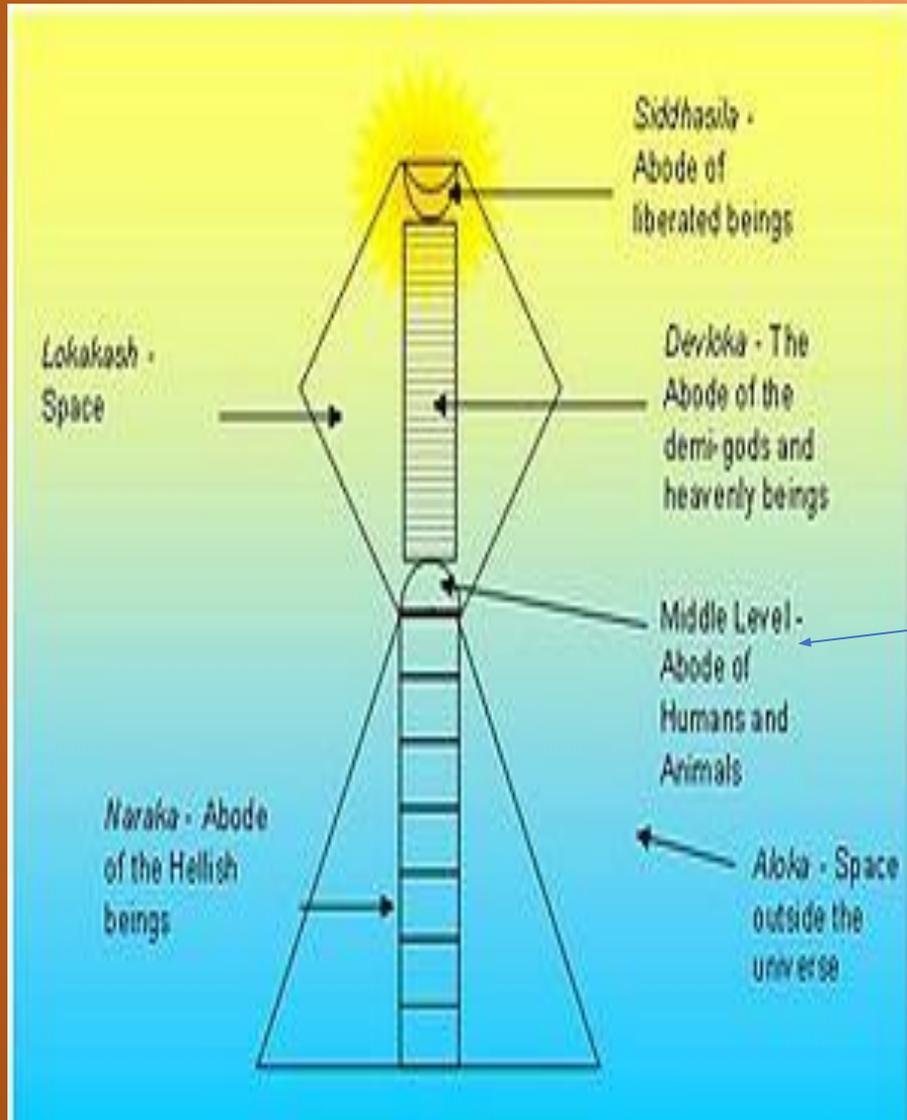


Maun Ekadashi / Maun Agyaras

Mega Kalyanak Event !!!

150 Kalyanaks occurred on the same day!!!

Shape of Universe as per Jain cosmology



5 Airavatkhestra of Adhi Dweep



150 Kalyanaks of Tirthankar on this day

Kshetra	Kalyanak in each Kshetra	Total Current Kalyanak	Total Past Kalyanak	Total Future Kalaynak	Total Kalyanak
5 Bharat	5 in each Bharat	25	25	25	75
5 Airavat	5 in each Airavat	25	25	25	75
Total		50	50	50	150

The 5 Kalyanaks of current chauvisi in Bharat Kshetra of Jambu Dweep (where we live) are:

- ❖ Shri Aranath (18th Tirthankar) Diksha Kalyanak
- ❖ Shri Mallinatha (19 Tirthankar) Janma Kalyanak
- ❖ Shri Mallinatha (19 Tirthankar) Diksh Kalyanak
- ❖ Shri Mallinatha (19 Tirthankar) Kevalgyan Kalyanak
- ❖ Shri Naminatha (21 Tirthankar) Kevalgyan Kalyanak

Importance as explained by Neminath Bhagwan to King Krishnavasudev

King: Bhagwan, I am too busy with responsibilities of the kingdom and therefore do not have much time for Aradhana. Can you please tell me the most important day of the year on which one can take less vows and get maximum result?

