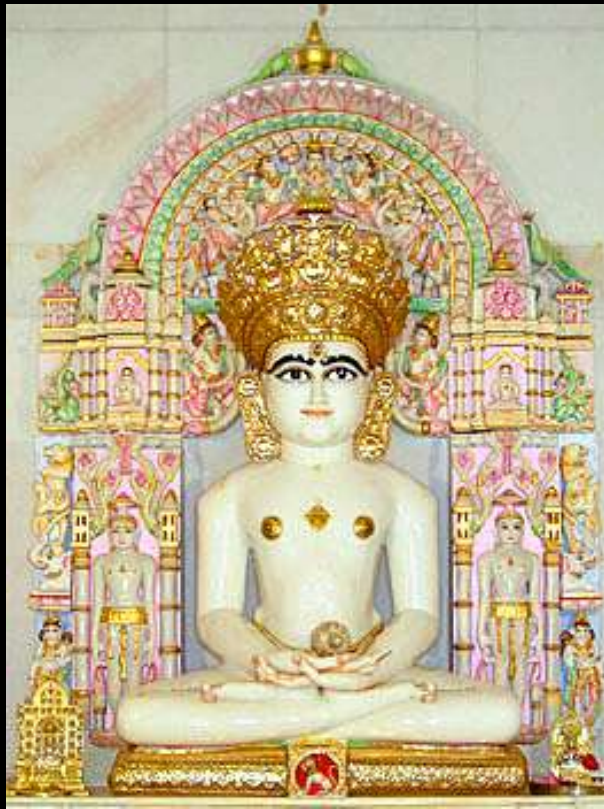




Mahavira, 6th century BCE India

“Non-injury *is* Religion”
Ahimsa = Non-injury



Jainism Didn't spread like Buddhism
Didn't die out in India like Buddhism
Didn't change like Mahāyāna Buddhism

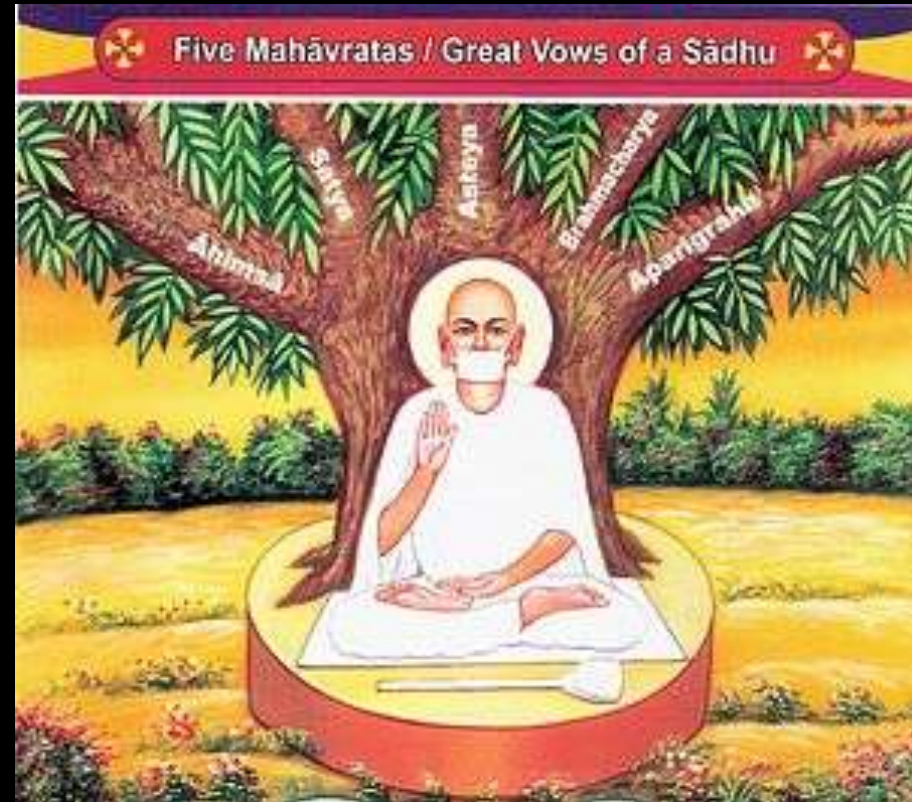
Some Jains say they're Hindu - But not Vedic Hindu

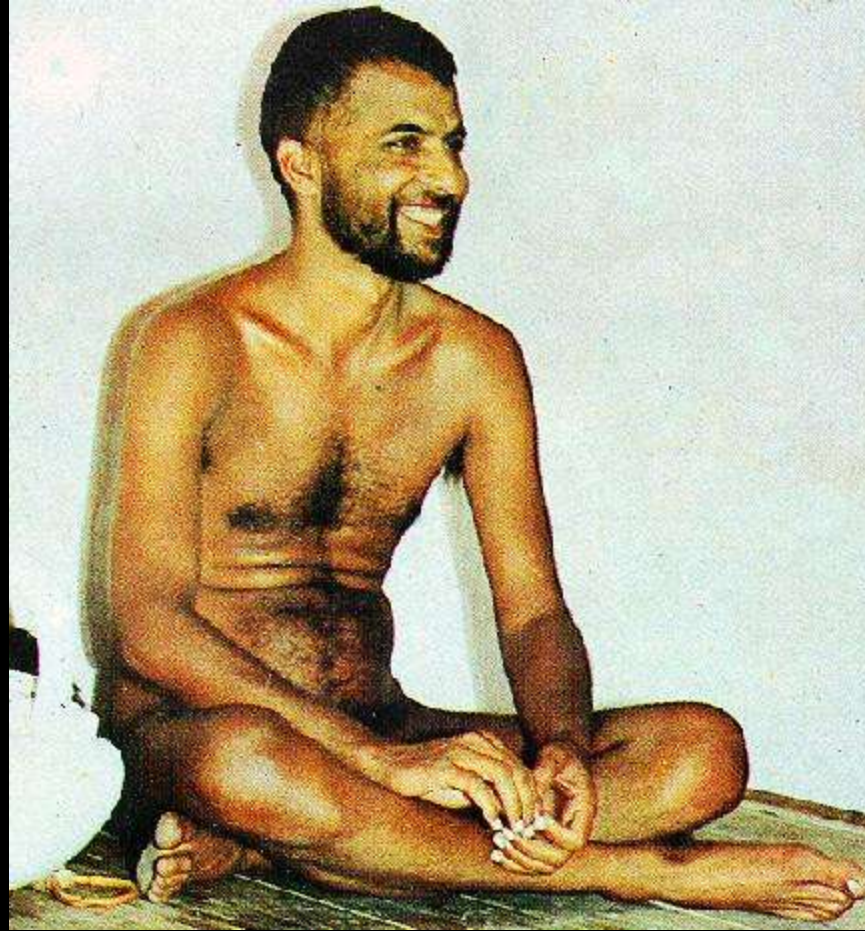


3-4 million Jains in India
6-7000 renouncers
7000 in North America

Five principals that Mahavira propagated are:

