

LESOON 11 VOW OF LIMITED GEOGRAPHIC MOVEMENTS (DISIVRATA PARIMANA)

The sixth vow is in which one sets the limit of the area in which one will travel or do business or make a direct or indirect contact for a certain time to a life long time. These directions include moving north, East, South, West, North east, East south, South west, West north, Upward or Downward.

In previous lessons we have seen how the Jains have set limits to sinful activities but now we will see different styles. They all are to augment first five minor vows.

The concept behind this is very subtle. Jains believe that when we do not set limits for our activities then all creatures of universe minute or larger feels fear from us and we accumulate karmas for creating this fear. By setting limits we freed those creatures from fear which are beyond our set limits and we limited hinsa in restricted areas only. Same benefits can be extended to reasons like to lie, to steal, to have sexual desire or to possess. So this way we are removing the accumulation of karmas from areas where we are not going to have connections.

For whatever reasons, lapses may happen to observe this vow. The following are common examples:

- 1) Having crossed the limit of upward direction
- 2) Having crossed the limit of downward direction
- 3) Having crossed the limit of north, east, south, west, north east, east south, south west, west north,
- 4) Have curtailed one limit to extend the other
- 5) Have proceeded in spite of suspecting that the limit is over