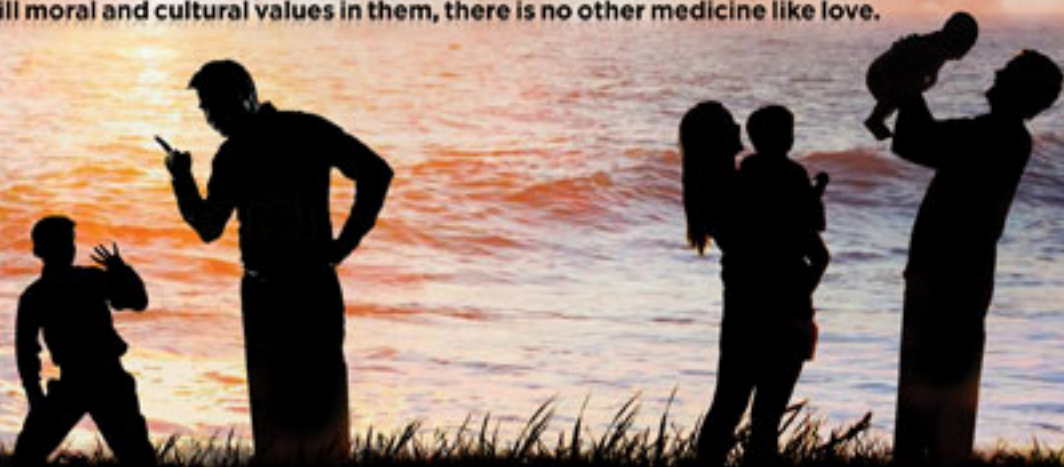


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EDITORIAL

In family life, everyone is striving day and night to figure out how the relationship between parents and children can become ideal. But in this era of the time cycle where there is a decline of moral and spiritual values, it is painful to see a distance growing due to the difference in opinions between parents and children which develops over every little thing! Such a relationship among parents and children that swings between attachment and abhorrence exists in every era of the time cycle! In the current era, abhorrence is dominant in worldly interactions.

In this race for expectations, almost all the parents complain that, “The children do not listen to us! They are not studying! They talk back! They have become rebellious! They have become spoilt brats!” At that time, revered Dadashri gives a cautioning hint asking parents, “What college did you receive a certificate to become a mother or a father?” In order to instill moral and cultural values, the know-how for instilling these should be there, should it not? The one who possesses moral and cultural values can instill the same in others! “Uncertified fathers and mothers!” For a *Gnani* to use such harsh words for parents, would he be using these without a reason?

Upon hearing this, parents have questions that arise such as, “How can we know if we are qualified parents or not?” At that time Dadashri says, “Your qualifications are measured based on the kind of interaction your children have with you.” Confusions that arise in everyday life such as, “What can be done to inhibit anger in children? Can children be cautioned, scolded, or hit? If they are slow in their studies, how can they be helped to study? How can children that wake up late be helped or improved? While interacting with children if unity and oneness is broken, then how can it be mended?” Children’s core upbringing in terms of their moral and cultural values is largely dependent on parents. Therefore, ultimately children mirror their parents. If the child opposes you, then at the core the fault is yours indeed.

In this current issue of the Dadavani magazine, Dadashri explains the psychology of children. He says that whatever the child is told not to do forcefully, he will indeed do that first. In this way the egos clash against each other. Dadashri has made a wonderful discovery for today’s generation that the youth of today have a healthy

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mind. It is indeed a new kind of an honest mind that they have come with. They enjoy their illusory attachments, and yet they have less anger, pride, deceit and greed in them. They have minimum 'my-ness.' They remain distant from evil malice. They are educated but possess less practical training.

Parents have to take the initiative to fill the gap between the two generations. As this does not get accomplished, distance between the two develops due to the differences in opinions and the division of minds. In spite of this, if parents want to mold their children, then it is possible to do so easily by following Dadashri's unique style and art of interaction. It is with an ardent prayer that this current compilation be helpful to parents, to establish an ideal relationship with their children as it encompasses the Gnani's understanding.

- Jai Sat Chit Anand.

The Vision of a Certified Father and Mother According to the Gnani

{ Please note that 'S' Self denotes the awakened Self, separate from the 's' worldly self. The Self is the Soul within all living beings. The term pure Soul is used by the Gnani Purush for the awakened Self, after the Gnan Vidhi. The absolute Soul is the fully enlightened Self. The worldly soul is the self. In the same manner, 'Y' You refers to the awakened Soul or Self, and the 'y' you refers to the worldly self. This differentiation is unique to critical understanding of the separation of the Self from the self a/k/a the non-Self complex that is accomplished in the Gnan Vidhi of Akram Vignan. }

Develop the Qualifications of Being Certified Parents

Questioner: If our child does not behave according to our expectations as parents, and despite us telling him to do so, if he does not follow through, then how can we control him?

Dadashri: It is when one does not know how to be a parent that such a problem arises. You do not have the qualifications of being a father; that is why the children do not listen. You should have first developed the qualifications and then become a father. Shouldn't that be learnt?

Questioner: It should be learnt!

Dadashri: Is that not a responsibility?

Questioner: It is a responsibility!

Dadashri: Hence, it is very difficult to take care of children! The responsibility involved in taking care of a child is enormous. But people who do not even get qualified for this, end up having children. One should become a father after having acquired the qualifications. These doctors, are they even qualified or are they unqualified?

Questioner: Qualified.

Dadashri: So then, one remains unqualified to become a father?

Questioner: Who decides whether one is qualified or not?

Dadashri: When such conduct is carried out towards the child, it means that he is definitely not qualified! If one does not know how to take care of his child, if his child becomes spoiled, then

it is ascertained that he is not qualified, is it not! What do you think? Why are you not saying anything? Should there be or should there not be some qualification? Or else the children will indeed turn out this way, won't they! That is why I had to say, "Get the certificate that qualifies you to be a father and then get married."

What Does a Certified Father and Mother Mean?

Questioner: What is the definition of a certified father and mother?

Dadashri: If a father or mother use speech that touches their child's heart, then they are considered a certified father and mother.

Uncertified fathers and mothers are those whose children do not listen and do as per the parent's instructions. Their own children have no affection towards them and trouble them! Those fathers and mothers are indeed referred to as uncertified, aren't they?

If a father is certified, then what are his children like? Would his children misbehave? No, that would not be the case!

Questioner: What are the children of certified fathers and mothers like?

Dadashri: They are cultured (*sanskaari*). In their home, no matter what the father says, his son will say, "No, I cannot talk back to him. I respect him!"

Questioner: From where can the qualifications to become qualified parents be acquired?

Dadashri: It is when they come to me that I teach them. This is because I am the one who can remove (break) the mistake! It is not written in any books regarding unqualified fathers and unqualified mothers. All these people come to India to ask, "We are not getting the understanding that we are unqualified, so now how can we become qualified?" So then I explain to them how to interact with the children and how not to interact! You have come in to this haphazardly, and then you say, "I am the husband (boss; *dhanee*) ..." You fool, take a look at your own worth! You are the boss yet she does not comply with you! There should be some awe that emerges! Awe should emerge for the husband. Awe should emerge without having to even speak.

Questioner: Is it because people have become uncertified fathers and mothers that this puzzle has arisen?

Dadashri: Yes, otherwise the children would never turn out this way; the children would be obedient. It is actually the parents that are deficient! The soil is such, the seed is such, so the crop is such! What is more, the parents will claim, "My children are going to turn out like Lord Mahavir!" How on earth would they turn out like Mahavir? What is the mother of Lord Mahavir like! If the father is incompetent, it can be overlooked, but what must a mother be like!

When can one become a (qualified) father? It is when the science of Lord

Mahavir is understood that one can become a father. To become a qualified father entails having a lot of qualities and it has tremendous responsibility! Instead, one ended up becoming a father and now continues to nag the child. All day long, there are quarrels, quarrels, and quarrels. Hey you fool, are you a human being? Will it do if one becomes a father or a mother haphazardly?

When Weakness is not Evident, That is Indeed the Qualification

Questioner: So what qualification is necessary?

