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02. I will listen discourse or story from a Jain monk /nun atleast once in a \_\_\_\_\_.
03. I will never be a \_\_\_\_\_ person.
04. I will never speak \_\_\_\_\_.
05. I will never \_\_\_\_\_ others.
06. I will never \_\_\_\_\_ my parents and elders.
07. I will recite the Jain sutras, phrases and poems with proper \_\_\_\_\_ and utmost faith.
08. I will help my \_\_\_\_\_ in need and shall share my best things with them.
09. I will not try to show off my knowledge and to become \_\_\_\_\_.
10. I will \_\_\_\_\_ for two minutes with closed eyes, everyday.

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## INTRODUCTION OF BRAHMIN BHADRABAHU

About 100 years after Tirthankar (Lord) Mahavir's Nirvan, two intelligent Brahmin-brother lived in Pratishtanpur. One day the elder brother Bhadrabahu was studying a scripture and Varahmihir was writing. Two young men from the city came and greeted them. “Our respects to the brilliant Bhadrabahu.” He welcomed them and asked “Where do you come from”? One young man replied “Gentlemen! The city has a festive look today. Hundreds of men and women are going towards the garden”.

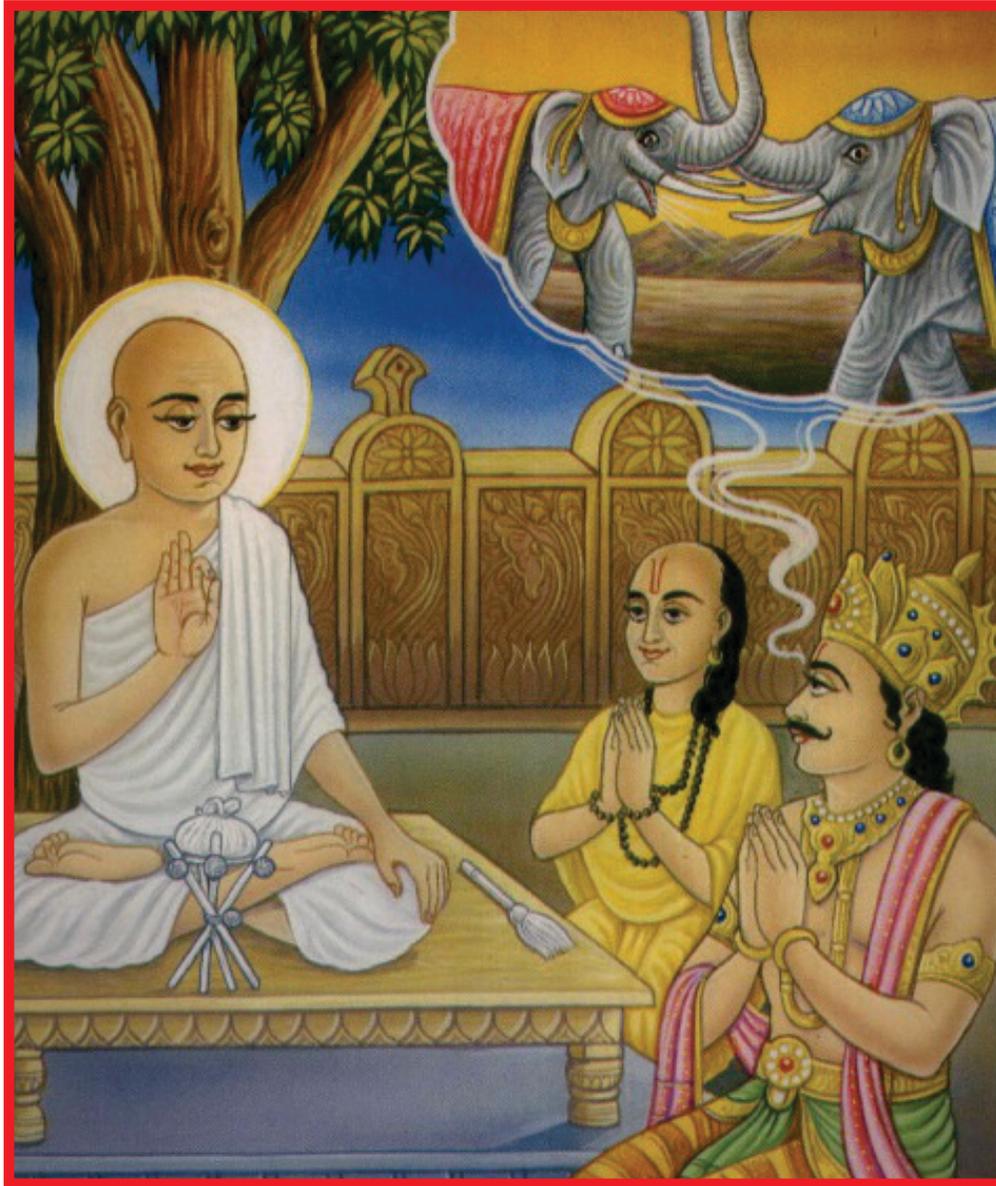
Bhadrabahu asked “Why? Is there a special ceremony.” “I have heard that a great Jain 'Acharya' (head of monks), with his big group of monks has come in the (Udyan) garden.” was the reply of the second young man and he further continued that the king of our city is also going there to pay homage. Bhadrabahu enquired what is the name of the Jain 'Acharya' “His name is Yashobhadra-Suri. It is said that he is Chaturdash Purvadhar.” (scholar of fourteen 'Purvas' or subtle canon).

