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The Indian and Western Perspective to the Philosophical and Moral Underpinnings of Ethical Research

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Essential virtues are more than just rules by which we live; they need to encompass a totality of human view of life, assessing issues, aspirations, feelings, and impressions. Ethics is an epistemological sub-discipline concerned with ethical values, implying "a set of moral principles." The concept is also used to allude to the virtue ethics of a specific cohort. It investigates persona and behaviour. In the West, Plato reinforced virtue and equated it with knowledge. According to him, being virtuous implies knowing the good, which is immutable, intangible, ethereal, and definitive. The search for the greatest human good is at the heart of Aristotle's ethical writings.

In Indian knowledge heritage, ethics has its roots in theistic thought. Virtuous conduct is regarded as a prerequisite for a happy and fulfilling life. Similarly, the importance of ethics and ethical values is highlighted in epics and philosophical texts like Upanishads, Ramayana, Darshana-shastras, and Dharma-shastras. The mutual personal and social relationships are implanted in a moral framework for instruction in these texts. They discuss the ethical problems through implied reference.

This paper aims to discuss the need for today's researchers to understand ethical principles and moral judgment in a historical context, as well as their significance and relevance in their field today. Researchers need to follow the ethical principles and rules in all aspects of their research, from study design to publication of results according to the basic precepts of truthfulness and integrity.

I. INTRODUCTION

एकमेवादीवेतीय तद् यद् राजन्नवबुध्यसे ।
सत्यं स्वर्गस्य सोपानं पारावारस्य नीरिव ॥

ekam evādvīṭīyaṃ tad yad rājan nāvabudhyase
satyaṃ svargasya sopānaṃ pārāvārasya naur iva

(Udyogparva of Mahabharata, Section 33)

(Just as the boat is the only means to cross the ocean, the truth is the only means to reach heaven. Therefore, truth should be supported in every situation.)