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### **Bhagwan Swaminarayan's Philosophy**

Bhagwan Swaminarayan's philosophy is known as Vishishtadvaita, this is simple terms is neo-qualified or non-dualism. This philosophy upholds the existence of the 5 namely entities Jeev, Ishvar, Maya, Brahm and Parbrahm. Where as the dvait philosophy only Brahm exists everything else is false (we do not believe in this philosophy). Within the Brahm we see a form of Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

#### **In simple terms:-**

Jeev – The soul which is indestructible, everlasting and infinite in number. It is bound vasana according to the karmas performed.

Ishvar – A spiritual conscious being possessing qualities in the creation process. Just like the body has 3 bodies (sthul, sukshma, karan) Ishvar has 3 bodies known as virat, sutratma and avyakrut.

Maya – the power of Bhagwan consisting of 3 gunas - satva, rajas and tamas. The cause of attachment to the body and bodily relations.

Brahm – known as Akshar, the highest eternal reality where only Parbrahm stands. i.e. in other words Bhagwan's dham

Parbrahm – the Supreme reality (Parbrahm Purshottam Narayan) who possesses infinite qualities and attributes. He transcends within Jeev, Ishvar, Maya, Brahm and is immanent in them. They are absolutely dependant on Him.