sense, making our country, great once again.

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