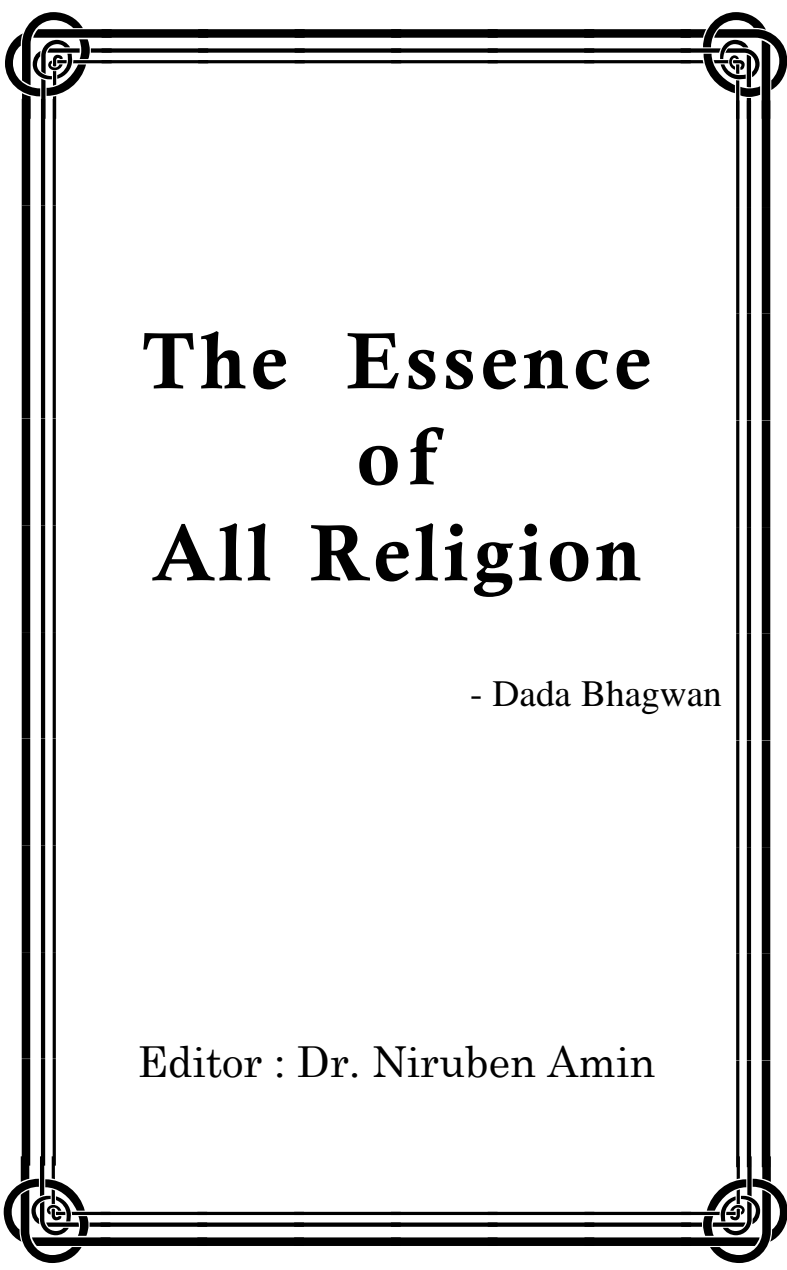


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Trimantra

(The Three Mantras)

Namo Arihantanam

I bow to the Lord who has annihilated all the inner enemies of anger, pride, attachment and greed.

Namo Siddhanam

I bow to all the Lord who have attained final liberation.

Namo Aayariyanam

I bow to all the Self-realized masters who unfold the path of liberation.

Namo Uvazzayanam

I bow to the Self-realized teachers of the path of liberation.

Namo Loye Savva Saahunam

I bow to all who have attained the Self and are progressing in this path in the universe.

Eso Pancha Namukkaro

These five salutations.

Saava Paavappanasano

Destroy all the sins.

Mangalanam cha Saavesim

Of all that is auspicious mantras.

Padhamam Havai Mangalam

This is the highest.

ॐ Namu Bhagavate Vasudevaya

I bow to the One who has become the Supreme Lord from a human being.

ॐ Namah Shivaaya

I bow to all auspicious beings of this universe who are the instruments of salvation of the world.

Jai Sat Chit Anand

The Awareness Of The Eternal Is Bliss



Note About This Translation

Gnani Purush Ambalal M. Patel, popularly known as Dadashri or Dada or Dadaji, used to say that it is not possible to exactly translate his satsang on the Science of Self-Realization and the art of worldly interaction, into English. Some of the depth and intent of meaning to be conveyed to the seeker, would be lost. He stressed the importance of learning Gujarati to precisely understand all his teachings.

Dadashri did however grant his blessings to convey his original words to the world through translations in English and other languages. It was his deepest desire and fervor that the suffering human beings of the world attain the living freedom of the wonderful Akram Vignan that expressed within him. He further stated that a day would come when the world would be in awe of the phenomenal powers of this science.

