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A Study conducted on the Principles of Good Governance, under the light of Buddhist Political Philosophy

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During the era, before the philosophy of Buddha, based on his teachings was made known publicly, on the above concerns, the social systems of the Northern and Eastern part was divided into four main areas. One of them was the Brahmin's concept. The Brahmins believed in four different cast systems among the People. They were namely, Brahmins, ksathrīya, Vaiśya and Sūdra which were rejected by Buddha. The Philosophy that "God created this world" was another ideology rejected in the "Thiththavana Sūthra" of the "Anguttara Nikāva". When conducting a research study on this topic, certain difficult issues had to be dealt with. The main one begin, what exactly are those so called principles embodied in the doctrines of Buddhist Political Philosophy, that gave correct guidance of those in Authority to walk in the path of good governance, in the social structure, that existed, during then. The main objective of the study was aimed at verifying those observances that were based on the Buddhist Political Philosophy. For this purpose secondary information on books written on the subject of Buddhist Political Philosophy, magazines related to the subject, thesis of researches conducted during preceding occasions and various other reports were referred. Qualitative data, obtained through more accurate methodologies and findings became immensely helpful. All these Sutras had been closely analyzed before coming to the conclusion. The right type of governance as per the Buddhist Political Philosophy were compared and analyzed with those governances of the Coalition Governments. The reports on its findings are unbiased and show which type of governance the most suitable for the present society as well.

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