

State of soul after Nirvana , spiritual reality of Gautam Buddha & Mahavir Swami. Did they attain Moksh?

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Anant :. Paramshanti Bapuji!

Bapuji my question today is about the renowned saints Gautam Buddha & Mahavir Swami. Did they go to the abode called Nirvandham ?

Can we say that at present there is no existence of these souls in any reality, dimension or realm ? Have these souls really attained Moksha or liberation? Bapuji we would like to know when does a soul actually attain Moksh i.e liberation from the cycle of births and deaths?

When do such enlightened souls attain moksh? What dimensions they are able to reach?

Secondly Bapuji kindly tell us about the soul merging itself into divine light. What is the true meaning of this dissolving / merging process? Merging in the light is called as Brahmalin. We have often read about the soul getting salvation by getting absorbed in light (Brahmalin state), so please do explain about this too.

Paramshanti.

Bapuji : Paramshanti! Now as you have just mentioned about Buddhism and Jainism, we are aware that both these religions talk about Nirvandham - a place such as heaven, a subtle realm where the soul goes to after death.

Both these religions use the same word 'nirvan' in their teachings. However, in schools of knowledge, the meaning of the word 'Nirvan' is quite different. Now in case of Buddhism, It does not believe in the concept of soul nor does it place any belief in God or Paramatma. Therefore, the meaning of Nirvana varies from the path of knowledge (gyan yog).

According to both these religions, the existence of soul or consciousness is equal is transient in nature, just like the momentary existence of bubbles in water . As per their belief, when the soul or consciousness leaves the body it merges itself in the Vayu tatva , Air element. Since these religions do not believe in the existence of God or soul in their core teachings, we consider such spiritual paths as Nastik i.e., atheist religion.

So upon leaving the body the existence of that consciousness is forever gone in the atmosphere. However, the soul cannot possibly dissolve in the air element.

It's a wrong fact that has been propagated. Whoever has taught this knowledge even if it has been preached by Gautam Buddha, wasn't he aware that the atma or soul is immortal, non-destructible and eternal? The soul can never be destroyed. The existence of the soul ceases only at the time of Maha kalp praylay event. Even at time of completion of the four yugas (ages), during Satyug, Treta Dwapar and Kaliyug, a soul is not destroyed. The gross physical body gets physical death during the event of Ardh pralay or Half Dissolution time but not the soul which continues its existence.

Similarly, as the wheels of ages move forward , upon the completion of 71 times of the half dissolution event, there occurs the full dissolution event on the earth.

Manu Srishthi or mankind and all physical creatures get destroyed in this event in time which is called a Manvantar but again the souls being immortal do not die. In Kalp pralay, the upper three lokas/ realms of bhu, bhuvar and swar lok get destroyed but the souls survive. All the 3 realms and the material nature therein cease to exist completely in the full dissolution event.

The Bhulok ceases to exist but the souls from there continue their existence in the subtle worlds. In Hinduism, it is called the immortal and eternal nature of the soul.

The knowledge of soul given by Gautam Buddha and the definition of Nirvana given by him is incorrect and completely wrong. In the first place, they do not believe in soul and in the creator therefore, there is no use in discussing all of these with Buddha's followers.

Their concept of Nirvana is totally different so it will be of no use convincing them however in Jainism there are the initial 24 tirthankars or saints. The first amongst them is Adinath & Aadi Nathini and finally the last saint was Mahavir Swami. All these tirthankars did tremendous austerities and renunciation in their lifetime so that they could be free from any karmic debts and thereby they could attain salvation. In this way they left this earthly plane to reside in higher dimensions and this is what is called Nirvana in Jain religion. When a soul leaves its mortal body and goes to reside in the higher realms, in Jainism it is called as Nirvana i.e. liberation. We may say that, as per Jain tradition, Nirvana means the crossover of the soul from the gross,

physical world to higher subtle regions and thereby achieve liberation from birth and death.

In Hindu religion we say that the soul has attained heaven or swarloka and as per Jainism, Nirvandham is a divine abode which is above this physical world. They call it Nirvandham. Dham means a place to reside.

It is to be noted that when a soul gets salvation, the Jains call the abode as Nirvandham and the Buddhists use the word Nirvan for salvation. In Buddhism they do not use the word abode or Dham and refer to salvation as the soul achieving Nirvana. Nirvana means the existence of a soul ends.

Nirvandham exists in the higher subtle regions just like swarloka or, heaven exists for Hindus. In the various higher realms such as Maharlok, Janlok, Taplok, the 24 tirthankars or founder saints of Jainism exist after their physical death. So the followers of Jain religion who pray and worship these tirthankars will after their own death reach the higher subtle realms where their saints reside. There are many such religious mutt, ashrams, religious groups who live in the different astral layers. So automatically the soul goes directly to the place of its object of worship. Likewise, it's said in the Bhagvad Gita "whomsoever you remember, you will attain the same". Similarly, if one remembers Mahavir Swami then, the soul will go to his place of existence which is in the higher astral region. This is called as Nirvandham. Again Dham means abode.

In the higher lokas Mahavir Swami and the 24 tirthankars continue their existence. Therefore, it follows that those souls following Jain religion would after ending their Karma Bandhan on this earth (karmic accounts) will naturally go to these higher abodes where their saints live in Nirvandham. This layer of higher astral, i.e. Nirvandham is a large expanse and lies above Swarlok. It lies enclosed within the dimension of Maharlok which, I have been able to see with my divine vision.

