



“SIMPLICITY, PATIENCE,  
COMPASSION.

These three are your greatest treasures. Simple in actions and in thoughts, you return to the source of being. Patient with both friends and enemies, you accord with the way things are. Compassionate toward yourself, you reconcile all beings in the world. “ *Lao Tzu*



## Dharmanath Chavan Kalyanak

**Vaishakh Sud Satam**

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

“**Om Hrim Shri Dharmanath  
Parmeshthine Namah**”

“The very fact of being born as a human being, and having the mind we are gifted with, are wonderful positive attributes to begin with. Reflecting on that capacity – being able to breathe on one’s own – is something that is really beautiful, and miraculous in many ways. Simply rejoice in these little things and appreciate them.”

Mahavir had more wisdom than any other human being that I had ever met, and I listened to his words intently.

“Cultivate forgiveness to eliminate anger, humility to control ego, fearless straight forwardness to avoid deceit, and self-satisfaction to be free from greed”, he stated.

“We cannot even hope to liberate our soul if we put another life in danger,” he was saying. “Know that every living being has a soul. It feels happiness and pain as we do. Every living being wants to live peacefully. It loves its life as we do ours.

We have no right to destroy another life, or to cause its destruction. **We cannot achieve happiness if we are making another life unhappy, directly, or indirectly, intentionally or unintentionally. This is the truth.”**

Extract: **Walk with Me** by Chandanaji Acharya, Vastupal Parikh



## Dharmanath Bhagwan

Dharmanath Bhagwan is the fifteen Tirthankara in the current time cycle. His parents were King Bhanu and Queen Suvrata Devi and was born in the Ratnapur City. This place is considered sacred as three Kalyanaks of Dharmanath happened here – namely Jamna, Diksha and Kevaljnana

After attaining Samyak Darshan, Dharmanath took three bhavs to attain Moksha. Prior to his birth as a Tirthankara, he was born as a King Dridhrath in the city of Bhaddil in Mahavideh Kshetra. He was a devout King who ruled with integrity and detachment, just like a guest in his own home. In this birth he acquired the Tirthankara naam and gotra karma. His next birth was as celestial being where he is said to have had a very long lifespan. His next birth was as Dharmanath Bhagwan.

Before his birth, his parents exhibited such new enthusiasm in performing religious activities and duties (dharma), that they named their son as Dharmanath – Lord of religion.

His symbol (Lanchan) is Vajra (Thunderbolt) and is said to be of golden complexion.

Dharmanath attained Kevaljnana after two years of taking diksha. His first sermon (deshna) was on Kashayas (passions). There are four types of kashayas namely: Krodha (anger), Mana (ego), Maya (deceit) and Lobha (greed). These four can be grouped into 2 categories, either as Raga (attachment) or Dwesha (hatred). Maya and Lobha result in Raga and Krodha and Mana results in hatred.

<b>Naming</b>	<b>Dharmanath – Lord of religion</b>
<b>Diksha Palanquin</b>	<b>Nagadatta</b>
<b>Place of Diksha</b>	<b>Vaprakancana garden in Ratnapuri</b>
<b>Breaking Fast</b>	<b>House of Dharmasimha or Dhanyasena</b>
<b>Time as Ascetic</b>	<b>2 years</b>
<b>Place of Kevaljnana</b>	<b>Vaprakancana garden</b>
<b>Tree</b>	<b>Dadhi-parna</b>
<b>Deshna (First Sermon)</b>	<b>Kashayas (Passions)</b>
<b>No of Gandharas</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Chief Gandhara</b>	<b>Aritsa</b>
<b>Yaksha   Yakshi</b>	<b>Kinnara   Kandarpa</b>
<b>Sangh</b>	<b>Monks – 64K   Nuns 62400 Laymen – 240K Laywomen – 413K</b>
<b>Place of Moksha</b>	<b>Samet Shikhar</b>
<b>No of Ascetics who attained Moksha with Bhagwan</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Lifespan</b>	<b>10 lakh years (1,000,000 yrs)</b>

