

Chapter 14

Once He Drinks, My Thirst Will Be Quenched

From Bhavnagar, Yogi Maharaj traveled to Ningala before arriving in Sarangpur for Fuldol. During the Fuldol festival, Yogi Maharaj recited and explained the 64th chapter of the Bhaktachintamani in his inimitable style.

From here, Shastriji Maharaj and Yogi Maharaj traveled to Ahmedabad and Anand before celebrating the Chaitra Punam festival in Bochasan. Then, on 15 April 1949, they traveled by train to Botad. The train was extremely overcrowded. Shastriji Maharaj, Nirgundas Swami, and Yogi Maharaj barely secured a place to sit. Moreover, Yogi Maharaj was carrying both Shastriji Maharaj's and Nirgundas Swami's luggage along with his own. It was the height of summer, and the oppressive heat had left all three great sadhus drenched in sweat. Despite the moving train,

the mass of humanity packed so closely within it ensured that the sadhus did not benefit from even the slightest flutter of a breeze all the way to Ahmedabad Station. The Ahmedabad devotees, including Babubhai, had come to the station for darshan.

Babubhai had brought a small earthen pot of clean, cool water for the sadhus. Seeing this, Yogi Maharaj said, “The heat has made Thakorji uncomfortable, so let us bathe him and offer him some water to drink.”

Then Yogi Maharaj put Thakorji on a steel tray and bathed him with the water Babubhai had brought. Then, he shared that water for everyone to drink. Pleased, Shastriji Maharaj said, “Yogi Maharaj’s service and devotion is similar to Mahaprabhu Vallabhacharyaji’s.”

When Shastriji Maharaj was given water, he said, “Offer water to Yogi Maharaj. Once he drinks, my thirst will be quenched.”

However, Yogi Maharaj never consumed any food or water while traveling. Despite the

unbearable summer heat, he was unwavering in his observance of this practice. So, he offered water to Thakorji and Shastriji Maharaj. The oneness between guru and disciple was such that while they might have appeared separate from a worldly perspective, those with spiritual discernment saw in the form of this guru and disciple a divine vision of “Brahman frolicking with Brahman.”