Dadashri: The qualification is that weakness (anger-pride-deceit-greed) should not arise within you. And if weakness arises, then it should only affect you. No one else, not even the children should have difficulty; that is how you should live. There should be a sense of all this; of how the child's nursery (upbringing) should be done. They became parents just like that! Instead, the parents of these dogs and cats are better, they never quarrel. If they don't get along, then they go their separate ways. But here, the father believes, 'I have all the knowledge of this world' and he scolds his child in such a manner. He will say, "What I am saying is correct and you do not understand." The wise guy father that he is!

Questioner: There is no reason to assume that all the fathers behave in this way.

Dadashri: There is no reason to

assume that. But believe this, if I go to his house and I stay there for four days, then I would point all of this out. This is all fine; it carries on without any responsibility. Everything carries on according to each person's unfolding *karma*. Yet one believes, 'It is because of me that this child has grown up!' Life should be such that one's weaknesses should not be visible. Weaknesses in the form of anger-pride-deceit-greed should not be visible.

If children are born to an uncertified mother, what can the children do about it? When one becomes twenty to twenty-five years old, he becomes a father. Yet his own father still screams and shouts at him! As a matter of fact, one becomes a father without planning! What is the fault of the child in this? This is an unqualified father and unqualified mother. There is a need for some qualification. Do people get qualified and then have children here? Do people become fathers after attending and graduating from a college for fathers? Have these people not graduated from such a college? Actually, one should only be allowed to get married after undergoing testing, after acquiring a certificate. They do not even hire in the government without having passed an exam, without acquiring a certificate, so then how can one get married without a certificate either? One should take an exam and pass it. Should an exam not be given? They do not even hire clerks without giving an examination, without passing marks. So then can a (unqualified) person be allowed to become a father?

Can the person whose child is going to be a prime minister be allowed to become a father without a certificate? Should it be like this? They even look for an educated clerk, don't they? A certificate is required, isn't it! Should there not be a certificate for this? No certificate? And for raising and developing a child, which is an even greater responsibility than that of the prime minister, for that there is no certificate?

The responsibility of a mother or father is even greater responsibility than that of a prime minister of a country. It is of a higher rank than even that of a prime minister.

How to Become a Qualified Mother?

Questioner: So how can one become a (qualified) mother? How should one start?

Dadashri: (It is as such; first and foremost, you do not know how to be a mother.) What should be done when an open clash arises, what should be done when your child cries; you should know the art of dealing with that! If you were to keep beating the child, then...

Questioner: I do not want to do that. I wish to know how a mother should be?

Dadashri: What happens when your child becomes stubborn and you become stubborn?

Questioner: When the mother becomes stubborn and the child becomes stubborn, then the child gets a beating.

Dadashri: No, but there is no point to that, is there! So the child's stubbornness should be broken.

Questioner: How can it be broken?

Dadashri: Whatever it is that makes him happy, make him happy for a little while by pacifying him, and then things will be fine. Thereafter, his obstinacy (*aadai*) will go away. You have to pacify him for the time he is being obstinate.

Questioner: But if the child is obstinate, what should we do in that case?

Dadashri: But it is indeed for the one who is obstinate that this needs to be done! Once you smooth things out then it will continue running. However, people make them even more obstinate. One becomes obstinate along with the child. If the child does not speak, then the mother does not speak either.

Questioner: Yes, her face becomes sullen.

Dadashri: Her face becomes sullen. Hence, this is not a quality becoming of a mother, is it! It is done by observing others; if someone beats her child, then she too will beat her child. If a child has stolen, then his mother beats him, and the other mother will beat her child, and on top of that, she says, "You have disgraced my womb!" It was already like that, when was it any good? You are unnecessarily saying the word, 'disgraced'! If it were good, then how could such, holy (!) men be born out of it! If it were good, then would anyone disgrace it? And in *Kaliyug* (the current era of the time cycle), the

stock will indeed be like this! Who told you to sit around up to the time of *Kaliyug*? In this *Kaliyug*, these children and all of this comes together with the intent of vengeance (*veyr bhaav*). Of what sort is it? It is with the purpose of vengeance.

Questioner: The ones that have come with the purpose of vengeance are the very ones we have to love!

Dadashri: In any possible way bring about an end to this so as not to bind any new enmity (*veyr*) with them. In *Satyug* (an era of unity in mind, body and words), they all came together with the intent to love (*prembhaav*). Therefore, you should bring about a final resolution in whichever way you can. If you give your children good cultural values (*sanskaar*), if you do something good for them, then everything will be set in order! If there is a place where there are good values being parted, then if you take them there, then things will be set in order. It is like this, if you understand how to take care of a rose plant, then it will actually blossom tremendously. And if you do not have the understanding, then you will forget to water the plant for a month, and so it will dry up.

The Weakness of a Mother and Father is Concealed in Their Anger

Questioner: We do tell our son, “Oh dear! Get up early in the morning, start to study early.” But all the children of today get up late, after the sun is up. If my son sleeps until ten in the morning, then I get angry and I consider this to be

reasonable. Now, this is a daily tussle that arises in the house.

Dadashri: Yes, but if you get angry, then your son will not comply with you. If you do not get angry, then your child will respect you. If he sees your weakness, so then he will think that your nature is indeed like this, that you are of a bizarre nature. And he will also go around telling people outside the home that, “My father's nature is so bizarre that he gets upset at every little thing.” A father should be impressive. If the father does not get angry at the son, then he will indeed do as the father tells him. Here however, when the father becomes angry, his weakness is seen, so the child becomes startled, ‘Why is it that I have gotten trapped here? Why did I get such parents!’ All of these impressions form in his mind. Children tell me, “Our parents are completely useless!” You should not remain useless. You should remain completely correct, so that weakness does not arise. Rather than weakness arising, it is better not to say anything, just sit in a corner. And it is not like he improves upon being told. As long as weakness exists, he will definitely not improve. Until then, he will do it just for the sake of showing you, but at the back of his mind, he will harbor a negative intent (*bhaav*). Children need to be persuaded and coaxed in order to get work done.

The child's nature is different; he wakes up late and accomplishes more work. Whereas even if this unfortunate fellow wakes up at four in the morning, he will accomplish nothing. Even I would

always be late for work. Even during school, I would leave home only after hearing the bell ring, and I would always have to listen to my teacher's grumbling! Now how could the teacher have known what my disposition is like? Everyone's Ruston (a type of engine) is different, piston is different.

Questioner: Social order must also be maintained; otherwise wouldn't it all become disorderly?

Dadashri: No, that is not considered maintaining social order. It is due to the lack of understanding that one acts in a certain way, there is no need for such anger. Society does not call for one to become angry.

To Tell Them or not to Tell Them, Both are Faults

Questioner: So should we not say anything to them?

Dadashri: To not tell them is also a fault, and to keep on telling them is also a fault. You should tell them and not harbor any attachment or abhorrence (*raag-dwesh*).

A man complained that, "My nephew wakes up at nine every day. Nothing gets done around the house." So I asked everyone in the home, "Do all of you not like that this boy gets up late?" They all said, "We don't like it, yet he does not get up early!" I asked them, "He does get up after the sun-god (*suryanarayan*) appears or does he not?" They replied, "He gets up an hour even after sunrise." So I told them, "Does he

not show propriety towards the sun-god? Therefore, he must be a very great man, mustn't he? Otherwise, people get up before the sun-god appears, but he does not even adhere to the sun-god!" Then they said, "Now you reprimand him a little." I told them, "I am not one to reprimand. I have not come here to reprimand anyone. I have come to give (the right) understanding. It is indeed not my business to reprimand anyone. It is my business to give the understanding! So then I told the boy, "Do *darshan*, and then say, 'Dada, please give me the strength to wake up early.'" After this much was completed I then told the whole family, "From now on if he does not get up at breakfast time, and then ask him, 'Would you like me to put a blanket over you? It is a cold winter and if you like, I can put a blanket over you and cover you.' This is not to be funny, you should genuinely cover him up." The people of the household did it this way. Within six months, the boy started to wake up so early that household's complaint was resolved!

If Your Anger Ceases, Then the Child's Anger Will Cease

Questioner: At times when the children are very hot tempered, what should be done?

Dadashri: Instead of trying other remedies, parents should conduct themselves in such a way that a display of their anger is not detectable by the children. By observing that, the child will think, 'If my father can get this angry,

I have to get even more angry only then will I be (considered) something.' If you stop getting angry, then he will automatically stop. I have stopped getting angry. It is because my anger has stopped that no one indeed gets angry with me. Even if I tell them to get angry, they do not. Even the children do not. Even if I hit them, they do not get angry.