This is an humble attempt to present to the world the essence of the teachings of Dadashri, the Gnani Purush. A lot of care has been taken to preserve the tone and message of his words. This is not a literal translation of his words. Many individuals have worked diligently for this product and we remain deeply thankful to them all.

This is an elementary introduction to the vast new treasure of his teachings. Please note that any errors committed in the translation are entirely those of the translators and for those we request your pardon.



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Introduction to The 'Gnani Purush'

On a June evening in 1958 at around six o'clock, Ambalal Muljibhai Patel, a family man, a contractor by profession, was sitting on a bench on the busy platform number 3 of Surat's train station. Surat is a city in south Gujarat, a western state in India. What happened within the next forty-eight minutes was phenomenal. Spontaneous Self-realization occurred within Ambalal M. Patel. During this event his ego completely melted and from that moment onwards he became completely detached from all Ambalal's thoughts, speech and acts. He became the Lord's living instrument for the salvation of mankind, through the path of knowledge. He called this Lord, Dada Bhagwan. To everyone he met, he would say, "This Lord, Dada Bhagwan is fully manifest within me. He also resides within all living beings. The difference is that within me He is completely expressed and in you, he is yet to manifest."

Who are we? What is God? Who runs this world? What is karma? What is liberation? Etc. All the world's spiritual questions were answered during this event. Thus nature offered absolute vision to the world through the medium of Shree Ambalal Muljibhai Patel.

Ambalal was born in Tarsali, a suburb of the city of Baroda and raised in Bhadran, Gujarat. His wife's name was Hiraba. Although he was a contractor by profession, his life at home and his interaction with everyone around him was exemplary even prior to his Self-realization. After becoming Self-realized and attaining the state of a Gnani, (The Awakened One), his body became a 'public charitable trust.'

Throughout his whole life he lived by the principle that there should not be any commerce in religion, and in all commerce there must be religion. He also never took money

from anyone for his own use. He used the profits from his business to take his devotees for pilgrimages to various parts of India.

His words became the foundation for the new, direct and step-less path to Self-realization called Akram Vignan. Through his divine original scientific experiment (The Gnan Vidhi), he imparted this knowledge to others within two hours. Thousands have received his grace through this process and thousands continue to do so even now. 'Akram' means without steps; an elevator path or a short cut, whereas 'Kram' means an orderly step-by-step spiritual path. Akram is now recognized as a direct shortcut to the bliss of the Self.

Who is Dada Bhagwan ?

When he explained to others who 'Dada Bhagwan' is, he would say:

“What you see here is not 'Dada Bhagwan.' What you see is 'A.M.Patel.' I am a Gnani Purush and He that is manifest within me, is 'Dada Bhagwan'. He is the Lord within. He is within you and everyone else. He has not yet manifest within you, whereas within me he is fully manifest. I myself am not a Bhagwan. I too bow down to Dada Bhagwan within me.”

Current link for attaining the knowledge of Self-Realization (Atmagnan)

“I am personally going to impart siddhis (special spiritual powers) to a few people. After I leave, will there not be a need for them? People of future generations will need this path, won't they?”
~ **Dadashri**

Param Pujya Dadashri used to go from town to town and country-to-country to give satsang and impart the knowledge of

the Self as well as knowledge of harmonious worldly interaction to all who came to see him. In his final days in late 1987, he graced Dr. Niruben Amin with the siddhis to continue his Work.

After Param Pujya Dadashri left his mortal body on January 2, 1988, Dr. Niruben continued his Work, traveling within India to cities and villages; and going abroad visiting all continents of the world. She was Dadashri's representative of Akram Vignan, until March 19, 2006, when she left her mortal body entrusting all further care of the Work to Shri Deepakbhai Desai. She was instrumental in expanding the key role of Akram Vignan as the simple and direct path to Self-realization for modern times. Hundreds of thousands of spiritual seekers had taken advantage of this opportunity and are established in the experience of pure Soul while carrying out their worldly duties. They experience freedom, here and now while living their daily life.

Shri Deepakbhai Desai had been given the siddhi to conduct satsang of Akram Vignan by Gnani Purush Dadashri in presence of Pujya Niruben Amin. Between 1988 and 2006, he has given satsang nationally and internationally as directed by Dadashri under the guidance of Dr. Niruben Amin. Now these satsangs and Gnan Vidhis of Akram Vignan continue in full force through the medium of Atmagnani Shri Deepakbhai Desai.

Powerful words in scriptures help the seeker in increasing their desire for liberation and thus they represent the path. The knowledge of the Self is the final goal of all seekers. Without the knowledge of the Self there is no liberation. This knowledge does not exist in books. It exists in the heart of a Gnani. Hence, the knowledge of the Self can only be acquired by meeting a Gnani. Through the scientific approach of the Akram Vignan, even today one can attain Atmagnan, by meeting a living Atmagnani. Only a lit candle can light another candle!



Preface

Each day, whether at home or outside, people do things they do not want to do or are not able to do things that they would like to do. They have a strong *bhaav* (deep inner intent), but still it does not happen.

