

THE RELEVANCE OF PALI TIPITAKA LITERATURE TO MODERN WORLD

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ABSTRACT

Gautama Buddha delivered His teachings in the form of dhamma & vinaya. The collection of His all the teachings are known as Pāli Tipiṭaka literature, compiled in Pāli language and the practice of these holy teachings can eradicate one's all mental defilements. The entire Pāli Tipiṭaka literature explains how to be free from sufferings for the realization of nibbāna, considered as the ultimate goal of human life. It explains Buddhism and is considered as the greatest source of wisdom having religious, philosophical, psychological, historical, social, ethical, and geographical significance which is remarkable as well as relevant to modern era.

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