

Thus Spake Lord Mahavir

Excerpt from the sacred books of Jainism

- All Souls are alike and potentially divine. None is Superior or Inferior.
- Every soul is in itself absolutely omniscient and blissful. The bliss does not come from outside.
- Every soul is independent. None depends on another.
- God is neither the creator nor the destroyer of the universe. He is merely a silent observer and omniscient.
- There is no separate existence of God. Everybody can attain God-hood by making supreme efforts in the right direction.
- Live and let live. Love all - Serve all.
- Where there is Love there is Life. Violence is Suicide.
- Non-violence is the highest religion.
- All living beings long to live. No one wants to die.
- Have compassion towards all living beings. Hatred leads destruction.
- Silence and Self-control is non-violence.
- Just I dislike pain, so all other beings dislike pain.
- A wise person does not kill, nor cause others to kill, nor consent to the killings by others.
- Respect for all living beings is non-violence.
- All human beings are miserable because of their own ignorance, and they themselves can be happy by acquiring proper knowledge.
- The greatest mistake of a soul is non-recognition of its real self and can only be corrected by recognizing itself.
- Know thyself, recognize thyself, be immersed by thyself - you will attain God-hood.
- One who, even after knowing the whole universe, can remain unaffected and unattached is God.
- Fight with yourself, why fight with external foes? He, who conquers himself through himself, will obtain happiness.