



अहिंसा: एक परिचय

Ahinsa: An Introduction

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मंगलाचरण



अल्पश्रुतं श्रुतवतां परिहासधाम ,
त्वद्भक्तिरेव मुखरी कुरुते बलान्माम् ।
यत्कोकिलः किल मधौ मधुरं विरौति
तत् चाम्र चारु कलिका निकरैक हेतु ॥

Alpashrutam shrutavatamparihasadhama
tvadbhakti-reva mukhari kurute balanmam.
Yat kokilah kila madhau madhuram virauti
tachchamra charu kalika nikaraika-hetuh.

O! Embodiment of pure wisdom! I have so little knowledge that I am an object of ridicule for the wise. Still, my devotion towards you motivates me to sing hymns in your praise, as the mango sprouts compel the cuckoo during the spring time to produce its melodious sounds.

This hymn reciting increases wisdom and intelligence

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Hinsa



प्रमत्तयोगात्प्राणव्यपरोपणं हिंसा (Definition from Tatvartha sutra;
Keywords Pramad, Yog)



Pramad – Carelessness or passion



Yog – Activity of thought, speech or body



Full Definition – *Hurting of any living form through careless (or passionate) activity of thought, speech or body is hinsa*



What is Ahinsa



Opposite of Hinsa – No carelessness, No Passion, all the three activity centers (thought, speech, body) in control



Absence of attachment



Loss of Ahinsa is the basis of all five sins



Example



A tiny living creature is accidentally crushed under the foot of a monk who was careful in respect of his movement, but then the creature suddenly came below his feet and he was not able to save it





IS THIS HINSA? If Yes/No Why?

NO: Since he did not have Pramad (carelessness or passion to hurt he has done no Hinsa and no Karma is attached to him)



Ahinsa Vs Cowardice



-  Ahinsa is definitely **NOT** cowardice
-  Show of strength is **allowed** or say mandatory when dealing with sinners
-  Physical violence is **allowed** in case there is grave danger on country, religion, family etc
-  Many gallant Jain kings have been born notably Chandragupta Maurya, Samrat Kharvel, Chamundray



Mahavir Swami Anecdote



Once Mahavir swami was passing through a jungle and a Snake bit him. Being Tirthankar he was not hurt but advised the Snake not to bite anybody as frightened people would not tread this path and would take a different route. The dreaded snake agreed and took a vow in front of Mahavir swami that he will not bite people. Now seeing this lethargic Snake, children started pelting stones on it. People started teasing him as worthless Snake. But the Snake did not break his vow and remained non-violent. When he met Mahavir swami again he complained about his plight. Lord smiled and said, I asked you not to bite but who stopped you from your frightening hiss.

Enlightened the snake would hiss at anybody who teased him and then he lived peacefully



Classification of Hinsa



 Premeditated Violence – Sankalpi Hinsa

 Household Violence – Aarambhi Hinsa

 Occupational Violence – Udyogi Hinsa

 Resistive Violence – Virodhi Hinsa

 Other classification

 Dravya Hinsa – Physically hurting

 Bhav Hinsa – Thinking of hurting, negligence not causing actual hurt



Premeditated Violence



Violence that is well thought & knowingly done



Thought – I will kill him, I would break his head, If I pull the tail of this dog it would be so much fun, let all the mosquitoes of this world die



Speech – Sarcastic remark is made on anyone, abusing your servants, juniors, children, parents



Body – Killing any jeeva of two or above senses knowingly



Ahinsa – Scolding a child for not studying (Intention: child will be a better human being educated)



Hinsa: Spoiling a child by giving toffee (intention: teeth get spoiled, does not disturb) or spoiling an employee by giving undue incentive (intention: becomes useless under other boss, gets a shock when actually has to work, like her/him personally)



Household Violence



Violence that is caused in household work



Cleaning the house



Cooking food



Filtering water



Washing clothes, utensils



Hinsa – Drink unfiltered water, kill spiders by stick while cleaning house



Ahinsa – Keep books in sun so that they don't catch fungus



Occupational Violence



 Violence as part of earning a living

 Agriculture


 Textile

 Hotel, catering

 Marriage Hall

 Grain Shop Etc etc etc

 **Ahinsa** – Insects killed in Kirana shop or while doing agriculture

 **Hinsa** – Uprooting the whole human settlement to open up a factory

 *Slaughter house or nonveg hotel is not occupational violence but its an occupation of violence*



Resistive Violence



Violence while offering resistance to offenders



Country



Religion



Family/oneself



Defenseless humans/animals



Hinsa – Killing mosquitoes, harming females/children of attackers



Ahinsa – Slapping a hooligan so that he stops eve-teasing a female, Forcefully taking away cows going for slaughter, Joining army



Monk Vs Householder



Muni – Monk abstains from all four types of violence and this presentation and above examples of Hinsa and Ahinsa do not fit Monks e.g. Monk will not hit back, will not cook/clean etc



Shravak – Householder is allowed to do three types of Hinsa barring premeditated



Shravak is supposed to minimize the three types of Hinsa



Anecdotes



One person (supposedly cruel) is holding a small bird in his hand with fingers closed

He asks you “Is the bird alive”. What will be your answer? You know it is still alive!

Since if we say bird is alive he will crush it so in any case we say it is dead and to prove us wrong he will release it



Anecdote



A deer was running to save his life and one hunter was constantly chasing the deer. At one point the road got bisected and the deer ran away. At the bisection a monk was sitting and he saw the deer. When the hunter approached the bisection he asked the monk which way did the deer go. Monk replied – “Deer was seen by eyes not tongue and tongue can speak but not eyes”. Thinking he was talking to a lunatic and not knowing the direction hunter left his chase

Monk is not supposed to lie in any circumstance then is he a sinner in this case

No, he misled the Hunter and saved the deer's life



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