

# Jaina Ethics: A Solution for Current Problems of Man in Technological World

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## **Abstract**

Today, Moral wisdom has a significant place in all areas of life. Morality is a fundamental process of human life. Hence, in human life morality has a very important and effective role. In order to be a good human, Jaina morality guide to a man in this present world. So in this research paper we will discuss the relevance of Jaina morality in the current problem of men. A sound moral wisdom is required for a man in this social media era. So we will discuss how Jaina morality be a solution of the current problems of man could.

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## **Introduction**

We know Ethics is not like other science but it is a science of subjective world. Subjective world has also important as objective world for human being. Subjective world also demand a mental peace and harmony with life. The Ethics can help us scientifically to give the right direction to our life. The Ethics based on the principle that only man himself can find out the criterion for virtue and wrongdoing and not an authority transcending him. Humanistic Ethics based on the principle that, what is good for man and what is harmful to man. The sole criterion of ethical value is man's welfare. The humanistic position of Ethics is that there is nothing higher and more dignified than human being. In western philosophy some ethical theories reject the value of ethics by saying that we cannot prove the scientific objectivity of morality. We know ethics is not like other science but it is a science of subjective world. So in this situation subjective ethics lead to society for perfect life. Ethics is an essential for survival of the human race as technology. Western philosopher 'Spinoza' asserts that the rule of nature is the rule of god .so we need to use scientific rule in our subjective world.

## **The Current Situation of the Men**

The world which we are living today, it called a global world. So in this world we have opportunity to share our emotion like, love and hate, like and dislike, anger and violence very quickly to confront of millions people. Today a man become more possessive about like and views. Technology make human being a quick judgmental personality and human are run with majority in the marathon of their decision. Human are doing many things at same time like they eating, watching movie, play game, reading news, political interest and so on. Thus, we consume a lot of information. Therefore, the busy life does not allow to us for think in peacefully. The lack of thinking always makes human being aggressive. Thus, despair rise in society in large amount. The people trying to overcome their despair through a frantic pursuit of worldly aims like money, power, and prestige. The narcissistic inclination occupied human

contemplation. Today, man develops a narcissist culture which is concerned with psychological egoism. In narcissistic culture each individual is hesitate to do something for the well fair of other beings. Selfish behavior of man always ignores the interest of others. Possessiveness is one of a bad influence of the social media. We all know perfectly the concentration is rare in our present time, because social media destroy human concentration power. Today we are consumer with the open mouth eager and ready to swallow everything like movie, information, knowledge. So we can see this lack of concentration in our daily life .Concentration is very important element of human life because, everyone know well, that without concentration a plain wood would not be a piano. Concentration mean is to learn to be alone with oneself. The violence against women is prevalent not only in India but all over the world. The vulgar content on internet creates a hostile environment for woman. The thinking of man about womanhoods is going to wrong direction. Everyone in the present world have great tendency toward power and money because everyone live a successful and happy life. Every member of the society is after worldly pleasures to seek contentment and satisfaction. We forget the reality of the world and its limitation. No one care about the limitation of natural resources. Harmony has become important issue in modern time, because today we are living in the age of science and technology. There is tremendous growth of knowledge. It is the period of information revolution. At the same time, it is the age of anxiety and mental stress. We are passing through value crisis. Man has known much about the technology, but not about the values that's needed for the meaningful and peaceful life. So in this critical situation ethics become compulsory because we know perfectly the Ethics is the science of subjective world which, make a life meaningful.

The acorn becomes an oak by means of automatic growth, no commitment is compulsory. The kitten equally becomes a cat on the basis of instinct. But a man becomes fully human by his choices and his commitment to them. So the character is essential thing for man because it play impressive role for our choices. Today in the era of technology a man have multiple choices which may be destructive and constructive for him. So in this critical situation ethics become compulsory because we know perfectly the Ethics is the science of subjective world. So now we discuss the fundamental concepts of Jaina morality which are more relevant in this situation. We will see how Jaina morality makes a man capable to face the modern problem.

### **Moral wisdom of Jainism**

Jaina morality is based on the fundamental doctrine of non-absolutism. This has saved Jaina moral system from being one-sided. Jaina morality always takes into account all the different views and tries to reconcile them. Jaina ethics is based neither on oneness of life nor on fleeting nature of self. It is based on equality of life. All soul are equal. Therefore, no wonder that Jainism take into account not only the human beings or animals or insects, but even plant life or one sensed elements life, like water, etc.

First of all we will discuss the doctrine of non violence which is more relevant in social media era. It has been accepted by all religion but Jaina morality took the concept of 'non- violence' in very profound and wider sense than others. According to Jaina philosophy *Himsa* (violence) may be defined as the committing of injury to the physical and non psychical. We can harm to others not only physically as long as mentally. We can destroy the mental peace of others by our language, speech, argument, comment and feeling more than direct physical activates. So that type of violence often ignored by man and society but only Jaina morality take this violence very serious. For this purpose Jainism determines the guidelines for people who live in society as its part. First of we will discuss the concept of

“*Svadhya*” which is much relevant in present time. “*Svadhya*” according to this a man should study of one’s own self, because it is one’s own life. The understanding of real nature of the ‘Self’ makes a man aware about different type of violence. If a man wants to escape from violence then he should always Reading, listening to and reflecting on the life-elevating teachings because they are useful in keeping the mind healthy. First of all we should consider the all aspect of the matter and after than should reflect on them. We should escape from instant reaction because instant reactions always go wrong, because it emerges just from emotion. We know human emotion cannot see the paradox of matter because sometime subjectivity overcomes the objective truth. We should always think about every matter from all dimensions.

