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### Buddhist Attitudes on the Ethical Values in Linguistic Communication

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Language is one of the most valuable tools ever produced by humans for the communication of thoughts through verbal medium to have a good comprehension about its ethical background. The piece of knowledge conveyed through the communication depends on the ethical value of the expression. This study investigates the Buddha's attitude towards the language and meritorious value of the usage of the language. The language expertise of the Buddha is depicted in *Pāli* canon. Similarly, his skills of usage of language are analyzed in *Brahma* in eight stages. Preserving the quality of the language and the need of a successful communicative process is prominent. The statement given to the first sixty *Arhant* can be shown as a unique instance where the ethical value of verbal communication is mentioned. The meritorious skill of the communication has been exposed by giving prominence to the sentiment of sound and sentiment of sense. Moreover, as depicted, the quality depends on the truthfulness of the meaning. Eight factors regarding verbal communication are given in the *Abhayarājakumārasutta* of the *Majjhimanikāya*. It mentions that it is important to use words that are truthful and not to make any affliction to others. Truth and meaning are more important than the quality of sound. This study is conducted on selected studies in the *Aṅguttaranikāya* and some verses of the *Dammaṭṭapada*, while providing relevance commentary, sub commentary and critical attention on the modern scholastic ideas on the subject.

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