

Preface

Our general sense asserts that any object in this universe stands with reference to space-time continūm. To be in motion, an object has to move from one place to another place, with reference to time. It indicates the change of its position, with reference to time. Therefore, motion to be possible, there must be change of any kind. The title of the thesis of this research work is *'Reality of The Concept of Motion: East-West Dialogue'*. To examine the 'Reality' of 'The Concept of Motion', it is necessary to take a new look after the thought and views of the great thinkers and philosophers of the East(India) and the West, regarding motion.

Now, if we concentrate towards the history of philosophical thought, we see that there have been many

philosophical experiments with the thought of the East and the West and the East-West encounter has produced some interesting and fruitful results. If we are unable to grasp that philosophical progress can proceed by the proper realization of both, the Eastern, as well as the western thought, it will be a contradiction to say that Western philosophy and Eastern philosophy have the same value. Moreover, whether motion is acceptable or not, is a long standing debate among philosophers of the East and the West. Some of them admit motion whereas others reject it by claiming that it is only an illusion, it has no reality. In this work, the writer tries to re-examine the views and thoughts of both, the Eastern as well as the Western philosophers and thinkers with a new interpretation.

In this work, the writer tries to analyze the thought of ancient Greek philosophers-specially of Parmenides and Zeno

of Elea, that of F. H. Bradley and of Nāgārjuna. His purpose in this work is to examine, with a sincere experiment, whether the concept of motion implies anything and if so what is the reality of this implication.

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