

Shah Jahan

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In Calcutta, a great dramatist, Mr Rath, who was also a very well known government official...




...wrote a book called Shah Jahan. Shah Jahan means the emperor Shah Jahan. The title on the book is the name of the book's hero



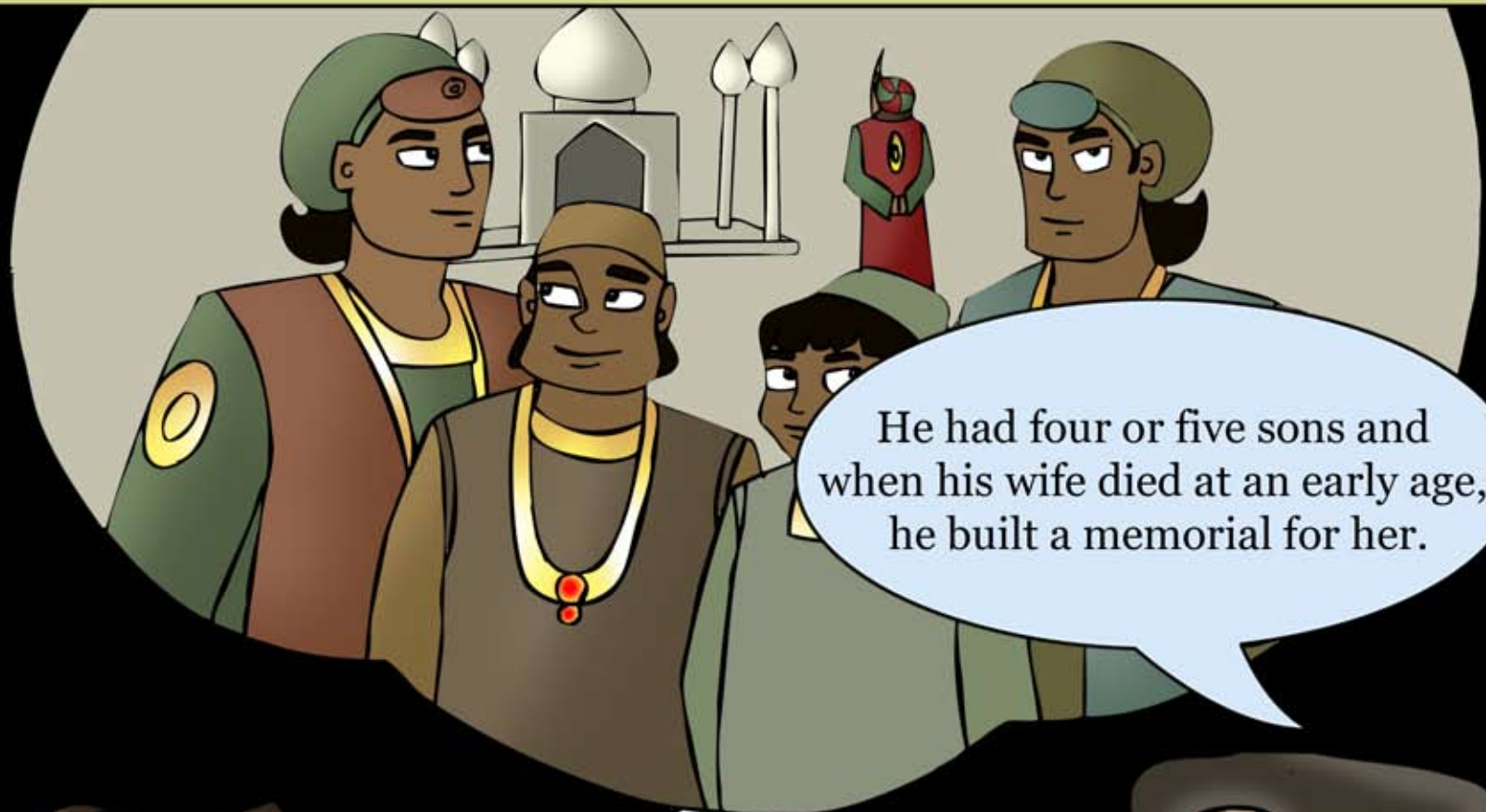
So one of the friends of Mr Rath inquired

In your book Shah Jahan, the actual hero is Aurangzeb. Why have you given this book the title Shah Jahan?





