

Thus Spake Lord Mahavir

(Excerpts from the sacred books of Jainism)

Live and let live. Love all - Serve all.

Where there is Love there is Life. Violence is Suicide.

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.

Non-violence is the highest religion.

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.

Every soul is in itself absolutely omniscient and blissful. The bliss does not come from outside.

All Souls are alike and potentially divine. None is Superior or Inferior.

There is no separate existence of God. Everybody can attain God-hood by making supreme efforts in the right direction.

Know thyself, recognize thyself, be immersed by thyself - you will attain God-hood.

God is neither the creator nor the destroyer of the universe. He is merely a silent observer and omniscient.

One who, even after knowing the whole universe, can remain unaffected and unattached is God.

Every soul is independent. None depends on another.

Fight with yourself, why fight with external foes? He, who conquers himself through himself, will obtain happiness.

A man is seated on top of a tree in the midst of a burning forest. He sees all living beings perish. But he doesn't realize that the same fate is soon to overtake him also. That man is fool.