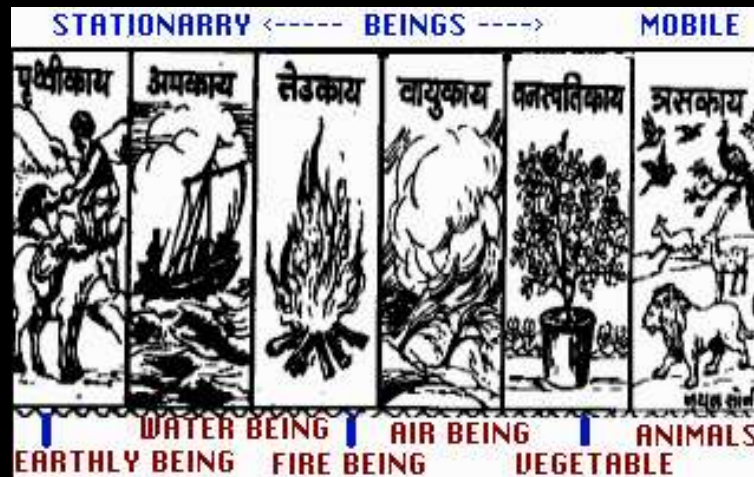
1. Ahimsa - not to injure any living beings.
2. Satya - to speak truth
3. Asteya - not to steal
4. Tyag - not to own property
5. Brahmacharia - to lead a virtuous life

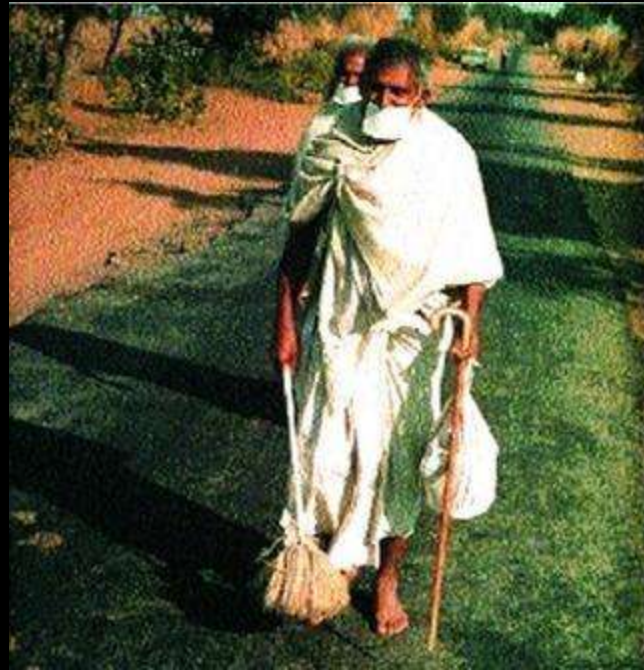




Jain sadhu or muni

Jiva and Ajiva





Bandha
(Bondage of the
soul to karma)

Nirjara
(Destruction
of karma)

Samvara
(The impediment
of the flow
of karma)

Moksa
(Complete
deliverance
from karma)

Asrava
(The flow
of karma)

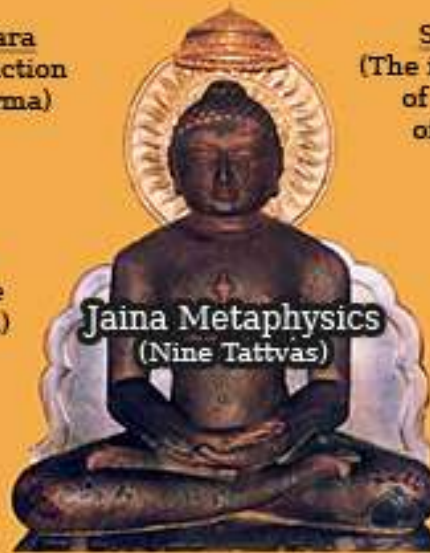
Jaina Metaphysics
(Nine Tattvas)

Jiva
(Living
matter
or soul)

Papa
(Sin)

Ajiva
(Non-living
matter)

Punya
(Merit; actions which
lead to good karma)



