



**SAT KARTAR BEDA PAR  
SRI 108**

# **Sri Tapasviji Poorandasji Udasin**

*॥ Om Guru Om ॥*



**SAT KARTAR BEDA PAR**  
(Baba Tapasviji's mantra)

**BABA TAPASVIJI**  
**Tapasvi Yoga Mission**  
(A Biography)



# Guru Vandana

Shri Pooran Bhagwan Ji, Jagat Pita Jagdish,  
Shraddha se karen vandana, dhar charano me sheesh.  
Shiv roop me prakat bhaye, param purush bhagwant,  
Mahima ati mahan hai, paya kise na ant.  
Satya marg darsaye kar, kiya anant upkaar,  
Apni bhagati laye kar, khole gyan kiwar.  
Anukampa karo Satguru, baksho pyara naam,  
Satkartar jo simran kare, pooran hoven sab kaam.  
Anaathon ke prabhu nath ho, karuna ke avtaar,  
Sharan tihari aaye hain, kardo Bedapar.

The Complete God, the father of the Universe,  
our dear Guru Shri Puran Bhagwanji,  
With utmost devotion I sing your glory, bowing my head on your feet.  
In reincarnation of Lord Shiva, you emerge as a supreme being  
Whose capacities are limitless and unseen.  
By showing the path of truth,  
Your divine blessings are showered on me.  
By allowing me gain your knowledge,  
You ignite the kundalini shakti in me  
Be compassionate my Satguru,  
And bless me with your Mantra,  
As he who chants Babaji's mantra of Satkartar Bedapar,  
All his wordly affairs are resolved,  
You are the father of the orphans and a compassionate incarnation,  
I take shelter in you and surrender to you  
to take me in your ship across the ocean of worldly life.

(This Prayer has been composed by Mrs. Ameeta Wadhwa most devotedly  
expressing firm belief in Babaji's mantra of Sat Kartar Beda Par)

## PREFACE

It is indeed a great fortune of the most revered and sacred soil of India that in every province, state, city and village; great and merciful Saints and Sages, manifesting a redeeming part of divinity of the Supreme Being are born. The Supreme Being descends on this earth with a serious and sole purpose of guiding, leading and inspiring the devotees along the benefitting and holy path of devotion. God comes on earth in the form and figure of man, only to fulfil the long cherished desire of worship of His devotees.

We call the Merciful Almighty's descent in the form and body of man as the Saint or the Sadguru. God alone is the source and support of whatever bliss, contentment, happiness that we as men experience on earth.

Sri 108 Tapaswi Poorandasji Udasin Maharaj was a divine and great Saint. He had spent a great part of his divine life in doing penance and in serving mankind. He was the torch bearer of the Vedic religion and culture. He was humble and modest. He was detachment incarnate. He was a great donor of wealth for the well-being of the poor. He was sincerely and actively dedicated to the upliftment of the down-trodden and the lowliest and the lost. Through the burning example of his life, the noble practice of the percept, Sri Tapaswi Bhagawan has made us realise the manifold greatness and glory of the Supreme Being. Through sacrifice and self-control, service of humanity, bhajans and praises of God, Sri Tapaswi Bhagawan has inspired and enlightened the life of many of his devotees.

It is very difficult, indeed a herculean task to attempt to write a biography of a Super Saint as Tapaswi Bhagwan. It is next to impossible to know and understand the psyche, the inner consciousness of the divine personality of this divine yogi. We are unable to understand and know him as he was. Only those fortunate few who are blessed and favoured by him, alone can understand him as he was in the inner-most recesses of his divine consciousness. However, we have tried to write his life-story with only the hope and faith to have the bliss of doing this pious work. We were aware of our limited intellectual capacity. With his divine blessings we could complete this book. He has helped and inspired us. He is the real writer, we are only the instruments. Thus we have the humble bliss of being the holy channel of his own work. All credit goes to him.

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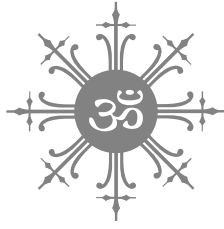
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Biographies of great Saints and Sages and Prophets dispel despair and diffidence. Such holy books cheer us and encourage us. They give us faith and robust optimism in life. They lead us to the right path of virtue and vigour. If the readers of this book get the right guidance and inspiration for the spiritual advancement from the life-story of Sri Tapaswi Bhagwan, we would consider ourselves fortunate and think that our humble effort in this herculean holy task has succeeded.

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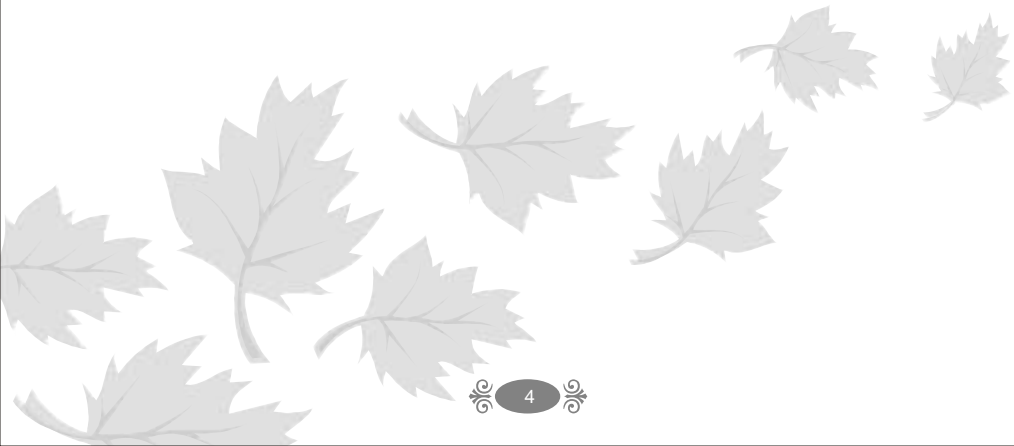
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For whatever a great man does, that very thing other people also do: whatever standard he sets up; the generality of people follow the same.

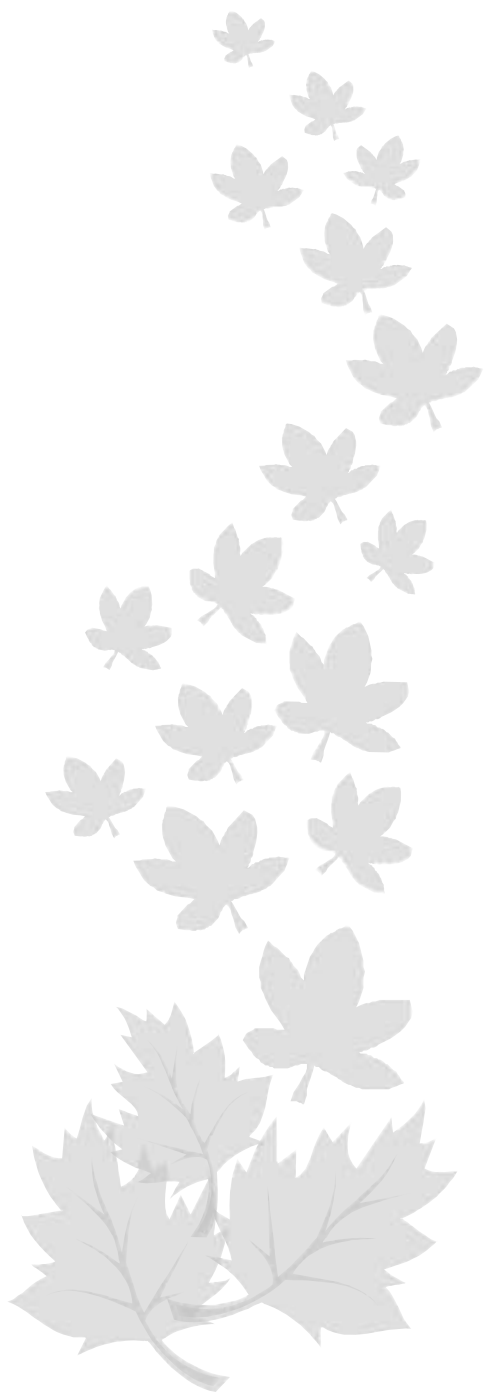
Arjuna, My birth and activities are divine. He who knows this in reality is not reborn on leaving his body, but comes to Me.

He who has mastered his senses, is exclusively devoted to his practice and full of faith, attains knowledge; having had the revelation of Truth, he immediately attains supreme peace (in the form of God - Realization).



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*Thou art Mother,  
Thou art Father,  
Thou art Kinsman,  
Thou art Friend,  
Thou art Knowledge,  
Thou art Wealth,  
Thou art my all,  
O Lord of Lords !*

## CHAPTER 1

### THE UDASIN SECT (SAMPRADAYA)

The Udasin Sect (Sampradaya) is very ancient one. It has a very respectable and reverential place in India. It is believed that God Vishnu himself took the body of Hansa, taught Sanatkumar and initiated him to the fourth Ashram i.e. Sanyasta and told him to live in the world and to move from place to place being absorbed only in Brahma. The meaning of the word 'Udasin' is this, 'Ud' means 'Brahma' and 'asin' means 'sthita' i.e. One who is absorbed in Brahma. Udasin does not mean sorrowful, sad or dejected. One who is completely absorbed in Brahma, the Divine is Udasin.

Sanat Kumar was the first Udasin Acharya. The second was Narad Muni. There were about one hundred sixty five Acharyas in total. In the holy order of the Udasin, Sampradaya Avinashi Muni has the one hundred sixty fourth place and Bhagwan Srichand Baba has one hundred and sixty fifth place.

This Sampradaya descending from Sanatkumar, has given many divine saints. Tapasvi Poorandasji was one of them. These divine Udasin saints have played an important part in spreading the Hindu Vedic Religion and its literature in India and outside India. The Udasin Sect is the inborn branch of the Hindu Vedic Religion. In our books of religion numberless references are made in this connection.

Goswami Tulsidasji has in the Ramayana referred to the Udasin sage. Sri Ram had put on the dress of the Udasin Sage and lived for fourteen years in the forest. On hearing the news of the coming of Ram, the son of King Dasharatha, the residents of the Bharadwaj Ashram, the numberless Siddha Mahatmas, the Brahmacharis, the Parivrajakas, the Grihasthis and the whole Udasin society had gone for the darshan of Ram.

Bharadwaja Muni says, "I tell you the truth that I am the Tapasvi of Udasin Sect".

In the Geeta also a number of references have been made about the Udasin sages.

Udasin Acharya Jagadguru Sri Srichand Baba did his best for the spread of his Vedic Religion. The search for truth, the spread of religion, the strength of spirit and the uplifting of man was the mission of this Udasin



Acharya. So he spread the Vedic Religion not only in India but also in Afghanistan, Kandhar and upto Turkistan. Numerous Udasin saints had been at work. They have made their life successful by realizing the Divine. By means of their Penance, Practice and Power of Siddhi, they made the life of many people divine and spiritual.

Such reverend Mahatmas are truly worth being remembered and followed and worshiped.

The Udasin Sect is the one of the chief sect of our religion. The past of this Sect is very sublime and the future is bright.

In the present day, the Udasin Sect has kept its special place. The world famous scholars of this Sect are busy spreading the eternal Veda Dharma in every nook and corner of India. The Tapasvi and the Siddha Mahatmas with the help of their day to day life, by putting the preaching into practice, are busy doing the very important work of serving the people. They are busy doing the best for the whole of mankind. With a stable mind, the very cheerful Siddha Mahatmas are busy spreading the religious qualities of discipline and virtuous conduct.

The most famous Ayurveda Mahatmas by means of their experience and knowledge, are giving health to the people and are serving man as God.

In short, the Udasin Sect believes in the good of man. The four mind-born sons of Brahma, Sanat Kumar, Sanak, Sanandana and Sanatana are the pioneers of the Udasin sect.

Their blessings is as follows :

May all be happy, may all be free from diseases, may all get bliss, may no one be unhappy.

## CHAPTER 2

### JAGAD-GURU SRI SRICHAND BABA

The Udasin Acharya Jagad-Guru Sri Srichand Baba was born at the home of Guru Nanak on Bhadrapad 9th Shukla Vikram Samvat 1551 (AD 1494) at Talwandi in Punjab.

His mother's name was Sulakshani Devi. At the time of his birth, Srichand gave his mother the Divine Darshan as the God Shiva with the Jata-Bhasma and Kundal. When the mother prayed to him, he became a small child and slept on her lap. He was given the name of Srichand. Therefore he is also worshiped as an incarnation of God Shiva.

### Childhood Of Srichand Baba

When Srichand was born, the astrologers forecasted a great future for him and the wise men predicated that he was the incarnation of God Shiva. When the son was only four, the urge to sing of God was deep in the heart of Nanak who left his job, his home and his worldly life, to sing and proclaim God's glory.

Sulakshani Devi took Srichand and her other son Lakshmichand to her father at Pakhoka where Srichand grew up God minded, serious and studious, yet seeking the solitude of the forest again and again in order to commune with nature. Like the father, Srichand also loved the solitude of jungle, so when other children played, he sat in the Padmasana and was absorbed into the Samadhi and never cared for food or water. Hence his maternal grand-father was afraid that like Nanak, he too would become a Sadhu so he got busy arranging for his betrothal. But the mother Sulakshani Devi had already known him at the time of his birth. So she said to her father, "This child is God Shiva himself so you should not worry about his betrothal. He would never marry. He is the Yogeshwara."

At the age of eleven, Srichand was given the scared thread i.e. Yajnopaveeta. Pandit Hardayal Sharma was much charmed by his bright and powerful intelligence. Then his mother gladly consented to go to Kashmir for his further studies. Here he studied the books of religion under the guidance of Pandit Purushottam Kaul. Because of his extraordinary intelligence he was considered as the best pupil. He possessed a wonderful memory and at the age of fourteen, he was the pride of Purushottam Kaul's Academy. He participated in learned discussions, won the academic triumph and came to be recognized as an heir to his masters learning. But

the love of solitude did not leave him. Again and again he went to the forest, sat in meditation and sought the Infinite. Here all his friends began to call him Chandramauli Shiva himself.

### **The Udasin Initiation And Establishment Of Religion**

After completing his studies, Srichand went to Avinashi Muni for the Chaturthashrami Udasin Deeksha (i.e. initiation). On the auspicious day of Guru Purnima (AD 1519) he was initiated by Avinashi Muni. After taking permission from the Guru, he, for the establishment of the Vedic religion and for the good of the people and their Kalyan, he started on the journey of India. He visited a number of holy places and temples and shrines. From village to village he traveled and came in contact with the people and discussed their well-being. He removed the pains of the miserable people. He encouraged them and made them fearless. He made them religious minded and helped them in their worship of God.

When Babur's son, Humayun lost his kingdom, he went to Srichand Baba and asked for his blessings. Srichand Baba while blessing him said, "In no time your son will be the Emperor of Delhi." It happened so. The Great Akbar became the Emperor of Delhi and he made the basis for the Hindu Muslim Unity.

Srichand Baba had drawn out the burning piece of wood from Dhooni and had planted it into the ground which bore leaves in order to change the heart of Yakub, the minister of Kashmir. In no time it became very green. Afterwards this tree was known as the Chandrachinar. Persons having faith in the Divinity of Srichand Baba, used to go to Kashmir to have the Darshan of that tree. Srichand Baba was not only the Guru of Sadhus and learned persons but he was Jagad-Guru because he evoked devotion among all classes of people.

In Kabul, he built one Dharmashala and started a big centre for the spread of Divine message. It is still there Today. He had spread the religion in Kashmir, Kandahar and Peshawar.

Swami Ramdas, the Guru of Shivaji had the Darshan of Srichand Baba at the age of only eighteen at Takali village. At that time his name was Narayana and he was turned towards the Tapu-Vairagya. Srichanddev did not advice him Yoga Sadhana in solitude. He advised him to visit the holy places and see for himself how bad their condition was. Then, through the deserving Kshatriya disciple he advised him to keep away and remove that condition. He advised him to protect the Vedic Dharma and he foretold, "In a very short time, a child will be born at Shivneri to fulfill your desire."

The fore-telling of the great never goes vain. History tells us how this forecast came to be true.



JAGAD-GURU SRI SRICHAND BABA

## **Matrashastra**

Then Srichandraddev went to Srinagar. He gave Upadesha to his disciples. That Upadesha (teaching) is called "Matrashastra". It is respected and worshipped as much as the holy Veda-Vakya. In this Matrashastra Srichand Baba, instead of focusing on karma-kand (out-word rituals) of all religions and Veshachar, has praised and advised spirituality. He has fully advised and recommended only the straight and simple devout worship of the Divine.

He placed before his disciples the regular programme for the spreading of religion and said "All of you in order to give success to the spreading of religion, establish the Pancha-Parmeshwa." Include in it four experienced Mahatma Mandaladhish and the fifty Upasya Dev only. He decided and chalked out a plan by the Panch Parmeshwara, which should be obeyed and carried out by all. They should include Ganesh, Vishnu, Shiva, Durga and Chandi and all other gods and goddesses. Today also the Pancha-Parmeshwara Udasin Akhada, according to the teaching of Srichandradev, does the work of the spreading of religion orderly and regularly.

## **Disappearance**

After preparing one religious system for the service of people, service of religion and service of the country, Srichandraddev entered into the thick jungle of Chamba in Kashmir for the solitary sadhana. At that time, in order to cross the Ravi river he sat on one stone and said "O stone, the beloved of Ram, take me across." As soon as the stone heard these words it started swimming in the river and very soon reached the other bank.

From this incident, one learns for certain the wonderful control of Srichandradev over lifeless objects. After coming down Srichand Acharya disappeared into the ranges of the mountains. In the peaceful and quiet and charming jungle, even today one can have the Darshan of that holy stone which had brought Srichandraddev to the opposite bank of the river Ravi.

This wonderful divine incident happened on Paush Krishna, 5th day in Samvat 1700 (AD 1644).

Srichandraddev disappeared, he did not die. Many saints, sages and

the Mahatmas have the strong faith that Srichandraddev is immortal. He lives for ever. Still he is doing the tapashcharya and the sadhana in solitude. He gives Darshan to the deserving devotees in the caves of the Himalayas. Though he disappeared 150 years after his birth, even then he was in the form of the Balyati. He was beyond old age and youth. He was really ageless and the Mritunjaya God Shiva.

The Jagad Guru Srichandradev's teaching impressed all. The poor or the rich, the young or the old, the high or the low, all praised his greatness and divinity.

Our heads with gratitude and devotion bow down before the lotus feet of Srichandradev because he was and is the able Protector of our Indian Vedic Religion culture and civilization.

### **Jagad-Guru Sri Srichand Acharya's Teaching**

Heaven is within you.

One whose heart is pure, sees God, giving up every thing.

Keep unshakeable faith in God. He will shoulder all your responsibilities, help you and do your Kalayana. He will give only the best to you.

This world is not your permanent home. You are only a traveler on earth. You will never get peace without seeing and experiencing or realizing God.

If you remember and worship God, at the time of pain and sorrow you will get consolation. If people insult you or they are indifferent to you or they criticize you, even then you should not give up your faith in Him.

If you are not ready for hard work, if you are afraid of doing tapascharya (penance) how will your friendship with God last ?

Do not worry about who is on your side and who is not, while doing any and every deed, think only of how God's grace will come.

Keep your heart pure while doing every work and God will protect you. One whom God protects, man's protest (against him) cannot harm him.

One who sees God alone is truly rich.

If you keep quiet and remain tongue-tied and bear with your pains, God will surely protect you. He alone knows best the time of your redemption or happiness so, it is proper for you to surrender fully to the will of God and worship his lotus-feet.

God protects and saves the humble and the meek. He loves and consoles the humble. He gives his Darshan to the humble. He gives his divine light to the humble. He lifts them out of the fallen and impure state and teaches them his greatness and lovingly draws them close to him.

The qualities of straightforwardness and simplicity and purity are very necessary for going beyond worldliness.

If your heart is pure and innocent you will see only goodness in all things and in all persons and you will be able to understand them well. If you are good, all are good to you.

To one who loves God, all the worldly objects and persons are meaningless and valueless and a big zero to him.

The sinner is never happy and he never feels true peace. God has said, "The sinners the wicked and the vicious would never get peace."

One whose heart is pure is very naturally contented and peaceful. Because others praise you, flatter you, you do not become pure, and because others criticize you, speak ill of you, abuse you, you do not become impure and a sinner. You are what you are, as you are.

Man sees only the external side, but God sees your heart.

In the nearness of God, in the presence of God, all things become best and handy (easy to get). But in the absence of God all things become difficult to get.

If you are protected by God, no enemy can do any harm to you.

One who sees God, one who gets God, gets all the riches of the world. He gets the priceless thing but one who has not seen God, loses everything, without God, one is only a beggar.

Love the enemy as well as the friend, make each and every one your friend and pray to God sincerely to engender love in his heart and to lead him to the path of truth.

## CHAPTER 3

### HIS HOLINESS SRI 108 TAPASVI POORANDASJI UDASIN BIRTH, CHILDHOOD AND INITIATION

India is indeed the most fortunate and the chosen country of the famous and true saints and sages. Her consciousness is in that spirituality. She is the birth place of saints and sages. They have been born at different times. They are the direct descendants of the divine. They are his manifestations. They have done the utmost good for the suffering world. By means of their infinite, inner spiritual strength, they give happiness and contentment. They relieve the suffering world from the unbearable pangs of thirst, hunger and other difficulties. They free human beings from fear, sorrow, greed and quarrel. They establish the reign of only peace and contentment on earth. Their eyes are serene. To see them is to be blessed forever and be redeemed. Their very life is a living example of precept and practice. Therefore after fully studying and understanding their lives, human beings realise the spirit within the most successful and with the least effort. Through their direct guidance, they can realise the soul within, the only truth. The purpose of the births of the saints and the sages is to do the utmost good and to give maximum happiness to the maximum number. They are born on earth, like the Lord Krishna, Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Buddha, Lord Mahavir etc. to bless the suffering humanity. They kill the demons, the evil, the destructive forces and give happiness to the people. Their very way of life and their actions are worth being imitated by the common masses. Similarly, their way of teaching is unique and wonderful. It is incomparable.

Goswami Tulsijidasji says :

The birth of a saint is for the light of the earth. Just as the full moon gives light, coolness and bliss to the whole world and darkness instantly vanishes and coolness reigns, similarly the birth of the saint gives happiness to people on earth.

Lord Krishna has said in the Geeta, “Arjuna, whenever righteousness (Dharma) is on the decline and unrighteousness (Adharma) is in the ascendant then I take birth. For the protection of the virtuous, for the



extirpation of evil-doers and for establishing Dharma (righteousness) on a firm footing, I am born from age to age.”

According to this promise, the Lord manifests Himself. The merciful saints and sages are none but the manifestations of the Lord.

When mankind suffers, such saints like Tapasvi Bhagwan Poorandasji are born to establish the reign of religion. They are born to save and to serve mankind.

Babaji was a Yogi, Tapasvi, Philosopher, Sage, Seer, Humanitarian and a Brahmachari in the highest sense of the term, who came in the hour of man’s need and in times of oppression. He came as a deliverer breathing new lives into the dead souls, transforming mortal sins into heavenly virtues. He lifted his followers from ignorance to knowledge, from captivity to salvation.

### **Manifestation Of Sri 108 Sri Tapasviji Poorandasji Udasin**

Sri 108 Sri Poorandasji Maharaj Udasin, was such a saint. He was a great Yogi. Thousands and thousands are his followers and disciples. Even then none can confidently give the day and the year of his birth. He has also never talked or specially referred to the time, the day and the date of his birth. Even then his loving disciples have received very little, almost negligible information during their conversation with His Holiness Poorandasji Maharaj.

### **His Birth-date And Birth Place**

He was born in Bhatinda district in Punjab, in a very small village. He was born about more than 200 years ago. His parents were religious minded. They were pious, holy and truly cultured. At that time there were no schools as are found today. But the Moulvis, the Muslim teachers taught Urdu language in the Madarasa. He was admitted to the Madarasa at very young age of only six. But he was not at all interested in learning. He was interested only in Ram-Nam or in repeating the name of Ram.

One day a group of the Udasin Sect came to the village where Babaji

lived. He saw the Sadhus, and expressed his wish to leave his home and to go with them. So one day, early in the morning, without informing his parents he left them to go with the Udasin Sadhus and went away with them to a very far off place. After leaving his loving parents, he never saw them again throughout his very long lifetime. From his very childhood, having a deep and sincere love for the Divine and the Yoga-Sadhana, he gave up his parents for ever. Now the Sadhus told him to learn the Gurumukhi. He told them very humbly and flatly that since he was not at all interested in learning any language, he had left his home and parents. He was interested only in the worship of the Truth.

### **The Initiation (The Deeksha)**

Afterwards, he roamed and came to the village of Dhingad in Punjab. Here a very great famous Siddha Yogi, Sant Punjbadas lived, from whom he took the initiation and was given the name Poorandasji.

### **His Hard Penances**

For long twelve years he remained only standing under the open sky in burning heat of the summer, the down pour of the rainy season and the bitter cold of the winter.

For long twelve years he remained standing in the midst of deep water.

For long twelve years he remained sitting with the fire all around him.

For long twelve years he remained sitting on the burning sand under the scorching rays of the sun. Thus he did very hard penances for forty-eight years. Then he traveled all the places of India bare-footed.

In the present history of mankind we have not come across any saint or sage who has performed such difficult, hard and severe penances.

### **The Glorious Result Of His Penances**

Because of his penances and the grace of the Guru he realized the Divine. His Yoga Sadhana was completely fulfilled.

For hours together he was completely lost in Samadhi. He had a great regard, respect and reverence for the Jagad-Guru Sri Srichandraddev. He

had complete faith in him as the Jagad-Guru (World Teacher).

### **His Age**

After realizing the Divine, Babaji traveled all over India bare-footed. He visited the holy places of India and did his best for the uplifting of men. Once he said, "I traveled bare-footed. There were no trains during those days. People bought twenty mounds of wheat in a rupee."

Today the Indian Railways have completed more than 160 years.

Once his disciple asked Babaji as to how many Kumbh-melas he had gone to. Counting on the tips of his fingers, he answered that he had gone to twelve Kumbha-melas and a half Kumbha mela. One Kumbha mela is held after twelve years and half Kumbha mela is held after six years so  $12 \times 12 = 144 + 6 = 150$  years. He had completed 150 years, counting the Kumbh-Melas. Over and above this, he had left his home at the age six and he did the penances for 48 years. So taking into the account all these years, one would reasonably say that he was about 150 to 200 years old when he gave up his physical body.

### **In Hyderabad (Sindh)**

He had spent many years of his life in the forest. His life was very useful to people. He was the "Bird of the forest."

The great disciple Sri Kundandas Revachand, about sixty years ago, had gone for Babaji's Darshan for the very first time in Hyderabad (Sindh). Seth Kundandas's great grandfather, Late Sri. Wassiamal had built the Shiva Mandir on the holy bank of the river Sindhu. In the year 1918-1920, with his great grandfather Wassimal, Sri. Kundandas used to go to this Shiva temple. At that time Seth Wassiamal saw a great Tapasvi Mahatma. He sat on the sand in the open under the burning rays of the sun. This Mahatma was our very Sri 108 Sri Tapasviji Poorandasji Maharaj. The religious minded Seth went to him and bowed down his head and requested Babaji to reside in the Siva Temple. Hearing this, Babaji said, "I am a Sadhu. I do not feel either heat or cold." After much request he agreed to go to into the temple.



In the open space of the temple he established the holi Dhooni. He sat on the sand. He used to keep the brick as the cushion. Then he went to Vishrampuri garden. There also, under the shade of the tree, he sat on the holy seat of sand.

### **Blessed Are The Saints**

At that time, he used to put on only a black alafi. He applied the holy ashes of Dhoonisahib on his body. Six to seven sadhus lived with him. Those Sadhus cooked food. Babaji took only one or two chapaties and remaining ones he gave to his disciples as prasad. He constantly repeated the sacred mantra Om and in the afternoon he asked one of his devotees to read the Tulsi Ramayana. He listened to it with joy. He had a special love for the Ramayana. As the holy news of the coming of a great saint spread in the city, the religious minded people wanted to have Darshan of this great saint. The disciples brought with them flowers, fruit and sweets. Babaji distributed these things among his visitors with love and blessings. He lived in the city of Multan for a long period. Here he lived in the Jhanasthala. There he got built the Lakshmi Narayan Temple and a prayer hall.

## **Bediwala Baba And The Wariwala Baba**

In Hyderabad (Sindh) there lived one saint. He lived in the boat in the Sindhu river.

In the Sindhi language, the boat is termed 'Bedi' so people respected him as the Bediwala Baba. Tapasvi Bhagwan always sat on the sand. In the Sindhi language, the word 'sand' is termed the 'Wari' so Tapasvi Bhagwan was respected as the Wariwala Baba.

These two saints had regard and respect for each other. In those days they were both about hundred years old. 'Bediwala Baba sometimes took Babaji in his boat and gave him the joy of boating. Both the saints discussed the holy problems of religion and benefitted from each others knowledge. After the separation of India and Pakistan, both these saints came to Mumbai.

Even today there is the sacred temple of the 'Bediwala Sant' at Sion, Mumbai. Both the saints gave up their mortal bodies in Mumbai.

In the year 1930, Shri Nariandas Gurbuxani had the Darshan of Babaji in Karachi. At this time, the worship of God and giving food to the poor had already started and was in full swing. Those devotees who came for the Darshan, were given the prasad of chappaties and bhaji. After the worship, the food of dal, rice, puris and vegetables and sweets was also given on every Sunday. Babaji used to say "Two things are with me - Worship and Food-(Bhajan aur Bhojan).

Tapasvi Bhagwan believed in giving food first and then worship.

In the Vikram Samvat 1989, in the Kumbhamela at Ujjain, some of the family members of the Reshamwala family of Surat had the benefit of Babajis Darshan. Then, because of the constant and sincere request of the Reshamwala he had gone to Surat.

In the year (A.D) 1935 Babaji was in Mumbai. Babaji went to the new residence of Chunilal Reshamwala named 'Prabhu Niwas.' This time, Chunibhai requested Devidas, the father of Champakbhai to accommodate

Babaji in the compound of his bungalow at Borivali in the west, because Tapasvi Bhagwan used to sit on the sand under the shade of tree in cold, in summer and in the rain. The religious minded Devidas and Champkalal gave consent very gladly and thus they got the most valuable benefit of the service of Babaji.

