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The purpose of this study was to analyse Essential Contents in Non-Formal Education from Buddhist principles in the works of Phra Dhammapidok (Prayudh Payutto) since B.E.2525 up until B.E. 2538. This study used the Documentary Research and Content Analysis methodology to investigate Phra Dhammapidok works consisting of 74 literatures and to see if his works cover and comply with 7 polular essential contents in Non-Formal Education which are: 1. Life-Long Education 2. Khit-pen 3. Democracy 4. Motivation 5. Natural Resources and Environmental Awareness Education 6. Human Resource Development and 7. Peace Education.

The analysis has revealed that Buddhist principles which cover and comply with all the 7 popular essential contents in Non-Formal Education number from the maximum to the minimum in the following: 1. Peace Education (covered by Brahmavihara: the four Divine States of mind, Papanca: diverification out of selt-concept, Sangahavatthu: objects of sympathy, Adhitthana: resolve and Macchariya: meanness or avarice) 2. Motivation (covered by Tathagatabodhi-saddha : confidence in the Enlightenment of the Buddha, Chanda: will, Kalyanamittata: having good friend, and Iddhipada: the four Paths of Accomplishment) 3. Natural Resources and Enviromental Awareness Education (covered by Sammaditthi : Right view, Metta and Karuna : loving-kindness and compassion, Ratanattaya: the triple Gem and Kataññukatavedita: state of one who is thankful for benefits received and reciprocates them) 4. Democracy (covered by Dhammadhipateyya : regard of the Dharma (the law or righteousness) and Sărăniyadhamma : states of conciliation) 5. Human Resource Development (covered by Magga : the path or Majjhima patipada : the middle Path or Sikkha : the threefold Training) 6. Life-Long Education (covered by Appamada: earnestness) and 7. Khit-Pen (covered by Yonisomanasikara: proper attention).

Concerning Human Resource Development what stands out is that there are some simiralities and some discrepancy in the meaning in comparison with the Buddhist principles.

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