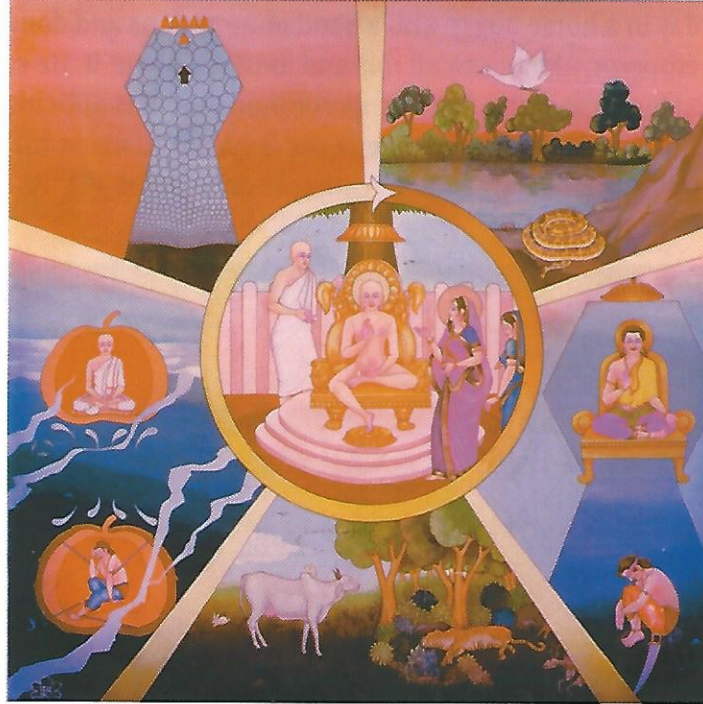




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**Once** Veerprabhu was sitting in the garden of Kaushambi. Upon hearing the sermon being given by God Mahavir, some questions in Jayanati's mind suddenly arose. In response to her questions, bhagwan Mahavir replied "some living being are idle, which is good and some living being are skilled, which is good; for instance if wicked people are idle and virtuous people are intelligent, then there will be less cruelty in this world and ordinary life will become free of problems."

"In the same way religious people should remain strong and non-religious people should remain weak. Similarly a parasitic man (non-benevolent) is better off sleeping and a benevolent man awake. In this way there is less and less of sins and the light of virtues spreads more and more. The layer of 18 sins makes our soul loaded and with the shedding of sins from our soul it becomes more natural and lighter. For instance a clay vessel will sink in water it has a layer of sand but when the vessel is free of sand, the vessel naturally starts to float."