

TARGET MAINS 2022

# ESSAY-3



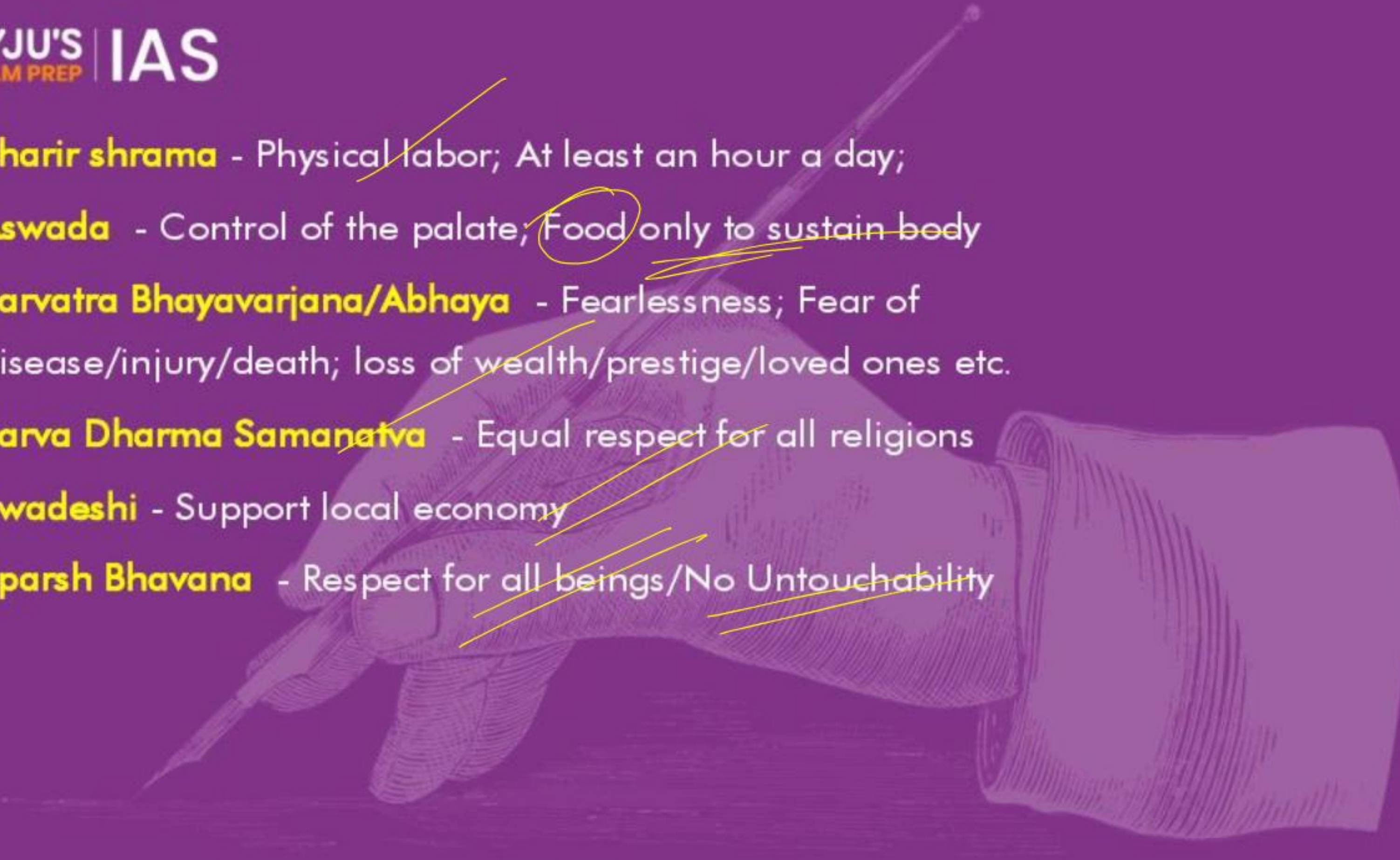
## Eleven Vows/Promises – Mahatma Gandhi

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1. Ahimsa
  2. Satya
  3. Asteya
  4. Brahmacharya
  5. Asangraha
  6. Sharir shrama
  7. Aswada
  8. Sarvatra Bhayavarjana
  9. Sarva Dharma Samanatva
  10. Swadeshi
  11. Sparsh Bhavana



