

**INDIAN VALUE SYSTEM AND ETHICS: DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INTROSPECTION  
AND RETROSPECTION WITH A SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE ITHIHASA  
RAMAYANA**

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**ABSTRACT**

The quintessence in the evolution of the human and humane is in the ability of its learning, observing and introspecting the ethics and values. Ethics and values denote something's degree of importance with the aim of determining what action is the best to live or to do or at least attempt to describe the value of different actions. The fundamentals of living are being learnt on none other than through the acquisition of language, and the widely developed literature universally. The introspection of the self and the retrospection only always create room for further development in any dimension in general and in ethical point of view in particular.

The development of the universal culture solely depends up on the development of the language. This paper focuses on the how each and every stage of the evolution process is governed by the ethical values with a special reference to origination and sustenance of the Indian culture. For Indian life style, philosophy and for the nurturing of ethical values, the epics like *Ramayana*, *Bhaaratha* and *Bhaagavatha* and various forms of literature like *Upanishads*, *Aaranyakas* have laid the corner stone, and given the continuous renaissance through their language with a splendid stature and enriched with affluent literature.

This paper throws light on the systematic and conceptual analysis on the ethics and values through introspection and retrospection in the Indian literature and Indian culture with an underlying observation on the chronological impact on the value enrichment.

**KEYWORDS:** Ethics and Values, Indian Values, Introspection and Development