

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BUDDHIST ETHICS IN MODERN EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

Buddhism represents a vast and rich intellectual tradition which, until recently, received very little influence from Western philosophy. This tradition contains a variety of teachings about how to live and what to do in various situations. Buddhism tells us to purify our own minds and to develop loving-kindness and compassion for all beings. The various forms of Buddhism offer systematic frameworks for understanding the traits of character and types of actions that cause problems for ourselves and others, as well as those qualities and actions that help to heal the suffering of the world. When starting a Buddhist path, one agrees to follow rules of moral discipline that forbid various destructive actions; but once the mind has reached a very high degree of spiritual development, the rules are transcended and one acts spontaneously for the benefit of others. The purpose of this paper to the way of understanding and activity of a Buddhist student with regard to oneself and the world around are only some factual illustrations of the objective of a traditional Buddhist education.

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