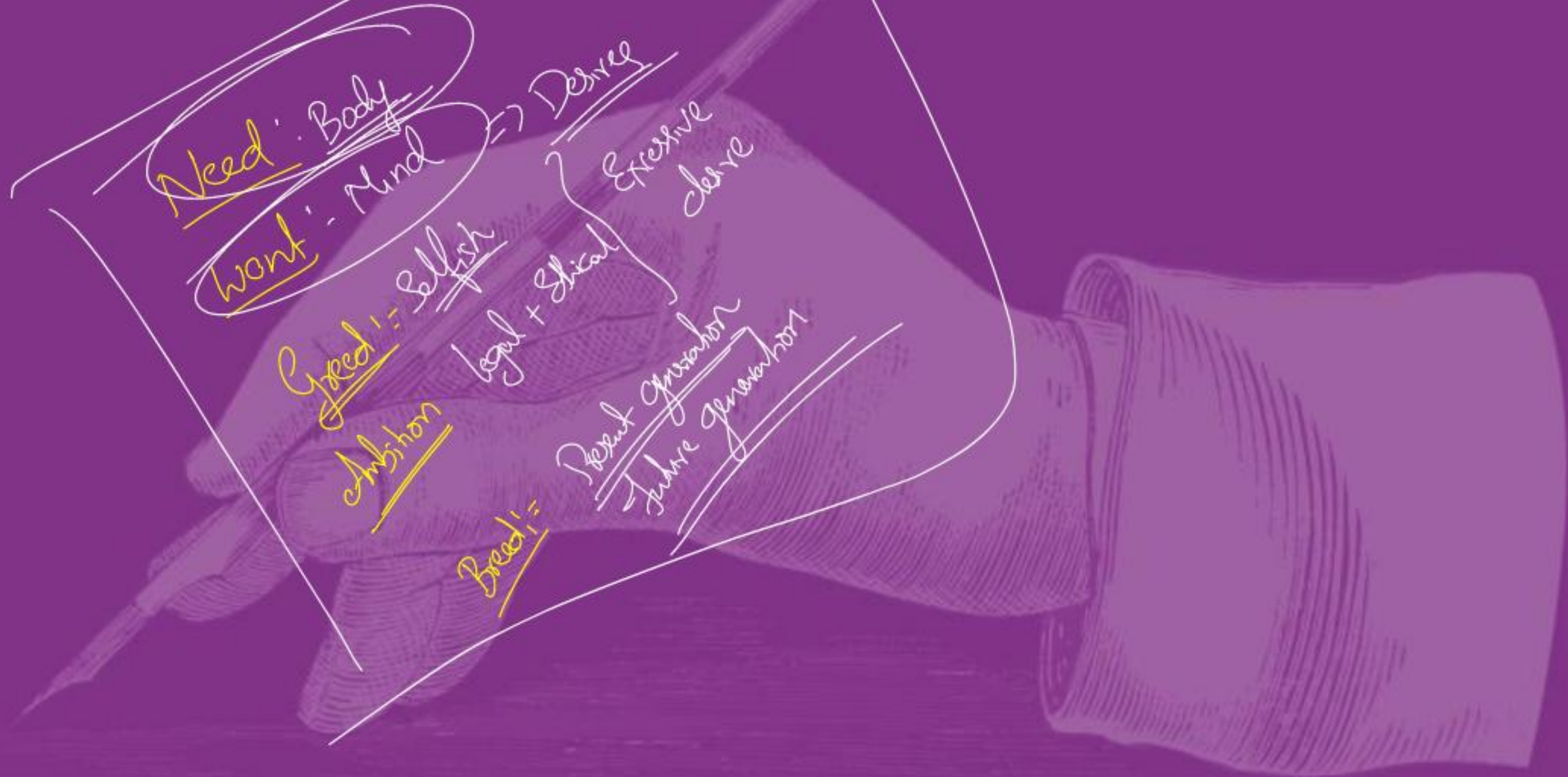
1. **Ahimsa** - Nonviolence; No hatred/jealousy; Love/wish/serve
2. **Satya** - Truth; Ethical
3. **Asteya** - Non Stealing; Simple life;
4. **Brahmacharya** - Self Discipline; Moving towards Brahma (Truth);  
Away from the attachments;
5. **Asangraha/Aparigraha** - Non Possession; Trusteeship



