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## **UNIT -1**

### **Manu :**

- The Manusmriti is an ancient legal text and constitution among the many Dharmasastras of Hinduism.
- The title of the text Manusmriti uses this term as a prefix, but refers to the first Manu – Svayambhuva, the spiritual son of Brahma. Manusmriti is also called the Manava-Dharmasastra or Laws of Manu.

### **Kautilya :**

- Chanakya was an ancient Indian teacher, philosopher, economist, jurist and royal advisor.
- He is traditionally identified as Kautilya or Vishnugupta, who authored the ancient Indian political treatise, the Arthashastra.

### **Buddhism :**

- Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism who later became known as “the Buddha,” lived during the 5th century B.C.
- In Buddhism, the Four Noble Truths Sanskrit:dukkha, samudaya,nirodha,magga.

### **Jainism :**

- Jainism originated in India during the 6th Century BC. The name Jainism is derived from the word 'Jina' eaning conqueror of the self and the external world.

- Mahavira was the last Tirthankara's and is considered as the founder of Jainism.
- Devout Jains take five main vows: ahimsa(nonviolence), satya (truth), asteya (not stealing), brahmacharya (sexual continence), and aparigraha (non-possessiveness).