

Chapter 25

At the Cremation Site of the Great Devotee, Maganbhai

After bathing and doing puja, at 11 a.m., Swamishri went for darshan at the cremation site of the great devotee, Maganbhai. There, he did *artī*, *dhun*, and *thal*, before returning to his accommodations, where he presided in satsang assembly.

In the assembly, Swamishri said, “In the entire continent of Africa, the most sacred spot of pilgrimage is here. When I had gone to Akshar Deri in Gondal, I had made three wishes:

“1) That the *murti-pratishtha* of Mombasa mandir is completed in a grand fashion and thousands of people have Thakorji’s darshan.

“2) While I had done darshan of the devotees who had come to India, that I would

have darshan of the devotees who had remained here.

“3) That I would have darshan of Maganbhai’s cremation site

“As soon as I arrived in Tororo station, I felt at peace.

“I performed *artī* at the cremation site and pleased Maganbhai as well as Nirgun Swami. When Maganbhai had come to Akshar Deri in Gondal, we had gone from Gondal to Junagadh. In Junagadh, we did darshan of all the sanctified spots in the mandir and returned to Gondal by 8 p.m. In the car on the way back, we had a nice spiritual discussion. On the road, there is a hand pump where we had stopped to drink some water from that well. I remember all of that just like it was yesterday.”

Then, Harmanbhai, Tribhovandas, C.T. Patel, and others addressed the assembly. After that, Swamishri said, “A three-pinnacled mandir will be built here. Thousands of people will come for its darshan. Maganbhai’s

cremation site will become a highly venerated place. Many people will observe a *maanta* to visit it, and going there, will bow their heads with reverence.

“*Kalpataru sarvanā sankalp satya kare, pāse jai pritashu seve jyāre...*”

(The wish-fulfilling tree makes everyone's wishes come true, for all those who go to it and serve it with affection.)

“To take one *jīva* beyond *maya* grants one the spiritual merit of the entire universe, and to cause one *jīva* to fall from the path of liberation causes one to be laden with the sins of the entire universe. Each person should make five others *satsangi*. Everyone who observes the *panchvartman* is a *satsangi*. What will happen to the *jīva* of one who drinks alcohol? When he understands that it is a cause of great sin, then he will give it up of his own accord. When Maharaj and the *sadgurus* came to Kathiawad, they cleaned up the entire region. Maganbhai and Nirgun Swami cleaned up this country, but half remains to be cleaned. So all of you come

together and get rid of it. Organize *yagnas* and *parayans* of the Bhagavad Gita, Ramayan, Mahabharat, and other scriptures, and make each *jiwa* worthy of spiritual growth. Maharaj had made unworthy *jivas* worthy of spiritual enlightenment. Maharaj was born in Chhapaiya, and in his childhood, he climbed on a tree to look in which direction the spiritual aspirants were increasing. Then, because there were more in the Western direction, he endured extreme hardships, eating barely a couple of morsels of food a day to set everyone straight.”