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Synopsis

This classic Jain manual for understanding the true nature of reality is now published for the first time in an English translation outside of India. Regarded by the Jains as the earliest, most authoritative and comprehensive summary of their religion, this book is sponsored by the Institute of Jainology.

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Umasvati, to whom the Tattvartha Sutra is attributed, lived around the second cent CE and was a disciple of the highly revered Kundakunda.

As a Jain, I highly recommend this book for everyone. It has the original Prakrit language of Bhagwan Mahavir as well as the English translation with an English interpretation. Remember this is Tavartha Sutra, one of the oldest and direct scriptures of Bhagwan Mahavir, so you know exactly what our Tirthankar said. It answers questions about this Earth, heaven, hell, lifeforms, karma, lokakasha, and has a bunch of interesting things too. Anyone, any age can read it! It has the best English translation I have ever seen. It is worth the buy. I don't know of any other Tavartha Sutras translations along with the real scriptural lang.

For the seeker and the knower about reality of matter, life and esoteric beyond, this translation is a great book for any student or reader of Jainism. All world faiths goal is to deliver and liberate the

human spirit, Tattvartha sutra in this regard is as scientific as it is revealed by the Jaina founders right from Tirthankar Rishabdev bhagwan. Our respect to the life we strive to lead becomes more meaningful from a spiritual point of view. A book that must find its place in every seeker's library.

Excellent read; a must for those who seek to understand this great religion

I read this book as a part of my studies in Eastern philosophy, in particular Indian philosophy, and the only term I can come up with is "mind-blowing". I considered myself an agnostic until I read this book... This book contains within the basis of the Jain religion, as well as many philosophical points which students of Eastern (and in particular Indian) philosophy and religion cannot ignore. Truly the best and most comprehensive text on the subject of Jainism.

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