Many religious teachers complain to their listeners and followers that they do not abide by the instructions that are given to them and that they do not seem to incorporate these instructions in their behavior. Even the listeners are frustrated and confused. They wonder why despite being so deeply involved in religion and religious practices, their behavior does not reflect it. What is the reason behind this? What is the obstruction? Is there any way to overcome the mistakes they are making?

Pujya Dadashri, recognized the limitations of the human beings of this age and provided them with a suitable answer which called for using a new approach that employs a scientific method. Pujya Dadashri has clarified the mystery behind such confusion. He says that all conduct and behavior is a result of past life causes. It is an effect. '*Bhaav*' is a term that denotes deep inner intent, which is not readily apparent. This *bhaav* is a cause. No one can bring about any changes in the result. If the cause changes, the result will change. In order to change causes, one must make changes in the *bhaav*. To change this *bhaav*, Dadashri has taught us Nine *Kalams*. Pujya Dadashri has extracted the essence of the all scriptures and presented it to us, in the form of Nine *Kalams*. These Nine *Kalams* are the keys to bringing about a change in the *bhaav*, on a fundamental

level. Not even extensive studying of scriptures will bring about such changes in *bhaav*. Thousands of people have benefited from the simple message of these *kalams*. By reciting these Nine Kalams, new internal causes are completely changed and one attains inner peace in this life. One stops seeing faults in others, and his primary goal, becomes the pursuit of eternal peace.

To become filled with the special powers that are presently lacking within, all one has to do is keep asking for strength from the God within. The results will come forth naturally.

Pujya Dadashri says that, “All my life I have followed these Nine *Kalams* and that is my real wealth. I now share it with you. These *kalams* are for the salvation of the world. These *kalams* have become a constant part of my inner life for the past forty years.”

Many seekers believe that they know everything there is to know about these Nine *Kalams*. They would say, “I live my life just as it is prescribed in these *kalams*.” But if you asked the people around them if they hurt others, they would tell you yes. This means that they really don’t know the truth of the matter. Furthermore, the mere knowledge of it cannot be of help in providing them with visible results. Here, whatever the *Gnani Purush* has achieved in his life, his experience-linked-speech becomes the medium through which they can acquire results. The *Gnani Purush* must be the one to design the fundamental *bhaav*. Only then will meaningful results come forth. These Nine *Kalams*, recited sincerely as a prayer, will wash away all negativity in one’s life. The path to liberation will then become easy.

- Dr. Niruben Amin

The Essence of All Religion

(INTENTIONS IMPROVE LIFE AFTER LIFE)

NINE KALAMS

**(ALL LIFE'S DAILY OBSTACLES ARE
OVERCOME BY THESE NINE KALAMS)**

Dadashri : I am giving you this booklet to read. Please read it.

Questioner : Yes, I will.

Dadashri : This medicine, which is in the form of nine kalams (dikshavakya - a sentence that liberates. Precise orderly writing that leads to total freedom from all obstacles of worldly life), is to remove all of life's obstacles. This 'medicine' is only to be taken in the form of reading; you do not have to do anything. I guarantee this medicine will work if it is taken. You can continue your current religious practices. These kalams are in the form of nine bhavna (deep inner intent).

Please read these nine kalams.

Questioner : "Nine kalams...."

**NINE PRICELESS DIKSHAVAKYAS, THE ESSENCE
OF ALL SCRIPTURES AND RELIGIONS**

**1. *Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari
jivatma no kinchit matra pan aham na dubhai, na***

dubhavai, ke dubhava pratye na anumodai, evi param shakti aapo.

Mane koi deh-dhari jivatma no kinchit matra pan ahum na dubhai evi syaad-vaad vani, syaad-vaad vartan ane syaad-vaad manan karvani param shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to hurt, cause someone to hurt, nor encourage anyone to hurt, the ego of any living being, even to the slightest extent.

Give me the infinite strength not to hurt the ego of any living being and to conduct my speech, thoughts, and actions in a manner that is accepted by all.

2. Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan dharma nu kinchit matra pan praman na dubhai, na dubhavai, ke dubhava pratye na anumodai, evi param shakti aapo.

Mune koi pan dharma nu, kinchit matra pan praman na dubhai, evi syaad-vaad vani, syaad-vaad vartan ane syaad-vaad mannan karvaani param shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to hurt, cause someone to hurt, nor encourage anyone to hurt even to the slightest extent, the foundation of any religion.

Give me infinite strength not to hurt, even to the slightest extent, the foundation of any religion and give me the strength to conduct my speech, thoughts, and actions in a manner that is accepted by all.

3. Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari oopdeshak, sadhu, sadhvi, aacharya no, avarnavaad, apraadh, avinay na karvaani param shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner

strength not to criticize, offend, or insult any living monk, nun, preacher, or religious head.

4. *Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari jivatma pratyē, kinchit matra pan abhaav, tiraskaar, kyaareya pan na karaaya, na karavaay, ke karta pratyē na anumodai evi param shakti aapo.*

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to, nor cause someone to, nor encourage anyone to dislike or hate any living being, even to the slightest extent.

