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The term gadfly was used by Plato for Socrates in his book, “Five Dialogues”. The term infers Socrates' relationship to the people of Athens where Athens is termed as a sluggish horse. The context of term highlights the ideology of Socrates that was an irritant for the political authorities of Athens. According to Plato, Socrates was a gadfly who was much too easy to swat, but the consequences of this swat could be devastating and hampering for both youth and the intellectuals. (Plato). The earliest description of gadfly ethics can be found in the assertion that Socrates said *if you kill a man like me you are going to injure yourself*. (Plato). A comparison with the present time highlights that today world and society is again like a sluggish horse that is unaware of its surroundings and blinded by rote direction and materialistic approaches, while Socrates’ teachings invite critical thought and varied approachs. Today, man is more like a gadget in the hand of the political manipulators and ethic designers who made their wishes code of conduct and human will is left behind in the walk of self-interest. (Pater, et, al. 2019). Today, what matters for every individual is the social strata that cannot be maintained without being mean and success is the measure of resources and illegal ways that are used to fulfill the materialistic desires of authorities. (Pater, et, al. 2019). There is no space for humanity because it is imprisoned in the pages of history, what prevails is “self-interest” that has compromised the life of a number of people but it hardly matters because the difference between humanity and being human is mitigated in the rush of life. In a nutshell, it can be concluded that a practical approach to teachings of Socrates would diminish the “life spectrums” of today’s individual where “I” comes first and it would be gadfly. Today knowledge is confined to gadgets and deception where survival is dependent on artificial luxuries.

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