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We have two kinds of determinants of body processes and behaviour of organisms—the *Karma* and the genes—the two seemingly diverse systems performing similar functions. This book makes a comparative study of the doctrine of *Karma* and the science of genetics.

Explaining the concept of *Karma* as known to various Indian philosophies, including Jainism, it deals with the concept of life in Jaina philosophy, and goes on to describe the classification, bondage, fruition and annihilation of *Karma*. Further discussing the developments in genetic science, along with its important aspects, it presents a comparative study of *Karma* and genes and brings out the fact that *Karmas* are the cause and genes are their effects.

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