

**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.

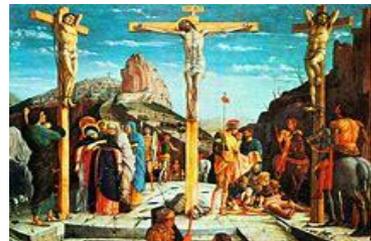


**Jains**

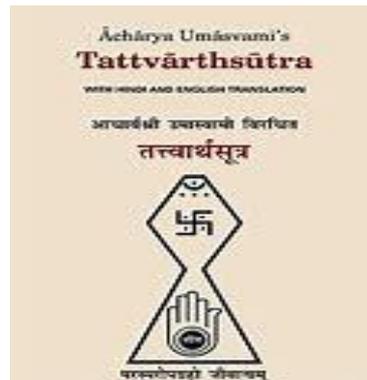
- The Agam Sutras are a holy collection of books retelling Lord Mahavir’s sermons.
- They were written by Ganadharas and Srut-kevalis for 150 years after Mahavir’s death, after being passed down orally.
- The Ganadharas were around during Mahavir’s life and compiled his preaching into 12 main texts.
- 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 <sup>th</sup> and last Tirthankara. All Turthankaras 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.