

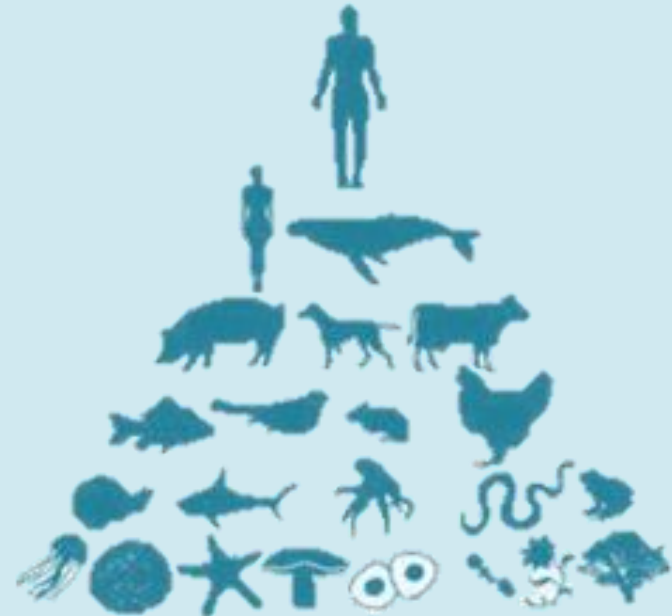


Ecology as Religious Practice

Jainism and the environment in a changing global context



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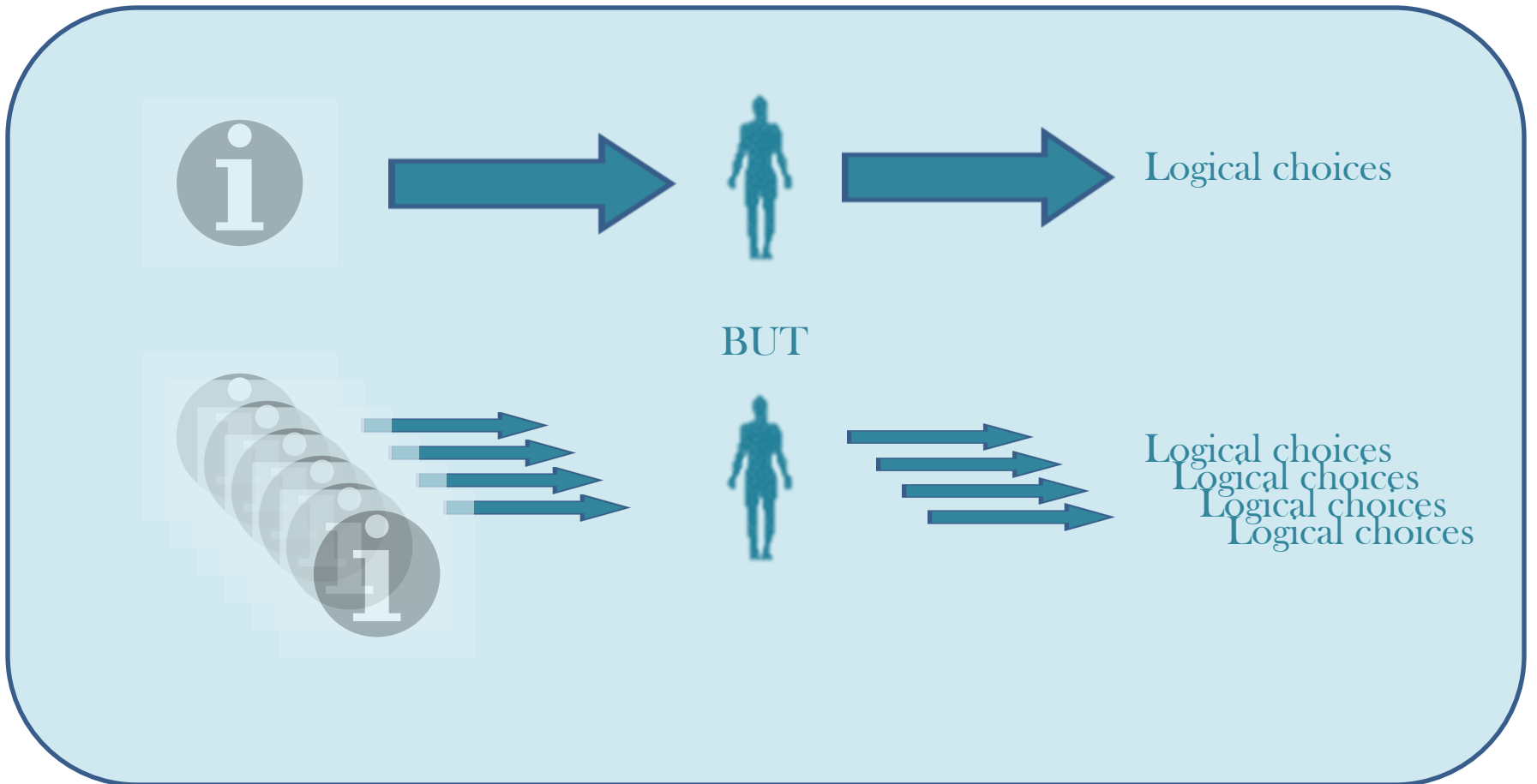


