

A JAIN DIKSHA IS A CELEBRATION!

A celebration of a joyous state of being, of the joy of not sinning anymore,
of not causing pain and suffering to any soul, especially our own,
of forgiveness and humility, of non-materialism and liberation,
of universal compassion and selflessness,
of fulfillment and peace, of positivity and wisdom...
of experiencing the essence of Moksha here itself...



THE JOY OF COMPASSION

The Joy of giving fearlessness to all living beings

“If we have no peace, it is because we give no peace”

A Jain sadhu lives a life of utmost compassion and non-violence. His love towards other living beings is not selective, just as the light of the sun is not selective. He recognizes that every living being is just like him, the same spirit in different bodies; be it a one-sensed organism such as a vegetation, water etc, a tiny ant, or another human being. He willingly forgoes his own comforts in order to promote peace and fearlessness in all other living beings.

THE JOY OF NON-ATTACHMENT

“The things we own end up owning us. It is only after letting go of everything that we are free to do anything”

Material desires are like an incurable itch. The more we fulfill them, the more they multiply and consume us. We strive after money, possessions, recognition or a special relationship so that we can feel better about ourselves, feel more complete. But even when we attain all these things, we still find ourselves craving for more. It is almost like we are trying to fill a bottomless hole. A Jain sadhu doesn't desire external things. He is untouched by both praise or criticism, success or failure. He instead strives only to cultivate the virtues of the soul such as forgiveness, contentment, generosity, humility etc. as he knows that these virtues alone will give him the eternal fulfillment that he longs for.

THE JOY OF POSITIVITY

“When we replace negative thoughts with positive ones, we will start having positive results”

A Jain sadhu has the most positive outlook on life. He welcomes hardships, as he believes that difficulties are the best opportunity to strengthen his morals and character. He never blames others for his misgivings, as he has an unshakable faith in the law of karma. He is never jealous, or competitive as he truly wishes for universal happiness. Further he only looks at the good in others, refraining from judgment and criticism. While others grumble about the fact that roses have thorns, he appreciates the fact that thorns have roses!

THE JOY OF HUMILITY

“Our ego is the biggest barrier between us and God”

Our ego is the sole source of all our pain and misery. It is only because of our ego that we are often unable to maintain harmonious relationships with each other. We tend to expect everyone around us to act according to our own desires and thus are often offended and disappointed. Further we constantly crave importance and recognition from others. A Jain sadhu is liberated from the needs of the ego. Instead he has submitted his entire being at the feet of a wise and enlightened Guru. He never takes credit for any of the good in his life, as he firmly believes whatever he has achieved, is only because of the blessings and guidance of Bhagwan and his Guru, and thus never desires praise or importance.

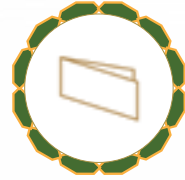
COMPASSIONATE LIVING

the only possessions of a Jain sadhu

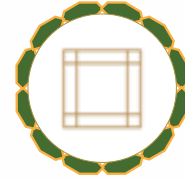
A Jain sadhu uses the following to promote non-violence in his daily activities



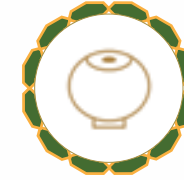
Rajoharan / Ogho: is used to gently sweep the floor & other objects in order to prevent accidentally crushing tiny insects whilst doing any physical activity



Muhpatti: is a piece of cloth used to cover the mouth whilst talking, to protect the life in air



Aasan: is a woollen mat used for sitting, so that tiny insects can safely pass through it, or remain safe therein



Chetno: is a small wooden container used to get liquids during bhiksha



Tarapni: is a small wooden container used to get liquids during bhiksha



Dandasani: is used to gently sweep the floor, in order to prevent accidentally crushing tiny insects whilst doing any physical activity



Kaamli: is a woollen shawl used to cover the body, so that tiny creatures falling from the atmosphere don't get hurt



Paatra: is a set of wooden bowls used for eating, so that food particles don't fall on the floor and induce the growth of ants and other insects



Daando: is a wooden stick used to check the earth before stepping on it



Saapdo: is a wooden stand used to protect books whilst reading and learning



Pothi: is the heart of a Jain sadhu, used to wrap and protect his sacred books



Navkarvali: is a string of 108 beads used to count Navkar mantra, in order to constantly remind oneself of one's goal

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