

সমাজ বিনির্মাণে বুদ্ধের সম্যক বাক্য : একটি প্রায়োগিক বিশ্লেষণ

(Right Speech of the Buddha in Social Reconstruction: A Practical Analysis)

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Abstract

The advancement of a civilization and its evolution mostly rely on speech, which is profoundly contemplative and complex. A solitary word or sentence transcends mere sound combinations; it serves as a conduit for human interaction, communication, culture, and societal engagement. In Buddhist philosophy, ‘Right Speech’ (Sammā Vācā) is a fundamental component of the Eightfold Path, influencing personal character and contributing significantly to social harmony and moral integrity. Right Speech, as articulated by the Buddha, refers to communication devoid of deception, slander, harshness, and frivolous chatter—characterized by honesty, gentleness, harmony, and utility. This concept transcends basic religious or ethical guidelines, serving as a universal moral imperative relevant to individuals, families, companies, nations, and the global digital community. The practice of Right Speech enhances human values and morality, and deepens interpersonal communication by promoting healthy internal and external conversation. Speech constitutes the cornerstone of social relationships, the dissemination of knowledge, and the development of culture. Deceitful, divisive, or hostile speech not only affects individuals but also contributes to the erosion of social and moral ideals. Consequently, the Buddha emphasized that a remarkable and flourishing humanity can only be established via Right Speech, a fundamental component of the Noble Eightfold Path. When individuals adhere to the principles of Right Speech, it fosters ethical integrity, tranquility, joy, and harmony within society. Consequently, Right Speech is an ethical and fundamental moral principle that promotes constructive dialogue and significantly contributes to the moral and societal advancement of human civilization.