

Proposal for Emoji: Jain Trilok symbol, Ahimsa Hand & Jain Om character

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Abstract

This proposal requests the addition of 3 new emojis to the Unicode consortium Emoji library, representing the Jain faith. Diversifying the options for representing the Jain religion fills the gap for a diverse cultural and inclusive representation of all faiths. As other religions have their own symbol within the Emoji library, this proposal aims to provide completeness for the Jain community to communicate their beliefs.

(Note on demographic data for the Unicode consortium jury: Jainism is a distinct, ancient religion that is still very prominent as of today, with millions of followers mainly from India. It had and still has a massive cultural footprint on today's various cultures, including other religions that came afterwards, such as Buddhism).

1. Identification

A. Emoji proposal 1: JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL

Proposed CLDR short name: jain-symbol

Proposed CLDR English keywords: jainism | dharma | trilok | karma | liberation | soul | ahimsa | non-violence | veganism | peace | nirvana | swastika | 1974-emblem

Proposed category: religion

Description: The Jain Trilok symbol represents the structure of the universe in Jain cosmology. It is divided into the lower, middle and upper worlds. Every creature's purpose is represented in this symbol, featuring the path to attain soul liberation. Similar to the Sikh Khanda 🪦 (Khanda, U+1FAAF), it is the main symbol for the 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 of Jain people in India and around the world.

Its inclusion would serve the completeness of all religious communities, whose population is similar in scale than other represented religions (e.g. the Star of David emoji 🪯 (Star of David, U+2721 U+FE0F) for 15M Jewish people, the Khanda emoji 🪦 (Khanda, U+1FAAF) for 30M Sikh people or the Shinto Shrine emoji 🏮 (Shinto shrine, U+26E9 U+FE0F) for 3M Shinto people).

This symbol is the official emblem adopted by all branches of Jainism (Digambara and Svetambara) in 1974 unification for the 2,500th anniversary of Mahavira's *nirvana*, meaning this icon is non-sectarian.

Note: The submitters are aware that the Jain Trilok symbol features a swastika that could be mistaken with the hate symbol from Hitler. For this reason, the swastika isn't tilted, has curved edges and contains 4 dots, serving as distinctive factors from the nazi offensive symbol.



B. Emoji proposal 2: AHIMSA HAND

Proposed CLDR short name: ahimsa-hand

Proposed CLDR English keywords: non-violence | peace | protection | mudra | jain-hand | wheel-hand | religion | no-harm | ethical | vegan | animal-rights | cruelty-free

Proposed category: religion

Description: Despite Ahimsa hand being a prominent Jain symbol, this proposal focuses on the modern application of its meaning. *Ahimsa* means non-violence, and therefore could co-exist in other contexts such as: veganism, animal rights and cruelty-free.

This symbol fills a gap to the global communities dedicated to ethical and non-violent living, such as: Jain people (4,000,000 to 6,000,000 people), vegan people (1% of the whole population, roughly 80,000,000 people), dharmic non-Jains such as Hindus and Buddhists (roughly 1,500,000,000 people), cruelty-free consumers (a \$14,840,000,000 market in 2023 [according to Grand View Research](#)) and animal rights activists.



C. Emoji proposal 3: JAIN OM CHARACTER

Proposed CLDR short name: jain-om

Proposed CLDR English keywords: jainism | aaaum | paramesthi | meditation | dharma | liberation | soul

Proposed category: religion

Description: The Jain Om (Aaaum) is a sacred character that represents the combination of all five Pañca-Parameṣṭhi supreme beings in Jainism. Despite sounding similar to the Hindu Om emoji ॐ (Om, U+1F549 U+FE0F), they are visually and theologically different. They both share the sacred sound of the Dharmic meditation, but the Jain Om (Aaaum) is a composite symbol of five vowels whereas the Hindu one is derived from the "O" Devanagari sound.



2. Images

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3. Factors for Inclusion

A. Expresses multiple concepts

Does the emoji have notable metaphorical references or symbolism?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL

- **Yes.** The Jain Trilok symbol mainly represents the Jain faith, but also functions as a representation of non-violence with the *Ahimsa* Hand. It is a tradition meaningful for other movements such as vegan people (1% of the whole population, roughly 80,000,000 people), dharmic non-Jains such as Hindus and Buddhists (roughly 1,500,000,000 people), cruelty-free consumers (a \$14,840,000,000 market in 2023 [according to Grand View Research](#)) and animal rights activists.
- The four-dot swastika is a symbol of prosperity, peace and self-improvement. It finds meaning for other Dharmic faiths such as Hindu and Buddhist people (roughly 1,500,000,000 people, nearly 22% of the world population) as well as South and East Asian people.