Then an impression would form for him that, 'Wow! What kind of a man he is! Just look, I am getting angry, yet how peaceful he remains!' But where is that sort of an impression being made nowadays? If the son becomes ill-tempered, then the father becomes ill-tempered twelve times over. Then the son will say, "Bring it on!"

Of all these parents who scold their children, it is not like the children take a note of what is being said. Instead, when it is said without any scolding, then a note is taken of it. This is because in this *Dushamkaal* (the current era of the time cycle wherein there is no unity of mind, speech, and action) there is no reverence towards the father! Due to the influence of the *Dushamkaal*, the opposite is done!

A Casual Cautionary Hint of the Right Understanding Turns a Child Back

When a child happens to drop and break the cups, the poor child is already scared. If the cups break, then there is no need to scold. But you can say, "Why are you in such haste? Walk slowly." A cautionary hint (*takor*) should indeed be given, shouldn't it! There should indeed be a cautionary hint for every matter. It

should not be aimless, but it should be a casual cautionary hint. This person says, "I do not say anything." So those children think, 'Whatever we are doing is indeed correct. Our father is happily accepting it!' They believe that whatever they are doing is indeed correct. Now, when it is incorrect, then caution him that it is wrong. "This will not be tolerated here." Thereafter, you may have to tolerate it. But first you should say this much. He should not believe that, 'All that I am saying and doing is indeed correct.'

So you should not scold the child but instead ask him, "Son, you have not gotten burnt, have you?" Then he would say, "No, I have not gotten burnt." Then you tell him, "Walk a little slowly." There is a need to say just one sentence that, "You just think over it." So then he would start thinking, 'Now, where did I make a mistake?' He would investigate. Instead, if you were to hit him, then he would say, 'I am going to do just that.' He would behave contrarily. How do our people, Indians, behave? To behave contrarily is the nature of Indians. Even if you were to beat him, he would say, "From now on I am going to do just that! Go ahead and do whatever it is you that can." Does that happen or does it not? What do you think; would they behave contrarily or not?

Questioner: They would.

Dadashri: So don't make them behave contrarily. Rather, they become spoiled! Pat him on the head and tell him, "Son, now make sure that this does not happen again. Just look at how

much of our money got wasted in this! And your money got wasted, isn't it! Is my money going to be wasted? It came in as your share and got wasted, didn't it!" When you say this, then he comes to understand. He understands everything, and he does not break them. Actually, it is nature (*kudarat*) that breaks them, because otherwise the owner of the glass factory would not be able to making a living. I say this after having Seen it. This is not baseless. What I am telling you is exact. Therefore, conflicts within the household should cease first. So if something breaks at the hands of the child, then do not scold him.

Questioner: When something breaks, I don't scold them.

Dadashri: So what is it that they do that you scold them?

Questioner: It is when they drink a lot of Pepsi, they drink a lot of Coke, when they eat too many chocolates, that I scold them.

Dadashri: What is the need to scold? Just give them the understanding that, "Eating too much will cause harm." Who scolds you? This is a false assertion of the ego as a person in power. Oh, you are asserting yourself as a mother! You do not know how to be a mother and still you keep yelling at the children all day long! It is if your own mother-in-law were to scold you that (you) would realize. Would anyone like to scold their children? Even the children would think, 'She is worse than a mother-in-law!' So stop scolding your children. You can gently explain to

them that, "You should not eat this, your health will spoil."

Scold without spoiling your facial expressions. Keep your facial expressions pleasant and scold, go ahead and scold them a lot! If your facial expressions spoil, it means that you are scolding through the ego!

The scolding should be superficial, just as they fight in a drama; that is how it should be. In a play, one will say, "Why are you doing this?" and so on; they (the actors) say all that, but from within there is nothing. That is how a scolding should be.

Scolding Without Prejudice is Useful

Children become spoiled through scolding; they do not improve! Besides, which mother has the competency to constantly scold her children? A mother should have some competency, shouldn't she? When is scolding useful? It is when it is without any prejudice that it is useful. Prejudice means that if you had scolded your son yesterday, then it is indeed stored in the mind that, 'He is indeed like this, he is indeed like this,' and then you go ahead and scold him again. So the poison spreads from this. The Lord has referred to this as an awful disease. It is a sheer sign of becoming a fool; not even a word should be said.

Who would want to ruin his own mind and become a fool? He makes a fool of himself and ruins the mind; no solution is attained! But, never fight at home. The people of the home are deemed to be your very own.

Do Not Take on a New Loan by Becoming Irritated

When you become irritated with the children, then you are considered to have taken out a new loan. There is no problem with becoming irritated, but the problem lies with You becoming irritated.

Questioner: What is considered to be a new loan?

Dadashri: If your son is in college and he is not doing well, then if you become annoyed at him, that is considered having taken out a new loan. You have not yet been able to pay off the old loan and now you have taken on a new loan. What does the law (of nature) say? There is no rule that states that one must become irritated. It is considered to be done out of the contract. Therefore, it becomes an extra item. All its outstanding debts arise. This way he goes on paying off his past debt and he gives rise to new ones.

Instead of Nagging, it is Better to Maintain Silence

Nothing is going to improve in this worldly life by scolding. On the contrary, a person will express the egoism within that, 'I really told him off.' If you observe upon scolding, then the other person remains just as he was. Brass will remain brass and bronze will remain bronze. If one were to keep beating brass, will it refrain from rusting? It will not. Why is that? It is because it is its inherent nature (*swabhaav*) to rust. Therefore, you should remain silent.

Instead of nagging, it is better to

maintain silence, it is better not to say anything. Instead of improving, it only spoils things. Therefore, it is better not to utter a single word. If things spoil, the responsibility is yours.

Questioner: (Instead of scolding)
If I maintain silence, will it make a difference in the other person?

Dadashri: Yes, it will make a lot of difference. Silence does a lot of work.

Questioner: If someone needs to be taught something, then how can he be taught by maintaining silence?

Dadashri: It can be learnt; one will know it automatically. On the contrary, by teaching, things get spoilt. All the knowledge (*gnan*) exists here and if you remain quiet, then he will receive the knowledge. He indeed has the knowledge; the children also have knowledge. And yet if it ends up being said, then You should continue to See that.

Act in Mutual Agreement

Questioner: The children do not listen to what they are being told, so sometimes the children have to be hit!

Dadashri: If they don't listen, then do they listen when they are hit? He harbors resentment in his mind that, 'When I grow up I will get even with my mother for this.' He will harbor resentment in his mind, every living being will harbor resentment! You should always act with mutual agreement, for every action! If you want to hit him, then tell him, "Son, if you agree then I will hit you, otherwise

I won't." If he says, "Yes, hit me," then go ahead; you may hit him if it is with mutual agreement (*samadhanpurvak*). Should someone be hit just like that? If so, he will bind vengeance (*veyr*)!

Actually, one does not even know how to live life, he does not know anything. He does not even know how to run this world! So then he keeps on hitting the children. Oh mortal one (*mooah*)! You are thrashing the children; are they dirty clothes that you beat them in this way? You keep beating the children up; what kind of a technique is this? As if you are pounding dough! I have seen a man beat (a child) as though he were pounding a sledge hammer on dough.

Nothing improves by means of hitting. Why don't you try beating this machine? Just as it breaks down, these children break down. They may look fine on the outside, but they break from within.

Children are like flowers. If you keep hitting children, then they will seek protection. And upon finding teenage friends (boyfriends and girlfriends), that is the end of that. You should not keep hitting your children. The children should feel in their minds, 'When can I go home so that I can sit with my Dad?' There should be that much love. Instead, one keeps hitting, so the poor children do not feel any love at all. That is why they wander off in other directions. Is this not something that can be understood?

Should the quality of how to behave with a child not exist? If one keeps

scolding his child, then he does not know how to be a father, does he, the fool! What is the need for you to scold him? Are you not ashamed that you have created such a state for your child?

Questioner: Where can these people go if they want to attain a certificate?

Dadashri: No, not like that. They should be certified. Why would your children not listen to you? The moment your children do not listen to you, you become uncertified. If the crop in your own farm gives you trouble, then you are indeed not a farmer. That is why I have written it so clearly. Who would write such a thing? Would someone write so openly like this? All the others were writing that which sounded sweet, and, 'we' want them to be free, 'we' want them to understand, to understand this. How can this be acceptable?

