

Chapter 14

The Guru Has Showered His Grace Upon Me!

As per the annual custom, the festival of Bhim Ekadashi was celebrated in Mumbai in the presence of Nirgundas Swami and Yogi Maharaj on 10 June 1946. Seeing the spiritual radiance and constant divine bliss on Yogi Maharaj's face, the renowned economist Manu Subedar asked, "Swamiji, I have seen many holy men and come into contact with many great dignitaries, but never have I seen on anyone's face this constant bliss of Brahman which I see in you. What is the secret behind your spiritual attainment?"

Ever the embodiment of humility, Yogi Maharaj folded his hands and said, "My guru, Swami Shastriji Maharaj, has showered his grace upon me!"

Hearing this, Nirgundas Swami laughed and said, "Yogi Maharaj speaks the truth. However,

according to my experience, Yogi Maharaj's state of spiritual enlightenment is eternal."

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The festival of Shravan Punam was celebrated in Bochasan. At Shastriji Maharaj's behest, Yogi Maharaj recited and beautifully expounded on the Swamini Vato on this occasion:

"We must lose interest in this world and attach our soul to God. This is our mission. Unfortunately, no one works to reach their final destination; instead, they toil day and night for a place where they will not be able to stay. What is the principle of Shriji Maharaj and the great Sant? One must contemplate this. Thus, we should take the *murti* of God and sit in contemplation.

"What is this *murti*? To listen to the spiritual discourses of God and meditate on the manifest form of God. Developing affection with the devotees and following the commands of the Sant who is the manifest form of God, one must

strive for the ultimate liberation of one's soul. That is, one must look to the benefit of the *atma*. That is why Shriji Maharaj sent us here.”

After granting devotees the benefit of his discourses, Yogi Maharaj traveled with Shastriji Maharaj to Dabhasi, Ashi, Vahera, Borsad, and Vasad before arriving in Atladara for the Janmashtami festival.

After celebrating Kartik Punam in Atladara, Shastriji Maharaj traveled to Mumbai. However, due to poor health, Yogi Maharaj was unable to travel to Mumbai, and he celebrated Uttarayan in Rajkot. Then he traveled to Atladara on Vasant Panchami to celebrate Shastriji Maharaj's 83rd birthday. The darshan of the immeasurable radiance of their elderly guru's form brought peace to everyone's hearts. Yogi Maharaj would become lost in the bliss of that darshan.