AHIMSA HAND

- **Yes.** *Ahimsa hand* also expresses the notion of cruelty-free, pacifism, veganism, the concept of "stop and think before acting" and the Wheel of Dharma. Its meaning is meaningful for other movements such as vegan people (1% of the whole population, roughly 80,000,000 people), cruelty-free consumers (a \$14,840,000,000 market in 2023 [according to Grand View Research](#)) and animal rights activists.



JAIN OM CHARACTER






- **Yes.** The symbolism of the Jain Om (Aaam) character is defined as the five stages of the soul liberation path.
- Its sound is purposefully similar to the Hindu Om, a population of roughly 1,000,000,000 people.

B. Use in sequences

Can the emoji be used well in sequences?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **Yes.** Used with  (Om, U+1F549 U+FE0F) and  (Wheel of Dharma, U+2638 U+FE0F) to express Dharmic interfaith. Used with  (Folded hands, U+1F64F),  (Palms Up Together, U+1F932) to express faith rituals, or  (Place of Worship, U+1F6D0) which is a generic symbol.



AHIMSA HAND

- **Yes.** Used with 🍖 (Cut of Meat, U+1F969) to express veganism. Used with 🕊️ (Dove of Peace, U+1F54A U+FE0F) or ☮️ (Peace Symbol, U+262E U+FE0F) or ✌️ (Victory Hand, U+270C U+FE0F) to express peace.

C. Breaks new ground

Does the emoji represent something that is new and different?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **Yes.** Jainism hasn't been proposed yet, nor declined, nor has it been ever represented in Unicode standards. Jainism lacks any basic representation despite being a major religion.



AHIMSA HAND

- **Yes.** The symbols for 🖐️ (Hamsa, U+1FAAC) and 🖐️ (Raised Hand with Fingers Splayed, U+1F590 U+FE0F) do not include the Dharma wheel that represents the concept of non-violence.

D. Distinctiveness

Explain how and why your emoji represents a distinct, recognizable, visually iconic entity.



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL

- The trilok is highly distinctive for the Jain community and the inclusion of the hourglass-shaped *Loka*, the three jewels, a swastika for the four states of the soul and the ahimsa hand complete the meaning of the symbol. The three-tiered structure remains distinguishable from other religious symbols at 18x18 pixels.



AHIMSA HAND

- The inclusion of the 24-rays Chakra wheel in the center of the left-hand is distinct from other iconographies.



JAIN OM CHARACTER

- Features a distinct crescent representing the Siddhashila (apex of the universe), the dot represents the soul, and the rest represents the combination of all 5 supreme beings' first character (Arihant + Ashiri + Acarya + Upadhyaya + Muni).

Here are some real-world Jain symbol representations, photographed by the submitters from places in Karnataka, India:



Figure 1: Gold ring



Figure 2: Fence of a Jain temple



Figure 3: Wood engraved on a door



Figure 4: Popular sticker on a minivan



Figure 5: Marble engraved on a house inaugural plate



Figure 6: Illustration from a wedding proposal



Figure 7: Flag in front of a Jain temple



Figure 8: Logotype of a Jain event in Bidarur



Figure 9: Jain temple pillar engraving



Figure 10: Sticker on a motorbike

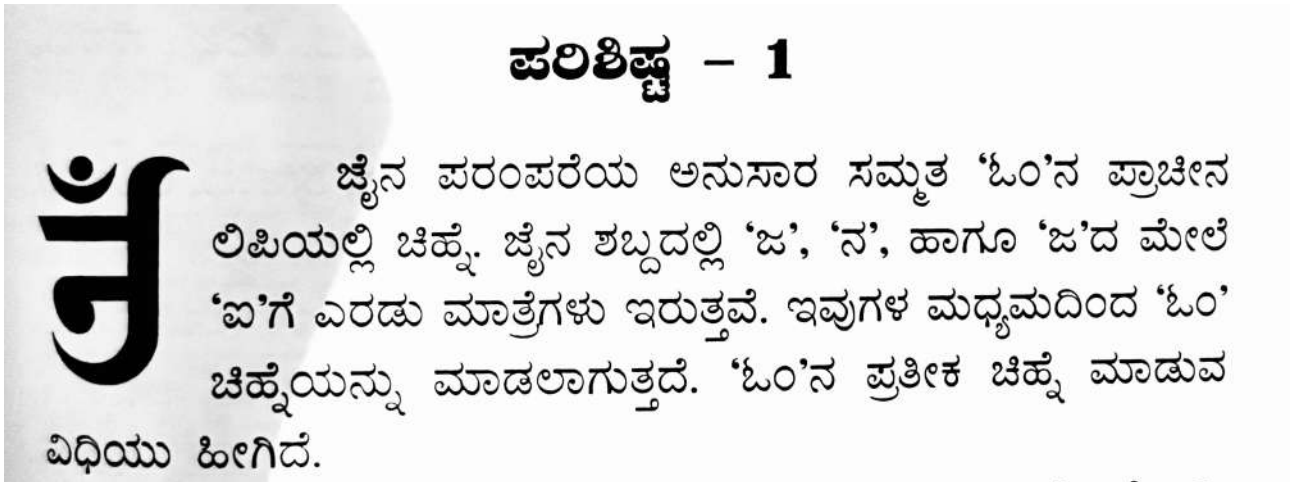


Figure 11: Kannada book explaining the ancient Jain "Om" symbol composition

E. Usage level

Measures that can be presented as evidence

• Google Search

197,000,000 results for "jain", 63,400,000 results for "jain om" & 6,530,000 results for "ahimsa" compared to 436,000,000 results for "elephant"

A screenshot of a Google search for the word "jain". The search bar contains "jain" and the results page shows the "All" tab selected. A snippet of text reads: "Jainism is an ancient Indian religion (Jain Dharma) emphasizing non-violence (ahimsa), non-attachment (aparigraha), and pluralism (anekantavada) to achieve spiritual purity. Primarily followers of 24 Tirthankaras, Jains form a distinct, highly literate community, with major populations in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and". To the right, a "Tools" dropdown menu is open, showing options for "Any country", "Any time", "All results", and "Advanced Search". Below the menu, it indicates "About 19,70,00,000 results (0.31s)".

A screenshot of a Google search for "jain om". The search bar contains "jain om" and the "Images" tab is selected. Three image thumbnails are visible, showing the Jain symbol (Om symbol) in various colors and styles. A "Tools" dropdown menu is open on the right, showing options for "Any language", "Any time", "All results", and "Advanced Search". Below the menu, it indicates "About 6,34,00,000 results (0.37s)".

A screenshot of a Google search for "ahimsa". The search bar contains "ahimsa" and the "All" tab is selected. An "AI Overview" section is visible, featuring a speaker icon and the word "ahimsa" with its phonetic transcription "/əˈhɪmsɑː/". Below this, a snippet of text reads: "Ahimsa is the ancient Indian principle of total non-violence, compassion, and harmlessness in thought, speech, and action towards all living beings. Central". To the right, a "Tools" dropdown menu is open, showing options for "Any language", "Any time", "All results", and "Advanced Search". Below the menu, it indicates "About 65,30,000 results (0.38s)" and a "Wikipedia" link is visible.



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• Google Video Search

47,400,000 results for "jain", 3,200,000 results for "jain om" & 745,000 results for "ahimsa" compared to 90,300,000 results for "elephant"