When Champakbhai's father had performed Vishnuyaga, Babaji was present at the most scared and religious occasion. In this presence this religious work was done very successfully and blissfully.

### **Daily Routine Of Babaji**

His daily routine was similar to that of the Yogi. It was all worthy of the yogi.

He got up at midnight. He used to take his bath first. Then he used to sit in meditation. About six o'clock in the morning while repeating sacredly the Pranav Mantra, he was free from the Samadhi (the meditation). Then he sacredly took the round of Bhagwan Srichand Baba and Dhooni Sahib, the Holy fire and bowed his head very devoutly. In the morning from six to seven, he enjoyed the joy-ride in the motor car of one of his devotees. Coming back after about an hour from the motor car joy-ride, he offered milk to the Dhooni and then only he took the milk-prasad. From seven in the morning, Bhajan-Kirtan, worship of God, was started and the devotees used to come. The repetition and the remembrance of the scared Bhajan-Kirtan with the different musical instruments namely harmonium, tabla, the mridanga and the manjira gave everyone the incomparable bliss. At this time Babaji was absorbed in the Samadhi on the seat of sand and closed his eyes. At ten o'clock in the morning, the Aarti was performed. After this programme, the singers of the praises of God took prasada and bowed humbly and then went about their daily routine.

Devotional songs were sung by the devotees and Babaji used to like them and listen to them very attentively.

### **Feed The Hungry And Be Happy**

During the morning time, Babaji himself very carefully prepared the

mutter bhaji. All things for it were put before him. He himself cooked this mutter bhaji. Then with his own hands, he distributed this vegetable as prasad to each and every disciple carefully and lovingly. He was pleased to do so. This was the important work of his life. He gave the name 'Dawairam' to this mutter bhaji. At about 11 to 12 o'clock in the morning if he wished he drank one full glass of 'thandai'. Then he took rest on the seat of sand, and got up at 3pm. Sitting in the 'Ramkund' i.e. a small tank of water, he took his bath. After taking bath, he took the sacred round of the Dhooni, bowed down devoutly and then ate two to three very small chappaties and vegetable. In the evening devotees came to the temple and they started the worship of the Divine. They sang Bhajans. Sometimes the Tulsi Ramayana was read aloud. At about six to six-thirty, the Aarti was performed. After receiving the holy prasad, the devotees used to go home. At night he went to bed at eight and got up at 12 midnight. Thus the divine Yogi utilised his time in the worship of the Divine, meditation, listening to the Bhajans and Satsang.

Being the Yogi, his food was very little, almost negligible. He also slept for very few hours. Once he told this disciple, "Listen, I do not feel sleepy and drowsy. I never sleep. I only close my eyes and take rest. I go to the devotees at any time when they remember me I am almost always awake and at rest."

He was free from quarrels, dejection and misery. He was beyond the twins of joy and sorrow, victory and defeat, hope and despair. He was beyond the qualities of Tamas and Rajas and Sattwa. He was the Divine body of Parmatma and he was the Purushottam. There was always cheerfulness on his face. There was no trace of sorrow on his face. It is truly said in our holy books of Religion that one who lives in the soul, is very happy.

### **Babaji's Personality**

Babaji had an attractive and ever inspiring and charming personality. One who had the Darshan of him, there stirred is his heart the very holy attitude of Bhakti (devotion). He instantaneously worshiped him. Not only that, he also gave one or the other Darshan as Lord Krishna or the God Shiva.

His body was very sound and healthy. He was very tall and he had

white complexion. On his head there were the long locks of hair like God Shiva, eyes full of compassion like those of the God Shiva and the Bhasma ointed body. Thus he looked to his disciples as he were the God Shiva incarnate. They were blessed and felt most happy at this charming and beautiful sight. He used to put on the Black Chola or Alafi without sleeves. He was ever lost in Brahma and the Yogi. He was always lost in meditation, mostly his eyes remained closed or half closed. He lived blissfully and dispassionately in the divine state. He seldom spoke or spoke very little. In his life he never gave a lecture or a speech. He never addressed any meetings. The Guru's silent-speech alone removed the doubts of the devotees. He believed only in this Truth of Silent speech. His divine sight removed all the troubles and difficulties of his devotees.

The real saint is described in our scriptures as under :

I always bow down my head very humbly and devoutly to the Guru who is perfect in meditation and such other sadhanas and who has gained victory over the rains, heat and cold, joy and sorrow etc., who is completely detached and passionless. I bow down my head to those who have implicit faith in such Udasin Saints and Yogis.

It is needless to say that Babaji was such a divine saint.

### **Tapaswi Bhagawan**

Babaji's loving disciples devoutly addressed him as 'Bhagawan'. In Sanskrit, the term 'Bhagawan' means that one who has greatness with him. Or one who is in possession of glory, religion, fame, wealth and knowledge is called 'Bhagawan.' Those who have come in contact with Babaji and those who know him as he was, are convinced that he was none but 'Bhagawan'. He was truly the Bhagawan to his loving disciples. They also addressed him as Baba. Baba is the word that shows respect and regard for the elders, the saints and sages. Baba means the person who is worthy of regard and respect.

### **Best Among The Learned**

Though he had never been to school or college, speaking from the



point of view of spirituality, he was a very great divine Yogi and a great learned man. He always lived in the soul. Experience proves this.

Every day in the afternoon he used to listen to the Ramayana. The devotee read it and Babaji listened to it attentively. Once he was reading the following choupai (couplet) of the Ramayana. Its substance is this - The God Shiva spread the tiger-skin himself and sat on it naturally. Babaji asked the devotee the meaning of Naga-Ripu-Chhala. No one could give an answer. Then he explained that in Sanskrit - 'Naga' means an elephant, 'Ripu' means an enemy and 'Chhala' means skin. So it means the skin of the tiger. Babaji used to say that whatever you read, you read with understanding. You must understand the meaning of the Praise of the God or the Prayer. Prayer without understanding gives no fruit. The humble devotee of Babaji Sri Rameshwarsingh said that when he used to read the Ramayana before Babaji he used to experience his grace. He experienced as if he was a great scholar and he understood everything. If any great scholar asked him any questions, he could answer him ably. Babaji transferred such a power into him. Sri Rameshwarsingh was a resident of Chinchwad near Pune.

Once when Bhajan was going on, Babaji told the Late devotee Jeevatram, "When the loving devotee is singing the Bhajan he is talking to God. The listeners of the Bhajan hear the conversation of the devotee with God."

Once Babaji gave the work of translating one Sindhi Bhajan into Hindi to a devotee. The Bhajan singer Sri Jaykishan Bhagat. He prayed to Babaji, so due to his grace he could translate it into Hindi. It was sung before Babaji. Babaji asked him to correct two or four words. It was done as told. Babaji loved Bhai Jaykishan's Bhajan Mandali. He specially invited the Bhajan Mandali of Jaykishan Bhagat on the Guru Poornima Day, on the Nanak Jayanti day and on the New Year's Day. After hearing the Bhajans, he was full of joy. There was bliss on his face. Babaji was truly the lover of Bhajans, and asked the people to sing Bhajans. He had special regard for the Surat Bhajan Mandali. He always said "people, the Bhajaniks of Surat sing well, the players on instruments play well, everything of Surat is nice."

When Babaji was displeased with anybody, this Surat's Bhajan Mandali alone could please him.

Babaji taught his devotees to be humble. He disliked the idea that one beloved was a sinner, or a bad person. So in the Worli Mandir he made one correction in the following lines of the Aarti.

“O God,” you are the sea of grace, you are the caretaker. I am foolish and a sinner, show grace to me.

Babaji asked, “why should you think that you are weak and wicked?” Instead you should think that you are the highest Light of God. You are only Bliss.”

You should have such holy and high thinking of life. You should say, “I am your servant, your devotee and you are my master.” Even till today such Aarti is sung in the Worli Mandir, Mumbai.

It means that one who lived in the vicinity of the saint, should ‘never show weakness.’ One’s ignorance, wickedness, sin are all removed. Similarly by living near the saint, one’s mean and unbecoming thoughts are removed.

### **Babaji Could Take Bath In The Cold Water Of The Ganga In The Severe Cold**

This is the incident that had happened during the Haridwar Kumbhmela. Babaji got up at night and sat in meditation in the very cold water of the Ganga throughout the night. This extraordinary power was the great achievement of Babaji. Rameshwarsingh had seen this routine of Babaji. During those days he was with Babaji. Remembering this incident, Sri Rameshwarsingh said, “In those days, the Ganga water was very cold. It was impossible to have a dip into the water. If we took a pot full of water and poured on the head, we felt that the whole body had frozen.”

One can have an idea of how cold the water of the Ganga was from the following incident. Seth Chhattaram had taken Babaji in this car from Delhi to Haridwar. Babaji took his bath in the Ganga. Seth Chhattaram asked Babaji’s consent for his bath. But Babaji said, “Do not take a bath, the water is very cold.” But Shethji did not obey and started taking bath. But while taking bath his body was so badly frozen that he could not get out of the

water. When Babaji came to know this, he said to Rameshwar, “Look Chhataram is frozen, bring him here.” Soon the driver of Seth and Rameshwarsingh ran to the place and took Seth out of the water. Then a fire was lighted. That gave him much heat and he was alright.

The purpose of telling this incident is that taking bath in the very cold water of the Ganga is beyond the power of an ordinary man. One’s body would be frozen in the very cold water. Only Babaji could sit in the meditation and worship God in such cold water.

In short, we should learn that Babaji’s body was that of a Yogi. Hence he could bear the freezing severe cold of the cold season and the burning heat of summer and the monsoon downpour.

### **The Saint Is Always Fearless**

One who has seen God, is always fearless. He is never afraid of any violent or wild animal such as the tiger, serpent or the lion.

This is the incident of Surat. It was afternoon. The Tulsi Ramayana was being read before Babaji. He had closed his eyes in meditation and was listening to it. In the meanwhile one seven feet long serpent came there. So there was much noise and uneasiness among the devotees. That terrible, poisonous serpent was going to Babaji. So he opened his eyes. On seeing the serpent coming very near, Babaji said, “Why have you come now?” Is this the time for your coming?” As soon as the serpent heard the order, it went away.

### **The Speaking Bird**

Babaji was at the Hansa Baug, in Surat. Sri Darabsha Dangor, the Parsi Devotee and the other devotees were present. At that time the voice of one bird was heard, “Guruji, Sri Krishna, Guruji, Sri Krishna.” When all looked in that direction, they found a bird sitting on the tree, speaking those words and welcoming and worshiping Babaji. All the devotees wondered and started wondering at this sight. Babaji said, “What do you look at?” The devotees answered “That bird is speaking “Guruji Sri Krishan, Guruji Sri Krishna.” Hearing this Babaji said, “Can the bird speak?” Then Babaji made

it clear that the bird in the form of God had come for the Darshan. In Sri Lanka, when Babaji stayed, such an incident had taken place. But, at that time, the bird was speaking “Radheshyam Radheshyam,” and was welcoming and worshiping Babaji. At this time Sri Chatrubhuj was present.

### **It Is Difficult To Know The Saints**

It is said in the great scriptures, that when God comes in the form of man, people do not recognize his divinity and consequently remain indifferent to him.

When God is present before man in human form, people do not understand his ways and means. By the grace of the Divine only the devotee recognize him truly.

We are unfortunate that we do not understand the Divine's divinity when the Divine is born on earth in human form. We take God as the common human being and accordingly we treat Him. In the world, people deluded by Maya (Illusion) have always made a mistake in knowing God on earth. It is truly said that Ram, the incarnation of the Lord, was present on earth. But only the twelve Rishis (Ascetics) knew him as God, all others thought him to be son of the King Dasharatha.

The blind cannot see the light of the sun, similarly the unfortunate ignorant persons cannot understand the true divinity of the saint. One devotee named Jamiyatbhai of Surat was a devotee of Baba. When Babaji was in Hansa Baug, he went for his Darshan two or four times a week. He used to touch his feet and serve. He had great devotion for Babaji. One day a great Siddha saint named Tat Maharaj, had gone to his brother-in-law Sri Jamiyatbhai's house with flowers and fruits to have his Darshan. He said, “At present Babaji is in Hansa Baug. I am going for his Darshan.” Hearing this Tat Maharaj said, “He is a very great saint.” At this time his brother-in-law interrupted and said, “I have gone to Hansa Baug for his Darshan. He is lying or sitting on the sand seat and never speaks anything. He only sleeps.” On hearing this Tat Maharaj kept his finger on his lips and said three times, “He only sleeps, he only sleeps, he only sleeps.” Then he called that man who criticized Babaji and said, “Do you know who is he?” He answered, “I know him very well. He is a tall, able-bodied Punjabi Mahatma.” For the whole day

he is inactive, He does not speak at all.” On hearing this, powerful saint Tat Maharaj said “Look here, his Darshan alone is enough for fulfilment of one’s purpose in life. Even the gods in different forms come for his Darshan. One who receives his grace alone can know him as the Lord. Now henceforth do not criticize that Babaji does no Katha he speaks nothing and only sleeps on the sand or he is always inactive.”

The Late Uttambhi Doriwala of Surat had been to the Kumbh-mela at Prayag. At this time, Annakshetra of Hansa Devji had started there. Babubhai had gone for the Darshan of Sri Hansa Devji Maharaj. During the course of conversation, Hansa Devji Maharaj said to his group of devotees, “All of you here give money, corn and service and you are blessed. But only five miles away for this place, is the great Tapasvi Baba. His Darshan alone is sufficient to make you successful in your work. Many Gods come in different forms sometimes for his Darshan. He alone would know him in his true form on whom he rains his grace. Very few fortunate persons can serve him.”

Thus, we realise that sometimes one Siddha Mahatma gives guidance to his devotees to understand and recognize the great Mahatma in his true form. Many people could not understand and recognize Babaji, only a few could know him on whom he rained his grace.

He never gave a lecture in public. He had never attended a large gathering of public. The Guru’s silent lecture removes the doubts of his disciples. He spoke very little. Whenever he spoke, he spoke only in simple and easy Hindi. As soon his sight fell on the disciple’s face, his doubts and his miseries and quarrels were over. In the beginning, seven Sadhus used to stay with him. Then he told them, “Now I will accept the service of the ‘Grihasthis’. He accepted the service of these persons only to better their lot spiritually. Honouring the request of his devotees he used to go to their homes mostly in the morning. When the worship and Aarti were over, he gave them blessings and went back.

### **Babaji Comes To Mumbai**

After the separation of India, Babaji came to Mumbai to reside permanently. Here the loving devotees Sri Kundandas Rewachand made

arrangements for his residence in Kashmir house at Breach Candy. Devotees did the worship of God and sang Bhajans before the very eyes of Babaji. The Dhooni-Sahib was installed and it always remained lighted. On each Sunday the Bhandara was organised. Every morning at about six to seven, Babaji went out in the motorcar of Seth Sri Kundandas in order to get fresh air. He always spoke only in Hindi. He had never in his life asked for money. He accepted the offerings of the devotees only when it was given out of full love and devotion. If the devotee offered Rs. 11 (Eleven), he kept Rs. 10 with him and returned one rupee to the devotee concerned as prasad.

Whenever the devotees offered him a big amount or a small amount he used to say, "Child why do you put me in debt?" It means the saints have come to this world to give and not to take. When the devotee offered him a good amount out of love, he accepted it, but he always returned it hundred times as much. The saints never keep anybody's debt. They return it with interest.

### **At Navi Wadi (Borivali West)**

Even in Borivali East, Babaji resided at the residence of devotee Sri Jawarmal (Jamnadas). There he expressed the desire to stay for four months of rainy season in Navi Wadi at Borivali West, Mumbai. This was as good as a forest. The way leading to the place was full of stones and pebbles. It was not a well built road. In the rains it was very apparent that one had to face many hardships. Even then because of the wish of Babaji, the arrangement was made to live there. Those were the days of rainy season, so the father of later Sri Champakbhai requested to cover the open space with canvas. For the convenience of the devotees, Babaji agreed to this and sat under the canvas for the first time. Here Bhojan & Bhajan were started. On Sunday the site was turned into a religious venue. This Siddha Mahatma's holy presence turned the place into a holy one.

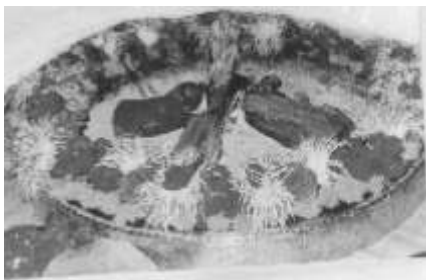
The fortune of this place flowered and blossomed with permanent peace. The land all around was acquired very cheaply. Because of the blessings of Babaji, here two buildings were built known as Veena Niketan, the residential home, the prayer hall, the temple of Vayu Devata (the Wing God) and Sanatorium.

Here at Nawi Wadi, late Sri Champaklal Devidas and late Smt. Nirmalaben Champaklal and their whole family served Babaji very sincerely and wholeheartedly. Really they were blessed! Very few could get such advantage of Babaji's service.

## CHAPTER 4

### DHOONI SAHIB OR THE GOD OF FIRE

According to the teachings of the Udasin Sect, wherever the Udasin Sadhus go and stay, first and foremost they install the Holy Dhooni. Babaji himself belonged to the Udasin Sect, so wherever he went, he first installed the Holy Dhooni.



**Shree Akhand DhuniSaheb**

The Dhooni Sahib is the very form of the Fire God. In the Vedas and the Upanishads, the Rishis have prayed to the Fire God, "O Fire God, we very sacredly and knowingly go on pouring ghee with the mantras in order to please you and survive by honest means through the holy path of religion."

The Udasin Acharya, Sri Srichand Bhagwan had said to his disciples, "Wherever you install the Holy Dhooni, the ignorance and the darkness will run away and you will get the light of religion and God."

The Fire God burns the sins of his devotees. He purifies them. The fire goes higher and higher and similarly he helps the devotee to advance and attain very high spiritual height. The Fire God is very bright and makes his devotees also bright. The Fire God is the very living body of God and so he is worshipped in the Yajna, and ghee is poured to please God. The Fire God, being the very body of each and every god, receives the offering and gives it to each God. The God of Fire is also present among the five elements in man's physical body.

The God of Fire is always present, and remains before us. So people worship him in the holy works of Yajna and other religious ceremonies. In the most important ceremony of marriage, called Saptapadi (the sacred seven steps taken by the couple to be faithful to each other), these vows are taken in the presence of the God of Fire as witness. In the Parsee Religion also, the God of Fire has a very important place.



For all the twenty four hours, the Holy Dhooni was present before Babaji. He always had the Darshan of the Dhooni Sahib. He always worshipped him. Sitting before him, he used to meditate on God. He prayed and did penance and did Aarti before Dhooni Sahib. Only after offering the food to the Dhooni Sahib, he used to take it as prasad. Whenever a devotee brought fruits, flowers and sweets, he asked the devotee to offer them to the Dhooni Sahib. Then and then only he accepted them. During a journey he kept the holy ash of the Dhooni Sahib with him, which was tied at one end of the black handkerchief. He advised his devotees to keep the holy ashes with them as prasad. The divine power of the Dhooni Sahib is very wonderful and miraculous. It is the fountain and the centre of the power of God Almighty.

### **The Miracles Of The God Of Fire**

Every Sunday, Bhandara is organised at the Worli Mandir. On one occasion the confectioner was busy preparing sweets. A day earlier, on Saturday night there was leftover ghee in the frying pan. Suddenly it caught fire. The devotees were afraid and came to Babaji. At that time, he was in meditation. He said, "Pour water over it." These devotees started arranging for water. But in the meanwhile, they saw that there was no fire. On account of Bababji's will, the fire was put out. Babaji had the boon of the God of Fire.

Let us look at another incident. Bhai Naraindas Gurbuxani's shop caught fire. Hearing this news he was very shocked. His shop was on the ground floor. All the burden of the floors above came on the first floor. But because the roof was very strong, it bore the burden of the upper storeys. There was a photo of Babaji in the shop of Naraindas. The whole building was burnt to ashes but the fire could not enter his shop. Bhai Naraindas went to the Worli Mandir. He told the story of the fire. Hearing this, Babaji laughed and said, "Wherever there is my photo or my presence, there cannot be any fire. The God of Fire has given me the boon and so your shop has not caught fire."

## The Wonder Of Bhabhuti

In our religious books, the importance of the Bhabhuti (Holy Ash) is accepted by one and all. There are many benefits of rubbing the Bhabhuti on the body. Lord Shankar rubbed Bhabhuti on his body. Brahmins daily apply the holy bhasma on the body. The rubbing of Bhasma means union with God. Due to this, the small brain and the large brain are united with God and many spiritual advantages are gained. One thinks only highly and spiritually.

The great holy saint Manak has rightly said that one who is with the holy bhasma on his body becomes as patient as the earth and in his heart is enkindled the Bhakti. All his sensual desires are burnt to ashes in the fire of spirituality and he proceeds on the way to Tapascharya.

Some call it Raksha, the protection. It protects the body in limitless ways. Some term it the 'Vibhuti'. Vibhuti means glory and riches. The Vibhuti gives riches. Some call it the 'Ash'. It means that it burns sins and evils. In Maharashtra, it is termed 'Udi'. It means one which helps in the 'Rise' in fortune.

By means of this Vibhuti many diseases are cured and there are many examples in this connection. Many unhappy and sick devotees went to the merciful Babaji and prayed to cure them of their disease. Babaji advised all to rub the Vibhuti of the holy Dhooni Sahib. As a result they all got cured completely.

One devotee of Surat could not see at all. The famous doctors of Mumbai advised an operation. They gave him no surety that after operation he would be able to see. At this time Babaji was at Borivali. The devotee went to Borivali. He bowed to him and prayed to remove the difficulty of his eyes. The kind Babaji said, "Child, no other means are required, only rub the Bhabhuti. Then he applied his miraculous and holy hand on his eyes. The difficulty of the devotees eyes was removed completely and he could see clearly.

The eighteen years old daughter of Ishwarlal Dixit had cataract in both her eyes. The panel of doctors advised him to get her eyes operated upon within six months time, otherwise she would go blind forever. But for two years he could not arrange for the operation. The daughter could not see.

At this time Babaji was at Dumas near Surat in the garden of Uttambhai Doriwala. The father Shri Dixit went to Dumas and prayed to Babaji to cure his daughter's eyes of cataract. The merciful Babaji said, "There is some difficulty in the eyes of your daughter. It will be cured by the Grace of Kartar." Then she was admitted for the operation in the Ayurvedic Hospital at Surat. The father very devotedly rubbed the holy Bhabhuti on her eye. The operation was done easily and successfully. The doctor said, "Its a wonder, this is a miracle." It was truly the miracle of the Bhabhuti. The next week the other eye was also operated upon. She could see with both her eyes clearly. Sri Bhagwandas Ahuja's mother also had difficulty regarding eyes. She could not see. In spite of many medicines, her eyes were not cured so she was taken to the Worli temple. Sri Bhagwandas prayed to Babaji to remove her difficulties regarding her eyes. Babaji ordered "Apply the Bhabhuti. The mother took the Bhabhuti from the Holy Dhooni and applied on her eye. Thatwa cured. She forgot to rub the Bhabhuti on the other eye so that eye's trouble remained till she died.

The power of saints is vast. They can do and undo whatever they desire.

A women bit by a serpent prayed to Babaji to remove the pain of the serpent bite. Babaji said, "If you are bitten by a serpent, go to a doctor." Then she prayed to him most humbly and pitifully. Babaji said, "Well, rub the Bhabhuti."

It is needless to say that because of the grace of Babaji, the serpent's poison was completely removed.

One rub of the Bhabhuti and one is cured of the eye disease or the serpent's poison or any other worldly trouble.

### **The Son Was Brought To Life**

Babaji was at Shivaji Park, Dadar, Mumbai at the residence of Chimanlal Thavardas.

One day his son met with a motorcar accident. He was thrown at a distance of fifteen feet. The child in his unconscious condition was brought

before Babaji. Babaji said, “Chiman, what has happened?” Chimanlal very humbly answered, “God’s will.” Soon the doctor was sent for. He cleaned the blood spot. Babaji suggested, “Do not give injection.” Again his son was taken back to Babaji. Babaji said “Rub the Bhasma on his body.” It was done so. Then because of the grace of Babaji the child got back his life. Truly he was reborn. Babaji then organised the Chhathi. Bhandara was arranged and clothes were given to the Sadhus and the poor. Because of the grace of Babaji and the miracle of Bhabhuti, the devotee’s son came back to life. Babaji was full of kindness. He was the protector of all.

Babaji was in Surat in Hansa Baug. Once a mad man with rope tied on his hands, seated in the carriage was brought before Babaji. Babaji threw one divine glance on him and said, “Unite the rope.” But the one who had brought him here was very scared and thought that if he was freed from the rope, he would become more mischievous and uncontrollable. Knowing and seeing this himself, Babaji loosened the rope and made him free. He took the holy bhasma and put it in the middle of his eyebrows, as a Tilak. To the wonder of all, the mad man became completely quiet and sat before Babaji. After fifteen days he was fully in his senses.

These are the known examples of the grace of the Siddha Mahatma’s divine sight making the impossible, possible.

## CHAPTER 5

### GRACE SHOWERED

One who had taken refuge in Babaji had never went empty handed. He would definitely get redemption. Just as the sun destroys the darkness, similarly Babaji destroyed the darkness of ignorance and gave him the right of knowledge and eternal bliss. He always gave them true happiness. The young and the old, the rich and the poor came to him for the Darshan. Their difficulties regarding health and wealth and unprecedented sorrow were removed. The visitors got bliss and went home happily. This was the great grace of the Guru. All experienced the bliss of being in close vicinity of the Guru. Babaji never discussed anything. He spoke very little and rested on the sand. Some would doubt how anyone serve the world by remaining so inactive? But such a thought is misleading. Only because of the ignorance a man does not understand the life and work of the saint. Do the sun and the moon not serve the world? Do they require to wander from place to another? The work of the great saints is like that of the Ganga. To know him one should have a deep devotion in one's heart.

By studying the divine life of Babaji, one would conclude that he was a great saint and he was the very form of the Supreme Divine. Riddhi-Siddhi were always present in his service with both hands folded. Though he seemed to be always doing nothing, the Siddhis were doing their work. He was indeed a Siddha Mahatma.

### Bhai Parmanand's Incident

In the year 1925 Babaji was in Hyderabad in Sindh. At that time there was a great earthquake in Japan. Thousands of men were killed in it. Bhai Parmanand was in Japan at the same time. There was no news about him. His wife was very worried. She went to the temples daily and prayed for her husbands safety.

One day the relative of Bhai Parmanand saw Babaji while going towards the Sindhu river. They all prayed to Babaji. Babaji said, "Do not worry about Paramanand. Tomorrow you will certainly get the news about his safety." And the next day, they got the news telling them that Bhai Parmanand was safe in Japan.

Babaji was the Divine Yogi. He could see what was happening thousands of miles away. Time and distance do not come in the way of the Divine Yogi like Babaji.

### **Govindram's Letter**

Bhai Govindram suffered from rheumatism. His fingers had stiffened. At this time, Babaji was in Multan. A telegram was sent to Babaji about this and he prayed for his blessings. The kind hearted Babaji sent him blessings and asked Govindram to write one letter to him with his own hand. Bhai Govindram got the letter of Babaji's blessings. But the fingers of his hand were stiff and he had no strength. So he was worried about writing the letter. But he thought that since Babaji himself had ordered him to write one letter he should try to write it. He took the pen in his hand. He prayed to Babaji and then he started writing. His fingers bent naturally. He could write the letter. He was very happy.

Truly the words of saints never go wrong.

### **Got The Passport**

In order to go to Colombo, Sri Lanka, a passport was required. The officer in charge of the passport office was delaying giving it for no reason. Though everything was alright, every minute detail was supplied without a mistake, the officer refused to give it two to three times. When Babaji was informed of this, he said calmly. "Now do not go there to receive the passport. He himself will come around and send us a message to collect the passport." Then it so happened that where ever the officer went, he saw the black chola or Alafi walking ahead. On seeing this miracle of this mysterious sight he became thoughtful and anxious. He was confused. Then he immediately sent a message to collect the passport. Thus the passport was received very easily. This is the wonder of Babaji in the Kaliyuga.

### **All Knowing Divine Saint**

Divine Saints have the knowledge of all times. They are omniscient. Their disciples of many past births are attracted to thee or they, out of grace attract them and redeem them. The devotees do not know about this. But the

divine saints know everything. It is truly said in the Srimad Bhagwat -Geeta, "Arjun, you and I have many births. We were born on earth in the same age and I was your friend and Lord and Guru. But you do not know about this. I know this positively."

Babaji lived at the Hans-Baug in Surat. It was the beginning of the rainy season. It was noon. One devotee and his son sat before Babaji. In the meanwhile, there was the sound of a frog. On enquiry, they found that the serpent in the small pool of water had swallowed the frog. The father and the son saw this and were talking about the serpent and the frog. Babaji asked, "What is the matter?" The father answered, "The serpent has swallowed the frog and it will eat it." Babaji said, "O wicked and revengeful serpent leave the frog. You have still not forgotten your revenge." On hearing these words of Babaji, the serpent opened his mouth and freed the frog. The frog went away.

Once a Sindhi devotee named Chuvarmal came for Darshan of Babaji. He was Babaji's very faithful devotee. Babaji once said to him. "Worship God, you will not get any child. You have to put an end to your past misdeeds in this birth only. You will not be required to be born again."

This proves that Babaji had the knowledge of the past births of his devotees. Therefore, in order to save the trouble and pain of being born again, he advised his disciple to suffer the fruit of their past misdeeds and thus to enable them to cross the ocean of life.

At Dumas, during his conversation with one of his disciples, Babaji told him that they had loved each other since very long in thousands of births.

The love and the relationship of the Guru and the disciple has continued since ages since the beginning of creation.

He gave proofs to the disciples through only correct words.

