

Topic: The Agam Sutras and Bible stories of conflict and forgiveness

Year: Six

Theme: Special things and sacred texts

Sacred texts

Christians

- In the Bible, Jesus taught that people should show each other forgiveness, even if it is difficult. It is not a one-off action.
- When he was being crucified, Jesus asked God to forgive humans for their actions
- He used stories to explain. These include: Parable of the Unmerciful Servant, Prodigal Son.
- The Book of Proverbs also teaches us to avoid conflict and to forgive each other.
- Jesus also said we should avoid conflict: Sermon on the Mount- "blessed are the peacemakers".
- The OT also says this: story of Abraham and Lot. However, in many cases the OT tells of a God to be feared, rather than a forgiving God.



Jains

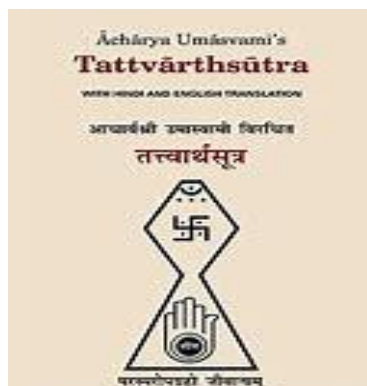
- The Agam Sutras are a holy collection of books retelling Lord Mahavir's sermons.
- They were written by Ganadharas and Srut-kevalis for 150 years after Mahavir's death, after being passed down orally.
- The Ganadharas were around during Mahavir's life and compiled his preaching into 12 main texts.
- Jains believe their religion is eternal and that Jain teachings were around millions of years ago.
- The Agam Sutras say we should respect all life, not eat meat and never go to war.
- They should only be read in temple, if possible, to avoid showing disrespect (Asadhana).



The Bible



The Agam Sutras



The swastika is actually the Hindu and Jain sign for peace!

Key Vocabulary

Lord Mahavir	The 24 th and last Tirthankara. All Tirthankaras were humans who achieved perfection and became gods.
Ganadharas	Disciples of Mahavir
Srut-kevalis	Elder Jain monks, who know at least 10 Purvas
Ang-agams	12 main texts written by Ganadharas
Ang-bahya-agams	Extra texts written by Srut-kevalis, mainly about how Jain monks should live.
Asadhana	Jain word for disrespect.
Old/New Testaments	The two parts of the Bible. Old = before life of Jesus New = life and teaching of Jesus Christ.
crucifixion	Death from being tied or nailed to a wooden beam such as a cross.