Father of Nation M.K.Gandhi has said "Hate the sin, not the sinner". Author of this thesis has derived encouragement from this unique principle explained by father of our Nation. Author decided to follow the path shown by 'Respected Father of Nation' and confined his research work in the field of sins and sinners means criminality and criminals.

It is worthwhile to mention here that no human being takes birth, as criminal and no human being also want to become a criminal. Germs of criminality develops in the mind of gentleman also if situation to that effect arose. Day by day if the situation which creates germs in the mind of a gentleman, if allowed to be derogated; germs of criminality will occupy mind of gentleman and will compel him to do any criminal act. So criminality takes birth due to unhealthy situation & circumstances so rightly it is observed that we should hate these peculiar situations and sins created therefrom and we must not hate the gentleman. One must not kill the germs of disease of any kind by killing the organ or person in whom the germs have occupied places, if it is so then it was /is very easy method to kill the patient firstly with intention to cause an end of disease. No human being will prefer treatment in this manner. Real treatment is that which will only kill germs of disease and will
positively save life of person. Author is of view that no person who is sentenced or who is convicted by competent court use to be criminal by birth or in nature but circumstances makes him so. Our concentration should go towards creation of healthy circumstances and maintenance of same in perpetual nature. The situations, which are fatal to the society as well as to the individuals which most probably will create germs of criminality shall be, find out firstly and arrival of the same itself should be restrained.

Author has full oppose to the fact that as our Penal Code has made provisions of punishment in the form of imprisonment to the offenders we must keep them behind the bars. This seems nothing but formality. State in this manner will unnecessarily tie human power and will cause frustration in thousands of lives. So mere keeping behind the bar without anything more leading to offenders towards reformation is nothing but thing of formal nature which never causes any good or positive effect on the society as well as on the individuals, so author is strongest supporter of theory of reformation. Now concept of state has not remained in formal to do fundamental functions but now it has to act as 'Welfare State' so reformation of offenders by curing the disease of criminality is an essential thing which will save frustration of thousands of minds and lives.
Author has visited actually to some of the prisons situated in the State of Maharashtra and has experimented and perused as well as observed thousands of things leading to reformation of offenders. Author has proud to mention here that out of the prisons seen by the author one of the prison is an exceptional/unique type of prison i.e. Paithan Open Air Prison. Author also had interviews with the offenders in different jails and in the prescribed printed forms intelligent answers of offenders are recorded in their own individual or personal words which will enlighten the necessity of reformation and use of human power,(mental and physical) which we are wasting in the prisons. Author found maximum offenders are reformed and were having strongest desires to live remaining lives as good citizens. But, no authority seems to be interested in their desires and welfare.

Author has tried his level best to suggest some valuable things, which will lead positively, offenders towards reformation in different prisons. Author do agree that in the peculiar cases of habitual offenders reformation attempts will be of no use and all efforts will go invain but atleast in the cases of offenders who are not habitual to commit any criminal acts, this thesis will assist in the process of reformation.
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