Handle Glass With Care

(Handle) Glass with care means that it should not be thrown to the ground, but it should be carefully placed down. You throw your children to the ground. Hey you *mooah* (mortal being)! These children are glass (to be handled) with care; place them carefully. People throw their children to the ground! The children are the future generation of India. How can you damage them? You will leave this world entrusting everything to them.

This talk will be very helpful to you. Do you understand? You only keep talking about one thing, "This should improve, this should improve." Hey,

people do not improve just like that. Can they improve in this way? I am taking care of all of you just like glass. This is because you may make such a mistake, but how can I make a mistake? Do I take care of you or don't I take care of you? Would I take care of you or would I not take care of you? The boy is trapped; his circumstances are already so rigid. So you should talk to the boy, explain to him (with love), and in whatever way possible help him change his inner intent (*bhaav*).

Do Not Hurt Anyone's Ego

No one's ego should be hurt. When a person's ego is hurt, he becomes distant, then he will never get together with you again. You should not tell anyone, "You are useless, you are like this, and you are like that." You should not put anyone down like this. Yes, you may scold him. There is no problem with scolding, but his ego should not be hurt in any way. It is fine if he gets hurt on the head, but his ego should not be hurt. No one's ego should be shattered. When a person breaks another person's ego, at that moment he puts himself at risk.

To improve the children, there is no other remedy like love. But such love does not remain, does it! A person simply gets angry!

One who is not Harsh is Considered a Father

Questioner: If the son does not listen to his father, then what should be done?

Dadashri: Understand that, 'it is

my mistake,' and let it go. It is only if it is your mistake that he will not listen to you! If one knew how to be a father, then is it possible that his son would not listen to him? But one does not know how to be a father at all, does he!

Questioner: What should the father do if the children cause trouble? Should the father not become severe even then?

Dadashri: It is only because of this father that the children cause trouble. Such is the rule of this world! If the father is incompetent, then the children will not refrain from causing trouble. Oh, I give out that verdict right away. If the father says, "My children are causing trouble," then I would tell him, "You are incompetent; you do not know how to be a father to the children." How can the children cause trouble? You have provided for them and raised them.

What should the proper interaction of a father be like? There should not only be any bullying of the children, but there should not even be harshness with them; that is called a father.

Children are in the form of a Mirror, Through Whom Fault of the self are Seen

Questioner: After becoming a father would the children ever let go?

Dadashri: Would they let go? All their lives, the puppies keep on scrutinizing the dog and doggy (female dog), that this one keeps barking and that doggy keeps on biting. The dog cannot refrain from barking. But ultimately, the mistake will

turn out to be that of the dog. Children take their mother's side. Consequently, I told one person, "These children will hit you upon growing up. Therefore, act sensibly with your wife!" The children keep on observing everything at that time, up to the point that their feet do not touch the ground (while they are young), but when their feet do touch the ground, they will lock you up in a room and beat you. This has indeed happened to people! The child indeed makes a firm inner resolution (*niyanu*) from that day onward that, 'As soon as I grow up, I will give it to my father! Even if I have to lose all that I have, but this should happen.' That is his *niyanu*. Even this is worth understanding, isn't it!

Questioner: Does that mean that the entire fault is indeed the father's?

Dadashri: Indeed, the father's! The fault is indeed the father's. When the father is incompetent at being a father, then his wife will go against him. He will learn his lesson the hard way. It is because he does not know how to be a father that everything has been ruined.

Questioner: If the children turn out to be of the worst kind possible, then what can the father do about it?

Dadashri: These children are mirrors. Based on the children, you can discover how many faults lie within you! The root problem is indeed of the father. Why does the father have to suffer this? His conduct had previously been spoilt, that is why he is in this state! For the one whose control in past lives has never

been spoilt, there is no such suffering; that is what, 'we' are trying to say. What brought about past *karma*? It is because at the root, he himself did not have control! That is why I believe in control. In order to practice control, you must understand all its laws.

Love in the Face of Abhorrence Ultimately Leads to a Zero Balance

If after drinking alcohol your son comes and causes you grief, then you may tell me, "This boy is causing me a lot of grief." I would tell you, "It is your mistake. Therefore, suffer it in peace and without spoiling your view and intent (*bhaav*). This is the law of Lord Mahavira, whereas the law of the world is different. In the world, you will find people who will tell you, "The fault is of the son." And you will become very tense and say, "Oh yes! It is indeed the son's fault. My understanding of this is correct." Oh! What a master of understanding! But the Lord says, "The fault is yours."

I would pat his head and tell him, "Son, this should not happen." I would tell him that with love, I would not harbor abhorrence (*dwesh*) towards him. You indeed harbor abhorrence for him, because (you believe), 'He is bad.' But if you get rid of the abhorrence and then you try, then it will work. You should expel the abhorrence.

Once a dispute starts up in the mind, its link will continue. Then a deep opinion (*graha*) gets formed in the mind that, 'This person is like this.' Give the other person benefit of the doubt. Nothing improves

through constant nagging. Improvement happens through the speech of the *Gnani Purush* (One who has realized the Self and is able to do the same for others). God has said, "While living, live as though you are dead." To improve that which has been spoilt is something 'we' can do, you should not try it. You should act in accordance with my *Agna* (five directives that preserve the awareness as the Self in *Akram Vignan*).

The Children are Your Thermometer

If your son has grown up and talks back to you, then know that he is your 'thermometer'. Where else can you find a thermometer that gauges how much result you have gained in religion? If you can find the thermometer within your home, then you do not need to go outside to buy one!

Even if your son slaps you yet no *kashaya* (anger, pride, deceit, greed) arises, then know that now you are going to attain *moksha* (liberation from the cycle of birth and death). Even when he slaps you two to three times, no *kashaya* arises. Then know that this son is indeed your thermometer.

Your family members are indeed your thermometer. How high your fever has gone, how much it has come down, all that can be known immediately. When you give them some advice, and you happen to say it a little strongly, then when they immediately say something back to you, you will recognize right away whether your fever has risen or not. So it is your thermometer whilst sitting at home!

Only Try to Improve Them if you Have the Skill to do so

Questioner: So then should the children be given the understanding; should they be improved or not?

Dadashri: Oh, if you were the one to improve them, then would they not have already improved! How would they have become like this? How wise are the children of the one who has the ability to improve! If you have this skill, then you should try to improve him. However, do not do something that will end up spoiling him even more when you set out to improve him. Do not do something that results in him turning around and pointing a rifle at you when you set out to improve him.

Questioner: Should I or should I not have the intent (*bhaav*) to try and improve the child? Should I make an effort?

Dadashri: You should have the intent. Parents indeed have this intent, but they do not have the right technique. Without having the knowledge, of what use is having the intent? Effort should be made but the effort should not be the kind that harms him. That kind of effort that helps him should be made. It is very difficult to maintain *samata* (state of equanimity) in making such an effort. There you must maintain *samata*.

Should there or shouldn't there be the ability to improve (others)? For the one who possesses the ability to improve (others), the children indeed do not become spoiled. That skill should give

result, otherwise it will spoil things even more.

Matabheda Between Parents Causes the Children to Stray

Parents simply do not keep the children in mind, such that, "These children are standing here and what is it that we are doing?" They keep arguing senselessly and fight! Then the children become instilled with bad values. Is it not your responsibility towards the children to make sure that they do not pick up bad values? Therefore, you should reduce such conflict. Why create *matabheda* (the distance that develops due to difference in opinions)? This is false egoism, it is madness. "I am intelligent and you are without intelligence." This very same conflict! Can a person actually be without any intelligence? Then these are the types of values that get instilled in the children. Therefore, truly speaking, parents should never fight, *matabheda* should not be created. If *matabheda* has been created, then it should be retracted. The children would observe, 'Oh wow! How well our parents live with each other!'

Therefore, everything should first be peaceful at home. No one at home should become disturbed in the slightest. The husband should carry on with the wife with mutual understanding.

Why aren't your children staying with you? The children would say, "You are quarrelling with each other." So (they) do not see any love. They would feel, 'What kind of an idiotic father and mother have I gotten.' The poor children get fed

up. If one were to look at what is deep down inside of them, then he would be surprised! On the outside, these children are indeed smart. If someone from the outside asks them, then they would say, "My father and mother are very good," they will not say, "My father and mother are bad." They are all shrewd, but they do not (feel) your love.