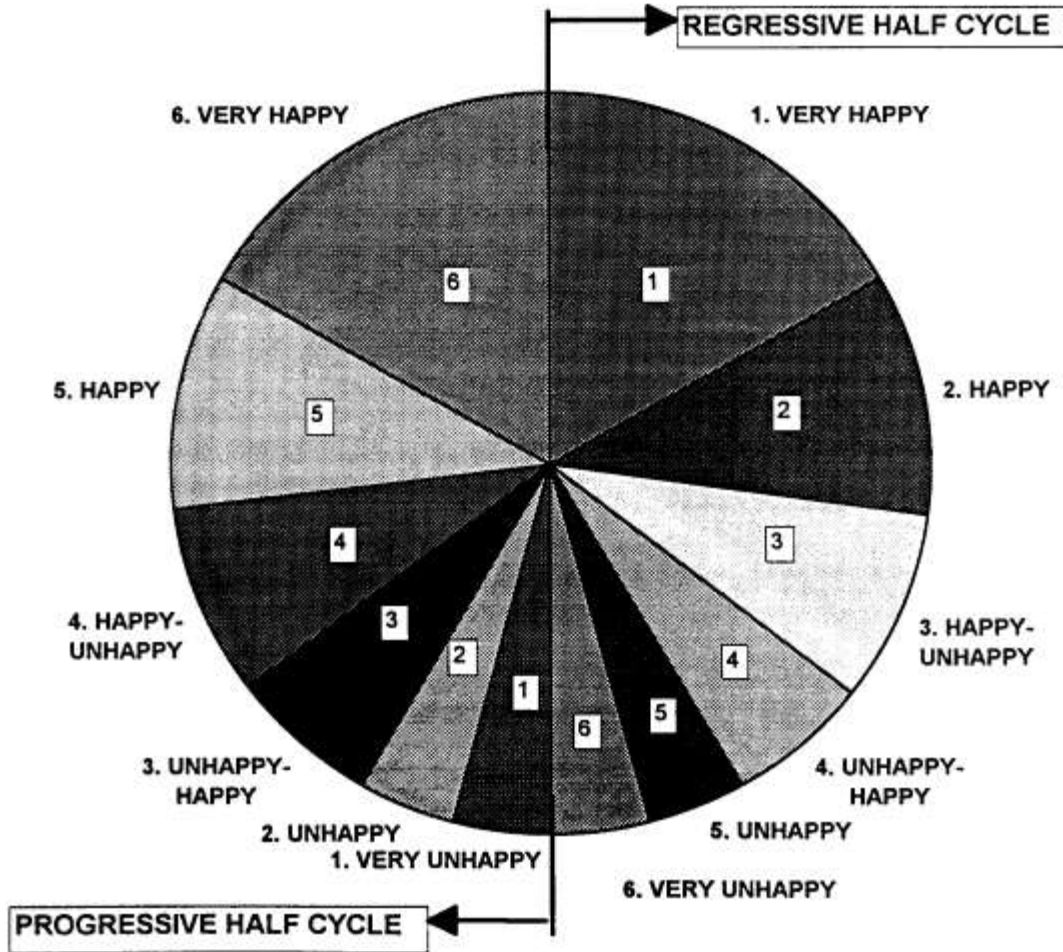


Jain temples with and with domes -



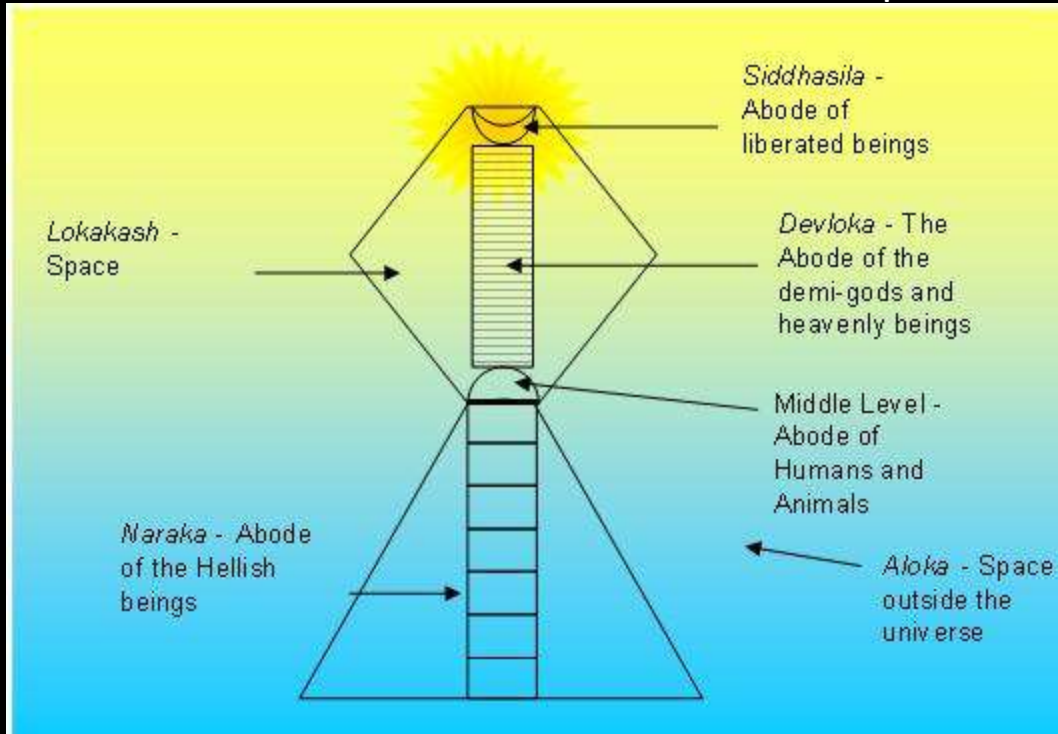
Ellora caves

**KĀL-CHAKRA
(TIME CYCLE)**



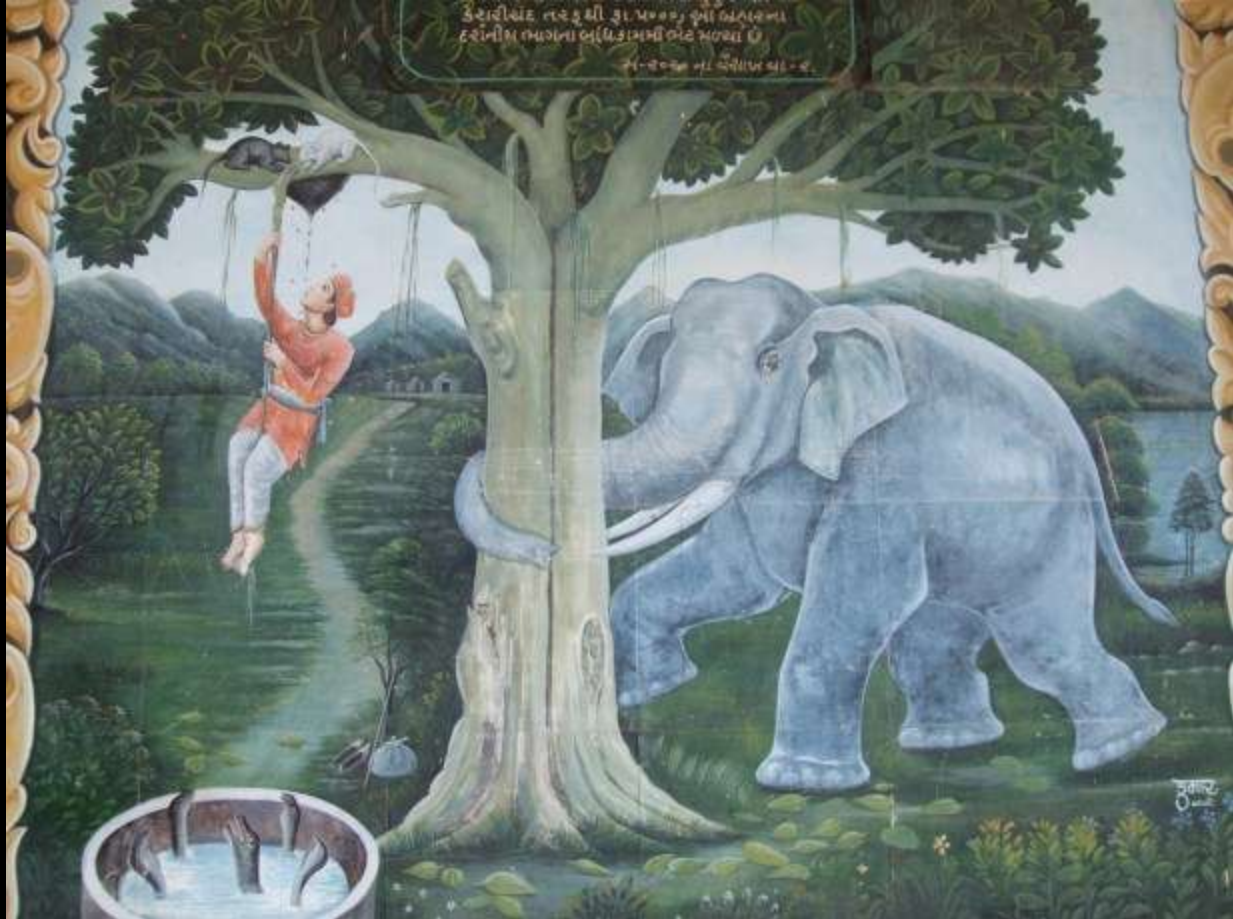
Name of the Ara	Degree of happiness	Duration of Ara	Average Height of People	Average Lifespan of People	Other features
Suṣama-suṣamā	Utmost happiness and no sorrow	400 trillion sāgaropamas	Six Miles Tall	Three Palyopama Years	No religion needed
Suṣamā	Moderate happiness and no sorrow	300 trillion sāgaropamas	Four Miles Tall	Two Palyopama Years	
Suṣama-duḥṣamā	Happiness with little sorrow	200 trillion sāgaropamas	Two Miles Tall	One Palyopama Years	Writing needed, people couldn't remember
