PREFACE

In recent years there has been a dramatic increase in the number of people around the world who have taken part in considerable debate about the precise meaning of ethics. For some religious thinkers, ethical action is an expedient technique for bringing about social change. For some others, ethics is a moral imperative or even a way of life.

Many reasons can be offered for the employment of ethics and values in life. Ethical life with values is more likely to produce a constructive outcome. Ethics is consistent with the teachings of the major religions. Ethics can also be the basis for a way of life. It is consistent with a belief in the underlying unity of human mankind.

In this research work an effort is made to present how far ethics and values would be accepted as a way of life with reference to different religious practices, like Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Christianity and Islam in India and an attempt is also made to bring out some distinct views of Indian thinkers like Gandhi, Vivekananda and Radhakrishnan and others on ethics and values.

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