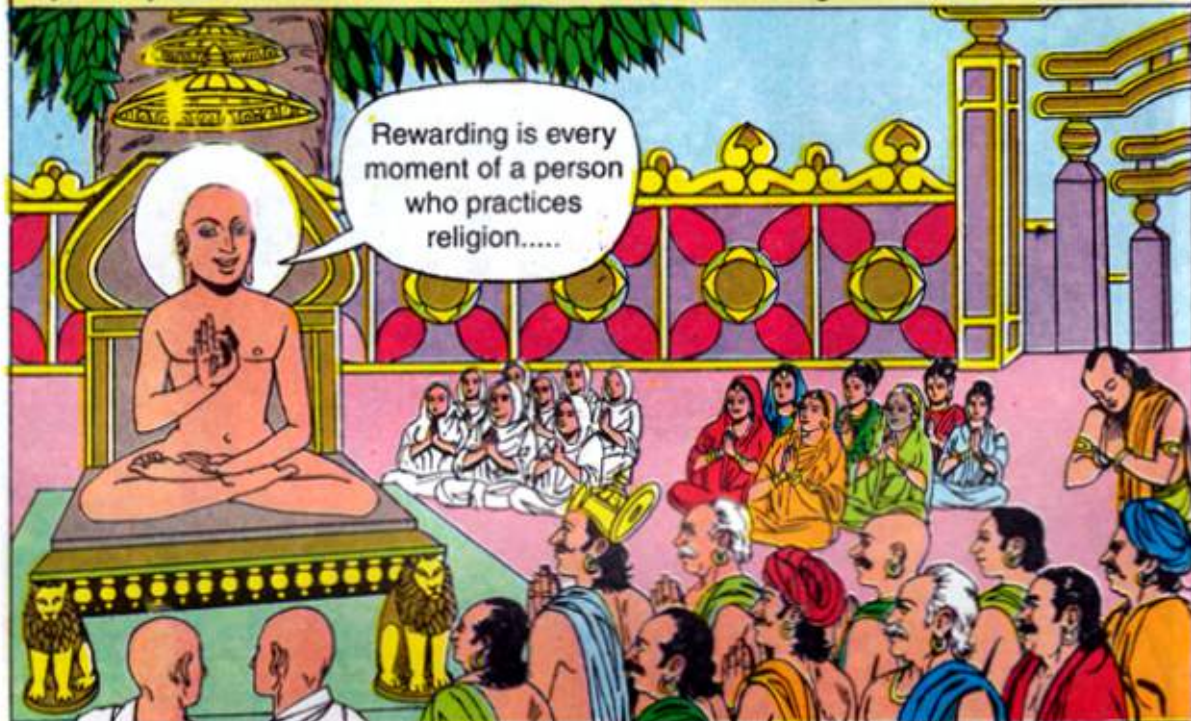


KING PRADESHI AND KESHIKUMAR SHRAMAN

wanderings Bhagavan Mahavir arrived there. Bhagavan had his Samavasaran [divine assembly] in Amrashal garden outside the city where there were thousands of mango trees. The local Sangh, royal family and thousands of citizens listened to the sermon of Bhagavan.


In ancient times there was a beautiful city named Aamalkappa. During his



At that time Suryaabh god was enjoying songs and dances of his divine damsels in the Saudharma heaven.




Suddenly he looked towards Bharat area. He saw Bhagavan Mahavir sitting in Amrashal garden. Suryaabh god was filled with devotion. He at once stepped down from his throne and paid homage to Bhagavan—



O Venerable Lord !
The Propagator of
Religion ! I pay my
homage to you. You
are omniscient and
from there you see
me bowing
here.

The illustration shows the Suryaabh god, adorned with a golden crown and jewelry, kneeling on a yellow cloud. He is bowing towards Bhagavan Mahavir, who is seated on a throne in the Amrashal garden. The god's hands are joined in a prayer gesture. In the background, another deity is seated on a throne. The scene is set against a pinkish sky with a large, ornate golden umbrella (chhatra) on the left.



Returning to his throne, Suryaabh god instructed
his attendant gods—

I will go to pay homage
to Bhagavan Mahavir
staying in Aamalkappa
city on the earth. Make
arrangements.

