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THE HEART OF ETHICS IN RAMAKRISHNA'S SPIRITUALITY

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Abstract

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa's spirituality is deeply intertwined with a profound ethical framework that emphasizes selflessness, universal love, and the realization of divinity in all beings. Unlike conventional moral doctrines rooted in rigid prescriptions, his ethical vision emerges from direct spiritual experience and inner transformation. Central to his teachings is the idea that true morality is inseparable from spiritual realization. His ethics transcend sectarian boundaries, advocating an experiential approach that aligns with Vedantic ideals while incorporating elements of Bhakti (devotion) and Tantra. Sri Ramakrishna's spirituality embodies a profound ethical core rooted in selfless devotion, universal love, and the realization of the divine in all beings. His teachings emphasize the harmony of religions, Truthfulness (Satya) renunciation of ego, and compassionate service, shaping a unique ethical framework that transcends sectarian boundaries.

This paper explores the core ethical principles embedded in Ramakrishna's mysticism, examining their philosophical underpinnings and practical implications. Through a study of his recorded conversations (*Śrī Śrī Rāmakrishna Kathāmrita*) and the reflections of his disciples, this paper highlights how his teachings offer an alternative to rule-based ethics by prioritizing divine love, surrender, and service to humanity.

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