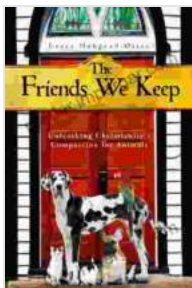


Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals: A Path to a More Just and Humane World

In a world marked by violence, exploitation, and suffering, the need for compassion is more urgent than ever. And yet, when it comes to animals, compassion is often in short supply. In factory farms, animals are treated as mere commodities, subjected to unimaginable horrors. In laboratories, they are used as test subjects, enduring painful and often deadly experiments. And in countless homes, animals are neglected, abused, and abandoned.



The Friends We Keep: Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals by Laura Hobgood-Oster

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This lack of compassion for animals is not only a moral failing, but also a violation of our Christian faith. As Pope Francis has said, "Every creature is a child of God who deserves our respect and compassion." Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals explores the rich history of Christian compassion for animals and argues for a renewed commitment to animal protection in the 21st century.

The Biblical Basis for Animal Compassion

The Bible is replete with passages that call us to treat animals with compassion. In the book of Genesis, God commands us to "have dominion" over the animals, but this dominion is not to be exercised in a cruel or exploitative way. Rather, we are called to be stewards of God's creation, to care for the animals and protect their well-being.

Throughout the Bible, we see examples of people who showed compassion to animals. Noah built an ark to save the animals from the flood. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, where they were enslaved and forced to work with animals. Jesus himself had a deep love for animals, and he often spoke out against the cruelty of his day.

The Tradition of Christian Animal Protection

The tradition of Christian animal protection began in the early centuries of the Church. St. Francis of Assisi, who lived in the 13th century, is perhaps the most well-known Christian animal advocate. He believed that all creatures were equal in the eyes of God, and he dedicated his life to caring for the sick and injured animals of his community.

In the centuries that followed, many other Christians followed St. Francis's example. They founded animal shelters, hospitals, and sanctuaries. They wrote books and articles about the importance of animal protection. And they worked to change laws that protected animals from cruelty and exploitation.

The Need for a Renewed Commitment to Animal Protection

In the 21st century, the need for Christian compassion for animals is greater than ever. The industrialization of animal agriculture has led to

widespread suffering for billions of animals. The destruction of natural habitats is threatening the survival of countless species. And climate change is posing a serious threat to the well-being of all animals, both wild and domestic.

As Christians, we are called to respond to this crisis with compassion and action. We must work to end the suffering of animals in factory farms, laboratories, and circuses. We must protect animals from cruelty and neglect. And we must work to create a more just and sustainable world for all creatures.

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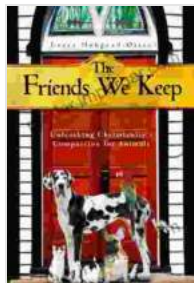
Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals is a call to action for all Christians who believe that animals deserve our compassion and respect. The book provides a wealth of resources for those who want to get involved in animal protection, including:

- A history of Christian animal protection
- A biblical basis for animal compassion
- Practical tips for living a compassionate lifestyle
- A directory of animal protection organizations

Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals is a must-read for anyone who cares about animals and wants to make a difference in their lives. The book is available now from all major booksellers.

The world is in desperate need of compassion, and animals are no exception. As Christians, we are called to be a voice for the voiceless and

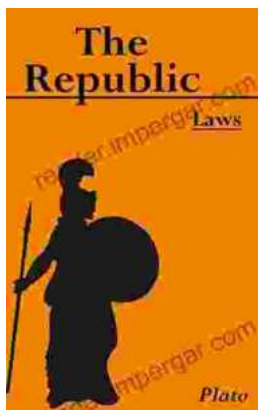
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