Argumentativeness in the Child is Indeed a Reaction Returning to you

Questioner: (If we say anything, then) the children argue a lot. They tell us, "What are you lecturing us on?"

Dadashri: In spite of them arguing a lot if you certainly teach them with love, then their arguments will decrease. These arguments are your reaction. Up to now you have continued to intimidate them, isn't it! That does not go away from their mind, it certainly cannot be erased. So then it is due to this that they continue to argue. Not a single child argues with me. That is because I am talking to all of you with true love.

Questioner: If the children are making a mistake, then how do we caution them?

Dadashri: You should ask him, "All this that you are doing, do you think it is appropriate? Did you think before doing all this?" If he will reply "No, I don't think it's appropriate." Then you ask him "Son, then should you do such a useless thing? Think over it a little and tell us yourself!" They are all capable of judgment and they all understand. If they have done

something wrong, then they indeed realize it. But when you criticize them that, “You fool, you are a donkey. Why did you do this?” Then on the contrary he becomes insistent that, “What I am doing is indeed correct, you go away.” They will do the opposite. Hence, you do not know how to run a household. You do not have the know-how to live life. Therefore, all the keys to live life have been compiled here!

Questioner: Dada, I have also heard the dialogue that is said later on, “Who told you to bring us into this world?” Then there is no purpose in living, is there!

Dadashri: There is indeed no purpose. Then what is left of your reputation? Instead of living in such a world it is better to take *vairaag* (a state of apathy and alienation of affection for the world and worldly life). One needs a world filled with love, doesn't he! What kind of a world?

Without handling them with love, you will not see results. If you want to nurture a plant, and if you nurture it with love, it will blossom very well. But if you water it aimlessly and continue to yell then nothing will happen. When you say, “Oh wow! The plant has done so well,” this makes it feel good. It indeed blooms with big flowers! So then, on humans there must be so much more of an effect!

Quarrel in Private and Only if it is Absolutely Necessary

In a home where there is conflict, even God will say, “It is not worth it,

I cannot come to such a home. Let me go somewhere else.” So, that means prosperity cannot come from anything in the home.

Hence, do not enter into clash. And if you are fond of quarreling and fighting, then do so in another room when the children are asleep. There the two of you should sit down and tussle it out. If such a fondness exists, then at that moment the two of you should complete it, but in the absence of the children. Else when they have left for school, then after that, you should start to quarrel. You should not fight in their presence; you should act civilized (*sanskaari*). If you happen to make a mistake then your wife would say, “It's okay, there is no problem.” Also if she happens to make a mistake then you would say, “It's okay, it doesn't matter.” If the children are to observe this, then they will start to become alright. Then, however if you still indeed want to quarrel, you should a balance carry forward. So, wait until the children are back in school thereafter you should go ahead and quarrel for an hour. If, however, quarreling and fighting were to happen in the presence of the children and they were to continue to witness this, then negative impulses about their mother and father starts to develop at such a young age. So then their ability to remain positive shatters and negativity indeed sets in. Therefore, nowadays, it is indeed the parents who spoil their children! If you want to tell each other off, do so in private, but not in their presence. In private behind closed doors the two of you should bring out your sticks and duel it out.

Questioner: Instead of bring out our sticks to duel and also bind *karma*, it is better to close the file, isn't it?

Dadashri: There is nothing better than that, but this is for those who are fond of fighting! Besides you may say this, but they are not likely to agree to it. It is after they get a beating then they will agree to it. The experience will be generated, will it not! Without having the experience, even if you try to give them some understanding, then they will not agree.

It is a Problem When a Father tries to be a 'Father'

Questioner: Children are with their parents an hour in the morning and two hours at night. This way they spend three hours a day with their parents, and eight hours outside at school. Most of their life is spent in school or outside of the home, so they are mostly in the company of outsiders. Hence this is causing a bigger problem. Then it does not matter how much we explain to them or teach them?

Dadashri: It is like this, if your child has your love, then as soon as he becomes free from his outside activities, he will come back here to his home. As soon as he becomes free from school he will immediately return home. He will not like it anywhere else except his home.

Questioner: When the children have developed a negative outlook towards us, they view us with attachment and abhorrence (*raag-dwesh*), and they dislike us, then what should we do?

Dadashri: It is like this; the children are not the ones who harbor the dislike. It is when the father tries to be a, 'father' and the mother tries to be a, 'mother.' So, these children have recognized that, 'My father lacks the fitness and yet he became my father!' Therefore, the children continue to rebel against their father. Currently it has indeed become like this everywhere. Now even the children also lack the fitness! But it is because they have this type of learning; that keeps showing them that, 'It is indeed my father who is at fault.' Besides the father has a shortcoming.

In the home when you listen and take a note of, "You are the senior wise one," that is indeed your mistake. Certainly do not take a note of, 'You are the senior wise one,' at all. There is no problem when they say it. But if it starts to infect (you) then you should not take a note of it. And if it does not infect you (with the disease of pride), then go ahead and take a note of it with ease. If those words are a cause for a disease, then do not take a note of them. Or else negate it with a plus-minus (adjustment) of, 'You are the wise one, I am the unwise one.' Then the burden will not increase and everyone will remain happy.

Accept the System of Plus and Minus

Questioner: What should a father do to be a father?

Dadashri: Here let me give you an example. It will help you because you will relate to it. One of my distant nephew's son was someone who was only two-three years younger than me. He would refer

to me as “Dada” (grandfather) because he was a nephew's son. So, whenever I visited he would lovingly keep saying, “Dada..., Dada when did you come? Dada this is this way, and Dada that is that way.” Indeed, talking as though he was talking to his very own grandfather. A burden started to arise, 'Again and again he is referring to me as “Dada, Dada”.' So the burden started to build up in my mind. A sense of obligation started to arise within me that, 'Oh! You became a grandfather (Dada), but you have not done anything for him.' So the burden would increase, wouldn't it?

Questioner: It would.

Dadashri: When all day long this child keeps saying “Bapuji, Bapuji,” (father) then at that time the burden would increase. Thereafter, I thought about it, 'What will I do when this feeling of a burden arises? Day by day the burden on the mind will continue to increase. He is going to indeed continue to say, “Dada, Dada.” So then, how can this burden reduce? Does this or does this not happen? Then you develop a soft eye, which means you become scared to speak even the truth. This question puzzled me at the age of eighteen or twenty. Even more so, because I was a Dada (grandfather) to so many, they would all keep referring to me as, “Dada, Dada.” When some people called me “Dada” maintaining a superficial relation, the burden did not increase. However, when one would refer to me as though calling upon his very own grandfather with love that is when I started to feel the burden a

lot more. That is when I started to ponder over it. I said, 'How can this burden be decreased?' If he were to be told, “Do not call me Dada,” that too would be wrong. He would ask “If I do not refer to you as Dada in worldly interaction (*vyavahar*), then what do I call you?” So a puzzle arises this way and a puzzle arises that way.

So then, I discovered that as soon as he calls me “Dada,” I (would also) call him, 'Dada' in my mind and in this way I did, 'plus-minus,' thus eradicating the burden. With this, my mind started to feel better, it started to become lighter. As this went on he started to have more attraction for me.

If in my mind I think of him as, 'Dada,' then my message reaches his mind, doesn't it! “Oh wow! He has so much affection for me!” This is indeed a very important matter worth understanding. Such a short message only comes forth once in a while, so then I say it. If you are able to apply this, then it will be of most benefit to you. In his mind he thinks that, 'I can never find a person like Dada!’ Did you understand (the purpose behind) the plus-minus? You didn't understand, did you? If you understand the system of plus-minus, then you should accept it. If you have a lot of time, you should take advantage of it and know all this knowledge of worldly interaction from me.

The Little Ones are Terrified With Fear

Questioner: To become a child with the children and to interact with them this way, how can this be done?

Dadashri: At present do you interact with the children as a child? If you behave as an elder, then he will be afraid of that. You should conduct yourself so that such fear is not felt. You should point out their mistake by explaining it to them rather than intimidating them. Otherwise by intimidation nothing is gained. You are of an older age and they are of a younger age, the poor little ones get terrified! But that does not mean that the fault goes away. The faults continue to increase within. But if you explain the fault, then it leaves otherwise if does not leave. It is indeed by fear that you teach. He will grow up with fear, and then he will bring about (your) salvation! There should be no reason for him to be afraid of you. You should become the embodiment of pure love (*prem swaroop*).

