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**PHULE'S SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY: A RADICAL REJECTION OF SLAVERY
AND HIERARCHY**

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Abstract

Jyotirao Govindrao Phule, one of India's most influential social reformers, used his book *Slavery (in the Civilised British Government under the Cloak of Brahmanism)* to expose the deep-rooted oppression faced by the lower castes, especially the Shudras in Indian Society. Phule argued that the caste system, upheld by Brahmanical dominance, created a form of social and mental slavery that exploited millions for centuries. His philosophy was rooted in social justice, equality and rationalism. Phule emphasized education as the primary tool of liberation. He worked tirelessly for women's education and the education of lower castes, considering ignorance the main cause of social bondage. He rejected religious dogma and blind faith, advocating instead for reason, science and moral equality.

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