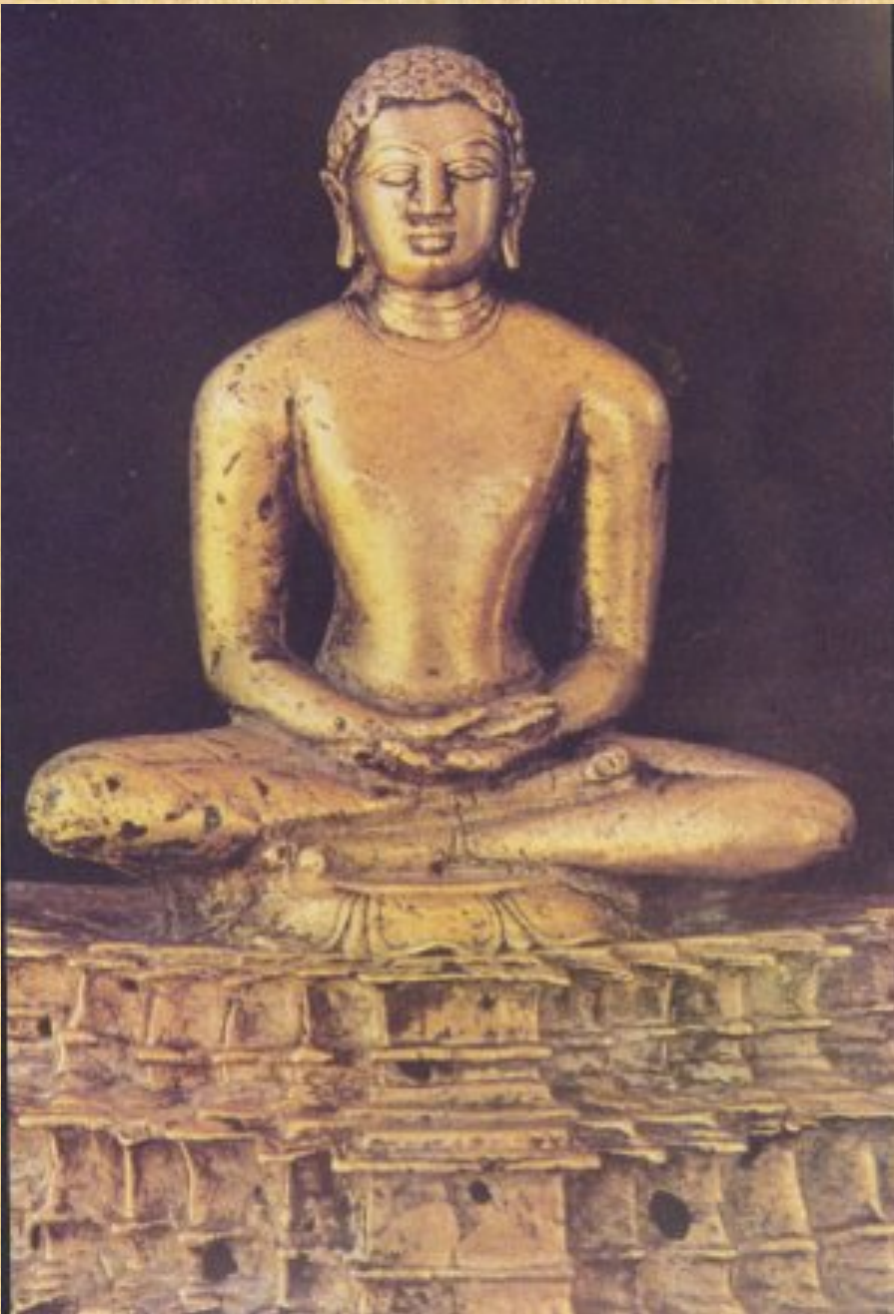


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- **Response to Hinduism and rejection of castes system**
- **“Founder”—Mahavira or the last of 23 founders**
- **Tirthankaras—“ford builders” or “crossing builders”**



Mahavira ca. 599-527 BCE

- **Parallels Buddha's life**
- **Family wealth vs. poverty**
- **Joined ascetics**
- **Became far more extreme**
- **Ahimsa yields true release**
- **Ahimsa produces Jina (release from this life or conqueror over attachment, hence the name Jain)**



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TEACHINGS OF JAINISM

- **Reincarnation—until one finally breaks the cycle**
- **Karma is the glue that sticks you to life**
- **Reduce involvement and one reduces karma**
- **Dualism:**
 - Jiva=soul=good, pure, eternal**
 - Ajiva=matter=bad, impure, temporal**
- **Asceticism cleanses the soul of the karma**
- **Salvation comes from ones work at release**
- **God, prayers, rituals, etc. aren't necessary**

FIVE VOWS OF JAINISM

- 1. Ahimsa**
- 2. Speak the truth**
- 3. Don't steal**
- 4. Celibacy**
- 5. Renounce attachments**



Ahimsa



Jain hand is the emblem of the Jainism, which symbolizes Ahimsa, nonviolence, the wheel in the center is the wheel of Samsara, the word in the center of the wheel reads “stop.”



Palitana, Gujarat















JAIN SECTS

- 1. White Clad—will wear white clothes (north)**
- 2. Sky Clad—nudist (south)**
- 3. Sub-group of the White Clads—reject temples**



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White Clad monks

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Sky Clad monks