Duḥṣama-suṣamā	Sorrow with little happiness	100 trillion sāgaropamas (less 42,000 years)	1500 Meters	705.6 Quintillion Years	Mahavira
Duḥṣamā	Sorrow	21,000 Years	6 Feet	130 Years Maximum	Jainism
Duḥṣama-duḥṣamā	Extreme sorrow and misery	21,000 Years	1 Hatha	16-20 Years	No religion

Structure and shape of the universe



“The universe is not created nor sustained by anyone; It is self sustaining, without any base or support”







A Tirthankara, “Crossing Builder”

Jains believe that 24 Tīrthaṅkaras are born in each half-cycle of time in this part of the universe.

Mahavira is the 24th.



Malli was the 19th Tīrthāṅkaras

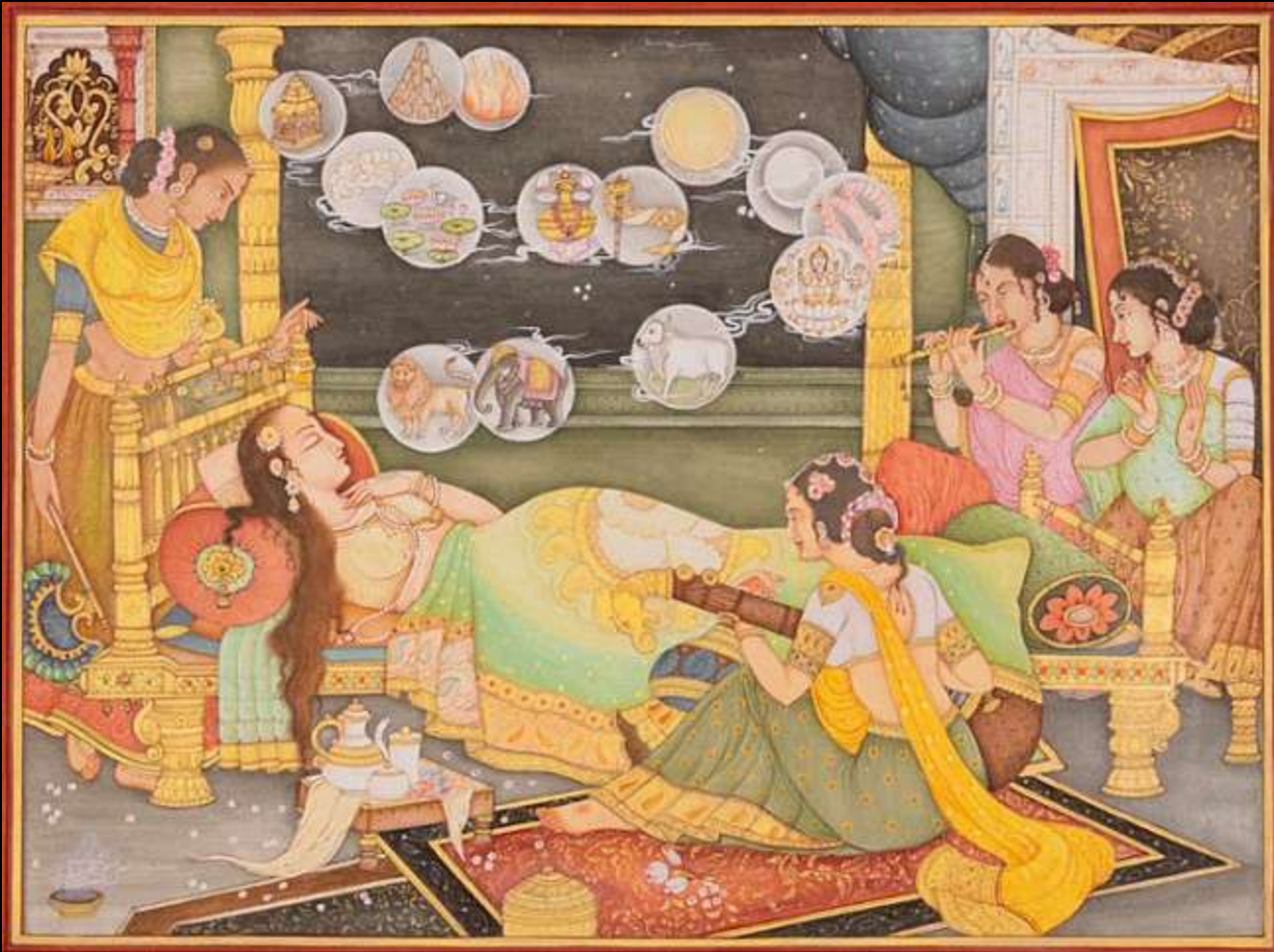
Was Malli a woman?



