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Being a mother, a grandmother and someone who has been vitally interested in education for many years, I wish to present my thoughts regarding ethics classes for young children.

It is my belief that religion is a personal matter for each and everyone of us, and cannot replace ethics which teaches children how to question, to reason and how to function in a society which presents us all with so many ethical dilemmas.

Religion may teach how to behave, but ethics teaches us why.

It is my deep concern that there are many people who do not want children to learn to think. This may make our children question aspects of our society which we know are wrong, but are too lazy and greedy to try and change them.

Who amongst us after all, want our offspring sitting in judgement over us?

Finally, why does religion want to replace ethics when the two can live together and give parents a real choice? We do need intelligent questioning people to see the human race through the hard times ahead.

“Live simply so all may simply live”