An Analytical Study of the Moral Values in the Selected Jātakas of Jatakamālā of Āryaśūra

आर्यशूरकृतजातकमालायाः निर्वाचितजातकेषु नैतिकमूल्यबोधानां विश्लेषणात्मकमध्ययनम्

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From the start of civilization, there was a great heritage and culture in India. We see an immense influence of Vedic literature and Classical Sanskrit literature on Indian tradition as well as Buddhist literature. The tales and fables like Pañcatantra and Hitopadeśa and so on are very unique and experimented with methods for the teaching of innocent people. In the Buddhist tradition, we can see the same but more innovative and unique concept for the benefit of the people of society. As per the heritage of Buddhist literature, Lord Buddha was born many times in this world and he was able to recall his previous birth. In this connection, the disciples of Lord Buddha collected the stories of various births, like Śivirāja, Agastya, Harisa, Mahābodhi and so on. The collection of the story is called Jātakamālā or Bodhisattvāvadanamālā. The great poet Āryaśūra selected the 34 stories in his book Jatakamālā. Many teachings are found here, like Dāna, Atithisatkāra, Dayā, Kṣamā, Pavitratā, Satkarma etc. Teachings of Lord Buddha as we find in these selected Jātakas of Āryaśūra are described in this article through an analytical method.

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