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DIFFERENT VIEWS REGARDING SENTENTIAL MEANING: AN
INTERPRETATION FROM MĪMĀṂSAKA THEORY

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Abstract

It may be doubted if human life in any form was ever possible without an articulate medium of communication, we call language; we are sure that human life in modern sense is unthinkable without some language or other. Even without committing ourselves to any theory of language we may hold that but for language, exchange of information, passing of orders or requests, bargaining for commodities, evaluation of objects, planning of projects, assessment of the degrees of success or failure, storage of knowledge and handing it down from generation to generation, newspaper-wireless-telecommunication system, feeding of materials into computers, science, philosophy, religion, shouting of slogans, addressing a rally, signing a treaty or declaring hostility-all would have been impossible and human life would be something other than it is. The peculiarity of human life is that it alone makes conscious use of past individual and social experience in day-to-day practice. This is possible only through verbalizing the experiences and memorizing them. Language may be likened to a vehicle that runs humanity across to ever wider worlds along the paths of civilization and progress. Here I have tried to interpret language form Indian context, especially *Mīmāṃsā* school.