The term Logical Positivism has been widely used to include any kind of analytic philosophy. The group of the Logical Positivism included the thinkers from a wide range of field- physics, mathematics, sociology and law etc. But the nucleus of this school of thought developed from the so-called “Vienna Circle”. According to the Logical Positivist’s the cardinal features of their philosophy are two: on the one hand to promote the reasoning concerning ‘science and mathematics’ and on the other hand to oust ‘metaphysics’ from the sphere of philosophy.

The present Thesis entitled “Experience, Meaning and Language in Logical Positivism: A Study” a serious attempt is made to state and examine various philosophical concepts notably language, meaning, metaphysics etc. I have taken up the views of Ayer, Schlick, Carnap and also the views of Wittgenstein for special examination.

The first chapter is the “Introduction”, where the problematic is prepared for statement and examination. The historical background of Logical Positivism is traced right from the Vienna Circle. The impact of Wittgenstein on Logical Positivism is more than it is generally given to understand. This has been laid out here. Then the objectives of Logical Positivism have been stated. With this is created parameters of the present study.

In the Chapter-II “Concept of Philosophy” Logical Positivist’s concepts of philosophy is thoroughly examined. The first to be taken up for the discussion is the views of Wittgenstein. We have covered some
reactions to Wittgenstein’s concept of philosophy also. Then we have passed on to Ayer’s Concept of Philosophy. Thereafter we have successively examined the concepts of philosophy put forwarded by Schlick and Carnap also in the same way.

In the Chapter-III entitled ‘Meaning and Experience’ we have similarly covered the views of Wittgenstein, Ayer, Schlick and Carnap. The method of discussion has been carried out by the above mentioned philosophers in order to state the views of particular philosopher and to examine it.

The Chapter-IV is the ‘Analysis of Language’ where the discussion starts with Wittgenstein’s concept of language, both the Tractatus and Investigation also to some extents has been covered. Reactions to Wittgenstein on language have also been stated. Next in line of discussion are Carnap, Schlick and Ayer.

In the Chapter- V entitled ‘Implication for Metaphysics, Religion’ has the views of Wittgenstein, Ayer, Carnap and Schlick from the point of view of metaphysics and religion. Here Logical, Positivist’s rejects metaphysics but from the point of view intuition metaphysics cannot be totally rejected.

In the Chapter-VI “Evaluation and Conclusion”, I have drawn conclusion from every chapter at least four points. Bibliography covers at the end of the Thesis.

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