

## **Chārvāka Philosophy: Its Educational Implications and Relevance in Contemporary World**

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### **Abstract**

Chārvāka philosophy firmly believes in present circumstances, the happiness of the present, and the immediate future. Now people in many religions are so busy in religious activities that they don't have time to spend with others. People of one religion don't want to be associates with the people of other religions. They think people of other religions are sinful and ungodly. Even though their every action is in accordance with the rules of their religion, they do not do any ungodly act by violating the rules of religion. They do everything according to their religion, whether it provides them sorrow or happiness. They have no time to share their problems, feelings, thoughts, etc., with their family members and society. They live by religious rules and became lonely, depressed, and getting frustrated very frequently. People are so pious that they are ready to waste their present for pleasurable life in the distant future and the afterlife, which is unknown to them. This leads to intra-religious and inter-religious conflict, casteism, divisive politics, and communalism. Intra-religious conflict means one asking himself/herself whatever he/she is doing, whether it is wrong or right, from the religious perspective. Inter-religious conflicts lead one to think that his/her religion is supreme compared to other religions, which further leads to communalism throughout the world, breaks social harmony, and creates hurdles in the way of unity among the people belonging to different faiths. Chārvāka philosophy is materialistic; hence, it does not believe in spiritualism. Performing various activities such as worship and reading verses from sacred books to get a pleasurable life in later life, i.e., after death, is not appreciated in this philosophy. As Chārvāka says, "Happiness is the only goal of life". Every person should focus on the present and immediate future and make the utmost effort to make their present and immediate future pleasant without considering the distant future life and later life, i.e., after death. By analyzing various content related to Chārvāka philosophy, this paper will focus on the basic doctrines of Chārvāka philosophy, the educational implications of Chārvāka philosophy, and how the

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concept of Chārvāka philosophy through education can play a major role to make a person's present and immediate future life happy and pleasurable.

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