5. *Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari jivatma saathe kyaareya pan katthor bhaasha, tunteeli bhaasha na bolai, na bolavai, ke bolva pratyē na anumodai evi param shakti aapo.*

Koi katthor bhaasha, tunteeli bhaasha bole, to mane mrudu-rujhu bhaasha bolvaani shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to speak, cause someone to speak, nor encourage anyone to speak any harsh or hurtful language towards any living being, even to the slightest extent.

If someone speaks in a harsh and hurtful language, please give me the strength to speak softly and kindly in response.

6. *Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhaari jivatma pratyē streeh, purush, agur napunsak, gummeh te ling-dhari hoi, toh tenah sambhandi kinchit matra pan vishay-vikaar sambhandi dosho, iccha-o, chesta-o, ke vichaar sambhandhi dosho na karai, na karavai, ke karta pratyē na anumodai, evi param shakti aapo. Mane nirantar nirvikaar rahevaani param shakti aapo.*

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to have, cause someone to have, nor encourage anyone to have any sexual desires, feelings, or gestures towards any living being, be it male, female, or of neutral gender. Give me the supreme strength to be free of sexual desires, forever.

7. Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan rus ma lubdha- panoo na karavani param shakti aapo; samrusi khoraak levai, evi param shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength to control my excessive temptation towards food. Give me the strength to consume well-balanced and wholesome food.

8. Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari jivaatma no; pratyaksh agar paroksh, jeevant agar mrutyu paamelano, koi no, kinchit matra pan avarnavaad, apraadh, avinay na karai , na karaavai, ke karta prayte na anumodai, evi param shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to, nor cause anyone to, nor encourage anyone to, criticize, offend, or insult any being; be they present or not, living or dead.

9. Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mune jagat kalyaan karvaanu nimit banvaani param shakti aapo, shakti aapo, shakti aapo.

Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength to become an instrument in the path of Self-Realization for the world.

These nine *kalams* should be read three times a day.”

Ask the above from Dada Bhagwan (The Lord within

you). This should not slip into a daily routine of recital. These sentences should come from your heart. Experience these bhaavna with alert awareness from within.

These nine sentences encompass the essence of all the scriptures of the world.

EGO IS NOT TO BE HURT...

Questioner : Please explain the meaning of the first *kalam*.

“Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari jivatma no kinchit matra pan aham na dubhai, na dubhavai, ke dubhava pratye na anumodai, evi param nhakti aapo.

Mane koi deh-dhari jivatma no kinchit matra pan ahum na dubhai evi syaad-vaad vani, syaad-vaad vartan ane syaad-vaad manan karvani param shakti aapo.”

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me infinite inner strength not to hurt, cause someone to hurt, nor encourage anyone to hurt the ego of any living being, even to the slightest extent.

Give me the infinite strength not to hurt the ego of any living being and to conduct my speech, thoughts, and actions in a manner that is accepted by all.”

Dadashri : We ask for *syaadvaad* (universally accepted, accepted from all view points) *vaani* (speech), so that no one’s ego is hurt. This kind of speech will come through you gradually. This current speech of mine is the result of previous *bhaavna* (invocation of deepest feelings with awareness).

Questioner : By asking not to hurt anyone’s ego, does it not mean that we are supporting that individual’s ego?

Dadashri : No, you are not supporting any ego. Rather, no one’s ego should be hurt. I am not telling you to protect the

ego of others, because they are naturally protected. However you should not become an instrument in hurting their ego. You must simply have a deep desire not to cause even the slightest hurt to any living being. Be cautious not to hurt their ego.

Questioner : In one's daily business, it is difficult to avoid hurting the ego of some individuals, no matter how hard we try.

Dadashri : That is not called hurting someone's ego. The ego is hurt for instance when you tell someone to shut up and sit down. You should not hurt anyone's ego in this manner. As far as your business is concerned, when you say that you hurt someone's ego, it is really not the ego that is hurt, but rather the mind that is hurt.

Questioner : An ego is not a good thing, is it? Then what is wrong in hurting it?

Dadashri : You should not hurt one's ego because he believes that he is the ego. He is everything he does. Whatever he does, he believes he is doing it. That is why you cannot hurt it. That is why even at home you should not scold anyone. You should make sure that nobody's ego is hurt. When a person's ego is hurt, he becomes estranged and will not come close to you again. You should not demean anyone by calling them useless. Yes, you may scold him, as long as you do not hurt his ego. It is fine if he gets hit on the head, as long as his ego is not hurt.

You should not have contempt for anyone, even for a servant. Contempt hurts the ego. If you do not need his services, then tell him so, gently and settle the matter by giving him some money. You may recover the money but you should not hurt his ego. Otherwise he will harbor revenge against you. This will hinder your salvation.

This is a very subtle point. If you hurt someone's ego, then you have to ask for inner strength (in accordance with this *kalam*) from the Lord within. The opinion you had previously, of hurting someone's ego, has now changed. You are not held responsible for your actions. Your actions are contrary to your intent (*bhaav*) of not hurting anyone. Your actions are a result of your past life and are not under your control.

Questioner : What does it mean to be separate from one's opinion?

Dadashri : 'Dada Bhagwan', the Lord within, now knows that you no longer have intentions of hurting anyone's ego but it still happens. In contrast, the people in the world hurt others and are in agreement with their actions. Through the *bhavna* of this *kalam*, your opinion is separated from your actions. Therefore, you are free from any future negative consequences.

