**Dishonesty**

Honesty, it’s a noble attribute that all of us possess but some of us may distant ourselves from that track. How are some of us more vulnerable to falling into the realm of dishonesty? How are some people such perfect angels? Obviously, it’s applicable to all of us. There will always be temptations that challenge our morality. We have deceived each other or climbed to the top with a ladder, a ladder remind you, which wasn’t allowed in the game. Even from a young age, we’ve learnt to equip ourselves with that quality; dishonesty. Students in schools are cheating in tests and examinations. We can’t simply label them as unworthy people. The choices they’ve made are of course unacceptable. What lead them to commit these acts? Mostly, students cheat because of the fear of failing important tests. Thinking that sneaking a few multiple choice answers from a classmate would prevent them from punishment. They may be undervalued by people, yet they lack the knowledge to accomplish their papers and instead of taking initiative to study, they choose the easier yet riskier choice. It’s troubling how students have been reminded of the consequences of their actions yet continue to cheat. Other students have put effort in their studies and having someone snatch points from their answers is kind of like mentally slapping that person. The consequences can put people at a disadvantage. Students’ academics will be affected and demerits will be issued. Somehow, these are considered very severe. However I don’t think it’s the worst. A student’s reputation will be heavily affected. Rumors spread like wildfire and turns everything into ashes. As a person, you will be discriminated and dishonesty will overwhelm your good qualities, consuming them.

Development is important. As human beings, we evolve to become better. We improve ourselves. It’s in our nature to achieve what we want by any means possible, even if dishonesty is involved. Typically, people consider politicians as liars. During elections, they sugarcoat their speeches and monologue a very optimistic future if they are elected. Of course, they have to advertise themselves to get more supporters. However in the future, they might contradict their previous ideas or completely have a change of mind. People can be like dogs in a tutu, adorable and amiable yet there will always be a ferocious side. Some people can lie effortlessly, making it difficult to detect. When you lie, you always need to have a back-up plan in case someone decides to expose you, you must always stand by your lie and make reasonable explanations to convince them. Accusations alone can shake up a liar and psychologically torment them. Lies can benefit you in particular situations but when they accumulate, it becomes a burden. This burden can unconsciously alter the behavior of a person and their relationships with other people.

In some cases, people gain pleasure from their lies. There was a serial killer in Britain before, he had inflicted pain on several victims and displayed them in a picturesque scene. There were many suspects but the true killer presented himself to the police. Not having enough evidence to point out that he was the true suspect, they interviewed him. Asking him the reasons and even psychoanalyzing him. The serial killer remained silent and occasionally answered their questions. None of what he said filled the puzzle. He came willingly and announced that he was the killer. Why did he lie? He gained pleasure from twisting the police’s mind. Confusing them and disrupting the pattern. Sometimes, when people are deprived of something, they like to gain excitement and add some spice in their lives. People lie and do illegal things because they like the rush that they gain from it. Just like Heisenberg from the popular TV series “Breaking Bad”, he lived a double life as a low-paid chemistry teacher and as an infamous drug lord. He lied and committed actions that his family would never expect him to do. In the end, his relationship with the family was severed.

In conclusion, lying and cheating are temptations that can suddenly appear in our heads given the situation is desperate enough. The costs are mental turmoil and the sad truth that you’ve changed peoples’ perceptions of you.