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6. **Sharir shrama** - Physical labor; At least an hour a day;
  7. **Aswada** - Control of the palate; Food only to sustain body
  8. **Sarvatra Bhayavarjana/Abhaya** - Fearlessness; Fear of disease/injury/death; loss of wealth/prestige/loved ones etc.
  9. **Sarva Dharma Samanatta** - Equal respect for all religions
  10. **Swadeshi** - Support local economy
  11. **Sparsh Bhavana** - Respect for all beings/No Untouchability



- **Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed**





## Thinking Lines

- What is need?
- What is greed?
- What is breed?
- How do we reach our needs?
- What do we do after fulfilling our needs?



- How greed spoils present generation?
- How greed spoils next generation?
- Examples?
- Will greed always spoils the breed?
- What is the difference between greed and ambition?





## Need brings greed, if greed increases it spoils breed

- **Need** – Things we require to fulfill physiological needs; Related to body, limitations;
- **Greed** – Desired - Excessive/Selfish/More than deserved; Related to mind and emotion, no limitation
- **Breed** – Fellow human beings; next generations



## Needs

- Things we require to fulfill physiological needs
- How to fulfill the needs – hard work/smart work; competition; resources
- It requires us improve our competence – knowledge, skills

## After it fulfilled

1. Continue the job; settle, marriage, children, etc
2. Excessive desire => Greedy



## Greed – Present generation

- Enough resources to fulfill the needs
- Inequality => Poor => poorer
- Do not get access to quality education, skill devt; health
- Crime, suicide, Drugs
- Frustration => Naxalism, Casteism, Communalism
- Spoils the breed – Present generation

Big fishes



## **Greed - Next generation**

- Rich => richer; More power – more corruption; injustice; Big fishes
- **Already needs are fulfilled**; No need of hard work; smart work; knowledge; skills; creativity;
- **Struggle teaches us a lot**; Empathy/Art of living; overcome the obstacles in life; Necessary -Inventions
- Dependent on others – for almost everything
- Have money and power; no ethical values – dangerous
- Spoils the breed – Next generation



## Examples

- **Britishers** – Traders; Rules;
- **Industrial revolution** – Market to sell the goods; place to get raw materials  
=> Intense and selfish => colonization; exploitations
- After WW1 – **Germany** – powerful to defend; self sufficient; Need -> Greed; Conquer the Europe => WW2 => Affected Germany + other countries



## Not necessarily spoils the breed

- Developments during British times
- Space revolutions
- Technological excellence
- Comfortable life





## Ambition vs Greed

Want more

- Ethical + legal => Ambition – Not destructive
- Intense, selfish desire for money, power => Greed
- Ambition => satisfaction; happiness
- Greed => loss of peace of mind; sleepless night