You do not have to do anything. All you have to do is ask for the strength. The result of this *bhavna* will come in due time.

Questioner : Asking for the strength from within is fine, but what must be done to ensure that we do not hurt anyone's ego?

Dadashri : No, nothing needs to be done. All you have to do is to read the *kalam*. You do not have to do anything else. Your action of hurting the ego of the other person is an effect (result from a discharge of past karma) of causes (charge karma - i.e. seeds of new karma) that were sown in your past life. The result cannot be changed, but with awareness the cause can be changed. The change of opinion changes the cause. That is why your responsibility ends after you recite this *kalam*.

Questioner : And this should be said sincerely.

Dadashri : All this has to be done sincerely. Whoever

says the *kalam* is doing so with sincerity. His opinion has been separated. This is the highest science.

You simply have to recite the nine *kalams*, you do not have to do any. You just have to ask for strength. You will receive this strength and your responsibility will end.

The entire world teaches you, not to do certain things. Your reply to the world would be, “It is not my intention to hurt others, but I end up hurting them any way. Therefore your teaching does not work for me.” This worldly approach fails to improve the present or the future. Only the *bhaavna* of the nine *kalams* works for improvement of the present and the future.

BHAAV PRATIKRAMAN

Questioner : Whenever the other person’s ego is hurt, at that time I realize that it is my own ego that has spoken.

Dadashri : No, there is no need to come to that conclusion. What does our internal awareness tell us? Our path to salvation is a path of introspection. Inner awareness should remain constantly. *Pratikraman* should be done immediately when someone’s ego is hurt. I also do *pratikraman* whenever I hurt someone’s ego.

In the morning the first thing you should say is, “I do not want to hurt any living being to the slightest extent through my mind, speech, or actions.” Repeat this five times before leaving home and then if you hurt someone unintentionally, do *pratikraman* for it as soon as possible.

What is *Pratikraman*? It is like washing off a stain the moment it occurs. After that there is no problem. Who does not do *pratikraman*? Those, who are not aware of cause and effect, and *karma*. Those who have received *Gnan* (Self-

Realization), do ‘shoot-on-sight’ *pratikraman*. The followers of the twenty-four *tirthankaras* did exactly the same. Today people cannot do that and so Lord Mahavir has laid down these *raishi* (at night), *devshi* (in the morning), *pakshik* (every 15 days), and *samvatsari* (yearly) *pratikraman* during *paryushan* (yearly event of intense introspection amongst the Jains).

SYAAD-VAAD VANI, VARTAN, MANNAN...

[Speech, action and thoughts accepted by all]

Questioner : Now can you explain what is meant by, “Give me the strength not to hurt any one’s ego by, *syadvad vani, syadvad vartan ane syadvad mannan?*”

Dadashri : ‘*Syaadvaad*’ means to know the viewpoint, of the other person. We should know the viewpoint of the person talking.

Questioner : Does ‘*syaadvaad*’ mean to understand other’s viewpoint?

Dadashri : Understanding the other person’s viewpoint and interacting with him appropriately is called ‘*syaadvaad.*’ You should interact with him in such a way that his viewpoint is not hurt. Even when you talk to a thief, you should not hurt his viewpoint. That is ‘*syaadvaad.*’

What I say is accepted by all regardless of their religious beliefs. This is because their viewpoint is not hurt.

Questioner : If there is a thief amongst us and we tell him that it is wrong to steal, he would be hurt, wouldn’t he?

Dadashri : Yes, he would be hurt. Instead you should make him aware of the consequences of his stealing; *that* you can say. *Syaadvaad* words will not hurt his ego, and therefore

he would be willing to listen. Otherwise your words would be wasted because he would not bother to listen to you. Your efforts will be in vain and he may harbor revenge against you.

People say that it is wrong to steal, but a thief believes that stealing is his profession. If someone were to bring a thief to me, I would put my arm on his shoulder and in privacy ask him whether he enjoys his business of stealing. He would be at ease with me and would not be afraid of me. He would be honest with me. It is out of fear that people lie. Then I would ask him if he knew what the potential consequences of his actions would be.

I never look at him as a thief. If I had such an opinion, then it would have an effect on him. Everyone believes that he is doing his duty. *Syaadvaad vani* does not hurt anyone, it is perfect. Every person has a different *prakruti* (inherent nature, characteristic tendencies), and *syaadvaad vani* does not hurt anyone's *prakruti*.

Questioner : What is *syaadvaad mannan*?

Dadashri : *Syaadvaad mannan* means that no one should be hurt through your thoughts. What I say applies to your actions and your thoughts. Both your words and your thoughts should be free of hurtful intentions. Thoughts reach the other person. You can tell this by looking at the disgruntled expression on his face even though you have not said anything to him.

Questioner : Do we have to do *pratikraman* whenever we have a bad thought about someone?

Dadashri : Yes, the other person's mind is affected. But when you do *pratikraman*, his mind and attitude towards you will improve. You must not think negative about anyone. Everyone should take care of themselves. That is all. There is nothing else to fret about.