Biocentrism - Ecocentrism
Transgenerational and Global Equity



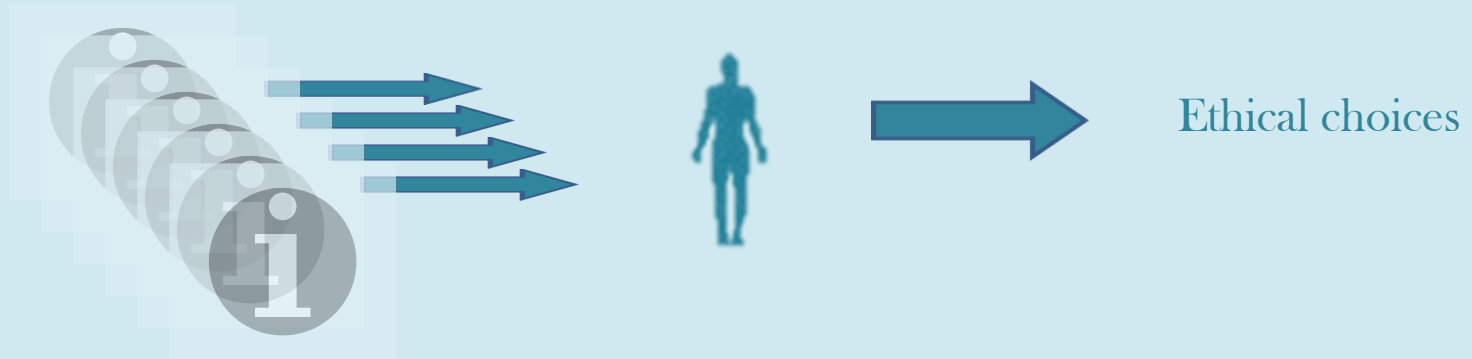


Logical choices





ETHICS





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Possible Jain contributions to ecological ethics

Biocentric - Ecocentric Worldview

Jiva - Ajiva

Non-violence

Ahimsa

Vegetarianism

Interconnectedness

Karma, spheres of existence



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Critical Voices

Ascetic Ideal as a turning away from nature

Ahimsa as non-interference

Very much focused on animal rights and vegetarianism
Not so much positive action when it comes to social equity
and equality



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Ecological re-interpretations & Initiatives

Anuvrat Movement

Environmental vows, fairness

Veerayatan

Re-forestation, education, healthcare

Importance of the Diaspora

Socio-centric interpretations

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Conclusion

Through action and reflection of Jains today, Jain ways of being and the principles of modern environmentalism are encountering each other in a *mutual and cross-fertilizing process* (Cort)

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