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Great Social Reformer, Founder of Arya Samaj

MAHARISHI DAYANAND SARASWATI

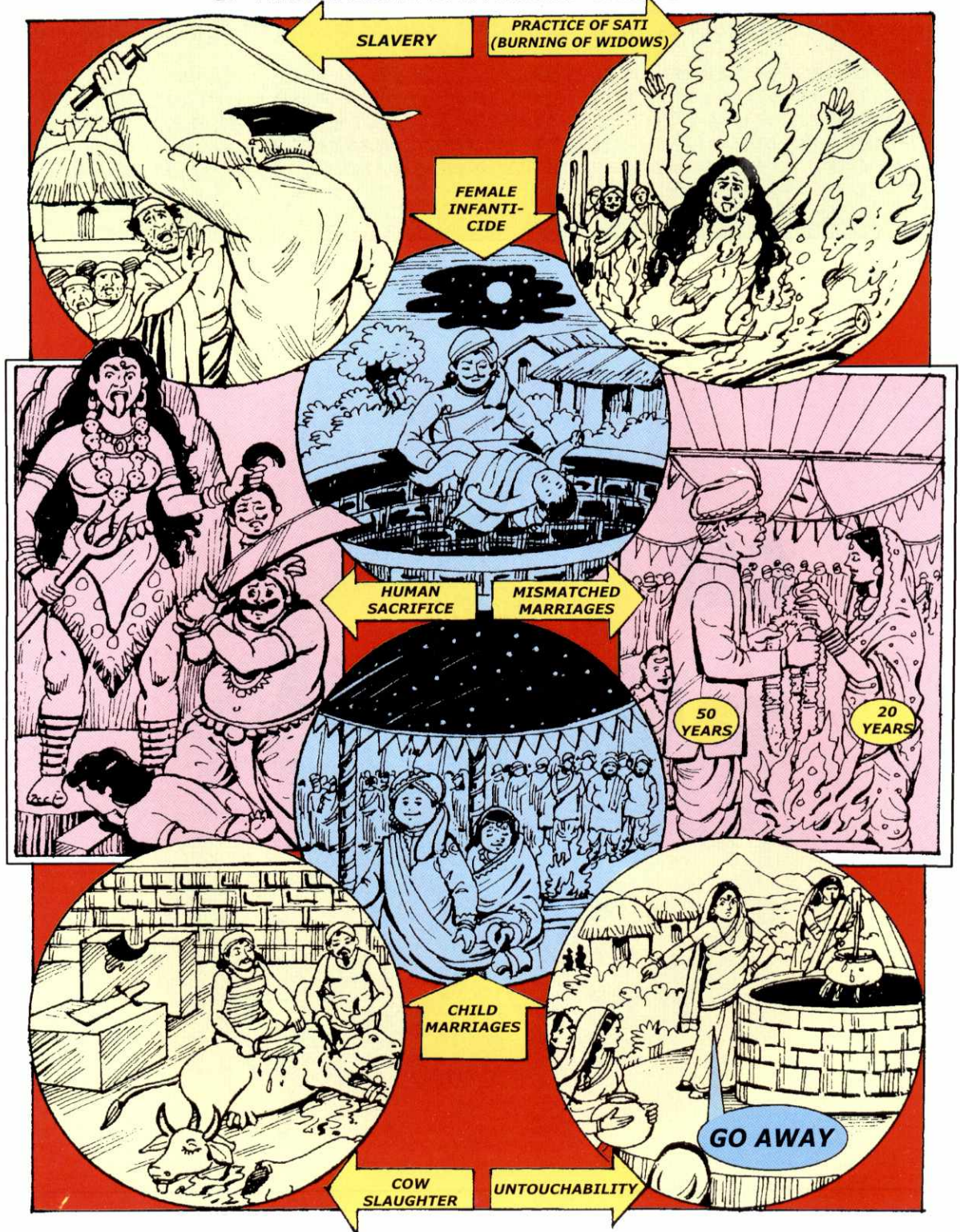
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Homage to Swami Dayanand Saraswati

- ★ "In Dayanand's life we see always the puissant jet of spiritual practicality. A spontaneous power and decisiveness is stamped everywhere on his work."
- Aurobindo Ghosh
- ★ "Swami Dayanand's aim can be fulfilled only by re-absorption of his reforms into Hinduisim as a whole."
- C. Rajagopalachari
- ★ "Among the many rich legacies that Swami Dayanand has left to us, his unequivocal pronouncement against untouchability is undoubtedly one."
- Mahatma Gandhi
- ★ "Dayanand was an Acharya for he was a man of vision, a man who lived his vision."
- Sadhu T. L. Vaswani
- ★ "Dayanand was such a great man as has no equals in India."
- Sir Saiyad Ahmad Khan
(Founder of Aligarh Muslim University)
- ★ "Swami Dayanand was at once one of the makers of modern India and one of India's last Rishis."
- Dr. Radhakumud Mukerjee,
Late Head of the Department of History, Lucknow University
- ★ "In purity of character, in fearlessness of expression, in the acuteness and comprehensiveness of intellect, in devotion to the Vedas and his love for the country he was an outstanding figure of his time."
- Sahibji Maharaj Sri Anandswarup ji
(Late Guru, Radhaswami community, Dayalbagh, Agra)
- ★ When the History of India's growth comes to be written a high rank will be adjudged to the naked fakir- Dayanand Saraswati."
- Sir Jadunath Sarkar, Historian

SITUATION PREVAILING IN INDIA BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF MAHARISHI DAYANAND SARASWATI



GREAT MEN HAVE BEEN MANY BUT MAHARISHI DAYANAND WAS ONE OF HIS KIND. HIS TOWERING PERSONALITY STANDS ABOVE ALL. HE GAVE A NEW DIRECTION TO THE SCHOLARLY PERSONS, NOT ONLY OF INDIA BUT THE ENTIRE WORLD

BIRTH - BORN TO **KARSHAN JI TIWARI** IN **TANKARA** VILLAGE, - MOURVI DISTRICT OF GUJARAT STATE ON 10TH PHAGUN, SAMVAT 1881 CORRESPONDING TO 12TH FEB, 1824. **KARSHAN JI** WAS A WEALTHY ZAMINDAR AND A REVENUE OFFICER. BEING BORN IN 'MOOL' NAKSHATRA. PARENTS NAMED HIM '**MOOL SHANKAR**' WHO IN THE COURSE OF TIME **CAME TO BE KNOWN AS 'DAYANAND SARASWATI'**. HE ENLIGHTENED THE WHOLE WORLD WITH VEDIC KNOWLEDGE.

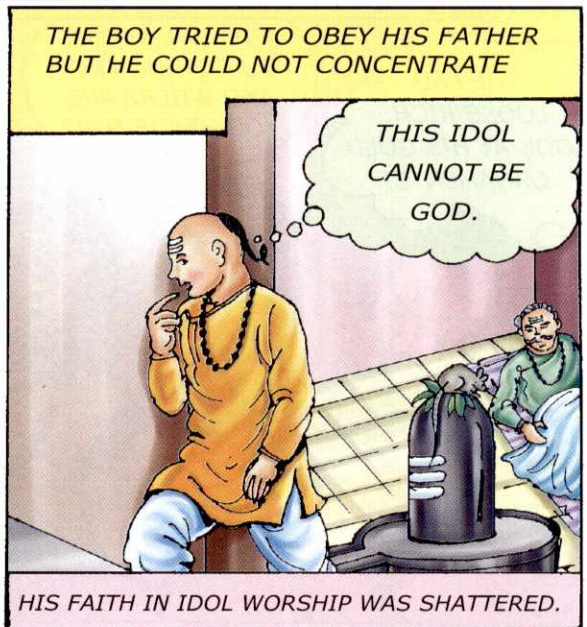
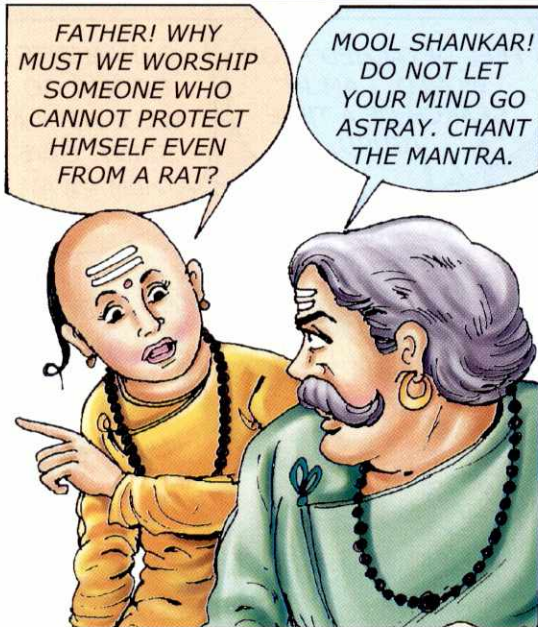


GREAT SOCIAL REFORMER
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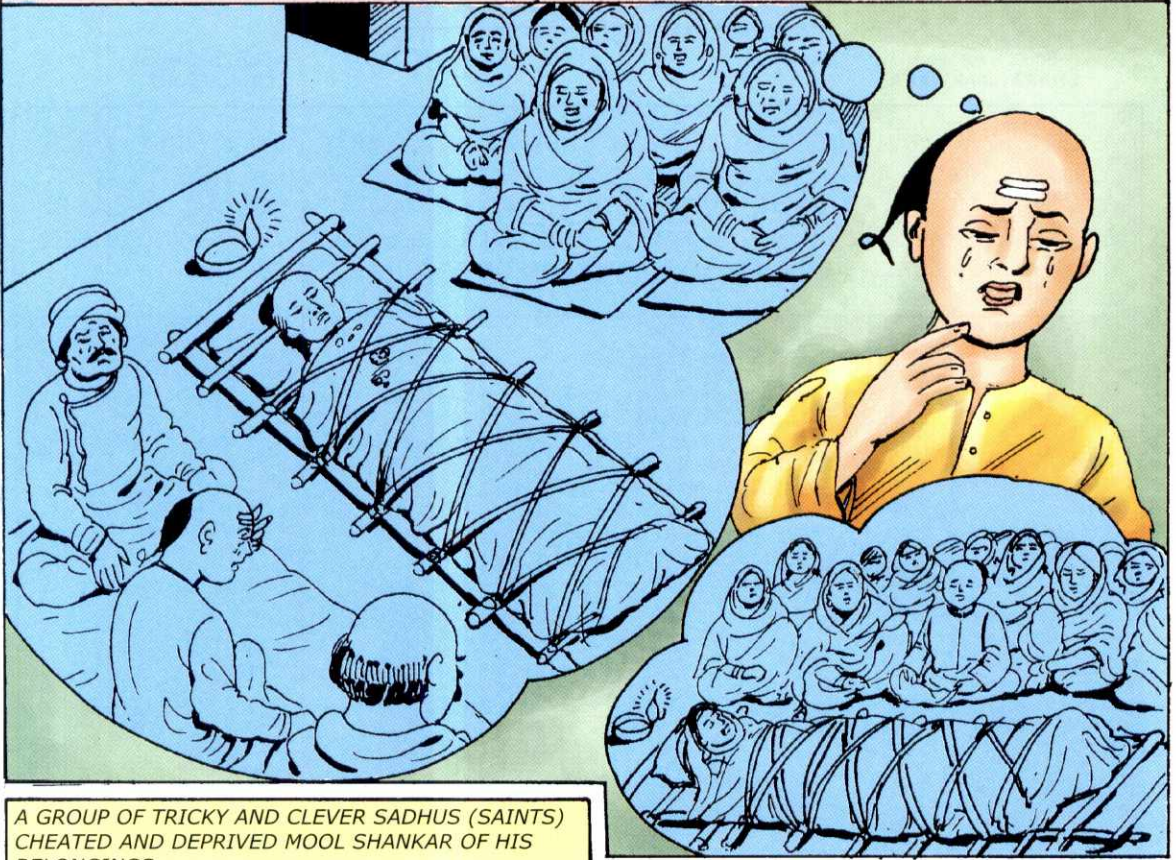
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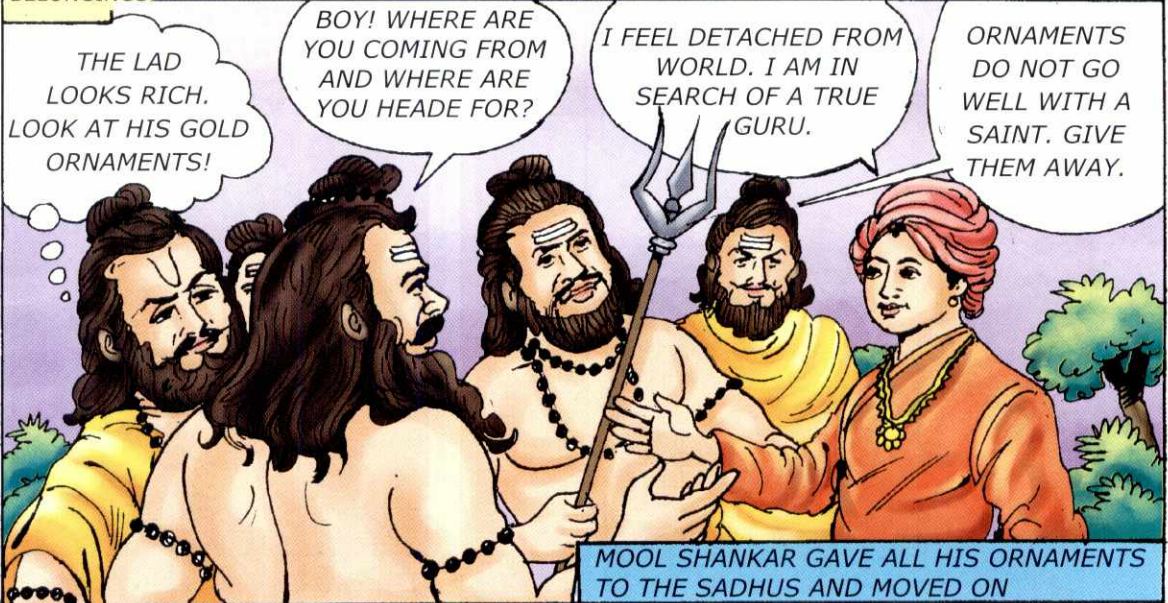
GREAT MEN DRAW INSPIRATION FROM ORDINARY INCIDENTS AND CHANGE THEIR COURSE OF LIFE. A FAST ON THE SHIVRATRI NIGHT WHEN HIS FATHER INSISTED MOOL SHANKAR TO JOIN HIM AT THE SHIVA TEMPLE, BROUGHT ABOUT A SIMILAR CHANGE IN MOOL SHANKAR ALSO. WHAT HE SAW AT THE TEMPLE STUNNED HIM. A RAT CLIMBED ON THE SHIVALINGA AND ENJOYED THE PRASAD OFFERED FOR THE DEITY.



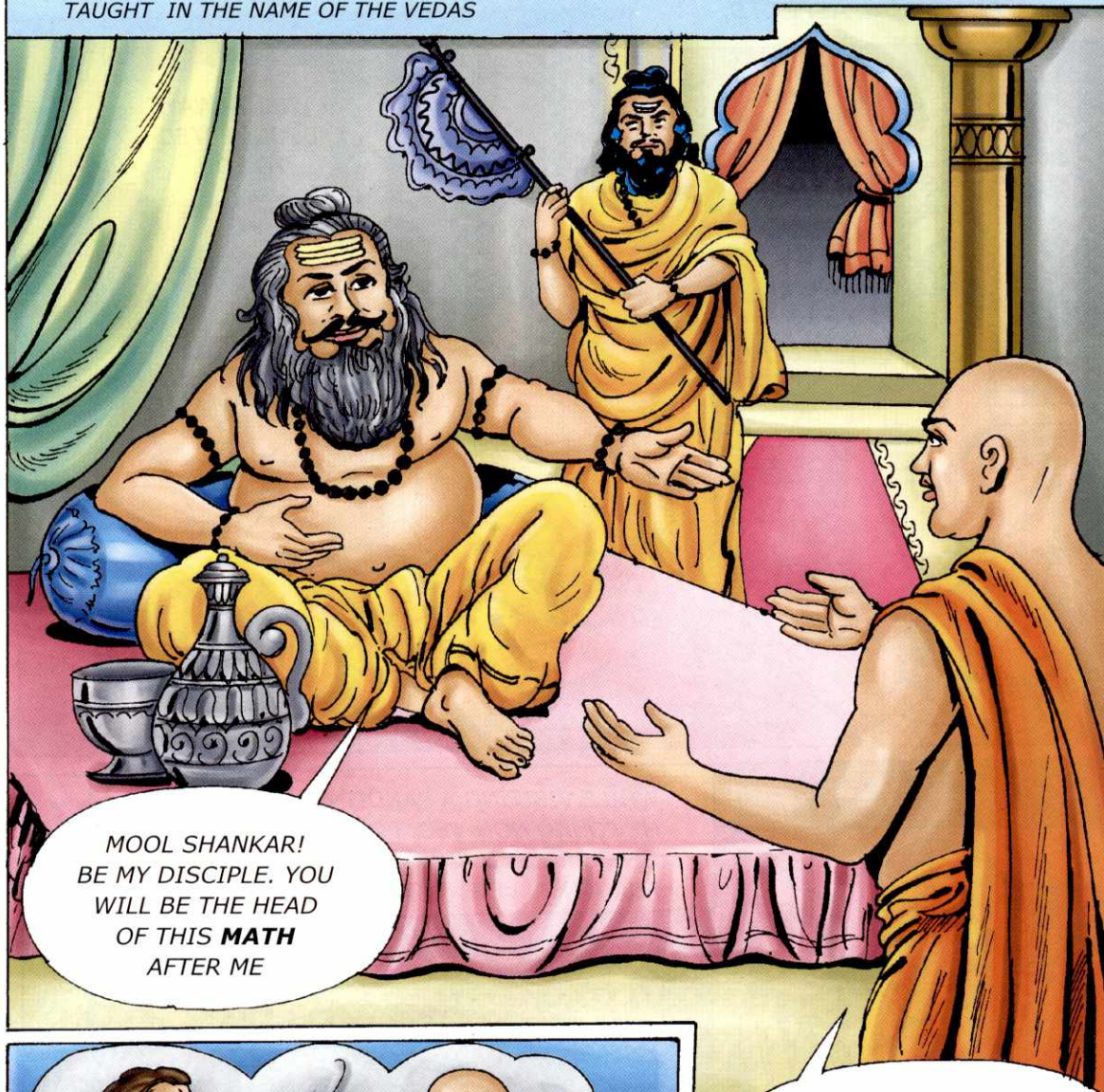
HAVING LOST HIS PATERNAL UNCLE AND LOVING SISTER IN HIS CHILDHOOD. A FEELING OF DETACHMENT AND ALOOFNESS ENGULFED HIS MIND. ONE NIGHT, HE QUIETLY LEFT HIS HOUSE IN SEARCH OF TRUTH.



