Their true manners are exposed whenever there is a crisis.

Take a look at their behavior during the great power-outage in the eastern part of North America few years back, or after Hurricane Katrina. These apparently mild-mannered gentlemen became unruly mobs and started vandalizing and looting !! Shoot on sight orders had to be given to control them!! One can also see what happens when there is a clearance sale. So we can presume that moral corruption in some degree is present in all societies that are not trained in moral education and it is exposed when it faces any crisis.

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But I would emphasize that the study of morality has NOT become obsolete even if we want a better worldly life. We are in dire need to re-introduce moral studies in our basic and advanced education curricula because we need morally upright people in our country. And I feel that moral corruption is the number one problem in our country. We have enough resources, enough competent people but we lack morally upright people especially at the leadership level who can make the difference. As they say that the rot in a fish begins from its head. By my proposal to introduce moral education I don't mean introduction of Sufism or the like in our curricula (we have enough *pir*-s or *sufi*-s or *shadhubaba*-s in our country who are supposed to be our spiritual guides and morality teachers, but in reality most of them are more corrupt than our most corrupt government officials or politicians). No, I mean we need to have courses at all levels of our education to teach basic values and morality to pupils so as to produce morally honest citizens. It will help religious people in their quest to get a better afterlife, and help non-religious people to get a better life in this world.

If one Mahathir or Mandela can make this much difference, a country full of morally people can really create wonders.

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Good to know...

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- The name of all the continents end with the same letter that they start with .
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- There are two credit cards for every person in the United States .
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men!
- You can't kill yourself by holding your breath.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- People say "Bless you" when you sneeze because when you sneeze ,your heart stops for a millisecond.
- The "sixth sick sheik's sixth sheep's sick" is said to be the toughest tongue twister in the English language.
- If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib. If you try to suppress a sneeze , you can rupture a blood vessel in your head or neck and die.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history.
  Spades - King David
  Clubs - Alexander the Great,
  Hearts - Charlemagne
  Diamonds - Julius Caesar.

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