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Yoga in Jainism Dunedin
Academic Press Ltd

Covers the history of Jainism that spans a period of more than 2,500 years. The history, values,

concepts and scriptures, eminent mendicant and lay leaders and scholars, places, institutions, and social and cultural factors are covered in over 600 dictionary entries. This comprehensive reference work also includes an introductory essay, explanation of the Jain scriptures, chronology, appendices, bibliography, and an 8-page black-and-white photo spread.

Jainism For Children

Routledge

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An Epitome of Jainism

Routledge

Jain Rāmāyaṇa Narratives: Moral Vision and Literary Innovation traces how and why Jain authors at

different points in history rewrote the story of Rāma and situates these texts within larger frameworks of South Asian religious history and literature. The book argues that the plot, characters, and the very history of Jain Rāma composition itself served as a continual font of inspiration for authors to create and express novel visions of moral personhood. In making this argument, the book examines three versions of the Rāma story composed by two authors, separated in time and

space by over 800 years and thousands of miles. The first is Raviṣeṇa, who composed the Sanskrit Padmapurāṇa (“The Deeds of Padma”), and the second is Brahma Jinadāsa, author of both a Sanskrit Padmapurāṇa and a vernacular (bhāṣā) version of the story titled Rām Rās (“The Story of Rām”). While the three compositions narrate the same basic story and work to shape ethical subjects, they do so in different ways and with different visions of what a moral person actually is. A

close comparative reading focused on the differences between these three texts reveals the diverse visions of moral personhood held by Jains in premodernity and demonstrates the innovative narrative strategies authors utilized in order to actualize those visions. The book is thus a valuable contribution to the fields of Jain studies and religion and literature in premodern South Asia.

Introduction to Jainism

Fortress Press

"This revised and expanded edition takes account of new research

into Jainism as carried out over the last ten years."--
BOOK JACKET.

An Introduction to Jain Philosophy Bloomsbury Publishing

Provides Clear Analysis Of Vast Jain Literature And Contributes To The Understanding Of The Wider Question-Growth And Ramifications Of The Jain Philosophical And Religion Conceptions.

Focuses Of Jaina Canonical Literature Which Is Studied Under Eight Different Sections.
The Lives of the Jain Elders Bloomsbury

Publishing

Living Jainism explores a system of thought that unites ethics with rational thought, in which each individual is his or her own guru and social conscience extends beyond human society to animals, plants and the whole of the natural world. The Jain Dharma is a humane and scientific spiritual pathway that has universal significance. With the re-emergence of India as a world power, Jain wisdom deserves to be better known so that it can play a creative role in

global affairs. Living Jainism reveals the relevance of Jain teachings to scientific research and human society, as well as our journey towards understanding ourselves and our place in the universe. ,

Modern Jainism

Routledge

In Jain Approaches to Plurality Melanie Barbato offers a new perspective on the Jain teaching of plurality (anekāntavāda) and how it allowed Jains to engage with other discourses from Indian

inter-school philosophy to global interreligious dialogue.

The Jains Scarecrow Press Bringing to light an important and underrepresented dharmic tradition, An Introduction to Jain Philosophy provides Western readers with the most accessible and enlightening overview of this spiritual philosophy yet. Drawing on an extraordinary collection of writings and discourses by the Jain monk ેcȳrya Sushil Kumar and on his own self-studies as a

lifelong practitioner, author Parveen Jain distills for both academic and non-academic audiences the fundamental tenets of Jain philosophy. With relevance to today's political conflicts and our own search for meaning and purpose in our lives, An Introduction to Jain Philosophy holds the timeless teachings of what Jain thinkers have to say about the universal issues of the human condition - and how we might understand and enhance our relationship with other living beings as

a powerful and effective spiritual journey.
History of Jainism Motilal Banarsidass
 Jainism is an ancient Indian religion rooted in non-violence towards others. Jains believe that twenty-four great spiritual leaders, or Tirthankars, were responsible for propagating certain fundamentals tenets of Jainism. This book gives a little background information about each of them. Kids will enjoy this introductory book full of captivating illustrations, and parents might learn a

thing or two as well! 50% of all proceeds from this book will go towards various philanthropic efforts in India. Who Are the Tirthankars? Jains believe in the concept of karma and reincarnation. Who we are born as in the next life is dependent on our actions in the present life. By shedding karma and eliminating attachments, our soul inches closer and closer to Moksha (spiritual liberation). Any deserving soul is capable of becoming a Jina (victorious one), but only

those responsible for teaching and spreading the central tenets of Jainism can be considered a Tirthankar. A Tirthankar is therefore not an incarnation of God, but rather a spiritual teacher who spreads five principal teachings of Jainism: ahimsa (non-violence), aparigraha (non-possessiveness), brahmacharya (chastity), asteya (non-stealing), and satya (truth).
Historical Dictionary of Jainism Routledge
 Jaina Studies is a relatively new and rapidly