With curiosity Varahmihir asked “Brother ! Who is a Chaturdash Purvadhar ? The elder brother answered “As in our Vedic religion there is a course of fourteen subjects, in the Jain tradition there is the knowledge of fourteen Purvas. An intellectual of these, has knowledge of past, future and present”.

Both the learned Brahmin became eager to meet the great Acharya Yashobhadra-Suri. They left for the garden with their disciples.

In the garden, expert Jain-Acharya was sitting on a grand pedestal under a huge Ashoka tree and delivering his discourse, “Scholars indulging in sinful activities like violence cannot avoid a bad end even through all their knowledge of many subject and languages. A person indulging in violence may consider himself to be a scholar but in fact, he is an ignorant”. On hearing this Varahmihir asked his big brother “Brother! Are his comments directed at us? It appears that he is taunting our scholarship”. Bhadrabahu told “Don't presume so. Let's meet him. There is a chance that we may defeat him in a debate. Then we will have whole Prathistanpur under the influence of our wisdom”

At the end of the discourse, the two clever Brahmins approached Acharyashri and the elder brother saluted “Convey my reverence to you. I am Bhadrabahu and he is my Younger brother and a great astrologer, Varahmihir. We are the sons of Brahmin Soma.” Acharyashri, with his divine knowledge knew that, both Brahmin were scholars.



Varahmihir enquired “O sage! Did you taunt at our abilities. (A scholar indulging in violence is an ignorant) Yashobhadra suri stated Gentlemen! Why do you think so ? A Jain Shraman (monk) never taunts anybody. To taunt wisdom or a wise is a great sin.” Conversation continued between three intelligent person.

Bhadrabahu: “Then for what purpose did you recite that verse” Acharyashriji: “Wise Bhadrabahu ! These are the words of God Mahavir, the omniscient, the detached and the supreme soul. The words of the detached convey eternal truth only.” Bhadrabahu: “Would you kindly elaborate this topic?” Acharyashriji: “Why not! I would surely explain it, listen attentively”.

Bhadrabahu, a learned-rich **brahmin**,  
Listening Pravchan, he left all **sins**,  
What else may I tell?  
Like him, none was **seen**.

He made perfect **prediction**,  
The king listened it, with **attention**,  
What else may I tell?  
He saved the king from **irritation**.

He saved thousand of **Jains**,  
Among sutras Uvasaggaharam was **main**,  
What else may I tell?  
His creation was like 'Pushkaraavart' **rain**.

His best student, was **Sthulabhadra**,  
He taught him fourteen **purvas**,  
What else may I tell?  
He created, the best **sutras**.

Listening, Arihant '**Dhoon**',  
He left this world **soon**,  
What else may I tell?  
He expected "**Nirvaan**"-boon!

Bhadrabahu was a rich & learned Brahmin. Once he listened the discourse. It creates a drastic change in his life. He becomes a Jain monk. His prediction never goes wrong. He created magical sutras. He was a living library like a sweet berry. He was the last person to possess knowledge of fourteen purvas with meaning. What were the the predictions?  
What was the sutra's magic?  
Why he was called, a living library?  
How he saved thousand of Jains?  
How he made the king, a follower of Jainism?  
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