

# UPAKHYANE UPADESA

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"Bhagavan"  
Becomes  
a Ghost  
Under  
Intrigue

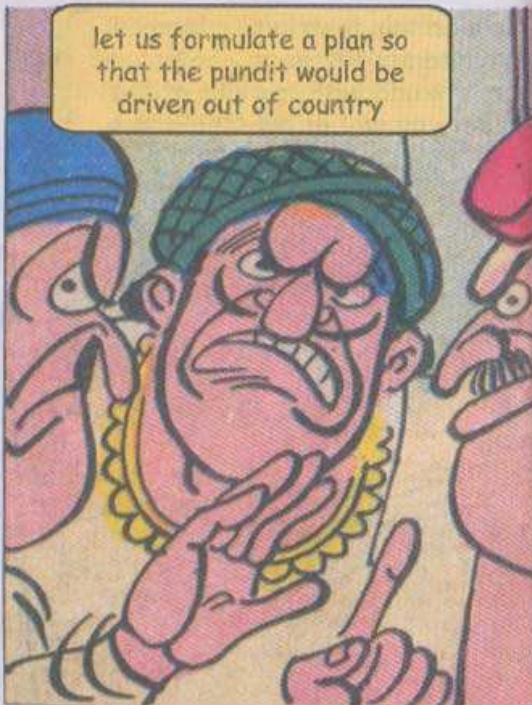
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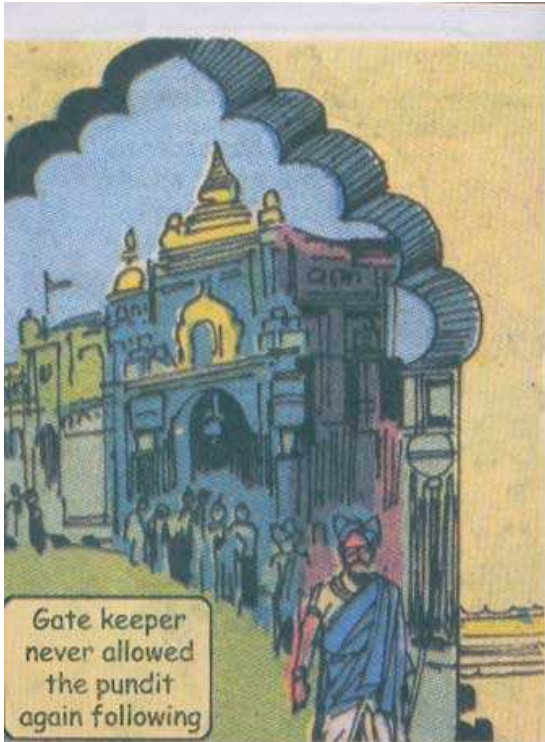


let us formulate a plan so that the pundit would be driven out of country



The king has ordered that the pundit should not be permitted to enter the royal palace again.





Gate keeper never allowed the pundit again following



Why Bhagavan pundit is not be seen nowadays? Where will he be, if I ask the ministers may be they can tell his whereabouts?

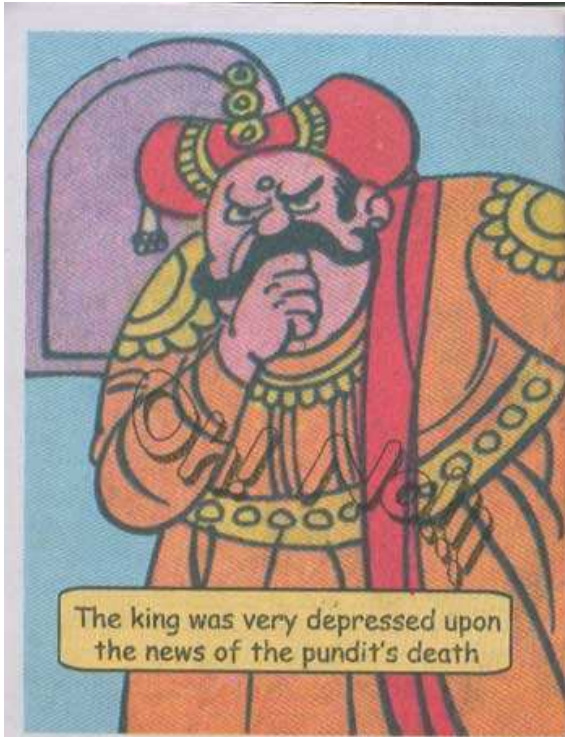


Bhagavan has expired!!!

Any idea where Bhagavan pundit has gone?



According to the minister's plan the royal physician also reported that bahagavan has died.



