


The Three Teachings of Prajā-pati

A Tale from Ancient India

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A collection of tales.

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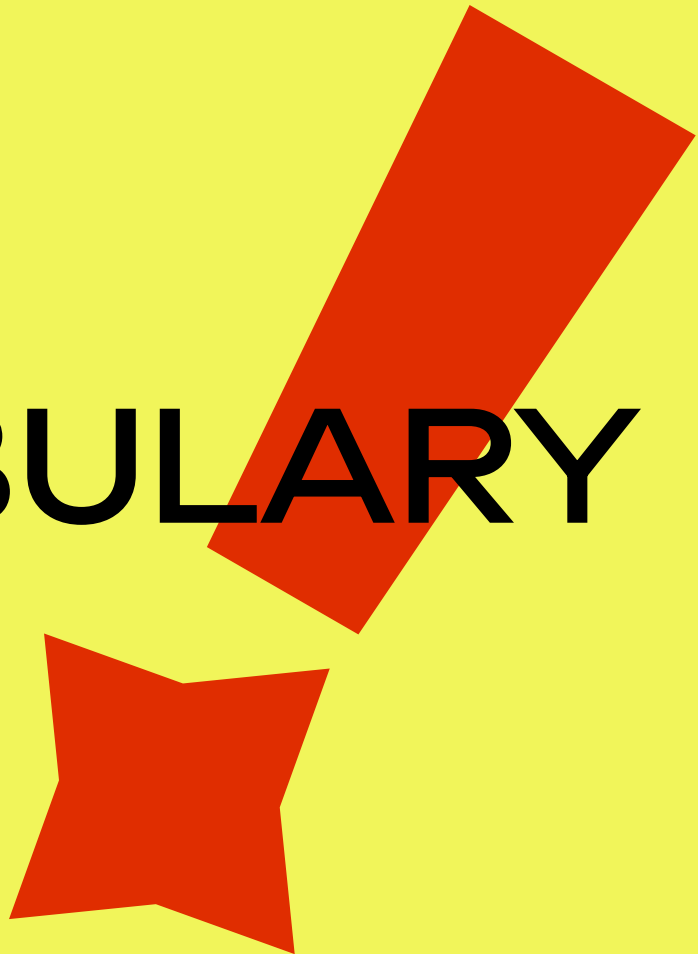
They remind us that self-control, generosity, and compassion are important in every culture and time.

Meet the Characters

What do you think each group will learn in this story?

- Prajā-pati (Grandfather):
- Radiant Ones (Devas):
- Humans:
- Selfish Ones (Asuras):

KEY VOCABULARY



Self-controlled

Able to control one's actions, feelings, and desires.



Charitable

Willing to give and share with others.



Compassionate

Having sympathy
and caring for
others.



Egoistic

Thinking that oneself is better than others.



Generosity

The quality of being kind and giving.



Pre-reading: Which of the following do you think is the hardest to practice:

- self-control
- generosity
- compassion



During reading: Why do you think Prajā-pati gave the same sound “Da” to each group?

During reading: What lesson did the radiant ones understand from “Da”?

During reading: What
lesson did the humans
understand from
“Da”?

During reading: What lesson did the selfish ones understand from “Da”?

Post-reading

- Why do you think self-control, generosity, and compassion are important for spiritual progress?

Post-reading

- How do the “three parts” of each person (radiant, human, selfish) relate to our everyday lives?

Post-reading

- What could happen if a person ignored all three teachings?

Connect to Your Life

- Think of a time when you practiced self-control, generosity, or compassion.
- What happened?

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- How did your choice affect others?
- Which of these three do you want to focus on more in your life?