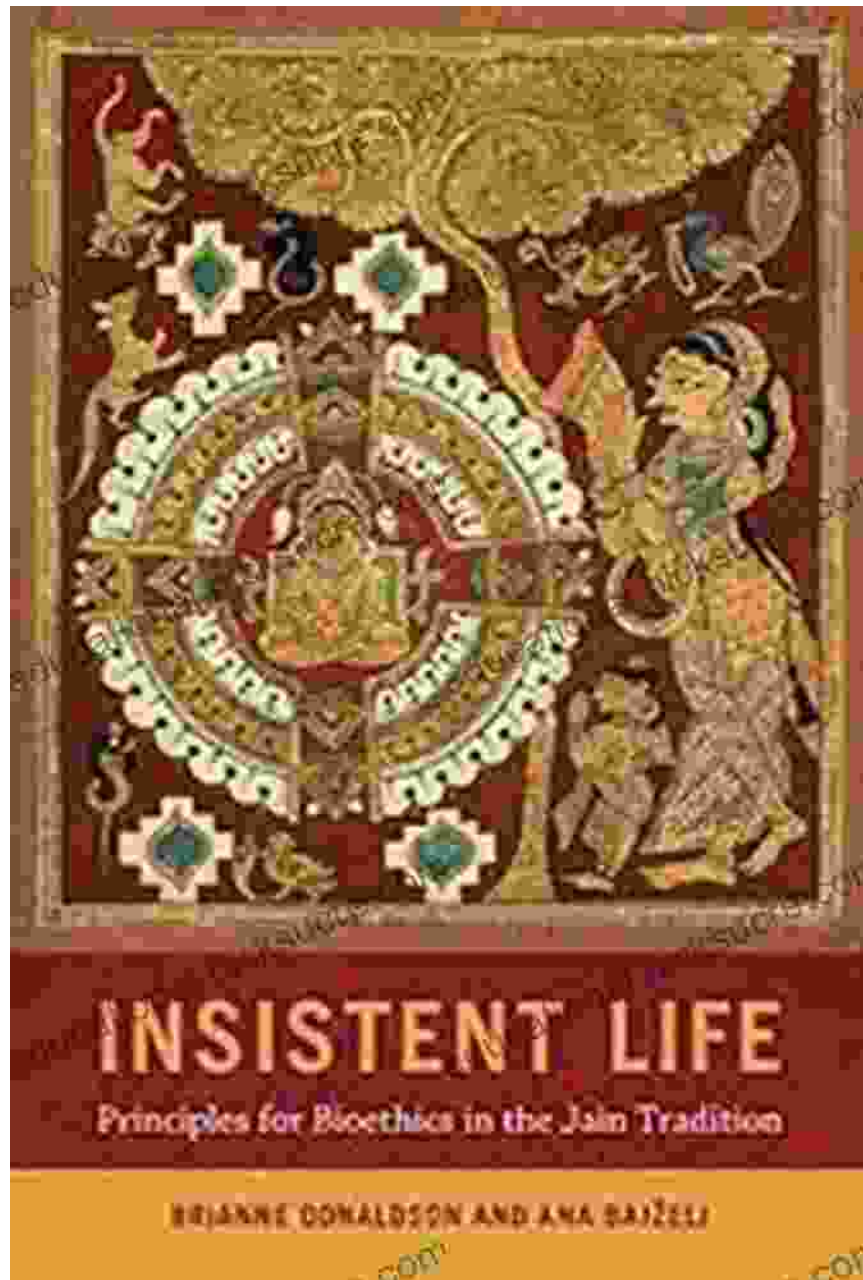


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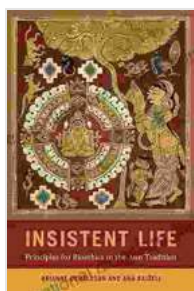


Jainism is an ancient Indian religion that emphasizes non-violence, compassion, and ahimsa (non-harming). These principles have a profound

impact on Jain bioethics, which is the study of ethical issues related to life and death.

The Five Vows of Jainism

The five vows of Jainism are the foundation of Jain ethics. These vows are:



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- **Ahimsa:** Non-violence
- **Satya:** Truthfulness
- **Asteya:** Non-stealing
- **Brahmacharya:** Celibacy
- **Aparigraha:** Non-attachment

The first vow, ahimsa, is the most important. It requires Jains to refrain from harming any living being, including animals, plants, and even microorganisms. This principle has a significant impact on Jain bioethics, as it prohibits the killing of animals for food or experimentation.

The Doctrine of Karma

The doctrine of karma is another important concept in Jainism. Karma refers to the sum of one's actions and their consequences. Jains believe that every action, whether good or bad, has an effect on the individual's future. This belief leads Jains to be very careful about their actions, as they do not want to create negative karma.

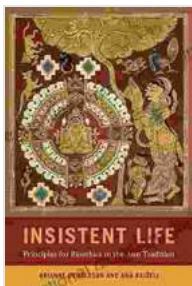
Jain Bioethics in Practice

The principles of Jainism have a wide range of applications in bioethics. Some of the most important issues that Jain bioethics addresses include:

- **Abortion:** Jains believe that abortion is a form of killing, and is therefore prohibited. However, there are some exceptions to this rule, such as when the mother's life is in danger.
- **Euthanasia:** Jains believe that euthanasia is a form of suicide, and is therefore prohibited. However, Jains do allow for passive euthanasia, such as withdrawing life support from a terminally ill patient.
- **Organ donation:** Jains believe that organ donation is a form of compassion, and is therefore encouraged. However, Jains do not allow for the sale of organs.
- **Animal experimentation:** Jains believe that animal experimentation is a form of violence, and is therefore prohibited. However, Jains do allow for animal experimentation when there is no other way to test a new drug or treatment.

Jain bioethics is a complex and multifaceted field. The principles of Jainism provide a unique perspective on ethical issues related to life and death.

Jains believe that all life is sacred, and that we should strive to live in a way that causes minimal harm to others. These principles have a profound impact on Jain bioethics, and they offer valuable insights into some of the most challenging ethical issues facing our society today.



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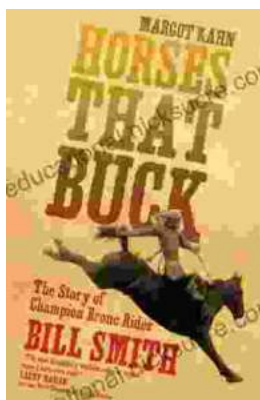
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