

# **ADMINISTRATION, ETHICS AND SPIRITUALITY**

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## **Abstract**

If the acceptable standards of rules of conduct in a human organization were to be described in one single word, probably we would end up using any one of the three words in the title - Administration, ethics and spirituality. Administration connotes the authority that ensures enforcement of the laid down business rules of the organization. In relation to Governance, Administration is charged with the delivery of public service by the administrator as per the laid down charter. A good administration enables all round happiness and assures profitability in a commercial organization. In Government- Federal, State or Local, it would call for supremacy of public good and upholding of Transparency and the Rule of Law when private interests are involved. Ethics refers to a social, religious, or civil code of behaviour that is considered to be the tolerable and acceptable and often the “correct” and expected behavior, especially in the said group, profession or society. Devoid of ethics, an individual will fail to gain acceptance in the group and be unable to motivate the peers in the group to work towards the common goal. The individual may even face social ostracism in the absence of a commonly acceptable ethical behavior. Though spirituality has its genesis and perhaps more references to it in the context of religion, spirituality is also used as being morally and ethically correct in any strategic decision making. Spirituality helps in making the optimum or the right choice and is to be the most preferred choice. In this article, the author tries to find the commonality between the three phrases in the Title, that could guide the acceptable human conduct in this age of information and technology, where knowledge is the power behind every throne and rules the roost in every society. The author while making a plea for an informed, well reasoned and facts based decision making, as a prerequisite for peace and harmony in a conflict ridden society, draws pointed attention to the Fundamental Duties especially Art 51 A (j) enshrined in the Indian Constitution as a panacea for the current problems of our society today.