A GROUP OF TRICKY AND CLEVER SADHUS (SAINTS) CHEATED AND DEPRIVED MOOL SHANKAR OF HIS BELONGINGS -



WANDERING IN SEARCH OF A TRUE GURU, ONE DAY MOOL SHANKAR REACHED "OKHI MATH" (A PLACE OF SPIRITUAL LEARNING). THE HEAD OF THE "MATH" WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE BRILLIANT PERSONALITY OF MOOL SHANKAR. HE WAS GREETED AND TREATED WITH REGARDS. WHILE AT THE MATH, MOOL SHANKAR NOTED THAT ADHARMA WAS BEING SPREAD IN THE NAME OF DHARMA. SOME IRRATIONAL BOOKS WERE BEING TAUGHT IN THE NAME OF THE VEDAS



MOOL SHANKAR!
BE MY DISCIPLE. YOU
WILL BE THE HEAD
OF THIS **MATH**
AFTER ME

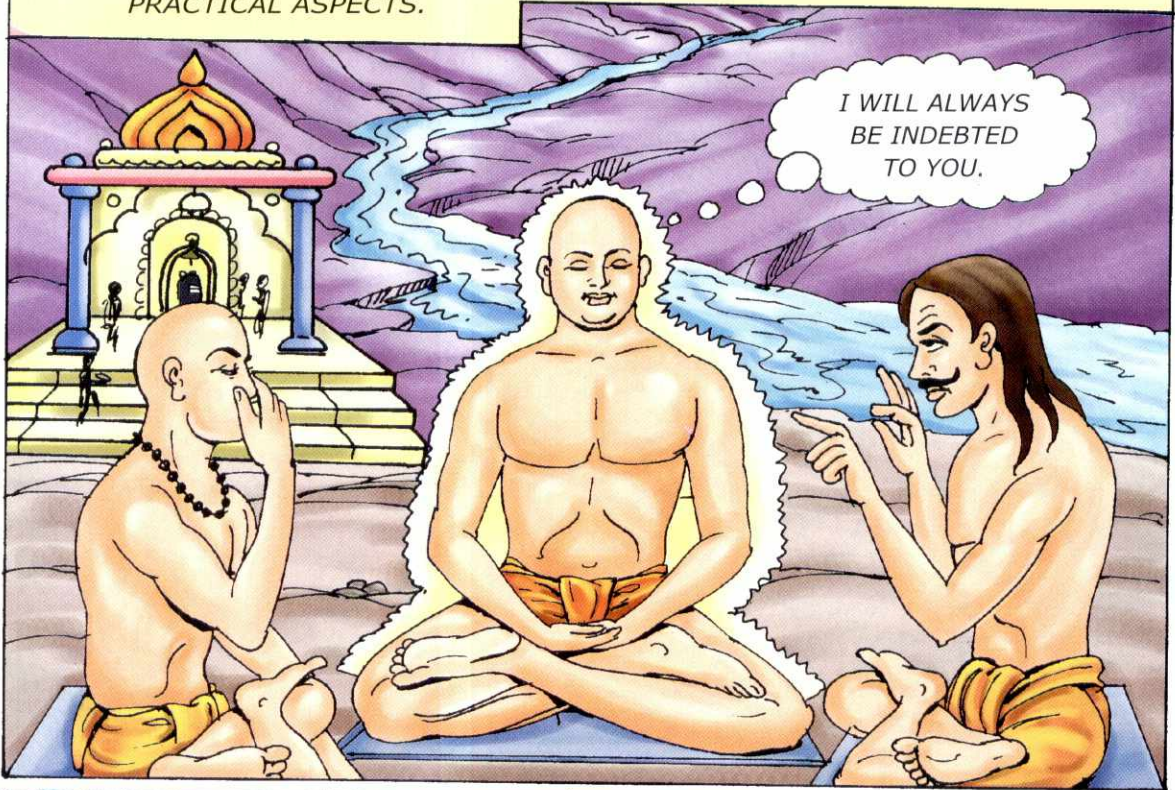
MAHANT JI! THERE IS NO
DEARTH OF WEALTH IN MY
FAMILY, I HAVE MOVED OUT
OF MY HOUSE IN SEARCH
OF TRUTH ONLY.



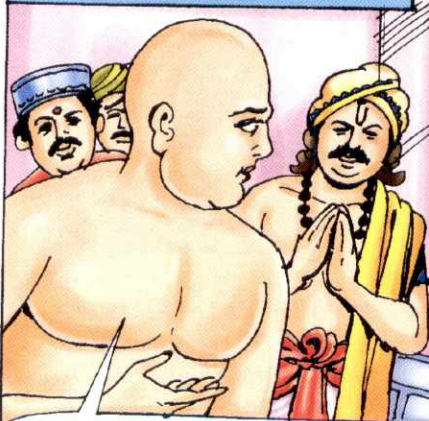
SHUDH CHAITANAYA, AS MOOL SHANKAR WAS KNOWN AT THAT TIME, WAS INDUCTED IN THE ORDER OF SAINTS (SANYASIS) BY SWAMI PURNANAND SARASWATI AND ACQUIRED THE NAME OF **SWAMI DAYANDND SARASWATI**. THEREAFTER FOR TWELVE YEARS HE WANDERED IN SEARCH OF A TRUE 'GURU'.

RAJ YOGA -

IN 1906 VIKRAMI (1849 A. D.). SWAMI JI LEARNT 'PATANJAL YOGA' UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF SWAMI SHIVANAND GIRI AND SWAMI JWALANAND PURI. THE TWO YOGIES TAUGHT HIM NOT ONLY THE PRINCIPLES OF YOGA BUT ALSO ITS ACTUAL PRACTICAL ASPECTS.



OPPOSITION TO NON-VEGETARIANISM-



NON-VEGETARIAN FOOD IS NOT FOR HUMANS. WE SHOULD EAT CEREALS AND FRUITS

WHILE VISITING A PANDIT AT MOUNT ABU HE FOUND NON-VEG. FOOD BEING COOKED. HE EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AND DISLIKE FOR A NON VEG. FOOD.



I BEG YOUR FORGIVENESS

WHEN THE PANDIT REGRETTED, SWAMI JI ATE THE CEREALS AND FRUITS.

THERE IS NO TRUTH IN HATH YOGA

IN 1912 VIKRAMI (1856 A.D.) SWAMI JI STUDIED THE BOOKS ON HATH YOGA. IT DEALS WITH THE INNER CHAKRAS AND THE VEINS OF THE HUMAN BODY. ONE DAY HE GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO

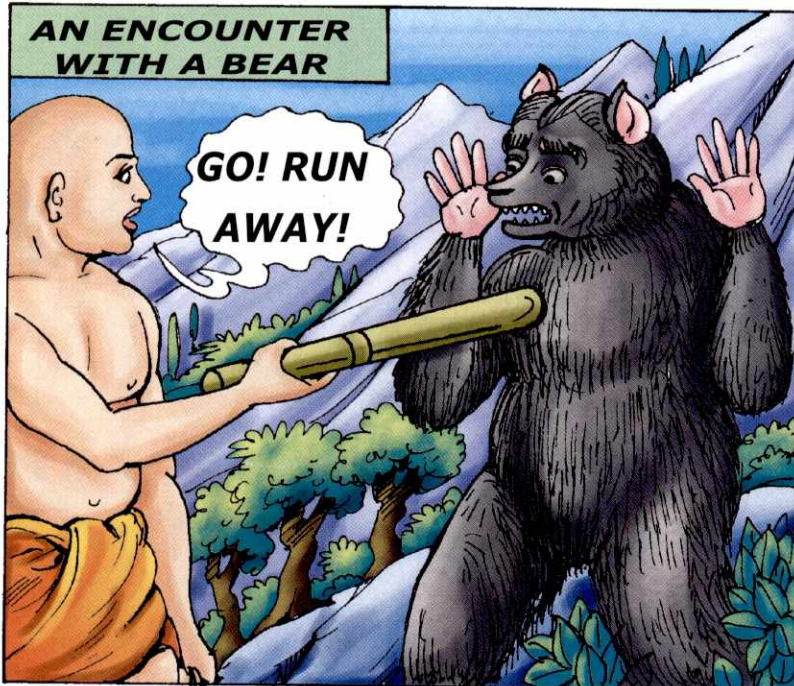
KNOW THE REALITY, BY DISSECTING A DEAD BODY FLOATING IN THE RIVER. HE CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT DESCRIPTIONS IN THE HATH YOGA ARE NOT TRUE. THEREFORE HE DISCARDED THE BOOKS ON HATH YOGA FROM HIS COLLECTION OF BOOKS.



HATH YOGA IS FALSE. WE MUST FOLLOW THE TRUTH AND DISCARD WHAT IS NOT TRUTH.

WE SHOULD DO EVERY THING WITH DUE DILIGENCE

AN ENCOUNTER WITH A BEAR



ONCE SWAMI JI WAS WANDERING IN THE JUNGLES NEAR THE NARMADA (RIVER). A FURIOUS BEAR SUDDENLY JUMPED IN FRONT OF HIM TO ATTACK. BUT THE FEARLESS 'SANYASI' PUT HIS STICK TOWARDS THE WILD BEAST. THE BEAR TIMIDLY FLED AWAY.

HIS LONG SEARCH FOR A TRUE GURU ENDED AT THE AGE OF 36 WHEN HE MET GURU VIRAJANAND.

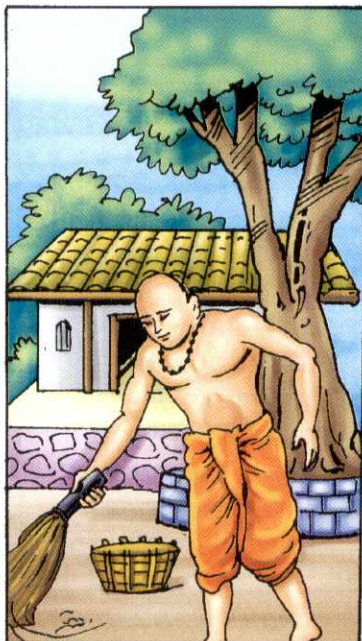
WHO ARE YOU?

THAT IS WHAT I HAVE COME HERE TO KNOW. WHO AM I?

I AM IN SEARCH OF TRUTH. I HAVE STUDIED THE VEDANTA AND THE YOGA AND I HAVE STUDIED THE "SARASWAT-GRANTHA" TO LEARN SANSKRIT GRAMMAR. BUT STILL I HAVE NOT FOUND PEACE.

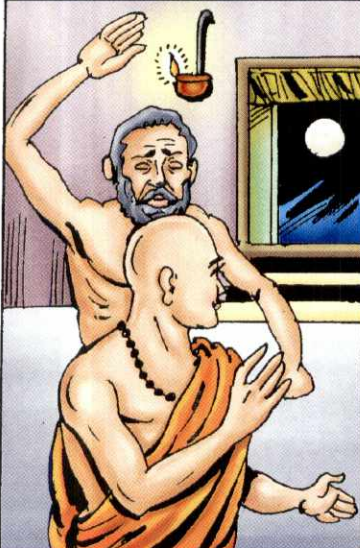
THROW THESE BOOKS IN THE RIVER YAMUNA AND COME TO ME.

DAYANAND THREW AWAY THESE BOOKS IN THE YAMUNA WITHOUT ANY HESITATION .



WHILE BROOMING ONE DAY SOME SWEEPINGS COULD NOT BE REMOVED AND GURUJI STEPPED OVER THAT RUBBISH

GURUJI GOT ANNOYED AND STARTING BEATING HIM



HE TOOK HIS GURU'S BEATING WITHOUT ANY GRUDGE

DAYANAND TOTALLY SURRENDERED AT THE FEET OF HIS GURU AND SAID.....

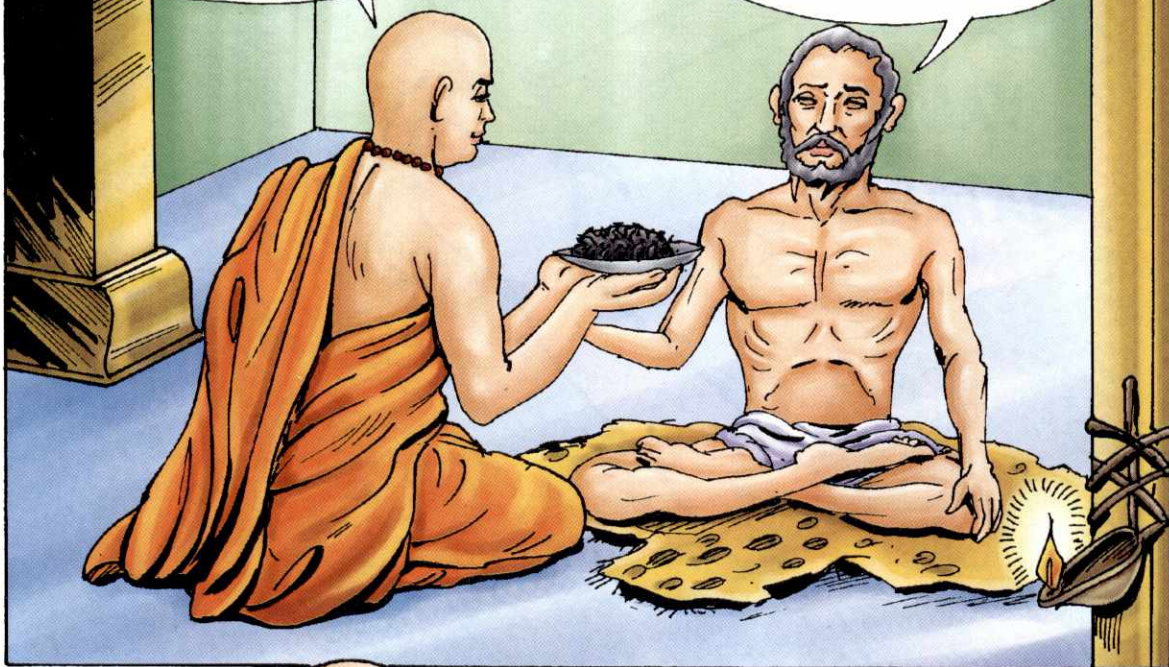


GURU JI PARDON ME FOR THE PAIN YOU SUFFERED BY BEATING ME.

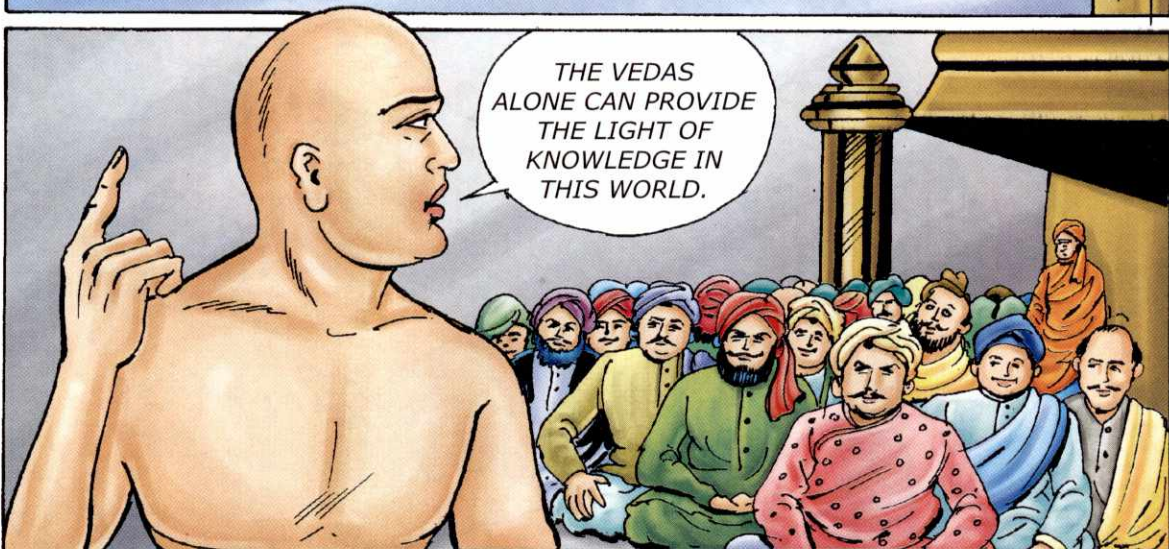
THERE WAS A TRADITION OF OFFERING GURU DAKSHINA (THANKS AND SOME MATERIAL THINGS) TO THE GURU IN GRATITUDE FOR THE KNOWLEDGE GAINED. DAYANAND HAD ONLY SOME CLOVES GIVEN BY A MERCHANT.

GURUDEV! I JUST HAVE A SMALL QUANTITY OF THESE CLOVES TO OFFER TO YOU AS GURU DAKSHINA. KINDLY ACCEPT THESE.

DAYANAND! SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF THE VEDAS IN THIS WORLD FULL OF SORROWS. FREE THIS COUNTRY FROM THE BONDAGES OF FOREIGN RULE. THIS IS WHAT I WANT AS 'GURU DAKSHINA'.



THE VEDAS ALONE CAN PROVIDE THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE IN THIS WORLD.



HAVING HEARD THE GURU'S PRONOUNCEMENT, DAYANAND WENT OUT TO SPREAD THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.