### **One Has To Undergo The Result Of Past Misdeeds**

In the year 1958-59, Babaji was in Sri Lanka again. This time, he was with Seth Bhagwandas. This time also, Chaturbhuj was with Babaji for the whole day. Only for sometime, he went to his shop. Sri Asodamal was one

gentleman. There was pain in his legs. He used to go to have the Darshan of Babaji. Babaji told him to sit, bending his knees on the ground and take prasad. He told Babaji that he could not sit on the ground bending his knees. Hearing this, Babaji ordered him to sit, bending his knees. Following the order of Babaji he bent his knees and sat. Then as long as Babaji stayed in Sri Lanka he could do so. But when Babaji left Sri Lanka, he could not bend his knees and sit.

We have to learn from this incident that the saints can free us from our bodily pains, if they decide to do so. But one has to bear the fruits of one's misdeeds. Out of grace, they give relief to them or they are so kind that in order to make their devotees free from the bodily pain they themselves bear the same. How kind and merciful the saints are !

### **The Creator (Kartar) Has Saved You**

In Mumbai there is one loving disciple of Babaji who remained in Bababji's service. Babaji loved him as his very son. Once he was traveling in the local train. The train was full of people so he traveled on the footboard. In the meantime, due to a sudden jerk, the grip of his hand loosened and was saved from falling down from the train. Then he went to the Worli Mandir. Babaji said "Kartar has saved you today. Now do not stand on the footboard but sit in the train and travel."

From a long distance, wherever he was sitting he could see what was happening by his divine sight and always protected his devotees.

### **Babaji Himself Bears The Pain Of The Devotee**

The saints are merciful. They themselves bear the pain of their loving devotees and make them free from it. But they never come in the way of the eternal principle of Karma according to the Hindu philosophy.

Once one loving disciple fell ill. At this time, Babaji stayed in the compound of the bungalow of Sri Chimanlal Thawardas at Shivaji Park, Dadar in Mumbai. This loving devotee always went for the Darshan of Babaji at Shivaji Park. he had high fever. He went to him and bowed down his head humbly before him. Babaji spoke, "Child do you suffer from fever ? Alright



take the bhabhuti and go and take rest.” His aunt (mother’s sister) lived in same house where Babaji stayed. He went there and slept. After taking rest for three to four hours the fever had gone. Then he went down and saw that Babaji had fever. With folded hands he asked “Bhagwan, why this?” The merciful Bhagwan answered, “My child, I could not see you being pained from fever, so I have taken your fever.”

The loving devotee’s fever had gone away completely, but Babaji suffered from it for a week.

The saints are merciful, live for others often suffering themselves, giving happiness to their devotees.

### **The Son Came Back**

It was the year 1954, the son of a person from Surat passed the matriculation examination but he left his home because he was mentally unhappy with the members of the family. He was not to be found for two to three years.

In the newspapers his disappearance was widely published. The father became very anxious. At that time, Babaji lived in Hans Baug. The friend of this person was a devotee of Babaji. He took him to Babaji for his Darshan. He bowed and sat quietly. He did not say anything to Babaji about the purpose of his coming. He thought there was no need to speak himself. He only silently prayed to him and Babaji heard him. He did not speak anything. At night in the dream, that person saw his lost son sitting on the swing with his brother. The next day he told his friend about his dream. The friend said, All will be well because of the grace of Babaji.” On the fourth day, the lost son came home. As it was seen in the dream, both the brothers had sat on the swing together.

This is a living example of how the saints are merciful.

Many devotees came to Babaji. He was kind and merciful to all. He heard everybody’s prayer and granted all their desires.

## **The Students Gets Knowledge**

The divine saint always gives the best to the devotee who come to him. He helps them in their spiritual progress also. Even then, hearing the devotee's prayer, he grants them money, knowledge and learning, the happiness of having a son, he grants them peace and plenty of prosperity in all respects even today, although he has lost his mortal body.

## **The One Seeking Money Gets Money**

Some whose business was not flourishing well, prospered in it, by Babaji's grace. One, who did not get service got service by the grace of Babaji.

In short, the one seeking money got lots of money and got plenty of prosperity. There are many such examples.

## **By The Grace Of Babaji One Desiring A Son, Gets A Son**

The loving devotee, Thakordas Kahandas of Surat, was a humble devotee of Babaji. Whenever this devotee went to Babaji, he took with him the prasad of 'Haluwa'. First he offered it to the Dhooni Sahib and then from it very little prasad, Babaji took. Then he got distributed the prasad to the devotees present. This devotee had five daughters but no son. Once he prayed to Babaji "Now look after me." He meant that he had five daughters and he wanted a son. Hearing this, the all knowing Babaji said, "Kartar has kept everything ready."

After this incident by the grace of Babaji, he got a son. His son was named Kantibhai. Wherever Babaji stayed, Shri Kantibhai a humble devotee of Babaji went for his Darshan.

In 1952, Babaji was at Khadki near Pune in the compound of the bungalow of Champklal Devidas. Shri Kantibhai went to Khadki. He was to live there for a day or two. But Babaji did not allow him to go back for seven to eight days. When he was to go to Mumbai, his heart became full of joy. He thought in his mind, "Babaji allowed me to stay with him for seven to eight days and gave me the priceless benefit of serving him, how kind and loving

Babaji is". Then Babaji said, "Now the day of great joy has come. Your desire is fulfilled." Then Babaji got one letter written and sent blessings to him. In it was written "Sat Kartar Beda Par."

By the blessing of Babaji after twelve long years, Kantibhai's wife became pregnant. At that time Babaji was at Santacruz in Mumbai. There he went for his Darshan. There also Babaji asked him to stay for eight days and allowed him to stay on for more days if he wished so. Since he had not got the leave sanctioned for more days, he started going to Surat. This time Babaji, happily gave him all the prasad of fruit and sweets. At this time one woman was present. She said to Babaji, "Give me prasad." Hearing this he at once said, "one who worships and serves alone gets prasad." Hearing this woman said, "You are the very Bholanath, the God Shiv". Babaji said, "I am not so simple."

After some days due to the blessing of Babaji, one child was born at the home of Kantibhai. Kantibhai went to Mumbai, Breach Candy, with the one year old son for Babaji's blessing. He said, "I will give him the name that you are happy to give." Babaji said, "Your name him according to your choice." But Kantibhai insisted that Babaji should give the name. At that time Babaji was taking bath. Babaji said, "Give him them name of Gangaram." Then he added, "One whose name is 'Ganga' will never be naked and hungry." Thus Babaji gave him the blessing that his son would never be without clothes and food.

After two years Babaji was at Duma. At that time, on the birthday of the son, they had come there, for Babaji's Darshan with flowers, fruits and sweets and ganthia. Babaji gave one box of sweets to Manganhbai, the driver. Then Babaji started tasting "Ganthia" and happily said, "This is very tasty". Then after throwing 'ganthias' at the child Gangaram he said, "Look here your son will live long."

Hearing this Kantibhai was surprised. Then Babaji made it clear, "Who likes to be without a son? Who likes to be childless?"

Babaji's blessings became fruitful. Gangaram also had one son.

Babaji was very kind, without asking for it, he rained his blessings. Sri Lallubhai had gone to Bhavnagar, with his group of Bhajaniks. Sri Lalubhai, instead of sitting before Babaji, from early in the morning to night he remained in the service of Bhandara. Babaji knew this. One day he said, "His

whole mind is absorbed in it so he never sits before me.”

Shri Lallubhai got the fruit of his service. After this incident a son was born at his home. Till today, Shri Lallubhai's family on every Sunday, is present to serve the Bhandara.

One of the ardent devotees of Babaji Champaklal Devidas had the happiness of daughters, but he had no son. But by Babaji's grace and blessings, in the year 1941 a son was born at his home. This son is Bhupendrabhai. Having obtained virtues from the religious minded, parents, Shri Bhupendrabhai, his wife Rekhaben and his family members are serving Babaji with great devotion. They are happy and absorbed in Babaji's thoughts.

### **Desiring Persons Get Salvation, Get Heaven By The Grace Of The Guru**

The divine saints give both material happiness and spiritual bliss to their loving devotees. They are able to help them to get salvation from the worldly ties of the Maya (Illusion). Maya comes in the way of worship of God. It keeps one absorbed only in the fulfilment of worldly desires such as woman, money, power and wine.

A devotee, named Mangiben of Surat died. As soon as Babaji learnt this news he said, “Mangi has got Heaven.”

The brother of Chimanlal Thavardas of Mumbai died. When Babaji was informed about this, he said “Mitha is dead and gone, it is the wish Kartar. What is done is done.”

The moral is that those devotees who had served Babaji sincerely, monetarily, mentally and bodily were really blessed and helped to achieve salvation.

Babaji used to say, “The Guru who is not able to give happiness to his disciples in this world, how is he going to help them for the happiness in the next world?”

## **The Salty Water Becomes Sweet**

This happened before 1949 Babaji lived in Multan. Once, without informing anybody, he went away to some distance from the city. He sat in a garden. The owner of this garden was one Bhatia gentleman. He warmly welcomed him and said, "Babaji, if you stay here, we will be very happy. But the water here is salty. Here there is great difficulty for drinking water." Hearing this Babaji said, "Put one hand pump here." That gentleman, according to the order of Babaji managed to get a hand pump fixed there. The wonder was that the well from which the salt water was coming out, from that very well drinkable water came out. From this, each one learnt about the uncommon power possessed by Babaji. Then the farmers living around learnt that one Siddha Mahatama had come there so they came for his Darshan. They started bringing with them wheat, rice, ghee, vegetables and sugar. hence the Bhandara started. In the evening, about fifty devotees came to Babaji. Bhajan-Kirtan was done and the reading of the Ramamyana was also done.

## **The Best Cure**

One gentleman was serving in the railway. His whole body was full of boils. He applied many medicines and still he was not cured. He was most disappointed. One devotee of Babaji advised him to go to Babaji. He went to Babaji and prayed to him. The merciful Babaji said, "Daily take one myrobalam. Today one, tomorrow two, thus daily increasing one, take in all one hundred myrobalams. Then go on decreasing one daily. As advised by Babaji, the devotee completed the course, and he was cured of the disease forever and his body became beautiful.

This was the result of the Mahatma's grace.

## **Only The Fortunate Are Blessed**

Goswami Tulsidas has rightly said that there are many things on earth. Without fortune, one does not get the right thing. In the same way, without good luck, one does not get the benefit of the Mahatama's grace.

Babaji was in Bhavnagar. In Bhavnagar Shyamsunderbhai and his wife Nirmalaben and the other members of his family served Babaji with great devotion.

At night after Aarti at the time of sleep for 'Babaji', one advocate used to come very late to have the Darshan of Babaji. He came late daily so Babaji said, "If you wish to come, come early." The next day the advocate came early in obedience to the order of Babaji. This advocate suffered a great deal from asthma. The merciful Babaji said, "You keep sugar crystals or sugar candy (Khadi Sakkar) in you mouth and you will get relief". Hearing this the advocate said "Many costly medicines have not cured me." Then he thought, "How is it possible for this cheap medicine to cure me !" On hearing the words of the advocate, Babaji said, "I gave the medicine according to my intention. It is for you to take benefit or not."

The advocate could not understand that was not the simple and cheap medicine advised by him, but it was the grace of Baba. It was beyond the intellect of the advocate to comprehend that Babaji had shown him only his precious grace and that the Khadi Sakkar (sugar crystals) was the instrument of his grace.

### **A Good House Is Given**

Shri Lallubhai of Surat had absorbed years and years of service of Babaji by managing the Bhandara. His house was situated at Surat, Nawapura. It was very small and narrow. It was also very old. In this house, it was very difficult even to accommodate his family members. There was a shortage of houses in Surat. He prayed to Babaji for getting a good house. The merciful Babaji listened to his prayer and at night in a dream showed him a big house with open space at the Khandwala's Street in Wadi Falia, Surat and said that he should get a large house built there.

After some days, the house and open space that had been pointed out in the dream were bought and the legal deed was also signed. Thus Babaji listened to the prayer of the devotee. He gave him permanent happiness. Today on that very spot, a large building has been built. In this very house is installed a large and charming marble image of Babaji. In the morning and in the evening, it is worshiped by a Brahmin regularly. This incident proves that one who serves bodily, mentally and monetarily, his spiritual as well as material well-being is always looked after by Babaji.

### **Why Talk About Only Business?**

Lallubhai's elder brother Nagindas was a devotee of Babaji. He had a deep and immeasurable devotion for Babaji. When Babaji was at Colombo-

Sri Lanka, devotees from Mumbai had gone there. Lallubhai was one of them. All of them enjoyed themselves very much. The group of devotees was welcomed lovingly and arrangements were made for them to stay there. Then when Babaji came to Mumbai, he scolded him saying, "Your younger brother Lallubhai had come to Colombo, why did you not come?" Nagindas humbly said, "One man should remain at home for the sake of the business so I did not turn up." Hearing this Babaji said, "Why do you talk about business only! After the death of your father, did your business not go on? After your death, do you think your business would not go on? Now do come to Kumbha-Mela at Prayag."

To prove Babaji's love for his disciple, this incident has been narrated. According to the prediction and promise of Babaji, his business started getting on very well. Nagindas is not living today. His other brother Jaykisasandas fell prey to T.B. and his illness was very serious. Babaji was prayed to and he was cured of T.B.

What is impossible for the all powerful saints?

### **All Knowing Saint**

Bhagwandas Ahuja, a loving disciple of Babaji, in the beginning went for his Darshan daily, but he had not taken any initiation from him. At that time he believed that the virtuous man should do virtuous deeds and attend to his duties in the world. For the dutiful man, it would be alright even if he was not initiated by the Guru. Babaji used to give Mantra to the devotee only if the devotees consented for doing so.

Once Bhagwandas Ahuja went for Darshan of Babaji. Bhajan was going on. All the loving disciples were present there. Bhagwandas sat before him at some distance. Till this day, he had not felt like accepting Babaji as his Guru. There was a heap of fruits near Babaji but there was only one apple left in it. Bhagwandas Ahuja thought and decided in his mind that if Babaji gave him the apple with his hand, then and only then he would accept him as his Guru and get the Mantra from him as his disciple. Babaji was all knowing. In no time Babaji threw that very apple at him and said, "My Bhagwan, have I passed in your examination?"

From the eyes of Bhagwandas came tears. Soon he got up and bowed before him. He asked Babaji's pardon for taking his examination. The generous minded Babaji gave him the Mantra-Deeksha.

Babaji was at Surat in Hans Baug. One day two women came with a packet of opium. They bowed down their heads and put the closed packet of opium before Babaji. He picked up the packet and put it aside. The women who had come thought Babaji was a very common Sadhu and would accept that offering and would give them figures for speculation. Babaji knew the mind of these women and told them to take back the packet of opium with them. Then he ordered, "Never bring such things here again and do not come here." Ordering this he dismissed the two women.

Then Babaji said to the present devotees that those two women had come from the Chowk Bazaar of Surat to receive from Babaji a certain figure for speculation. They had offered him the packet of opium as a gift.

Babaji was never addicted to smoking, tea or opium or any other thing. He used to advise his disciples never to take tea, wine or meat.

Mangaldas of Surat had the habit of taking tea. One day Babaji said, "Now Mangaldas, never take tea." From that day his habit of taking tea for years was broken. Now he does not like taking tea. Again he had formed the evil habit of speculation. The work of saints is to help the devotees and to lead them on the right path. He had advised his disciples to keep away from speculation. Once he said to Mangaldas "speculation ruins one". Then with his grace, Mangaldas was free from the harmful habit of speculation.

### **Babaji And Dada Chellaram**

In the year 1943, Bhai Naraindas Gurbuxani had gone to Haridwar with Dada Chellaram, the founder of 'Nirgum Balik Satang Mandal'. At this time Babaji was also at Kankhal, Haridwar. So Bhai Narayandas said to Dada Chellaram, "Babaji is a great saint, you come with me for his Darshan". But Chellaram did not go with him for the Darshan of Babaji. During this time, no mention was made to Babaji regarding Dada Chellaram.

Then in the year 1958, when Babaji was in the Worli Mandir, Dada Chellaram with Shanti Devi and others had gone for Darshan of Babaji and was singing bhajans. Babaji called Naraindas near him and said, "Look here, Chellaram is singing bhajan today. Fifteen years ago, at Kankhal he had not come to see me at all, then why has he come today?" On hearing these words, Bhai Narayandas was wonderstruck because fifteen years ago there had been no talk with Babaji regarding Dada Chellaram.

From that incident Bhai Naraindas was fully convinced that Babaji was



all-knowing and he knew the past, the present and the future. Seeing such power of saints, our faith in God becomes stronger and stronger.

### **Seth Odhavdas Gets A Son**

Seth Odhavdas was the loving devotee of Babaji. He requested Babaji to come to his home. So Babaji went from Borivali to Dadar. Bhai Rameshwarsingh was with him. Babaji stayed there for three months. Odhavdas served Babaji very devoutly. He had no son. As a result of the grace of Babaji, a son was born at his home. Here three months passed very happily in Bhajan-Kirtan. Now, Babaji wanted to leave for Borivali. When Babaji was leaving his home, Odhavdas bowed down and said to Babaji, "You have shown limitless grace on me. I am ready to give you whatever you ask for. So ask for anything." On hearing these words Babaji was displeased because he had never asked for anything in his life. He had never begged of anybody for anything. So he said to Rameshwarsingh, "Let us go. Look here, he himself is a beggar and he tells me to ask for anything from him". Speaking this much he went away by car to Borivali.

From this incident we have to learn that saints are Siddha-Sankalpa. Their every desire is fulfilled. They are really powerful. What can we give to such divine saints? They have not come to receive but they have come here to give to us. Hence we should be very humble before the saints.

### **The Fruit Of Babaji's Darshan**

Baba resided at Surat. At that time, a Parsee young man came with his friend for the Darshan of Babaji. That Parsee youth was a clerk in the office. Then Baba came to Mumbai to Warden road. He stayed under a tent. This Parsee youth who was a clerk, was told by his friend to go for Darshan and bring prasad for him. It was the rainy season and it had rained heavily. He went to Babaji anyhow for his Darshan. Pulling off his shoes and the raincoat, he went inside. Two to four devotees were before Babaji. Then for some reason these devotees went out. The Parsee young man went near, bowed and offered flowers to Babaji and said, "I have come here for Darshan." Hearing this, Babaji gave him a banana as prasad and said to him, "See the result of Darshan in future." He was most pleased and gave him blessings.

Then he went to Surat. The Parsee devotee got a promotion in service

in about two years time. Other people got the promotion after a long period of fifteen years. He got it in about one and half years time as a result of Babaji's grace and Darshan.

## **Lord Of Nature**

Babaji was in Surat. Two physicians came for his Darshan. They said, "Let us see your pulse". Babaji said, "Yes, you can see it." The physicians found that the pulse had stopped. Babaji was laughing. Then he examined again and found that it was working. Both the physicians with folded hands said, "What can we do before you? Our knowledge is futile before you." Babaji himself was Yogeshwar, he was the master of nature. He could control the rules of nature to his tune.

In the beginning, two or four Sadhus were living with him. Once one Sadhu shivered and became feverish. Shivering he went to Babaji and said, "I am on the point of dying. I cannot bear this unbearable pain" and started crying. Hearing this Babaji said, "Get away, why did you come here? Go to a wealthy person". After this incident he was free from fever. But one wealthy devotee's child got fever. That child suffered a great deal. So that devotee came to Babaji, who said to him, "Do not worry. In the morning it would go away as it came". Throughout the night the child suffered from fever. All members of the family slept because of exhaustion. But to the surprise of all, in the morning the child started playing cheerfully. He was completely free from fever. Babaji had such a wonderful control over nature.

## **Wonderful Power**

Babaji resided in a village near Valsad. An unfailing astrologer had told one man that he would die at a particular minute on a certain day and date by the sting of a serpent. This astrologer was very learned and great. His many predictions about the death of a person came to be true, word for word. So this man remained anxious and unhappy. The prediction of his death pained him constantly. His body became a bag of bones. One devotee of Babaji told him about it. Baba asked the devotee to bring that man to him. The devotee did as he was told. Babaji said to him, "On the day that he has predicted your death, come to me," Babaji sat on the cot and asked him to take some water from the jug and make a circle of water. Then that man sat on the cot beside Babaji. At the given time a terrible serpent came but it could not cross the line of water and could not enter the circle. That man, on seeing the terrific serpent became unconscious and took the support of

Babaji. Babaji sprinkled water on the serpent and said, "Go away from here at once". Hearing this, the serpent became very angry but it could not cross the line of water and could not go near him. At last the serpent was completely exhausted. The time and moment of that man's death were over and the serpent slowly slipped away from there.

Thus Babaji, the Protector, saved the devotee from death.

Only the saints have the power to save one from the fear of death.

### **Babaji Himself Was Bitten By The Serpent**

This happened in the year 1934-35. Babaji resided at Gyanasthala in Multan. Babaji had gone very far in the jungle for nature's call in the morning. Then he came back and started saying, "You have done your work. Now let me do my work. Come here now soon".

At this time, Babaji's devotee Jamnadas Narulla was present. He could not understand this behavior and he asked, "Babaji why so?" Babaji asked him to keep quiet by a sign. Babaji had his eyes fixed towards the door and was speaking the above mentioned words. But to whom he was addressing, the devotee could not understand, since none was seen there. After sometime, Babaji said again, "Do you hear or not?" In no time, a terrible serpent came and reached the place where Babaji was sitting and sucking the poison from his body, it disappeared.

The fact was that when Babaji had gone for nature's call in the early morning, the serpent had bitten him. Babaji ordered him to come from the jungle to his seat and ordered him to suck out the poison. Really this is the wonderful power of Babaji. None but the divine Yogi can do such wonders.

### **The Saint's Power**

The saints who are the incarnation of God, are able to save one from the inevitable death. It is said in the Guru Geeta, "O Parvati, the Guru protects, he has the power to save one from the jaws of death."

Though, generally, the saints do not interfere with the destined course of nature, but when they think proper to intervene, they do interfere and save the devotee from the jaws of death.

Babaji resided in the Hans Baug at Surat. From a nearby village a boy used to come to give milk here. Once one the way, a poisonous serpent stung him bitterly. Then and there he became unconscious. His whole body instantaneously became green and the boy remained there like the dead. Babaji was informed of this incident. He said, "Bring the boy here". Then as ordered by him, the dead boy was brought before Babaji. According to his suggestion, clay was applied on his back and a dish of bronze was placed on it. Slowly and gradually the dish absorbed all the green poison and the boy became free from the effect of the poison. For two to three days he remained weak but by of the grace of Babaji, he was completely cured. Thus the boy was brought back to life again.

### **Miraculous Power**

Tapasvi Baba was a very great Divine Yogi. So he did his Leela, the miracle in order to fix man's faith in God.

Once, all of a sudden, Babaji went to Surat to be present at the betrothal ceremony of Mangalda's son, Vishnu. The devotees in Mumbai did not know about his going to Surat. A devotee named Dayaben had brought fresh and hot wadas specially for Babaji to the Worli Mandir. After reaching the temple she learnt that he had already gone to Surat. So this devotee offered wadas to the Holy Dhooni and photo of Babaji. After some days Babaji came to Mumbai then she talked about this fact to him. She said to Babaji, "When you were at Surat I had come here with wadas for you." "Did you taste them?" Hearing this Babaji answered, "I did taste them and I accepted them". The devotee Dayaben was pleased to hear this.

Though Babaji was so far away, he did eat and enjoy her dish. The God incarnate saints enjoy immensely, anything offered out of pure love and devotion, though physically they may be thousands of miles away from the devotees. What is impossible for the Divine Yogis? Indeed they are free from the bondage of time and place.

### **Divine Vision**

Babaji was at Hans Baug, Surat. According to his strict holy rule, after taking the Holy Bath at midnight he was lost in meditation. During this time it was strictly prohibited for anyone to go near him or sit near him.

Once the gardener of Hans Baug went out in the middle of the night. He saw big serpents going towards Babaji where he was lost in meditation. Babaji's face and form was flooded with light. Seeing this, he was very scared and went back straight to his room and slept. Because of his great fear, he could not rise in the morning. When he was awakened in the morning for flowers, he described what he had seen and added that still he was scared. When Babaji was informed about this fact he said, "None should pass this way at night. If anyone does so, I will leave this place immediately."

After having this Divine darshan, that gardener's fortune flourished. He had given up his service and through business he amassed a great fortune.

The serpents that were seen were none but the divine bodies of Gods. In that form the Gods used to come for the darshan of Babaji.

In this connection, there is one more incident worth remembering which happened in Colombo. When Babaji was in Colombo, Sri Chaturbhuji once requested him, "Tonight, give me the permission to sit in meditation with you". Babaji answered him lovingly, "Child, none can sit with me in meditation at night, because at night, all Gods come to have my darshan. You come at five in the morning not before that."

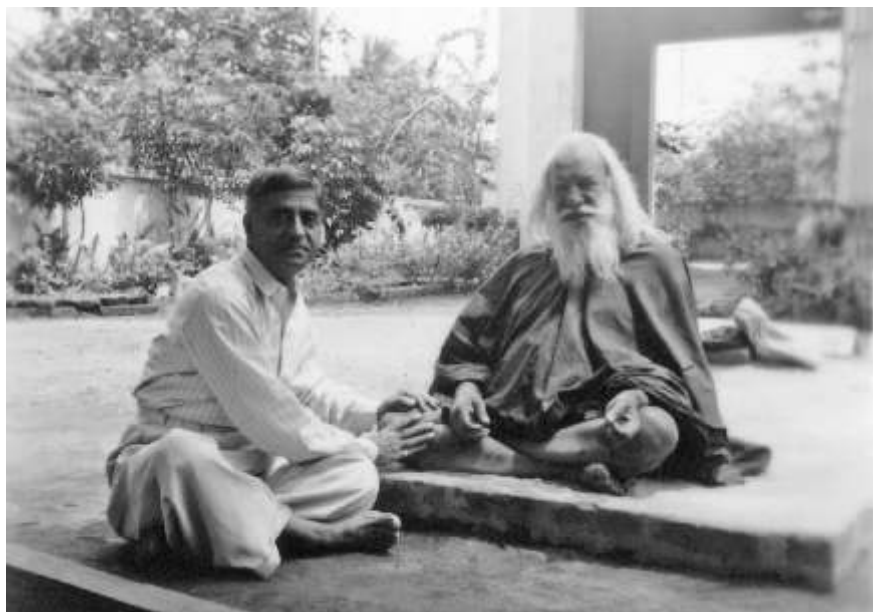
### **The Desire Got Fulfilled**

Smt. Nirmalaben, the wife of Sri. Shyamsunderbhai had the first darshan of Babaji at Borivali in the Nawi Wadi of late Sri Champaklal Devidas. Afterwards her devotion for Babaji gradually grew more and more. So when Babaji saw her coming, he used to say "Mai (Mother), you have come, very well done."

The late Shri Champaklal and his wife Smt. Nirmalaben served Babaji with all their heart and soul. Seeing this devout service, Nirmalaben, the wife of Shyamsunderbhai, wondered when would she get such a blessed opportunity to serve Babaji. The all knowing Babaji read her mind and got to know her earnest desire to serve him. So, Babaji went to Bhavnagar in order to get her desire of his service fulfilled. Thus she got the priceless benefit of Babaji's service.

## Some rare photos of Babaji



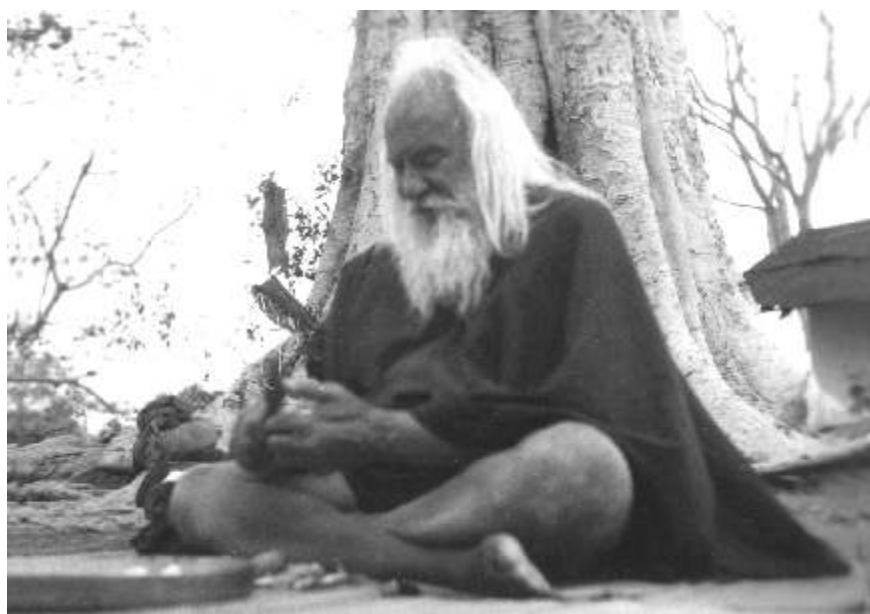


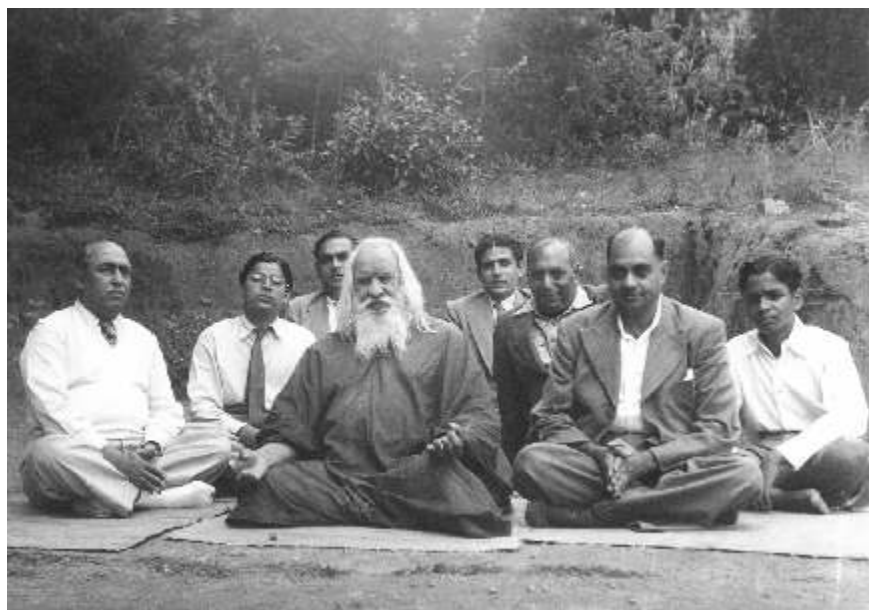












## CHAPTER 6

### THE ABLEST PROTECTOR

Babaji was in Colombo in Sri Lanka. Once some devotees with Babaji went to Galle city 60 miles away from Colombo by two to three motor cars. While returning home, one of the cars had an accident and everyone was injured. Meanwhile, Babaji had reached Colombo in his car. Then he got the news on phone that only Bhai Hemandas had a serious injury. The others had ordinary injuries. Bhai Chaturbhuj directly telephoned the doctor. He said that the injury being serious, Bhai Hemandas had to stay at the hospital. Bhai Chaturbhuj went to Babaji and gave this news. Hearing this, Babaji said, "Do not be anxious, Hemandas is completely alright. After two hours, he himself will come here." On seeing Bhai Hemandas there, everybody was surprised. All asked him to tell what really had happened. He said, "First the doctor refused to permit me to go home because of my serious injury. But after sometime he examined me again and said you can go. Your injury is not very serious."