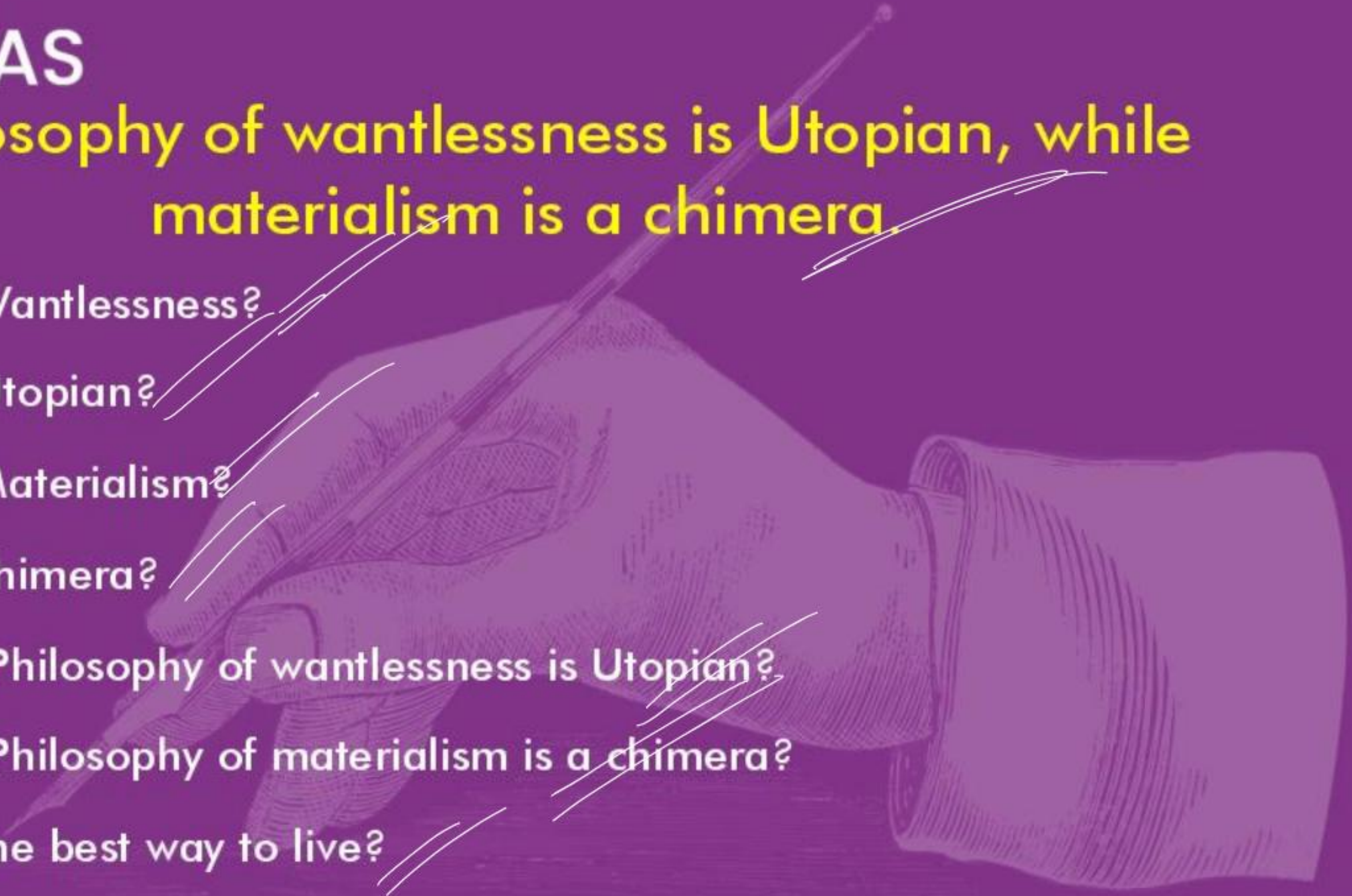
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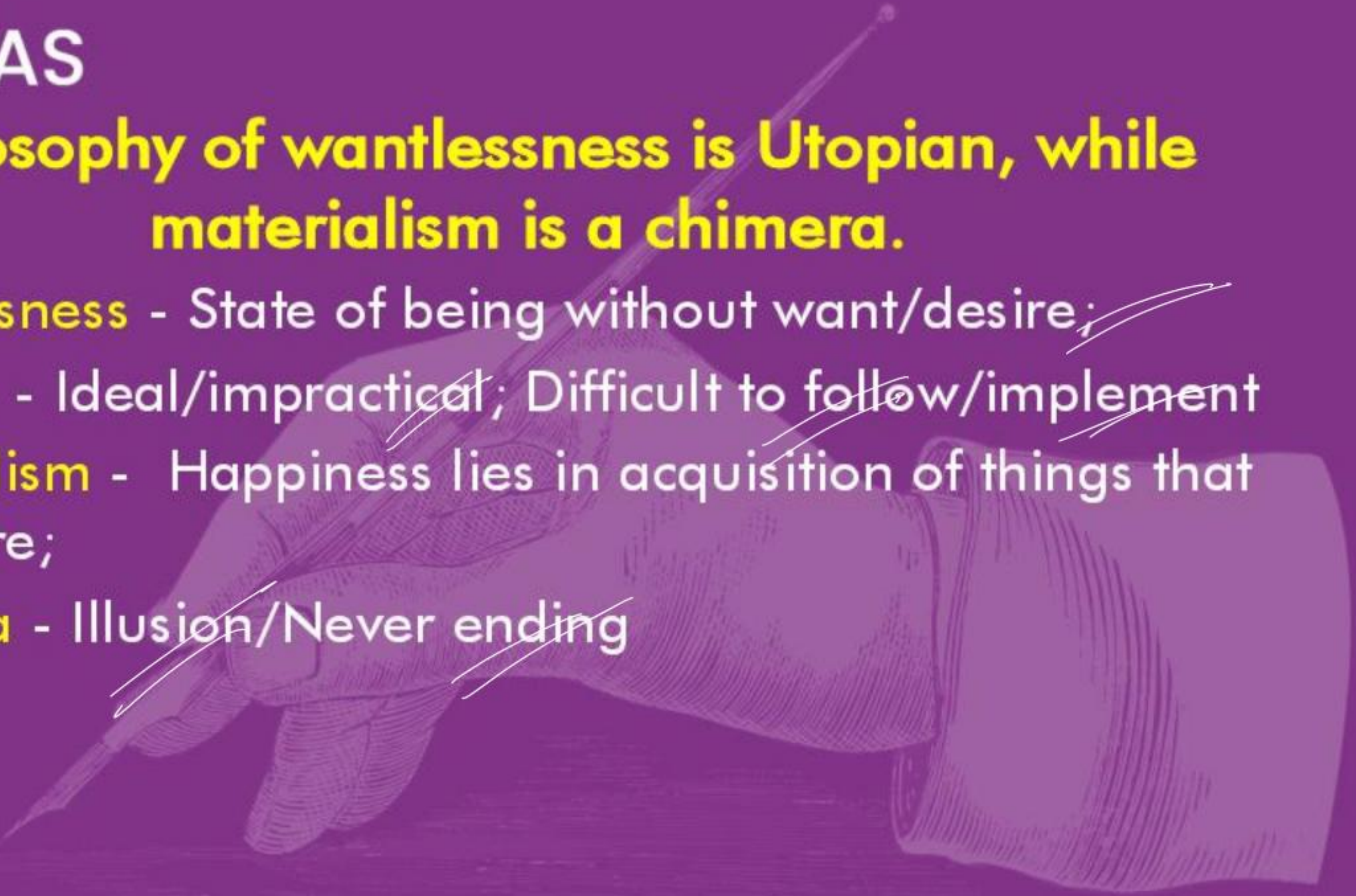
- What is Wantlessness?
- What is Utopian?
- What is Materialism?
- What is chimera?
- Why the Philosophy of wantlessness is Utopian?
- Why the Philosophy of materialism is a chimera?
- What is the best way to live?