Mahavira “Great Hero”

He is a Jina: a conqueror

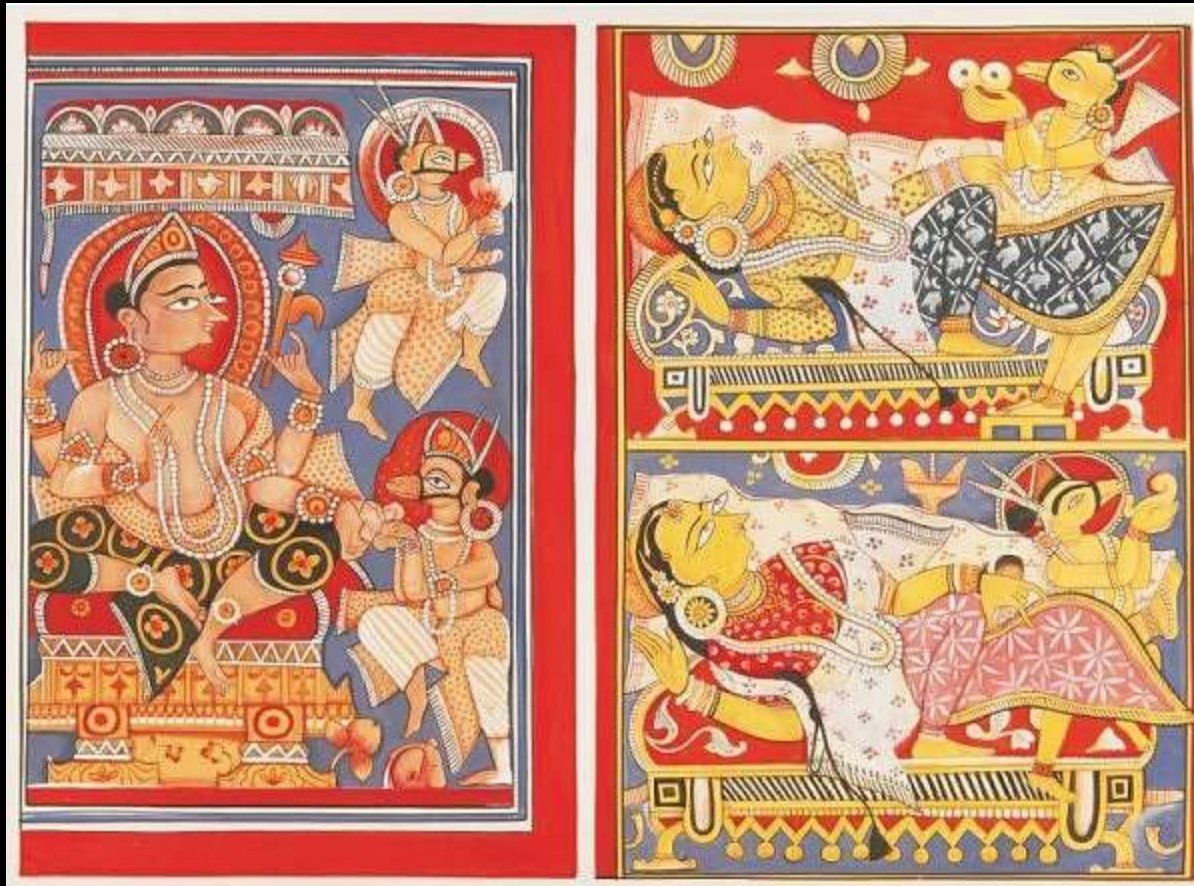
The name “Jain” comes from Jina



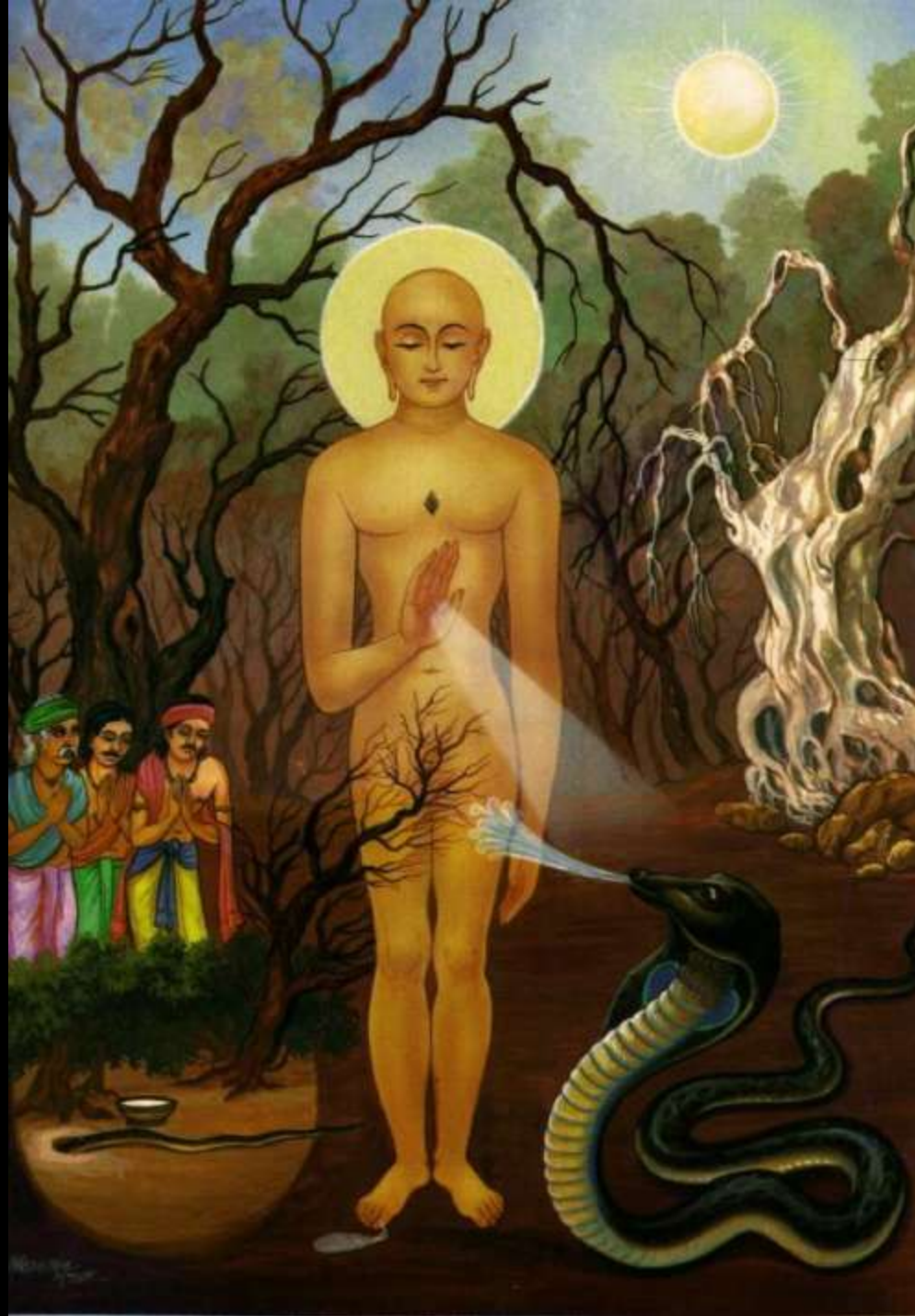
14 dreams of Mahavira's mother