This is the living example of his divine power. He saved all his devotees who had gone with him in the motor car.

### He Kept The Promise

It was the year 1985, Babaji was in Mumbai. One day some loving disciples of Surat invited Chaturbhuj to go to Surat. Chaturbhuj asked what was the need of going to Surat when Babaji was there in Mumbai.

When Chaturbhuj was to go with Babaji to Surat he had a stomach pain. So his family members advised him not to go. But Chaturbhuj thought that he should not worry at all. Since Babaji was with him, he decided to go to Surat with Babaji.

In the compartment of the train, Babaji and Chaturbhuj were the only two persons. The pain in the stomach started and he vomited. At this time, Babaji put the head of Chaturbhuj in his lap like a father and gave him courage.

They reached Surat and the doctor was sent for. He advised him to stay in the hospital for two days. The pain was very severe. His relatives came from Mumbai to Surat as it was the illness of Gall bladder. The doctor



advised an operation. It was decided that the operation should be done in a hospital in Mumbai.

Before going to Mumbai, Chaturbhuj came to Babaji for his blessing. On seeing this, Babaji stood up and went towards him and embraced him with love. Babaji gave him an unfailing promise and said, "Go to Mumbai happily and be operated upon. You will have no trouble. I will take care of you, I take your responsibility."

In the hospital, it was decided to operate. It being a major operation, the doctor refused to operate without the consent of his wife. So his father and his wife came to Mumbai from Sri Lanka. The operation was successful. But on the third day, there was much pain in his stomach. His parents and wife gave up hopes for his life. His relatives ran to the hospital. Even after the injection, there was no relief at all.

Bhai Chaturbhuj also gave up the hope of living. He said to all his relatives to go out of the room. Then he put the Baba's photo on his chest with devotion and prayed to Babaji. While praying he went to sleep. It was twelve at night. One devotee of Babaji, Shri Hiranand Belani was sitting outside the room. All of a sudden had the Darshan of Babaji. He saw that Babaji had entered straight into the room of Chaturbhuj and came out of it

after some seconds and disappeared.

After this incident, Bhai Chaturbhuj was cured. There was the Kumbh-Mela at Ujjain. So Babaji had gone there. Chaturbhuj also went to Ujjain. As soon as Babaji saw Chaturbhuj, he said, "Look here child, since I had taken the responsibility of your life, I had to come to the hospital." In this way Babaji kept his promise by saving the life of Chaturbhuj.

This is the example of how much care the saints take of their loving devotees and how much trouble they take only out of love for them. This incident also shows that time and space do not come in the way of the great saints. The saints are very loving and affectionate to them. So they always keep the promise given by them.

### **Great Saints Keep Away Difficulties At A Distance**

One loving devotee of Babaji, Sri Narayandas Kalra's younger son Bansi, one night all of a sudden had pain in the throat. He said to his father, "I can not bear this severe pain so send for the doctor soon". Narayandas thought, "How is it possible to call a doctor here at 2.30 at night"?

He at once remembered Babaji. He remembered the handkerchief which Babaji had given to him with his own hands. At the end of the black handkerchief, Bhabhuti had been tied. Whenever Babaji went out travelling, he used to keep the holy Bhabhuti with him. Bhai Narayandas took out some Bhabhuti from the said handkerchief and rubbed it on the throat of the child. Soon the child slept without any difficulty till the night was over. In the morning, he asked his son about his health. He answered that all the difficulty was over, the pain in the throat had stopped fully. In the morning, when he took him to the doctor, he examined the throat and said that nothing was wrong with the throat.

The saints never die. They are immortal. They help those devotees who pray to them and free them from the difficulties and make them happy.

Sri Damodar (Damu) had the same experience. Damodar Bhagwandas Rohera used to go to the Worli Temple and there he arranged all the shoes and chappals of the devotees. He took care of them. Thus he served Babaji from the morning till the evening.

Once, Damu was travelling by train from Bandra to Matunga. As the



train was crowded, he was standing with his friends on the foot board. In between Mahim and Matunga, he fell down. Bones of hands, feet and the waist were broken. The brain was injured. His friends pulled the chain and the train stopped.

The railway police came. They registered the case and took him to the K.E.M Hospital, Parel. There the doctor said, "The injury is serious and the patient cannot be saved. If he is saved, he would go mad for his whole life." Hearing this the parents were very anxious. They prayed to Babaji to save him. This child was kept in the hospital for about two months. Finally the doctor gave the same opinion.

But the Almighty Babaji heard the prayer and due to his limitless grace, he is safe and sound even today. He gives his services to Worli Mandir. This is the incident that happened after Maha Samadhi of Babaji.

Any kind of service is always service. No service is superior or inferior. This is what is taught by Babaji. Sitting in the Mandir and taking care of the shoes and chappals, is also the service of mankind and hence the service of God. He has explained to us that each service is the best and it gives freedom and happiness to the one who does it.

### **Unimaginable Protection**

Babaji stayed at Shivaji Park, Dadar. One devotee was driving the car on Tilak Bridge, Dadar. One fruit seller was sitting on the footpath. Seeing nice fruit, he thought of buying them. At that time a double decker bus came at full speed. Being inattentive, he lost control over the steering. He could not understand what happened in a moment. He saw that his car was on the footpath and the double decker bus had passed by. He was saved miraculously.

In no time he came to Babaji. As soon as he came, Babaji said, "Child are you hurt?" Before he said anything about the accident, Babaji asked such a question. So the devotee was surprised. He soon fell prostrate on the ground. His heart became full with gratitude. He was convinced that Babaji had saved him.

After sometime Babaji stood up and started going for a short call of nature. After walking some steps, he fell down on the wire-fence. There was running and rushing all around. Babaji's body was injured and bleeding. The

devotees lifted him and made him sleep on the sand seat and rubbed the Bhabhuti (the holy ash) on his body. Now the devotees clearly understood that he had saved the devotees and had taken the pain on his body.

This is the living example of how the saints are kind and live for others. The saints never cross the principle of Karma. This incident also proves it.

The saints themselves suffer the pain of their loving devotees and save them. Babaji took on many sufferings of his devotees and gave relief to them. Many devotees whose suffering or bodily pains Babaji had suffered, are living today and are witness to this fact.

The saints are the Incarnations of God. They sit with us and give us joy, they move with us, they talk with us. Either they encourage us in the hour of unhappiness or they themselves bear the pain instead of us. We bow down our heads before such saints who give us the best and who are our Almighty Protectors.



## Chapter 7

### THE DEVOTEE LOVING SAINT AND HIS TEACHING

Babaji loved his devotees. He loved them as his own sons and daughters. Babaji addressed his devotees as Beta (child). This address is also the symbol of his love. He took care of his devotees. He warmly welcomed his devotees as his sons. To him, his children came for his Darshan. He gave advice to the devotees as one should give to children and blessed them. "Be like Prahlad, be like Druva". He had never gone to school but he gave blessings to the children to go to school and pass the examination. When the children passed the examination, they went for the Darshan of Babaji and offered him flowers and fruit and sweets. When he came to know about the success in the examination, he was very pleased and encouraged them for further studies. Babaji was at Bhavnagar. Niranjana, the son of Shyam Sunderbhai was to appear at the S.S.C examination in Mumbai. So Babaji sent one letter of blessing to Niranjana daily till his examination was over.

From this we understand that though this Mahatma was lost in Parabrahma, he took care of the studies of the children of his devotees. How he loved them!

Today Babaji is not bodily present, even then he takes care of his devotees, listens to their prayers and gives them the best.

Babaji had a large group of disciples. National leaders, ministers, government officers, the educated and uneducated, the merchants and farmers, the saints and Sadhaks, the miserable and the ailing, the thieves and the robbers and many other kind of people approached him. Thus the Darbar (The Court) of Tapaswi Bhagwan was unique.

Just as the Holy Ganga purifies the holy and the unholy, the good and the bad, the virtuous and the vicious, in the same way, the saints and the sages purify both the good and the bad, the virtuous and the wicked and give them peace and coolness and also destroy their difficulties. There is one Almighty God is present in all, in each and every one knowing and practicing this truth. All are equal to these saints. According to the correct religious teachings of the Geeta, they realize God in the learned and the unlearned, they see God in the elephant and in the dog, they see God in the most virtuous and the most vicious. They behave with them with love and

devotion. They treat them sympathetically. Thus the saints follow religion and also put the same into practice.

The Punjabis, the Sindhis, the Gujaratis, the Marathis, the Christians and the Parsis all came to Babaji. He gave them the material and the spiritual riches and led them to the path of devotion. Those who went to him with faith and devotion, he made them happy and led them to truth and the righteous path of beatitude. He taught them that the service of Man is the service of God. He coloured them with the colour of devotion. He transferred his spirituality successfully to his devotees, because he himself had realized the Divine. He was the Brahmanishtha Mahatma. With his blessing, the lives of his loving disciples became all successful, bright and glorious.

### **Teaching For Farmers**

Dhinghad in Punjab is Babaji's Guru's place. Here he obeyed the Guru and practiced hard penances. hence this is a holy place. Near Dhinghad is Rampuramandi.

Once the farmers from Rampuramandi came to Babaji. They prayed to him, "Babaji, our farming has gone useless and we are in trouble. Show us some means to better our lot". Babaji advised them, "Look here, do not eat on the Ekadashi day and observe fast on this day. After the harvest is ready, when it enters into barnyard, do not tie the mouth of the oxen. Let them eat as much corn as they like. Give a warm welcome to your guest. Never let him go back hungry. First give food to the guest and then eat yourself. Be cheerful".

The farmers did everything as was told and as a result great amounts of wheat grew. They earned more money and became very happy. Today there is one co-operative society in Rampuramandi in Punjab through which the farmers sell wheat. They are happy because of the grace of Babaji.

In short, Babaji taught the farmers to worship God and show kindness to animals, the importance of the Ekadashi fast and hospitality.

### **Love Of Mother**

Babaji advised children to respect their father and mother. He said, "Look upon them as Gods. Do not hurt their feelings. Serve them".

Baba was at Khidkee, Pune. One devotees, a young boy came to garland him. Babaji stopped him from doing so and said, "Put this garland around your mother's neck and bow down to her."

This is how he advised directly to the son that being indifferent to the parents and garlanding the God or Guru is futile.

### **Importance Of The Company Of The Saints**

The following incident is given by Babaji for showing the importance of the company of the saints in our life, though it may only be for a very short period. He narrated the incident in Hindi.

Once there was a very famous robber. He had spent his whole life in doing cruel deeds. Once he went for the Darshan of a very great saint with his friends. Like the other people, he bowed his head before the saint, sat before the saint for sometime and then went away. After his death, the messengers of the God of Death took him away before Chitrugupta narrated the account of his evil deeds. He had done many evil deeds, except the one of having Darshan of the Mahatma and for sometime living in his company. For his evil deeds he was punished and sent to live in hell and for his good deeds he was allowed to live for two minutes in the Siddha-world, or the heaven. The messengers of the God of Death asked him, "Where do you want to go first, to heaven or to hell?" He thought that his good deeds were very few so he decided to go first to heaven, and then to hell. According to his wish, the messengers led him to Heaven. They asked him to go inside for two minutes and have the Darshan and then return immediately. They said that they were waiting for him outside.

He entered heaven or the Siddha world and saw innumerable things of pleasure. The atmosphere was very divine, so many Gods were praising the Lord of the world. He bowed before the Lord and started weeping loudly. The Lord asked him why he was weeping so loudly while everyone there was enjoying and was happy. To this the robber answered that after this he had to go to hell and suffer the punishment. The messengers were waiting for him outside. He said that leaving this divine atmosphere, he did not want to go out. Saying this he prostrated devoutly before the Lord on the ground. The Protector of the refugee, the Lord permitted him to stay in heaven forever and enjoy the bliss there. He told him not to worry and showed grace by accepting him for ever.

This illustration tells us that even the short stay in the company of the saint makes one free from the suffering of Hell.

### **Service Of Saints And Its Fruits**

Babaji was residing in Surat. At that time this incident took place.

One merchant came to Babaji. After bowing humbly and devoutly he asked, "What is to happen, is going to happen. What is destined is destined. So what is the use of serving the saints, having darshan and worshipping God? No one can undo what is going to happen in future or the fate of one, then why all this should be done to please Gods and saints?"

On hearing this, the devotees who were present there became thoughtful. They looked at one another. Then Babaji laughed and explained as follows, "No change is going to be made if you are going to be born as a dog in the next birth. But we see that when one person throws two to four pieces of bread to one dog, the other dogs come rushing and barking and eat up its bread. Even the boys harass this dog by throwing stones at him. He drinks the dirty water from the dirty gutter. Insects bite it and it suffers much".

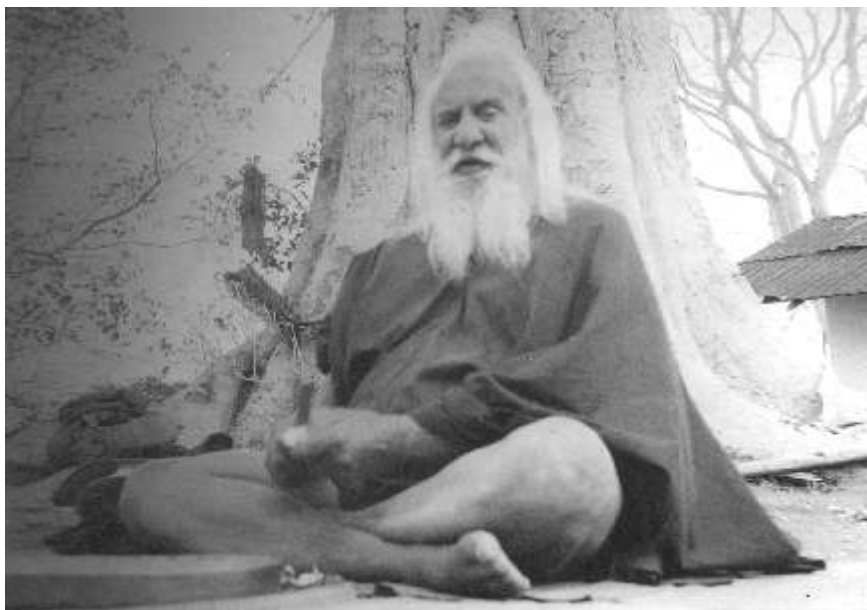
### **The Pet Dog Of The Rich Man**

Now one fortunate dog lives in the house of a rich Sahib. The dog gets bread, butter and biscuits. The servant bathes him carefully, another cleans its stool. One person is specially kept for looking after it. It is given names like 'Tiger' or 'Prince'. In the motor car of the Sahib, it sits with pride. If it falls ill, it will be taken to a very good doctor. When the Sahib returns home from the office, he pats the dog very lovingly.

This is the result of worship or serving the saints.

Giving this example, Babaji told the said merchant that it was the result of the worship of God and the observance of the rules and regulations of religion. If you now wish to worship God and live in the company of the virtuous, do it.

From this example it is understood that what is to happen does happen. But the worship of the Divine makes a great difference. That is what



we have to remember.

In the scorching heat of the sun if we are required to walk five miles or if it rains and we keep the umbrella over our head, our difficulty, our uneasiness is very much reduced. Similarly service, worship and satang reduce our troubles and difficulties.

### **Today Is The Full Moon Day**

Once upon a time a devotee was to go to a foreign country, so he said, "Babaji, on the Guru Purnima Day, I will not be here and therefore I will not be able to worship you." Babaji answered stretching his right foot for his worship. "Take this foot in your hands now and bathe it and do pooja".

From this example, we learn that all days are auspicious and equally important for the worship of God.

### **All Places Of Pilgrimage Are At The Lotus Feet Of The Guru**

Once Champaklal Devidas spilled Ganga water on the floor. He was

most unhappy. On seeing this, Babaji at once said, "Take water from anywhere in this place. Here everywhere, it is the Ganga water."

We understand very clearly from this, that in the presence of the saints and the sages, holy rivers like the Ganga and Jamuna are always present. In Prayag, where Babaji was taking bath, the three rivers (the Ganga, the Jamuna and the Sarswati) were seen very clearly flowing from his navel. Many devotees are present today who are the eye witness of this incident.

Whoever thought of Babaji according to his faith, he saw the same image in Babaji. If one thought of him as Krishna, he saw him as the Lord Sri Krishna, if one thought him as Lord Shiva, one saw him as Lord Shiva. If one thought of him as Ram, one saw him as Ram. He gave the Darshan to his devotees according to their faith.

### **Complete Obedience To The Order Of Guru**

What the saint tells one to do should be completely obeyed. Our well-being lies in doing what the saint tell us to do. If we do not obey the saint, we do not succeed in our work. There is one example in this case.

In the year 1938-39, Babaji was in Surat. At that time he was in Hans Baug, situated on the Varachha Road. Around the burning holy fire, was the cow-dung plastered floor and Babaji's seat was below the shade of the tree. Near the fire was the bed of sand and one brick as the pillow. All around was only a green garden. He was six feet tall and he had a strong body, he had a long Jata, the black alafi and the whole body was covered with bhabhuti. The image of Babaji is alive even today.

Two photographers from Mumbai specially came to have the photograph of Babaji. It was about 12 noon and Babaji was sitting on the sand seat, just resting on one side. One of the two photographers requested "Babaji, we wish to take your photograph. In the evening we wish to return to Mumbai." Babaji said, "Keep this work aside for tomorrow morning." The photographers were in a haste to go to Mumbai. So they took the photographs. But Babaji laughed and said, "This work has been done against my will. See the plate well and then go to Mumbai." After sometime they examined the plates and found that there was no impression on the negative. So the photographers fell prostrate on the ground and bowed down their heads and begged his pardon. Then the next day, according to the order of Babaji, after the Arati the photographs were taken. They were really very nice photographs. At that time, the advocate devotee of Babaji,

Sri Prapannalal Kazi was present.

The devotees used to sit before Babaji with conversation was going on. Whatever Babaji spoke, the devotees would say, "Sat Vachan!!!"

The teaching is that the bliss seeking pupil should never disobey the Guru. For the pupil, the Guru's advice, teaching or order is as authentic as the Veda-Vakya or the words of the Vedas.

### **Have Complete Faith In The Guru**

The Guru does all his best to one who has complete faith in him. Those who have faith in the Guru, never suffer. They are never disappointed. They are not unsuccessful. The Guru fulfils all their desires and ambitions.

This happened in the year 1946. At this time, Babaji was at Borivali in the east. It was only a ten minute walk from the station.

The advocate of Surat, Sri Prapannalal Kazi was a disciple of Babaji. He practiced at Surat. But for the appeal of his clients, he often had to go to Mumbai. While returning to Surat, leaving the High Court early, from Churchgate he went to Borivali by the local train and had the Darshan of Babaji. From Borivali, he often went to Surat by the Flying Rani.

Once the local trains service was dislocated. He reached Borivali by the local train. But it was ten minutes to six, so he thought that if he would go to Borivali east for the Darshan of Babaji, it would be late and he would miss the train. So on the Borivali Station, he meditated and bowed down to Babaji mentally. Because of some circumstances, the Flying Rani was late by half an hour at the Borivali Station. The advocate was unhappy to see that he would not have the Darshan of Babaji. One year passed away since this happened. Babaji was at Dadar in Mumbai. He went there for his Darshan. At that time Babaji reminded him. "That day the Flying Rani was late by half an hour, why did you not come for my Darshan?"

In short, the saint like Babaji knows what his devotees does, what he thinks about. He can see every thing by his divine sight.

## **The Divine Saint Can Change The Fate**

What is not destined in the fate of the devotee, Babaji can give because of his grace and with his blessings because of his uncommon divine powers. The divine saints can change and make the fortune of their devotees.

Babaji often say, "The house where God himself is the Lord and the architect, how can there be any want of anything? Everything is at his command, everything is at his back and call. When God, the thousand handed Divine wishes to give and goes on giving to man, how much can man gather with only two hands? God can give whatever he wishes to give and quantity he means to give".

## **There Should Be Modesty Before The Saint**

We should behave with modesty in the presence of the saints. We should be very careful about not being immodest before them. They are not ordinary as we are. Thinking this we should be modest before them." Too much familiarity breeds contempt". According to this saying we knowingly or unknowingly become immodest. At Vasta Devdi in Surat, Babaji resided. It was Sunday morning, Kantibahi was present. At this time, one gentleman became very angry at the carelessness of the watchman in the presence of Babaji. When that gentleman entered into the room, Babaji said, "Look here, I am here and he is shouting and scolding the watchman. He should remember who is sitting here before him. If he wanted to say something to the watchman, he should have taken him away from here and should have said whatever he wanted to say. One should keep quiet and be modest in my presence."

## **The Religious Observance Of The Holy Ekadashi**

Babaji was the Divine Yogi, free soul. He did not require to observe any rule or fast. But for the sake of the people or the devotees, he observed the fast on Ekadashi.

On the Ekadashi day he observed fast and did not take any food. He advised not to eat rice on the Ekadashi day if one could not observe a fast. Doing this, one reaps its fruit. He used to observe Nirjala fast on Ekadashi. (On this day he did not take even a drop of water). On that day he did not permit his devotees to take his charanodak (holy feet water). He preached



the same thing to those who observe this vrata or the religious observance.

Next day, the prasad of khichadi was distributed. When Babaji lived in Mumbai, the religious minded wife of Tolaram got up very early in the morning and prepared many varieties, put them in the tiffin boxes and brought them for Babaji at about seven to seven-thirty in the morning.

Babaji looked at them lovingly, praised and tasted them and distributed them to his devotees. He was all knowing and so he told his devotees before hand that, "Today these varieties would come here for me", and in no time, the devotee came with those very things. Babaji considered only love, looked only to the love of the devotee and accepted the things with joy.

Over and above Ekadashi, Babaji observed fast on Guru Nanak Jayanti, The Shivaratri, Ram Navmi and Janmastmi.

### **Restlessness Of Mind Was Removed**

In the year 1949, Babaji went to Sri Lanka again. At this time there were two Sadhus with him. Sri Chaturbhuj and other two devotees arranged for their stay in one hall. For Babaji, they prepared the bed of sand. After two days, Babaji said, "I will not stay here under the roof, I am a "bird of the jungle". Saying this he went out of the hall and sat under the tree.

Those were the days of the rainy season. The rain started. But without caring for the rain, Babaji lived under the tree. If it rained he did not allow the devotees to come near and told them to be under the roof. The two Sadhus, too lived with him under the tree. Babaji, according to his daily practice, sat in meditation from 12-00 at night to 5-00 in the morning.

Bhai Chaturbhuj's neighbour was a famous advocate. He charged Rs. 1,000/- as fees for being present only for one day in the Colombo Court. He had no faith in the sadhus and saints. He wished to know what kind of saint was Babaji. So, one night, from 1:00 at night to 5:00 in the morning, he kept standing in the balcony of his house and saw Babaji and the two saints sitting in the Samadhi. He wondered how Babaji was very still during the meditation state. Even one limb of Babaji's body did not move. By this Darshan, there awoke much devotion in the heart of this advocate. He went to Babaji and asked for his blessings. He begged his pardon for secretly watching him when he was in the Samadhi. Then he become his devotee

and daily sat before him for his satsang.

But this advocate was hot tempered. In anger, he had cut off all relationship with his relatives. Once he told Babaji, "Babaji, I do not get peace of mind. I cannot sleep at night because of restlessness". Babaji said to him, "You arrange one dinner party. See your friends and relatives in person and invite them at your place for the dinner". According to the advice of Babaji, the advocate arranged the dinner party and went personally to his friends and relatives for the dinner. He also requested Babaji to be present at the party. So he also came and graced the party. He sat in the garden. All the invited persons came. Then before the starting of the dinner, Babaji asked the advocate to beg pardon with folded hands of his relatives and friends. According to the advice of Babaji, he begged pardon of all. The result was that the party got over happily and all his relatives were pleased. The relationship with his relatives started again. And the advocate got peace of mind and he slept soundly at night.

The saints are of this type. If we give happiness and peace to others, then and then only we get peace and happiness. We should always be forgiving.

During these days, Babaji lived in the open under the tree. It rained heavily, so advocate Tyaga-Lingam went to Babaji and with folded hands and said, "Allow us to build a roof with grass and leaves because you sit in the rain and we cannot come to you". Since he was a yogi, heat or cold or rain never affected him. His body could bear all this. Then again the advocate devotee requested, "Babaji, not for your sake, but for the sake of the devotees, give us your kind permission."

Seeing the devotee's love, Babaji gave the permission to build the roof with grass and leaves. Otherwise his whole life had passed living in the open under the tree. He had lived on the charming recreative and refreshing lap of nature. He had never sat and lived in the cave or the cottage or under the roof.

### **Be Away From The Criticism Of The Saints And Sadhus**

Babaji did not like the criticism of any saint. If anybody criticised any saint before him, he clearly said, "Do not come here".

One sanyasi lived at Sagarampura in Surat. He put on the bhagava, the

saffron coloured clothes and lived in his house. One day he went to Babaji for his Darshan. Babaji gave him sweets and fruit as prasad. He tied all this prasad in a piece of cloth and started going home. Then Babaji asked one disciple to take him to his house. The other devotee who knew him thought in his mind. "so much honour to this 'Bhamata' (the Sanyasi)! Babaji was all knowing. The next day he said, "Go away. Do not come here. Do not criticize a Sadhu".

### **The Divine Power**

If the divine sight falls on one person, he is blessed.

One of the residents of Surat, Sagrampura had told Chhotabhai that he never went to any saint, he never bowed down his head before the Saint. But his friend told him to go to Babaji. As soon as he went there, Babaji's eyes fell on him and he fell prostrate on the ground before Babaji. This was the very first experience in the life of this resident of Sagarampura. As soon as he had the Darshan of Babaji and his divine sight fell on him, he was much influenced. His pride disappeared and he become very humble.

This is a incidence of amusement. The story of one saint was told. Babaji said, "He has written many nice books. But he had only one eye". Hearing this, Chotubhai said, "One who has one eye is very bright and intelligent. No one is a match for him". On hearing this, Babaji said jokingly, "You break your one eye. Then see how much more intelligent and bright you become". Speaking this he laughed a lot. The devotees also became very happy and enjoyed the joke.

### **Never Be Angry**

Mohanbhai Ganatra of Surat was a devotee of Babaji. He was in the service of a merchant who was also a devotee of Baba. Mohanbhai put pressure upon his employer to increase his pay but the employer did not do so. So, he gave up the service in anger. He started part time book-keeping at different places in order to earn his livelihood. But his monetary condition, instead of improving worsened daily. He and his family started starving. He understood his mistake and started repenting. Now the employer was not ready to keep him backin service. Mohanbhai daily went for the Darshan of Babaji. One day he wept before Babaji. When his employer came for the Darshan of Babaji, moving his hand on his beard, Babaji said to the employer, "Look at my beard and keep him again in service. He only

starves". Only for the sake of regard and respect for Babaji, he kept him again in service. Then Babaji said to Mohanbhai, "Now you look at my beard. Now, never be angry in life any more."

From this incident we are to learn that we should never be angry and we should always keep quiet. The result of anger is always bad and harmful.

The merciful Baba requested the employer, just for the sake of his devotee to keep him again in his service. We should not put the saints to any difficulty, any humiliating position on account of our anger.

### **The Path Of Bhakti Is Superb**

The Parsee gentleman Darabsha Dangor, in Surat was a devotee of Babaji. Whenever Babaji come to Surat, he used to go for his Darshan in the morning at six. Though he was a Parsee by birth, he was a vegetarian. He never took even eggs, every morning he got up early and bathed and read Geeta and other holy and spiritual books. Then he went for Darshan of Babaji who was in Hans Baug. There he sat from six to eight, for two hours before Babaji to worship him. At this time, there was a spiritual discussion. One day Darabsha asked, "Babaji how do the yogis take away their pranas to the Sahasradhara? What are Siddha Lokas? How do they look like?" Hearing this he said, "Come tomorrow morning very early."

The next day he went very early. Babaji asked him to close his eyes in meditation. Immediately the pranas of the devotee went higher and higher. His pranas become steady between his two eyes and the devotee saw gloriously with his very two eyes, the wonderful Siddhalokas. For sometime he was lost in Samadhi. Then he came back to his original state, the ordinary consciousness. Babaji said, "For the married, the Yoga is very difficult. For him only the Bhakti-Marg is easy and superb. Only to fulfil your wish, I have shown this to you. Do not tell this to anyone."

### **My Work Is To Remove The Curtain Of Maya**

In the year 1952, in the last week of February, Vedacharya Swami Ganeshwaranandji Maharaj had invited Babaji for the inauguration of Veda Mandir. He had sent the special invitation to Babaji with a Sadhu at Surat. Honouring his invitation, he had gone to Ahmedabad. At Ahmedabad, he stayed under the shade of the tree in the compound of his loving disciple Sri Jaysingbhai Shenoy.

On the 29th of February, the installation ceremony of the image of Veda Narayana was performed. On this occasion, when Baba was requested to unveil the image he said, "I am the Tapaswi so, I will unveil the image of Sri Srichand Bhagwan. My work is to remove the curtain". In this way with his holy hands Babaji unveiled the image of Srichand Bhagwan. The words of Baba mean that his work was to remove the curtain and free men from the net of Maya.