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Official Video for "The Fool" by Jain - <https://JAIN.Ink.to/TI>
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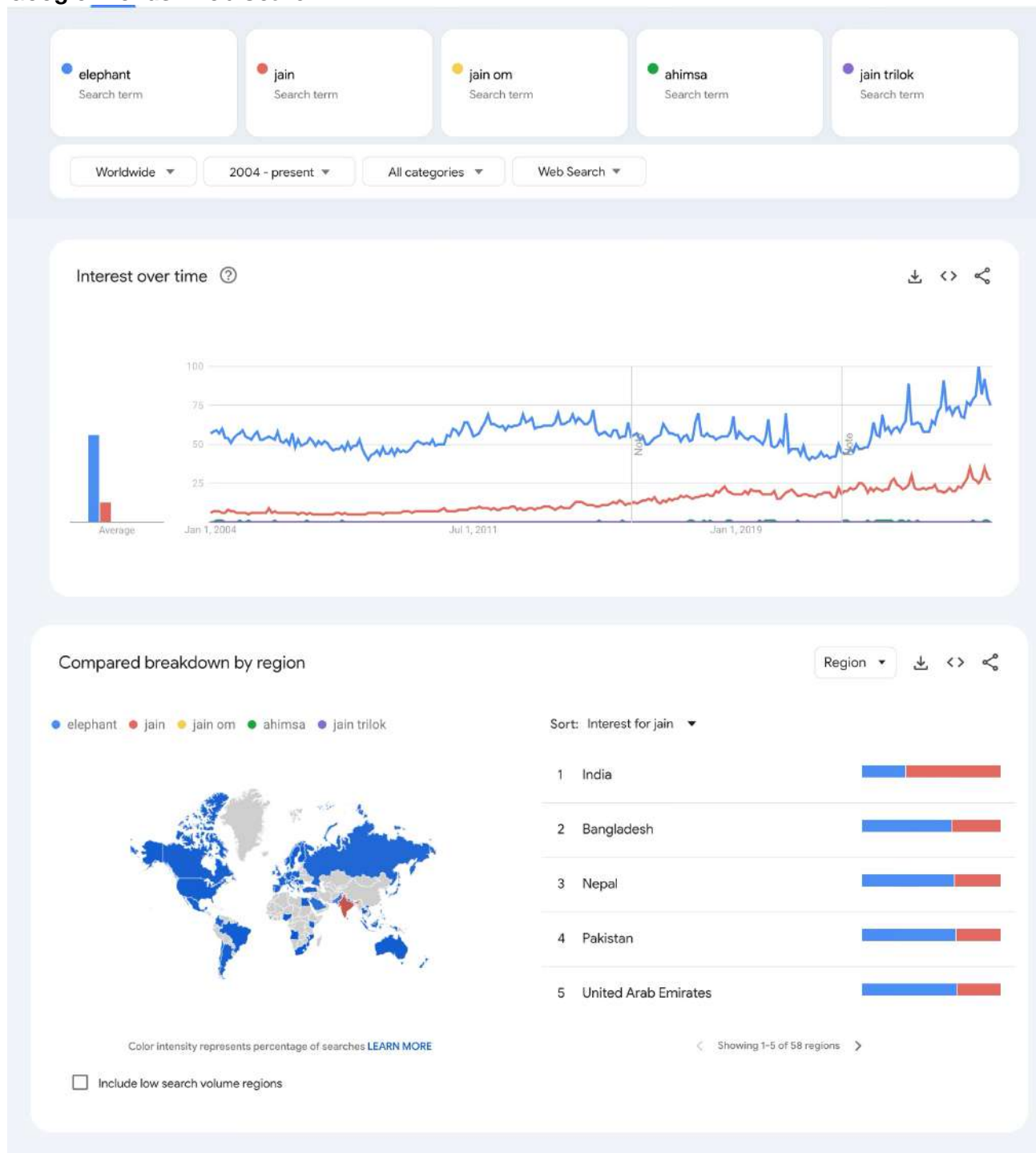