The dreams indicated he would be a king or a religious person.

Embryo transfer



Later sees Brahmin woman in a village...







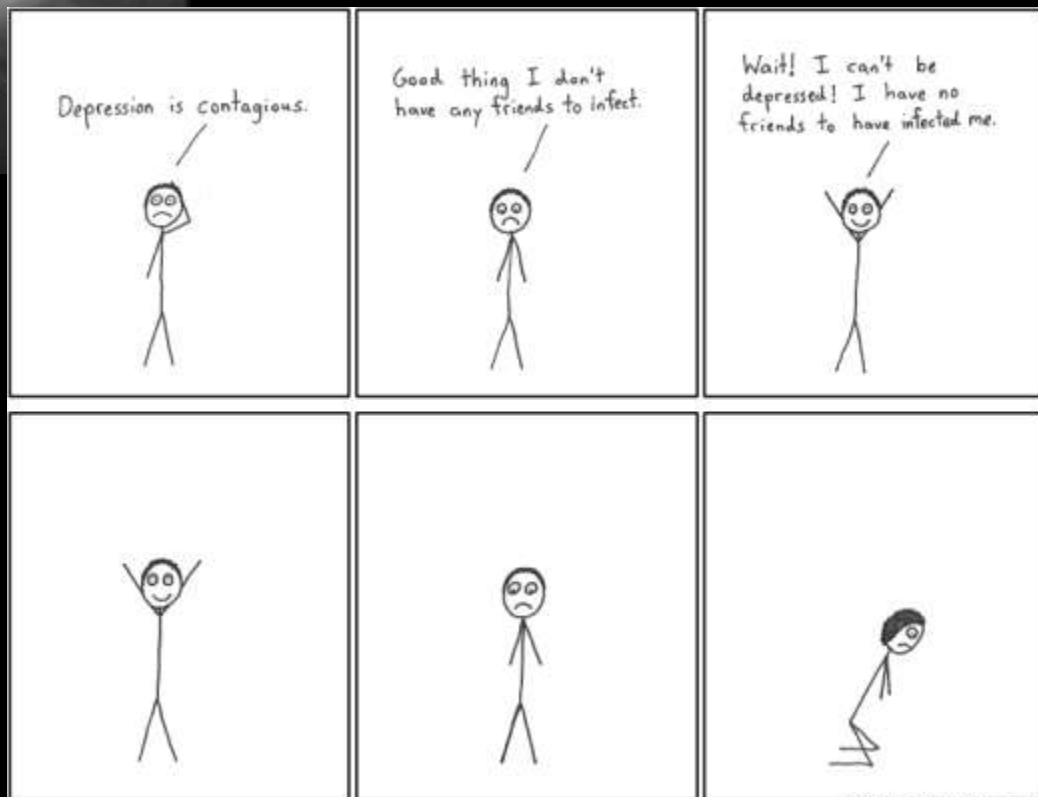
Mahavira renounces the world.