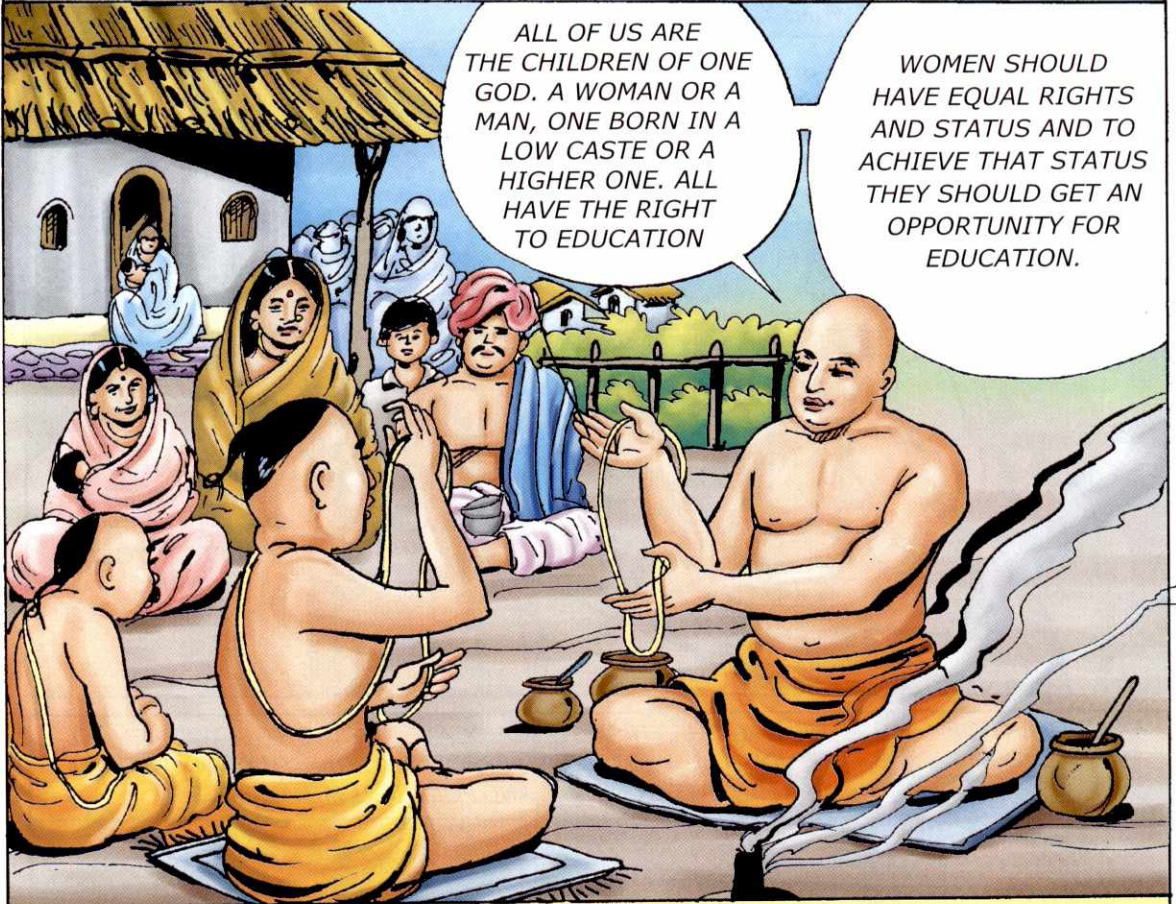
1857 : UNIFICATION OF VARIOUS SECTS

INDIA'S FIRST STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE WAS NOT ONLY AN ALL ENCOMPASSING EFFORT BUT WAS ALSO A MARVELOUS CONFLUENCE OF RELIGIONS / SECTS LIKE THE SANATANS, THE SIKHS AND THE MUSLIMS.



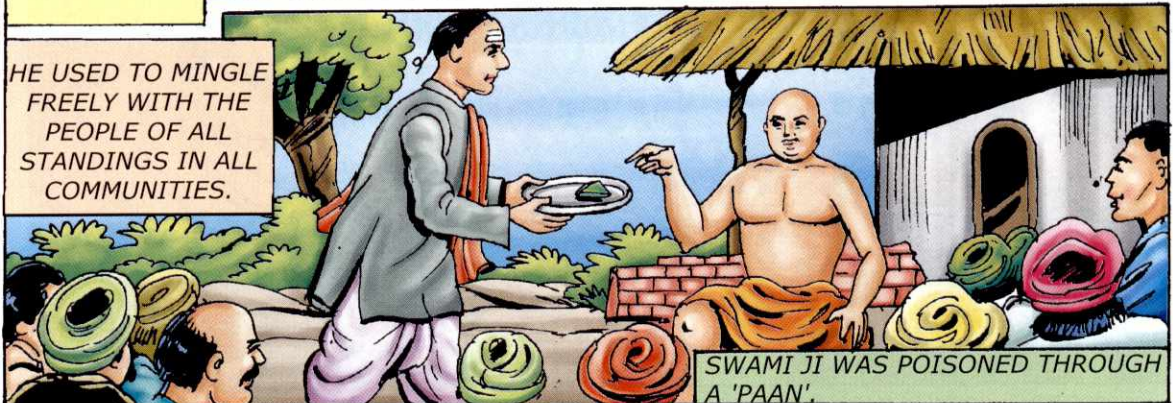
ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE EQUAL

THE TRIBALS, THE WOMEN AND THE UNTOUCHABLES. WERE ALL ENCOURAGED TO WEAR THE 'YAGYOPAVEET' (THE HOLY THREAD) BY DAYANAND



HE WORKED FOR SOCIAL REFORMS AT ALL LEVELS AND IN ALL COMMUNITIES. INSPIRED BY HIM, THE TRIBAL LEADER 'VIRSA MUNDA' AND 'GURU' GOVIND ALSO TOOK TO SOCIAL REFORMS.

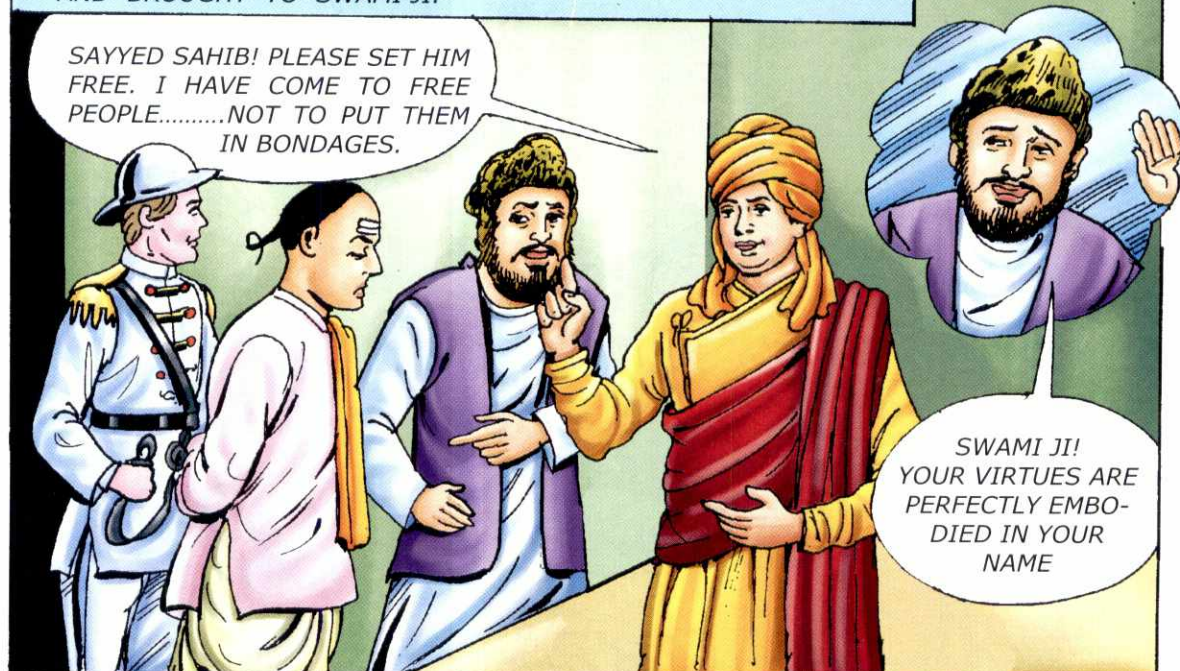
HE USED TO MINGLE FREELY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ALL STANDINGS IN ALL COMMUNITIES.



*'GURU GOVIND' DOES NOT REFER TO SIKH GURU GOVIND SINGH JI.

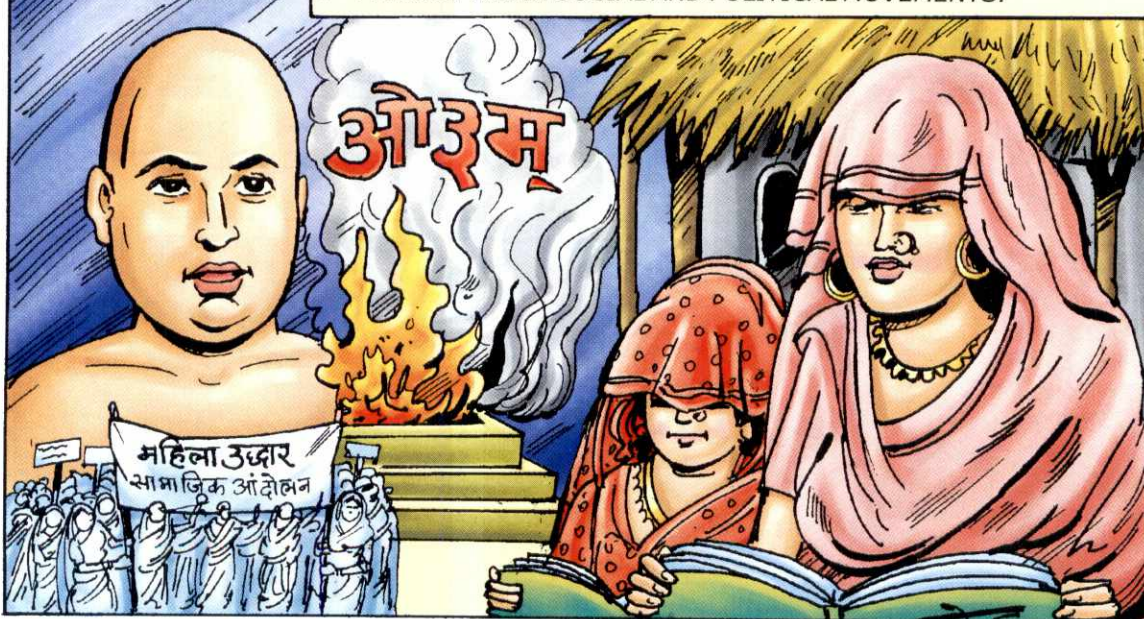
I HAVE NOT COME TO PUT THE PEOPLE IN BONDAGES.

THE CULPRIT WHO CAME WITH THE INTENTION TO KILL SWAMI DAYANAND BY WRAPPING POISON IN 'PAAN' WAS ARRESTED BY THE 'TEHSILDAR' OF THE TOWN AND BROUGHT TO SWAMI JI.



UPLIFTMENT OF WOMANHOOD -

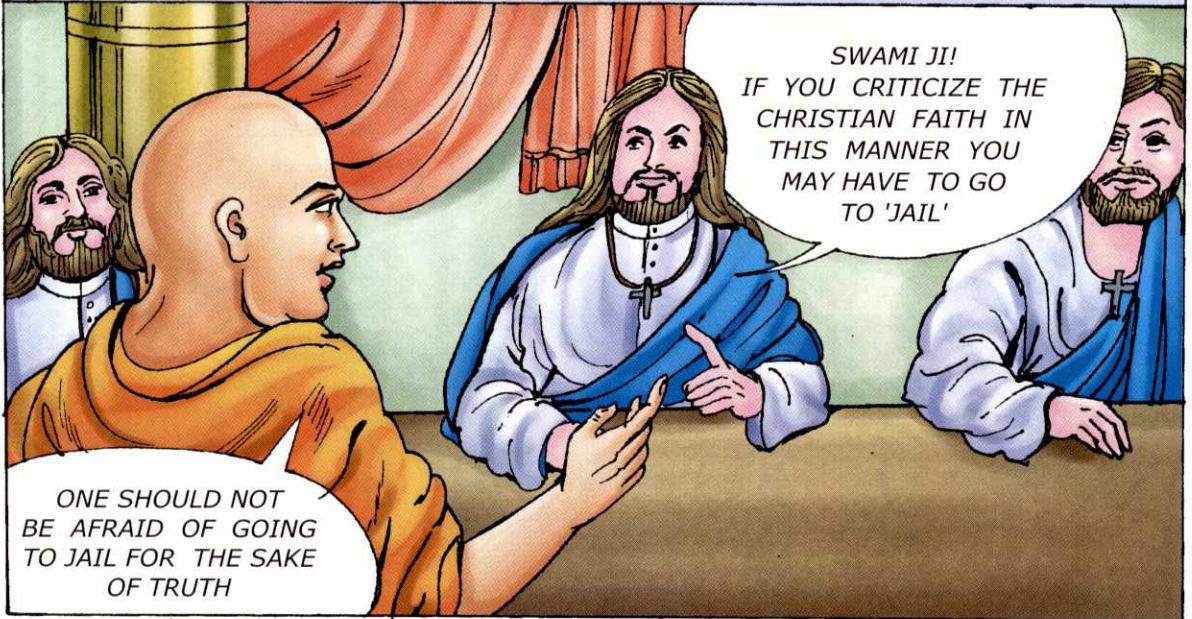
HE WAS THE FIRST TO ADVOCATE THE RIGHT OF WOMEN TO STUDY THE VEDAS. TO PERFORM YAJNAS (HAVAN) AND TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS.



SUPPORTING WIDOW REMARRIAGE HE BROUGHT NEW LIFE TO THOUSANDS OF WOMEN. ENCOURAGED OPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION.

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE CHRISTIAN PRIESTS

THE CITY OF AJMER BEING UNDER THE BRITISH RULE HAD BECOME A CENTER FOR THE CHRISTIAN PREACHERS (PROMOTERS). SWAMI JI HAD A RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION WITH THE PRIEST 'SCHEULBRED'.

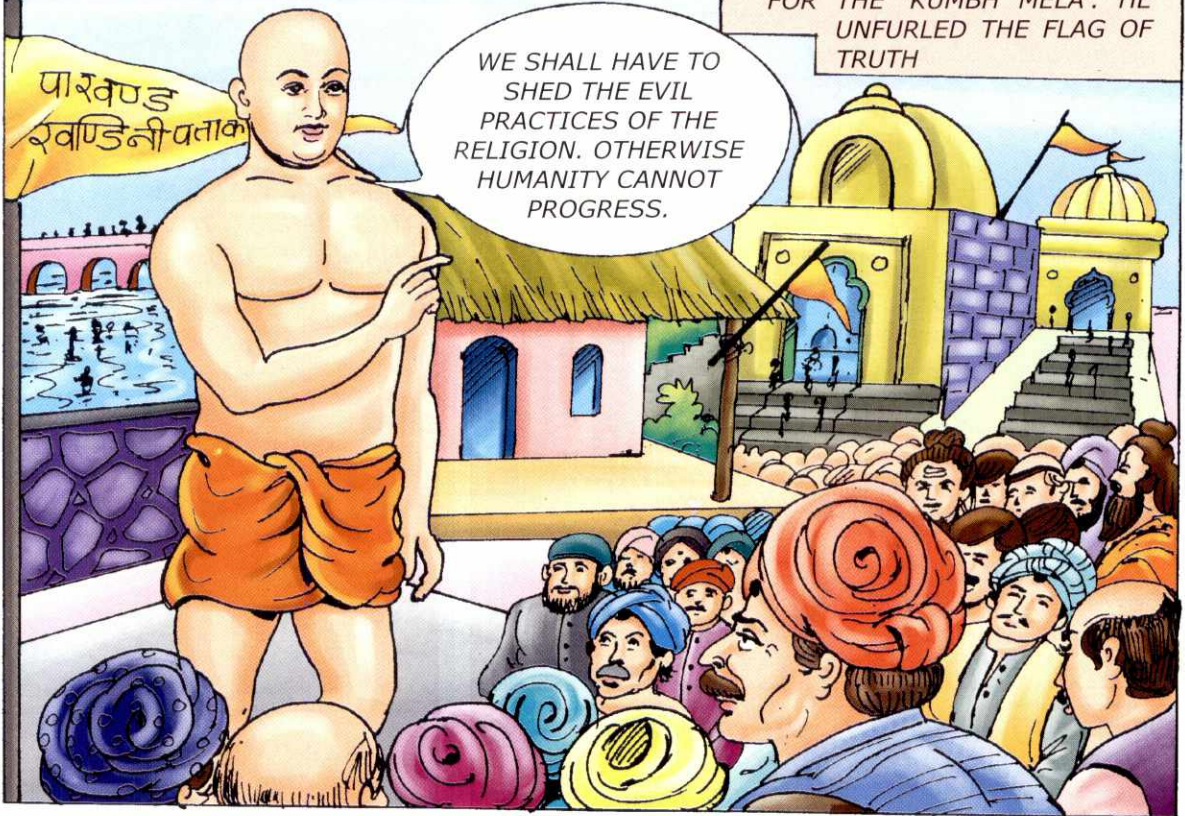


MEETING WITH COL. BROOK FOR BANNING COW SLAUGHTER.



