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Karma and Rebirth.

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3.1 The structure and nature of traditional Indian social system-Varnashrama, Purushartha, Karma, Rina and Rebirth.

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Samsara

The cycle of birth and death that karma is said to fuel until release.

Jain karmic matter

Jain doctrine that karma is a physical influx on the jiva, to be shed by restraint.

Buddhist anatta

No permanent soul, yet karmic continuity of the stream; rebirth without an atman.

B. R. Ambedkar

Criticised karma as a religious defence of caste inequality.

Gaya shraddha

Pilgrimage complex where merit and ancestral rites stage karma in a sacred geography, as in Vidyarthi's model.

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