

Chapter 9

Following the Footsteps of the Great

Shastriji Maharaj, Nirgundas Swami, Yogi Maharaj, and Khengarjibhai Chauhan of Ahmedabad, along with other devotees, had gone to Junagadh for the centenary celebrations. After the festival, they went to the Junagadh train station. Although it was crowded with thousands of festivalgoers returning home, Shastriji Maharaj began to walk straight to the train yard about a thousand feet away. Yogi Maharaj followed him, carrying everyone's luggage. Seeing this, Nirgundas Swami began shouting, "The station is over here. Where is everyone going?"

Yogi Maharaj looked back at him and said, "Whatever Swami is doing must be correct. We should follow Swami without any doubts."

But this was Nirgundas Swami! He became angry with Yogi Maharaj and said, "He hasn't

changed a bit. Instead of turning back as I am instructing, he is telling us to follow them!”

Nirgundas Swami and some sadhus and devotees went to the station instead of following Shastriji Maharaj. But when they reached the station, the stationmaster informed them, “Due to the large number of passengers attending this festival, for everyone’s convenience, we have kept a special coach in the yard and arranged for everyone who boards that coach to procure their tickets from an upcoming station.”

So, Nirgundas Swami, the sadhus, and devotees walked to the special passenger coach parked in the yard where Shastriji Maharaj and Yogi Maharaj were waiting for them. When they arrived, Shastriji Maharaj looked up, smiled, and said, “Welcome. We have saved some space for you.”

Everyone was surprised by Shastriji Maharaj’s actions. When all the sadhus and devotees were seated, Yogi Maharaj began singing *dhun* and kirtans, engaging everyone in

devotion. Nirgundas Swami thought, “Every action of the Satpurush is intentional and flawless. Yogi has fully understood the essence of this truth.”

He developed a newfound respect for Yogi Maharaj due to his *nirdosh buddhi* in the guru.