

PET in Ancient Indian Culture and Archaeology based on the Core papers of MA Buddhist Studies

Overview of Buddhist Ethics arising from the Buddhist world view;

1. the key concepts of karma and rebirth
2. Ethics in Theravada Buddhism: Vinaya, the Arahāt ideal.
3. Ethics in Theravada Buddhism: concepts and approach for laity. Sigalovada Sutta, Vyagghapajja Putta.
4. Implications of the Bodhisattva ideal in Mahayana Ethics
5. The Vajrayana Path and transcending ethics
6. Buddhist view on violence: war and vegetarianism.
7. Buddhist view on the right to life: abortion, suicide, euthanasia.
8. Buddhist perspective on gender and sexuality
9. Buddhist perspective on economics, environment and modern living.
10. Buddhist perspective on human rights and political activism.
11. Tripitakas & Commentaries B. Chronology of Commentaries
12. Non-Canonial Literature – Milind-panha, Visuddhimagga, Vansa literature
13. Jatakas & Avadana – Cariapitaka, dasaparamita
14. Lalitvistara
15. Buddhacharita
16. Content & Chronology of Vaipulya Sutras
17. Religious Geography of Vaipulya Sutras
18. Canons- Chinese and Tibet
19. Suffering: the human condition.
20. Cause and Cessation: the notion of self, desire and clinging leading to suffering.
21. Cessation as freedom. Noble Eightfold Path: threefold division into ethical conduct, meditation and insight.
22. Three marks of existence: Anitya, Duḥkha, Anātman
23. Dependent Origination
24. Karma and Rebirth
25. Bodhisattva: in early Buddhist literature and Mahāyānā development.
26. Marga: Stages on the Path to Liberation in early Buddhist literature

- 27.Marga: Stages on the Path to Liberation in MahāyānāMeditation
- 28.Samatha and Vipāṣyanā
- 29.Visualisation as a meditation technique in Pure Land Buddhism; maṇḍalas in Vajrayāna.
- 30.Buddhist Cosmology: Kāma-, Rūpa- and ĀrūpyaDhātu,
- 31.Lokayata
- 32.Kriyavada –Jainism/ Buddhism
- 33.Akriyavada –Ajivikas
- 34.Engaged Buddhism: Conceptual analysis
- 35.History of Engaged Buddhism
- 36.Relevance of Engaged Buddhism
- 37.Conversion to Buddhism: Socio-political response to the Caste system with reference to Dr.B.R.Ambedkar
- 38.From Transition to transformation: Present challenges to Dr.B.R.Ambedkar’s initiative in India.
- 39.Impact of Engaged Buddhism in the Eastern countries
- 40.Reflections on Engaged Buddhism in the Western countries
- 41.Engaged Buddhism: Future perspective
- 42.Engaged Buddhism : perspective on Economy and Environment
- 43.Critique of Engaged Buddhism
- 44.Indian Philosophical Context: Absolutism and Materialism
- 45.The Middle Path: Ethical and Philosophical Dependent Origination:
- 46.Conditioned and Unconditioned Phenomena, Dharmas as Ultimate Existents
Definition of Liberation Two truths
- 47.Dependent Origination and Śūnyatā Relationship betweenSamsāra and Nirvāṇa Two Truths.
- 48.Ālayavijñāna, manas and trisvabhāva
- 49.Definition of Liberation: apratiṣṭhita-nirvāṇa, nirvikalpajñāna
- 50.Two Truths: Mind as ultimate reality
- 51.svalakṣaṇa and sāmānyalakṣaṇa according to Dharmakīrti.