

MEANING OF INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

There seems to be no end to the variations, deviations and differences present among the creations of the Almighty in the form of living or non-living. We can see different types of soils, rocks, stones around us on this very earth. The quality and characteristics of the water we drink, get varied from place to place and region to region. Apart from non-living, such variations and differences are equally found among the living beings. We can see countless varieties of plants, insects, birds and animals on the earth. Some are named as fruits, some as vegetables, some as pulses or some as grains, depending upon their common or varying characteristics. It is true that there are some characteristics common or otherwise, that help in grouping a class of objects or living beings in one category or species and thereby separating them also from others. It helps us in differentiating and distinguishing a particular type of living or non-living being from others. As a result we can confidently say that this particular bird is a crow and that is a parrot or a peacock.

However, with such classification or grouping, it should not be assumed that members of the same species are alike in all aspects. Apparently all cows, buffaloes, parrots and peacocks may seem to be alike on account of their common resemblance as well as qualities and characteristics peculiar to their species. However one's cow is not the same as another's. In spite of having all the common qualities and characteristics unique to their kind, all cows differ from one another in many aspects.

As a conclusion, it must be clearly understood that whatever lies around us in the form of non-living or living beings differ from each other in many aspects. These differences and variations become more intense and remarkable as we draw our attention closer and closer to human beings as one of the ultimate creation of the almighty in the history of evolution. We, as human beings quite distinctly differ in size, shape, appearance, speed of reaction and innumerable other aspects of our personality make up and behaviour. Among us some are healthy and enthusiastic, while others are weak and irritable. Some are blue eyed and black haired while others have black eyes and grey hair. Some are known as girls or women while others are named as boys or men. Some learn quickly and others slowly, some remember well while others forget, some respond quickly and some others slowly. In this way no one among us is just the same as another. The sons and daughters of the same parents or even identical twins are not exactly the same as their counterparts. Every one of us is a typical human being in oneself.

Being alike in some aspects we are definitely different in many ways. We, in spite of belonging to a common species known as human beings have our own individuality which contributes for the variance and differences found among ourselves. These differences in human beings, are referred to as "individual differences" in the languages of sociology and psychology.