

Chapter 10

From the Perspective of the Brahmic State

Whenever Yogi Maharaj would travel to Bochasan, Sarangpur, or Gondal, he would especially meet with the newly initiated sadhus and *parshads*. He would shower them with affection and teach them lessons about the renunciant life. Jetha Bhagat of Patana⁴ was serving in Sarangpur, but his relatives would routinely cause trouble for him. Thus, Yogi Maharaj once told him, “We should remain firm in our resolve. Our relatives may say anything from their selfish perspective, but we should disregard it. If someone comes to take you back home, then come to Gondal. Because it is far from home, no one will bother you here.” So saying, Yogi Maharaj patted him on the back and said, “Guru! Remain happy.” Yogi Maharaj pressed his hand, patted the side of his head, and exclaimed, “So strong!”

Jetha Bhagat said, “Swami, I am but a disciple. Why do you call me ‘guru’?”

Yogi Maharaj humbly explained, “Perceiving everyone to be at the Gunatit state, I see Maharaj in all. Thus I am calling you guru.”

How can a person whose eyes and heart have remained eternally untouched by worldly bondage possess anything other than a *brahmic* perspective?

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4 The late Sanantan Swami of Sarangpur