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Samaro mantra Bhalo Navkar, E che chauda purvanoo sar, **Ena Mahimano Nahin Par. Eno Artha Ananta Apar.** Samaro.....(1) Sukhaman samaro, Dukhaman samaro, Samaro Divas Ne Rat; Jivatan Samaro, Maratan Samro, Samaro sav sangath, Samaro.....(2) Yogi Samare, Bhogi Samare, Samare Raja, Rank; Devo Samare, Danava samare, Samare Sav Nihshank. Samaro.....(3) Adasatha Aks ara Ena Jano, Adasatha Tiratha Sar: Atha sampadathi Paramano, Adasiddi Datar. Samaro.....(4) Navapada Ena Nava Nidhi Ape, Bhavabhavana Dukha Kape: "Veer" Vachanthi Hrdaye Sthape, Paramatama Pada Ape Samaro.....(5)

> Samaro Mantra Explanation Adapted From Book By Muni Harishbhadra Vijay

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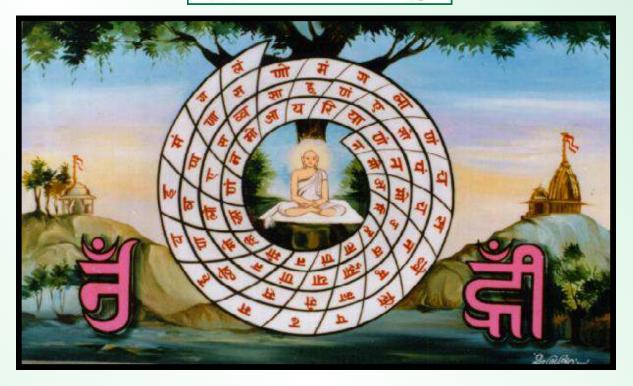
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18: Adastha Aks' Ara Ena Jano

CONSIDER THE SIXTY EIGHT LETTERS OF THE MANTRA.

Each of the Sixty-eight letters of the Mahamantra has an infinite prowess. If the devotee deeply meditates on them, he feels his communion with these magic letters. His mind and soul become one with the five supreme Entities for the time being and he and Navkarmantra become indistinct. Such meditation purifies the body as well as the soul.

Aum itself is a Beeja Mantra representative of the five super beings: Arihanta, Asariri, Acharya, Upadhyaya and Muni (A,A,A,U,M). Here Asariri stands for Siddhas and Muni stands for Sadhus.

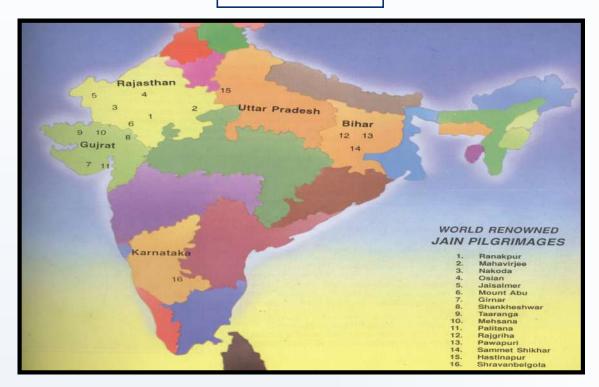
If Beeja Mantra is capable of these many meanings, one can imagine the potential number of meanings in the full mantra and nine statements of sixty eight letters.

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19: Adasatha Tiratha Sar

AS SIXTY EIGHT PILGRIM PLACES

By reciting this Mantra even once, the devotee while sitting at home gets the merit of visiting the famous sixty eight pilgrim places of the Jains in India.

In fact the merit acquired by the meditation of this Mantra is boundless. Simply to put it in the layman's language it is stated that the merit of the mantra is equal to the merit of pilgrimage to the sixty eight places. If one soul devotedly recites the Namaskara Mantra at home and the other soul undertakes a journey to all the pilgrim places, the merit acquired by the first soul is in no way less than that acquired by the other soul.

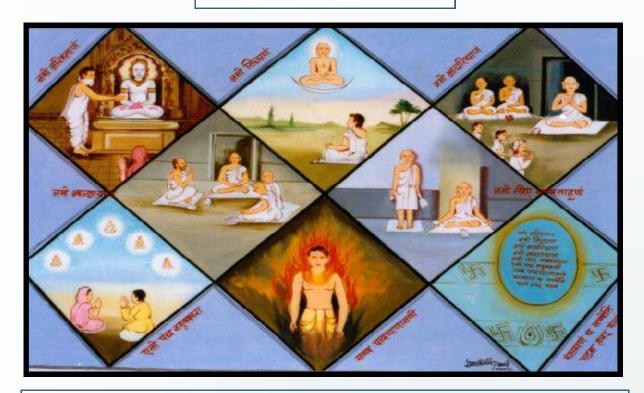
Each letter of the Mantra is like a Tirtha. Tirtha means that which ends the cycle of births and deaths. The Namaskara Mantra has the power of putting an end to Samsara.

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20: ATHA SAMPADATHI PARAMANO

THE EIGHT DISTINGUISHED UNITS OF MEANING

Samapada means a unit of meaning i.e. to say a point or punctuation where the meaning of the statement halts temporarily. Thus Sampada is a pause in the statement.

The Nine Padas of Navkar Mantra have eight intermediate punctuations, each containing a distinct meaning. The last two - Mangalananch Savvesim and Padhamam Havaee Mangalam taken together constitute the Eight Sampada or unit of meaning. Thus in the first Sampada, we bow to the Arhats, in second to the Siddhas, in third to the Acharyas, in fourth to the Upadhyayas and in fifth to all Sadhus (saints) of the universe. Then in the sixth and seventh Sampada it is stated that these five salutations are capable of destroying all the sins. In the last eight Sampada we say that these salutations are the most auspicious.

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Remember the benevolent hymn of salutations.

It is a summary of fourteen purvas.

Its glory is boundless.

It has infinite meanings. Samaro.....(1)

Remember in pleasures, remember in pains.

Meditate in daytime, meditate at night.

Meditate while alive, meditate while dying.

Remember all together in a chorus. Samaro.....(2)

The monks should remember it, indulgent should remember it.
The king should remember it, the poor should remember it.
Angels should remember it, demons should also remember it.
Everyone should remember it, undoubtingly. Samaro.....(3)

Consider the sixty-eight letters of the mantra,
As sixty-eight pilgrim places.
The eight distinguished units of meaning,
Give eight superhuman powers. Samaro.....(4)

The nine steps of this mantra give nine special abilities or prowess,

Destroys the miseries of births and deaths,

Establishes "God" in the heart through words,

Gives the supreme state of Godhood. Samaro.....(5)

