

In Buddhism, the point of origin (start point) of life is vital. Where does it start?

In the PALICANON, the Buddhist scriptures, there is nothing written about rape or abortion.

Orthodox (Theravada type) — Tibet — Dalai Lama says “[...] abortion should be approved or disapproved according to each circumstance”.

Buddhistic attitudes to ethics.

Virtuous	Situationist	Absolutist	Utilitarian
Attitudes and motives matter. An example of a virtue is being kind.	Being compassionate to the situation in hand.	Simply applying the rule i.e all killing is wrong.	Greatest good for the greatest number. Might consider birth rate. A Buddhist society can create a rule.

W.A LaFleur explores Japanese Buddhist tolerance and ritualisation of abortion. It is a “sorrowful necessity”.