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### **Anekantavada : The Philosophy of Co-existence**

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**Abstract :** *There are countless social problems relating to language, region, autonomy, casteism and sectarianism. Again there are problems like poverty versus affluence and equality versus disparity. They remain unsolved because the viewpoints of those engaged in solving them are not relativistic and reconciliatory. In this project we have tried to solve these problems from the point of view of Anekantavada. It is the philosophy of Jainism which advocates mutual co-existence of the animate and inanimate objects and advocates relativity of knowledge. The philosophy of Anekantavada will help us to analyse the problems from multiple angles and solve them by*

*reconciling the different aspects in the light of the Ultimate Truth. Hence a new society can be built on the basis of interdependence, sensitivity and right vision. The philosophy of Anekanta can put an end to hatred, jealousy and discord among human beings and can check violence and killing (of animals, plants, trees, insects) so that a new society can be built on the values of tolerance, love, peace, harmony and universal brotherhood.*

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