Minds Blossom with Communication not with Fear

Questioner: There is a saying that, "Parents should instill fear in the children." What does Dada think about this?

Dadashri: Yes. Fear should only be through the eyes not via the hand. So if you stop giving them the love that you were giving everyday then they will automatically understand from within.

Questioner: That is the same thing that you maintain for *mahatmas* (those who have attained the Self in the *Gnan Vidhi* and are following the five *Agnas*), isn't it?

Dadashri: Yes, I do. If I don't keep it then how would they realize it? That

a penalty has been given! So, that is to keep them aware (*jagrut*). So this is how you should do it.

Where there is a sense of fear one cannot speak openly. That is why children do not share the all the facts about themselves with parents. They are already afraid and on top of that (they feel that) something further will be said. Therefore, an entanglement arises in this. So what I tell parents is, "Sit down with him and converse with him. Find out what his problem is, what are his thoughts. See the thoughts that are happening. In any case the gunpowder is indeed going to explode, if the warehouse of explosives has been filled up (in the past life). If it has been found out earlier then it will not explode or it may explode later; such a way can be found, can it not? Otherwise can the gunpowder remain without exploding?

Questioner: No, it cannot.

Dadashri: That is why we tell all the fathers and mothers that, "Ponder over it. After the age of twelve or thirteen years, sit and talk to them, converse with them. Help them open up their feelings." When entanglements arise in their mind, who else will help remove them?

The world will not improve through fear or by being beaten up. It will not improve by being scolded or by getting upset. No one improves just like that. They improve when you lead by example. However, much is verbalized is all madness.

Difficult Problems get Solved With Equanimity and Compassion

There was a man who would come home at two in the night. It is not worth mentioning what he must have been doing at that. You figure it out. After that the rest of the family made a resolve to either reprimand him or not to let him in the house. What type of a solution should there be? They went ahead and got an experience from it. When the elder brother tried to talk to him, he turned around and said to the elder brother, "I will not let up without beating you." Then the entire family came to ask me that, "What should be done about him? He is talking back this way." So then I told his family members, "No one should utter even a single word to him. If you reprimand him then he will become even more defiant and if you do not let him in the house, then he will become an outlaw. Let him come and go as he pleases. You should not even say, "Right" or, "Wrong." Do not even harbor any attachment or abhorrence (*raag-dwesh*). Maintain equanimity, maintain compassion." So after three or four years, the man became very good! Today he is very helpful in the family business! He was of no use to the world, but it should be known how to utilize his skills. Everyone is a God and each one has his individual work before him. Therefore, do not keep any dislikes.

Hence I help solve all these worldly questions. So you need to live life systematically.

Questioner: Correct worldly inter-

action (*vyavahar*) can only be learnt from the *Gnani* (Self-realized).

Dadashri: Yes. It is truly worth understanding this interaction (*vyavahar*). What is meant by worldly interaction? It should not hinder the other person, the other person should be delighted by it, you should be happy with it, that is considered worldly interaction.

Children Improve With Friendship

Questioner: What type of a relation should there be between parents and children? To what extent should we interfere in their lives? Up to what age and how can we go about it?

Dadashri: You have freedom to tell them things until they turn five years old. You cannot have a friendship with them until they reach the age of ten or eleven. Until then, if they make mistakes then you should give them guidance in the right direction. Up to the age of ten or eleven if need be you may slap them once or twice.

After the age of sixteen you should consider them as your friend. Parents have to let go of their authority! And thereafter you should remain as their friend. At the age of twenty, having become youth, you should neither point out their mistakes nor should you say a word to them. To say anything is an offence. Once the child's ego awakens, you should not say anything to him. What is the need for you to say anything? When he trips and falls that is when he will learn.

Questioner: After the age of

sixteen, when a child is doing something wrong, something that is going to harm him, then should we stop him?

Dadashri: A friend means a friend. If you are going to stop him as a friend then there will be no problem. If you tell him as a father, then there will be some problem.

Questioner: When we try to stop him as a friend but if he does not agree to it then should we let him continue with the wrong thing?

Dadashri: Then you should let him do it. Such things are indeed going keep happening. Otherwise, if you were to ever hit him, then he will become rebellious, or else he will be secretive about the act and also hide it. You have to explain to him as a friend that, “What is to be gained from it? You can end up in jail! And other such things could happen.” Such an understanding should be given as a friend and not as a father or a mother. There is a force from parents and that force should not be there. You should stop telling him if he refuses. He will remain as your friend until you don’t say anything.

If you enter into a friendship with them then the children will improve. Or else if you continue to behave as their parents, assert your authority then it is all dangerous. You should remain as a friend, so that he does not go out looking for friends that is how you should interact. As a friend you should (sometimes) play cards (with him), you should do everything with him. You should tell him that “After you return we will have a cup of tea together. We must all have

tea together!” You should interact with him as you would with your friend, only then will the children remain yours. First you should decide that you want be their friend, and then you will be able remain so. Just as you would not say anything to your friend, that would offend him. If your friend is doing something wrong, how much would you make him understand? Up to the point that he agrees, if he does not agree, then you would tell him, “The decision is yours.”

Give the Children Respect within the Home

Many children want to be respected (*maan*). The feeling of being respected is relished, isn't it! So then, what should parents do for such children? Parents should interact with them in such a way that they do not go out looking for respect. So that they do not remain hungry for respect and go out yearning for respect to the, 'Hotels for respect.' What should be done for that? When he comes home, you should speak to him like this, “Young man you're wise, you're this, and you're that.” Give him some respect. You should maintain a friendship like approach. Sit next to him, pat him on the head and say to him, “Son, let's go! Let's sit to eat. Let's have breakfast together.” That is how it should be and then he will not search for love outside. Even with a five-year-old child I interact with him with love and have a friendship like relation.

To Become a Friend, Parents Should Adopt This Technique

To become a friend what should you

do first? Through the external interaction, 'I am his father,' but from within you should believe that, 'I am his son.' That is when a friendship can be kindled otherwise it cannot be kindled. How can a father become a friend? So I say, "When you reach that level." If you ask "How can I reach that level?" Then I will say, "It is when you believe in your mind that, 'I am his son.' If you say (believe) that then your work will be done. So many people say that, "Work truly gets done!"

Questioner: I have seen that. In Aurangabad when all the children had been gathered and Dada you were talking to them. You had also become a five-year-old precisely in line with the children's viewpoint.

Dadashri: Even with this (little) girl there is an air of friendship. Yes...and in turn they with all their heart speak the truth, they tell me everything. Because what is it in you? 'I am the older one, he is the younger one' a division forms. That means that all your doors are all closed. Here the doors are open; a one-and-a-half-year-old boy will easily play with me. He will do, '*Je, je*' (a greeting gesture) to Dada, he will do everything.

A Counter Pulley of Understanding

Questioner: I get into a lot of to and fro with my older son. Even if I don't desire it, it gets heated up. So what should I do?

Dadashri: Yes, that is why I am giving you this example that, if your son is twelve years old, and now you discuss everything with him. So from all that

you tell him, he understands some of it and he does not understand some of it. He does not understand what you are trying to tell him. He cannot grasp your viewpoint. So then you have to explain to him patiently that, "Such is my intention. Such is my viewpoint. This is what I am trying to tell you. Let me know whether you understand it or not. And if I don't understand what you are saying then I will try to understand it." Say this. Therefore, you should bring clarity with him; and how should that be done? It should be in a friendly tone.

You should identify the other person's viewpoint (*drashti*). What is meant by the other person's viewpoint? It means that you have to adjust to everyone, see with this vision.

Adjust by Applying a Counter Pulley

You should adjust (to the other person) after deciphering the 'mental age'. When I speak to each person, I gauge their mental age and give them the understanding. That is why I say that I apply a counter pulley. Therefore, I do not get into any conflicts (*athadaman*) or any divisiveness due to difference in opinions (*matabheda*). I gauge their 'mental gradation,' their 'verbal gradation,' their 'physical gradation.' 'He is old in age and body, he is very shrewd in his speech, he is brave, but mentally everything is low. Therefore, decrease your revolutions. Consider him to be just like a child.'

