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Nonviolence and Bioethics:

Jain Approaches to the Ethical Dilemmas of Birth, Life, and Death

Based on a wide range of textual sources and an international survey conducted with Jain medical professionals in India and diaspora communities of North America, Europe, and Africa, this talk will examine the Jain perspectives on bioethical issues. The talk will particularly focus on how the central principle of nonviolence has been applied and negotiated in the Jain engagement with the ethical dilemmas of birth, life, and death.

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