**SUCCESSFULLY SPREAD THE MESSAGE
IN HARIDWAR**

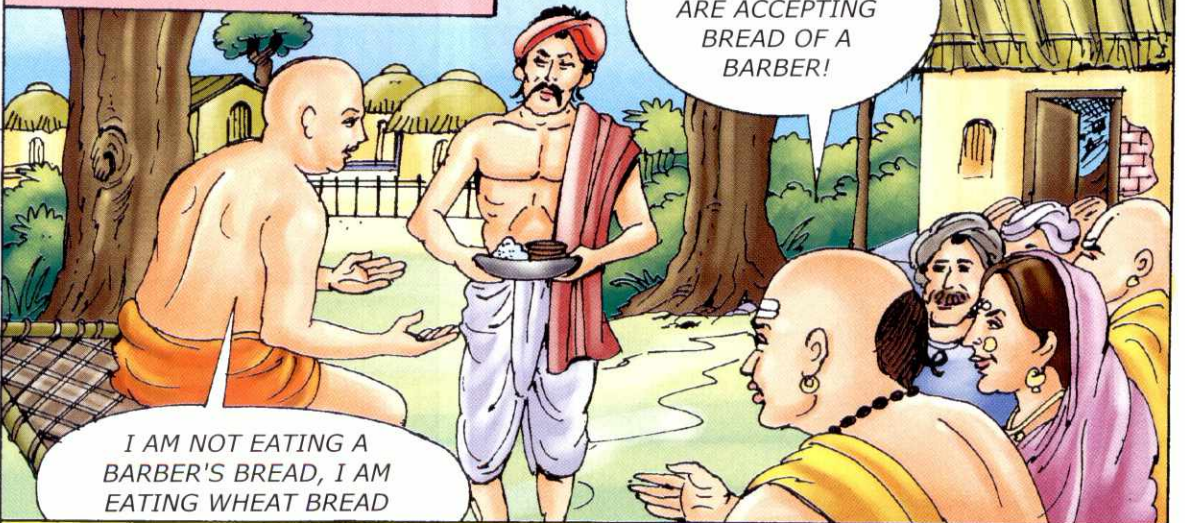
SWAMI JI CAME TO HARIDWAR
FOR THE 'KUMBH MELA'. HE
UNFURLED THE FLAG OF
TRUTH



**UNTOUCHABILITY - AN
UNDESIRABLE PRACTICE**

SWAMI JI! YOU
ARE ACCEPTING
BREAD OF A
BARBER!

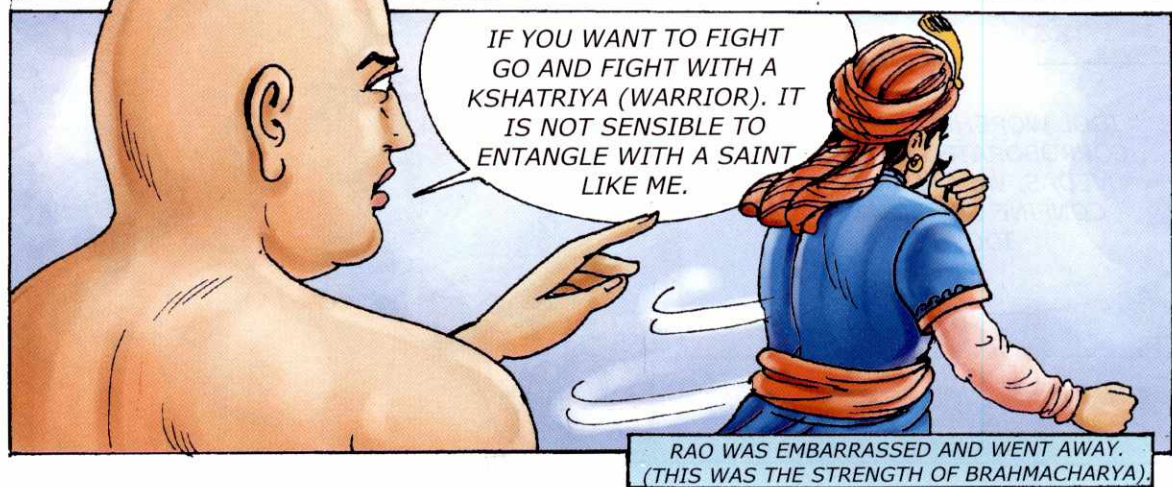
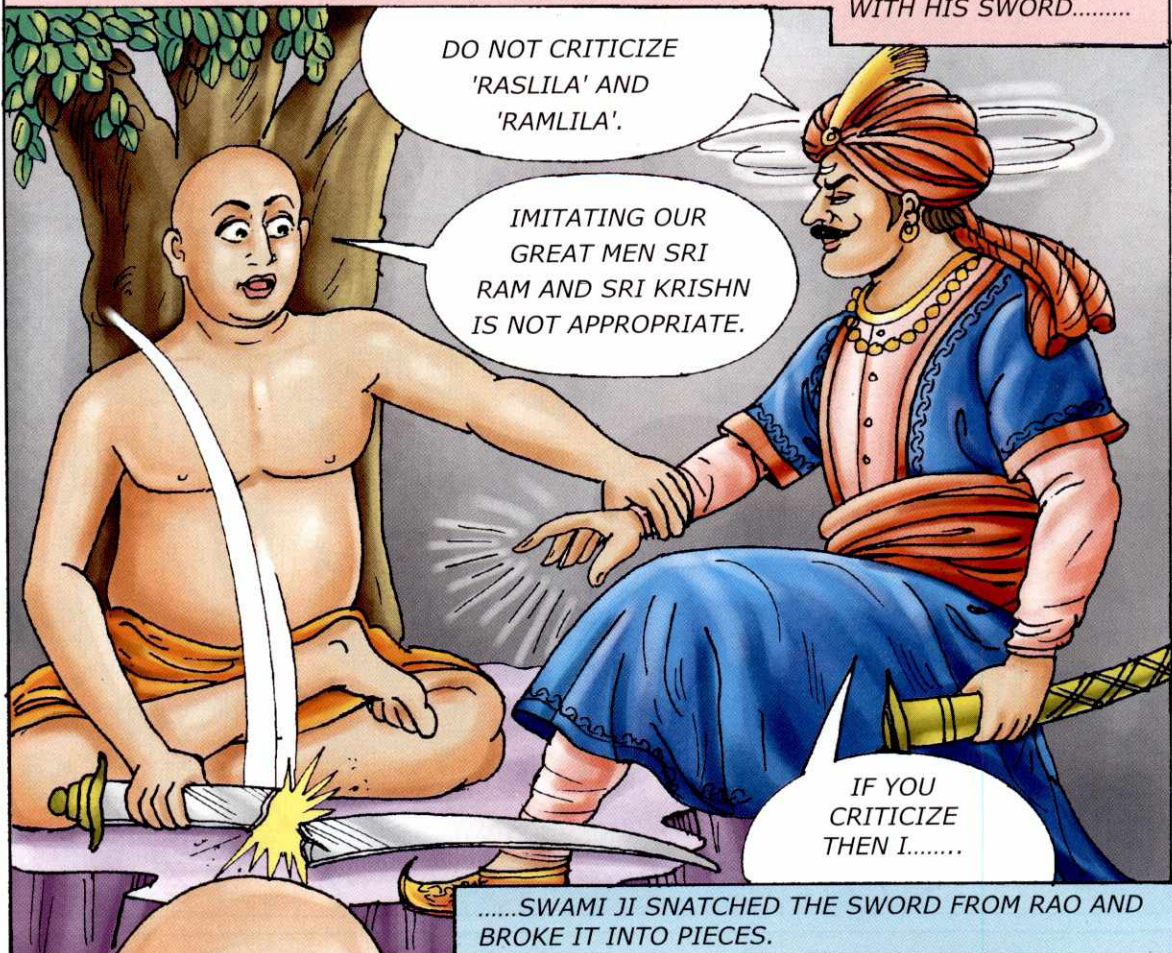
I AM NOT EATING A
BARBER'S BREAD, I AM
EATING WHEAT BREAD



RESPECTING THE SENTIMENTS OF THE BARBER, SWAMI JI THEN CONTENTEDLY ATE THE MEAL OFFERED BY THE BARBER

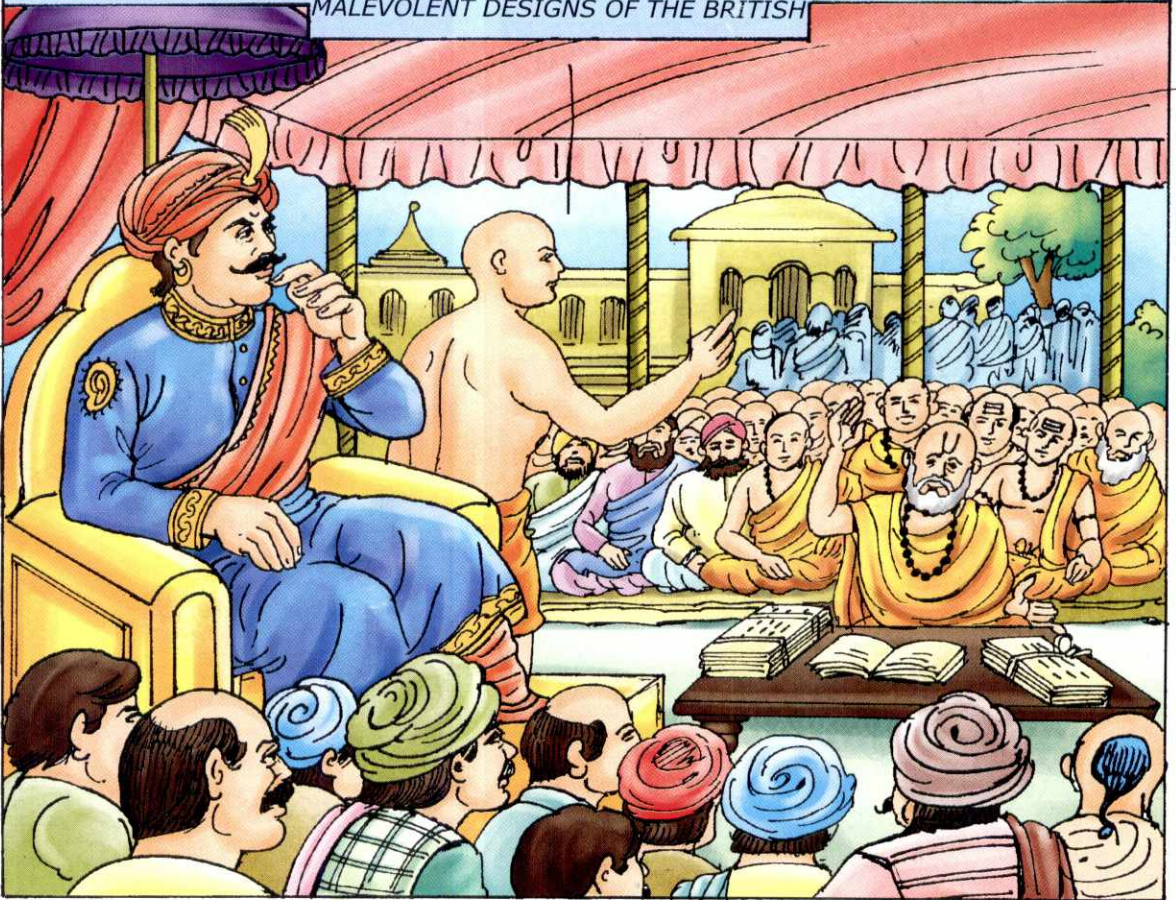
EGO OF RAO KARAN SINGH SHATTERED -

RAO KARAN SINGH COULD NOT TOLERATE THE CRITICISM OF 'RASLILA' BY SWAMI JI AND STARTED USING RUDE WORDS. SWAMI JI LISTENED TO HIM FOR SOMETIME. WHEN KARAN SINGH THREATENED SWAMI JI WITH HIS SWORD.....



TIRADE AGAINST SOCIAL EVILS -

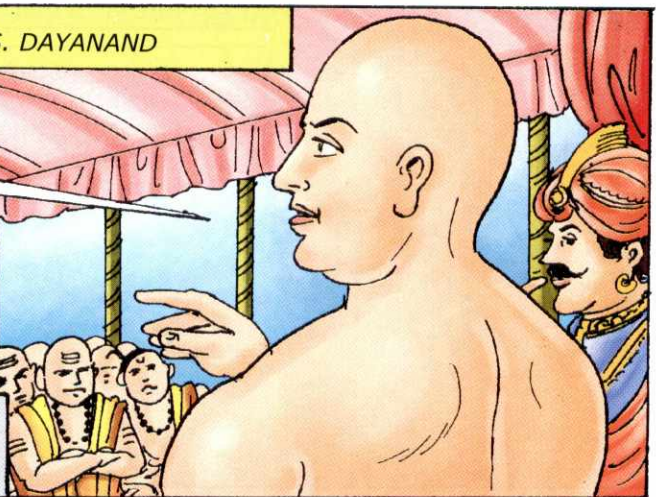
TRAVELING ABROAD, OFFERINGS FOR DEAD (SHRAADH), PRACTICE OF DOWRY, RELIGIOUS SANCTIONS AGAINST WOMEN AND UNTOUCHABLES WERE STIGMAS ON THE HINDU SOCIETY. AFTER **DEBATES** WITH WICKED PRIESTS DAYANAND SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF VEDAS AND DEFEATED THE MALEVOLENT DESIGNS OF THE BRITISH



TWENTY ONE INTELLECTUALS VS. DAYANAND ALONE.

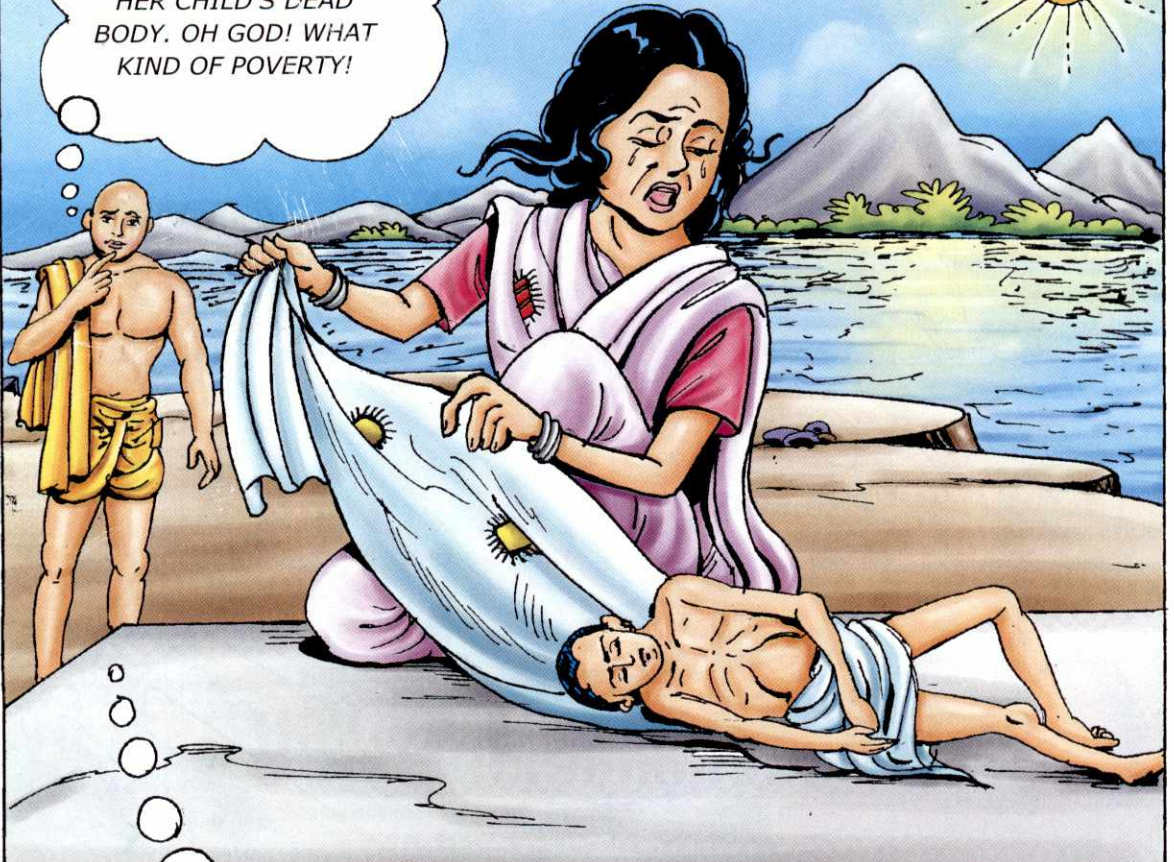
IDOL WORSHIP IS NOT CORROBORATED BY THE VEDAS. WE CAN NOT CONFINE GOD IN AN IDOL.

AFTER PROLONGED DELIBERATIONS HIS OPPONENTS WERE SILENCED.



SWAMI DAYANAND COULD NOT BEAR THE CONDITION OF HIS POVERTY RIDDEN COUNTRY.

A MOTHER IN
MY COUNTRY IS TAKING
AWAY EVEN THE RAG OF
HER CHILD'S DEAD
BODY. OH GOD! WHAT
KIND OF POVERTY!