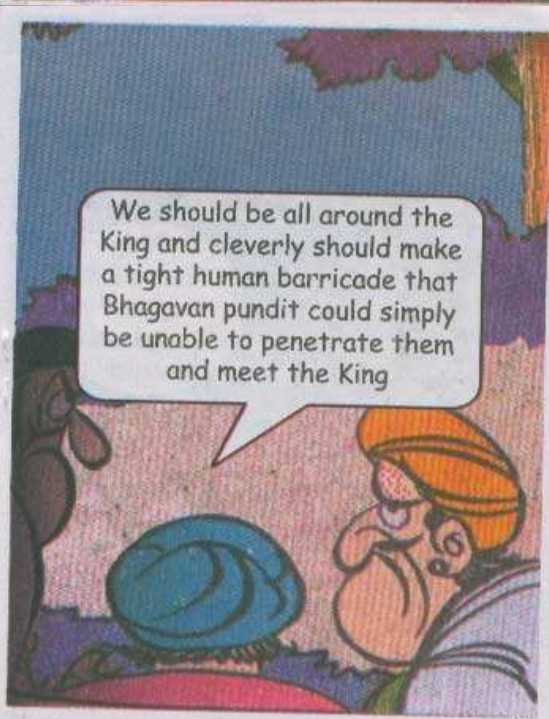
The king was very depressed upon the news of the pundit's death



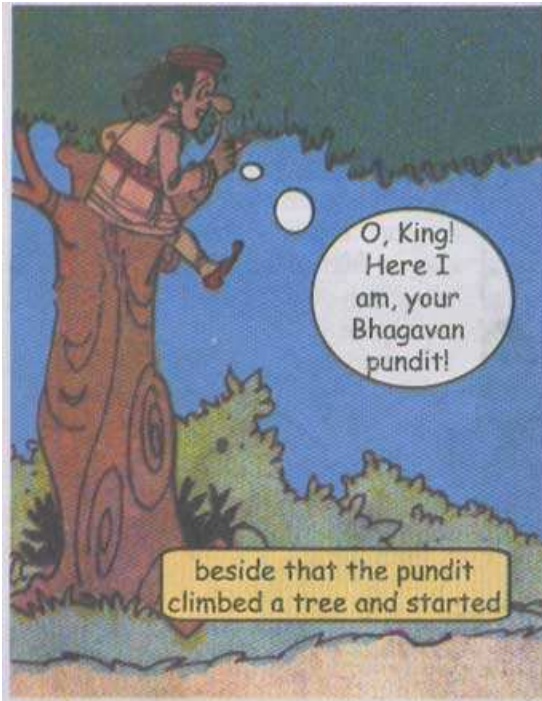
After a few days the king came out of the palace for a stroll and...



I should take this chance to meet the king



We should be all around the King and cleverly should make a tight human barricade that Bhagavan pundit could simply be unable to penetrate them and meet the King



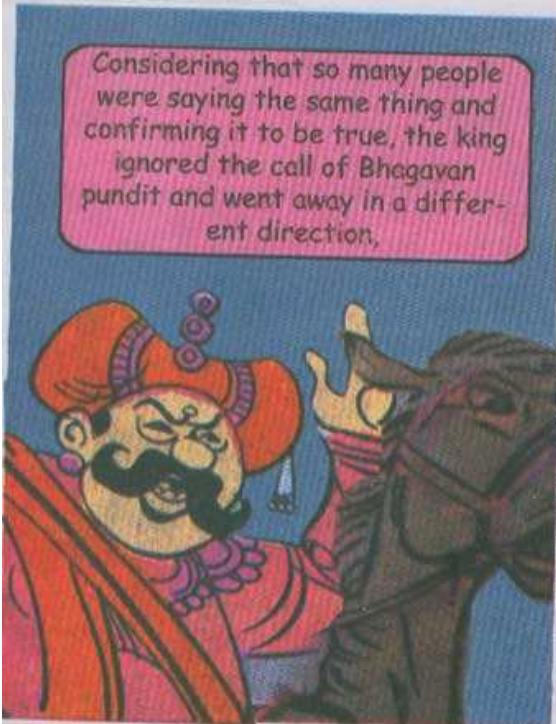
O, King!  
Here I  
am, your  
Bhagavan  
pundit!

