

Chapter 22

Uplifting Youthful Energies

At Swamishri's command, the *yuvak mandal* in Mumbai was properly established just before the prior Diwali. The youths of Mumbai had also served in the Sharad Punam and Diwali festivals. The youths were very enthusiastic. On this occasion, Swamishri carefully read through the *Gnanyagna* volume that the youths had prepared for his birthday and sent them the following reply:

“The quarterly Prakash is filled with excellent wisdom. So, if all the youths write articles like this, then Swami-Shriji and Shastriji Maharaj will be very pleased with them and will bless them. So, Swami Yagnapurushdasji Mumbai Mandal’s Jay, Jay, Jay! If everyone remains strong, then the *mandal* will grow. Yours, Gnajivandasji, Mumbai, Posh sud 7, Monday. It will be called a *mandal* of joy, 11-1-’54.”

In the beginning, Swamishri had named the Mumbai *yuvak mandal*, “Shastriji Maharaj Shri Yagnapurushdasji Yuvak Mandal.” Swamishri possessed an indescribable enthusiasm that such youth activities should begin and expand greatly. He would write three letters a week to them. As the youths read the first letter and thought about it, another youth in the *mandal* would receive a second letter. As everyone read that letter, a third youth would invariably receive yet another letter. Swamishri would write words of such enthusiasm and inspiration and address the youths with words of such divine regard that everyone would remain thinking about Swamishri’s commands day and night. Nothing else would occur to them. They would be eagerly anticipating the next Sunday so that they could attend the youth assembly. Everyone enthusiastically began to understand Swamishri’s glory and developed an interest in Gunatit *jnan*. They had discussions and debates. Minutes would be

written. In this way, Swamishri had nurtured the youths with his extraordinary inspiration.