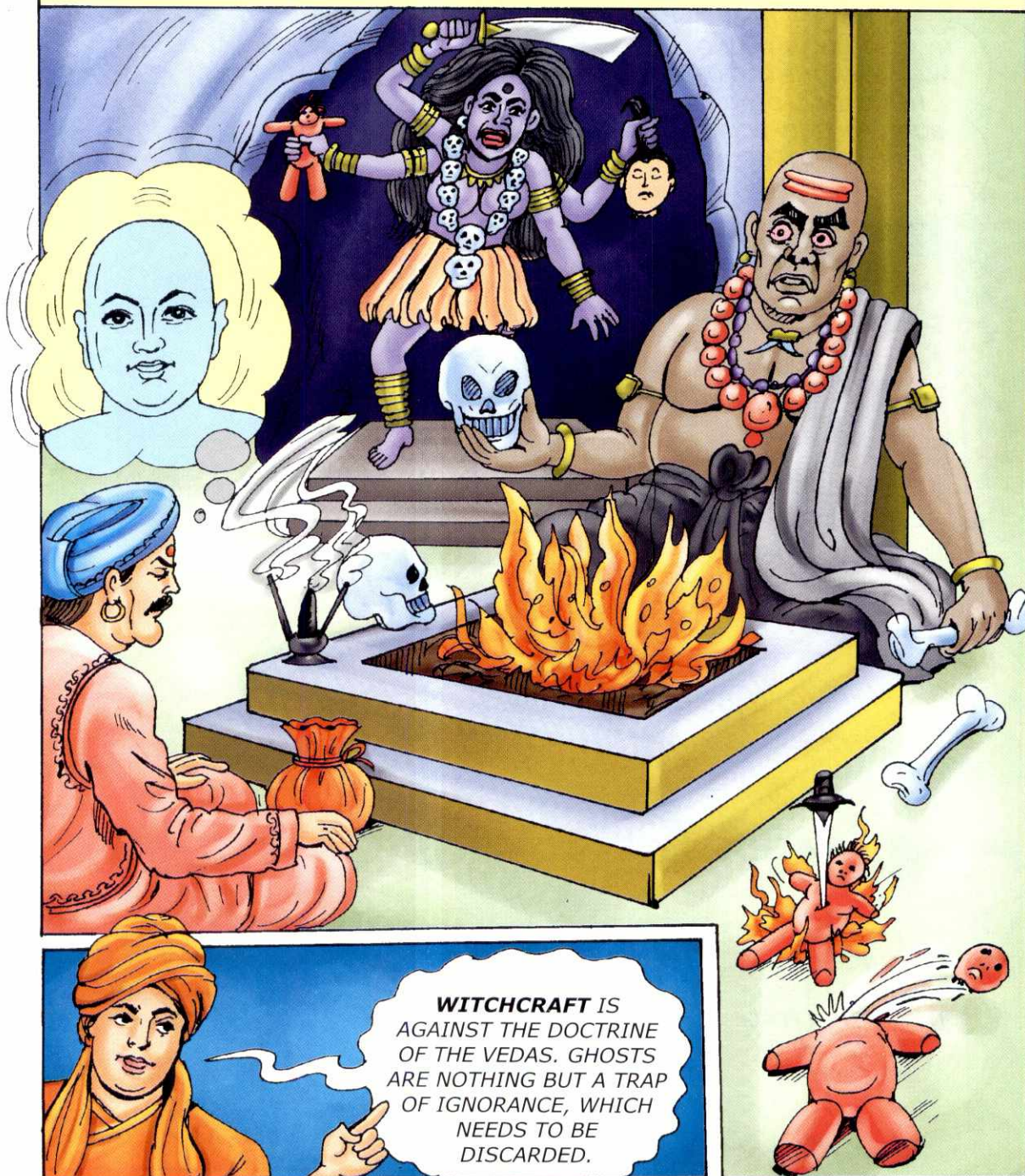


NO! GOD
CAN'T BE SO
UNJUST. I SHALL
NOT REST IN PEACE
UNLESS I FIND
THE TRUTH.

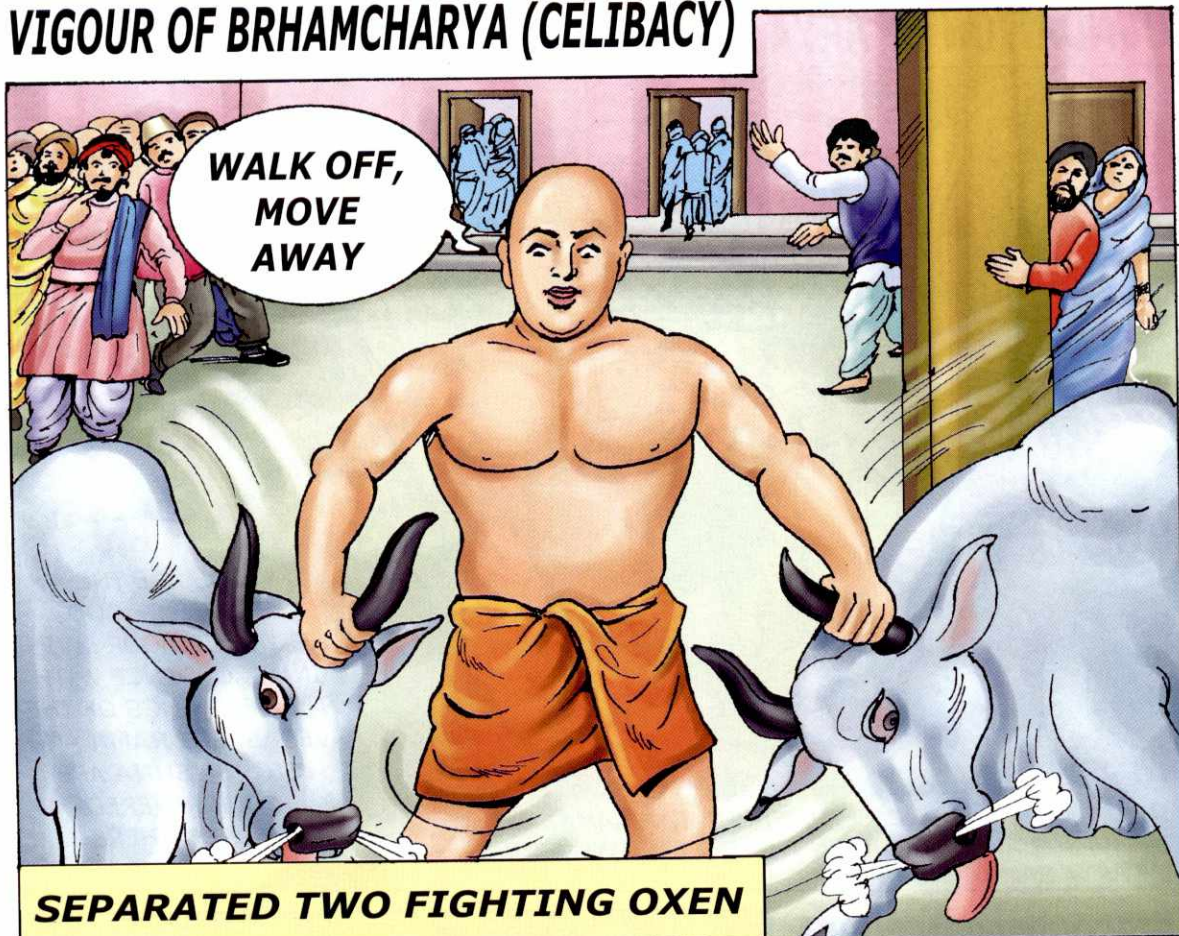
SWAMI JI WAS DISTURBED AND AGONIZED
OVER THE POVERTY AND THE TORTURES OF
THE BRITISH. THE COUNTRY WAS UNDER
FOREIGN RULE.

OPPOSITION TO THE ANTICS OF (TANTRIKS)

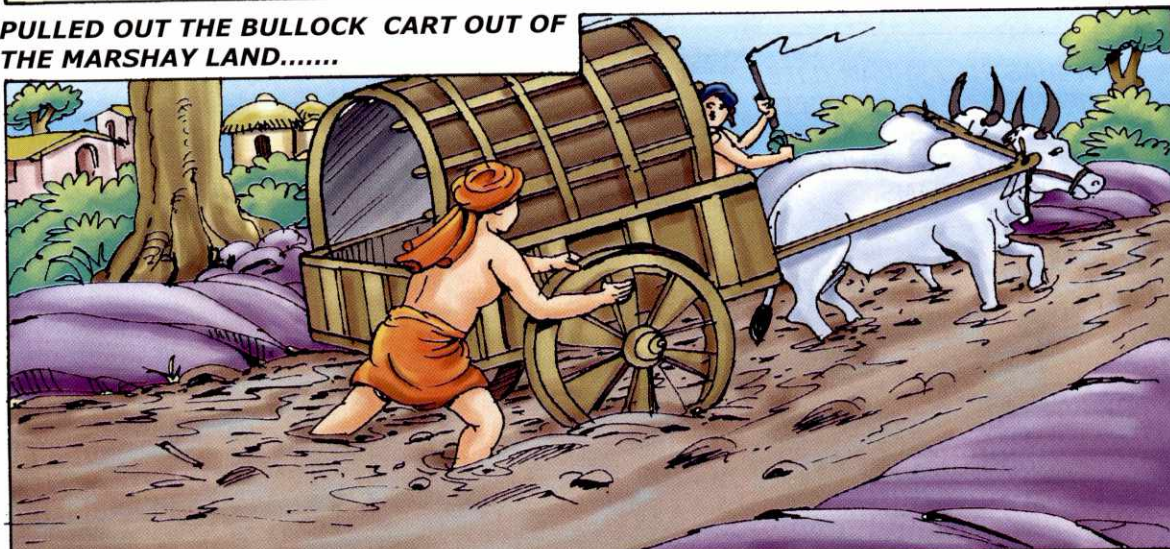
DAYANAND WAS THE FIRST IN THE RELIGIOUS HISTORY OF INDIA TO STRONGLY CONDEMN THE **WITCHCRAFT** (TANTRA) BASED '**VAAM MARG**' AND THIS STREAM OF THOUGHT.



VIGOUR OF BRHAMCHARYA (CELIBACY)

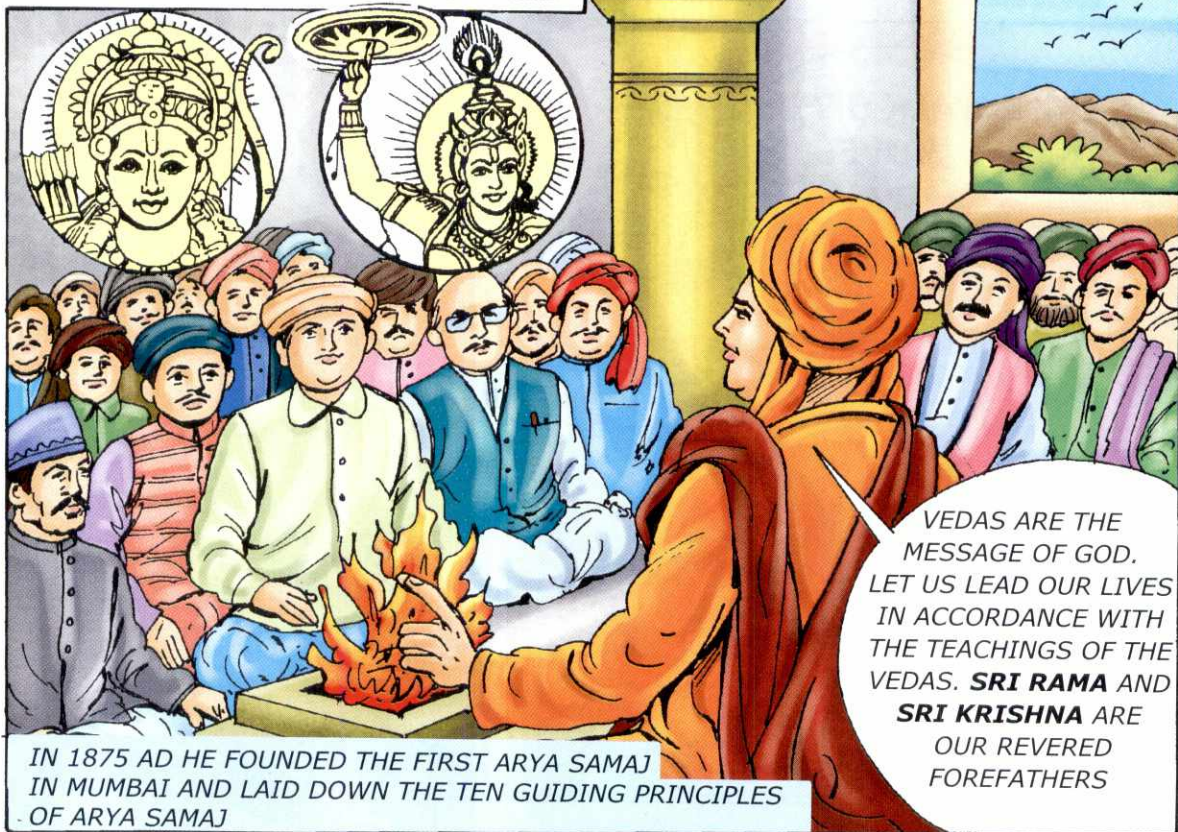


PULLED OUT THE BULLOCK CART OUT OF THE MARSHY LAND.....

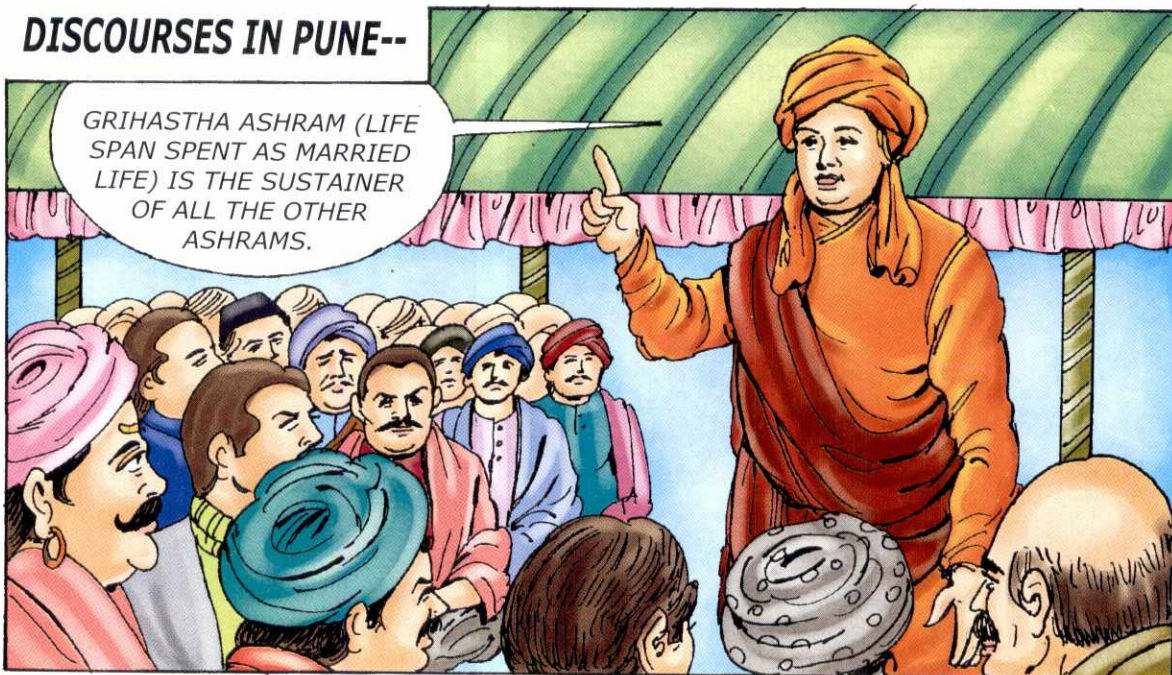


HE PULLED A BULLOCK - CART OUT OF THE MARSHY LAND BY DINT OF HIS STRENGTH OF BRHAMCHARYA (CELIBACY)

FOUNDATION OF ARYA SAMAJ



DISCOURSES IN PUNE--

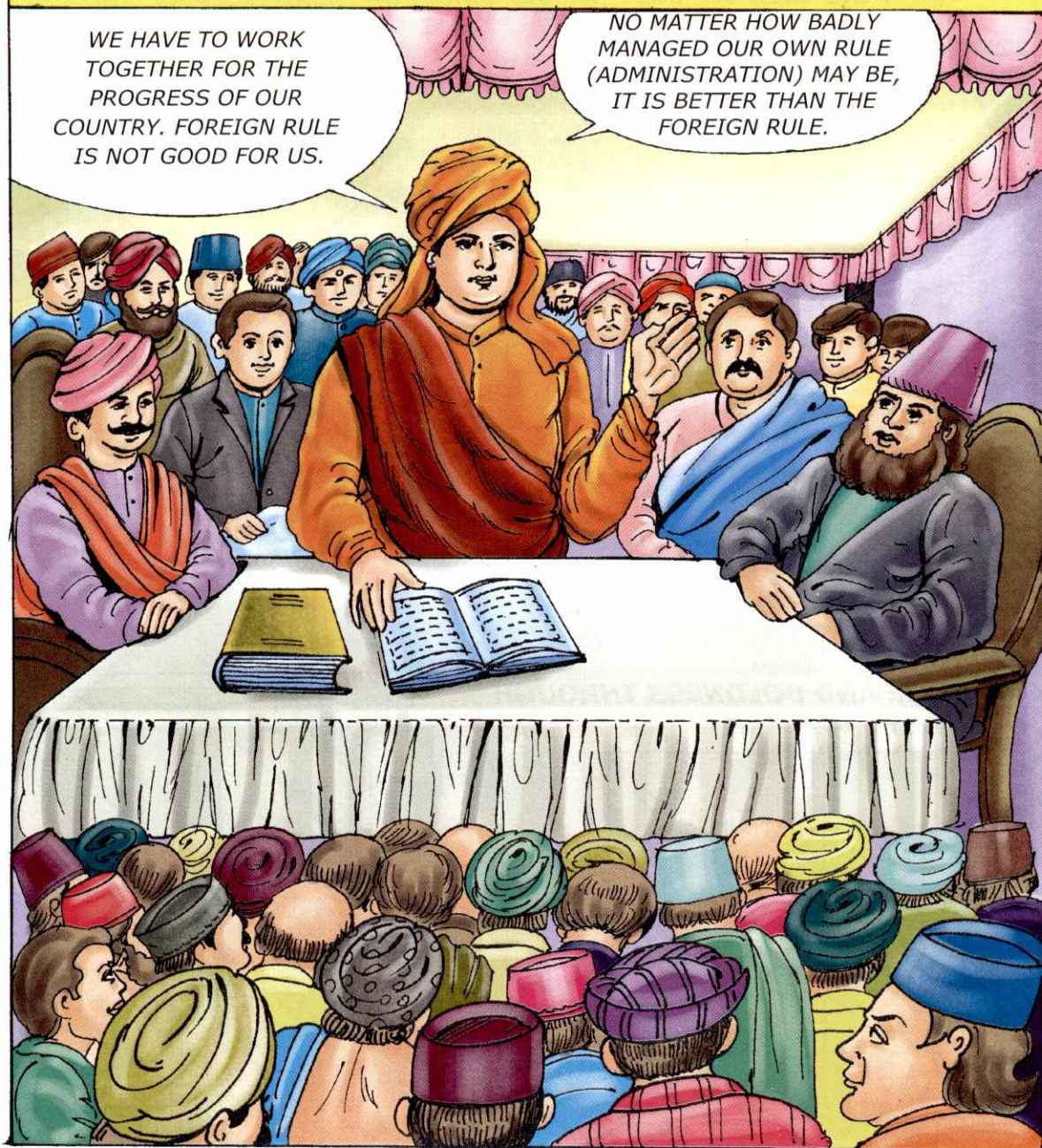


EXPOUNDED THE CAUSE OF NATIONAL WELLBEING IN DELHI DURBAR :

SWAMI JI CALLED A CONFERENCE OF IMPORTANT PERSONS FROM VARIOUS WALKS OF LIFE LIKE **KESHAV CHANDRA SEN** THE FOUNDER OF BRAHMA SAMAJ, **BABU NAVEEN CHANDRA RAI**, REFORMIST MUSLIM LEADER **SIR SAYYED AHMED KHAN**, **BABU HARISH CHANDRA CHINTAMANI**, **KANHAIYA LAL ALKHDHARI** AND **MUNSHI INDRA MANI** ETC. FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN DELHI.