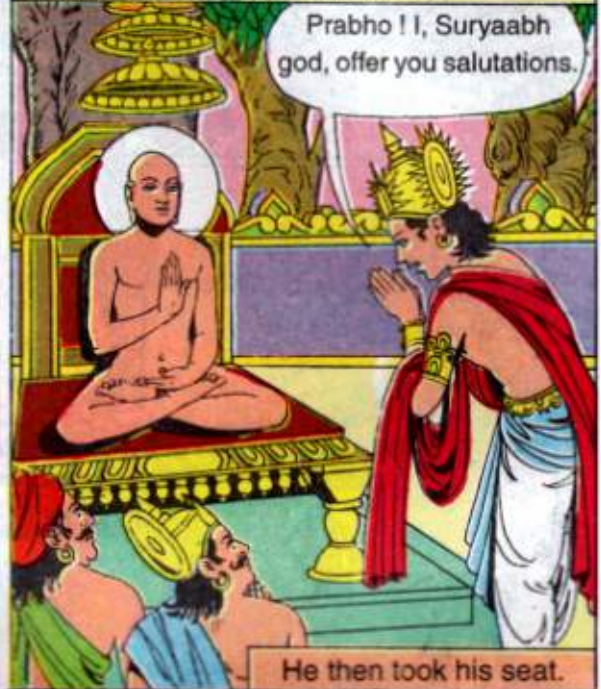
The illustration shows the Suryaabh god, wearing a golden crown and jewelry, seated on a throne. He is speaking to his attendant, who is also adorned with jewelry and a golden crown. The attendant is standing and has her hands joined in a prayer gesture. The scene is set against a blue sky with a golden chhatra in the background.

The gods at once prepared the Vimaan—



Sire ! The Vimaan is ready for your trip to earth for paying homage to Bhagavan Mahavir.

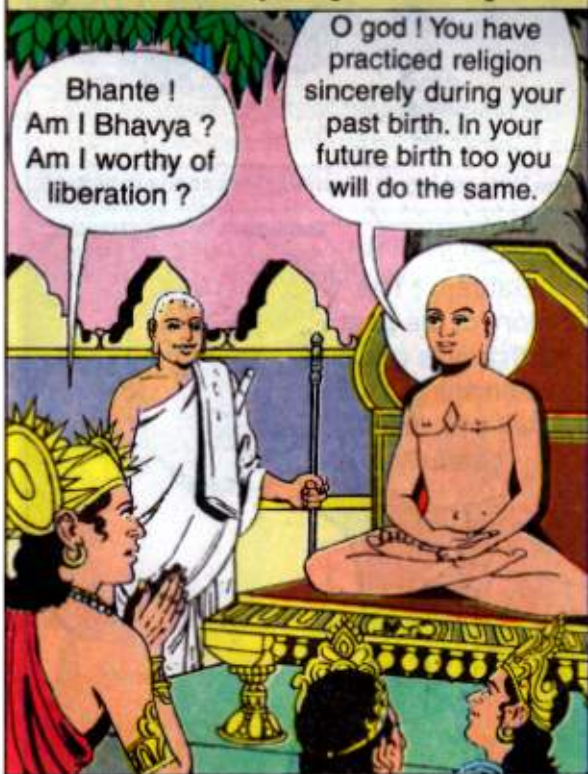
Boarding the Vimaan with his divine family, Suryaabh god came to the religious assembly of Bhagavan Mahavir. Paying homage with complete devotion, he introduced himself—



Prabho ! I, Suryaabh god, offer you salutations.

He then took his seat.

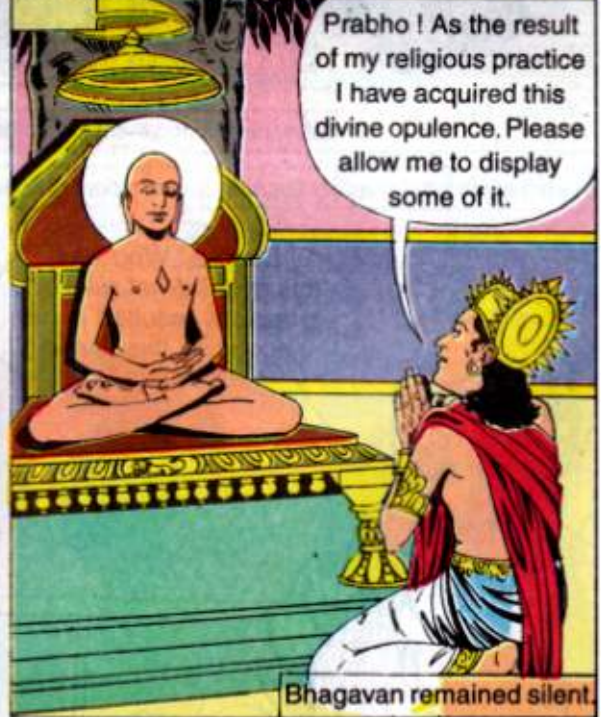
After the discourse Suryaabh god asked Bhagavan—



Bhante ! Am I Bhavya ? Am I worthy of liberation ?

O god ! You have practiced religion sincerely during your past birth. In your future birth too you will do the same.

Suryaabh god was delighted to hear this. He went around Bhagavan three times and again paid homage. Then he said—



Prabho ! As the result of my religious practice I have acquired this divine opulence. Please allow me to display some of it.

Bhagavan remained silent.