

COMPASSIONATE BHAGAVAN MAHAVIR



The status of Tirthankar is the loftiest and greatest in this world. The soul attains this status after prolonged penances and other spiritual practices stretching to many re-incarnations. How Bhagavan Mahavir attained this status is a long story of penances and spiritual practices of twenty seven life-times.



EARLIER-BIRTHS

BIRTH

INITIATION

OMNISCIENCE

Shatrumardan was the king of Jayanti city in the west Mahavideh area of the Jambu continent. In the city lived a forest-guard named Nayasar who was very generous, upright and simple. One day the king called and instructed Nayasar—

Good quality timber is required for construction work in the palace. Arrange to supply it before the onset of monsoon.

It will be done sire !



Nayasar took hundreds of workers into the forest and started felling the trees.



In the afternoon Nayasar instructed his servant—

The sun is high. Give the workers a break for lunch.



Nayasar too sat down in the shadow of a dense tree.



His servant served him food and placed a pitcher full of butter-milk before him.

I feel like offering food to some guest and then only start my lunch.



Just at that moment he saw some ascetics coming in his direction.



Nayasar was happy to see the ascetics. He went ahead, greeted them and asked—

Revered ones ! Moving about in this jungle in this blistering heat ?

We lost our way in these jungle trails.