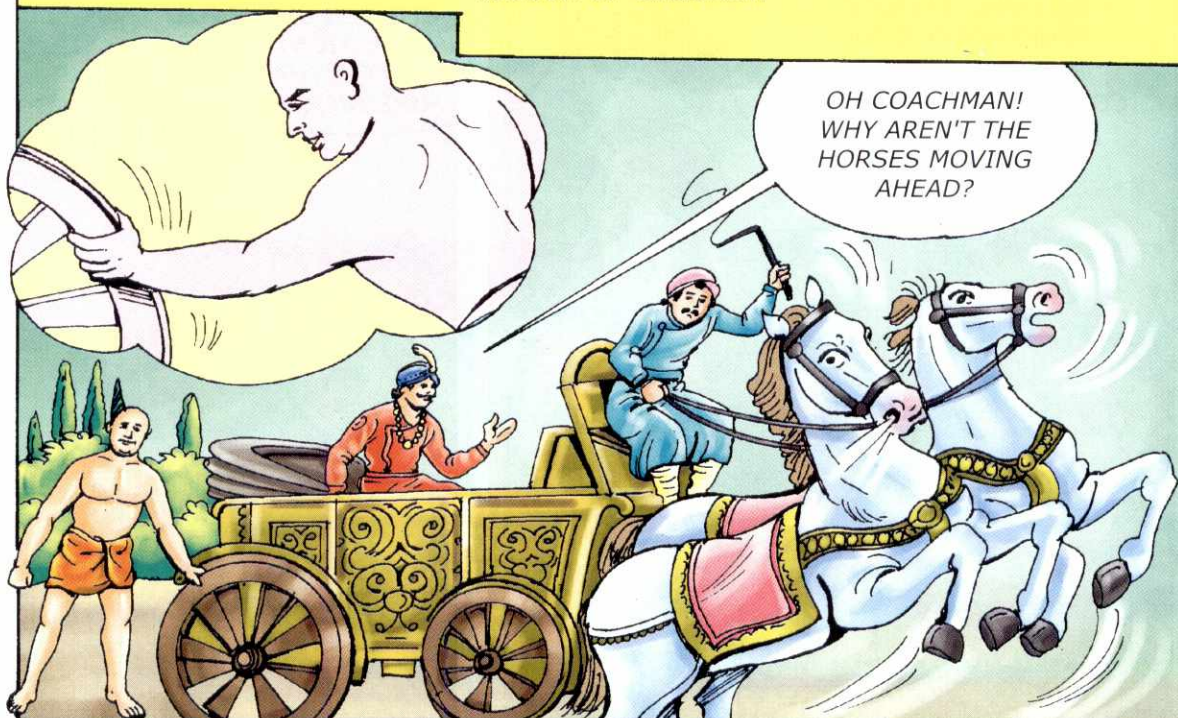
WE HAVE TO WORK
TOGETHER FOR THE
PROGRESS OF OUR
COUNTRY. FOREIGN RULE
IS NOT GOOD FOR US.

NO MATTER HOW BADLY
MANAGED OUR OWN RULE
(ADMINISTRATION) MAY BE,
IT IS BETTER THAN THE
FOREIGN RULE.

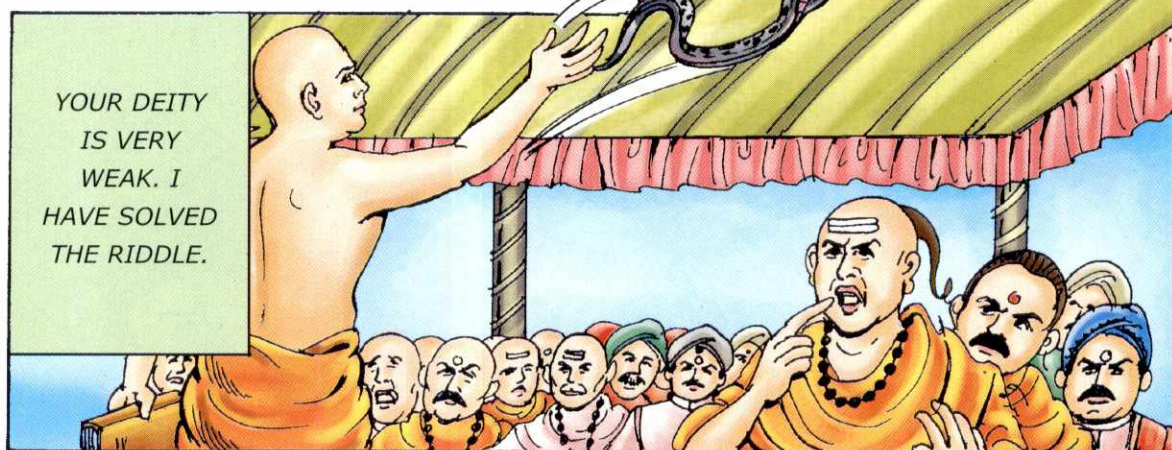


DEMONSTRATION OF THE STRENGTH OF BRHAMCHARYA (CELIBACY)

SARDAR VIKRAM SINGH OF JALANDHAR ASKED SWAMI JI TO PROVE THE UNIQUE STRENGTH OF BRAHMACHARYA. SWAMI JI KEPT QUIET AT THAT TIME. BUT IN THE EVENING WHEN SARDAR VIKRAM SINGH WAS SEATED IN HIS CARRIAGE TO MOVE AROUND, SWAMI JI HELD ONE OF THE WHEELS OF THE CARRIAGE WITH HIS HAND. THE CARRIAGE COULD NOT MOVE EVEN AN INCH. VIKRAM SINGH WAS CONVINCED OF THE VIGOUR OF CELIBACY.



COURAGE AND BOLDNESS THROUGH CELIBACY -



REFORMED THE MISGUIDED ONES-

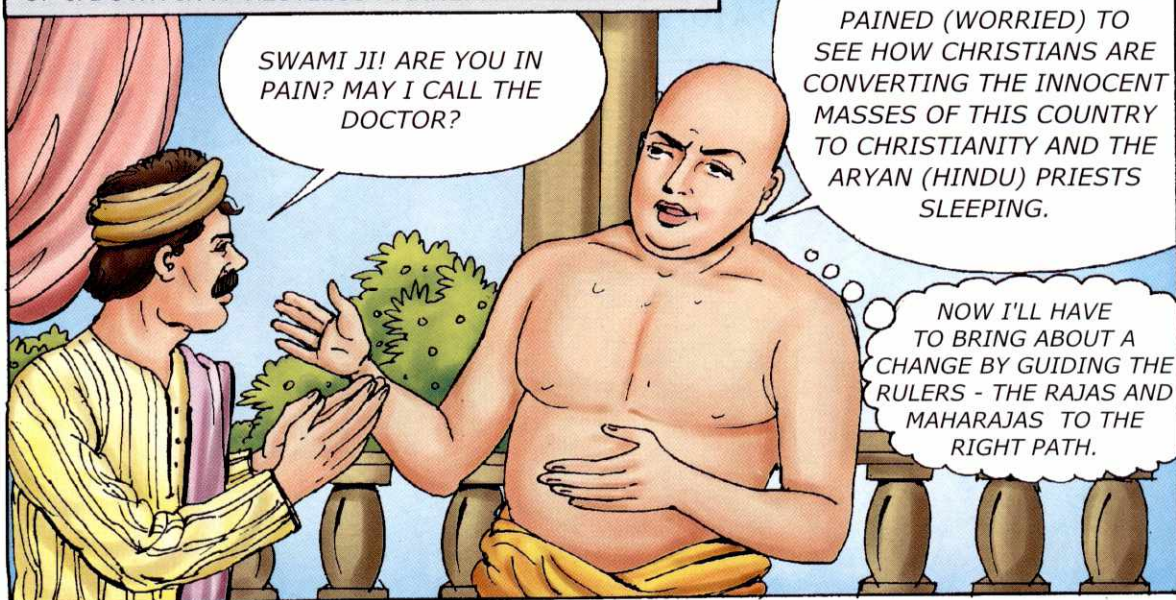
AMI CHAND OF JEHLUM SANG A VERY GOOD SONG IN A GATHERING BEING ADDRESSED BY SWAMI JI. HE GOT A WARM APPLAUSE FROM THE AUDIENCE. ONE OF THE DISCIPLES INFORMED SWAMI JI THAT AMI CHAND, THOUGH A GOOD SINGER DID NOT HAVE A GOOD MORAL CHARACTER. HE HAD ABANDONED HIS WIFE.



AMI CHAND!
YOU ARE A GEM
BUT ARE LYING
IN MUD".

SWAMI JI'S WORDS HAD A MIRACULOUS EFFECT ON AMI CHAND. HE WENT HOME AND THREW AWAY ALL HIS BOTTLES OF WINE / LIQUOR AND WENT TO FETCH HIS WIFE WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY.

ONE NIGHT A SEWAK OF SWAMI JI SAW HIM WALKING UP & DOWN IN A RESTLESS MANNER.



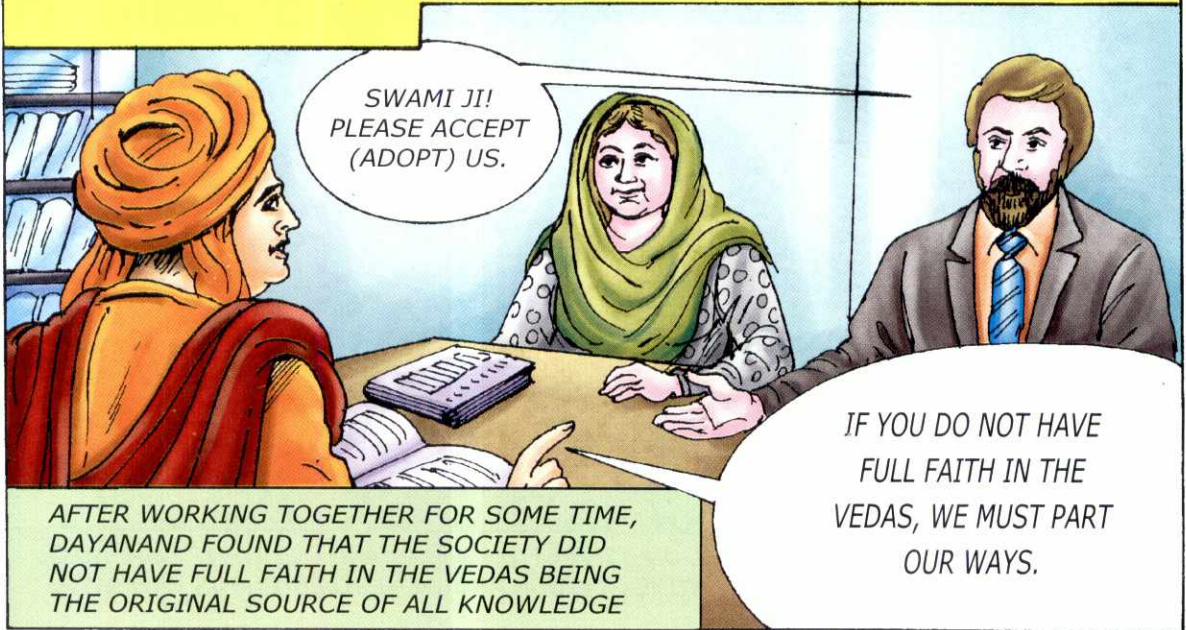
SWAMI JI! ARE YOU IN
PAIN? MAY I CALL THE
DOCTOR?

MY PAIN CANNOT BE
CURED BY A DOCTOR. I AM
PAINED (WORRIED) TO
SEE HOW CHRISTIANS ARE
CONVERTING THE INNOCENT
MASSES OF THIS COUNTRY
TO CHRISTIANITY AND THE
ARYAN (HINDU) PRIESTS
SLEEPING.

NOW I'LL HAVE
TO BRING ABOUT A
CHANGE BY GUIDING THE
RULERS - THE RAJAS AND
MAHARAJAS TO THE
RIGHT PATH.

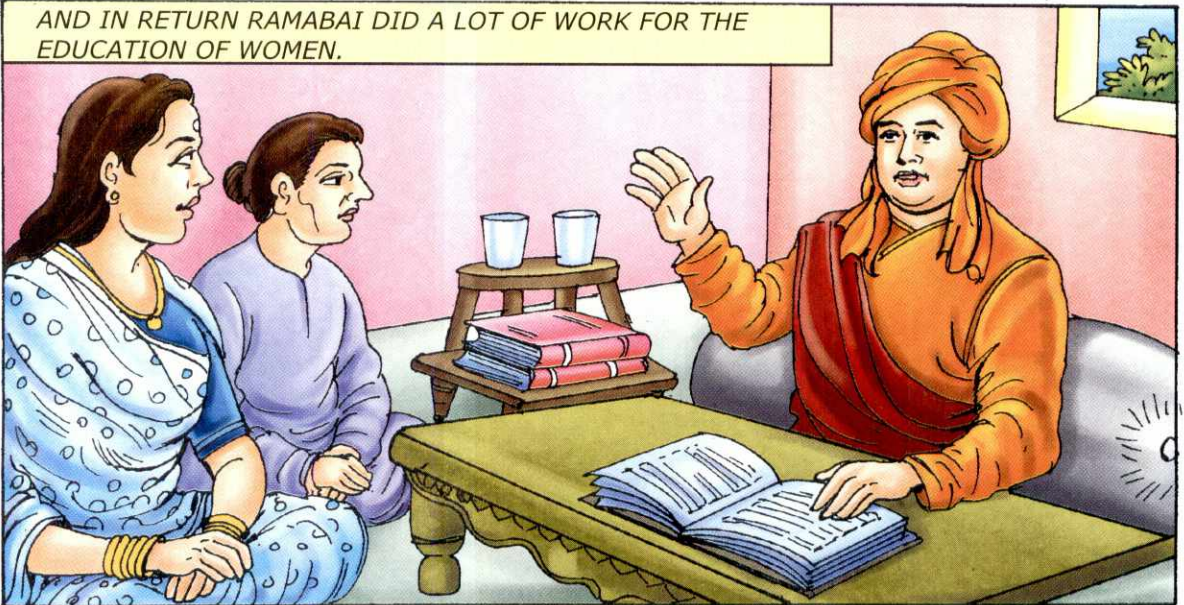
SOJOURN WITH THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY -

THE FOLLOWERS OF THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY COULD NOT GET ANY SOLACE FROM THE CHRISTIANITY. THEY TURNED TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE VEDAS. AND MET SWAMI DAYANAND.

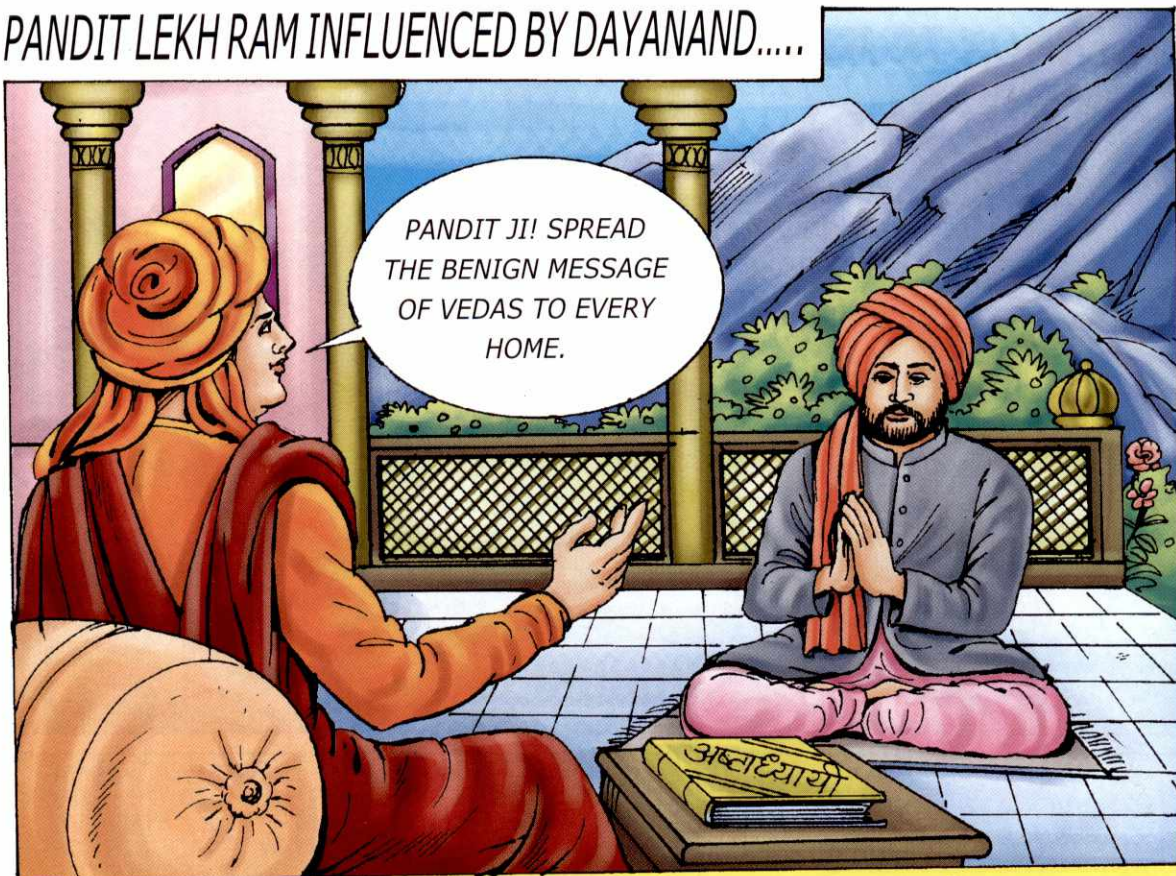


HELPED RAMABAI TO BECOME A SANSKRIT SCHOLAR

AND IN RETURN RAMABAI DID A LOT OF WORK FOR THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.



