

Y7.6 Ethics: Is it ever right to kill an animal?

Key vocabulary:

Stewardship

Ecology

Creation

God's Image

Creation

Genesis

Rights

Humane

Inhumane

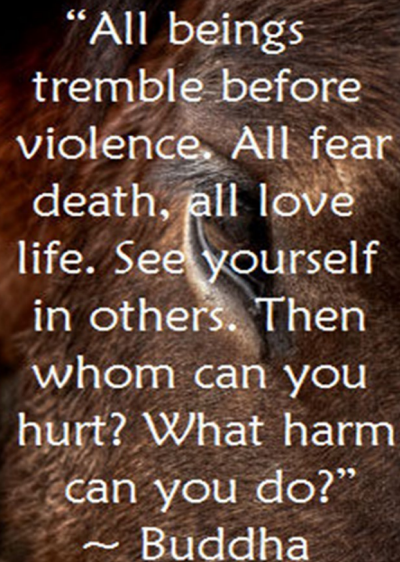
Dominion

Sentient

Buddhism

The First Precept is to 'avoid harming living beings'

They regard animals as part of the cycle of birth, death and rebirth.



“All beings tremble before violence. All fear death, all love life. See yourself in others. Then whom can you hurt? What harm can you do?”
~ Buddha

Christianity

Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, now I give you everything' (Genesis 9:3).

A man is worth many sparrows, but **not one sparrow can die unnoticed in God's World** Matthew 10:29-31

Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they **may rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' (Genesis 1:26)

Hinduism

One is dearest to God who has no enemies among the living beings, **who is non-violent to all creatures.**

(Bhagavad Gita)

Islam

The Prophet said "Whoever kills a sparrow or anything bigger than that without a just cause, Allah will hold him accountable on the **Day of Judgment.**" The Prophet explained that a **killing would be for a just cause if it was for food.**

It is God who provided for you all manner of livestock, that you may ride on some of them and from some you may derive your food. And **other uses in them for you to satisfy your heart's desires.** It is on them, as on ships, that you make your journeys. (Qur'an 40:79-80)