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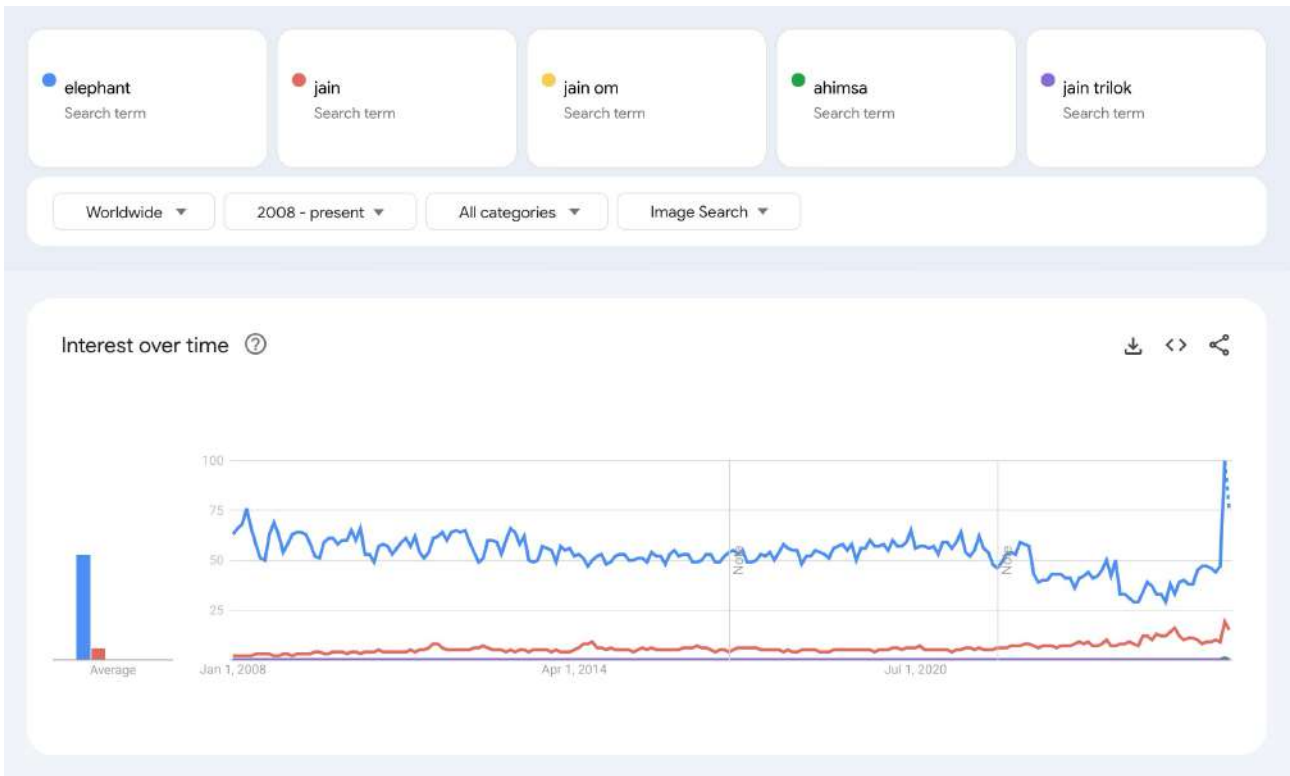
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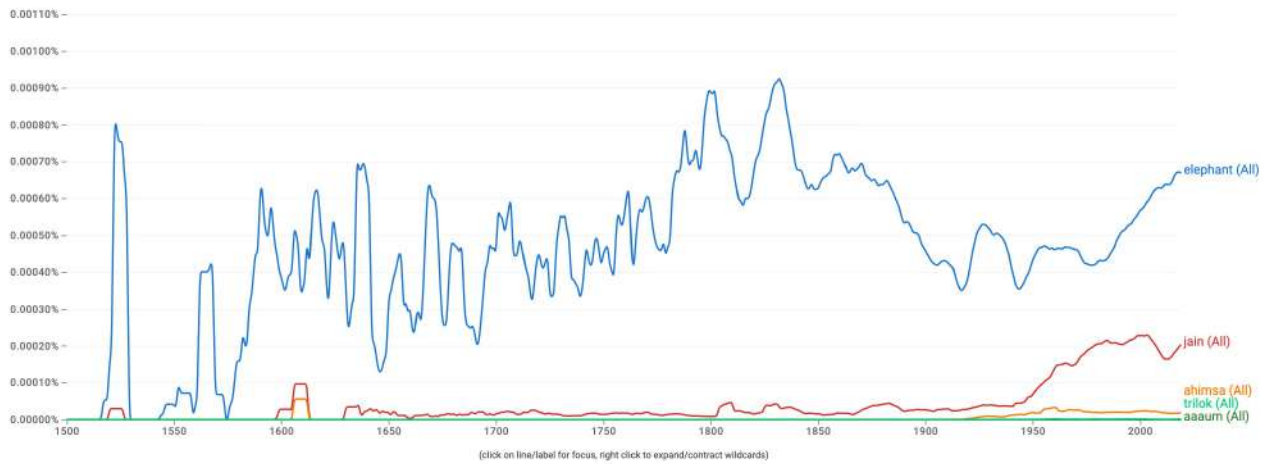


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F. Completeness

Does the proposed emoji fill a gap in existing types of emoji?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **Yes.** Fills the gap of the religion symbols for Jainism, alongside Buddhism with the Dharmic wheel 🌀 (Wheel of Dharma, U+2638 U+FE0F) which derived from Jainism, as well as Hinduism and Sikhism with the Om symbol ॐ (Om, U+1F549 U+FE0F) and the Khanda ॥ (Khanda, U+1FAAF) which are all Dharmic religions.