PANDIT LEKH RAM INFLUENCED BY DAYANAND.....



PANDIT LEKH RAM KEPT HIS WORDS. EVEN LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THIS CAUSE.

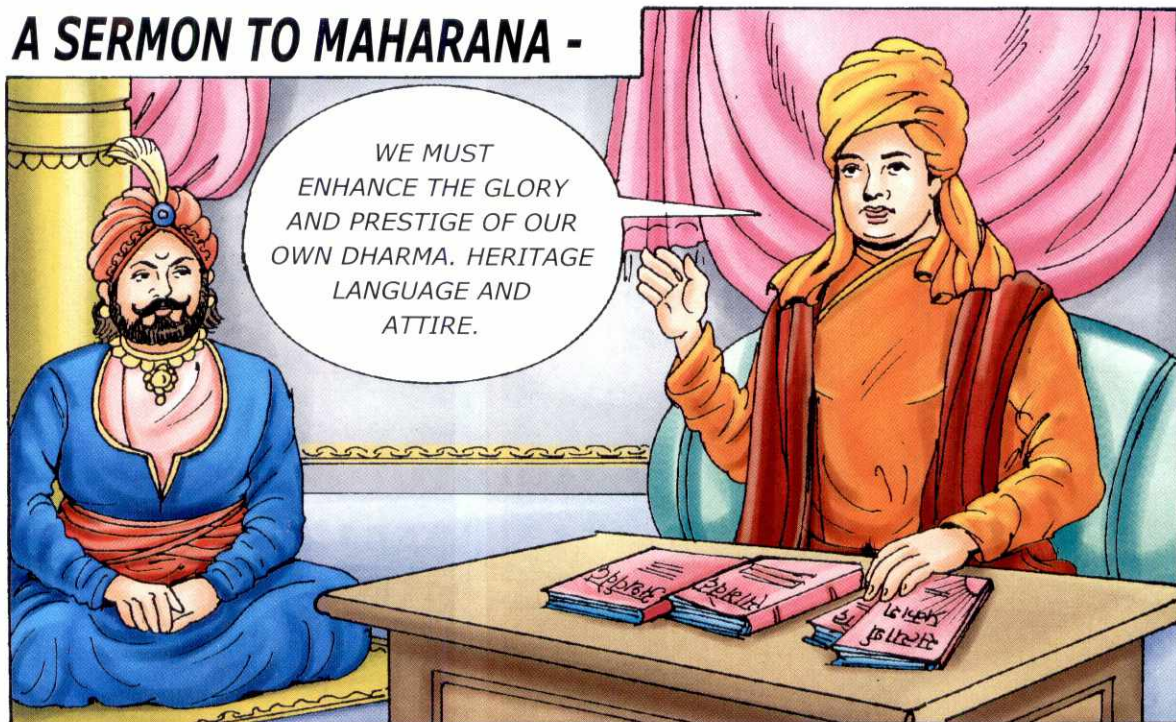
LIFE OF MUNSHI RAM (SWAMI SHARDHA NAND) TRANSFORMED.

YOUR REASONING IS FINE. BUT I HAVE NO FAITH

YOU WILL DEVELOP FAITH WHEN YOU HAVE THE BLESSING OF GOD

MUNSHI RAM LATER BECAME A GREAT FREEDOM FIGHTER HE FOUNDED GURUKUL KANGRI HARIDWAR AND CAME TO BE KNOWN AS LEGENDARY 'SWAMI SHRADHANAND'

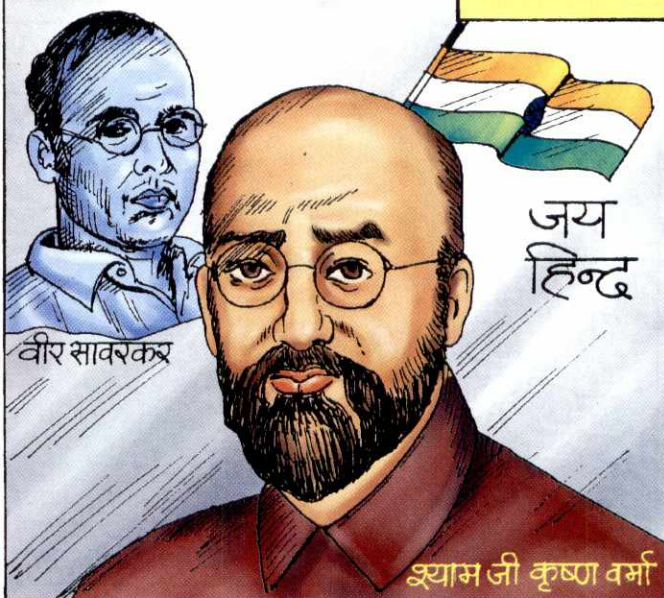
A SERMON TO MAHARANA -



SWAMI JI INSPIRED THE YOUTH TO GIVE UP THE WESTERN CLOTHINGS.



SWAMI JI SENT SHYAM JI KRISHNA VERMA TO LONDON FOR FURTHER STUDY AND ARRANGED SCHOLARSHIP FOR HIM. HE BECAME THE FIRST INDIAN GRADUATE OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY AND LATER BECAME THE GURU OF ALL REVOLUTIONARIES INCLUDING VEER SAVARKAR AND MADAN LAL DHINGRA. HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF 'INDIA HOUSE' IN LONDON.



EFFORTS IN RAJPUTANA -

WRITING OF 'SATYARTH PRAKASH' IN UDAIPUR STEPPED UP THE IDEOLOGICAL REVOLUTION. MANY A YOUTH ADOPTED THE VEDIC DHARMA AND COMMITTED THEMSELVES FOR PROMOTING OUR OWN CULTURE AND THE CONCEPT OF FREEDOM STRUGGLE.



SHRADHANAND



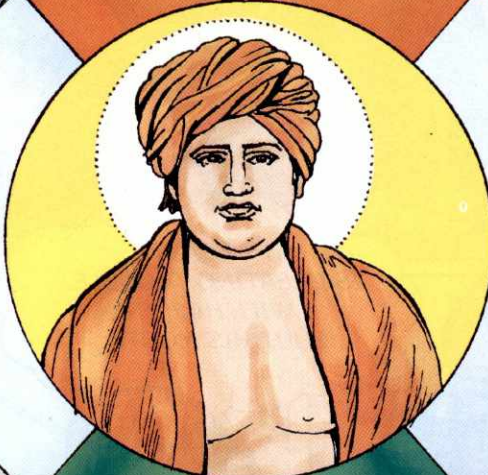
PT. GURU DATT VIDYARTHI



SHYAM JI KRISHAN VERMA



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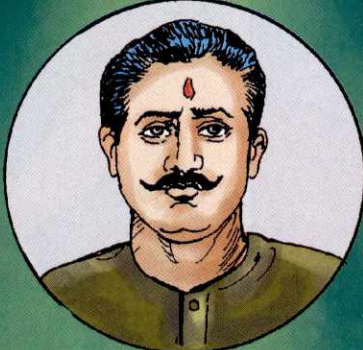
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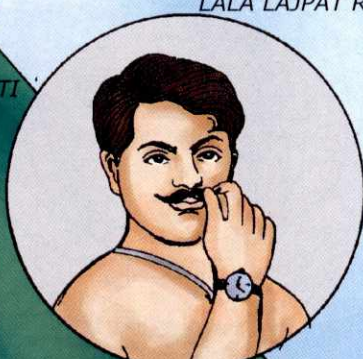
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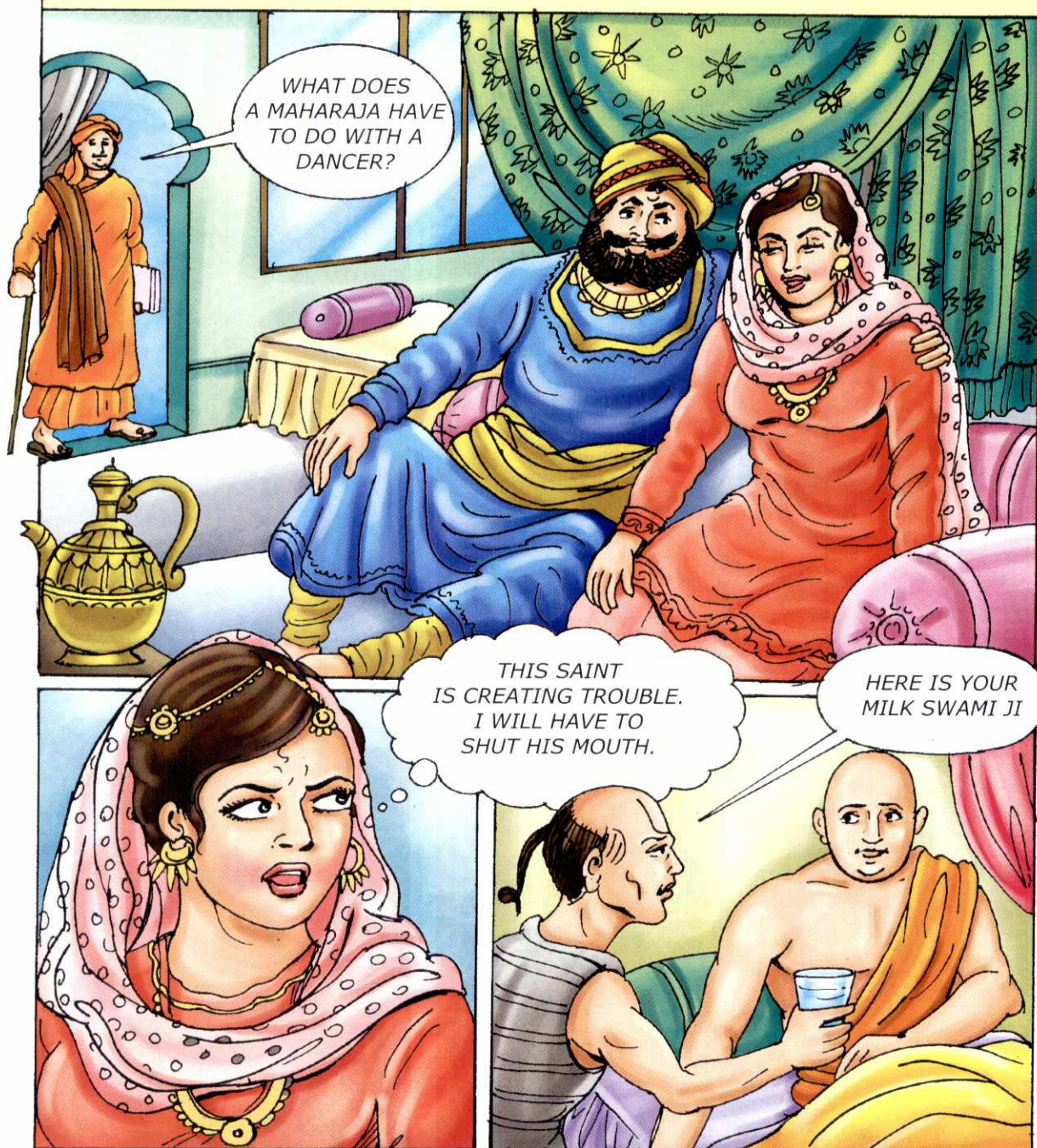


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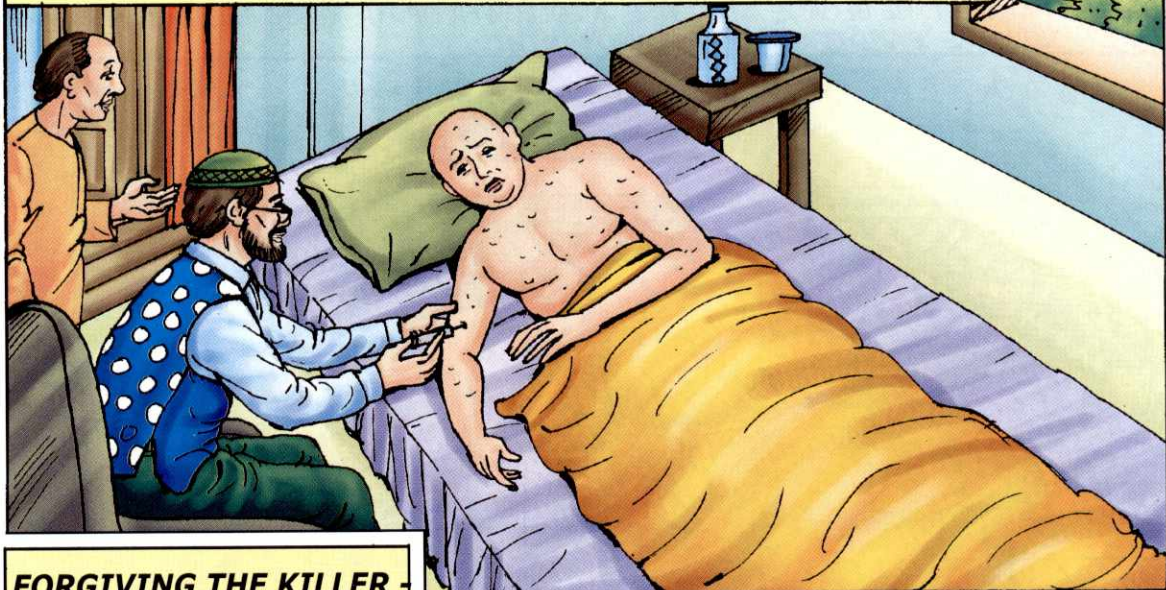
CHANDER SHEKHAR

SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF THE VEDAS, SWAMI JI REACHED JODHPUR. HE WAS UPSET TO SEE THE MAHARAJA OF JODHPUR WITH A DANCER NAMED NANHI JAAN.



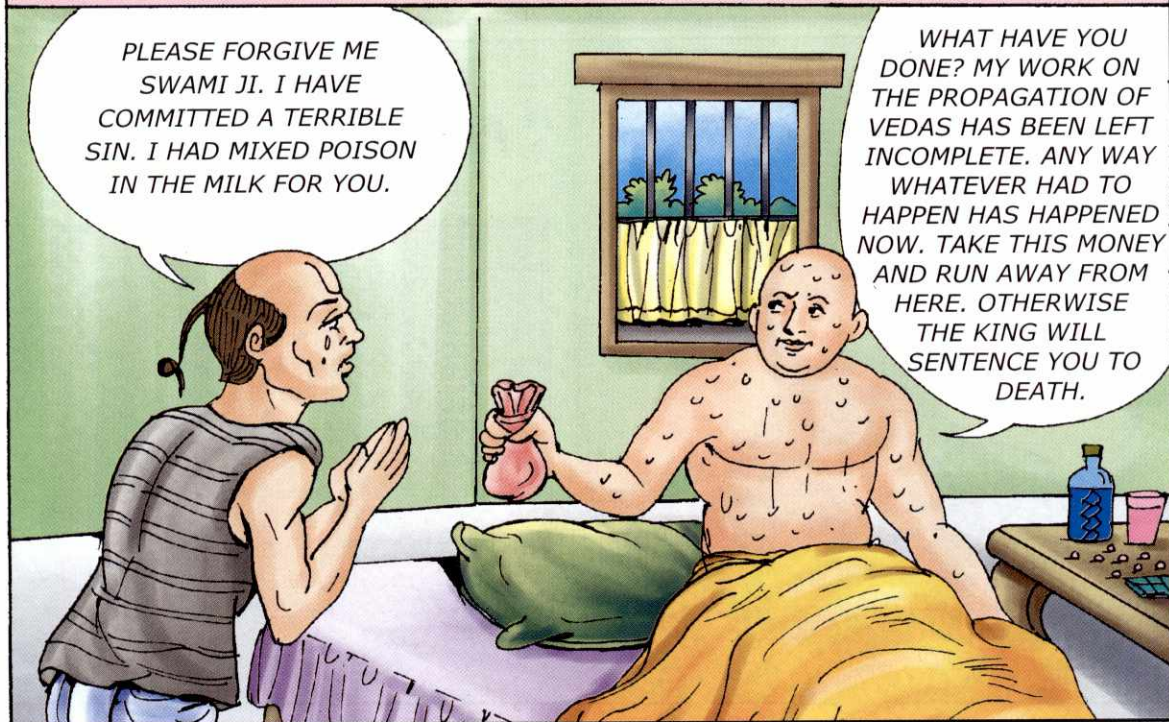
THE KING SENT AWAY NANHI JAAN. BUT WITH THE CONNIVANCE OF THE BRITISH. NANHI JAAN, MANAGED TO ADD POISON IN THE MILK OFFERED TO SWAMI JI THROUGH HIS COOK.

AFTER DRINKING MILK POISONED BY JAGANNATH THE COOK, SWAMI JI DEVELOPED SEVERE PAIN IN HIS STOMACH. IN THE MORNING DR. ALI MARDAAAN KHAN INTENTIONALLY INJECTED MORE POISON IN SWAMI JI'S BODY THROUGH HIS MEDICATIONS.