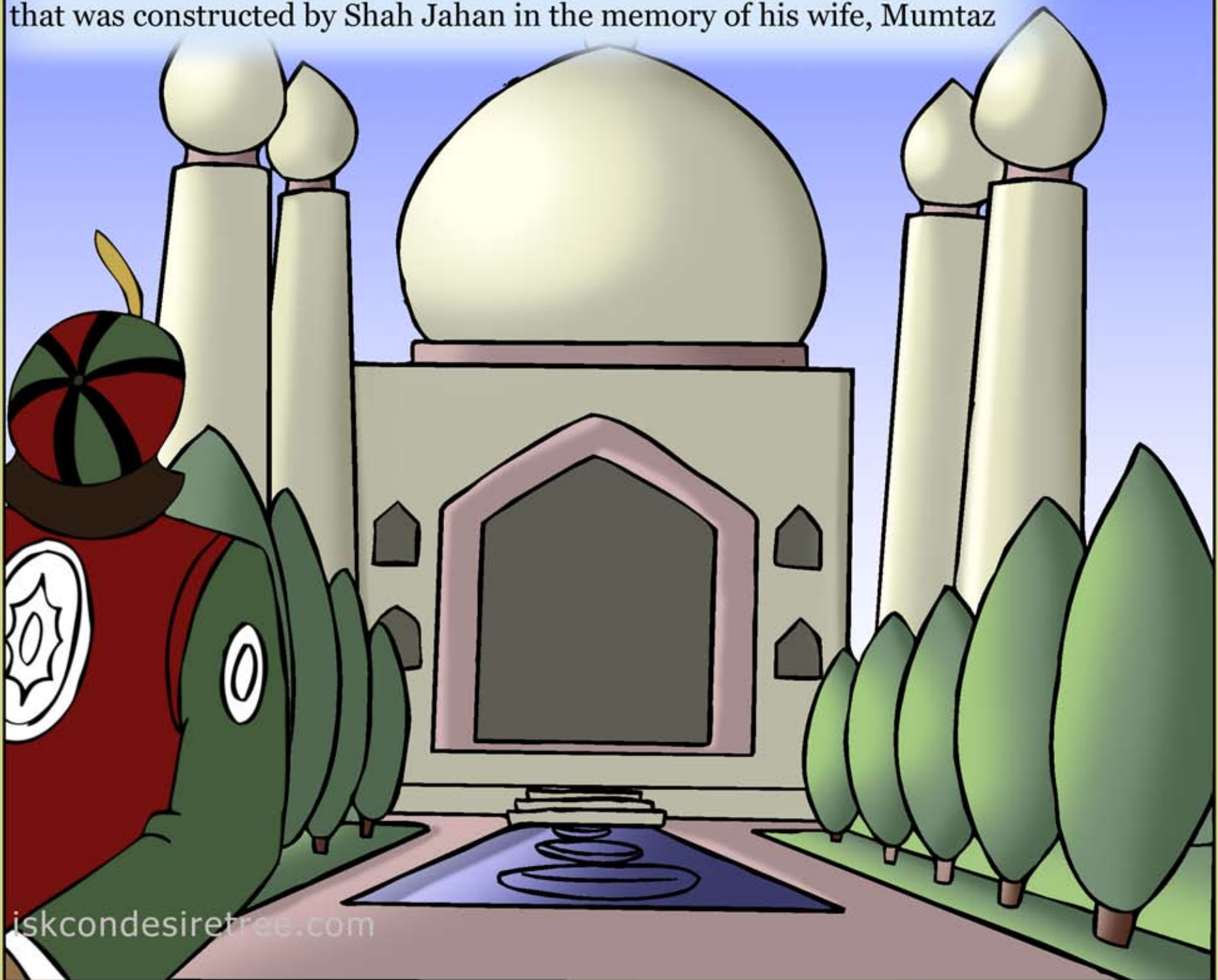
My dear friend, the actual
hero is Shah Jahan, not Aurangzeb.
Yet the Shah Jahan book is full of
activities of Aurangzeb.
But the fact is that Shah Jahan
was the emperor



He had four or five sons and when his wife died at an early age, he built a memorial for her.



Those who have gone to India and have seen the Taj Mahal building,
that was constructed by Shah Jahan in the memory of his wife, Mumtaz



He spent all his money constructing that building



It is one of the seven wonders of the world



Shah Jahan was a very affectionate father also. He did not chastise his sons much. He spent all of his money constructing for the memory of his wife



But when the sons grew up, the son Aurangzeb came out very crooked and he made a plan how to usurp the empire




He killed his brothers




He arrested his father, Shah Jahan





So this is the plot of the
book Shah Jahan



Aurangzeb is not the hero.

Why?

Shah Jahan was in Agra fort as a prisoner and all the reactions of Aurangzeb's activities - the killing of his other sons, the usurping of his empire - all these things were beating on the heart of Shah Jahan. Therefore he was suffering, and he is the hero



MORAL :

This is an example that the author of a book knows very well what is the purpose of that book. Similarly, these Vedanta-sutras are compiled by Srila Vyasadeva, Krsna's incarnation or Krsna Himself. So He knows what is the Vedanta-sutra. Therefore, if you want to understand the Vedanta-sutra, then you must understand Krsna. And Vyasadeva explains the Vedanta-sutra in the Srimad Bhagavatam. Many rascals will comment in different ways, but the author of Vedanta personally wrote a commentary, Srimad Bhagavatam.

- Srila Prabhupada