

MORALITY CHECK ESSAY 1

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History of My Moral Behavior

To begin with, one of the best behaviors that I believe is a part of my personality is integrity. However, one of the worst behaviors that I would also like to get rid of is procrastination. Furthermore, the word integrity evolved from the Latin adjective integer, meaning whole or complete (Lexico Dictionaries, 2021). Thus, the inner sense of "wholeness" is integrity, originating from characteristics such as honesty and quality of personality. On top of that, this behavior dates back to the 1540s from Old French *intégrité* or directly from Latin *integritatem* (Index, 2021). On the other hand, Procrastination has also originated in the 1540s, from French procrastination (16c.) and directly from Latin procrastinationem (nominative procrastinatio) meaning "forward," and crastinus, meaning of tomorrow (Index, 2021).

Moving on, I remember when I was a child, I was greatly influenced by one of my teachers (His name is Ahmed) in the school who always taught us that integrity is extremely important if you want to lead a good life. Also, he used to advise us that integrity helps to make good decisions and avoid dilemmas. Moreover, I also remember when my teacher told us the story about integrity "The Emperor's Seed". Thus, I believe that my teacher in the school influenced my personal behavior.

Apart from that, one of the incidents that immediately come to my mind when I think of integrity is- I used to work with an organization before coming to the USA. There, one of my fellow employees was due for a promotion and there was a grading test for it. While my employee was undoubtedly well-deserving, he was still nervous. I was working as a personal assistant to my boss at that given time. My colleague cornered me out of nowhere and offered me 1000 Riyals just to look into the list and change it if it was someone else's name in there. But my ethics did not allow it. I was in dire need of money at that time, but I plainly refused. I was sure

this could potentially ruin my friendship with my fellow employee. However, I was hopeful for his promotion, but I couldn't compromise with my principles for this.

Besides that, I like to credit my behavior of procrastination to my elder brother. In addition, there was a time when I always looked up to him as my role model because he is very active and intelligent. Subsequently, he taught me everything and I stand here because of him, but sometimes, he used to delay the essential tasks apart from study whenever he was told to do these tasks. Unfortunately, this behavior of procrastination of mine has been influenced by him. Eventually, I feel that I became lazy because of this behavior and I also delay my important tasks because of my laziness.

For example, once my sister asked me to bring some quality food home because her friends were coming to meet my sister. At that time, I was playing the game (Prince of Persia) and I told her that I would go after the game has finished, but I was unable to go because of my involvement in the game, and consequently, I forgot to do the task. Besides, this is one of my many examples of procrastination, but I am trying to get rid of this issue. In short, I believe that these sources of morality and ethics I practice currently is because of the influences of the home and the school.

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