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# Nyāya and its Relevance in Philosophy

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A *Nyāya* or Maxim is an expression of well-known truth or principle. By means of Nyāya or Maxims, the critical concepts are analysed in some parts of Sanskrit literature such as *Vyākaraṇa*, *Aryurveda*, *Upadesha*, etc. All maxims are not Nyāya but there is an equivalent between Nyāya and Maxims. The purpose of this research is to study the relevance of Nyāyas in philosophy. Many techniques such as metaphor and stories so forth are used to explain deep concepts in philosophy. With the help of Nyāyas, commentators interpret fundamental teachings of philosophy in simple manner. For example, *Andhapangu* Nyāya is one of famous Nyayas which is used to demonstrate the evolution of the world form “*Prakṛti and Puruṣa*”. *Sarparajju* Nyāya has been used both systems Vedānta and Buddhism to explain the state of the external world. In the system of Nyāya philosophy also is used the *Agnidūma* Nyāya as an example for the inference. In addition to that, Arundhati Nyāya, *Andhagaja* Nyāya etc. many Nyāyas can be seen in many systems of philosophy. It is clear that Nyāyas or Maxims play a major role in philosophy.

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