NOT TO HURT THE FOUNDATION OF ANY RELIGION...

Questioner : *“Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan dharmanu kinchit matra pan praman na dubhai; na dubhavai, ke dubhava pratye na anumodai evi param shakti aapo.*

Mane koi pan dharmanu, kinchit matra pan praman na dubhai, evi syaadvaad vani, syaadvaad vartan ane syaadvaad mannan karvani param shakti aapo.”

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength not to hurt, nor cause someone to hurt, nor encourage anyone to hurt, even to the slightest extent, the foundation of any religion.

Give me the infinite inner strength not to hurt even to the slightest extent, the foundation of any religion and give me the strength to conduct my speech, thoughts, and actions in a manner that is accepted by all.”

Dadashri : You should not hurt the foundation of anyone’s religion. You should not feel that his religion is wrong. ‘One’ as a number counts, does it not?

Questioner : Yes.

Dadashri : Then, ‘two’ is also a number, is it not?

Questioner : Yes, it is.

Dadashri : Do you know what those who are at ‘100’, say? They say, “Our religion is right, yours is wrong.” You should not say this. All religions are correct. Those at the level ‘1’ are correct according to that level; those at level ‘2’ are correct at that level etc. They are all correct according to their level. That level, which accepts all levels, is *syaadvaad*. To accept a thing in its totality is *syaadvaad*. To reject parts of it

is wrong. The one who is at 360 degrees sees everyone as correct at their own degrees.

So we cannot say that Islam is wrong. Every religion is correct. We cannot tell anyone that his religion is wrong. How can we tell someone who eats meat that he is wrong? He will say that his religion allows eating meat. Therefore we cannot negate it. That is his belief and his conviction. We cannot hurt anyone's belief. However, if our own people eat meat, we should tell them gently that it is not good. We cannot object if they still want to continue doing it. We should explain to them that this is not going to help them.

Syaadvaaad means not hurting the foundation of any religion. Whatever portion is true, can be called true and whatever portion is false, can be called false. That is what is meant by not hurting the foundation. One should not hurt the foundation of Christianity or Islam or any religion, because they are all contained within 360 degrees. The Real is at the center and all these others are relative views. For the one who at the center, all the relative views are correct.

This is the *syaadvaaad* path. Every religion has to be accepted. We have to accept slaps from the other person because no one is at fault. If you see fault in someone, it is your own fault. Our intellect makes us see faults in others.

AVARNAVAAD, APARAADH, AVINAY

(Criticize, offend, insult)

Questioner : Can you explain the exact meaning of the word 'avarnavaad' in, "*Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan dehdhari, oopdeshak, sadhu, sadhvi, acharya no, avarnavaad, aparaadh, avinay na karvaani param shakti aapo.*"

"Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength

not to criticize, offend, or insult any living monk, nun, preacher, or religious head.”

Dadashri : *'Avarnavaad'* is to not say something as it is. To depict a false picture about someone is *avarnavaad*. For example, everyone has good and bad qualities. To talk only about the bad qualities, and not give credit for the good qualities is *avarnavaad*. You should say, “He lacks in this manner, but in that manner he is very good!” *Varnavaad* is to say something as it is, and *avarnavaad* is to say things contrary to the facts.

To say something negative about a Self-Realized person is the most extreme form of *avarnavaad*, and it has grave consequences.

Questioner : Does this include the monks, nuns, and preachers?

Dadashri : Yes, all of them. It does not matter if they are on the right path or not, whether they are Self-Realized or not, it is not for you to see. After all, are they not followers of Lord Mahavir? Whatever they may be doing, they are doing it in His name. Therefore, we cannot say anything false about them.

Questioner : What is the difference between *avarnavaad* and *viradhana*?

Dadashri : *Viradhana* takes you to lower *gatis*, (lower life forms), whereas with *avarnavaad*, there will be no consequences if *pratikraman* is done afterwards. So if you do *pratikraman* after having done *avarnavaad*, everything becomes clear again.

Questioner : Please explain *avinaya* and *viradhana*.

Dadashri : *Avinaya* is not considered *viradhana*. *Avinaya* is the attitude of, “I have nothing to do with it, it does not concern me.”

In *viradhana*, on the other hand, you are saying things contrary to the facts. For example, when you say that a person is dishonest when really he is an honest man. Therefore you have deliberately defamed him.

If you speak in this manner about ordinary people, it is called '*ninda*' (slander), but it is considered extreme *viradhana* when you talk this way about 'higher' or *antarmukhi* (spiritually elevated) people. It is very risky. It is a grave mistake.

Questioner : What is '*aparaadh*'?

Dadashri : The one who does *aradhana* rises and the one who does *viradhana* falls. But the one who is doing *aparaadh* suffers from both sides. The person with *aparaadh* does not progress himself, nor does he let anyone else progress. Such a person would be called '*apraadhi*.'

Questioner : Even in *viradhana* one would not let others progress, right?

Dadashri : But comparatively, the person with *viradhana* is better. If someone were to show him the right direction, he would turn around. But an *apraadhi* will neither turn around nor advance.

Questioner : But is there a chance for the one with *viradhana* to turn around?