‘*Samyama*’ is also a moral concept which means control over sense-organs, mind, speech, opinion, longing, anger and greediness. From practical point of view, any kind of malice sentiment to any living being is violence. Violence thus includes not only butchery or bodily injury but also curtailing the freedom of thought and speech of others. Thus we cannot restrict non-violence only to the limited field of non-injury to living beings; it should also be extended to the higher plane of independence of thought and speech, which is the very foundation of social equality and free society. One should be forced to do anything against his desires also violence. Often we are not aware to our thoughts, language and speech. When we lose our control over our thoughts and speech, then the value of other human beings automatically ignored. All beings are equal on a societal scale. Some time our so- called ideological conflicts are motivated by self interests. So self- control is essential element which makes a individual capable to live in this gigantic world. So *samyama* make people life peaceful and clam. It is perennial basis of mental peace and inner-contentment. Without restrain one cannot enjoy the worldly life calmly. *Anarthadandavrata*: mean nonparticipation in purposeless and unvirtuous activities like uncultured talks, rude jokes, unbecoming bodily gestures, over Talkativeness. In talk one should aim at moderation rather than exaggeration, esteem rather than denigration, at distinction rather than vulgarity of expression. Speaking rightly or talking rightly to oneself is imperative for a peaceful state of mind and when the individual mind is peaceful because of practicing right speech with oneself; compassion, love and joy flows outwards towards other human beings. Even. Speech is a powerful force that binds all of us together. Therefore the Jainism emphasizes on Right speech as propagating truthfulness, compassion, kindness and equanimity which ultimately can become a powerful motivator for the Good. Language should be balanced and expressive. The unthoughtful speech, anger, greed, fear and cutting of jokes are harmful for human being. Some restrictions of Jaina morality are following

1. Vulgar language
2. Sudden culminating
3. Disclosing others secrets
4. False advices
5. Writing false statement
6. False preaching

According to Jaina morality one should not avoid these restrictions. Vulgar joke and comments are creating a mental and sexual harassment in the society. We should not be immediate judgment person because we often see in our social life that, this type of this attitude always going wrong. Trust is a greatest virtue of human life because, without trust social life are not possible. Distrustfulness destroys a man’s personal life, family life, and mundane life. Advice is essential element of social life. An advisor can play a constructive and destructive role in someone life. The constructive advice always save

ones from unfair means but destructive advice make someone, a murderer, a cruel person and mentally obsessed. Thus Jainism give a more emphasis on real advice because Constructive thought always elevate to the human sense, and without constructive thinking a man cannot achieve his goal in life. False preaching is the major cause of religious conflict. It should not be one sided because it is universal truth that we cannot understand the whole universe without its paradoxes.

### **Non-possession**

Non- possession (*aparigraha*) according to Jainism possession is the form of violence and those who wish to practice non-violence should avoid possession. According to Jaina possession is hallucination which is stand for a movement. Possession is the main obstacle to self-realization. There are different type of possession, first possession about other beings which mean when someone use the other being just for his greed, pleasure, power and comfort. We know perfectly attachment is an instinct of human being. Possession about material objects is a part of human psyche. We cannot escape from attachment this is a truth, but dignity of human being always ignored by possession. When we become a possessive personality first off all our energy goes to wrong direction. The basic tarts of possessiveness is , manipulation , isolation ,lovelessness, etc. it is said in Jainism someone who has possession to land , money, gold, servants, woman and other relatives and is obstructed by such desire is to face the dangerous sufferings just as a bout with a small hole in it, definitely to face catastrophe. Jainism always stands against the possession because possession is main obstacle in the way of meaningful life. The concept non possession consists in abstaining from all attachment to the senses – pleasant sound, touch, color, taste, and smell. Attachment to the world’s objects means bondage to the world, and forgets the reality of life. Liberation is impossible without the withdrawal of attachment that way we must practice non-possession firmly in thought, word, and deed. A man must practice isolating himself, as far as possible, from attachment to external things because the source of bliss and contentment lies in the human individual within him not outside him. External possessions are only meant to be used and to be owned but the ownership of everything of the world lies with nature, which is the true custodian of everything ownership as mine is hollow and can be source of clash. The human individual has incredible energies and potentialities, which are not based on external possession is limited in the life of the person. All human passions, such as, anger, conceit, crookedness, affection and ego has their term in external objects or possession, which create disturbance in the mind of the individual. Therefore, self control of one’s possession and consumption is necessary. This is not possible without Right knowledge, is utmost necessary for this non possessiveness because our ignorance about the real nature of a things leads to anger, arrogance, infatuation, and greed. Knowledge alone can eliminate the ignorance. The Jainism, thus, stress the necessity of right knowledge hence, in Jainism, liberty is attained only through the human body Right conduct is refraining from wrong and performing what is right. The true meaning of ‘right conduct’ is to make one’s life pure, keeping it aloof from vices and ethical defilements, and to help others and strive for the good.

In conclude, we can say that the aim of ethical wisdom is to provide people to make decisions by their free wills. The ethics has an important and necessary place in internet era. Today man is confronting of more sensitive issue that way we cannot imagine a meaningful life without moral wisdom. So if every member of society wants to escape from mental destruction and wants to live peacefully in the technical world, then everyone need to this ancient moral wisdom.

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