

SIGNIFICANCE OF PHILOSOPHY

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When we are going to study about a subject then it is very important to know about what the subject studies. For example Botany studies about plants, zoology studies about animals like this. But Philosophy does not study about such things. It is very difficult to give a concrete definition of Philosophy. It is said that where science stops to study or thinks, Philosophy begins from that point. For example, a geometrician can take the measurement of some space. But he does not know what is space or he does not try to know it. But Philosophy tries to know what is space, time etc. So, we can say that Philosophy is the study, after science. Different Philosophers give different definitions of Philosophy. They differ in their views. So, it is very difficult to give its definition. Like Greece, in India also the history of Philosophy is very old. In India, Vedas or Upanishads are the ground of Philosophy. Indian schools differ among themselves on many issues. But they all agree on the point that philosophy is a way of life.

Without Philosophy we, the human being cannot survive. We have our own Philosophical view in our life and it helps us in our day to day life.

It is also said that Philosophy studies the universe as a whole. For e.g. the Greek Philosophers discuss from where the universe originates and why etc. but in India religion greatly influences Philosophy, because the Indians are so religious.

Every person has a philosophy of his own. This philosophy guides his life. But philosophy in the real sense, should always be for the betterment of a person. This would help to enrich his life by regulating his life through social, moral, spiritual and religious values. The word 'Philosophy' may appear outdated to some people. But no one can deny its importance. Philosophy alone will succeed in bringing peace and stability in the world. □