Give Understanding and get Work Done

Many parents complain to their

children that, "You are not doing as I am saying." I told them that, "They do not like your speech, if it appealed to them, then it would indeed have an effect on them." Hey *Mooah* (mortal one)! You don't know how to be a father. Just look at the state of people in this *Kaliyug* (current era of the time cycle)! Otherwise, what kind of parents existed in *Satyug* (an era of unity of mind, speech and body)!

It is because you do not know how to get work done by giving understanding that I had to write, 'Uncertified father and uncertified mother.' Just look, I had to write that in the book because they do not have the ability to give the understanding and then they scream and shout.

What I am trying to teach is that, you should speak in such a way that the children become interested in what you have to say. So then, they will indeed do what you say. Didn't you just tell me that you find what I am saying appealing? Only then is it possible for you to do this much.

The children have to be given a lot understanding, what is the reason for that? It is because you do not understand it yourself. That is why you have to explain a lot. A person with understanding needs to be explained to once. Can you not understand that? After having explained a lot they do understand, don't they!

So then, you have to continue to modify it again and again and explain it. It should fit in their understanding, shouldn't it? Nevertheless, if they do not understand it, then you should realize

that, 'It is a mistake of my own.' It is not helpful to practice 'Hitlerism.'

If you explain it to them and if it fits in their understanding, then they will always accept it.

Questioner: They do accept, but after giving a lot of explanation.

Dadashri: That is the best way. But instead people try to make them understand by beating and thrashing! As if by becoming a father, he thinks that up to now there has never become a father in the world! So for those who get work done through explaining, I do not want to call them unqualified.

In Order to Discipline, You Have to be Disciplined

Questioner: What should parents do to make their children disciplined?

Dadashri: You have to become disciplined, in order to discipline them. I have become disciplined; do you notice that or not? Look, I do not have any addictions. There is no secrecy here, and that is why all of you have become so wise! It is not feasible that you to first make the children wise and then you become wise yourself. It is by observing you that the children learn! They have brought their own *karmic* tubers, but on top of that they indeed become further equipped only by observing what is going on outside. Something may appear good on outside, but if he has the wrong (understanding), then in his mind he will feel, 'Why is this like this?' He will understand that, 'The problem lies within me.'

You should stop all expressions of anger-pride-deceit-greed (*asaiyam*) because upon seeing your moral and cultural values (*sanskaar*) the children will mimic it. Why were our parents considered to have moral and cultural values in the past? They were disciplined and at that time there was *saiyam* (control over passions like anger, pride, deceit and greed).

Children Learn by Observing you

Your life should indeed be such that your child gets impressed that, 'Things are not like this in the homes of others, my mother is so great!' Your life should be such that you do not have to teach him, he will automatically learn by observing you.

Here, you have to learn by observing me. The reason for having you sit continuously with me is so that you may observe my life, my eyes. "What dwells in the eyes?" Then one would ask, "Are snakes dancing around?" Then he would say, "No, there are no snakes dancing around inside." One would further ask, "What then is dancing in them?" He would say, "Absolute detachment (*vitragata*) dwells." Then learn that. Speech should be such that the heart accepts it. All this, therefore will happen by sitting here with me. Hence you should not unnecessarily create grief. This cannot be achieved through reading. On the contrary what do people say, "Show me by example." You tell him once, "Here, sit on the table and eat like this." Hence, if you show him how to eat once, then he will learn it. You will not have to teach him again. Now, what if it were all planned out in a

book like this and taught, when would it ever get learnt?

This *Dushamkaal* (the current era of the time cycle wherein there is no unity of mind, speech and action) has spread so widely that all moral and cultural values have been destroyed! People do not know how to make one another understand. If the father tries to say something then the son will reply, "I don't want to listen to your advice." So what kind of a person is giving the advice and what kind of a person is taking it? What sort of people have come together? Why is it that these people do not listen to what you are saying? Because it is not true. If it were true they would listen, wouldn't they? Why do these people say this? It is because of there is relative attraction (*aasakti*). It is due to this relative attraction that one wastes his life!

Do not Give Unsolicited Advice

'Don't give unsolicited advice,' that is what we have indeed written! So if someone asks you for advice, then you give it. At that time, you may say what it is that you think is right and let go of it. And after having given your advice you should say that, "Go ahead and do what suits you. This is just my advice." That way, there is nothing that hurts their feelings. So in all this that must be done, humility (*vinay*) must be maintained.

Fulfill Duty Bound Obligations

Even if parents take out a loan of five thousand rupees to educate their children, then if one day the son disrespects them,

they should not be quick to show him that, “We are the ones who put you through school!” It was because you were duty bound (*farajiyat*) that you did it. *Farajiyat* means that you are duty bound to do and *marajiyat* means that you are will bound (at your will) to do. People believe duty bound to be will bound. Hey you, worldly life is being woven in the direction of where your willingness lies. You are painting a picture that it is by your will when actually it is your duty. Whatever can be changed is will bound. Many children disobey their father and he becomes angry and rubs it in that, “I am the one who educated you, trained you, and raised you.” The entire world is looking for an award for, “I did this and this. Aren't you aware of that? You don't appreciate me.” Hey you fool, what appreciation are you seeking, that which you have done was your duty!

The overdraft that you have taken from the bank, it indeed has to be fully repaid, doesn't it! When you were borrowing the money, simultaneously you indeed gave a promise that, “Sir, no matter what becomes of me, even if I become entitled to attain liberation (*moksha*), I will certainly repay it and then go. And in case I do not become entitled to liberation, even then I will repay you completely.” You gave such a promise, isn't it! Similarly, all these promises in worldly interactions (*vyavahar*) have to be fulfilled and moreover they are duty bound. You do not do anything at your will. Everything is *farajiyat*, duty bound completely!

Settle these files with equanimity

(*sambhave nikal*) then your dignity will remain, otherwise you will lose your dignity. Therefore, a father cannot have the egoism that, “I am the one who put you through school.” If you want to instill moral and cultural values in them, then you should not neglect your duty.

To Develop a Child it is Necessary to Develop Yourself

Neither in any lifetime, nor in any time cycle, has a *Gnani Purush* (One who has realized the Self and is able to do the same for others) hurled an admonition, “Unqualified fathers and unqualified mothers.” Now that qualification does not need to be acquired. However, there should be common sense to be a father, shouldn't there? You do not know how to develop this child. Yes, all other beings do not need to be developed. The celestial beings or other beings, or the infants of animals, none of them need developing. They develop naturally. Only these ones need developing. To develop others, you should develop yourself. These are all liabilities. To say, “Unqualified fathers,” is that an ordinary thing to say? In this world, there is not such disease that does not have a remedy for it. Even the doctors will say, “Look at how he has become! A chronic case?”

Questioner: It has become chronic.

Dadashri: The doctor will say, “It is chronic.” However, there is also a remedy for a chronic (disease). It is just that his merit (*punya*) *karma* has fallen short and that is why he is not coming across a remedy. Otherwise, a mere touch of hand

by such a person could cure everything. Or else, even if he were to give a small amount of medicine he would be cured. Everything exists in the world. It is not that anything is missing.

Explain the Responsibility Even by Reprimanding

Questioner: Dada, I feel that you are reprimanding me today.

Dadashri: Yes, but without reprimanding how will this world straighten out? Shouldn't the responsibility be understood? You became a father without understanding what it takes to become a father. You continue to write down the final answer, baselessly. However, that answer is not correct. Even people will not accept this answer. Should you not understand the responsibility of becoming a father? You became the father to your children, and if you do not know how to instill moral and cultural values (*sanskaar*) and you have to go someone else's place to instill moral and cultural values, does that look good? Come to me and indeed ask everything. Instill moral and cultural values in them according to how I show you. You should learn the art of living, this way. Does it look good to have to write this for Indians? Can such a thing be written? No fool would indeed write such a thing! What is the reason for that? If he, himself is an unqualified father then how can he write that? That is why nobody writes it.

Due to the Madness of Parents, Children Become Mad

It is indeed by observing the madness

of their parent's that children have also become mad. It is because neither the conduct nor the thinking of parents is appropriate. If the husband and wife behave inappropriately while the children are sitting in front of them, then of course the children would become spoilt! Then what kind of moral and cultural values would be instilled in the children? Should decorum not be maintained? What kind of awe is felt for hot burning coal? Even a little child feels an awe for hot burning coal, doesn't he? The minds of parents are fractured; their minds are agonized. They speak any which way; they speak such that it is hurtful to the other person. That is why children spoil. You speak such that your husband gets hurt and your husband speaks such that you get hurt.