Dadashri : Yes, there is a chance for turning around.

Questioner : Is there a chance for turning around for the *aparaadhi*?

Dadashri : He neither turns around nor does he make any progress. He has no rank. He does not move forward, nor does he move backwards. Whenever you see him, he is still there, at the same stage. That is called '*aparaadhi*'

Questioner : What is the definition of ‘*aparaadha*’?

Dadashri : *Viradhana* occurs without awareness and *aparaadha* occurs with full intent and awareness.

Questioner : How can that happen, Dada?

Dadashri : In some circumstances the one who knows that *viradhana* is wrong, still ends up doing so because of heavy egoism on his part and a total unwillingness to let go. Such a person is committing *aparaadh*. The one who does *viradhana* can be liberated, while the one that does *aparaadha* will not. A person with a big ego will end up doing *aparaadha*.

This is why you should tell yourself, “Listen here. You are very conceited. People may not know it, but I know you. You walk around in arrogance.” You have to come up with some kind of a solution for this.

These situations in life where we interact with other human beings are the result of an account of additions and subtractions of past life. We cannot change them. When we hurt others, we are multiplying the accounts. Therefore, appropriate ‘divisions’ of these ‘multiplications’ have to be done through the correct understanding of these *kalams*. This will ultimately result in a zero balance in your account.

Questioner : Where does *ninda* (slander, gossip, backbiting) fall in this?

Dadashri : *Ninda* comes under *viradhana*. But with *pratikraman* its results can be negated. It is like *avarnavaad*. That is why I tell you not to slander anyone but even then people talk about other people behind their back. This must never be done. The whole atmosphere is full of *parmanus* (subatomic particles) and these vibrations reach the person who is the subject of slander. It is very dangerous to utter even a

single reckless word about others. If you must say something, say something nice. Praise people but do not disgrace them.

So do not slander anyone. It is fine if you cannot praise them, but do not slander them. What do you gain from this? There is tremendous loss in it for you. The greatest loss in this world is through slander. Therefore there should be no reason to slander anyone.

Here there is no such thing as slander. We are merely having a discussion about what is right and wrong! God has said that one should know wrong from right and that he should not have the slightest aversion to that which one knows is wrong and the slightest of attachment to that which he knows is good. If one does not see wrong as being wrong, then he will not see good as being good. One needs to understand this exactly from the *Gnani*.

AVOID DISLIKE AND CONTEMPT

Questioner : “Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari jivatma pratyē, kinchit matra pan abhaav, tiraskar, kyaareya pan na karaaya, na karavaaya, ke karta pratyē na anomodai evi param shakti aapo”.

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength not to, nor cause or encourage anyone to dislike or hate any living being, even to the slightest extent.”

Dadashri : Yes, that is true. When you are sitting in your office and someone walks in, you may feel abhaav (a sense of dislike) or tiraskaar (contempt) for that person. Later you should think about it and feel regret that it should not be this way.

One can never be free as long as he has any kind of contempt. Contempt towards anyone results in that person harboring revenge towards you. Even if you have tiraskaar

towards an inanimate object, you will not be free. The slightest contempt for anyone is harmful. As long as you have tiraskar for anyone, you cannot become a vitaraag (state where one is beyond all attachment and aversion).

AVOID UNPLEASANT AND HURTFUL SPEECH

Questioner : *“Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh dhari jivatma saathe kyaareya pan katthor bhaasha, tunteeli bhaasha na bolai, na bolavai, ke bolava pratye na anumodai evi param shakti aapo.*

Koi katthor bhaasha, tunteeli bhaasha bole to mane mrudu-rujhu bhaasha bolvaani shakti aapo.”

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength not to speak, nor cause or encourage someone to speak any harsh or hurtful language towards any living beings, even to the slightest extent.

If someone speaks in harsh and hurtful language, please give me the strength to speak softly and kindly in response.”

Dadashri : You should not speak harshly. If someone is hurt by your words, you should say, “Dear friend, I am very sorry. I made a mistake.” If it is not possible to tell him directly, then you must repent internally for having said such things.

Questioner : And we should remind ourselves repeatedly not to utter hurtful speech.

Dadashri : Yes, you should think this over and also repent for it. It will only stop through your repentance. It does not cease through words.

Questioner : What is ‘*mrudu-rujhu bhaasha*’?

Dadashri : ‘*Rujhu*’ means simple and ‘*mrudu*’ means humble. When the words are spoken with utmost humility it is

called '*mrudu*.' So you should speak simply and humbly and ask for the strength to do so. If you keep doing this, you will get the strength. If your son is hurt by your harsh language, you must repent, and tell him, "I am sorry. I will not say such things again." This is the only way to improve the speech and 'this' is the only college.

Questioner : So what is the difference in *kathor*; *tunteeli* language and *mrudu*; *rujhu* language?

Dadashri : Some people use harsh language and say things like, "You are worthless, you are wicked, you are a thief." They use words that we may have never heard before. *Kathor* speech can be so intense that it can even stop the heart. *Kathor* speech is never pleasant. It is an egotistical speech.

Tunteeli speech will convey rivalry and obstinacy. For example a woman may say, "See how well I can cook. My cooking is exquisite and she does not even know how to cook." *Tunteeli* speech is very bad.

