



A COMPARATIVE STUDY ON THE UTILITY OF TEN- COMMANDMENTS AND THE EIGHT NOBLE PATH TO STRENGTHEN THE SOCIAL HARMONY

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This paper draws attention about the moral value of the comparative study on the ten- commandments and eight noble path and their influence for the social harmony. The social harmony is one of the most discussed theme in the present society.

The eight noble path, one of the key concept of Buddhism, deals with three main aspects which are known as Sila (morality), Samādhi (Mental culture) , Paññā (wisom). At the same time in Christianity ten- commandments force to society with mutual understating and harmony. Though there are some fluctuation of ethical background, in its utmost sense two of these principles lead people to harmonized society.

With commercialization and modernization people lives have become more complex and instead being moralistic, people have become narrow minded selfish, they have forgotten the value of the human relationship and they breakdown the social harmony. To fill the vacuum of between modernization commercialization and the comprehensive development of individual. Moral education is the best to fill the particular vacuum and lead people to harmonized society.

In this research eight noble path and Ten Commandments and their influence for the social harmony will be examined on a comparative basis with special reference to Pali Buddhist canon and the Bible.

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