

**REALITY OF LIFE AND THE IRRATIONAL SENSE OF SACRIFICE YAYATI & BALI  
(FROM AN ANCIENT JAIN EPIC)**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Yayati is a play which is telling the story of a king who spoils the life of his own son to maintaining his young age as per his curse given by Sukracharya. He realized it very late that he was wrong in doing so because he must have taken the responsibility of his son. On the other hand, Bali is an attack on the Hindu rituals of sacrificing animals and birds to appease Gods and Goddesses. It is important to dive into these two matters as per the preceding texts. These two issues are very relevant for the society for reformation at the level of an individual or at the level of masses.*

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