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In the Jambu continent on the sides of the mountain Meru, there is a mountain called Samabhubtala (level-surfaced). In its 7200 miles territory there are clusters of planets.

Beyond it there are crores of Yojanas, and going beyond them, there are dwellings of gods like Saudharma and Isana. Beyond this, there is the tenth heaven which is known as Pranata. In this heaven the age limit is upto twenty Sagaropama.

After having enjoyed the twenty year's Sagaropama life in the heaven Lord Parsvanatha's soul deviated from the heavenly life. There is a large continent named Jambudvipa having the area of one lakh yojanas (yojana = smiles). Its circumference has been typically described in scriptures which I am going to say now.

There was a city named Varanasi looking like Indra's city in the celebrated Bharata (the country of Bharatas) abounding in full riches. In that city, the danda (flag-rod) was only on the top of the palace! and no danda (punishment) for people. There were thieves who stole the mind of the learned but there were no thieves who stole wealth of others. How can the city Varanasi be described where the Sun-disc shines as a pot on the top of the palace and the beautiful Ganga the river of heaven shines in place of the fluttering flag.

In Varanasi the word like injustice was found only in dictionaries, but was no where among the people. There were donors in abundance, but beggars were very few. There ruled an emperor-like king Asvasena who was being followed by hosts of kings and who was deeply engrossed in protecting his people. King Asvasena's crown-queen named Vama was attractive like Rati (the wife of cupid), and charming like Indrani (the wife of Indra) endowed with exuberant beauty, surpassing the heavenly damsel Tilottama, the most beautiful among all the ladies with curved brows pleasing with a mass of virtues and had a noble heart. From her womb Lord Sri Parsvanatha was born. In that night Vamadevi saw fourteen dreams. In the first dream, Vamadevi saw the elephant, in the 2nd auspicious ox, in the 3rd the lion with the mane, Mahalaksmi in the 4th, flower garland in the 5th, the moon in the 6th, Sun in the 7th and the flag in the 8th dream. Vamadevi saw an auspicious pitcher in the ninth dream, in the tenth a lake full of lotuses, in the eleventh ocean
of milk, in the twelth dream a temple, in the thirteenth a heap of jems, and fire without smoke in the fourteenth dream.

On seeing these fourteen dreams Vamadevi was please and got up from dream-state. She began to recall the dreams repeatedly and started uttering the names of clan-goddesses of Jinesvara. Then she rose from there (the bed) and slowly approached the king Asvasen.

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