

# **The Concept of Man as Reflected in the Teachings of the Buddha**

## **ABSTRACT**

This dissertation describes the concept of man as reflected in the teachings of the Buddha. There are many analyses of the universe given by philosophers. In that perspective it is called the observation of the world (lōka vibhāga). The factors relating to this, which can be extracted from Buddhist philosophy are presented. In the universe, man holds an important but a minor status. Accordingly, identifying his nature should be done with special knowledge. This has been done in Buddhism. The teachings of the Buddha present a powerful and careful study of the human mind. This is a great service by the Buddha. The complex feelings and concepts that emerge in the human mind have been grasped by the Buddha in a fascinating manner. Here, the researcher tries to highlight every aspect related. The environment plays a vital and powerful role in designing the physical shape and mentality. Man faces conflicts. Examining such incidents are also done in this study. Though man faces difficulties, he could achieve Nibbhāna (the utmost/ultimate), by facing them in a wise manner. The sole objective of Buddhist teachings is to attain Nibbhāna. In this sense, man holds a higher position than the other living beings in the universe. Therefore, the dissertation emphasizes how Buddhist teachings depict a philosophical analysis related to the practical man in the universe.

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