G. Compatibility

Are these needed for compatibility with popular existing systems?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **No.**

4. Selection factors – Exclusion

A. Already representable

Can the concept be represented by another emoji or sequence, even if the image is not exactly the same?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **No.** Current religious symbols do not represent Jainism. Sequences such as the hourglass-shaped of the *Loka* 🕒 (Hourglass, U+231B) + 🖐️ (Raised Hand with Fingers Splayed, U+1F590 U+FE0F) + 🌀 (Wheel of Dharma, U+2638 U+FE0F) fails to communicate the meaning of the Jain trilok symbol.

B. Overly specific

Is the proposed character overly specific?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **No.** These symbols represents the Jain faith in its entirety.

C. Open-ended

Is it just one of many, with no special reason to favor it over others of that type?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **No.** As Jainism is one of the oldest major religion, it completes the set of Dharmic religions (incl. Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism) rather than a niche community request.

D. Transient

Is the expected level of usage likely to continue into the future, or could it just be a fad?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **No.** Jainism dates back from at least 2500 years ago, rooted in ancient texts and depictions. Its relevance is permanent.

F. Faulty comparison

Are proposals being justified primarily by being similar to (or more important than) existing emoji?



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL, AHIMSA HAND & JAIN OM CHARACTER

- **No.** This set of emoji proposals justifies its existence by filling a gap in the "religion" emoji category. It would provide 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 people a mean to express their religious identity that cannot be fulfilled by any other existing Unicode character.

5. Other information

A. Introduction

Jainism is one of the world's oldest independent religion still carrying on today. It originated thousands of years ago, in the 9th-8th century BCE. Its history traces the lineage of 24 Thirthankaras, while the last one Mahaaviira from the 6th century BCE is widely accepted as an historical figure. It is a framework for religion, rites and philosophy, with beliefs such as honesty, compassion, and especially non-violence called *Ahimsa*. Despite its community ranging from 4,000,000 to 6,000,000 people—comparable to other represented faiths—the current Unicode Emoji library lacks any standalone symbolism of the Jain religion.

This proposed set of three emojis aims to represent basic symbolism especially for Jains, and also for South and South-East Asians as well as the global non-violence and ethical living people. These emoji propositions don't aim to be exhaustive of all Jain symbols, but would provide basic needs for Jain people for emoji communication.

B. Selection process

As Jainism carries a history of more than two millenniums, we selected a set of three emojis meaningful for Jains and beyond. These symbols are the most inclusive for numerous people across three main categories:

- **Religion:** Recognizing these symbols in modern standards aims to provide Jains and non-Jains with purposeful representation of their faith

- **Ethical philosophy:** Jainism philosophy is strongly compatible with modern concerns about non-violence and ethical movements, and the meaning of these symbols aren't currently represented with the current set of the Unicode Emoji library
- **Culture:** These designs are cultural pillars for Jainism and Dharmic faith, but are also used in non-religious manners. Traditionally used in many artistic and decorative purposes, this proposal aims to communicate common symbols of South and South-East Asian culture.

C. Prioritization

Even if this proposal contains 3 different emojis, the submitters along with representatives of the Jain community kindly request the Unicode Consortium to include a single emoji to the emoji library. The proposal features them in this order of importance:



JAIN TRILOK SYMBOL (Most important)



AHIMSA HAND



JAIN OM CHARACTER

The Jain Trilok symbol has the highest priority as it was formally approved during the 1974 unification, as the official non-sectarian emblem of Jainism.

The Ahimsa hand is not only featured in the Jain Trilok symbol itself, but also in numerous designs and sculptures from the Jain community.

The Jain Om (Aaaum) character is featured in numerous designs and sculptures from the Jain community.

D. Endorsement

This proposal has been reviewed and approved by the following organizations:

- Your Organization Here