Therefore, we must know that Nirvandham exists inside the higher subtle world of Maharlok and there are many number of souls who follow Jain religion live there.

Nirvandham means "a place to live" whereas in Buddhist religion, Nirvana means the existence of the soul ceases.

Similarly, in our Hindu religion we say upon death of a person, that the soul has become Brahmalin or has gone to Swarlok / heaven.

Now heaven is only the third subtle dimension where the soul has gone to whereas, it is also said that many souls attain Brahmalin state or merge in the divine light. However, let us first know the actual meaning of Brahmalin. When the soul goes to the incorporeal world called as Paramdham, being the abode of the incorporeal Supreme soul, it's referred to as Brahma Swaroop or the supreme divine light. Brahma Swaroop refers to the incorporeal, supreme soul or nirakar Paramatma. The incorporeal, formless Paramatma or incorporeal Supreme soul is called as Brahma Swaroop.

The Supreme soul who is Nirakar (incorporeal), Niranjan (totally pure) is also called as Brahmaswaroop (pure divine light).

Spiritual seekers who meditate on the incorporeal form, refer to a soul as merged in the divine light which means the soul has attained a state of Brahmalin.

Upon a soul leaving the physical body, whomsoever is a Vaishnav i.e. a follower of God Vishnu would say that a soul has gone to Vishnuloka or Go loka. For some who strongly believe in heaven, would say that the departed soul has become Swargvasi i.e. attained Swargloka or heaven

So, there are various words, metaphors used in Hindu religion which are similar to the concepts of Nirvandham and Nirvana. Again, some people may say as the soul achieving liberation in Kaashidham. Above Vishnu Puri lies Shivshakti Puri and in that vast expanse is a place called as Kaashidham. So the liberated soul goes into the higher dimensional layer of Shivshakti Puri.

It is to be noted that, till the soul does not clear its karma bondages on the Bhuloka i.e. the earth it will not be able to travel to the upper higher vibrational frequency dimensions. Also, a soul has to put in lot of efforts, austerities to go to the higher lokas or levels. Even if the ascetic soul manages to move forward in the upper lokas then also it makes further spiritual efforts or pursharth to go higher.

All those souls originally from different monastic community, religious mutts, sects etc reside

in the varied upper layers and these souls still have not been able to untie themselves from the karmic bondages. So they continue their existence here only. That is the reason why I said the soul becomes a Brahmalin soul and if the soul attains to the incorporeal world then also we say it has become Brahmalin. In Paramdham / Nirvandham the soul desires to merge its existence in the divine light of the incorporeal supreme soul. Brahm means the godly light radiating from the supreme soul, Paramatma in the incorporeal form. Just like a drop of water gets absorbed in the mighty ocean similarly, the enlightened soul merges itself in the divine light of the incorporeal supreme soul. When souls in their formless state merge in the incorporeal supreme soul, it is called as Brahmalin. However, several times souls who have originated from other galaxies, universes, great universes etc. In such souls the karmic bondages are completely dissolved, the layers covering their soul get removed and they get self realisation of their true origins. The karma Bandhan or karmic ties of these souls on earth (Bhuloka) and any karma accounts created in the upper dimensions also are destroyed. So the soul becomes Nirakari or incorporeal and in this process the soul becomes enlightened with the knowledge that it has originally come for example, from a galaxy. So it goes to that galaxy but upon going there the soul gets knowledge of the universe hence it continues its journey to the universe.

There are various types of religious sects, groups and organisations which follow different paths of spiritual knowledge. However, if one sees all these different viewpoints from the single lens of knowledge then one would know that at the time of Mahakal pralay or the Great Dissolution time, the existence of souls created by the lord of the solar system Shiv ceases totally.

Events of time such as Mahakalp pralay, Ardh pralay (partial dissolution), Pralay (Dissolution of life on earth at the end of one Manvantar)

Kalp pralay (destruction of 3 worlds at the end of one day of Brahma), Mahakalp pralay (total annihilation of 14 lokas at end of 100 years of Brahma).

In Mahakaal pralay or during the event big the Great Dissolution, infinite number of solar systems and the souls therein get destroyed. In this event of time, Mahashiv(creator of one galaxy) takes on the form of Mahakaal or Time and absorbs the infinite and countless solar systems, cosmos in the cells of his body.

It is important here to know that Mahashiv in his original form is incorporeal. He absorbs all his creations in himself. This can be understood through knowledge only. So in all these events of destruction in time, if a soul is of Param Mahashiv category and has come from the universe then, during the dissolution event of countless solar systems, then the soul of Param shiv

stature will not get mukti or liberation from Mahashiv since Mahashiv is the creator of a galaxy. Therefore, before the great dissolution event of Mahakaal pralay can occur, the Param Mahashiv soul gets realisation of it's original quality and place of origin and moves upwards to the universe. Similarly, at the time of destruction of the universe, if a soul is originally from a great universe, it will move higher into a great universe from where it has come before the dissolution event occurs.

Therefore, we can see that whatever one has created souls, solar systems, galaxies, universe etc (rachna), for only those creations, their creator (rachta) has the power to destroy by absorbing in himself. For high category souls who are higher in quality than that creator and have originated from far beyond the current level of creation then in such a case these souls will not get liberation or mukti from that creator since he is not equipped with the power to do so. In order to fully understand all these processes of mukti (liberation) and Jeevan mukti (eternal liberation in life) then, go through all our videos on these topics - Moksh, the meaning of Mukti and Jeevan mukti etc. You will get a complete understanding after watching our videos on the above mentioned concepts.

Paramshanti!