beside that the pundit  
climbed a tree and started

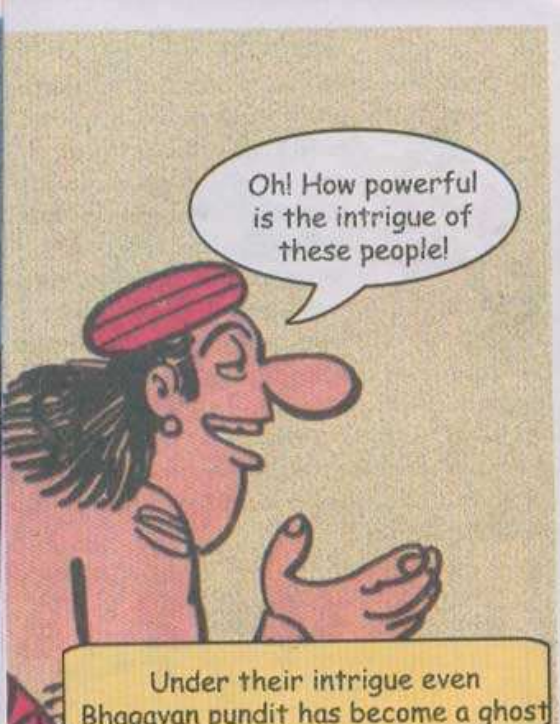


As soon as the king  
glanced at him, all  
the aides and minis-  
ters shouted out in  
chorous:

O King! Bhagavan  
pundit has now  
become a ghost after  
his death and look!  
He is now calling you  
from that tree-top.  
Let us be quick to  
move aside.



Considering that so many people  
were saying the same thing and  
confirming it to be true, the king  
ignored the call of Bhagavan  
pundit and went away in a differ-  
ent direction,



Oh! How powerful  
is the intrigue of  
these people!

Under their intrigue even  
Bhagavan pundit has become a ghost

### PURPORT

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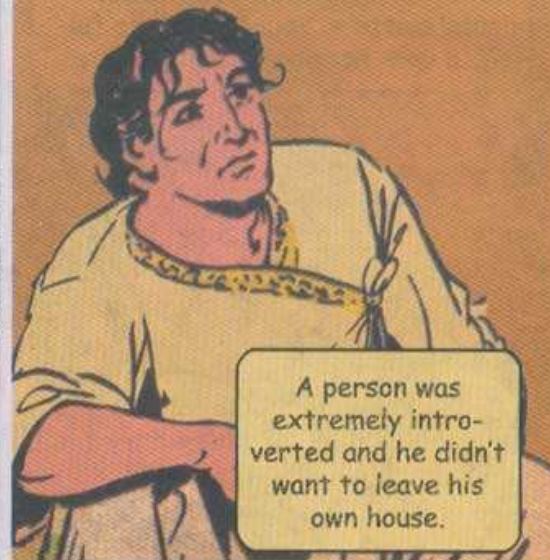


This is now exactly the situation in the material world under the intrigue of atheistic public opinion, particularly in the domain of religion and spiritual living. The so-called public opinion is now demoniacally preventing saintly people from listening to any sort of devotional subject.

The majority of common public are strongly of the opinion that devotional practice is just like other material or academic practices. They advocate that there are as many ways of liberation as there are philosophies. They are unable to realize that devotional service is the ultimate philosophy of living.



## Crossing the River When it is Dry



A person was extremely introverted and he didn't want to leave his own house.

O Kaminimohan, let us both go and visit a sadhu. A great personality has come to Sridham Mayapur and he is preaching very nice transcendental matters. Your life will be fulfilled upon hearing his instructions.



Oh no! why don't we try some other day

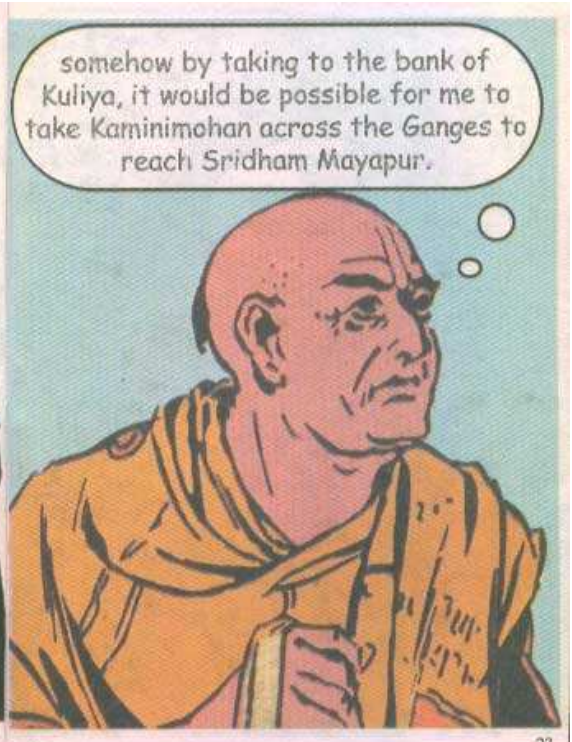
Kaminimohan was very reluctant to leave his comfort of his home just to visit a sadhu's place but his friend tried to allure Kaminimohan





By the way, there's a great funfair at the bank of Kuliya. It is full of recreations and amusements. So let us go and visit the fair.