At this time Swami Vidyanand Maharaj of Geeta Mandir was in Ahmedabad. When he came to know that Poorandasji Maharaj had come to Ahmedabad, he sent a special message to him that he would meet him. Babaji had gone to see him in the Geeta Mandir. Babaji had love and respect for all the saints. Once he had said, "I go to each and every saint. I do not oppose anybody. I love all."

Once Hansadevji Maharaj was at Surat in the Siddha Kutir. He was not keeping good health. He also sent a message to Babaji. "I wish to see you". As soon as he received the message, he went to see Hansadevji Maharaj in the Siddha Kutir where he resided.

In the year 1921-22, Babaji resided three to four miles away from the city at Shikharpur in Sindh. During these days, Pandit Pritamsingh Maharaj also resided near the station of Shikharpur. He was very learned and was a great donor. In spite of this, he was very humble. He had great regard for Babaji. He got up early in the morning at five and went on foot to see him. As soon as Babaji saw Pritamsingh Maharaj at a distance, he got up and said, "Come my dear Pritam," and both the Mahatmas were very happy.

At the residence of Babaji or wherever he resided, numberless saints came to see him. He always gave a loving welcome to each and every saint. When he was at Dumas, Sri Rang Avdhut Maharaj of Narsehwar also had gone for the Darshan of Babaji. The present devotees got the divine bliss of the meeting of two great divine saints.

### **Injurious Habit To Health Of Wine Given Up**

The devotee Daulatram, staying at Worli Naka near the Buddha Temple, went to Colombo for the Darshan of Babaji. Babaji said to him, "Very bad smell is coming out from your mouth, clean the mouth and then come". Hearing this he said, "Babaji, what can I do? I am helpless, wherever I go instead of getting water to drink, I get only wine. You alone can make me free from this injurious habit." Hearing this Babaji said, "It is not desirable to

drink wine. It is very injurious to health. Alright, drink water purified by the touch of my legs. After this incident, by the limitless grace of Babaji, the injurious habit of drinking wine was given up. Over and above this, because of Babaji's grace he gave up eating meat and become a pure vegetarian. The whole the family of Daulatram is coloured by Bhakti. Even today members of Daulatram's family regularly go to the Worli Mandir.

In the same way, because of the limitless grace of Babaji, a devotee Jamnadas had also given up drinking wine forever. He always used to come in the morning to pray and sing bhajans in the Worli Temple.

After having the Darshan of Baba, he used to go to his office. The mission of the saints is to save and lead the distracted to the path of devotion. On the subject of wine once he said, "One who has never taken tea or wine says that he has given up tea or wine. What Tyaga or sacrifice he has done? It cannot be said that he has given up tea or wine. But the real Tyagi is he who had taken much tea and wine and gives them up after the teaching of the saint.

### **One Who Offers Something Devoutly To The God Or Guru Will Be Amply Rewarded**

Our books of religion have advised us to go with some offering to the Guru or God. One should never go empty handed to the saints and sages. One should offer a flower or a fruit or a leaf. This is a kind of holy convention. Therefore devotees came with plantains, oranges or mangoes to offer devoutly to Babaji. Many times he had said that one who offered something would benefit manifold. This was his blessing.

Babaji's blessings have become fruitful and will also become so in future. There is no doubt about the full return of the offering. Those devotees who have served him mentally, bodily and monetarily are always happy. They have received infinite folds in return. It is rightly said, Lord never remains indebted to any of his devotees. He would reward one with interest.

Saints have come to give, and not to receive. What wealth has God not in his store? Who are you to give him anything?

## **He Got Only The Fruit, You Got The Prasad**

It was the holy Ekadashi day. In the Worli Mandir of Mumbai, the devotees were sitting before Babaji. One devotee brought the halwa and offered the Dhooni Sahib and according to the order of Babaji, he distributed it among the disciples. Except one, everyone accepted the prasad. One devotee said to Babaji, "Today is Ekadashi, so I have not accepted it". Babaji said, "If it is so, you take whatever you like". The devotee took a banana. Then many devotees dispersed and went home. One devotee said to Babaji, "Though it is Ekadashi, I forget it and got the halwa-prasad". Hearing this Babaji said, "There is no fault, you have done the right thing. He ate only the fruit, you have eaten the prasad in the real sense".

In the service of the saint, no rule is worth being observed. It is not breaking of a particular discipline. Babaji's prasad means his priceless grace. It may be the Ekadashi or the eclipse day, but if the saint orders, then there is no harm in eating prasad. But if one disobeys the saints advice or does not eat prasad as advised by him, it becomes the cause of unhappiness.

### **Do I Not Eat The Malai - The Cream, If My Devotees 'Eat'?**

From Surat a devotee came to Mumbai by the Flying Rane. In the morning at eleven, he went to the Worli Mandir where some disciples were sitting before Babaji. The devotee had brought the Malai (cream) with him for Babaji, but being Ekadashi, Babaji ate nothing. He said, "give this as prasad to all." The devotee who had brought it became unhappy because Babaji did not eat it. The all-knowing Babaji said, "Why have I not eaten prasad? Whatever Malai all these devotees have eaten, I too have eaten it. Who else eats it? My devotees and I are not separated."

Saying this he wanted to teach him that he and his devotees are always one. He convinced him with these words. It is very clearly said in the Geeta, that whatever is offered to God with love is always accepted.

The Lord said in the Geeta, "Whosoever offers me with love a leaf, a flower, a fruit or even water, I appear in person before that devotee of sinless mind and delightfully partake of that article offered by him with love", (Chap. IX, stanza 26).

## **Repeat The Name Of Ram**

It was the time of the Kumbh-Mela, Babaji was present there. During that time, a devotee came. He bowed down before Babaji and then took his seat. The devotee said, "How may I serve you, Babaji?" Babaji said, "I do not need anything whatsoever, you only repeat the sacred name of Ram and serve him. This is the best way to serve me". The devotee said, "I always repeat the name of Krishna". Babaji said, "If you choose, repeat the name Mara Mara."

The moral is that God's names are numberless. We should constantly repeat our favourite name. By repeating the name of God, thousands of sins are done away with and man receives only bliss. This is the best way of being happy.

Guru Nanak Devji had said that one who remembers the name of God constantly is only happy. Those who have forgotten God are unhappy.

Guru Nanak Devji says that the whole world is unhappy. Only those are happy who always repeat the name of God. Babaji said, "Do not feel sorrow over the dead." Chunilal Reshamwala's sorrow was removed forever and his mind enjoyed peace. Babaji used to say, "There is neither joy nor sorrow, live happily enjoying all the joys of this world."

It is very clearly said in the Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta that the learned man, one who knows life and its work and its purpose, never sorrows for the dead. This very teaching Babaji taught. One should neither be attached to the joy of birth or the sorrow of death. Even while remaining busy remembering and repeating the name of God, one should remain detached but enjoy both joys and sorrows of life.

## **Do Not Mourn For The Dead**

The Sadguru always helps in the devotee's spiritual progress. He also helps him like the elder person. Babaji lovingly advised and gave suggestions to his devotees in small worldly matters also. One devotee's nephew died. Because of the death of his nephew, according to the scriptures, one cannot worship God, or offer prasad. Thinking that his God would remain hungry, he was very sorrowful. The devotee said this to Babaji. Babaji said, "He has gone to the heaven. If one dies, we celebrate the death



and become happy. Look here when you walk on earth, how many insects die? Then do you observe the Satak? Leave the untouchability outside the door and come here. If any one criticizes or objects, be indifferent."

It is clear that one who has taken the holy path of worship should not be afraid of people's criticism. One should not give importance to the worldly wisdom. We should go on doing the thing which is right and correct to us.

Once a close devotee of Babaji named Chunilal Reshamwala's relative died. He used to sit before Babaji but his mind remained dejected and sad. Seeing this Babaji threw his black handkerchief at him and removed his sorrow.

### **The Importance Of The Sacrifice (Yajna)**

Some people are of the opinion that in his age, the Yajna or the sacrifice has lost its importance. Since the ghee, the barley, a coconut, fruit etc. offered are destroyed, it is of no use. It is all wasted. But the religious ceremony of the Yajna or the sacrifice preached by the ancient Rishis is correct even today. The material offered to the Yajna is not destroyed, is not useless, but those things are received by God and because of it, the whole society remains happy. It is not at all useless when the Mahatmas arrange for the Yajna. That is eternal truth. Today even science says that the thing is never destroyed it is only transformed.

Once Babaji was in the Hans Baug of Surat. It was noon. Some of the devotees were present. Taking til, barley, fruits etc. in a dish, he gave it to the devotees and told them to offer repeating 'Om Swaha' or 'Ram Ram'. Then he said, "Disease and sorrow are put to an end because of the offering in the Yajna". One devotee who was sitting very near had skin disease, so he thought that he would be free from the skin-disease. Babaji very lightly slapped him on his head and said, "Not this disease but the disease of birth and death will be over". From such incidents we learn that by offering things in the Dhooni Sahib or the Yajnakund, one gets happiness and achieves the best and other spiritual advantages.

For the welfare of people, Babaji had arranged the Vishnu-yajna. He was present in the Yajna-mandap. When offering was given to the God of the fire in the Baba's holy presence, the glory was incomparable. The atmosphere was divine. At that time the devotees felt that the Yajna Narayan (the fire God) was present with Babaji. It was indeed a divine sight.

The saints do not need to do anything for their own happiness. They get the Yajna performed for the sake of their devotees. He has explained to us very clearly that those things are not meant for getting heaven. But they help us to increase our devotion and spirituality.

Here it may be asked: what is the harm if one does not perform a sacrifice (Yajna)? Anticipating this question Lord Krishna propounds the necessity of performing sacrifices for maintaining the world-order in the following words : All beings are evolved from foodgrains; production of foodgrain is dependent on rain; rain ensures from sacrifice and sacrifice is rooted in prescribed action. Know that the prescribed action has its origin in the Vedas, and the Vedas proceed from God; hence the all-pervading Infinite is always present in the Yajna or sacrifice.

### **Practical Advice To The Sadhus**

Babaji one day said to his near and dear devotees that when there was no railway, he used to travel from one place to another on foot. During such one travel, he went to a village. The Sadhus came to him and said, "Babaji, we starve here. We do not get anything to eat in the Bhiksha. What should we do now? You show us some way. " On hearing this, he gave them simple practical advice, " You keep the Path Sahib (the reading of the Guru Grantha Sahib) and invite the villagers to be present and take advantage of it. Bring some wheat flour and prepare bread and make the vegetable from the plantain trunk which is easily available in the forest. Then give prasad to the people". According to the advice of Babaji, the Sadhus arranged for the Path-Sahib. The village people came to take advantage of the recitation of the Path-Sahib and Darshan. They were given the prasad of chapatties and bhaji and they were very pleased. The next day the people understood their duty and brought with them wheat flour and ghee and bhaji. Thus the Sadhus got the Bhiksha (food) daily.

Thus Babaji has taught us that we should give to others. One who gives something will get much in return.

### **The Best Use Of The Dead Body**

Babaji firmly believed that the right use of the dead human body was to be given it to either the birds or the fish and insects. So, he always praised the tradition of the Parsees.

The saint, while he lives in the human body on earth is always useful to all. He does utmost good to people. After his death, his dead body is useful to the birds and the fish and other insects.

When Babaji gave up his body, his disciples remembering his teaching very well, decided to give the Jala-Samadhi i.e. immersion of the body in the water and accordingly they did so.

### **The Flute Like Mantra Of Ram Ram**

In order to do away with the uneasiness and restlessness of the mind, in order to free one from evil thoughts, unhappiness and quarrels, and finally to cross the world ocean and see God, our scriptures have advised us to go on constantly repeating devoutly the sacred name of God. It is the work, it is the mission of the saints to lead the people to the holy path of religion. The power of Mantra is wonderful. One gets the Siddhi, the divine power and finally sees God with the power of Mantras.

While at Hans Baug, in Surat, one of his devotees was sacredly busy bathing Babaji with the help of a small pot. He was repeating sacredly "Narayana, Narayana". Hearing this Babaji said, "There are four letters in this Hindi word 'Narayana'. There are only two letters in the word, 'Ram'. If you repeat the name of 'Ram' you will be able to do it twice."

Once a devotee, while worshiping Babaji was repeating the Gayatri Mantra. Babaji said, "What is there in Gayatri Mantra"? The devotee then said, "This Gayatri Mantra is the great Mantra. In this Gayatri Mantra, the Divine is prayed to and worshiped". Then Babaji said, "This Gayatri Mantra is long like a bamboo. I have with me a Mantra as sweet and small as the flute. This Mantra is 'Ram'. There are only two letters in it and it is sweet and easy to repeat". The Mantra 'Ram' is better and easier and sweeter than the Gayatri Mantra. With the help of the sound of the Ram Mantra, people have been saved. The vicious and the sinners have been saved forever.

Goswami Tulsidasji has said authentically that the Ram Mantra is the best Mantra. The Ram Mantra can undo or otherwise do the prefixed fate of one. It removes the ignorance of one regarding the Divine. It awakes the Divine in one. The life giving bright light of Ram Mantra nourishes and helps grow corn in the field of farmers.

With the help of 'Ram Ram' the great robber 'Valia' became the great

saint named Valmiki.

Babaji had not opposed the Gayatri Mantra through this remark. He should never be misunderstood. There is no doubt about the wonderful and miraculous power of the Gayatri Mantra. But what he wanted to tell with love was that even the short name like Ram can be repeated. The short Mantra of Ram is equally successful, like those of the Gayatri Mantra and the name of Narayana. The name of Ram is easy to repeat and very short and sweet and straight. The learned as well as the illiterate, the male, female and the child can also easily repeat the name of Ram and worship God. The 'Ram Ram' is very brief and sweet. The best Mantra is the Ram Ram.

### **I Am Your Son**

Babaji was in Mumbai. Once a very wealthy Sindhi couple came to him. Their two or three sons had already died so they were very unhappy. Under the burden of the unbreakable sorrow, they cried before him. Consoling this unhappy couple Babaji said, "Do not weep and grieve, I too am your son. Look upon me as your own son. Do not sorrow, birth and death and consequently joy and sorrow and other miseries and sufferings are bound to come in this world. Go on loving and worshipping God. That is the correct attitude and the only sure way of being happy."

Those words of Babaji removed their sorrow. Then they offered Babaji a cheque of a very large amount. This amount was used in feeding the people at the Kumbh-Mela at Haridwar.

### **Love For Devotees**

The loving devotee Mangaldas of Surat had no son. Babaji gave him blessings and said that he would get a son from his second wife. According to the promise of Babaji, he got a son. Babaji named him, "Vishnu". After a few years, came the occasion of Vishnu's betrothal. Mangaldas came to Mumbai. He very heartily prayed to Babaji to come to Surat. First he said 'yes' and then said, "I will give blessings from a distance (i.e. from Mumbai).

Then Mangaldas went back to Surat. He thought, "Because of his blessing, I got the son. Now, if he does not turn up, I will not get the betrothal ceremony done. I wish to celebrate the occasion in his very presence." Then he being emotional and devout, he wrote a long letter to Babaji. The substance of that letter was as follows: "You are the Divine incarnate, giving

up the delicious dishes of Daryodhana, you lovingly ate the bhaji of Vidurji. You are truly for the Bhaktas. With love, you ate blissfully the first tasted cherries of Sabari. You have limitless mercy O merciful Ocean! Do come and fulfil my wish".

The letter reached Mumbai. Someone read this letter full of love to Babaji. Babaji said to Champakbhai and Shyamsunderbhai, "Do not inform anyone, we are to go to Surat." The occasion of Vishnu's betrothal was successfully celebrated in the holy presence of Babaji. Thus Babaji fulfilled the wish of his loving devotee.

### **Happy Is The Contented**

The more one gets the more one wishes to get. Man is greedy by nature.

Once Babaji resided at Hans Baug in Surat. It was noon in the scorching heat of summer. On the way, a man was drawing a handcart full of sacks of corn. He was perspiring a lot. At this time Babaji said to his rich disciple, "Look, in what poor condition this man lives! Even at night he sleeps on this very cart. Your condition is better than his. To reside you have a bungalow, rich food to eat and fine clothes to put on! Even then you feel discontented. Are you not more happy than this man?"

He wanted to teach this - "Though God has given us many things of pleasure and prosperity, man, instead of enjoying and becoming happy, desires to get more and more money and remains dejected and unhappy. But this should not be so. Man should be content with that he has."

### **Oneness Of Saints**

Smt. Ushaben, the wife of Jagdishchandra Gandhi has told us the following incident :

Once the holy Saint Sri Rang Avadhoot Maharaj of Nareshwar graced the home and stayed in the Nawiwadi of Champaklal Devidas at Borivali. There he sat near Vayudevata Mandir where Tapaswi Bhagwan used to sit. At the time Sri Rang Avadhoot Maharaj said, "Tapaswi Bhagwan is present here and he is graciously giving us his Darshan, I myself used to come here to have his darshan when he was alive in this world, Tapaswi Bhagwan has given me your responsibility."

This fact tells us that great saints like Tapaswi Bhagwan after their bodily death, handover to the living saints the responsibility of guiding their devotees spiritually .

This incident teaches us without doubt that all real and great saints are one. They always love and take care of their devotees in worldly and spiritual happiness.

### **Faithlessness To The Guru**

Many times people think that after accepting one Sad-Guru, it is not desirable to go to another Guru or saint. Taking shelter in another Guru is infidelity. But it is no faithlessness.

Once Babaji lived in Vasta Devdi in Surat. It was about five o'clock in the evening. Bhimbhai Naik (the writer of Hansa-Smriti) and other devotees came. They bowed and sat. During conversation, Babaji said, "If you do not get full quota of food from one house, go to another house for the same and if not there, go to even another and get it." Hearing this, one devotee said that on the way they were discussing the same point.

What he wanted to teach was this. There is no objection in going to other Guru or saint for spiritual guidance. If one Guru gives up his body, it is not faithlessness in taking refuge in another saint or Guru.

Babaji could read the thoughts of his disciples, so understanding the difficulty of his disciples, he clarified the point.

But those who run after numberless Gurus only for the sake of monetary well-being or out of only selfishness, come across only disadvantages and unhappiness. The Divine Sadguru never dies and disciples never remain without the Guru. One who goes to the Guru with a sincere heart, one who devotedly remembers the Guru, one's well-being, both spiritual and material is looked after by the Sadguru.

### **Be Humble And Prideless**

Once Babaji said, "If you live as the humble son of your father, you will get everything. But if you wish to be the father instead, you will get nothing."

He used to say to his married disciples, "You are my parents. If you give, only then I can eat two chapatties". Seeing such wonderful humbleness, the devotees eyes were filled with tears. Sometimes he said, "I am very poor", I sleep on the bed of sand. You are educated and learned. I do not know even Sanskrit while you are able to read the Geeta daily."

The above words throw full light on the humbleness of Babaji. these words teach us the lesson of humbleness.

Another advice was not to be proud. Always be away from pride. The proud person is far away from God. The Kingdom of God belongs to the humble.

To the loving disciple Chhugmal Ahuja, once Babaji said, "In this world, all are animals. Pride is the butcher who kills each one. One who frees oneself from pride, becomes free from the painful cycle of birth and death. Look here, my child, give up pride, be humble. Never be proud of any material thing or quality. One who gives up pride is sure to attain bliss."

Babaji resided at Khadki, Pune. Thousands of disciples had come for the Darshan. He said to Ahuja, "Child, repeat and make the devotees repeat the name of the Lord i.e. the dhoon." Chhugmal started the dhoon, "Govinda jay jay, Gopal jay jay, Radha-Raman Hari Govind jay jay, Raghupati Raghav Raja Ram, Patit Pavan Seeta-Ram, Sat-Nam, Sat-Kartar, Beda Par." Then Babaji called Chhugmal and said, "While repeating and making others repeating the dhoon, you should not have even this much pride that I make so many people repeat the dhoon and they all follow me."

Thus Babaji directly taught his devotees not to have pride. Those who have kept pride are left out by Babaji. We should not have any pride in any of the following things namely charity, service, Jnana Bhakti, power, position, money etc. We could not be proud of anything. But we should always be humble.

The humble person is never at any disadvantage. Only the proud man is ruined. He also used to say, "Go on saying 'Yes' 'Yes' and always be happy. In short, one should never discuss or argue. But one should be sweet of tongue, one should keep discretion regarding tongue or speech. One should be away from making enemies by opposition. The sweet-tongued are liked by all.

## Worship Loving Baba

Babaji forever loved most the worship of God. Let us see one illustration that bears testimony to this.

Babaji was at Dadar in Mumbai. Chhugamal Ahuja went there for his darshan. The loving Babaji said, "Today sing such a pleasant devotional song that hearing it, I should be fully pleased." Babaji wished it, so Chhugamal started singing the bhajan. While hearing the bhajan, Babaji was lost in Samadhi. Somebody was thrilled and began to dance with joy. He called him and gave him lovingly five to seven fruits as prasad. He told Chhugamal that, that day he sang the best bhajan in a superb way and he was most happy. Whenever he was pleased listening to anybody's bhajan, he used to give many fruits and sweets to him as prasad.

While Babaji was in Surat, Bhai Chhugamal came for his darshan. He thought that Babaji was taking rest, so he started singing bhajan mentally in a room. He was singing in a very low voice. The all knowing Babaji heard and listened to the bhajan very lovingly. He called Bhai Chhugamal and said, "Why are you singing alone with such a low voice? Come here and sing loudly."

Once Babaji resided at Khadki, in Pune. In the morning from six to seven, he went with Champaklal in his motor car for a joy-ride. After enjoying the ride for sometime, he used to say "We have enjoyed the ride very much. Let us now return and listen to the bhajans." It shows that Babaji was more interested in the bhajans and the kirtans than any other worldly thing. He was not attached to the conveniences and comforts of the world. Whenever he was in the motor car, he always used to say that he was imprisoned in the prison for the monkey. It is very natural that one who is not attached to the worldly comforts, would surely call the motor car a prison for the monkey.

Special groups of bhajan singers and dramatists and performers of Ras-Leela came from Surat. The group of bhajaniks sang the bhajans. Some persons did Ras-Leela. Some persons put on the majestic dresses of the truthful Bharathari and Shankar-Parvati. He watched such programmes and was most pleased. He made a heap of fruits before the participants for prasad. Whenever such programmes were in progress, the darbar of Babaji looked as bright and colourful as the darbar of Gods.



## As Bhagwan Shiva Accepted The Worship

Devotees who came for darshan saw in Babaji Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu or the saint Sai Baba. Once when Babaji lived in Colombo, Sri Lanka, the devotees had prepared a small tank for his bath. Babaji used to call that tank 'Ramkund'. Babaji sat and took bath in the tank. He had permitted certain close disciples to bathe with him in the same tank.

Once the father of Chaturbhuj was bathing with Babaji. At this time, he felt that Babaji was the Lord Shiva, so he repeated the sacred Mantra, "Om Namah Shivayah" and started doing 'Abhisheka'. Feeling this supreme devotion of this devotee, Babaji's body became steady. He closed his eyes. He looked the very image of Lord Shiva. Shri Chaturbhuj's father repeated, Om Namah Shivaya and during this repetition of the mantra, he started pouring water on the head of Babaji. This worship continued for three hours. The father of Chaturbhuj, got tired but Babaji was still in meditation. Seeing this, the other devotees became anxious and thought that perhaps Babaji might have given up his mortal body.

At this time, Chaturbhuj remembered the words Babaji had said, "When I am in Samadhi, if you wish to awaken me, you should go on repeating the words 'Om, Om, Om'. He started repeating loudly 'Om, Om, Om.' After sometime, Babaji came out from meditation and gave his blessings to all. He said to Chaturbhuj, "Your father had a very sincere wish to do 'Abhisheka' on the head of Lord Shiva. So I permitted him to fulfill his desire. If he would have continued 'Abhisheka' for the whole day, I would have not awakened from the meditation. Thus Babaji accepted worship as Lord Shiva.

According to the wish and devotion of the disciples he gave Darshan. Babaji was really a great Siddha Mahatama. He made his disciples feel that he was the Avatar of Shiva which is described by this incident.

It was the month of Shravana, Tapaswi Bhagwan stayed at Hans Baug in Surat. Some devotees came there daily. After their coming the Arati was done. One day some devotees came late. Babaji asked, "Why are you all late today?" They answered. "Today, it being Monday of the month of Shravana, we had been to Katargam to have the darshan of Mahadev." Hearing these words, he said, "Did Mahadevi say anything?" Hearing this the devotees kept quiet. Babaji said, "Mahadevi himself has come here and you people will get the fruit very soon". With these words he wanted to teach

that the saints are the speaking, hearing, walking and living images of God. But man is in the habit of looking for him in stone image. So man does not see the living God. "He himself has sat here", by these words Babaji wanted to teach that he was the very image of Lord Shiva. Without the grace of the saint, man cannot know God even if he was present before his very eyes.

### **Shiva Is Here**

Babaji stayed in Colombo. In the morning, Chaturbhuj did not go to him, so he asked his wife, "Where is Chaturbhuj?" She answered that he was busy worshipping Shiva. When Chaturbhuj went to Babaji he asked him, "What were you busy doing at home? What did Shiva say to you?" He answered, "He said nothing to me." Hearing this Babaji said, "Look here, the very Shiva has come before you. He talks with you, he gives you food, he makes you laugh. I am here before you as the very Avatar of Shiva and still you have not known me?" After hearing this advice, Chaturbhuj worshiped Babaji as Shiva during his stay there. He never worshiped the image of Shiva at home.

In the year 1957 near the Mahalaxmi Temple, Mumbai, the Sadhu Bella was opened. Babaji had gone there because he was invited by the Mahant Swami Ganeshdasji. On this occasion, thousands of saints and Mahants came to attend it. At this time, Chaturbhuj was sitting near Babaji. He asked Babaji, "May I go for the Darshan of the saints and the Mahants?" He said, "Child, you need not go for their Darshan. You will have the darshan of all the saints and Mahants here." Sometime after this happened, all saints and the Mahants came here. They came for the darshan of Babaji. This way Sri Chaturbhuj got the benefit of the darshan of all the saints.

Once the Mahant Swami Ganeshdasji arranged a Sammelan i.e. the gathering of the Sadhus in the Sadhu Bella, at Mahalaxmi in Mumbai. Babaji was invited to be the president of this sammelan. Babaji had never attended any public function or meeting. So he was not present in the Sammelan. His chair was empty. So again he was requested to attend the Sammelan and grace the chair and add charm all around. He said, "I am the Bird of the Jungle. I cannot come." But the devotees pleaded with him, so he agreed to grace the occasion. After the presence of Babaji the atmosphere all around became divine. Amidst the thousands of the saints he moved here and there. He looked like Lord Shiva.

## Foretelling of Rationing

Babaji had the knowledge of the past, present and future. In the year 1935, he had been to Surat at the request of his disciples and he stayed at Hans Bag, outside the city. At that time too, the Bhandaras were continued with the same zeal. For that purpose hundreds of sacks full of corn were emptied out of the hand-carts. On seeing this, Babaji said, "Look here Thakorbhai, today sackfuls of corn are coming here endlessly. But the time is coming when the Government will give only handful of corn for one family". How can we imagine this in the year 1935? But during the world-war in the year 1939, when the British Government introduced rationing, the words of Babaji came true.

In the year 1954, Babaji lived in Hans Bag. Some disciples of Sandhyapuriji Maharaj of Guru Datta Akhanda, Ujjain, came for darshan of Babaji. The topic of health of Sandhyapuriji Maharaj came up. Hearing this Babaji said, "His body will not last any longer". After some days, the news came that Sandhyapuriji Maharaj had given up his body.

At the time of this incident, Kantibhai was present. He said, "I had the darshan of Sandhyapuriji Maharaj". Babaji said, "If he was Sandhyapuriji, I am Suryapuri."

From this conversation it follows that Babaji knew many saints in India and he had special regard for each saint. He taught his disciples also to respect and serve them according to their capacity.

## The Kartar Loves All

Babaji was in Hans Baug at Surat. One Sindhi devotee with his wife came for darshan of Babaji. It was time for going to bed for Babaji. Even then Babaji sat there for their arrival. During the conversation, the Sindhi devotee said, "In these days of rationing, many people eat meat, so we get so much corn for our use. If the non-vegetarians give up eating meat, fish etc. then how much shortage of corn will be there? Man would not get even one grain of corn. Hearing this, Babaji said, "Why do you worry about it? If all people start eating corn, the Almighty Creator (Kartar) will help grow more corn. The loving Creator loves all and takes care of all and feeds each and everyone". Hearing this the Sindhi devotee did not argue. He was fully satisfied with Babaji's point of view.

Once a devotee said, "There are no divine saints in India and so people have lost faith in religious matters". Hearing this Babaji said, "Go and bring eight to ten thousand rupees with you. Here there are in India, women with supreme power who would cause the stars to fall down on earth from the sky only at the sign of a finger. The mighty, mad and intoxicated elephants with their power and strength would become lifeless and fall down. They would turn men into a fly or a cat. On seeing us, they would be most pleased and entertain in a thousand ways. They would feed you people with delicious varied dishes. And they would welcome us".

At this time, Bhimbhai Desai and other two devotees were present. He looked at them and said that they would enjoy.

Next day, when the topic came up, Kantibhai who was very near to Babaji thought in his mind, "You are Almighty, what could do not do? You are able to change the fate of one or you are able to turn the fate in another direction". Hearing this, Babaji immediately said, "Look here, I also have all the powers but I do not wish to interfere in the course of nature. What is happening, let it happen."

From this, we conclude very safely that Babaji was Almighty. The women with Divine strength could understand the Yogic, the divine power of Babaji. It means that in Kali Yuga, there are saints with endless power. But we do not know them.

Once a devotee said to Babaji, "There is much wonder in the dargah, the tomb at Ajmer". Hearing this he said, "Is there anyone else in the dargah? The one who is here is everywhere".

### **Mother's Salvation**

The mother of Bhai Chaturbhuj of Sri Lanka was very serious. She was a great devotee of Babaji. At this time, Babaji was in Sri Lanka. All of a sudden his mother's health worsened. It was difficult for his mother to breathe freely. She was restless. Her end was nearing. So, Chaturbhuj ran to Babaji and told him about her seriousness and prayed to him to bless her.

Hearing this, Babaji told him to have a bath with him in the reservoir. This was not Babaji's time for bath. Babaji daily took bath at 3.00 pm in the afternoon. Bhai Chaturbhuj went with Babaji towards the reservoir. Then

Babaji told him to dive into the water three times. Then he told him, taking water in his hand, the name of his mother three or four times. He did so. Then Babaji said, "Go child, your mother has already come to my feet. Do not worry at all". At that very time, the news came that she had died without any difficulty.

