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Summary

This is a list and brief description of the 21 heavenly planes of existence. Alternate spellings are included.

<u> 21 Heavenly Planes – Blissful Planes – Realm of Happiness</u>

1. CATUMMAHARAJIKA (CATUMAHARAJIKA)

: Realm of the Four Great Kings who protect the world.

2. TAVATIMSA

: Realm of the Thirty-Three Gods. The Sukhavati - Happy Place.

3. YAMA

: Realm of Yama Gods, the Kingdom of Gods without suffering and pain.

4. TUSITA

: Realm of satisfied Gods, the Kingdom of Bodhisattva who will come to attain the Enlightenment to become the Buddha in the future.

5. NIMMANARATI

: Realm of the Gods who rejoice in their own creations.

6. PARANIMMITAVASAVATTI

: Realm of Gods who lord over the creations of others.

7. BRAHMAPARISAJJA

: Realm of Great Brahmas - Attendants.

8. BRAHMAPAROHITA (BRAHMAPUROHITA)

: Realm of Great Brahmas Ministers.

9. MAHABRAHMA

: Realm of Great Brahmas.

10. PARITTABHA

: Realm of Brahmas with limited lustre.

11. APPAMANABHA

: Realm of Brahmas with infinite lustre.

12. ABHASSARA

: Realm of Brahmas with radiant lustre.

13. PARITTASUBHA

: Realm of Brahmas with limited aura.

14. APPAMANASUBHA

: Realm of Brahmas with infinite aura.

15. SUBHAKINHA (SUBHAKINNA)

: Realm of Brahmas with steady aura.

16. VEHAPPALA (VEHAPPHALA)

: Realm of Brahmas with abundant reward (return of good karma).

17. AVIHA

: Realm of Brahmas who do not fall from prosperity.

18. ATAPPA

: Realm of Brahmas who are serene.

19. SUDASSA

: Realm of Brahmas who are very beautiful.

20. SUDASSI

: Realm of Brahmas who are clear sighted.

21. AKANITTHA

: Realm of the highest or supreme Brahmas.

Additional notes

MANUSSA

: Human Realm, Human Kingdom, Human World.

Those who wish to be born in these 21 Heavenly Planes and Human Realm must practice 1 or 10 Perfections (Parami).

One who wishes to attain the Arhat must practice Sila, Samadhi, Panna (Wisdom).

One who wishes to attain Parinibbana must leave everything in this world.