

Chapter 25

To Know How to Please the Sant Is Intellect

Satsang in Africa owed a great debt to Maganbhai. Through his association, Gordhanbhai had become a very good *satsangi*. Due to his simple lifestyle, he was widely known as G. K. Swami. When Swamishri had gone to Tororo, he had taken every opportunity to stay in Swamishri's company and listen to his discourses. As Swamishri was returning to India, Swamishri told him, "Come with us."

These words had such a profound impact that Gordhanbhai went to his boss, handed over his letter of resignation and the keys to his office and said, "Here is your key. Just check that the cash in the safe is as it should be. If there is anything missing, take the difference from my account. At my guru's command, I have to go to India."

His boss thought he was foolish to give up such a good job, but what greater expression of one's intellect is there than knowing how to please Guruhari? So Gordhanbhai returned to India and joined in Swamishri's service.²

On the morning of Sunday, 7 August 1955, Swamishri visited devotees' homes before arriving at Maganbhai's cremation spot. Here, Swamishri said, "Many spiritual discourses have been delivered and continue to be delivered. But the main point is that the sentiment one has for God and his devotee should remain forever. You must imbibe Vachanamrut Loya 17.

"Problems arise due to one's regard for the body, which has been proscribed. You will have to eradicate your base natures. Here, at this cremation spot, give up your base natures. When a devotee of God scolds us, we should bow to them more deeply and understand their greatness more profoundly, but we should not hold a grudge. Keep faith and persevere; if you are insulted or belittled, tolerate it. If someone

makes you get up while you are eating, then get up. You should not find fault with them. You should not feel hurt. If you don't receive a bedding, you should make do.

“Gunatitanand Swami returned to Akshardham in '23 (V.S. 1923). From '20 he would have this read aloud. For three years, he had this Vachanamrut read aloud repeatedly. Everyone has to imbibe it in their life.”

Today, during lunch, Swamishri himself served all the devotees and fed them heartily.

At 4 p.m. in the *yuvak mandal* assembly, Swamishri explained Vachanamruts Gadhada I 24 and 30, and the Swamini Vatos from 1/70 to 1/80.

2 Upon his return to India, Gordhanbhai assisted Swamishri in his correspondence. Even if he was listening to spiritual discourses, Swamishri would make him get up and tell him, “You should not sit in the spiritual discourses. Go write letters.”

Swamishri had high praise for his ability to get work done. Swamishri had sent him to Makrana, Rajasthan for some time. There, he endured many hardships and did great service regarding the marble for Gadhada mandir. Finally, Swamishri instructed him to serve in Bochasan mandir. He had immense divyabhav for Swamishri and Pramukh Swami Maharaj. Thus, everyone respected him as an ideal satsangi.