

Minor rules. (Sekhiya Dhamma) major role

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The Sekhiya Dhamma is a collection of guidelines to follow for proper etiquette. This study examined the ethical standard of Sekhiya Dhamma itself and practicability of the contemporary society. These 'code of ethics' demonstrate the initiate tendency of society to intuitively reject various types of action and the complementary deductive tendency of the Buddha to construe, from the general principle of *nibbāna*, modes of behavior that conform to *nibbāna* and lead to *nibbāna*. I have focused into ethical jurisprudence of covering of the 75 codes in 5 categories that to explain the structure and the functions of Sekhiya Dhamma. I think the accounts of religious matters that not only form the basis of a descriptive phenomenology but also bear the mark of different layers of interpretation. Because this study reveled the basis of its historicity and the practical surroundings of current society.

The methodology followed the fully reference of the Vinaya Pitaka and the interviews of Buddhist legends in Sri Lanka.

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