

# RELEVANCE OF PALI TIPINIKIA LITERATURE TO MODERN WORLD

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## ABSTRACT

Shakyamuni Gautam Buddha taught His Teachings as *Dhamma & Vinaya*. In his first sermon *Dhammacakkapavattana-Sutta*, after His enlightenment, He explained *the middle path*, which is the way to get peace, happiness, joy, wisdom, and salvation. The Buddha taught *The Eightfold Path* as a way to *Nibbana* (salvation). *The Eightfold Path* can be divided into morality, mental discipline, and wisdom. The collection of His Teachings is known as *Pali Tipinika Literature*, which is compiled into Pali (Magadha) language. It taught us how to be a nice and civilized human being. By practicing *Sala* (Morality), *Samadhi* (Mental Discipline), and *Panna* (Wisdom), person can eradicate his all mental defilements. The whole theme of *Tipinika* explains how to be happy, and free from sufferings, and how to get *Nibbana*. *The Pali Tipinika Literature* tried to establish freedom, equality, and fraternity in this world. It shows the way of freedom of thinking. The most basic human rights are the right to life, freedom of worship, freedom of speech, freedom of thought and the right to be treated equally before the law. It suggests us not to follow anyone blindly. The Buddha opposed harmful and dangerous customs, so that this society would be full of happiness, and peace. It gives us same opportunity by providing human rights. It gives many ideas to save our environment also. It is very relevant for every creature of this universe. This is reason; it has religious, philosophical, psychological, historical, social, ethical, and geographical importance. It is very essential to find solution of many problems in this present era. It means that the importance of *The Pali Tipinika Literature* is remarkable, and it cannot be ignored by this world and our India

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