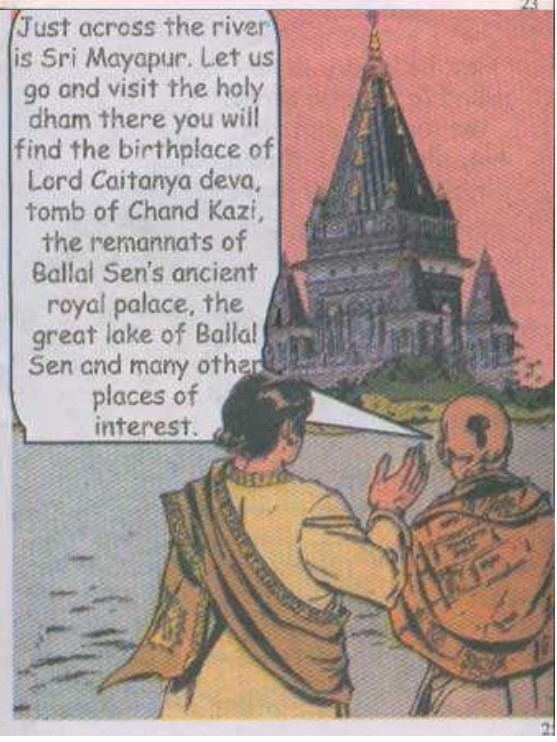
Ok let us go to enjoy the fair



somehow by taking to the bank of Kuliya, it would be possible for me to take Kaminimohan across the Ganges to reach Sridham Mayapur.



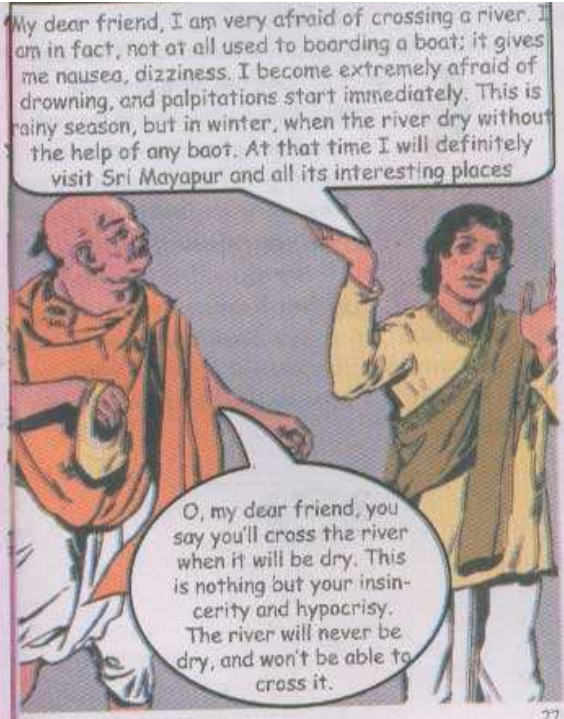
Oh! great fun being in the fair.



Just across the river is Sri Mayapur. Let us go and visit the holy dham there you will find the birthplace of Lord Caitanya deva, tomb of Chand Kazi, the remannats of Ballal Sen's ancient royal palace, the great lake of Ballal Sen and many other places of interest.



Hey, he is very determined to take me across the river to visit the holy dhama, so I should make a counter plan

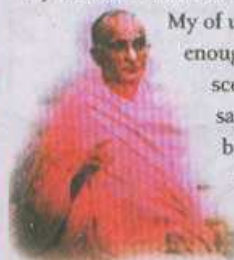


My dear friend, I am very afraid of crossing a river. I am in fact, not at all used to boarding a boat; it gives me nausea, dizziness. I become extremely afraid of drowning, and palpitations start immediately. This is rainy season, but in winter, when the river dry without the help of any boat. At that time I will definitely visit Sri Mayapur and all its interesting places

O, my dear friend, you say you'll cross the river when it will be dry. This is nothing but your insincerity and hypocrisy. The river will never be dry, and won't be able to cross it.

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My of us think that we may devote enough time for listening to the transcendental preaching from some saintly person after completing our business in the field of our domestic material entanglements concerning our family members, their desires and wants, diseases and other things. But in fact, these entanglements will never go. Devotional practices will never be undertaken, unless we make it a point to start devotional practices immediately.

