

Preface

More than a decade back I have been attended a seminar at Raiganj College, Uttar Dinajpur. The keynote speech of the seminar was delivered by Professor Raghunath Ghosh of North Bengal University. I was really spell bound after his lucid and thought provoking lecture. I introduced myself with Professor Ghosh during lunch and speak out my desire to research on Ontological and Epistemological status of Moral value (East west perspective). He asking me some questions about my research and appreciate me to go forward with my ideas. I am fortunate enough because in 2012 I got the chance at the Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal to work with Professor Raghunath Ghosh.

Due to some professional and family problem I am unable to complete my work in due time, so I have to re- registered for the said work. I am thankful to the Department of Philosophy N.B.U for their supportive attitude in this regard.

Now I have been highlighted about my research work.

Ethics is concerned with an epistemological issue. Just as a phenomenal object is capable of being known, moral values are also same. Without knowing the moral value how can we say that it 'valuable' like some other objects. Hence in philosophy we have come across a question whether moral value or goodness can be cognized or not. It has been discussed in a threadbare manner. Among the Western thinkers there is a diversity of opinion regarding the question. Such difference of opinion is found due to the different attitudes towards the exact nature or ontological status of moral value. Before considering the question of the cognizability of moral value, the exact nature of moral value should be highlighted. Our Western thinkers have made an attempt to find out the relation of moral value on the one hand and fact on the other. Hume believes that morality is a

matter of feeling and hence the moral values are completely different from the fact. Moral value is a kind of feeling of sentiment, but a fact is something that can be derived from the factual statements and hence, it is neither true nor false. Beside this, I have been also showed that naturalism may be supported from the Indian point of view.

Some parts of the thesis have been presented in different seminars and publication forms. Moreover I have presented pre-submission talk of my thesis and the quarries, questions and suggestions were very much helpful to develop my ideas and it also enriched my thesis.