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CH:NEW QUESTIONS AND IDEAS

Jainism

The last and 24th Tirthankara of the Jainas was **Vardhamana Mahavira**. He was a kshatriya prince of the Lichchhavis⁹, a group that was part of the Vajji sangha. At the age of 30, he left home and went to live in a forest. For 12 years he led a hard and lonely life, at the end of which he attained enlightenment.

He taught a simple doctrine: men and women who wished to know the truth must leave their homes. They must follow very strictly the rules of **ahimsa**, which means not hurting or killing living beings.

Followers of Mahavira, who were known as Jainas, had to lead very simple lives. They had to be absolutely honest and were especially asked not to steal. Also, they had to observe celibacy. And men had to give up everything, including their clothes. It was very difficult for most men and women to follow these strict rules. Jainism was supported mainly by traders. The teachings of Mahavira and his followers were transmitted orally for several centuries.

READ THE ABOVE ARTICLE CAREFULLY AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND AND GIVE THE ANSWER OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1.NAME THE LAST TIRTHANKAR OF JAINAS.

2.WHO WERE KNOWN AS JAINAS?

3.WHAT IS AHIMSA?

4.WRITE THE TEACHING OF MAHAVIRA.

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