Bhagwan: It is the day of Magshar Sud 11, known as Maun Agyaras.

King: Bhagwan, Who did this Aradhana and reaped the benefits in the past?

Bhagwan: Merchant Sur did this Aaradhana, hence he was born as very wealthy Sheth Suvrat and from there he got Moksha.

Story of Sur

- In Bharat Kshetra of Dhatki Khand lived a merchant named Sur.
- One night he woke up with a thought that because of my good deeds in the previous life , I am living happily and lavishly in the present. So, for next life I have to do something fruitful.
- Asked Guru, which day can I follow my religious rites and achieve maximum results?
- Guru showed him Aaradhna of Maun Agyaras.
- He along with his family did it for 11 years and died 15 days after that.
- He became Dev in 11th Heaven in his next life.

Story of Suvrat Sheth

- After Dev's life he became Sheth Suvrat in town of Sauripur, which is located in the Bharat Kshetra of Jambu Dweep.
- He owned 11 crore gold coins (very wealthy) and had 11 wives
- Once he heard the importance of Maun Ekadashi from Acharya Sheelsudarsuri.
- Listening to this, he got Jatismaran gyan (remembered his past lives)
- He took blessing from Acharya and started doing Maun Agyaras Tap along with his family.
- Knowing that he will not talk on Maun Ekadashi day, thieves came to his house on this day.

Story of Suvrat Sheth (contd.)

- Even after seeing them, Sheth remained silent and engrossed in his meditation.
- After robbing the whole house the thieves could not move as Sashandevi halted them in place.
- Next morning when soldiers of king came to catch them, they were also halted by the Sashandevi as Sheth did not want to harm the thieves.
- So king himself came and Sheth requested him to release the thieves.
- Likewise on another Maun Ekadashi day there was raging fire in the town but Suvrat Sheth and his family did not leave the house and continued doing kausagga.
- When the fire was over, to everyone's surprised all the property owned by Suvrat Sheth was saved and nothing had happened to them.
- Looking at this people started singing the glory of Jain Dharma.

Story of Suvrat Sheth (contd.)

- Later on he and his 11 wives took Diksha under Acharya Gunasundarsuri.
- All of his 11 wives achieved Keval gyan and attained moksha.
- One Maun Ekadashi day after the Diksha, one Dev wanted to test his patience.
- He took the form of another Sadhu and started to beat Suvrat Muni with his Ogho.
- Suvrat Muni did not get angry and continued doing kausagga and ultimately achieved Keval gyan. Devs came to celebrate.
- For long time he continued preaching Dharma and finally went to Moksha.
- This is how Bhagwan Neminath told the story to Krishna Vasudev.

How do Jains celebrate this holiday?

Aaradhna is done for 11 years: On each Maun Ekadashi, Jains perform 8 Prahar Paushadh, Chauvihar Upvas, Maun, Dev Vandan*, 150 Mala (1 per Kalyanak)

If not all 150, perform the Malas for the 5 Kalyanaks of the current Chauvisi:

1. Om Hrim Shrim Aranath Nathay Namah
2. Om Hrim Shrim Mallinath Arhate Namah
3. Om Hrim Shrim Mallinath Nathay Namah
4. Om Hrim Shrim Mallinath Sarvagnay Namah
5. Om Hrim Shrim Naminath Sarvagnay Namah

* Dev Vandan is an extended form of Chaitya Vandan

How can YOU celebrate it?

- Ekendriya always have Maun but is that what is meant by Maun here?
- Maun = To keep silent (not only in speech but also actions and thoughts - Mann, Vachan, Kaya). To watch our behavior and thoughts carefully.
- Samayik / Paushad / Desavagasik / Digparimaan Vrat * (Chapter on 12 Vows of Shravak), Chaityavandan, Stavan
- Why? -- Very important to have a purpose in all kriya. (Aashay Shuddhi). For experiencing our true self. Vishay, Kashay are not the real me.
- Maun helps tremendously in going within (antarmukh)