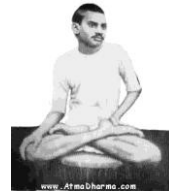


Tatva -Dhara Introduction



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I have been attending Dr. Rameshbhai's swadhyay's for about 7 -8 months now. He has been referencing the book Tatva-Dhara in his swadhyay's. Based on that I decided to start my study of the book. As generally happens with any book I opened up the 1st chapter and started reading it. 2 pages into it and I realized what I was reading was not anything ordinary. We all know Kripaludev Shrimad Rajchandraji's entire writings are full of spirituality intended to lead us onto the path of liberation of the soul (moksh). This book is a collection of his most important letters compiled together subjectwise. It is like someone handed you a concise handbook of all Srimad's writings. Anything you would want to know on a particular subject is here. The book's 1st chapter itself starts with the question that all of us have in our minds. How can we identify a real learned person (Gnani)? The subsequent chapters then take us on to our journey in our understanding of the various topics of Mithyatva, Samyak Darshan, Samyak Gnan, Dhyana, Karma, Akartaa-Bhaav etc.

The curiosity to know about the person who has compiled such a wonderful book became very strong and I went back and read all the introductory pages of the book. The picture that emerged of Dr. Haribhai Parekh made me bow down my head to this soul. A successful ophthalmologist, yet a very humble and simple person, he devoted his life to helping others and spreading the knowledge of Jain Tattva (Absolute Truth) to everyone he came in contact with. Himself a samyak drishti soul, he said things as they were (from the point of TRUTH). As mentioned in the book, Shri Ladakchandbhai said to Mumukshu's in Sayla, there is no need to doubt what Dr. Haribhai said.

Dr. Haribhai's words as spoken for the benefit of his immediate family and friends and mentioned in the book are also of immense benefit to all of us. These simple sentences give us the gist for Moksh marg

1. I am no one's, No one is mine
2. I cannot do anything for anyone nor can anyone do anything for me
3. No one can give me happiness or unhappiness neither can I make anyone happy
4. I can be Master of none and no one can be my Master
5. The whole Universe is systematic
6. What was to happen at whatever time will happen
7. Happiness - Unhappiness, Birth - Death, Respect - Disrespect, Joy – Grief, all happens because of systematic system
8. Incidents happen in life to break our ego and attachment

The study of this book by Dr. Rameshbhai in our Swadhyay sessions is bound to be extremely beneficial to all of us and will hopefully bring us a step closer to our goal of achieving moksh.