

PREFACE

The research project entitled: Some Ethical Issues in the Dhammapada: A Critical Study is the result of the sincere and systematic study on the Ethical Philosophy of Buddhism as depicted in the text Dhammapada. An effort has been made to throw some light on the ethical issues in Buddhism and to show their relevance in modern society. I personally believe that the principles as embedded in the Dhammapada, if implemented seriously, can bring peace in global perspective by way of developing metta among the people of the world. The special feature of Buddhist ethics lies on the fact that Buddhism, being a Godless religion, stands purely on morality. Hence to be moral is the Summum Bonnum in life called Nirvana. There is nothing in this world which is above morality.

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