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## **IMPACT OF BUDDHIST PRAGMATISM ON DHAMMA PRACTITIONERS**

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**Abstract:**

*This research paper deliberates on the early Buddhist pragmatism based on Buddha's discourses to lay persons in his 45 years of missionary life. The subject of the courses for common man are acquiring wealth in a fair manner and through right effort, the joy of giving and thereby supporting the needy people, parental responsibilities in upbringing the children in an ethical manner by giving them secular and spiritual education, creating an opportunity to acquire the chosen professional skills and life skills, maintaining healthy and harmonious relationships – interpersonal and marital relationships, resolving dispute without unnecessary argument, development of individual personality, taking well-balanced, fair, equitable and rational decisions, the do's and don'ts of individuals and*

*mechanism for maintaining enduring peace, happiness and contentment.*

*For this purpose, the common man who are practicing Buddha, Dhamma in terms five precepts and Vipassana meditation are interviewed and the results are provided by them are articulated in the present article. The essence of Buddhist pragmatism is literal practice of Buddha's teachings and consequential reliefs and benefits derived by the practitioners.*

**Key words:**

*Buddhist pragmatism, practicing of five precepts and meditation, peace and happiness, American pragmatism, Dhamma practitioner.*