## Philosophy of wantlessness is Utopian, while materialism is a chimera.

- **Wantlessness** - State of being without want/desire;
- **Utopian** - Ideal/impractical; Difficult to follow/implement
- **Materialism** - Happiness lies in acquisition of things that we desire;
- **Chimera** - Illusion/Never ending





## Philosophy of Wantlessness

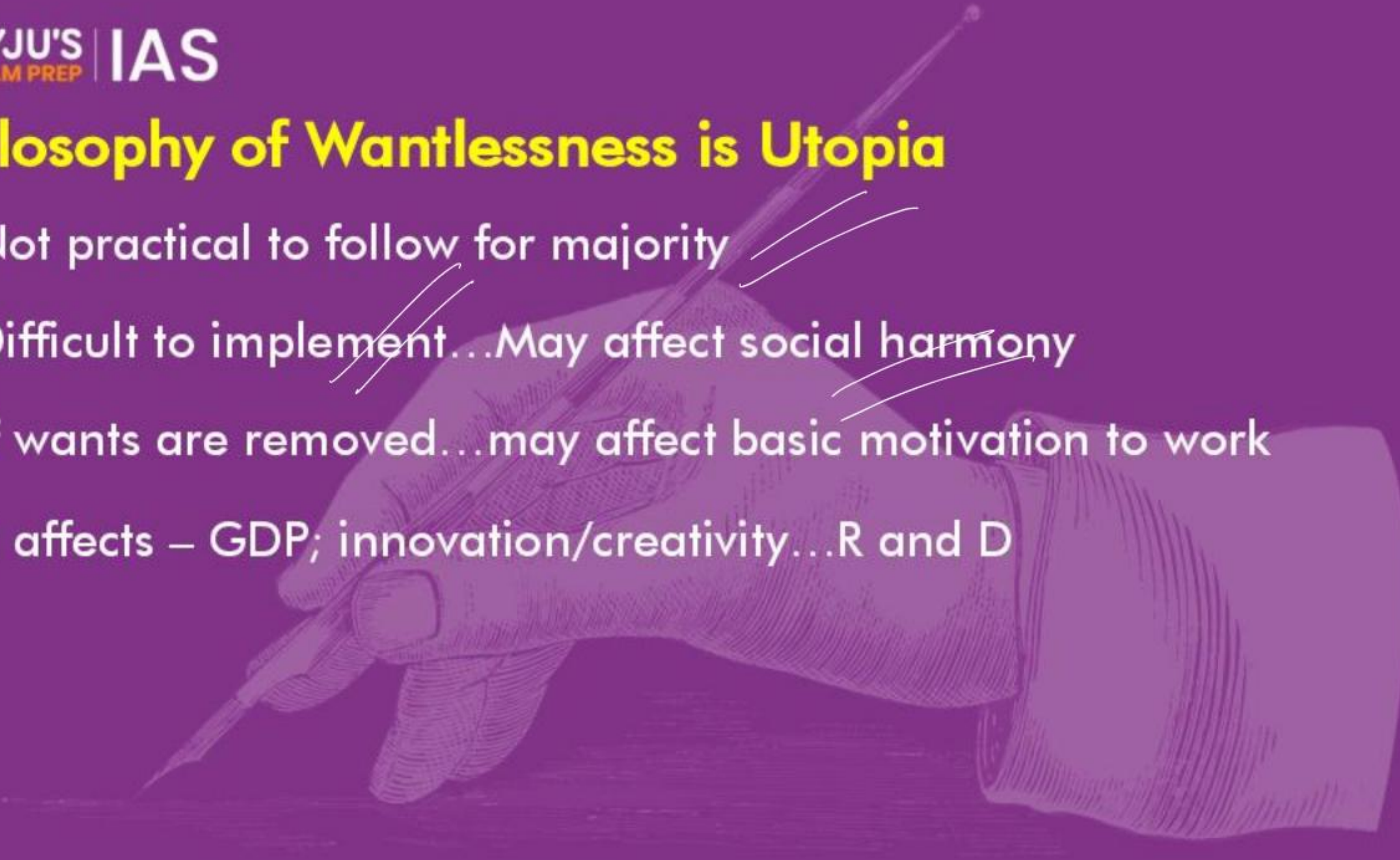
- State of being without want/desire;
- Desires/wants are the root cause of suffering
- Detachment/No expectations
- Happiness lies within ourselves
- Do not depend on external source for happiness -> No pain/criticism





## Philosophy of Wantlessness is Utopia

- Not practical to follow for majority
- Difficult to implement...May affect social harmony
- If wants are removed...may affect basic motivation to work
- It affects – GDP; innovation/creativity...R and D





## Materialism


- Happiness lies in acquisition of things that we desire
- Wants are main driving force of life
- Wants – better job/better car/better house/more success/more enjoy
- Wants – Source of progress

*Destruction*





## Materialism is a chimera

- The more we get the more we want; never satisfied
  - Earth has enough resources...need
  - Lead to increase in crime rates/scams/depression/suicide
  - More we produce – More pollution
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# Solution

## The Middle Way of Buddhism

The Buddha taught **The Middle Way** between luxury and self-denial.

Luxury



Self-denial

Living the life of  
a prince with  
everything



Living a life  
deprived of all  
luxuries



*Moderate Position*



## Solution

- Individual - Self Discovery; Simple Life
- Rich – Trusteeship
- Corporate – CSR
- National - Best use of resources; Inclusive growth
- Global - Sustainable Development
- Role of different stakeholders and Examples

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Self Awareness

Uparbala

Growth - Economic  
Include Growth - Eco + Soc  
Sustainable Dev = Eco + Soc + Env