MODERN SOCIAL MEDIA IS TO BLAME FOR LOWERING MORAL STANDARDS

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We are living in the age of such rapid and such universal society where social media has an abundant contribution to progress and development. Owing to the fact that we’ve gone so far and as time fleets, we become more updated and well-informed individuals about everything that happens globally. In just one click, there are various ideologies that we could easily adopt. Expected information are accessible if we use Facebook, an application which has billions of users from different side of the world. It functions as means of communication that keeps people connected with each other and that gives so much benefits to every person’s life.

It is true that social media leads us to become cultivating individuals but that doesn’t end there. Have you heard about rumors that Bimby Aquino was bullied in Facebook memes? It’s all about being too much caring of his mother Kris Aquino and their pictures together became a bunk edited by different strangers without getting any permission from Bimby nor Kris. As a result, thousands of people have fun laughing about those memes insulting Bimby and that is a slap from reality showing that social media is not all about the benefits that we might get. It also brings to mind some sort of immorality. Well, laughing is not bad but if it is about hurting innocent persons’ feelings, it is already a discrimination.

In year 2016, numbers of cyberbullying cases in the Philippines rise up to 70.74 percent from the previous year. According to the Philippine National Police-Anti Cybercrime Group (ACG) there are 782 cases that were reported to them in the said year. Most of the cases are online libel, online threats, incidents of unjust vexation, and child
abuse. However, there is a written law to defend the victims. The Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012, also known as the Republic Act No. 10175, is a law that was implemented in the Philippines approved on September 12, 2012. It’s purpose is to address legal issues in the country related about online abuse, libels, pornography and such. But people, somehow, are not aware about it. They don’t know that they are already doing a crime because of being too much exposed to the wide world of media.

On the other hand, social media is also considered as an addictive system today. Many people are addicted to it but in varying degrees. Some are making it a stress reliever but most are using it in different bad ways. Since, this system is very broad, there are people who sweep over it’s edges. But we cannot stop them, just think, if you are one of those who take advantage about being so open of the social media. Just think, if everything seems so right for you and for the people around you. Don’t be a hapless victim of this uncontrollable system. Assess yourself. Know if you become a toxic creature in social media, try to make a change not necessarily putting down your phone and not going to use Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, etc. but just be wary about your acts, your posts, and your attitude as a whole.

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