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Jainism Essay

Jainism is a very unique, but complicated religion. Jainism has made many huge impacts on me and a lot of other people. In this extraordinary religion, they do different things and they have many different beliefs. For example, they don't harm or eat other living beings. Another interesting thing they do is have no attachment to a great amount of wanted items. These are two very important things that have impacted my life in ginormous amount.

First, harming and eating other living things is a big problem. Many people eat meat and kill many animals. In Jainism, that's incorrect. This concept has impacted my life. If you harm others; verbally or physically, it's still wrong. The solution is to make the other people happy and let the animals live. If you do this, you will have good karma in your following lives. Not only that, it makes you feel happy and it makes others feel happy as well.

Secondly, having no attachment and possession is a very big thing in Jainism. For Jains, they try to limit the use of things that you want really bad because of how great they look or things like that. The reason is so that we can become much better people even if we want appealing things to make us satisfied. In Jainism, they want to be happy with what they have. Even if you have many things or nothing at all, you should still be proud. Also, they don't want you looking at others with many things and begging for the things you have because when the day is over, you both will be normal humans. One will just have many possessions and still won't be happy while the other person has one big thing; happiness.

To conclude, harming other living things and having too many possessions are big things that have an impact on me. They all lead up to happiness. For example, not hurting other people but instead helping them, would make someone very happy. Also, not having many attachments will make you happy. All of this is confusing for some people because they like eating meat and they're okay with others getting hurt and they like purchasing new things, but at the end, when everything is over, they realize that it was all pointless and all that mattered in life was to be happy. Overall, Jainism has made me a much happier person!

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