expanding field of inquiry for scholars of Indian religion and philosophy. In Jainism, "yoga" carries many meanings, and this book explores the definitions, nuances, and applications of the term in relation to Jainism from early times to the present. Yoga in Jainism begins by discussing how the use of the term yoga in the earliest Jaina texts described the mechanics of mundane action or karma. From the time of the later Upanisads, the word Yoga became associated in all Indian

religions with spiritual practices of ethical restraint, prayer, and meditation. In the medieval period, Jaina authors such as Haribhadra, Subhacandra, and Hemacandra used the term Yoga in reference to Jaina spiritual practice. In the modern period, a Jaina form of Yoga emerged, known as Preksa Dhyana. This practice includes the physical postures and breathing exercises well known through the globalization of Yoga. By exploring how Yoga is understood and practiced

within Jainism, this book makes an important contribution to the fields of Yoga Studies, Religious Studies, Philosophy, and South Asian Studies.

Jain Approaches to Plurality Discovery Publishing House

The Lives of the Jain Elders is the standard synthesis of source material for the early history of Jainism by the great twelfth-century Jain scholar-monk, Hemacandra, also a key figure in the wider context of Sanskrit literature. An epic poem written in an

allusive and ornamental style, it relates the pupillary succession of the early monastic Jain community, their teaching and the legendary spread of their influence, the asceticism of the Elders, and their eventual liberation from the cycle of death and rebirth. Abounding in memorable characters, and providing a rich compendium of Indian folk-tale, *The Lives of the Jain Elders* offers fascinating insight into the social life of medieval India. This new translation makes the

complete work available for the first time in a European language and is complemented by a full introduction illuminating Jain belief and history.

Jain Rāmāyaṇa Narratives
Oxford University Press,
USA

About the Author Parveen Jain, PhD, is a prolific entrepreneur who has founded and led multiple technology companies in the Silicon Valley. He has ten technology patents, has contributed to over fifty technical publications, and has been recognized with

multiple awards for his philanthropic and professional work. For over thirty years, Dr. Jain has been a leader in the vibrant Jain and Hindu communities of the San Francisco Bay Area. He is an ordained Āvaka (householder) disciple of Ācārya Sushil Kumar (Gurujī), the source of his religious and spiritual education and the motivation for Dr. Jain's erudition in the Jain tradition. Dr. Jain is deeply involved in the growth of Siddhachalam, the first Jain Tirtha (a pilgrimage,

and the abode of enlightened spirituality) outside of India, and considers that, along with leading the effort to build a Jain temple in the San Francisco Bay Area, to be his foremost accomplishment. Inspired by Guruji, he is passionate about applying Jain principles and scriptures to everyday practice for the growing global Jain community and beyond, for current and future generations. About the Book It is well-known that the Jain tradition has been extremely influential in

the development of Indian thought and culture. The Jain tradition teaches that there is an interdependence of perception, knowledge, and conduct unified by an axiomatic principle of non-violence in thought, speech, and action. In this way, non-violence defines the core of the Jain tradition, which has had a profound effect on other dhārmic traditions originating in India. Jain Dharma is so significant that in some ways it may be incomplete to attempt to understand other

Indian traditions (such as Buddhism or Hinduism) without knowing the basics of the Jain tradition, since these other traditions developed in an ongoing dialogue with the insights and wisdom of Jain respondents and visionaries. This book enables the reader to enjoy a comprehensive journey into the intricate world of Jain thought and culture in a way that is philosophical in its compelling rationality, deeply spiritual in its revelations, yet accessible

in its language. The organization of this book allows the reader to engage in an overview of the central teachings of the Jain tradition, but also to ascertain the profundity of its depths. It can be read with equal efficacy in succession from beginning to end, or pursued by individual topics of interest to the reader. Either strategy will have the same effect: a systematic understanding of what the timeless teachings of Jain thinkers have to say about the universal issues of the

human condition – and how we might understand our harmonious relationship with other living entities as a powerful and effective spiritual journey.

Understanding Jainism
Routledge

Contents: Introduction, The Background of Jainism, History of Jainism, Fundamentals of Jainism, Jainism as Religious Movement, Philosophical Thought of Jainism, The Basic Doctrines of Jainism, Political Thought, Peace of Jainism in Indian Thought, Jainism as Viewed by

Annie Besant.

