

## LESSON 12

## DREAMS OF MOTHER TRISHALA PART 01

Tirthankara Mahavira's soul was an angel in the tenth heaven before being born as Prince Vardhaman. At midnight on the sixth day of the bright half of Ashadh, his Ayushya Karma ended, and so did his life as an angel. His soul came to earth and was conceived in the womb of a Brahmin lady named Devananda\*. That night, Devananda had 14 unusual and great dreams. She woke up and told her husband about the dreams. He told her that their son would be a great one and gifted with many virtues. After 82 days, on the thirteenth day of the month of Aaso Saudharma Indra, the King of Angels summoned Angel Hari-naigamesin to his court. He commanded Hari-naigamesin to transplant the fetus from the womb of Devananda to the womb of Queen Trishla and to put Queen Tricia's fetus in Devananda's womb. Queen Trishla was the wife of King Siddhartha. Queen Trishla also got fourteen unusual dreams. They were

1. The first dream Queen Trishla had was of an Elephant. It was a big, tall and with four tusks. It was an auspicious elephant and was endowed with all the desirable marks of excellence.

This dream indicated that she would give birth to a child with exceptionally high character. The four tusks signified that he would guide the spiritual chariot with its four components: sadhus, sadhvis, laymen, and laywomen.

2. The second dream Queen Trishla had was of a Bull. The bull was noble, grand and had a majestic hump. It had the fine, bright and soft hairs on its body. Its horns were superb and sharply-pointed.

This dream indicated that her son would be highly religious and a great spiritual teacher. He would help cultivate the religion.

3. The third dream Queen Trishla had was of a Magnificent Lion. His claws were beautiful and well poised. The lion had a large well-rounded head and sharp teeth. His lips were perfect and his eyes were sharp and glowing. His tail was impressively long and well shaped. Queen saw this lion descending towards her and entering her mouth.

This dream indicated that her son would be as powerful and strong as the lion. He would be fearless, almighty and capable of ruling the world.

4. The fourth dream Queen Trishla had was of the Goddess Laxmi, the goddess of wealth, prosperity and power. She was seated on a lotus and wore many rows of pearls interlaced with emeralds and a garland of gold. A pair of earrings hung over her shoulders with dazzling beauty.

This dream indicated that her son would enjoy great wealth and splendor. **He would be a Tirthankara, the supreme benefactor of all.**

5. The fifth dream Queen Trishla had was of a Beautiful Garland descending from the sky. It smelled mixed fragrances of different flowers. **The flowers bloomed during the different seasons.** The whole universe was filled with their fragrance.

This dream indicated that the fragrance of her son's teaching will spread throughout the universe and he would be respected by all.

6. The sixth dream Queen Trishla had was of a Full Moon. It was a very auspicious sight. The moon was at its full glory. It was as bright as a star. It awoke the lilies to full bloom.

This dream indicated that the child would help lessen the suffering of the all living beings. He would bring the peace to the world. He would help the spiritual progress of entire world at large.

(\* Digambara sect does not believe prince Vardhaman being conceived by Devananda.)