

Moral Principles

A great deal has recently been said about Dr Frank Buchman and Moral Re-Armament, a movement of which he is the founder. Moral Re-Armament has come forward as one of the ideologies designed to solve the world's problems.

We do not pretend to be authorities of MRA principles, but we feel we should bring them to the notice of our readers to whom they should prove valuable.

MRA believes in man placing himself under God's control. Man should get into the habit of listening quietly to God's guidance or direction. As Dr. Buchman puts it, MRA's aim is "to restore God to leadership as the directing force in the life of nations."

Change is another MRA principle. People need to change from what they ought not to be to what they ought to be. "MRA means power to change people—our enemies as well as our friends" says Dr Buchman.

To most of us who are outside MRA, divine guidance or control and change may not be easy to appreciate fully. The following moral standards are, however, not only much clearer but essential for us as individuals and as a race. They are absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

The success of any enterprise depends on the honesty of each one of those engaged in it. Purity, both physical and moral, is highly desirable. Where men and women place the comfort and interests of others before theirs, great things are possible. Our troubles are traceable to gross selfishness on the part of individuals and races. Who can deny that unselfishness is an indispensable and admirable virtue?

Hate breeds hate but "*amor omnia vincit*" (Love conquers all things). Whether we wish to identify ourselves with MRA in the near future or not, now is the time for all of us, if we are not already so, to be honest, pure, unselfish and loving. These virtues amount to "righteousness which exalteth a nation."

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