Jainism and Environmental Philosophy

John Hunt
Publishing

The last ten years have seen interest in Jainism increasing, with this previously little-known Indian religion assuming a significant place in religious studies. Studies in Jaina History and Culture breaks new ground by investigating the doctrinal differences and debates amongst the Jains rather than presenting Jainism as a seamless whole whose

doctrinal core has remained virtually unchanged throughout its long history. The focus of the book is the discourse concerning orthodoxy and heresy in the Jaina tradition, the question of omniscience and Jaina logic, role models for women and female identity, Jaina schools and sects, religious property, law and ethics. The internal diversity of the Jaina tradition and Jain techniques of living with diversity are explored from an interdisciplinary point of view by fifteen

leading scholars in Jaina studies. The contributors focus on the principal social units of the tradition: the schools, movements, sects and orders, rather than Jain religious culture in abstract. Peter Flügel provides a representative snapshot of the current state of Jaina studies that will interest students and academics involved in the study of religion or South Asian cultures.

[A Comprehensive History of Jainism](#) Scarecrow Press

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As the only surviving examples of ancient India's non-Vedic religious traditions, the two religions are often grouped together as heterodoxies, but this is to ignore deep differences between Jain and Buddhist beliefs and practices. Unlike Buddhism, Jainism has hardly spread beyond the Indian subcontinent but Jainism survives in India where it is a prominent element in the mix of Indian religions today. As an introduction to Jainism as a religious tradition

and way of life, this book pays due attention to Jainism's history and doctrinal basics. However the author emphasises the ways in which formal Jain teachings are manifested in the practices of both laity and the monastic elite; explores the distinctive Jain systems of cosmographic and biological knowledge and describes how Jainism is woven into the social identities of Jain communities in modern India.

History of Jainism BRILL

Jain is the term used for a person who has faith in the teachings of the Jinās ('Spiritual Victors'). Jinās are human beings who have overcome all passions (kasayas) and have attained enlightenment or omniscience (kevala-jnana), who teach the truths they realized to others, and who attain liberation (moksa) from the cycle of rebirth (samsara). At the core of these teachings is nonviolence (ahimsa), which has remained the guiding principle of Jain

ethics and practices to this day. In comparison with other religious traditions of South Asia, Jains are few in number, comprising less than one percent of India's population. The lay and mendicant communities of the Jain, however, have maintained an unbroken presence in India for more than 2,500 years and have influenced its culture throughout this time. The A to Z of Jainism covers the history of Jainism that spans a period of more than 2,500 years. The history, values, concepts,

and scriptures; eminent mendicant, lay leaders, and scholars; and places, institutions, social, and cultural factors are covered in over 450 dictionary entries. This comprehensive reference work also includes an introductory essay, explanation of the Jain scriptures, chronology, appendixes, and bibliography. This book provides an excellent introduction and overview to Jainism for scholars, students, and general readers.

Jainism and

Environmental Politics

Gyan Publishing House

A unique reference book about a religion with an unbroken history of more than 2,500 years, and one which has influenced India's culture throughout this period. At the core of Jainism's teachings is non-violence, which Mahatma Gandhi brought to world consciousness by adopting it as the guiding principle in the campaign he led for India's freedom. In Jainism, non-violence extends equally to man's relationship with all natural life, a sensitivity

being articulated anew in contemporary times by a concern for the environment and animal rights, etc. This book covers all important touchstones of Jainism in more than 450 crisp alphabetical entries.

History, Scripture and Controversy in a Medieval Jain Sect

Routledge

Environmental policy agendas, activism and academic research into ecological questions are all predominantly derived from the philosophical perspectives of the West.

At national and global levels, environmental policy-makers tend to work according to Western-based methodologies. At the same time, emergent or developing economies are profoundly affected by the issues they address, including air pollution, rapid urban expansion, habitat loss and climate change. If environmental awareness, and the policies that stem from it, are to have a lasting global impact, it is important that non-Western voices are heard

in their own right, and not merely as adjuncts of Western-led agendas. Jain thought is a useful case study of a system of values in which environmental protection and the idea of a 'web of life' are central, but which has evolved in India independently of Western environmentalism. This book describes and explains Jain environmental philosophy, placing it in its cultural and historical context while comparing and contrasting with more familiar or 'mainstream'

forms of ecological thought. It will also show how this thought translates into practice, with an emphasis on the role of environmental concerns within the business and commercial practices of Jain communities. Finally, the book examines the extent to which Jain ideas about environmental protection and interconnectedness have universal relevance. This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of environmental ethics, sustainable business and economics,

environmental policy, and Jainism.

An Introduction to Jain Philosophy DK Printworld (P) Ltd

This brief introduction to Jainism and Sikhism is designed to help readers understand these important religious traditions. With both nuance and balance, this

text provides broad coverage of various forms of Jainism and Sikhism with an arresting layout with rich colors. It offers both historical overviews and modern perspectives on Jain and Sikh beliefs and practices. The user-friendly content is enhanced by charts of

religious festivals, historic timelines, updated maps, and a useful glossary. It is ideal for courses on Jainism, Sikhism, and South Asian religions and will be a useful, concise reference for all readers eager to know more about these important religious tradition and their place in our contemporary world.