

Ek Yogi, Ek Bhogi

Based on the famous poems 'Badi Sadhu Vandana' written by Acharya Samrat Pujya Shri Jaymalji m.s. this comic book is an interesting presentation of two brothers, who were born together for five births but took birth in different families due to the aspirations of one of the brothers in the fourth birth. The title of the book itself conveys the point that one reaches the summit (moksha) and the other goes deep down to the seventh hell.

The book particularly describes the fourth and the sixth birth of the two brothers. The fourth birth of the brothers named chitt-sambhuth in a schedule caste family, their learning the skills of song and dance from the chief minister of the town, who was ordered to be killed by the king but saved by their father, their dispulsion from the state is the beginning of the many twist and turns. The resolve of the brothers to committ suicide, due to the insult by the members of the upper caste, is given up when both of them are persuaded by a Jain ascetic passing by that way. They both become Jain ascetics.

At a later stage, one of the brother muni gets annoyed on the public and uses tejoleshya. On being calmed down by the other ascetics, he accumulates the fire particles but on being affected by it, both of them take santhara and that is when Sambhuth muni aspires to become similar to the chakravarthy who had come along with the Queen for seeking forgiveness from the ascetics.

In the sixth birth, they get separated and one becomes chakravarthy (as desired in previous birth) and the other becomes an ascetic. The wish of Brahmadatt chakravarthy to know about the brother who was together for five previous births culminates in the meeting between them. An interesting dailogue takes place where in the chakravarthy tries to lure back the Muni to the material world and the ascetic tries to show the path of eternal bliss to the king. Chakravarthy expresses his inability to forego all the facilities and in the.end goes to the seventh hell after his death whereas Muni attains liberation.

The colourful pictures cater to the modern needs. This comic book conveys a message to one and all that the real happiness is not in the material world but it is in the spiritual world.