

Drugs and Human Nature

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In the book The Godfather, by Mario Puzo, Don Vito Corleone disagrees with the other five dons over getting involved in the drug business. He doesn't want to become involved in the drug business because, as he states, drugs are more evil than whiskey or gambling. He also believes that the politicians who are his friends now might not want to continue to help him if the Corleone family gets involved in the drug business. But the other dons are so greedy that they don't care what kind of business they are in; they just want to earn more and more money.

Drugs are evil but drugs can bring in big money. For example, the English shipped and sold cocaine to China and the Chinese in the 1880's. The English made a lot of money. But, at the same time, they knew that cocaine was evil so they never used it themselves. Many people got into the cocaine business, and this caused the war between England and China.

Returning to our discussion of The Godfather, the dons of the five families think that it is human nature to be greedy, and they use this as their excuse. But Corleone understands what damage evil can do, and how much drugs will affect society as well as his own business. He doesn't want to become involved in this type of business.

Unfortunately, people all around the world think the same way as the five dons and continue to get involved in drugs and the drug business.

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