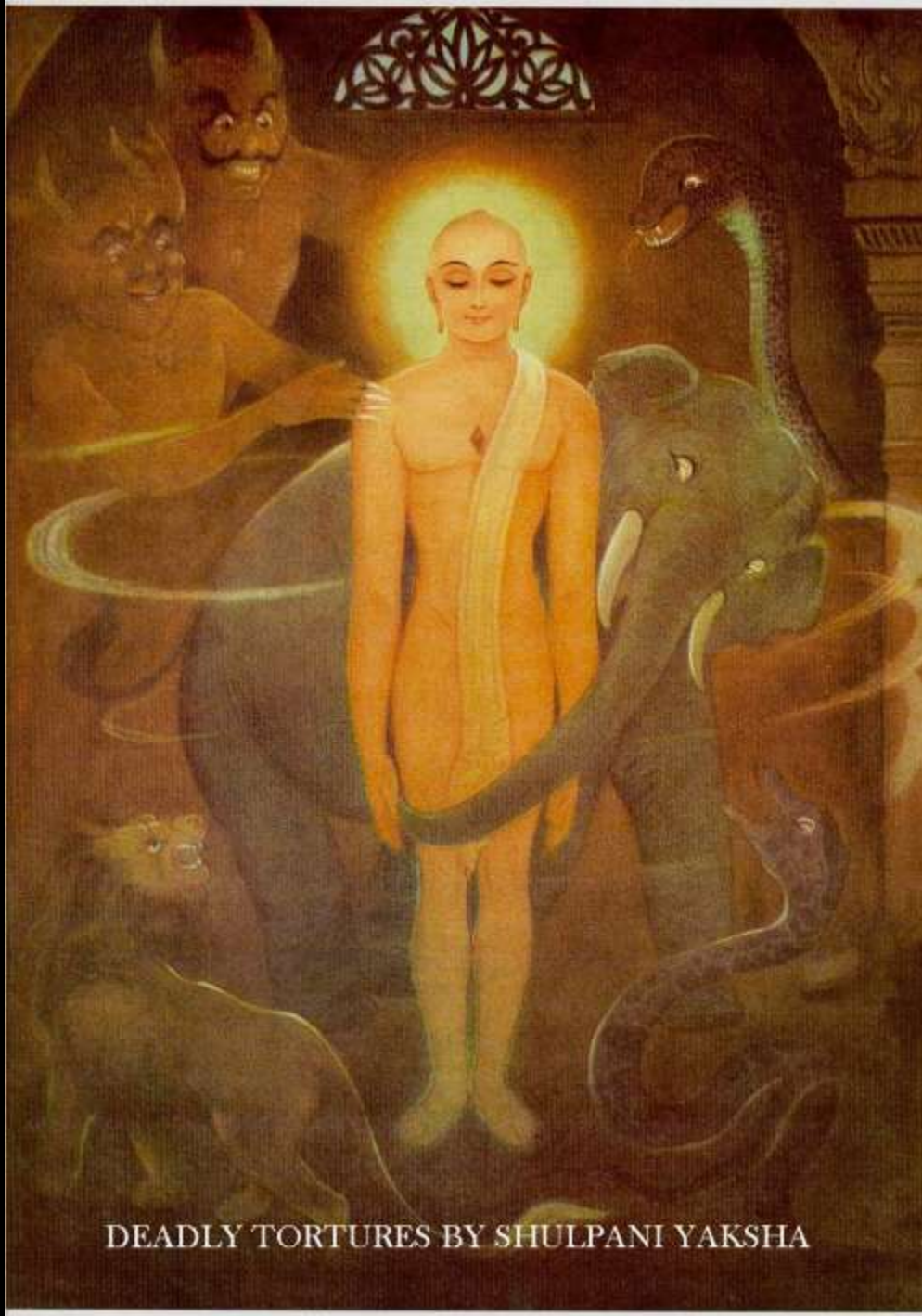
He pulls out his hair with five plucks of his hand.

Waits until his parents die to leave home.



Of course I don't have friends.





DEADLY TORTURES BY SHULPANI YAKSHA

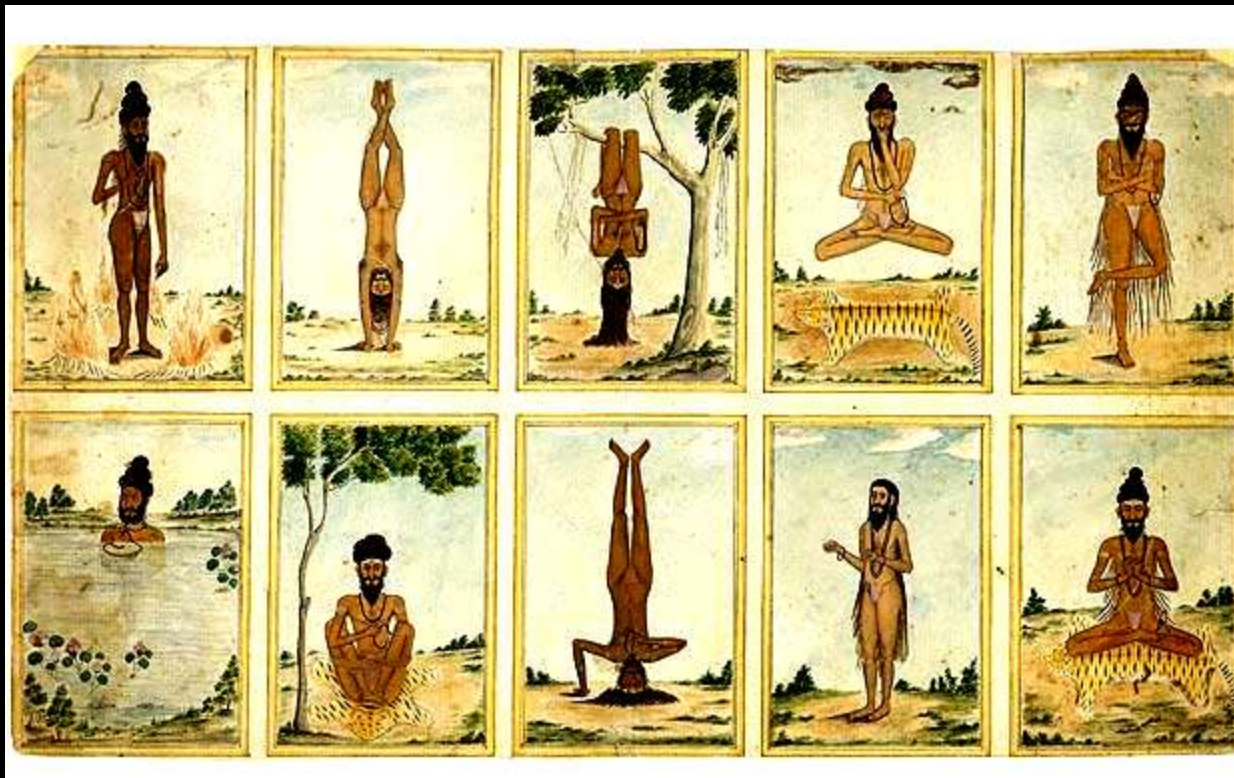


Jiva is released by self-mortification.

Hit with sticks.

Thrown in the air.

Fire built under him.



