

Chapter 19

Transformed Food into Medicine

Around this time, Balvantbhai Brahmhatt had come from Mumbai to Nadiad, taking ten days off from his work, to meet his father, Bakorbhai. When he learned that Yogiji Maharaj was in Nadiad, he immediately went for Swamishri's darshan. When Swamishri inquired about his welfare, he explained that he was suffering from dysentery. Swamishri said, "Travel with us, and you will be cured."

Balvantbhai agreed and, on the same day, went with Swamishri to Piplag, where he was performing the *vastu* ceremony of Bhailalbhai's new house. There, Swamishri looked at Balvantbhai and said, "Here, T.T., have some laddus." Swamishri used to call him by the nickname "T.T."

Balvantbhai averred, "But Bapa, I'm sick..."

Swamishri replied, “You will be cured. Remember Maharaj and eat it. Here.”

Despite harboring doubts such as, “What if something happens?” Balvantbhai ate the laddus that Swamishri had given him, and he was able to digest them without any difficulty! In this way, Swamishri took Balvantbhai with him for about ten days and granted him the bliss of darshan and prasad.

As his vacation days ended, Balvantbhai asked for leave to go, and Swamishri gladly acquiesced. Then he asked, “Where is your illness?” Saying this, Swamishri patted Balvantbhai and said, “Your illness is now gone! Once you get home, throw all your medicines away.”

Then, Swamishri gave Balvantbhai a puja and instructed him to turn five *malas* every day. From then, Balvantbhai was permanently cured of his illness.

One devotee from Lakhavad had been admitted to Mission Hospital in Nadiad.

Swamishri went to Mission Hospital to check on his health and blessed him. At the time, Krishnabhai had also come to inquire about the devotees' health.

Swamishri asked about the details of his illness and gently patted his entire body. Then he chanted the *dhun* with the accompanying sadhus and devotees and said, “Don’t worry, your health will return to normal.”

Witnessing Swamishri’s love and compassion, Krishnabhai developed a deep respect for Swamishri. Krishnabhai had a reputation in Nadiad for being a very belligerent person. However, Krishnabhai approached Swamishri as he was leaving the hospital, and, considering him to be a venerable sadhu, folded his hands and asked, “Bapa, please come have lunch at my house.”

Swamishri clapped him on the back in blessing and said, “We will gladly come to your house.” So saying, Swamishri laughed and patted the back of his neck.

At Swamishri's touch, Krishnabhai felt extraordinary tranquility permeate his being.

The following day, Swamishri went to Vartal in Maganbhai Vimavala's car. He had darshan at all the sanctified spots and met with Kothari Ramsang Bhagat. Swamishri bathed in Gomti Pond and held an assembly nearby, where he recited the Swamini Vato. Bhailalbhai of Piplag made arrangements for Swamishri's dinner at Ambalalbhai's shop. After dinner, Swamishri went to Bochasan.

On Jeth *sud* Punam, devotees from the surrounding villages came in large numbers, and an unplanned festival occurred. Then, Swamishri visited the home of Gordhanbhai of Dharmaj, who had come from Africa, and the home of Jashbhai Guard in Sojitra. Then, Swamishri visited Petlad and Pandoli before returning to Bochasan on Saturday.

In Bochasan, Swamishri inspected the mandir's ongoing marble and painting work that had been sponsored by Mumbai's Govindbhai Negos. After blessing Mohanbhai

Mistry and his son Kantibhai, Swamishri spoke in the assembly.

On Sunday, 12 July 1953, Swamishri traveled to Dabhasi and took the night express train to Ahmedabad. Nandaji had come for Swamishri's darshan. Swamishri spoke about Shastriji Maharaj's extraordinary life incidents, and Nandaji was very pleased. Swamishri shared with Nandaji the details of the devotees' pilgrimage by special train. Swamishri told Nandaji that when the train reaches Chhapaiya, he should come there for darshan. Swamishri sanctified Nandaji's house. Then, as Gordhanbhai Patel was ill, Swamishri visited his home, gave him darshan and blessings, and then traveled to Anand.