

PRINT: ISSN 0976-6901 ONLINE: ISSN 2456-6543

**JOURNAL OF  
BIODIVERSITY**



© Kamla-Raj 2018

J Biodiversity, 9(1-2): 1-13 (2018)

PRINT: ISSN 0976-6901 ONLINE: ISSN 2456-6543

DOI: 10.31901/24566543.2018/09.1-2.075

**Over-Religious Activity, a Threat to Biodiversity (7): Ethical  
Restrictions against Animal Cruelty to Protect the Environment -  
A Review**

**Sachidananda Padhy**

*Vedic Science Research Centre, Bhaba Nagar-1, Berhampur 760 004, Odisha, India  
E-mail: sachi\_padhy@rediffmail.com*

**KEYWORDS** Animal Cruelty. Bible. Buddha. Ethical Restriction. Gandhi. Gita. Jaina. Manusmriti. Qur'an. Veda

**ABSTRACT** Since the Vedic period, there is attempt to protect the biodiversity through ethical restrictions, reflected in various epics. Harming animals is widely considered as one of the lowest and cruellest activity of human beings. Animal cruelty may be for food, religious sacrifice, scientific experiment, business purpose or over carriage; it has a negative impact on the growth and sustenance of the animal world. Let the human society follow the ethical restrictions and save the biodiversity.