

HUMOROUS TALES FROM THE EAST

PARAMANANDA AND HIS DISCIPLES

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Paramananda becomes a Guru

A long time ago, present day Andhra Pradesh went by the name of Trilinga. And that is where our story begins...actually in a little village by a river.

Paramananda was a boy who was born into a family of great scholars from this village. His father, grandfather and all their ancestors were considered to be the most learned men in the region.

In spite of his background, Paramananda was quite a simple fellow. His knowledge of the scriptures was not very deep at all. He also possessed very little common sense.

But when his father died, Paramananda found himself promoted to the role of village elder. Such was the faith of the people in Paramananda's family that they began consulting him about everything. Paramananda would give them thoroughly useless advice but the villagers kept coming back for more. After all, he came from a great family.

Before long, because of the great demand, Paramananda was forced to accept some disciples. Soon, he had under his roof a band of loyal, eager and none-too-bright sishyas. Each of them was willing to die if necessary for his beloved teacher.

Paramananda and his wife, Sundari, lived in a little ashram outside the village with their disciples. The stories you are about to read are of the adventures of this unlikely guru and his foolish disciples.

