

SHRAVAK KE 12 VRATA

(12 Vows of Laity)

This is a book, meant exclusively for laity who desires to take shravak's vows. It begins with the explanation of the three elements in the Jain Philosophy, namely Dev, Guru and Dharma. One by having true faith in True (Right) God, True (Right) Guru and True (Right) Religion, one can become samyaktvi (A person who has limited his stay in the four fold world). Acceptance of these 3 elements is a must for taking the 12 vows.

The main contents of the book then follow. Every vow's importance, Relaxations in the vow (if it is required), the likely athichars, the other helping elements and the Pledge to take the vows is available in depth.

These vows are particular designed by the lord in such a way that a laity pledges to completely keep away from the sins which he is not committing in the present and which he is not going to commit in future also. When a person adopts these vows (may be only one (the 1st is a must) or more than one), he knows the art of living and become a laity. By becoming a layman/laywoman, he/she reduces the sins to just a molehill, which otherwise would have been so big like a mountain.