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- samsara
  - transmigration/reincarnation, karmic cycle, or Punarjanman, and cycle of aimless drifting, wandering or mundane existence
  - The liberation from **samsāra** is called Moksha, Nirvāṇa, Mukti, or Kaivalya.
  - Jivanmukti (liberation and freedom in this **life**)
  - Videhamukti (liberation and freedom in after-**life**)
  - phenomenal world (Maya).
  - absolute Atman (Self)
  - unchanging immortal reality and bliss called Brahman
  - Anattā (no self) and Śūnyatā (emptiness)
  - bhakti (devotion), karma (work), jñāna (knowledge), or raja (meditation) is self-liberation (moksha) from **samsāra**
  - **wheel** of existence (Bhavacakra) or six realms or six paths
    - the three benevolent destinies (**kuśalagati**)
      - the world of gods or celestial beings (deva) ;
      - the world of warlike demigods (asura) ;
      - the world of **human** beings (manushya) ;
    - unbenevolent destinies (**akuśalagati**)
      - the world of animals (tiryagyoni) ;
      - the world of hungry ghosts (preta) ;
      - the world of Hell (naraka).

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