FORGIVING THE KILLER

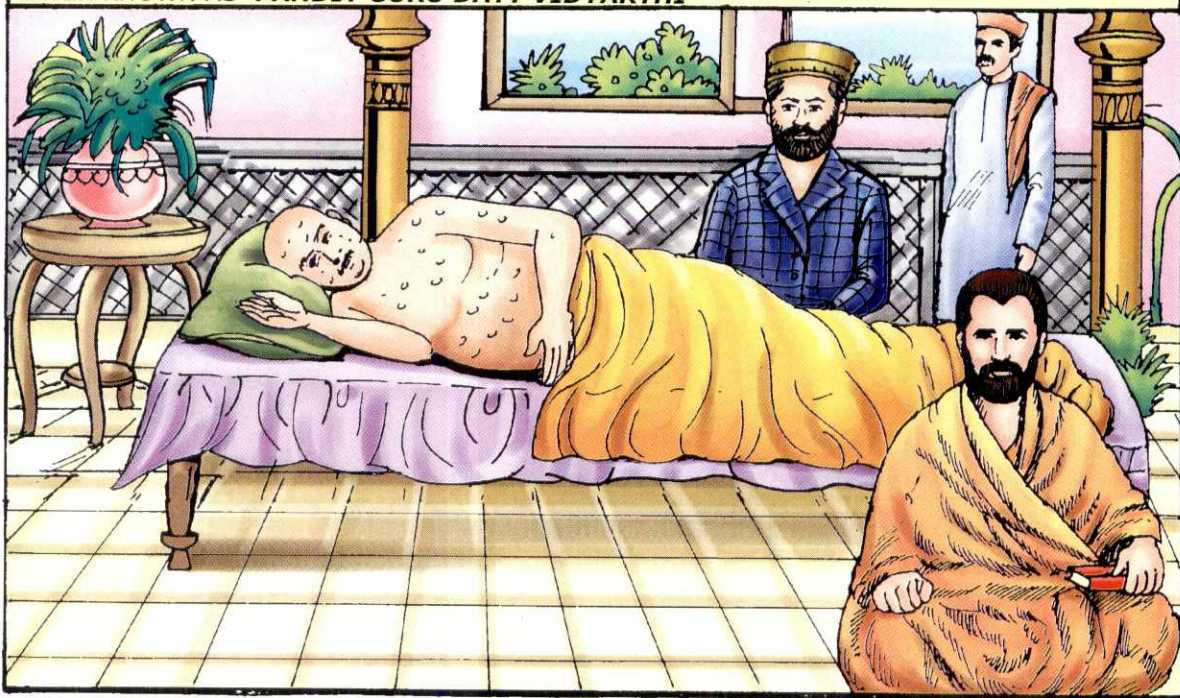
THE POISON STARTED OOZING OUT OF SWAMI JI'S ENTIRE BODY. FINALLY, THE COOK REALISED HIS FOLLY. HE WENT TO SWAMI JI AND ASKED FOR FORGIVENESS.



DAYANAND, THE CONQUEROR OF DEATH -

DAYANAND WAS IN A CHEERFUL YOGA POSE. THE SCENARIO OF SWAMI DAYANAND LEAVING FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE IN THIS MANNER COMPLETELY TRANSFORMED THE LIFE OF GURU DATT, AN ATHEIST. HE BECAME A DEVOTEE, A FOLLOWER OF THE VEDIC RELIGION AND WAS LATER KNOWN AS '**PANDIT GURU DATT VIDYARTHI**'

IT WAS 30TH OCT. 1883. THE PLACE WAS AJMER. EVEN THOUGH HE HAD SEVERE & ACUTE PAIN,



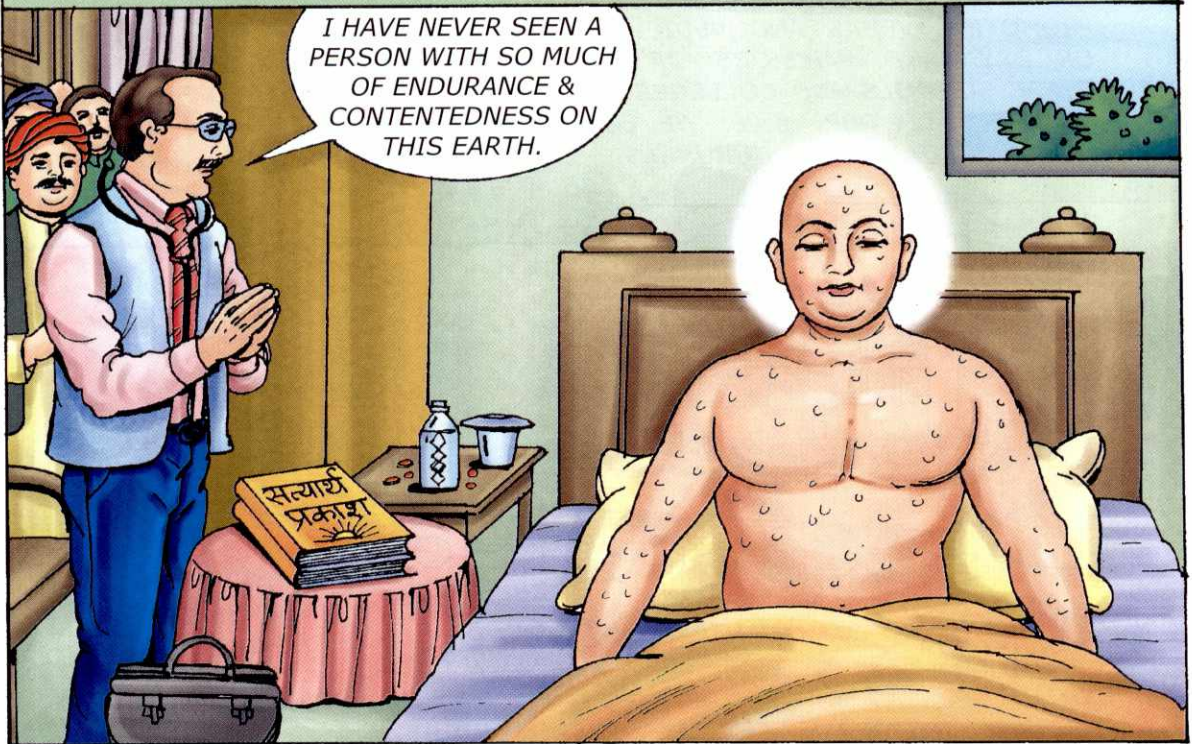
VEDIC SCHOLAR PANDIT GURU DATT VIDYARTHI

PT. GURU DATT VIDYARTHI WAS BORN ON 26TH APRIL 1864 IN MOHALLA MAATARANWALA IN MULTAN (NOW IN PAKISTAN). HIS FATHER WAS A TEACHER AND WAS A SCHOLAR OF PERSIAN LANGUAGE. HIS FATHER'S GOTRA WAS 'ARORA' BUT BECAUSE OF THE KNOWLEDGE GAINED, GURU DATT WAS KNOWN AS '**PANDIT**'.



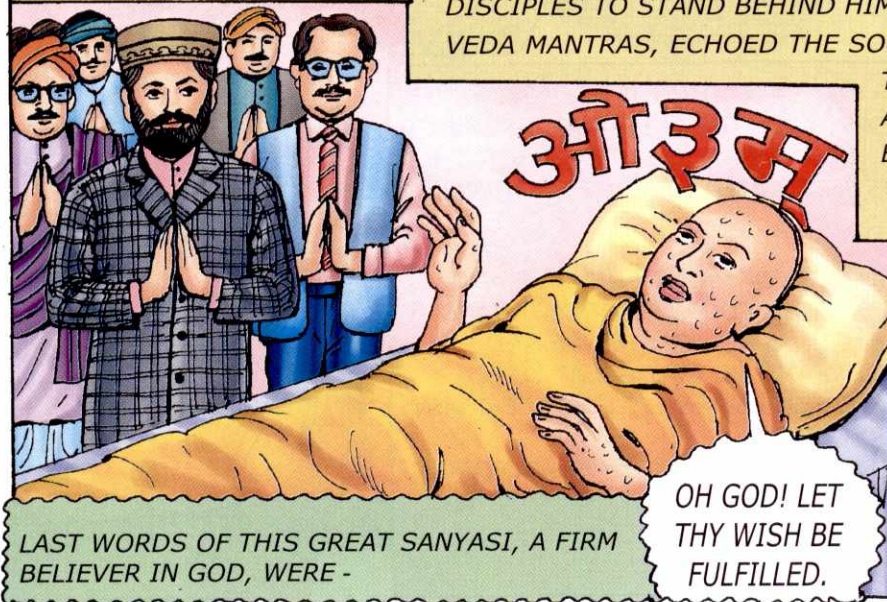
ON HIS ETERNAL JOURNEY -

IT WAS NEW MOON DAY OF KARTIK MONTH OF VIKRAMI CALENDAR CORRESPONDING TO 30TH OCT. 1883. DR. LAKSHMAN DAS SAW SWAMI JI IN SUCH A PAINFUL CONDITION AND YET HE WAS CHEERFUL.



TIME WAS SIX O' CLOCK IN THE EVENING. SWAMI JI ASKED ALL HIS DISCIPLES TO STAND BEHIND HIM. HE RECITED VEDA MANTRAS, ECHOED THE SOUND OF "OM",

TURNED IN HIS BED AND EXHALED TO BREATHE HIS LAST.

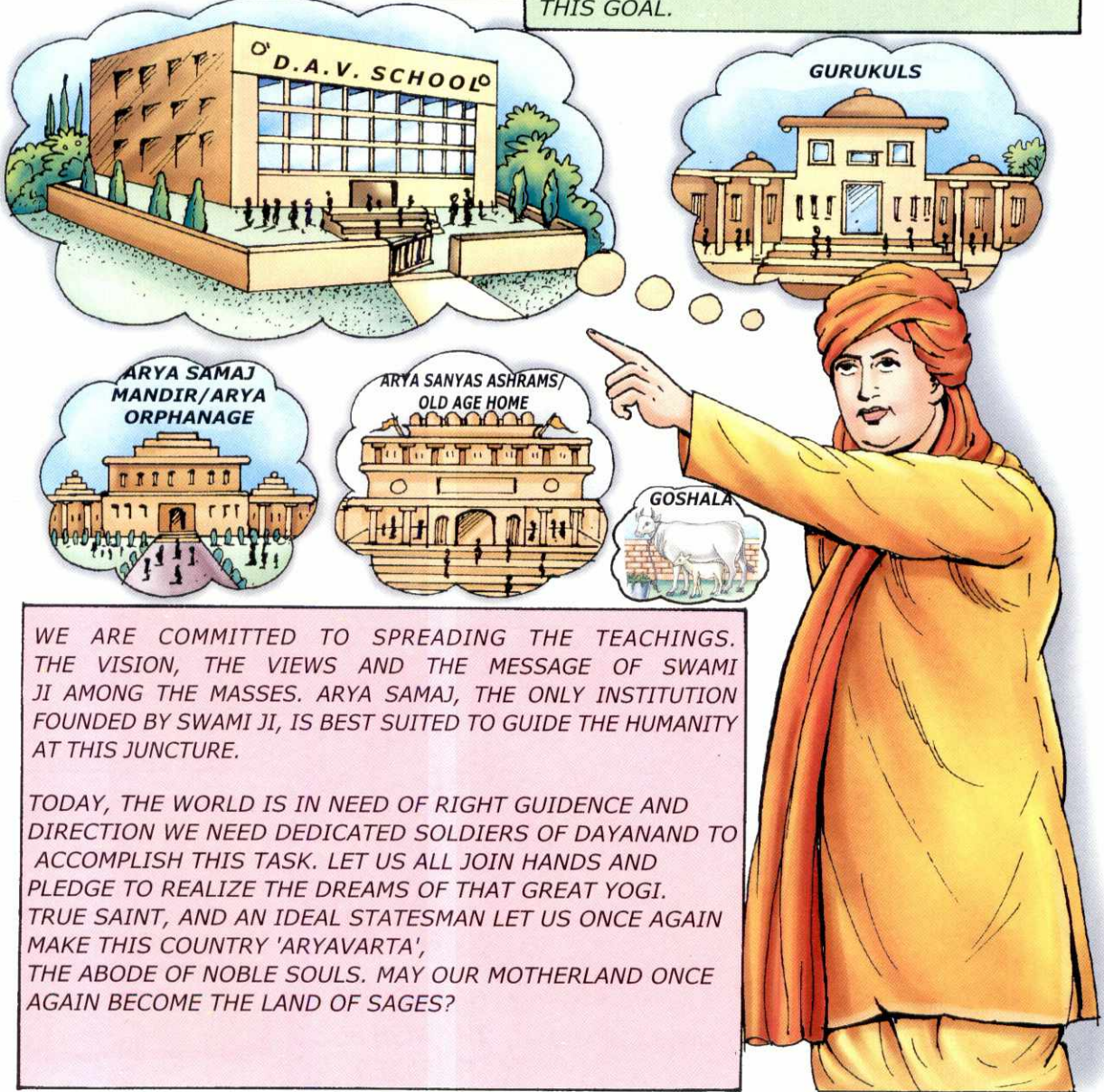


ON THE DARK NIGHT OF DEEPAWALI, A GLITTERING STAR, DISAPPEARED FOR EVER.

LAST WORDS OF THIS GREAT SANYASI, A FIRM BELIEVER IN GOD, WERE -

THE VISION OF SWAMI JI.

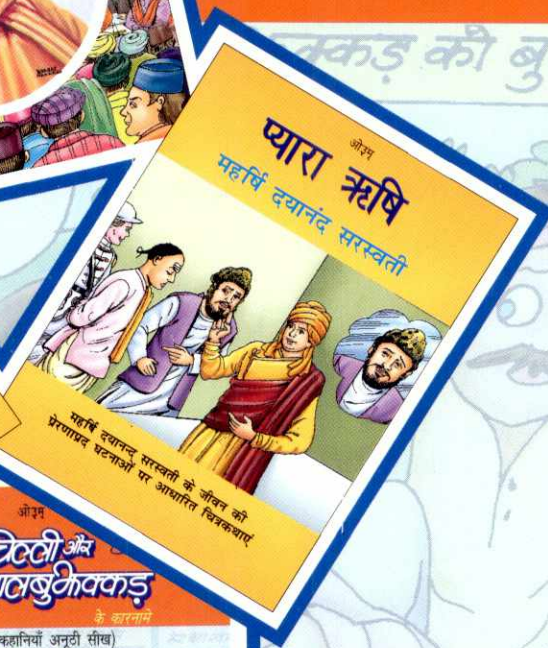
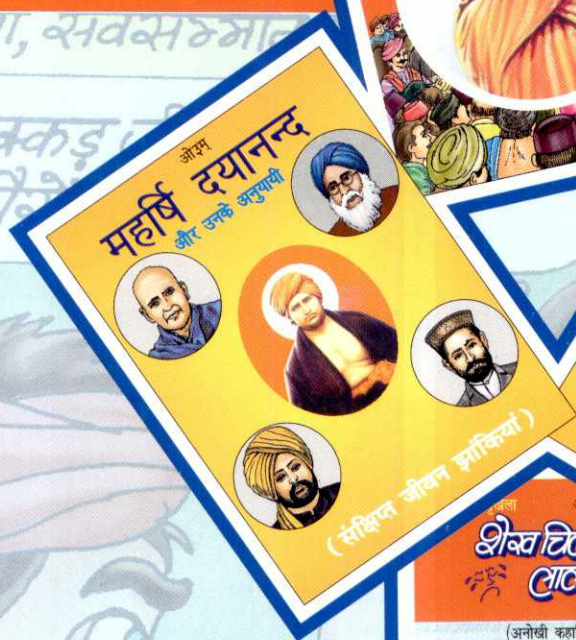
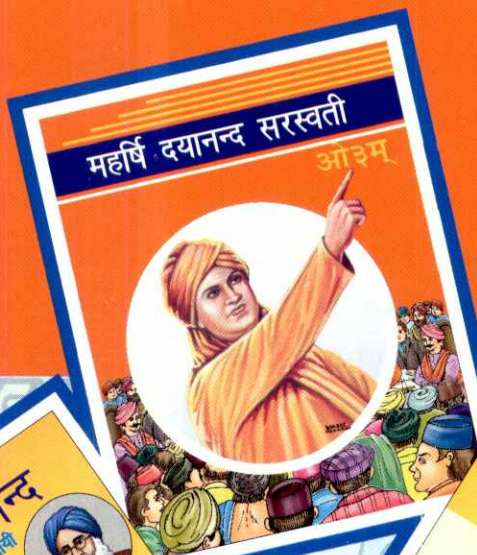
SWAMI JI'S VISION WAS THAT INDIA WHICH WAS ONCE AT THE ZENITH OF IT'S GLORY, WAS THE ABODE OF THE DEITIES, MUST ACHIEVE THE SAME STATUS AGAIN. ABOUT 10,000 ARYA SAMAJ TEMPLES ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE PROMOTING VEDAS AND VEDIC KNOWLEDGE TO FULFILL THIS DREAM OF DAYANAND. MILLIONS OF STUDENTS STUDYING IN GURUKULS **D.A.V. SCHOOLS** AND **COLLEGES & OTHER SCHOOLS** MANAGED BY ARYA SAMAJs ARE OUR HOPE. WE LOOK TOWARDS THE INHABITANTS OF ARYA ORPHANAGES, GURUKULS, SANYAS ASHRAMS. VANAPRASTHA ASHRAMS & OLD AGE HOMES TO FULFILL THIS GOAL.



Principles of Arya Samaj

1. God is the efficient cause of all true knowledge and all that is known through knowledge.
2. God is existent, intelligent and blissful. He is formless, omniscient, just, merciful, unborn, endless, unchangeable, beginning-less, unequalled, the support of all, the master of all, omnipresent, immanent, un-aging, immortal, fearless, eternal and holy, and the maker of all. He alone is worthy of being worshiped.
3. The Vedas are the scriptures of all true knowledge. It is the paramount duty of all Aryas to read them, teach them, recite them and to hear them being read.
4. One should always be ready to accept truth and to renounce untruth.
5. All acts should be performed in accordance with Dharma that is, after deliberating what is right and wrong.
6. The prime object of the Arya Samaj is to do good to the world, that is, to promote physical, spiritual and social good of everyone.
7. Our conduct towards all should be guided by love, righteousness and justice.
8. We should dispel Avidya (ignorance) and promote Vidya (knowledge).
9. No one should be content with promoting his/her good only; on the contrary, one should look for his/her good in promoting the good of all.
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