

Buddhism and Environmental Ethics

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Abstract. This article investigates the intersection of Buddhism and environmental ethics, exploring how Buddhist principles can contribute to ecological sustainability. It examines the teachings of interdependence and non-harm, highlighting their potential to inspire environmental consciousness and action. By analyzing both traditional texts and modern interpretations, the study offers insights into how Buddhism can inform ethical responses to contemporary environmental challenges.

Keywords: Buddhism, Ethics, Environment, Sustainability, Interdependence

Introduction

In an era of environmental crisis, the ethical teachings of Buddhism offer valuable insights into ecological sustainability. This paper explores how Buddhist principles, such as interdependence and non-harming (ahimsa), can inform and inspire ethical approaches to environmental issues. The study examines classical Buddhist texts alongside contemporary interpretations to understand the religion's potential contributions to ecological thought. By highlighting the interconnectedness of all life, Buddhism encourages a compassionate and responsible relationship with the natural world. This research aims to demonstrate how Buddhist ethics can provide a framework for addressing modern environmental challenges, fostering a deeper awareness and commitment to sustainability.

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