Questioner: Now regarding the moral and cultural values, the standard has started declining. That is what this problem is about.

Dadashri: No, no, the moral and cultural values have indeed started to disappear. Now that, they have met Dada, He will bring them back to the core moral and cultural values, the kind that existed in *Satyug* (an era of virtue and morality). Just a single Indian child possesses the energy (*shakti*) to carry the weight of the entire world! All that needs to be provided to him is nourishment. Alas, they turned out to be *bhakshak*! *Bhakshak* means those who plunder others in every way for their own happiness! He, who sits at ease having renounced his own happiness, can give others every type of happiness!

Today's Youth are Pure of Heart

Questioner: What direction is today's youth moving in? As per your vision what is their future? What is the right direction?

Dadashri: As there is no guidance at present for today's youth they are experiencing suffocation. But there has never been such youth in any time cycle before. It is that they are honest and pure. All they need is for someone to give them guidance. If guidance is provided, then India will become alright. And soon someone who will give them guidance will come about.

There was a young man who told me that, "Dada, I feel a lot of misery (*dukh*) within." I then asked him, "What is the reason for your misery?" So he told that, "I am having a bad thought. That is why I am miserable." I then asked him, "Why is such a thought arising? Go ahead and tell me what kind of a bad thought is arising! I will clear it for you." So then he said, "I am having thoughts of firing shots at Dada." I told him, "Yes that is okay. This is because something has made you miserable, has it not? Tell me, what is the reason for this to arise?" Then he said, "When you were doing *vidhi* (a special energizing blessings of the *Gnani Purush*), at that time someone from outside came and you called him immediately and stopped me for ten minutes there. So I felt in my mind that I should fire shots at Dada." I told him, "That is okay, even my mistake is okay. It is because I made this mistake that you had such a thought. (But) Now it will not arise." It is because someone else was

allowed and he was stopped, so then such (thought) would indeed arise in a person, would it not? If it was a hot tempered person, such (thought) would arise, would it not? It is because he is rebellious...that he spoke the truth. So then I patted his back and said, "You are blessed, because in my presence you are telling me that you want to fire shots at me! You spoke the truth! Blessed are these youth!" If there is this much honesty then the youth will rise up to great levels, they will rise up very quickly! The youth are indeed great, completely truthful. They do not find any happiness at all and yet they do not abandon the truth.

Then someone told me that, "You are patting his back, but nobody will be found to listen to this the way you do. He is talking about firing shots (at you) yet you are patting his back? Another person would have thrown him out." Then I told him, "No, there are no such things here with me. This is indeed *Akram Vignan* (the step-less Science of Self-realization)!" However, much opposition you show, I indeed have no problem with it. Opposition is a result of any mistake within me. How can opposition arise? Any kind of opposition that arises is indeed due to my own mistake! So, the youth are headed a good direction. They will come across such a *nimit* (an entity that is instrumental in the process of unfolding of *karma*).

**It is the Incompetent Ones who Will
Indeed Improve**

Questioner: You are saying that the

current generation has a healthy mind, but if you look on the flipside, aren't they all addicts and a lot more?

Dadashri: Well, it looks like they are addicts, but what if the poor fellow does not find the right path, then what would happen? Their mind is healthy.

Questioner: The children contempt their parents, they disobey their parents. That is what they have turned out like, isn't it!

Dadashri: All the contempt is because they have not found the right direction. If they find the right direction, then they are very good children!

Questioner: These children are indeed a very big problem!

Dadashri: The problem is extremely huge, but it is such a problem that can be improved on. It is only in this current era of the time cycle that such children exist, who are completely incompetent, and it is only those who are incompetent that indeed improve. The competent ones do not improve. Competent people are absorbed in their own selfishness; along with that they are contempt, among other things. Completely engulfed in selfishness. That is why the whole of India has deteriorated, isn't it! Instead of that, it is better to have the incompetent stock. They do not care for respect (*maan*); they do not care for anything.

Today's Generation is of a Healthy Mind

Questioner: (Yes,) Today's children

do not discriminate between, this is mine versus this is yours, however they have the sense of, this is Mine, this is mine.

Dadashri: Well, it may seem so, but actually it is not like that for the poor fellows. They are of a very healthy mind. I can recognize them well.

Questioner: What is the meaning of a healthy mind?

Dadashri: Healthy mind means that they do not care much about this is mine versus this is yours. And when we were little at the time if somebody's things were left outside then the intent to take it would arise. When we would go to have dinner at someone else's place, we would eat a little more than we eat at home.

This is my discovery! If there was ever a generation with a healthy mind, then it is this generation that has come about in this current era. It has come along having become progressively healthy over time. It seems to have progressively become healthy since my time, without any attachment (*mamata*) at all. They don't have any thoughts about, "I will look bad." Furthermore, they even roam around wearing a kilt. Therefore, it is in their favor that they do not have abundance. It will not take long for this generation to become enriched within, nor will it take long for them to imbibe moral and cultural values (*sanskaar*).

It is nature's grace that this generation has come about with a healthy mind! They have never come about before yet

when they do they bring about salvation of the world! They need someone to guide them.

Questioner: What kind of guidance?

Dadashri: The kind I am giving right now. I am preparing everyone around me. Today's youth, those who are within the age of twenty-five, all possess a healthy mind. Why do I say they have a healthy mind, it is because they become equipped with what they are taught! They do not have old ailments. They look for food when they are hungry, nothing else. They do not have attachment (*mamata*) in them, so if his father is trying to sell his home, even then he is not concerned. Whereas, in the olden days he would tell his father, "You are not to sell it." At present, they have a healthy mind, without attachment. So they will become however one molds them. Therefore, the professor wrote that, "This is indeed an amazing discovery! He has a healthy mind!"

Parents Without Love

Questioner: (According to your vision) who can be considered (worthy) parents?

Dadashri: People can only be considered to be parents when in spite of their child having gone off on a wrong path; yet some day they say, "Son, this is unbecoming of us. What is this that you have done?" So from the next day he stops that (behavior)! But where is there such love? But here parents are without love. This world can only be conquered with love. How much love do these parents

have for their children? Is it even as much as a gardener has for his roses! How can they be called parents? Uncertified father and uncertified mother! So what will be the condition of the children?

Certified Mothers and Fathers After Gnan

Questioner: Are parents who have attained the Knowledge of the Self (*Gnan*), considered to be certified mothers and fathers?

Dadashri: Of course they will! Why would they not? Now our *mahatmas* (those who have attained the Self in the *Gnan Vidhi* and are following the five *Agnas*) are going to become wise. After having attained *Gnan* their children are going to become good, they are going to become wise. This is because 'mildness' (humility) sets in; there is no 'stunt' (cunningness). The other ones have stunts!

(Children) Do not gain moral and cultural values (*sanskaar*) from anyone except their parents. The *sanskaar* from parents, *gurus* and their friend circle plays a role. However, parents are the biggest influence of *sanskaar*! If the parents have *sanskaar*, then their children will also have *sanskaar*, otherwise how can they get *sanskaar*!

If you want to improve your children, then the responsibility lies with you. You are bound by duty to your children. The love from parents should be such that their children do not feel like leaving their side. Parents should become that loving.

~ Jai Sat Chit Anand

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Nurture Children In This way

When a child has vices, if he has developed the bad habit of stealing then his parents continue to reprimand him and keep hitting him, so then what can the child do? In his mind he decides that, 'Let them keep talking, I will certainly continue to do that.' This way, the parents turn him more towards stealing. The technique to turn children around is different; turn their intent around. Lovingly, pat him with your hand and tell him, "Son, when you steal this way from someone, similarly if someone were to pick your pocket then would you be happy? At that time, from within how hurt would you be? In the same way would the other person not be hurt?" This entire theory has to be explained to the child. Once it has to be imprinted within him that, 'This is wrong.' When you continue to hit the children, this makes them more obstinate. Only the technique needs to be changed. The entire world has only understood gross karma; subtle karma has not been understood at all. If subtle karma had been understood, then this state would not have arisen.

-Dadashri

