

## A Definition of a Gentleman.

'A Definition of a Gentleman' is an essay depicted by Cardinal Newman. Here, he gives an expression about the personal, social, moral and religious qualities in the character of a gentleman.

This essay has unity of theme. The author shows the personal and social qualities of gentleman is a man of kind and sympathetic nature. He doesn't give pain to anybody. His main business is to see that his neighbours have freedom of action. He co-operates with them without every guide. He gives them comfort and convenience. He doesn't hold any difference of opinion with them. He doesn't annoy them by his views. He is eager to make them cheerful.

Newman discloses some personal qualities of a gentleman. He is modest and courteous. He never boasts of superiority. He never gives a sharp reply to anyone. He does not stoop to meanness even in his quarrels. He never takes recourse to unfair means. He makes any personal attacks on his opponents in a discussion. He tries to convert enemy into friend.

Newman assigns some christian virtues of gentleman. Forgiveness is highly cherished value of life, pain, sorrow and death do not worry him because he knows that they are unavoidable in a controversy. He doesn't take recourse to rudeness or violence. He doesn't confuse the issue by laying stress on uncomfortable points. He is reasonable and generous.

God or religion is essential trait of a gentleman who has nothing but broad minded. A true gentleman may have religious

without being a Christian. He worships all the things that are sublime, noble and beautiful. He reveals his own personality in an indirect manner.

Thus, Newman illustrates the characteristics of a gentleman who has nothing to do with religion. It is said that Newman possess all qualities which an ideal gentleman has. The use of similes here is functional and shows Newman's skill in handling concrete images from everyday experience.