The Guru, helps his loving devotee to die peacefully. He remains present at the last moments and gives mukti or salvation. He helps one to cross the rough and stormy world-ocean.

This time Babaji remained in Sri Lanka for nine months.

### **Babaji's Words Come Out True**

In the year 1939, Babaji was in Vishrampuri near Hyderabad (Sindh). One day a devotee came to Babaji and requested him to arrange his daughter's marriage to Chaturbhuj. Chaturbhuj was in Sri Lanka at that time. So, this proposal was made to the mother of Chaturbhuj. She said, "When Chaturbhuj sees her in person, then and then only the betrothal can be decided". Now Bhai Chaturbhuj was not well in Sri Lanka. So the doctor advised him to go out for a change of air. Hence Chaturbhuj gave the message of his going there by telegram. When Babaji was informed of the telegram, he laughed and said to Chaturbhuj's mother, "Your son wishes to see the girl, so he is coming." Then Chaturbhuj came, the betrothal was declared. He stayed there for some months, and then went back to Sri Lanka.

When the marriage was decided, Babaji was in Ahmedabad. Bhai Chaturbhuj went to Ahmedabad. He requested Babaji to be present at his marriage ceremony. But Babaji said that he would not be able to come. But seeing his devotion, he said, "I will certainly give you my blessings and give you darshan at the third round of Saptapadi. And indeed it happened so. The marriage ceremony was going on and at the third round Babaji gave him darshan. What is impossible to the Divine Yogi?

## TEACHINGS OF BABAJI

### Om Sat Kartar Beda Par

1. Human beings need two things, food for the physical body and 'Ram Bhajan' for the mind and soul.
2. Service without egoism should be your motto.
3. Serve your Guru without any pride. When 'Guru' is pleased he will shower on you blessings and show you the path of self-realisation and eternal happiness.
4. Serve your fellow beings with respect and love but not with pride.
5. Service is the only medicine for our egoism. If egoism is defeated you will see yourself in one and all.
6. The best medicine for stabilizing mind is 'Kirtan' and recitation of 'Ram Nam'. When mind is conquered you will feel happy even in sorrow.
7. Renounce the fruit of action, then only God will shower His Grace on you and you will get everlasting peace and happiness.
8. Hurt none, but use your anger only for the benefit of others.
9. Surrender to spiritual Master (Guru) as a child surrenders to his parents.
10. Kill egoism - I, mine and myself - and you will discover real happiness.
11. Ban the very thought of hatred. Give love and praise, perform good actions for individual who have hatred towards you, then only he will realise his mistake and from your enemy he will become your friend.

12. Do everything with the recitation of Sat Kartar Beda Par and you will be helped by God in performing your duty.
13. If you are in trouble, recite 'Sat Kartar', He will help you find a solution.
14. Always do noble deeds, since after death none will remember how beautiful or strong you were or the wealth you possessed.
15. 'Guru' who is unable to look after the needs of 'His Premis' in this world, then what help will He give them in the next world?
16. 'Thanda jal pite jao, Ram ka naam late jao'.
17. The truth seeker, the truth speaker and the truth doer is ever-victorious everywhere.
18. Always welcome the guests cheerfully, wholeheartedly and with love. With sincerity feed them first. After fully satisfying them, you should eat and enjoy.
19. Do not waste your time in arguments and debates. Be amicable and cheerful and meet and mix with everybody. Faith is beyond season. Let everyone be true to his or her faith and the Guru.
20. Serve the saints and sages faithfully and bow to them out of devotion with all humility and humbleness. Always be away from the mischievous and unmeaningful criticism of the saints and sages.
21. Must learn to give - if you want to receive.
22. What bliss you receive in feeding the hungry, you will never get in eating yourself.
23. Man is born to serve others. He is not born only to eat and enjoy. Sacrifice and love should be his ideal motto.

24. Saints and sages are incarnations of the Divine. Cling to them, do not give them up and you will realise the Divine.
25. Where there is God, there is peace and plenty. Where there is perfection, how can there be want?
26. When the thousand-handed God will be pleased with you to give you how much can you receive with only two hands? When He will be pleased to give you, He will give you in plenty.
27. Saints in their worldly life always do maximum good for maximum number. After giving up their body they bless and do good whenever and wherever they are remembered sincerely. Thus the saints always live and do good for their devotees.
28. The merciful saint, or merciful Guru can undo the course of fate. Out of love for his disciple, he can help him to the highest bliss. The Guru does "Kalyana" of his disciple.
29. Never be angry. Be still and calm in all situations of life.
30. For married persons yoga and meditation are very difficult. For them Bhakti is very easy, simple and straight.
31. They are always happy who remember and worship God.
32. Always be away from speculation and dishonest means of making money.
33. In the temple, gurudwara, mosque, church or in Agiayari, wherever you go and whomsoever you worship, it is the same one Almighty Divine who alone is the Truth. Waves rise and fall, the ocean is the same everywhere. You drink the same water everywhere.
34. Be charitable to all. Who are you to judge who is deserving and who is not deserving. Feed all.



35. Always remember the name Sat Kartar or Ram and you will always be happy.
36. Always insist on the purity of mind and thought and the purity of speech and deed.
37. Always be humble and meek. The Kingdom to God belongs to them.
38. Always live non-detached. Never lose the equanimity of mind in sorrow or in joy, in victory or in defeat.
39. Always seek the saints and meet them. Their blessings work wonders.
40. God has created a very healthy, just and beautiful world.
41. Try to be perfect in everything. But do not be proud. Always be humble. It is only God's power that is expressed through individual. There is difference in the degree, and not in kind.
42. Always obey the Guru or the Saint. Never, never disobey Him.

## Chapter 8

### IN THE KUMBH MELA

At the Kumbha-Mela there is a gathering of saints, sadhus and devotees. When the Kumbha-Mela is held, all the saints, mahatmas and sanyasins go there. Tyagis, Vairagis and Mahamandaleshwars also go to the Kumbha-Mela. The religious teachers of the Vedic Hindu Religion and the devotees go there. All the people bathe in the Sangam of the holy rivers and become holy.

Here people come in contact with the religious minded saints and they are blessed. They hear the preachings and make their lives happy and sublime.

Those saints who always live far away in the caves of the Himalayas and worship God, also come to the Kumbha-Mela and give darshan to people.

#### **Thousands Of Annakshetras** (Free-Kitchens ) are started

Non stop worship and praises of God are done there. Limitless charity is given here. Here one has glorious, majestic, divine and holy darshan of Indian culture and civilization.

#### **Babaji In The Kumbha-Mela**

Whenever there was a great Kumbha-Mela, Babaji with his group of disciples reached the place long before. One compartment was reserved for them in the train. To carry with him different pickles, he got them packed in different tins. When the annakshetra was started, he lovingly distributed them along with food at the time of eating to the Sadhus, devotees and the poor. He also carried with him about 50 (fifty) to 60 (sixty) pure ghee tins for preparing sweets.

What he aimed at was, the pure intention of giving to his disciples and sadhus the tasty food with the tasty pickles. He was not interested in eating himself only. He was first and foremost interested in giving food to his loving

disciples and Sadhus. He used to say, "There is more happiness in giving food to others than eating."

How loving and careful Babaji was about his work and aim and how devoutly he loved the sadhus, the poor and his devotees!

He spent the whole amount at the Kumbha-Mela, which was offered to him on certain auspicious days. He put on only the black alafi and went to the Kumbha-Mela. Because of his divine power, all the arrangements were done naturally and smoothly. In his annakshetra, he gave food to thousands of saints and poor persons. He never asked for one paisa from anybody. He was a complete desireless and selfless yogi. Service and happiness of people was the mission of His life. Once Babaji had said to his devotee, "I never ask for anything. When I need money or anything, I get it."

### **The Ganga Maiya Lent-Ghee**

During an occasion of the Kumbha-Mela at Prayag, ghee was exhausted. The devotees said, "Babaji, ghee is exhausted." Babaji said, "Do not worry about it. Borrow the required tins of ghee from Ganga maiya". He meant that the required number of tins of holy water from the Ganga should be brought and it should be used in the place of ghee. According to the order of Babaji, the holy water of Ganga was brought and it was turned into ghee. The devotees gladly and devoutly started to use it in preparing sweets, puris etc. On seeing this, all the present devotees were wonderstruck. This is the living example of what wonder the Guru, or Divine Yogi does when one has faith in him. The next day when the tins of ghee were received, he told his devotees to offer the pure tins of ghee to the Ganga Maiya and thus he became free from the obligation of the Holy Ganga. What is impossible for the powerful saints?

### **God Will Send Food**

Babaji was on the Yamuna Ghat in Delhi. There Sri Chhattaram and others were in the service of Babaji. Babaji called Rameshwarsingh to Delhi. After staying there for eight days, Babaji said, "Rameshwara, I wish to go to the Kumbha-Mela at Haridwar". The next day Babaji, Seth Sri Chhattaram and Rameshwarsingh set out for Haridwar by motor car. At about ten, they stopped to have Darshan of Sri Chand Baba Udasin Bada Akhada and then proceeded. They came to Sapta-Sarovar where they took a bath. Then Babaji asked Seth Chhattaram to return to Delhi by car. After his going away,

Babaji said, "We have to go still further. At that time Sri Rameshwarasingh was walking behind Babaji with a spade. While walking on and on, Babaji sat at one place in the jungle. There was a very big thicket here. Babaji said, "Rameshwara, our kshetra will be here". Then he cleaned the place for the seat of Babaji. Only two persons were present at this time, Babaji and Rameshwarasingh. While busy cleaning the place in the jungle, it was two thirty in the afternoon. Babaji said, "Rameshwara, you must be feeling hungry". Rameshwarasingh said "Yes Bhagwan". Soon Babaji said, "God will send food". Rameshwarasingh thought there was neither a house nor any man. Will the ghost bring food? Uptil now, Rameshwarasingh had no idea of Babaji's divine power.

At about 2.45 pm Babaji said, "Look here, Rameshwara, God has sent food". On hearing this, Rameshwarasingh looked towards the direction of Haridwar. He saw five to six women coming towards them. At about three, these women put numberless kinds of food items before Babaji. Seeing this incident, Rameshwarasingh fell prostrate on the ground before Babaji. He was fully convinced that Babaji was not an ordinary sadhu, but the divine Mahatma. He realised that there would be no difficulty in living with him. Now he became fearless. Babaji took his food at 3.00 pm in the afternoon as usual. All the women went away after Babaji had taken food. Among them, one was the Queen of Nepal. The Queen said to Babaji, "At night I had already known that you were coming this side. So, with all faith I have prepared food for you. Then, I also felt that you have taken your seat in the jungle so taking the food, I soon came to you".

After she left, Babaji said that she was the Queen of Nepal. Her bungalow was beyond the dam on the river. Before this, she had also served Babaji in the previous Kumbh-Mela. For about five to six days, the Queen of Nepal lovingly brought the holy food for Babaji. Afterwards the annakshetra was started.

### **God Does His Work**

The annakshetra had already started in Haridwar. Firewood was needed for cooking. Babaji said to Rameshwarasingh, Rameshwara, bring two trucks full of firewood." According to the order of Babaji, he went to the market. He went from one shop to another to find out the exact rate. One man advised him that if he would buy wood from the forest in Rishikesh, it would be cheap. In this work, five to six days passed.

One day when he was going in search in the forest, Babaji ordered, "Rameshwara, bring firewood today and then come here". Now, he was confident that with the grace of Babaji, he would be successful in his work. On foot, he reached the bungalow of the Forest Officer in Rishikesh. He saw the Officer and told him about his work. The officer asked him to buy from the contractor. "I cannot help", saying so he retired to his room. Rameshwarsingh sat outside the bungalow of the officer. He decided in his mind to go home only with the firewood and he was certain of getting it on account of Babaji's grace. While sitting, he kept busy repeating the holy name of Babaji. At nine in the night, seeing Rameshwar sitting, the forest officer was surprised. He said, "Babaji is a miraculous saint. He has not allowed me to sleep". Rameshwarsingh was pleased. Then the officer said, "I am giving you a note. Today you will have to buy the firewood. You will require to go five miles away in the jungle. It is night time and the jungle is dangerous."

Hearing this Rameshwarsingh said, "Sir, give me the note. I am just going there. I am not afraid of the violent tigers and lions." He was given the note. Taking the note with him, he went forward in the jungle. The road was really dangerous. Tiger and other wild animals were seen. But with the grace of Babaji, he was not afraid at all. He saw Babaji was with him and Babaji was protecting him. At eleven at night reached the place from where he had to buy wood. There he saw that the two trucks were ready loaded with firewood. The contractor said, "According to what is written in the note, the wood is ready and you have to buy it today itself." Hearing this, Rameshwarsingh was very pleased. He thought in his mind, "God does his work." We are only the instruments. They accept our service for our benefit.

Late at night, the two trucks loaded with firewood reached the place where Babaji was still waiting. Seeing Rameshwarsingh he said, "Rameshwara, you have come very late". He said, "Bhagwan, in obedience to your order, I have come here with the firewood. If you had not shown grace and not given me help, it would have been very difficult to bring the firewood here today."

### **Annakshetra Should Go On Well**

According to his usual practice, the Annakshetra was started. But after fifteen days, Babaji had a boil. It was very painful. He had forbidden to call anybody from Mumbai and Surat. But Rameshwarsingh wired and informed Champaklal Devidas. As soon as he got the news he went to Haridwar with

Chunilal Reshamwala. They sent for the doctor. The doctors advised to take Babaji to the Delhi Hospital for treatment. But Babaji was not ready to go to Delhi, at the cost of the annakshetra. He said, "I do not worry about my health (boil). The Kshetra should go on very well. No medicine will be useful". When the devotees prayed to Babaji he got ready to go to Delhi. While leaving Haridwar, Babaji gave the responsibility of the annakshetra to Rameshwarsingh and said, "Rameshwara keep the annakshetra going. It is more important to run the Kshetra than my service. The better the annakshetra is run, the sooner my boil will get cured.

This incident proves that Babaji cared more for the annakshetra than his own health. We get an idea about his holy sentiment of giving food to sadhus and saints and how much he loved the aim of service to the people.

His life was preaching and practicing of the principle of feeding the poor and serving humanity.

Babaji went to Delhi. But with his blessings and his divine power the annakshetra was run very well. Alongwith Rameshwarsingh there were five other Bhandaris. Two sacks of flour were used for making chappatis. One gets an idea from this how many persons were served food at the annakshetra. On Ekadashi, the day of the fast, the syrup of almonds was given to the Sadhus. Two sacks of almonds were used. The Sadhus Mahatmas were very pleased with every day of Bhandara. In the Kumbh-Mela, all around people praised him very much. It was his blessing that helped run the annakshetra.

When Babaji got the news that the annakshetra at Haridwar was run very well in his absence, he was overjoyed. It is wonderful that his words came out true. As the annakshetra was run better, his health improved. The saint cares for all others but he does not care for himself.

### **The Bath Of Milk**

This is the incident of Kumbha-Mela in Ujjain. One day the loving devotees Karamchand and Narayandas Kalara requested Babaji, "We sincerely wish to bathe you with milk". Hearing this, Babaji said, "Milk is a jewel". Then the two devotees said, "Since very much wish to do so, we will bring milk with us at the time of your bath and bathe you with it." Hearing this he said, "If you do not wish to do as I tell you, do as you wish." The next day they kept the milk ready for Babaji's bath. But when they went to bring the

milk at the time of his bath, it was spoilt.

Now they could understand the meaning of Babaji's advice and decided they should always act according to his wish. Here we should also understand that milk is as precious as a jewel. It should never be wasted. Make good use of milk. In short, our happiness lies only in obeying the advice of the Guru or saints.

### **Foretelling Of Civil, Misfortune And Protection**

This is the incident of 1954 of the Prayag Kumbha-Mela. As the day for the Triveni sangam bath came nearer and nearer, more and more people came to the Kumbha-Mela. There was no room for even standing in Allahabad. In Babaji's kshetra, there were about hundred to one hundred fifty devotees from Mumbai and other cities. Seeing this vast face of the Mela, Babaji said to Rameshwarsingh, "Rameshwara, tell all the males and females that none should go for a bath in the morning to Triveni Sangam because some unimaginable, terrible incident will happen. The Sangam is before me. All persons should take bath here only."

In the meantime, the telegram came announcing the arrival of Shyamsunderbhai. Hearing this Babaji became very angry. He said, "He should have come two or four days earlier. But he is coming today when the great destruction is going to happen." First he said, "None should go to bring him here, do not allow him to enter into the kshetra". But Babaji was always merciful. So he said, "Rameshwara, at any cost bring him here at the kshetra. Otherwise his bhanadara will have to be arranged". Babaji gave the order but it was very difficult to go to Naini station to receive him as there was no space even for walking on the road. But he thought of Babaji constantly and reached the station and brought him to the kshetra safely. But before that, Rameshwar Singh and Indiraben the daughter of Shyamsunderbhai were saved from being drowned into the Jamuna while coming out of the boat. Babaji saved them miraculously. Both of them fell into the water and they felt that they were being drowned, then they experienced some unimaginable power making them rise out of the water with both hands. This is the true example of how the powerful grace protects unimaginably, with his divine power sitting in the boat, they reached at two at night.

According to the advice of Babaji, Rameshwarsingh had forewarned all in the kshetra not to go for bath in the Sangam because some catastrophe was about to happen.

In the morning, it was learnt that five women had gone for bath in the Sangam. But none informed Babaji about this, because he would be very angry on knowing this. Then, at about nine to ten, it was reported that one and a half thousand persons had died in the Sangam bath and lakhs of people had been wounded. When he came to know of this sad incident or accident he said, "For this very reason, I had forbidden you people to go there for a bath. Well, none has gone there from our annakshetra". When Rameshwarsingh said that five to six women had gone there for a bath, he was very displeased and he became angry and said, "Inform the husbands of those women by wire to come here and take away their wives from this annakshetra". By evening, those ladies did not come. When it was time for rest for Babaji, he called Rameshwarsingh and said, "Rameswara, bring them here. Those have come to defame me". All the persons in the kshetra were disappointed. Even by eight at night, these women did not turn up. Then Rameshwarsinghji and other disciples went out in search of them. After walking some distance, these women were seen coming. When they went near these women, they saw that one was injured in the head and another in the hand. When asked they said, "Today Babaji himself has saved us." Thousands of people died after being crushed. We were lying unconscious. When we came to consciousness at six in the evening, we came to know that we were in the military camp. We are coming straight from there". Babaji protected them in order to be away from defamation. Truly speaking, when we go to stay at the place of the saint, we should be obedient to him. We should not disturb him or behave to bring defamation to him.

### **Babaji, The Very Image Of Humbleness**

In the Kumbh-Mela at Prayag, some distance away from his annakshetra, the saint Bhuriwala of Amritsar had his annakshetra. This saint was also wearing the black alafi. He also went to Babaji, bowed his head and went back to his annakshetra. Babaji accepted his namaskar and did namaskar to him in return in all humbleness and humility.

### **Tapasvi Bhagwan As The Great Donor**

Tapasvi Bhagwan was a great donor in the true sense of the word. He gave numberless donations on various occasions. He had given many donations and thus he glorified the greatness of the donation by putting the religious practice of donation into practice. He advised his disciples to donate willingly and generously without expecting its fruit.



It was his daily routine, daily practice to give food, clothes or money to the Saints and the poor. Here we wish to bring to the notice of our readers, the rare example of a donation, a gift out of the pure understanding of the value of a great donation.

It happened on Sunday 2.9.1956. It was an auspicious day, the sacred twelfth day of Shravana. On that day Tapasvi Bhagawan had given a gold image of Sri Srichand Baba to the Udasin Bada Akhada at Traimbakeshwar, near Nashik.

This fact bears testimony to Babaji's incomparable and priceless love and donation towards Sri Srichand Baba. It also shows us his incomparable generosity and the wish to donate freely and selflessly.

Once Babaji said to Smt. Nirmalaben, the wife of Sri. Shyamsunderbhai, "Mai (Mother), always fear the Saint. Do not sit before the saint. Always sit behind the Saint".

This advice tells us very clearly that we should always remain humble and meek. It also teaches his devotees, wishing spiritual well-being and advancement to fear God.

### **Gift of Five Elephants**

Once Tapaswi Bhagawan was at Haridwar in the year 1950. At that time Kumbha Mela was held there. During these days he was not keeping well. So Swami Gangeshwaranandji, Swami Indreshji, Swami Hansdevji and many other Mahants and saints came to see Babaji. Babaji declared his desire to give five elephants as gift to the Udasin Bada Akhada at Haridwar.

Babaji entrusted the work of buying the five elephants and then carrying and giving them to Udasin Bada Akhada at Haridwar as a gift, to Sri Rameshwarsinh and Sri Shyamsunderbahi. Sri Sukhrajbhai was also to give his full co-operation to both these devotees.

To buy the elephants, the three devotees went to the outskirts of Bihar and Assam. There, near the Shringeshwar Mahadev, a big fair is held on the Shivratri day. In this fair, elephants were sold.

It was very difficult for these devotees to buy elephants because they were in not experienced in this matter. So they experienced difficulties at every step in buying elephants. But the wonder was that, by the grace of Babaji, they could buy the desired five elephants. Then with the living faith in Babaji, they could take the five elephants safely to the Udasin Bada Akhada at Haridwar.

In doing this holy work of Babaji they faced a mountain of difficulties. But, by the grace and blessing of Babaji, they surmounted them all.

They gave the five elephants as a gift to the Akhada on behalf of Babaji. Thus Babaji's well-intended desire was fulfilled. It is beyond the reach of the ordinary man to give elephants as a gift. But it is very easy and natural for the divine yogi like Tapasvi Bhagawan.

We should learn from this incident the lesson that Tapasvi Bhagwan had done this generous act of giving the gift of five elephants, only to teach that kindness and humbleness and the donation done freely and gladly is the sure and certain way of reaching God and His Kingdom of Heaven. Such acts of donation also make us free from all troubles and calamities and worries of human life.

## Chapter 9

### BHANDARA

Bhandara means feeding the saints and sadhus, the devotees, the brahmins and the poor. Babaji put into practice the work directed by Jagadguru Srichand Acharya. God is present in every man. So service of man is service of God. "Feed all" was Babaji's advice to his devotees. He also used to say, "Child, the joy one gets from feeding the hungry is not obtained from eating oneself."

Bhandara was the mission of His life. Wherever he went, Bhandaras were done and thousands of people were given food as prasad of God. Wherever the Kumbha-Mela was held, Babaji used to go there with his group of devotees and started Bhandara.

None ever went hungry from his door. He always gave prasad first to the one who came for his darshan.

On Sunday hundreds of sadhus, saints, many loving devotees and the poor came to take prasad from the Bhandara.

When Babaji was present and if any loving devotee showed willingness to spend for the bhandara he was allowed to do so if he was really humble. If one had any pride in him, his service was not taken.

### The Miracle of Bhandara

One devotee's husband was ill. There was no hope for his recovery. She prayed to Babaji. He said, "Do Bhandara". According to the order of Babaji, she did the Bhandara. Thousands of sadhus and guests and loving disciples were given food. Each one was pleased. After this Bhandara, the husband of that devotee fully recovered from his illness. This was the miraculous result of Bhandara.

If one prays to Babaji and if because of his grace one marries, gets a son, profits in business, is cured of disease and sickness, succeeds in court or succeeds in higher education, one spends on the Bhandara very gladly and devoutly.

On all Sundays the blessed devotee comes to the Worli mandir and arranges a Bhandara for all. Even after fifty years of his giving up his body, every Sunday Bhandara is done, bhajan kirtan is conducted and the Divine is worshipped. Devotees feel as if Babaji himself is present. Sadhus and saints eat in the Bhandara. Everyone is given food and water lovingly. It is carefully seen to that not even a poor man is disrespected. Everyone takes prasad and becomes happy. Babaji's attitude towards the poor was as he said when at Borivili, "Today my relatives are coming to eat."

Our heads bow down before this modest saint who treated the poor as his own relatives and gave them sweet and delicious food on every Sunday.

In the Bhandara, sweet food such bundi, jalebi, mohanthal, dal, rice etc., were given. Sometimes there was one sweet, the next time it was another. Sometimes bhajis, pulav, dahivada and papad were served. People got the taste of nectar from eating in the Bhandara because of the kind wishes of the Mahatma and the worship of the devotee.

Babaji's Bhandara was always limitless. Thousands of persons ate and still the kitchen remained full. Devi Annapurna herself was present in the Bhandara. There was no question of want. Once at the Bhandara there were laddoos. On another day, it was the feast of Dudhpak and the devotees thought it was not sufficient. Babaji went to the kitchen, looked at the Dudhpak and said, "Cover it with cloth". Many people ate but it still did not become empty. At the time of Bhandara, people have seen numberless miracles. When the food remained, it was given to the birds and the cows according to the wish of Babaji.

We may naturally think that what is the use of giving food? In this connection the guidance given by Babaji is this. He said, "Do the Bhandara. Give food to all. There is Kalyan of all in it. Who is fit for eating food and who is not, such a thought is useless. Who are you to judge the fitness or unfitness of the one who eats in the Bhandara? It is beyond our capacity to judge".

Wherever Babaji went, he advised for worship and the Bhandaras. Give food and then eat. Repeat the name of God, sing the praises of God and make other people do so. That was the teaching of Babaji. So whenever there was the Kumbha-Mela he with his devotees reached the place very gladly and arranged annakshetra i.e. a free kitchen for all. Numberless saints and sages were given food there. This was holy work for Babaji.

In the Bhandara, able people spend appropriately in monetary form. But how can poor persons do service and please the Guru and God? It was not out of his mind. So Babaji said to the poor man, "You bring some salt and keep here. It will be used for cooking food." Salt is cheap. So, even a poor person can buy it. Salt is the most important ingredient in cooking where the prepared food becomes tasty only with its correct proportion. Thus he asked a poor person to bring cheap and tasty salt, and have the happiness of serving Guru or God.

The speciality of this Bhandara is that only the loving devotees do all kinds of service. Only the devotees of Babaji wash and cut the vegetables. They remove dust and pebbles from wheat, rice etc. Even today one can see the devoted women doing such holy work. Only the devotees serve food to the people. They do not speak while serving dal, rice, vegetables, puris or chappaties as we usually speak at home. But according to the teachings of Babaji, they speak Rice Ram, Dal Ram, Bhaji Ram, Puri Ram etc. After eating food, the devotees do the work of collecting leftovers. Then they clean the place. Once Babaji said, "This is also a very great service of God."

Even today in the Srichand Baba Mandir situated at Worli Naka, Mumbai, one enjoys the atmosphere of Bhandara. On each Sunday, before Babaji, the worship is done and praises of God are sung; aarti is done and thousands of poor persons who are the very face of God are given food. All this work is being done even today very nicely.

In short, through the service of Bhandara, Babaji has taught us to serve man as God and through it to advance towards spirituality and the realisation of God. Bhandara means the service of man. It means religious work of God.

### **The Glorious Bhandara of Santacruz**

It was the year 1949, Babaji stayed at Santacruz in Mumbai. He was with the Late Jayantilal, the younger brother of the Late Champaklal Devidas. During the three months of May, June and July, he stayed there. Before this, the late Shri Jayantilal had never gone to Babaji. But he was so influenced by Babaji, that Babaji was never served before anywhere as he was served at Santacruz. Over and above this, during these three months, big Bhandaras were organised the like of which was never done before. In these Bhandaras, eighty tins of pure ghee were used to make sweets etc. He spent thousands of rupees in flowers and fruits etc. The more Bhandaras

were done, the more Babaji became happy. The aim of the Mahatma in getting this done was to do worship and make others worship.

At this time Rameshwarsingh was in the service of Baba. About one thousand persons were present in the Mandap. It was about 5 pm in the evening. Rameshwarsinghji was reading the Ramayan before him. Tapasvi Bhagwan was a great lover of the Ramayan. With his eyes closed he was listening to it very attentively. During this time if anybody made any noise, he was asked to go out of the Mandap. On that day, Baldev Singh, the Defence Minister had come to Mumbai. He came to know that Tapasvi Bhagwan was at Santacruz. So, he with other ministers, the police, body guards and officers went to Babaji. On seeing the ministers, there was much noise. There was some disorder and the peace was disturbed. Babaji opened his eyes and said, "What is this noise?" One devotee said, "Baldevsingh, the minister has come." Babaji said, "If Baldevsingh has come, has God come? Keep quiet." The minister heard these words of Babaji when he was going straight to him, getting out of the motor car. The other ministers also followed him. Soon he fell down on the ground at the lotus feet of Babaji. Babaji said, "Baldev, why have you come with all this storm?" Baldevsingh said, "Here I have come for the Government work. As soon as I came to know that you are here, I rushed for your darshan." Then Babaji said, "You had come for my darshan with Inderjit. You were then only eleven. How old are you now?" Then he asked his disciples to give prasad to all. After taking prasad with his ministers and all others, he went away.

Rationing was in force during those days. Bhandara was in full swing. Thousands of persons sat on the road and ate food. The police saw all this. But because of Babaji's divine power, the police never objected to it. Best of the Bhandaras were organised and so Babaji was very happy. In Kaliyuga people think only of their selfishness and comforts and pleasures, here Babaji's devotees spent thousands of rupees selflessly for the service of man. It is nothing but a great miracle of this Divine Yogi.

