

4.1 The origin of Jain Philosophy and its introduction : Origin of the "Jain"

"Jain" is the religion, practiced and preached by "Jinas". The literary meaning of "Jinas" is those who have conquered attachment (*Rāg*) and Jealousy (*Dwesh*).

- The Conquerors of attachment and jealousy are "Jinas"
- Those religion is Jainism
- Those who follow and practice it are Jains

Thus, "Jina" is not proper name of any individual. If it a generic terms applied to all those who have conquered ho passions of attainment and jealousy, and became perfect seer. Those who have become "Jina" have practiced are propagated religious which was known as Jain Religion and now, in following are known as Jains.

Adoption of Jain Life style

Any one could become Jain by adopting in life style, regardless of culture or birth. However, simply adopting a particular life style is not enough. A radical lifestyle (*Samyak Charitra*) (cannot be achieved without faith in philosophical system - a rational vision (*Samyak Darshan*) with the fortification of faith by radical knowledge (Sanyale System). After all, a religion a belief system, and Jainism stresses a belief system based on rational or logical inquiry.

Lord Mahavir had formulated a system of thought and a code of conduct, both useful in life, the directed :

- One should not yield to the passions of attachment and aversion (*रजि रभे* *इय*) and should remain calmly impartial and equanimous.
- So long as this tendency of impartiality or equanimity does not develop to the fullest extent, and should constantly keep before himself the aim of achieving its perfection.
- While one hold one's our position and views, he should also respect the position and views of others.
- One should be liberal to accept and synthesise one's owns' and others' experience which are found considerably true and with the growth of experience, if one find any defect in that synthesis and one should even correct it.

Attachment for sensual pleasures, indulgence in vice and unmindfulness cause bodily and other types of miseries that befall oneself and others.

There Jewels of Jainism (*Ratnatrayee*)

<i>Samyak Chaitra</i>	(Rational conduct or lifestyle)
<i>Samyak Darshan</i>	(Rational world vision) and
<i>Samyak Gyan</i>	(Rational knowledge)

Samyak Charitra is conduct based an understand. One who has achieved *Samyak Charitra* would not behave irrationally. For him living becomes a peaceful experience filled with, self-confidence, He would respect other peoples feelings. He will not do anything which is morally or ethically wrong.

Samyak Darshan bring rational world vision. One who possesses *Samyak Darshan* will view the wings with a matured vision. He will never be driven away by feelings. He would make a balanced judgment through his improved vision. He will not be interested in viewing means of worldly pleasures. His vision will be pure and just.

Samyak Gyan is rational knowledge. It is not merely information, but he thorough knowledge of what is good, what is bad, what is necessary, what is necessary, what is worthy and what is unworthy. It is pure knowledge which not only sharpens the intellect, but shapes it. It is a knowledge which is a stating point for journey to liberation.