

Anantanath Bhagwan is the Fourteen Tirthankara in the current time cycle. His parents were King Sinhsen and Queen Suyasha and born in the city of Ayodhya Nagri. In Sanskrit, the word 'ananta' means infinite. During her pregnancy, Queen Suyasha had dreamt of a long strand of beads with numerous gems, whose ends were not visible. Also the King conquered infinite number of his enemies whilst Anantanath was in his mother's womb. When born, he was named Anantanath. His symbol (Lanchan) is Falcon and his symbolic colour is gold.

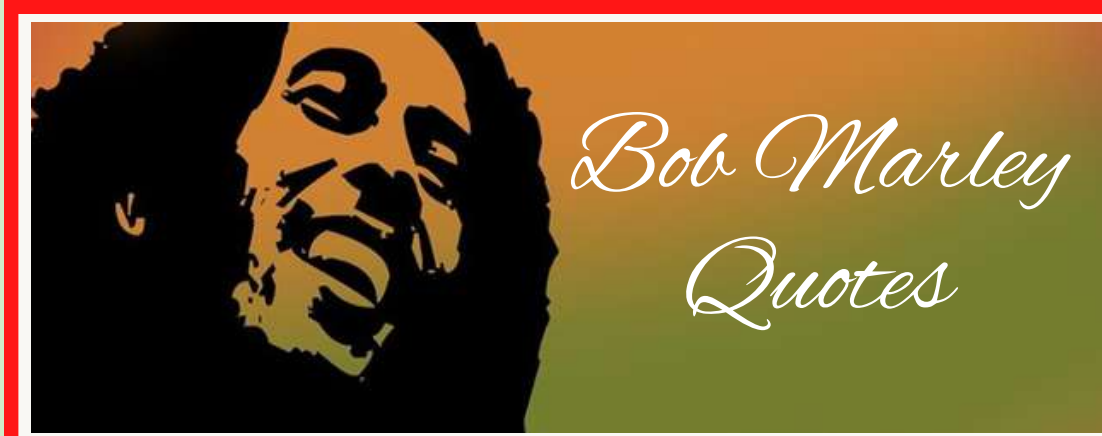
He succeeded his father and ruled for many years, after which he took diksha. Three years after taking diksha, he attained Kevaljnana. He had 50 Gandharas and his first sermon – Deshna – was on Nine Tattvas.

Nav Tattvas are: 1) Jiva (living beings), 2) Ajiva (non-living matter), 3) Punya (merit), 4) Pāp (demerit), 5) Asrav (influx of Karmas), 6) Samvar (stoppage of influx of Karmas), 7) Nirjara (eradication of Karmas), 8) Bandh (bondage of Karmas) and 9) Moksha (liberation). It is said in Jainism that understanding the Tattvas is essential for spiritual progression. Without the proper knowledge of these tattvas a person cannot progress spiritually. Right faith, right knowledge and right conduct is only attained if one has proper understanding of these nine tattvas.

On listening to Anantanath Bhagwan's sermon, many thousands of people took diksha, including Purushottam Vasudev – the fourth Vasusdev and Suprabh Baldev – the fourth Baldev, both of this current time cycle.

He eventually attained nirvan at Samet Shikhar

ANANTANATH BHAGWAN



- **"DON'T GAIN THE WORLD AND LOSE YOUR SOUL; WISDOM IS BETTER THAN SILVER OR GOLD."** - Who we are means so much more than what we have.
- **"MONEY CAN'T BUY LIFE."** - Don't get so swept up in the material world that you forget to live.
- **"SOME PEOPLE FEEL THE RAIN, OTHERS JUST GET WET."** - Life is how we react to the world around us and what happens to us.
- **"MAN IS A UNIVERSE WITHIN HIMSELF."** - You are full of infinite possibilities. You never know what you can discover about yourself at any time of life.

Janma Kalyanak

Chaitra Vad Teras

On this day, Jains try & do at least one 'mala' reciting:

**"Om Hrim Shri Anantanath
Arhate Namah"**