In the year 1948, Babaji was in Mumbai at Kashmir House at Breach Candy at the residence of Sheth Kundandas Wassiamal. Here about four to five thousand persons could sit. Here too the Bhandaras continued. These were the days of rationing. Prayers and bhajans were sung. Two to three Europeans lived closeby. They did not like these Bhandaras and Bhajans. One Sunday morning, they phoned the Police Commissioner. Soon, forty to fifty policemen came there. The Mandap was surrounded. Thousands of devotees were sitting and Bhajans were going on. Babaji was in meditation. When devotees came to know that the police party had come, they told the

volunteers to start serving the food. Rameshwarsingh was in the service of Bhandara. Hearing this he came out. The Police Commissioner was at the gate. Rameshwarsingh said, "What is the matter?" He said, "In the days of rationing, you people give food to thousands of people. Who is your master? Where do you get the ration from?" Rameshwarsingh said, "Sahib, Babaji is the master. The Bhandaras are arranged from the ration that people bring here." Then the Sahib said, "I want to meet him." The Police Commissioner was a Parsee gentleman. He took off his shoes and went to meet Babaji. There he saw that there was sweat on his face. It seemed that he was afraid. He bowed down before Babaji. Babaji was in meditation. Then he said, "Rameshwar, is the Bhandara being continued?" He said, "The Police Commissioner sahib has come." He said, "Well then, give him prasad." The Police Commissioner sat and ate the prasad. After eating prasad, his mind changed. He said, "I am standing out, let the Bhandara continue. Tomorrow send someone to my office, I will give permission to serve food to hundreds of persons, then you will have no trouble. Some Europeans telephoned me so I had to come here. It is good that I have come. I have got the advantage of Babaji's darshan and I am pleased." After saying this, the Police Commissioner stayed there till six in the evening and then went away with his police party.

We mean to say that even in the days of rationing, the Bhandaras were organised and thousands of people were served delicious food. Baba was not at all afraid of anyone. In Khadki, Pune, someone said, "Bhagwan, to give food to thousands is against the law in the days of rationing." Hearing this he said, "What would the police do to me? If they imprison me, I shall worship God in jail."

### **Nandaji Went For The Darshan Of Babaji**

Babaji lived in Khadki (Pune) at the bungalow of Champaklal Devidas. Many bhandaras were organised. These too were the days of rationing. Here also thousands of people were given food on every Sunday. The Home Minister Gulzarilal Nanda was also a great devotee of Babaji. He came for darshan of Babaji with other ministers, officers and the police. During that time, Nandaji came there. Keeping his car at a distance, he came to Babaji and put his hands devoutly on his holy feet. Babaji gave his blessings and said, "O Nanda, where do you come from?" Nandaji answered, "I have come here for Government work. There I learnt that you are here, so I came here for darshan." Nandaji bowed down his head before Babaji. So the anxiety of the devotees was removed and the fear of the police was gone. In those days it was a crime to give food to fifty or more persons. This law was made

to stop the wastage of corn and to save it for the future. This law was in force. The work of giving food to people continued as before. Babaji called Champaklal and said, "Give food to all these people". Champaklal thought he should not ask the Home Minister to sit on the ground in the open. He thought to invite and give them food very comfortably inside the bungalow. Nandaji was a humble devotee of Babaji so he said, "We will sit here with all in the open and take prasad. In this century it is only the fortunate who get prasad from Babaji." After taking prasad and Babaji's permission, he went away.

In those days on every Sunday a big Bhandara was arranged. Thousands of people ate and Babaji was most happy to see this. He used to stand between the lines of devotees and say, "Feed these people very well".

It is most difficult to come across such a saint who was truly interested and happy in giving food to the people.

### **The Glorious Brahma-Bhojan Or Bhandara**

Babaji was at Hans Baug in Surat because of the intense love from his devotees. He stayed there longer. During these days, Mumbai's Bhajan Mandali came to Surat by the Flying Rani. Throughout Sunday there were Bhajans. The Mumbai's Worli mandir, where Babaji mostly resided looked deserted. Hence his devotees were praying for him to go to Mumbai. While singing Bhajans, they were praying to Babaji, "We will sing the praises of Divine and please him and call him back to Mumbai Worli mandir."

Immediately then, Babaji called Chunibhai Reshamwala, Thakorbbhai Jariwala, Dahyabhai Modi and other devotees. As soon as they received the message, all the devotees were present before him. They all bowed and took seats. Everyone was anxious as to what Baba will say. They thought that Baba would tell them, let's go back to Mumbai. Babaji said, "If you are going to do as I tell you to do, say 'yes' three times." Hearing this all the devotees bowed down their heads in 'Yes'. Babaji said, "Not like this, speak with your mouth clearly 'Yes'. Then all the devotees did so. Then Babaji said, "Look here, there is a Kumbh Mela in Nashik this year. I have money with me. Spend out of it and feed all the Brahmins from the city and all around it. Make a very big Bhandara with my money and your service." Then he added, "Give one rupee as a dakshina to each and every Brahmin." Hearing this Chunibhai thought in his mind that Babaji's thousands of rupees would be spent in dakshina. As soon as this thought was born in his mind, the all



knowing Babaji said, "Chuniram, do not worry about it, I can bring out money from sand!"

Now according to the wish of Babaji, for the Brahma Bhojan or Bhandara for Brahmins, this fact was conveyed to the leaders of the Brahmin society. The leaders of the Brahmins were called before Babaji. Some were not united. They had difference of opinion amongst them. Once, on such an occasion of Bhandara they had a quarrel. So they hesitated to accept the invitation of Bhandara. He said, "Brahmins should not quarrel. Bury your quarrel inside the four walls of your house. Never talk about your quarrel to the saint. Then he gave sweets as prasad to the Brahmins and said, "Eat this prasad here and here itself." Immediately they forgot their quarrels and invitations for the Bhandara were sent to all the Brahmins. Arrangements were being made for the Bhandaras. The devotees had decided to give one rupee to each Brahmin and four annas to each as dakshina. Babaji had suggested to bring cash in rupee coins and loose four anna coins in good number. It was done so. Hasmukhbahi had brought money and had kept apart with him for this purpose.

A big mandap was arranged near the Hans Baug police ground so that at the time of eating, the Brahmins might not feel the heat of the sun. It was wonderful that the police chief who had gone for the darshan of Baba was transferred to Surat some days before. He was most pleased to have the darshan of Babaji after many years. He immediately gave permission for the erection of the Mandap on the ground and showed his readiness to do any other service.

On the day of Brahma-Bhojan, thousands came for the feast. In the midst of much bliss and enjoyment the Brahma-Bhojan started. Because of the earnest request of the Brahmins, Babaji also sat on the verandah on the police ground. He gave darshan to all Brahmins. At this time Babaji looked like God Shiva. Numberless devout Brahmins were happy because of Babajis darshan.

While the Brahmins were enjoying the feast, Babaji said to two disciples, "Go on giving one rupee to each person and the other man should go on giving four annas to the same Brahmin." Thus Babaji asked to distribute one rupee and four annas as dakshina to each Brahmin. Babaji also asked them to give the double dakshina to a pregnant woman.

In the living presence of Babaji, the Bhandara was done in an

atmosphere of joy. In this Bhandara thousands of Brahmins took part.

In this Bhandara, the goddess Devi Annapurna was present. It was experienced all around. The Brahmins, devotees and the people feasted. Even then the cooked food remained plenty. It was the usual practice of Babaji that whatever food was left should be given to cows and the birds. It was done so. Thus everyone feasted and was content. Thus Babaji's desire for Brahma-Bhojan was fulfilled.

After the Brahma-Bhojan's glorious programme, a barber came to cut off the nails of Babaji. But Babaji did not get them cut off. He said to Godaviben, "Give him two laddoos as prasad." Then Baba asked him, "Are there five persons in your family?" Thus saying he asked her to give three more laddoos. The barber got five laddoos as prasad.

Thus Babaji was also careful about the poor devotees. He was very sympathetic to them. He paid special attention to them. Truly he was the friend of the poor.

Babaji loved his disciples. The Brahmins were also very dear to him. He revered the Brahmins as Gods on earth. If a Brahmin came for his darshan and bowed down, he bowed down to them. He was wonderfully humble and polite.

Babaji arranged the Brahma-Bhojan and gave food to the poor. If we feed people, we get bliss by getting their kind wishes and blessing and there by much good is done to the society. For the good of humanity, Babaji made arrangements for the Bhandara.

We learn from the incident of dakshina of one rupee and four annas each to thousands of Brahmins that on the religious occasion one should be specially generous in expenses. Man should love to give each other. The Brahmin is God on earth! They deserve more respect than anyone else. So they should not quarrel over small matters. This was the advice of Babaji to Brahmins.

Babaji did not require to do all these for his benefit. Even then he arranged for Yajnas, Brahma-Bhojan and Bhandaras for the benefit of the people. Sri Krishna, in the Geeta says: O Arjun, I have nothing to do or achieve in all the three worlds even then I work. I am always active for the benefit of the people.

## Chapter 10

### SRI SRICHAND BABHA MANDIR

In the year 1950, Babaji stayed near Breach Candy on Warden Road in Mumbai. At this time, the Tadpatri tent was built, so that the devotees might not feel cold or heat and could do bhajans and kirtans comfortably. The devotees felt the permanent need for a plot for bhajan and kirtan. So the



devotees requested Babaji, "It would be better if we have a mandir for bhajans and kirtans". Hearing this Babaji said, "If the Sadhu gets a built-up building, he will be unhappy. I do not want any place or plot etc." But the devotees namely Kundandas Rewachand, Champaklal Devidas, Shyamsunderbhai, Bhagvandas Ahuja, Karamchand and Bhai Lekhraj with folded hands, humbly prayed to Babaji, "Bhagwan, not for you, but for the purpose of bhajan and kirtans, if there was one permanent place, it would be better." Hearing this Babaji said, "I am the bird of the jungle. Throughout my life I have never lived amongst four walls. I am a Sadhu, I have lived under the shade of the trees. I have never kept any kind of property with me. What shall I do with the mandir? What use is the mandir?"

Hearing this, the loving devotees were all displeased, Babaji saw that their feelings were hurt. So submitting to the love of the devotees he gave his consent for the building of the mandir. He said, "There will be quarrels without fail after the completion of the mandir. If you want to get one built you may." Thereafter considering the wishes and love of the devotees he gave permission for buying land for the mandir.

After getting the permission from Babaji, the devotees first got the Worli Naka plot. Its land was uneven and the devotees made it even and smooth by self-help. The Tadpatri was used above and other separate arrangements were made in the tent for Bhandaras and Bhajans. The Dhooni sahib was also installed and Bhajan and Bhandara started. Devotees needed a large sum for its building. They told Babaji about it. He suggested, "Go to all for this purpose." Generally, around Rs. 1000 each was accepted. The rich devotees gave generous donations to the fund and whatever sum given by a poor person was also accepted gladly. Some devotees gave the materials useful in the building of the mandir. Generally those who give money in charity, their names are written on a marble plate. But according to the order of Babaji, no name was written in the Mandir.

For the building of the Mandir, Babaji guided persons in charge. He said that 50' x 50' large Bhajan Khand (Hall) should be built. There should be a gallery all round the Bhajan Khand. Below the Bhajan Khand, a 50' x 50' Bhojan Khand or Bhandara. No pillar should be kept in the middle of Bhajan Khand. Before the outward place of the ground floor, a building of four floors should be built. This whole building should be let out. He had the far sightedness to make arrangements for self sufficiency for the running of the Mandir. They would never require to beg for its maintenance. This sum was to be used in buying of daily flowers and fruits for the worship, Bhandara and other expenses.

In the Bhajan Khand, on a very high pedestal, facing east the statue of Jagad Guru, Srichand Bhagwan is installed. On the right hand side of the statue of Srichand Bhagwan, the Holy Dhooni is installed. On the right hand side of Dhooni Sahib there is seen the high seat for Babaji in sand. He always used to sit on the seat of sand and he used to take rest and sleep on it too.

On the holy day 21st September, 1958 Babaji with his holy hands laid the foundation stone. While digging the ground for the foundation, sweet water came out of it. On the very small height on the shore of the sea, it is impossible to come across sweet drinking water. Babaji said, "It is Ganga Jal." For the loving devotees of Babaji, it was indeed Ganga Jal. This was the miracle of the great Babaji.

Then the building of Srichand Baba Mandir was totally completed.

In the year 1958, according to the advice of Babaji, a trust was formed. It was named Srichand Baba Mandir Trust.

### **Srichand Bhagwan's Image**

A sculptor from Jaipur was told to make the image of marble for Srichand Baba, the Jagad Guru of the Udasin Sect. After some days he telephoned the Mumbai Worli Mandir, "There are some spots on the marble stone which has been selected for the purpose. If you order, I may take another marble for the image of Srichand Bhagwan." Then Babaji asked a disciple to phone him as follows: "Do not change the stone. It is really the Bhasma, the Holy Bhasma of Shiva, which you see as spots. Srichand Baba was born with his body covered with the holy Bhasma." As was wished and ordered by Babaji, the image of Srichand Baba was made from the said stone. It was not changed. The image was brought to Mumbai. It was installed on a high pedestal. The statue was very heavy. The statue was put on the asana. Then they found that the statue was not exactly in the middle but two or three inches away from it. The devotees were going to lift it to put in the center but Babaji said, "Do not lift it up any more, He has already taken his seat permanently there." Babaji wanted to bring to the notice that Srichand Baba was the very avatar of Lord Shiva. He was a great Yogi. It is improper to change his position once having given him the asana. The image is not lifeless or an inanimate object. You should think that it is full of life and you should worship it as such.

On the 20th July, 1959, the image of Srichand Baba was installed by Babaji's holy hands.

Babaji had forbidden his devotees to touch the image. He has also forbidden to bathe it, offering flowers or any garland of flowers. Regarding this, Babaji has said that Srichand Baba is a great yogi. He is lost in Samadhi. By touching his feet or by offering flowers, we should not disturb him. Your Kalyana, your redemption is only in having his darshan from a distance.

The spots for which the sculptor wanted to change the defective stone for the statue, are very clearly seen even today on the image of Srichand Baba. Baba is lost in samadhi and gives eternal bliss from his darshan. He always does their Kalyan. He gives them both material and spiritual prosperity.

In the large and ever inspiring prayer hall of Srichand Baba mandir, there is also the marble image of Sri 108, Sri Tapasvi Poorandasji Maharaj Udasin. On every Sunday, here the programme of bhajan and kirtan is done. Hundreds of devotees of Babaji and thousands of poor persons take prasad here. At this time, the devotees who are present feel the divine atmosphere of devotion.

Many persons, with their many worldly desires go to the saint to fulfill them. As soon as their desires are fulfilled some turn away. Only those who are selfless, serve the saints humbly and get happiness. Babaji became very happy if a loving devotee came. But if someone went away or stopped coming to him in the Mandir he was not at all unhappy. With reference to this he once said, "This is the seat of Srichand Baba. If one goes away, two others will come." It means that there will never be any want of devotees in this place. Once he said "This is the seat of Tapa. I do not wish that anybody should sit here. I have no disciple." Through these words he has very clearly said that he has no deserving disciple who can take his place. Today his words spoken years ago have come true. None is there to occupy his seat so he himself continues to be there. His Gaddi, his seat is eternal.

### **Free Dispensary**

The teaching of the saints is to serve man as God. From the beginning of this world, man suffers from thirst and hunger and faces unseen difficulties. But the merciful saints free men from these difficulties and

suffering. The work or the aim of the saints is to give happiness to people or to serve them. Many saints set up hospitals or dispensaries near their Ashrams to free them from bodily disease and pain. In India, there are many such free dispensaries and hospitals. Here numberless suffering persons, with the help of medicines and the blessing of saints become free from disease and become healthy. Then, their faith in God increases more and more and then they go further on the path of spirituality.

The mission of Babaji was the service of people. So, after his Mahasamadhi, the trustees of Srichand Baba Mandir Trust decided to start 'Sri 108 Tapasviji Poorndasaji Free Dispensary.' By the grace of Babaji, all arrangements very done quickly with the co-operation of all the loving devotees. "Sri 108 Tapasviji Poorndasaji Free Dispensary" was inaugurated by the Mayor of Mumbai on 7th May, 1965.

Till today this charitable dispensary is seen serving the sick in the Mandir premises. Many people take advantage of it. For the poor people living in the Worli Naka area, this charitable dispensary is really a blessing.

### **Blessed Are Those**

Babaji was in Srichand Baba Mandir, Worli, Mumbai. Once there were only fifteen or twenty devotees present for the evening aarti. It was the usual practice of Babaji to have some conversation with his few chosen disciples after the evening aarti.

One day, one disciple asked Babaji, why they were only fifteen or twenty devotees present at the aarti though lakhs of people live in Mumbai. On hearing this, Babaji answered that only the right type of persons, who were connected with him in the past birth would come as disciples. He then emphatically said, "Those who will come here are sure to be happy and sure to be blessed."

The above stated answer is true in totality even today.

## CHAPTER II

### MAHASAMADHI

Even the saints are born on earth with the human body made of five elements. And as soon as their work is over, they give up their mortal bodies.

#### Signs Of Leaving The Body

Some kind of cause is required to give up this mortal body. In the beginning of April 1961 Babaji's body worsened. He was bodily uneasy. During these days through conversation it was apparent that in no time he would give up his body. One day he said, "Now I do not wish to live anymore. What is the use of keeping the body alive which is unable to serve."

The saints die on their own. They can give up their bodies on a particular day and at a particular time when they wish or they give up their bodies in obedience to their Guru's order. Day by day the body began to weaken. Once he felt a severe pain in his chest. Therefore, as usual, he could not get up at night for meditation. Seeing this, all the devotees prayed to him for permission to serve him turn by turn. To fulfill their right and holy desire, he allowed them to do so. According to the fixed turns, each devotee started serving Babaji.

It was the holy Ganag Saptami day of Vaisakh when he wished to give up his body. On this day also he was in a cheerful mood. Pain could not touch him. He refused to take medicine. But in order to please his devotees he used to take medicine. He did not allow anybody to know that he was to give up his body after some hours only.

In the morning at ten, Naraindas Gurbaxani asked, "How are you?" He answered, "Pretty well." Go to the Bhandara and take prasad.

As on all Sundays, there was to be a Bhandara the next day on Sunday. On this previous day which was Saturday, vegetables were cleaned and peeled off. They were made ready for the use in the Bhandara next day. This work was over at about twelve to one. Lambe Narain (the wife of Naraindas - Babaji addressed her as Lambe Narain) went near Babaji and said, "Tomorrow's vegetables are ready." Hearing this he was pleased.



Before the Maha Prayana, Dr. Kishanchand came. He examined Baba and gave an injection. He said to Babaji, "Do not drink thandai today but drink pineapple juice." One loving devotee went down to the Bhandara to bring a glass of pineapple juice for Babaji. The doctor went away. In the meanwhile the news came that there was no pineapple. At that time someone said loudly, "There is never any want in the darbar of Babaji." As soon as these words were spoken, Parwatiben, the wife of Chimanlal Thaverdas was entering the Mandir with two pineapples in her hands. Indeed it was a miracle for the devotees. Soon the juice from the two pineapples was offered to Babaji. He drank it very cheerfully. Then it was twelve noon, the time for prasad. Babaji removed many devotees away from him for the food or any of the work. Only Lallubhai and Bhagwandas Ahuja were present in his service. About 1.00 p.m. Babaji asked Bhagwandas, "My Bhagwan, what is the time at present?"

At 1.15 p.m., Babaji told these two devotees to help him sit. So they helped him sit, Lallubhai supported Babaji's body from behind. The Mahatma, the Siddha Yogi rested in the Padmasana. Then Tapasvi Bhagwan 108 Poorandasji Maharaj, a great saint, a great guru, a servant of humanity, fixed his loving and devout glance on the face of Srichand Baba and bowed to him. Mentally, mixing the Light of Spirit with the eternal Light of God, the supreme, the Divine, he gave up his mortal body painlessly and naturally and quite cheerfully. He did his work, he fulfilled his mission successfully and got lost in Mahasamadhi.

Thus he gave up his mortal body and when the devotees came and knew about his death, they cried out very bitterly. The devotees said in anguish, "Babaji, Babaji" but his infinite soul had already reached the infinite everlasting abode.

### **The Time And The Day Of His Death**

Babaji left his mortal body on 22nd April, 1961 at 1.20 p.m. It was also the Ganga Saptami of Samvat 2017. When he gave up his body, the very dear and near devotees were informed about his death immediately on the telephone with a heavy heart. The devotees, who had seen him sometime before were not ready to believe this. Then this news soon spread far and wide in every nook and corner of Mumbai. Thousands of people came to have the last darshan of Babaji. The heart of devotees became very heavy. Thousands of eyes were filled with tears.

## **The Last Darshan**

Then the devotees bathed his divine body, applied the holy bhasma and made him sit on the seat of sand where he used to sit, in the padmasana. The devotees offered fruits and flowers and performed aarti. Bhajans, Kirtans continued the whole night. Those devotees who came to know later also went to the Worli Mandir for the last darshan of Babaji. Because of the Bhajan-Kirtan, their sorrow became lighter. They were really fortunate who got the advantage of the last darshan. This Divine Yogi Mahatma who lived a very hard life full penances made people free from pain. He made them give up evil habits injurious to health. He made them free from bitter sorrow. He solved their difficulties and led them to the path of devotion which gave them lots of happiness.

## **The Decision For Jala Samadhi**

At 1.20 pm Babaji entered into the ever lasting samadhi. Soon Swami Ganeshdasji from Sadhu Bella Mahalaxmi was called. He, with other saints soon went to the mandir. They began to think about the disposal of the body of Babaji. Babaji once said, "As long as the saint lives, his body is useful for the benefit of others. After the death of his body, his body becomes the feast for many insects and fish. Only the fortunate get the opportunity to serve mankind." Champaklal Devidas Shyam Sunderbhai, Bhagwandas Ahuja and other devotees remembered the words of Babaji. So Swami Ganeshadasji and other devotees taking the consent of other devotees decided to give Babaji the Jala Samadhi into the holy Ganga at Haridwar.

## **On The Way To Haridwar**

Babaji's mortal body was flown in the aeroplane to Haridwar. A wooden box was made for carrying his body. In the morning, in the presence of the doctor, his mortal body was put into the wooden box and it was sealed. According to the Government rule this procedure was done.

In the morning on Sunday, this wooden box was decorated with flowers and repeating the name of God, it was taken to the Santacruz Aerodrome. Here many disciples with tears in their eyes were present. The sight of the Aerodrome at this time was very touching and pathetic but full of devotion. Then the mortal body of Babaji was put in the plane. In the plane were seated Swami Ganeshdasji, Champaklal Devidas, Chunilal Reshamwala, Shyamsunderbhai, Chaturbhuj Jeevatram, Nevantram and other devotees.

The plane went to Delhi and from Delhi they went to Haridwar by motor car.

His mortal body was kept in the Udasin Bada Panchayati Akhada's Prayer Hall for darshan of the saints and his loving disciples. This vast prayer hall was built by Babaji for the convenience of the saints. This was the happy pre-destined happening.

### **The Glorious Maha Prasthan-Yatra**

The next morning at nine on 24th April, 1961, a big procession of the Maha Prasthan-Yatra started. In the procession, thousands of saints and the devotees took part. At noon this procession reached the bank of the Ganga. The Bhajan-Kirtan continued. Now they started doing preparation for the Jala-Samadhi of Baba's Divine Body in the holy water of Ganga. Those devotees from Mumbai who could not come by plane were coming by train. So the present devotees requested the Sadhus to wait for sometime for the devotees from Mumbai. But they were of the opinion that Baba's body could not be kept any longer, so the sad devotees at last consented for it. The devotees knew that if those devotees who came to know that the last work of Jala Samadhi in the Ganga was over, they would be very unhappy and would never have the last darshan of Babaji. But they were helpless in this condition. His Divine Body was immersed in Neel Dhara, the Holy water of the Ganga on 24th April, 1961 at 2.30 pm. Bhajan-Kirtan was continuously going on. Saints and sages bowed their devout heads and paid their homage to the Divine saint.

**May Babaji ever guide and bless us all.**

### **A Great Miracle**

In the afternoon at four the loving devotees from Mumbai who were to come, reached Haridwar. They were very unhappy when they learnt that Baba's mortal body had been immersed in the Ganga some few hours before and that they could not have the last darshan. They all reached the place where the body was immersed in the holy water of the Ganga. In the flow of the Ganga, flowers were still flowing, sitting here they started Bhajan-Kirtan. They went on praying to Babaji for his last darshan. They saw Babaji seated on the opposite bank of the Ganga. It was impossible to believe. One or two devotees swam and reached the other bank. They really found that Babaji's Divine Body was there present in the Padmasana. The joy of devotees knew no bounds. All other devotees reached the other bank,

crossing the bridge. Having the last darshan of Babaji after the Jala-Samadhi, their heart danced with joy. The devotees immediately worshiped blissfully the Divine Babaji with flowers and fruits. Their wish was fulfilled.

It was really a very great unprecedented impossible wonder of wonders, the miracle that Babaji's Divine Body came up from the holy water of the Ganga. Nobody has ever heard of or seen such an incident. From this one can have the correct estimate of the divine yogic power of Babaji. The sadhus and saints of Haridwar believed that such a wonder had never happened in Haridwar before. Everyone thought that was the most wonderful happening in the history of Haridwar.

### **The Great Religious Festival**

After the Maha Nirwan of Babaji, there continued non-stop reading of Path Saheb, Shrimad Bhagvat Saptah, Bhajan-Kirtan etc. This programme continued for fifteen days in the Srichand Baba Mandir, Mumbai. On 7th and 8th of May, 1961, they gave food to the Brahmans. They worshiped Brahmans and they were given clothes and money. Thousands of poor persons and saints were given food. On this occasion, the Udasin's Sampradaya Mahamandaleshwar Vedacharya Swami Gangeshwaranand was also present. In his holy presence, this religious Mahotsav was celebrated. On the 21st of May, 1961, Sadhus were given food in the Bada Akhada in Haridwar, food was given to the saints of the 31 Akhadas. Over and above thousands of persons were given food at Bhavnagar, Delhi, Mumbai, Worli, Borivili, Surat, Colombo and Khadki (Pune). The devotees of Babaji had done all the expenses most devotedly. The devotees of Babaji had the contentment of serving Babaji to the fullest according to each ones capacity.

### **The Divine Yogi Never Dies**

Babaji's physical body is not before us. His divine body of five elements has been absorbed into them. But his Hand is still giving blessings to his loving disciples. The incarnation of Lord Shiva is always present and listens to the prayers and does the best for his devotees.

The Sadguru never dies. The devotee feels that he is always before him. He feels that his Guru is in him and he is in him. So he is afraid of none and nothing because of the grace of the Guru. He is never unhappy and is always content because of this kind of everlasting faith in the Guru. He

always feels bliss. Fifty years have passed away and still the Guru in the subtle body guides his devotees. This is true and can only be experienced.

The purpose behind writing this is that faith in Guru helps one to make rapid progress in the world of spirituality.

Even today, if a devotee prays to Babaji sincerely, his prayer is heard and responded to and he achieves his best.

### **Tapaswiji's Image Installation Ceremony**

On thursday, the 15th of Ashadh, Samvat 2017 i.e. 27th July, 1961, the most scared day in the Srichand Baba's Temple, Worli Naka, Mumbai, the installation ceremony of the image of Babaji, was celebrated with great joy, devotion and pomp. Thousands of his devotees and hundreds of thousands of saints from all over India came to Mumbai to take part in this Pratistha Mahotsava. This ceremony lasted for three days. The sublime ceremony was done by the incomparable and ever faithful devotee, Champaklal Devidas's auspicious hands. This ceremony was done in the Brahma Muhurta at five in the morning. At this time, the hearts of the devotees danced with joy. They felt most happy. This Divine statue was installed where Babaji used to sit on the seat of sand during his lifetime. The statue installed is so beautiful and marvellous that one who has the darshan of the statue of Babaji feels that Babaji himself is before him. On this auspicious occasion, the Udasin Acharya, Mahamandleshwar Sri Gangeshwaranand Maharaj had said: "By doing murti partistha, man's duty is not over. But the chief principle behind this is the Bhavna, the ever lasting faith in the teaching and worship of Guru. The Brahmaleen Poorandasji's image is the symbol of your love and devotion. If you install this divine statue in your heart forever and worship it, then and only then the purpose of the installation of his image would have been seemed fulfilled. He has awakened your soul. He has shown the way to God by pouring love and devotion into your hearts. You will ever remember the teaching of this great Yogi Mahatma. Try to translate his teachings into action, then this divine vibhuti will awaken in the secret and sacred recess of your heart and when you go for his darshan you will truly realise him. In this image, Poorandasji has taken his seat spiritually and subtly. There is no doubt that he is always living".

"The great celebration that all you loving disciples have arranged, by offering mind, body, money and by offering all, proves your incomparable devotion and faithfulness to him. Brahmanistha Poorandasji was not only

your Guru, he not only belonged to the Udasin Sampradaya. If you see, know with your divine sight, divine knowledge, you will know that he was the friend, philosopher and guide of every being. Even today he is present. He is the Guru and God of us all".

"Today his physical body is not present, but his great soul is ever fresh and active around us, awakening our hearts. Whenever we remember him he will stand before us. Even though the divine saints are free from their bodies, they are present in the divine form before their devotees whenever they remember them sincerely".

"You all should serve and worship Him devotedly. If you put his teachings into action, your life's purpose will be fulfilled. Also you will be in bliss feeling His blessings."

May God give peace, peace, peace to all.

**Om Sat Kartar Beda Par**



## CURRENT DEVOTEES EXPERIENCES

**As narrated by Mr. Narain Chaturbhuj Hirdaramani :**

As a small boy, my given name was Manu and when I was around seven years old I used to be a very naughty child around Babaji. When he was in Columbo, it was a practice that all children had to have breakfast sitting on the floor in Bababji's presence before going to school. One morning while having breakfast, I played mischief with my younger sister Daya by sliding my plate full of food just when she was about to sit in front of me. So she sat on it and spoiled her white uniform. Looking at this sight Babaji himself started laughing and at the same time gave me a very stern look.

Babaji decide then to change my name to Narain on account of what had happened in his presence. Babaji called my parents and told them that he was changing my name to Narain from Manu. As Manu my mind was full of mischief and by mentioning Narain regularly they will always remember God and I will become less mischievous. Babaji then told my mother to make a special mithai and made me stand at the entrance and bow down and distribute to all incoming devotees by telling everyone coming to the



Darbar that my name is Narain from this day. I did so and this experience is in my blood, bones and marrow of how Babaji took the initiative of changing my name. Infact Babaji, I believe, wanted to change the entire course of the journey of my life. To start with, in the first place, the name bears a holy one as Narain. Today when I look back, this holy name signifies so many holy aspects of my life. Surely I am blessed by my name Narain from that age.

There are many experiences to narrate but this one is special and I owe it to beloved Babaji. I also owe my existence to Him in this journey of worldly life.

### **As narrated by Mrs. Rupa Thadani:**

My first darshan of Babaji ( in my memory ) was when I was six years old. My mum and dad told me that Baba would pluck bhutta for me before that in Multan.