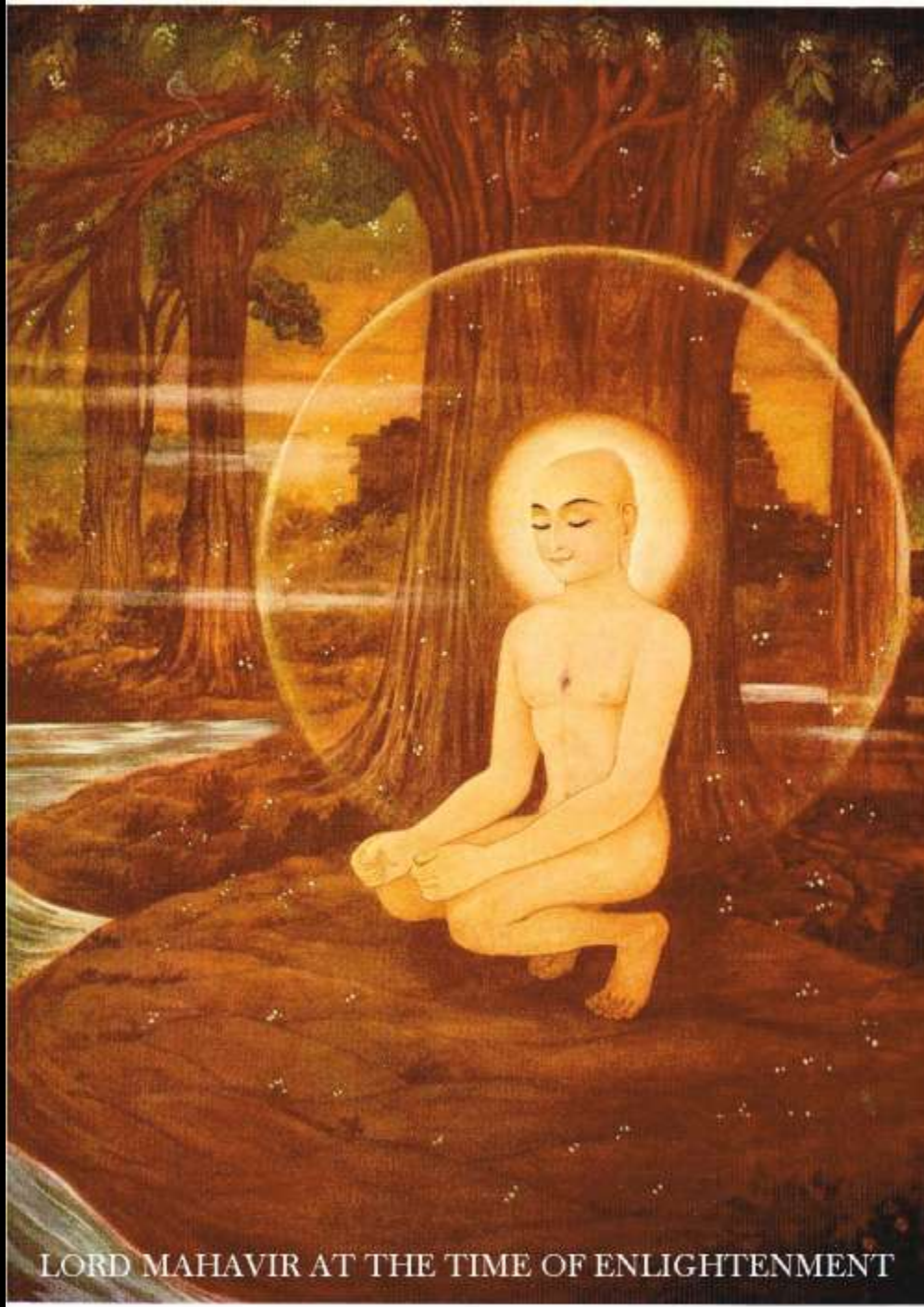
Thought the ascetics were not harsh enough.



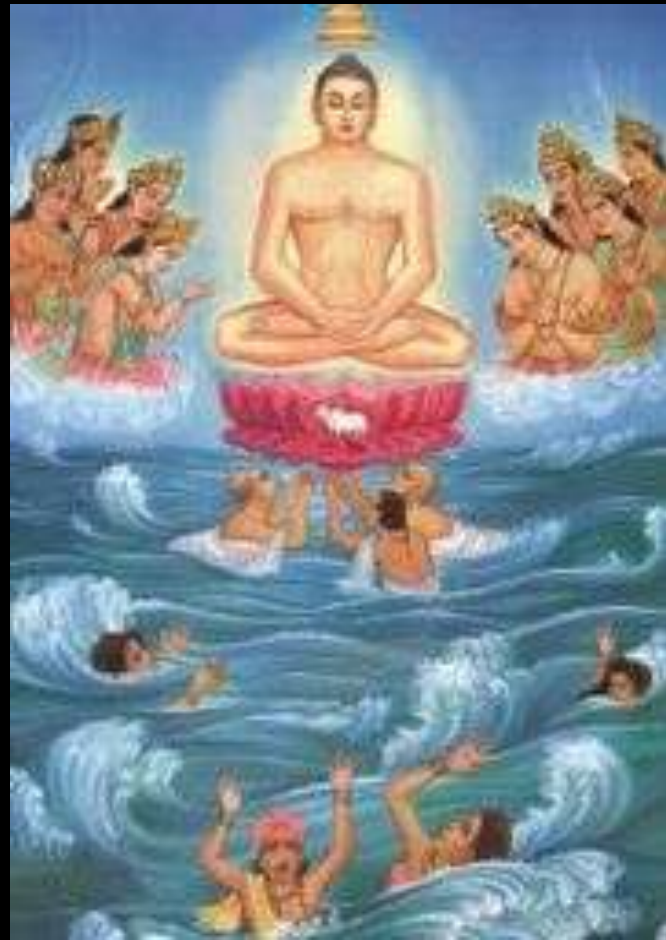
Mahavira only ate leftovers.

If you harm unintentionally, the karma is less.





LORD MAHAVIR AT THE TIME OF ENLIGHTENMENT



Shelter from the ocean of rebirth

	Shvetambara	Digambara	Sthanakvasi	Comment
Idols	Decorated, clothed	Not decorated, nude	None	Decorated and undecorated idols are different forms. Decorated is the life of a King that these Tirthankaras lived and undecorated form is their life when they achieved total knowledge-keval gyan
Rituals	Yes	Yes	No	
Asetics	Can wear white clothes	The monks in highest stage of practice are nude as they have given up everything; other monks wear clothes	wear white clothes	
Scriptures	Valabhi Council was held in 5th century and collected the 11 Angas (the 12th one was lost).	Deny the authority of the texts collected by this Council. Claim that 14 Purva's are lost and the last person to know these scriptures died 436 years after Mahavira	Believe in Shvetambara scriptures	
Moksha	Women can attain Moksha	Cannot attain Moksah in this life		All traditions agree that in today's times no one can achieve Moksha as the general environment for penance does not exist - hence this is non-issue
Mother's Dreams and Embryo	14 dreams; Mahavir's embryo was taken out of the womb of a Brahman woman and trasferred to Mother Trishla's Mahavir was married and had a daughter	16 dreams ; Mahavir's embryo was not transferred; Mahavir did not marry;		
19th Tirthankar	Malli was a woman	Malli was a man		





“Ahimsa” in dharmachakra

