

Chapter 4

An Innately Positive Perspective

Once, Krishnacharandas Swami and his *mandal*, including Jhina Bhagat, embarked on a tour of nearby villages. They soon arrived in the village of Mander.

However, some atheists in Mander instigated the village youth to throw dung, dirt, and garbage on these sadhus. In this first experience of such persecution, the young Jhina Bhagat, who would eventually become renowned as an embodiment of tolerance, remained calm and composed. Exiting the village, everyone bathed in the river to wash off the filth and then set off for the next village.

On the way, the other sadhus began to vent their anger against the residents of Mander. Jhina Bhagat just laughed and said, “But it is good they did that, isn’t it? Our bodies were sanctified!”

Krishnacharandas Swami responded, “Kudos, Jhina Bhagat! You possess the profound spiritual understanding exemplified by the great *paramhansas*.”

Then he told the sadhus, “This Jhina Bhagat does not have the capacity to see flaws in others.”

Krishnacharandas Swami called Jhina Bhagat to him and showered his blessings upon him.