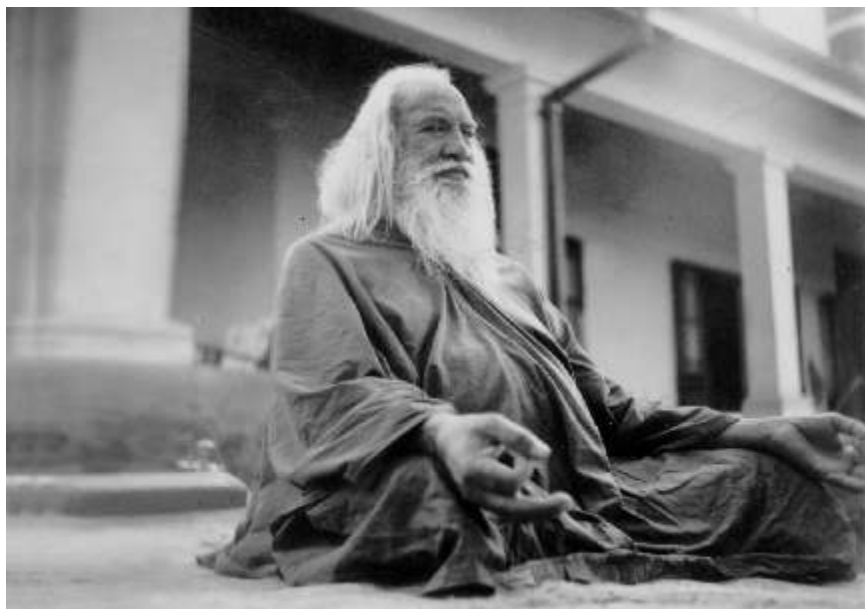
Baba was visitng Columbo for the first time. Grandpa had made the sand-bed in the main Hall. Baba would not come in. He sat under the tree in the garden and said I am a “jungle pakhi” and cannot stay indoors. Colombo is known for its tropical thunderstorms and there Baba would be sitting with





rains lashing, lightening and thunder, a picture of bliss. We would watch from the veranda and run to Him as the rain ceased.

Next door lived a lawyer who became an ardent devotee of Baba and



pleaded with him to have a small shamiana. As always, Baba's heart would melt for His devotees and agreed to have a small shamiana so that the devotees could be with Him.

I have faint memories of bowing to Him and asking for a baby brother. He would laugh and put sand on my head. I had no measure of time then but after Baba had gone back I was awakened early in the morning and was told I had a baby brother- Narain! Baba's gift to us.

Baba came to Columbo again when I was 12 years old. The most blissful period of my life. My heart was full of love for Baba who would cook for us, love us and scold us. So many, many experiences! Narian, Daya, Chandru and I, we took our Guru mantra from Baba and from then on He has been holding our hands.

Once my father, late Chaturbhuj Hirdaramani had a major surgery and

was quite critical but with Baba's grace came through. He visited Baba when he recovered and as soon as Baba saw him come in, he got up from his sandbed to hug him. Baba's love for his devotees was amazing.

### **As narrated by Mr. Atul Hariram Ahuja:**

Since childhood I used to see my mother Mrs. Kamla Ahuja going every morning to Babaji's temple. She never missed a single day to go Babaji's temple. Having married into the Ahuja family, she was blessed to have been drawn towards Babaji as my Grandma (nee Vinjar Nagpal) Mrs. Laxmi Ahuja used to be a great devotee of Babaji. Into her 5th year of marriage, my mother could not conceive. Having prayed to Babaji, she was at last blessed with a baby boy i.e. my elder brother now known as Mr. Kishore Ahuja and who was fondly addressed by everyone in the family as Lali. One day Babaji called my mother and told her that my brother was her Poonji ! (Yeh Tumhari Punji hai). Consequently somewhere down the line, I guess she must have decided to opt for the practice of going to Babaji's temple everyday in the morning. She was very particular with her entire day seva at Babaji's abode for all Saturdays and Sundays. She was so punctual in this practice (for more than 40 years) that till her last moments she hardly missed any day to go to Worli temple, be that a day even when riots would take place, or buses or trains would not operate. So great was her dedication. I guess in our family, we are reaping the fruits of her seva in the form of grace that is bestowed on all our family members.

I remember my aunt late Rani Ahuja (My father's younger sister) returning healthy from hospital from a (NDE) deathbed experience when she was struck by a fatal body infection. It were the doctors' words that "Yeh to Bhagwan ke ghar par dastak de ke aye hai". This was thanks to the Vibhuti of Babaji.

Even my grandma during her last moments in hospital said that Babaji has come to take her. Surely the Guru takes the responsibility of the devotee for the liberation from the cycle of birth and death.

In a way similar to all other family members, I too have always had unfailing belief in Baba's words about Dawairam and His miraculous Vibhuti from Dhooni Saheb. Once I had a severe ear drum problem and was required to undergo an operation. The day before, when I went to the hospital to pay for admission charges, my Health Insurance Card bounced due to the divine intervention of Babaji. In the evening, at behest of my in-

laws, I took a second opinion and was told the operation would not be necessary !

I used to work in the Gulf. Suddenly the vision of my eyes would simply vanish and darkness would prevail all around for about two minutes at intervals of every 3 to 4 hours. I couldn't understand what was happening and showed it to the doctor in Dubai. He said that such a case was normally seen in people due to a rare genetic disorder and nothing much could be done. A second opinion was to be taken from a brain surgeon as well. The brain surgeon advised a complete brain scan. I did not go for it as I had firm belief in Baba's mantra and his magical Vibhuti. Gradually in some months, the problem started receding and my full vision returned. I was simply wonderstruck with this miracle !

This experience has left a profound mark in my life, as this was an experience right before my eyes, right within my eyes. What more can I speak of the Guru who illuminated me. Shortly in months to come, I was to read books about the Guru-disciple relationship and understand the relationship with Babaji from the perspective of the holy book Guru Gita - a dialogue between Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati wherein Lord Shiva goes about explaining about the Guru's greatness.

I continue to read the Guru Gita in English every morning and yes, there are innumerable experiences that makes one come to the conclusion that with Baba's mantra of 'Sat Kartar Beda Par' any trouble can be overcome. It clearly said in one of the teachings of Baba "Guru who is unable to look after the needs of 'His Premis' in this world, then what help will He give in the next world?" Surely Babaji's mantra of 'Sat Kartar Beda Par' is a companion to help crossover the ocean of this worldly life.

I daily boil a handful of peas in water and add a little salt therein (salt was addressed as Ram Ras by Babaji). This I offer to Babaji's statue at my home and after the Guru Gita, I read a page of Ramayana in English as Babaji was fond of Ramayana.

### **As narrated by Mr. Suresh Ramchandani:**

How can I proclaim the greatness of Babaji in words who has been an "ang ang sahai" every moment to moment with us in our lives. Once my child Vicky, when he was five years old had a boil in one of the eyes and the situation was so grim that we had to go in for an operation at the Doctor's

advice. He had made it clear that in the process the child could even lose the vision in that eye. We took a final call and decided to go ahead with the operation. The night before the day of the operation, I applied Vibhuti on my child's eyes and prayed to Babaji the whole night.

Next day we saw that the boil had burst on its own and pus was oozing out of the eye. As planned, when we took him to the doctor he said that the operation he was going to do on the child, had happened on its own !

This experience, right in front of us has left a deep sense of belief in the family in Babaji and his miracles for his beloved devotees. Me and my child, never leave home any day without a small bottle of vibhuti in our pockets, such is the trust we have in the shakti of Babaji's vibhuti. Just the other day, my spouse Romi took 3 tablets at one go which choked her throat completely, leaving her gasping for breath. I immediately applied vibhuti on her throat and started singing a bhajan of Babaji. Instantly she started breathing properly and the tablets settled down in her throat. Who else is there other than Babaji to come to our aid as "ang ang sahai". My mother has been advised to go in for an operation on account of blockages in the heart. But she believes in Babaji and the doctors are amazed at her going about her routine in life so well inspite of the blockages. They feel that she does not require to go in for a bye-pass surgery !

### **As narrated by Mrs. Ameeta Lokesh Wadhwa:**

As a vendor, once my husband Lokesh had to send raisins to a 5 star hotel in Delhi. He was short of staff so he himself packed the stuff and sent with another boy. When he came back home in the evening, the ring on his hand with Babaji's photograph was missing. For two days he searched everywhere, checked all the places he visited on that day but could not find the ring. On the third day, the store manager from the hotel called Lokesh and narrated the whole story. He said that when he opened the store on that day, before he switched on the light, he saw something shining like a star in the darkness. He reached the place where he saw the light and to his surprise it was the ring in the packet of raisins. Since he had always seen Lokesh wearing it, he immediately called him and returned the ring.

In another incidence, we were all sitting and singing Bhajans in our old temple and the Bhandara was getting ready. Suddenly the cook came inside and told Shri Chanderbhanji that by mistake he has put the whole packet of salt in the Kheer (rice pudding). I was also sitting there. Shri Chanderbhanji

told the cook not to worry and add sugar and quietly did an ardaas to Babaji. After the Bhog when the kheer was served everyone wanted more as it was the best kheer ever had in the temple.

Shri Dharampalji Puri met with a severe accident and had a brain hemorrhage. His duty in the temple was to buy the raw stuff for the Bhandara and get it prepared on every Sunday. The following Sunday he had to arrange for a tandoor to get tandoori rotis made for the Bhandara. To everyones surprise, the only thing he remembered when he was unconscious was that he had to get tandoori rotis made on Sunday. After two weeks when he came out of the ICU he said he had to go to the Mandir to make arrangements. Within one month, he was back to the temple and ever since that day he feels he has got a life back from Babaji to do this Sewa.

### **As narrated by Mr. Niranjan Shah:**

Babaji used to be in Bhavnagar. A devotee Niranjan Shah, son of Shri Shyamsunderbhai was to appear for his matric exams but was wondering if he would pass. However he had sincere belief in Babaji and with confidence prayed to Him to come to his aid to clear his exams. With Babaji's grace he cleared his exams.

Today one can see in him the same confidence on his face while he goes about doing his seva at the temple.

### **As narrated by Mr. Hiren Joshi:**

"It is always said that where there is a will there is a way. But in my case my will was unable to show me a way. This happened until a dedicated devotee of Babaji showed me this enlightened path and took me to the temple once. From the very first day I visited this temple, something in me sparkled and thought that this had never happened earlier. Instead of the stress and anxiety phase through which I was going through at that time, when I was in the temple I felt relaxed and calmed. It opened my vision and Babaji showed me that I was making efforts in the wrong direction. He also diverted me to the right path and miracles happened, something I had never thought of. I was in search of a good job but was unable to get one and was going through some financial crisis. Within 2 months of that first day I started visiting the temple, I found my path. I was searching for a job in Mumbai but Babaji had something else decided for me. He diverted me abroad and it

has been almost a year and a half since then that I am abroad with job and a good life style. I am grateful to Babaji and that devotee who helped me by showing the right path.

**As narrated by Mr. Papu Lekhraj Nanda:**

My father Late Lekhraj Nanda used to visit temple of Babaji for many years and in our family we feel the grace of Babaji at every step. When I bought a new car I first took it to Babaji's temple. This is because Babaji's mantra of Sat Kartar Beda Par is what I perceive as the vehicle of grace that allows us to be focused in life by driving on the right path.

**As narrated by Mr. Tarunkumar C Rana of Surat Bhajan Mandali:**

My father, late Mr Champakbhai Bhagat (Bhola Bhandariwala) used to be a good singer at Worli Naka Temple and was well known as a good singer in his home city Surat as well. He had attended every Kumbhmela with Babaji's blessing.

After his death, there was a void in the Surat Bhajan Mandali and some of the bhajan mandali members requested me to take over as singer in the mandli. I told them that I had no experience in bhajan singing and playing of Harmonium. But the members of the bhajan mandali told me not to worry as Babaji will be with you at each and every moment. With Babaji's grace and blessings I started my bhajan yatra from the Trimbak (Nasik) Kumbhmela and it turned out a memorable event for me as I sang very melodiously. From that time onwards, I have been playing harmonium as well singing all the favourite bhajans of Babaji of the Surat bhajan mandali. Initially, at times it was not possible to attend all the Kumbhmelas of Allahabad, Haridwar due to work constraints, somehow or the other by Babaji's grace I would land up at some Kumbhmelas to perform my humble seva of bhajan singing along with the other bhajan mandali members.

It is rightly said in all religions that we must be free from greed, anger, lust and to be compassionate, tolerant and humble. It is very difficult and sometimes impossible to achieve. The ultimate state of meditation on Babaji, however it is through bhajans that we in Surat bhajan mandali have been able to feel. To have been able to keep these negative qualities away by virtue of our bhajans. Then at the end of singing bhajans, we ultimately feel the universal love by seeing Babaji in everyone around us and in every situation that unfolds in front of us.

Once we were going to the Kumbha Mela in Haridwar with all mandali devotees being in the same compartment. We were confronted by an upset TC while checking our tickets/ luggage. We explained that we were going to the Kumbh mela and in the course of our conversation he saw the photo of our Babaji. Immediately he showed us Babaji's photo which even he had which was given to him a day earlier by a saint in the train. The coincidence made his heart melt as did ours on seeing the photo of Babaji in his wallet. Who else could that saint be who gave the photo of Babaji to the TC?

**As narrated by Mr. Dhansukhbhai Harkishandas Rana:**

A incident I wish to narrate is that during the Kumbhmelas we used to reside at a particular spot where we were amazed to get daily darshan of a snake regularly around Babaji's photo. This happened for the second time when we went to the Kumbhmela again. At the same spot where we resided, we saw the snake again around Babaji's photo. We were astonished with the incidence repeating. This led us to see Lord Shiva in our Babaji.

**As narrated by Mr. Dhansukhbhai Motiram Rana of Surat Bhajan Mandali:**

In 1960, Babaji came to Surat to Sheth Shri Prabhudas Gangaram Reshamwala's place, at Vastadevdi Road, Surat. I used to go there daily for Babaji's seva. Once, as per my daily routine I went for Babaji's seva but I forgot that I had an exam of Hindi that day. Suddenly Babaji said, "Oh my dear child, why have you come here, today is your exam". While I was extremely fearful of my parents, Babaji came in the form of my parents and took me for the exams. I cleared my exams very easily with Babaji's blessings and this incident has left a profound mark on my entire life !

**As narrated by Mr. Dhansukhlal Nagindas Reshamwala of Surat Bhajan Mandali:**

Once Babaji came to Surat to Sheth Shri Prabhudas Gangaram Reshamwala at Vastadevi Road, Ashwinikumar, Surat. A big bhandara was planned for Babaji's devotees. Many devotees took prasad but some devotees remained without prasad. A sevak told Babaji that there are no more Laddus for prasad for the devotees. Babaji told the sevak, "Why are you worried? Go behind that door, there are many Laddus in the basket". The sevak went to that place and he was amazed with Babaji's chamatkar to see Laddus in a basket!

**As narrated by Mr. Vinay Lalubhai Reshamwalla:**

Once, as usual I came on Saturday to make arrangements for the next day Bhandhara seva. As I was in a rush that day, I had taken a cab to the Mandir. Having got involved in the seva, suddenly I realized that I had forgotten my laptop in the cab. There was lots of data in the laptop and I was very disturbed and was wondering if I will ever get the laptop back from the cabbie. With these various thoughts captivating my imagination, I thought it was best to approach Babaji and so prayed to him sincerely. Same day I went to the taxi association and gave them leads about the type of taxi I had hired. By Babaji's grace and only His grace, that cabbie incidentally had called up the taxi association office and informed them. Consequently I got in touch with him and we met at a common place where he handed me the laptop. I had left the laptop behind on the seat. Some passenger could have taken the laptop! The cabbie had seen my visiting card through which he contacted the Taxi association and got in touch with me. This experience I can never forget and it will always be there in my mind. It was as if Babaji assured me that all my seva which I had put in for the Bhandhara practice was in the records of Babaji. One should not worry about what is one doing in terms of Seva and never expect any fruit from it. The Almighty Babaji keeps records and knows what and when is the best time to reward one for the seva offered at His abode.

### **As narrated by Dr. Lalchand N Jumani:**

I feel highly honoured to have been given an opportunity to narrate one of the miracles and magical moments which I personally experienced at the lotus feet of Param Puja and beloved Satguru Babaji. Babaji, who had attained the stage of the highest Yogi because of his rigorous penance and tapasya for many many years. Moreover, it was my greatest privilege to have received maximum love, affection and divine blessings, right from my very early childhood, after having been named 'Lalchand' by our Param Puja Babaji.

I was about 4 ½ years old when Babaji used to ask me with love to sit on the left side of his 'Aasan' and play Dafli during the bhajans. In the huge Babaji's sangat, there used to be 3 sangat harmonium players. On that Sunday, out of all three of them, none could make it that day to come to Babaji's temple. After a couple of bhajans, Babaji asked me, "Lalchand, Yeh Dafli Hame Do Aur Aap Jake Harmony Bajao." I humbly gave the Dafli to Babaji and being a child, ran and sat on the



*Babaji taking bath with little Dr. Lalchand N. Jumani and other devotees.*



centre harmonium and started playing it. All the members of the Sangat, both ladies and gents who were present there at that time, were amazed and shocked to see this great miracle where a child of 4 ½ years who had never sat on a Harmonium or who had never received any training to play the harmonium, had actually, started playing it most melodiously, which was only due to the spiritual blessings of our Satguru Babaji. It is because of this spiritual and divine blessings, I am fortunate to be still playing the harmonium and singing bhajans since the last 55 years.

### **As narrated by Mr. Lambe Narayan's grandson-Sagar Gurbaxani:**

Once my grandfather, Lamba Narayan as Babaji used to address him, got a professional singer to the Worli temple to sing bhajans for Babaji. Singing being his profession, he wanted to charge Babaji for whatever he would sing. Hearing this, Babaji became upset and refused to listen to any bhajans from that singer and sent him back. He told Lamba Narayan that he does not need or want anyone to be hired to sing bhajans. Bhajan was one of the biggest seva from his devotees end within the scope of His two simple words of 'Bhajan aur Bhojan' (Saints speak in few words).

Two years later, that singer came back to Babaji for some reason. But this time he presented bhajans as seva. As Lamba Narayan was also present there, Babaji called him and said "Now see how he sings in front of me out of love".

Once I came tired from school and fell asleep. After sometime my younger sister also came back from school and rang the doorbell. I was in deep sleep and couldn't hear the bell ringing. Suddenly there was a spark from the bell and it resulted in a short circuit inside the house. The fire started spreading. My sister saw the fumes coming out! Seeing this, she called the neighbors who called our mother who was not at home. Hearing this my mother immediately left for home but it was impossible for her to reach in time. On her way she closed her eyes and prayed to Babaji "that you can reach them before me and you are the only one who can come to their aid". At that moment, Babaji gave her a vision that her children were safe and having tea.

At the other end, by the time the fire had spread so the neighbors broke open the door. To their surprise, the fire had reached a wall but it couldn't spread beyond a point as Babaji's photo was hanging on the same wall. Babaji didn't let the fire go beyond! As soon as my mother returned, she saw exactly what she had visualized.

This is how the Guru protects.

### **As narrated by Mr. Pitamber Ahuja:**

I have been coming to the temple since childhood since the age of five years. Today at the age of 53 years, after coming to the temple of Babaji for so many years, I have seen the image of Babaji vibrant in different forms every time I come here. He has always been as caring as he used to be when I was a child. There is always an urge in me visit this heavenly place which is so special for the chosen ones who come here.

I come to the temple on all Thursdays. Once, I was late and Shri Shyamsunder Bhai asked me why was I late. I told him that being a Saturday, I had gone to the Hanuman Temple. Shri Shyamsunder Bhai told me that all Gods and Goddess come to Babaji for his darshan and you can get every God's darshan here in the feet of the beloved Babaji. I went and bowed to Babaji's statue and when I lifted Babaji's chola to put its small portion over my head, to my amazement I saw a photo of Lord Hanuman under Babaji's chola! This experience changed my entire perspective towards Gods and I see them all in Babaji !

### **As narrated by Narain and Mahesh Jiwatram:**

This is a story which we saw in reality. Our father Late Vishnu Jiwatram, had taken ill and admitted to the hospital on 31st December 1995. Since the next day was 1st January, 1996, a new year, all the pharmacies and drug stores were closed all around the world.

His illness couldn't be analyzed quickly so his condition was deteriorating and he was taken to the ICU and put on a ventilator. As the doctor came out, he said that he wanted some injections which the hospital did not have. We were worried because everything was closed.

When the doctor left our father alone and went away, our mother took us home and lit a lamp in the night to her loving Guru Babaji. She prayed to him to save her husband from a critical condition.

When we came back after an hour to the hospital, the nurse said that without drugs he would not survive even till dawn. At that moment, my mother had no choice but to apply Holy Ash of Babaji's Dhuni on him.

Next morning, he was breathing. The doctor said that whole night he was not breathing as the ventilator was off but at 4.30 am it started by itself and he has been breathing with the help of the ventilator. Isn't it amazing??? The doctor said he had a miracle body indeed.

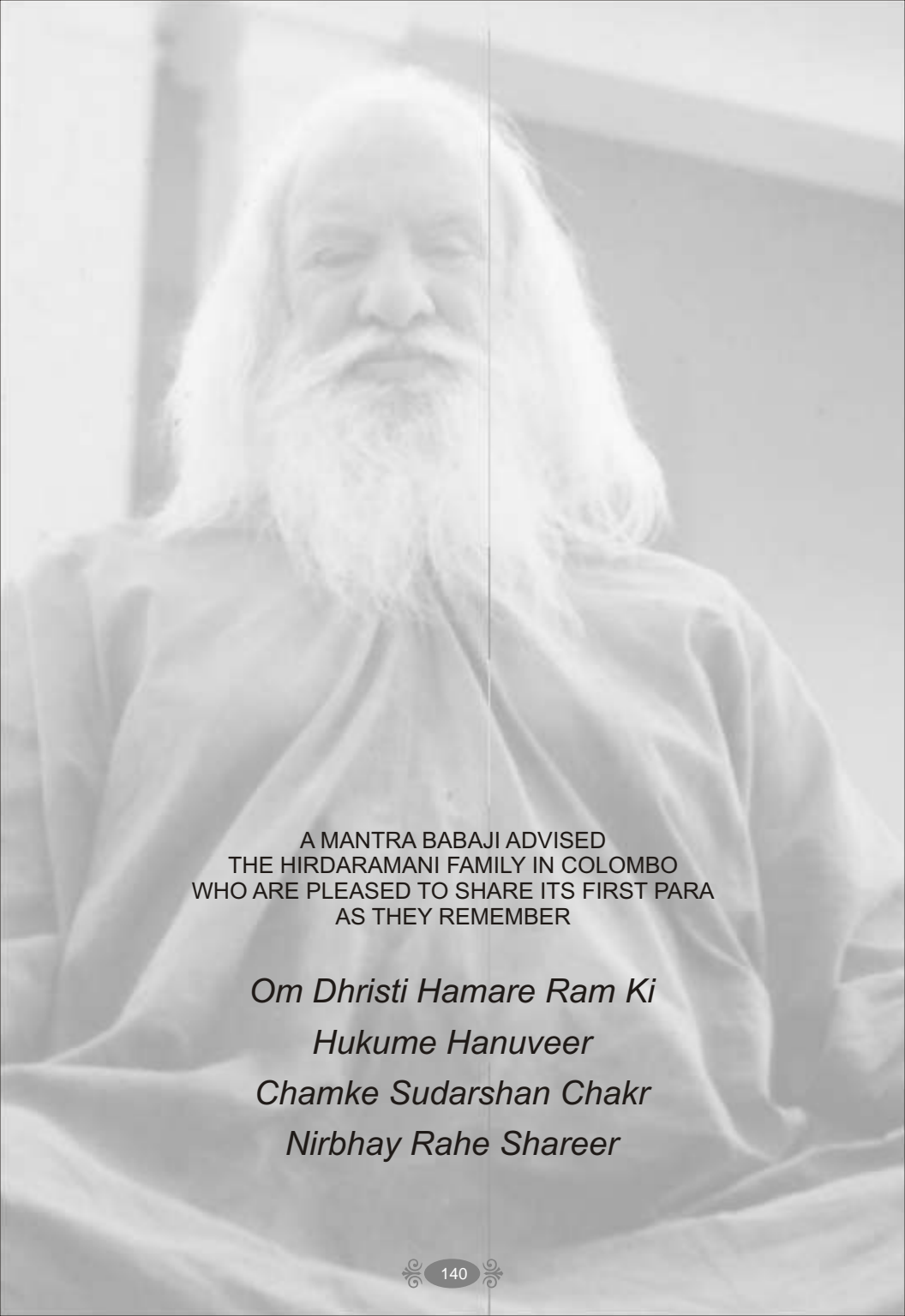
When he was brought back home after nine days, we asked him what he could remember. He said that he had left his physical body and was in his astral body from which he could see the doctor and nurse inject him. He said that night at 3.00am, Babaji had come and taken his soul and sat with him from 4.30am to 5.30am. He had Asadiwar, Kirtan with other souls and told him that his wife wanted him back. That he should tell them that this was a better, noble and a more beautiful place than that and gently brought him back to the physical body and also told him that he would take him back soon. What a phenomenal time he had to face, thanks to our Loving guru Babaji. We look forward to him granting our wishes and who still lives for his devotees.



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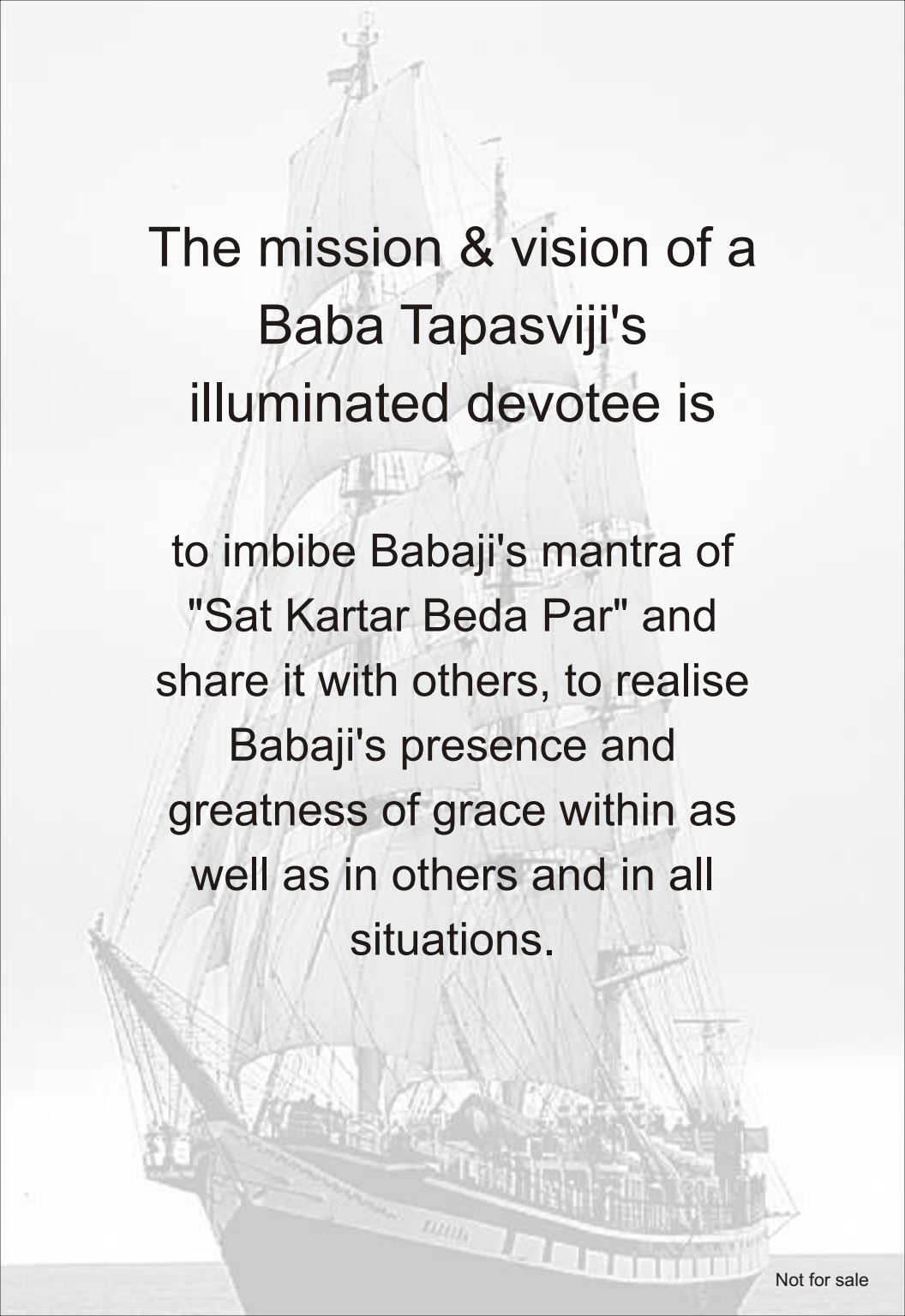
You sit in Samadhi  
Seemingly like the Himalayas  
Stable, well established firm  
Like the Ganges gushing  
Down its slopes,  
So also  
Your love for us  
Flowing towards us  
Encompassing us in its warmth  
Securing us, shielding us  
from all negative elements  
within and without  
You teach in silence  
That, all the offerings we bring  
To offer it to Dhooni Saheb  
Reminding us  
All becomes One  
All becomes ash  
You awaken us  
You encourage us  
To live practically  
Bhajan Aur Bhojan  
And live on this path of Devotion

Humble Devotee  
Jyoti Nichani



A MANTRA BABAJI ADVISED  
THE HIRDARAMANI FAMILY IN COLOMBO  
WHO ARE PLEASED TO SHARE ITS FIRST PARA  
AS THEY REMEMBER

*Om Dhristi Hamare Ram Ki  
Hukume Hanuveer  
Chamke Sudarshan Chakr  
Nirbhay Rahe Shareer*



The mission & vision of a  
Baba Tapasviji's  
illuminated devotee is

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"Sat Kartar Beda Par" and  
share it with others, to realise  
Babaji's presence and  
greatness of grace within as  
well as in others and in all  
situations.