

# Online Lecture: Violence and Nonviolence in Acharanga

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## Outlines of the Lecture on Violence and Nonviolence in Acharanga

Religiously speaking Jainism is a purely spiritual tradition. It starts with the knowledge of the self and ends with the realization of the pure and divine self. Being spiritual in nature it is deeply rooted in nonviolence. Self-restraint and observance of various types of penance are two supportive practices of non-violence. Non-possession is another necessary condition to be nonviolent. It is the greed or attachment to land, money, natural resources etc. which causes violence. Philosophically speaking it is a non-absolutist tradition. The doctrine of non-absolutism is important to understand multi-dimensional reality. It also helps dissolve individual, social and cultural conflicts and thereby promotes social harmony. This lecture will explore the concept of violence and non-violence in various contexts on the basis of Acharanga. The following will, therefore, be the main points of our discussion:

1. Acharanga: Text and Context
2. Violence: Cause and Effect
3. Non-violence: Philosophy and Practice

## BIBLIOGRAPHY:

### Acharanga: Text and Context

#### *Readings:*

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- Hermuth Von Glasenapp, "Jainism: An Indian Religion of Salvation" (Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers, 1999), ISBN: 81-208-1376-6, pp 97-124 on Reserved Book-Shell

### Violence: Cause and Effect

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### Nonviolence: Philosophy and Practice

#### *Readings:*

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