One should not use *kathor* and *tunteeli* (harsh and hurtful) speech. All faults through speech are covered by these two words. So in your spare time you should keep asking Dada Bhagwan for strength to speak *shuddha* (pure), *syaadvaad* (accepted by all, not hurting the ego of anyone), and *mrudu-rujhu* (simple and humble) speech.

FREEDOM FROM SEXUAL IMPULSES

Questioner : "*Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhaari jivatma pratye streeh, purush, agar napunsak, gumeh te lingdhari hoi, toh tenah sambandhi kinchit matra pan vishay-vikaar sambandhi dosho, icchao, chestao ke vichaar sambandhi dosho na karai, na karavai, ke karta pratye na anumodai evi param shakti aapo. Mane nirantar*

nirvikar rehvani param shakti aapo."

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength not to have, nor cause or encourage anyone else to have any sexual desires, feelings, or gestures towards any living being, be it a male, a female or of neutral gender. Give me the supreme strength to be free of sexual desires, forever.”

Dadashri : As soon as you see someone who incites passion and lust in you, you have to tell your self, “This is not right. You are a man of noble qualities, and therefore it does not befit you. Just as you have a sister, she is also someone’s sister.” If someone saw your sister with lust, it would hurt you. Similarly it will hurt someone else.’ As soon as you are tempted, you should repent.

Questioner : What does ‘*chesta*’ mean?

Dadashri : All visible bodily activities, (including photographs) is *chesta*, (e.g. laughing, flirting, touching, and winking).

Questioner : So when you joke about someone and make fun of him, would that be considered *chesta*?

Dadashri : There are many different kinds of *chestas*.

Questioner : What are the *chestas* related to sex?

Dadashri : All activities of the body that pertain to things of a sexual nature, that can be seen or photographed, are *chestas*. Sexual desires and thoughts are not *chesta*. There are times when thoughts occur and the *chestas* do not occur. *Vichaar sambhandhi dosho* are thoughts related to sex. These are faults.

“*Mane nirantar nirvikar rehvani shakti aapo,*” (“Give me the strength to remain free from all sexual impulses for ever”), this is all you have to ask from ‘Dada’. ‘Dada’ is the

ultimate giver of blessings and grace.

SPIRITUALLY BALANCED DIET

Questioner : “*Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan ras ma lubdhapanoo na karai evi shakti aapo. Samrassi khoraak levai evi param shakti aapo.*”

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength to control my excessive temptation towards food. Give me the strength to consume a well-balanced and wholesome food.”

Dadashri : When you sit down to eat and you only like certain vegetable dishes, for example only those made with tomatoes, and you keep thinking about it later, it is called ‘*lubdhapanoo*.’ There is nothing wrong with eating tomatoes, but you should not keep having thoughts about tomatoes, otherwise all your energies are drained in *lubdhapanoo*. So what you have to say is, “Whatever is served, is fine with me.” There should not be *lubdhapanoo* of any kind. Eat whatever is served on your plate, quietly. You have to accept whatever comes to you on your plate. You should not be thinking about any other things.

Questioner : Then what is ‘*samrassi*’?

Dadashri : ‘*Samrassi*’ means you have to eat everything; the sweet bread, lentil soup, rice, vegetables etc. and not just indulge yourself in one thing, like eating just the sweet bread.

Some people stop eating sweets. These sweets will place a claim against them: “What have you got against me?” The crime is committed by one entity, but another gets punished. You cannot succumb to your tongue (taste buds). The blame lies with ignorance.

Questioner : But what is a *samrassi* meal? How can the same amount of *bhaav* go into it?

Dadashri : In your caste, when they cook anything, they will cook whatever is *samrassi* for the caste, but if you serve that to somebody from another caste they will not consider it *samrassi*. Perhaps your own caste eats fewer chili peppers than the other caste does. A *samrassi* meal means that it is different for each caste. ‘*Samrassi*’ means tasty food. It means that no single ingredient dominates. All the ingredients are proportional and within normal limits. Just drinking a glass of milk is not a *samrassi* meal. It is *samrassi* when you enjoy all the six different types of tastes together. If you cannot endure bitter taste, then substitute this taste with vegetables like *karela* (bitter gourd), *kankoda* (green vegetable in gourd family), etc or the leafy greens of fenugreek seeds (all these have some degree of bitterness in them). You have to eat something that is bitter. Lots of diseases arise as a result of not eating bitter foods. Then in the end you have to end up taking quinine (extremely bitter medicine to combat malaria). Because there is a lack of the bitter taste in our diet, we have problems. All the six tastes must be included.

Questioner : Is it for the balance of various tastes that we say, “Dada Bhagwan! Give me strength to eat a *samrassi* meal.”

Dadashri : Yes, you have to ask for the strength. What is your *bhaavna*? Your *bhaavna* to take *samrassi* meal is your *purusharth* (effort with awareness, independent will) and when I give you the strength, your *purusharth* becomes stronger.

Questioner : Is it true that there should not be any *lubdhapanoo* in the taste?

Dadashri : Yes, you should not feel that you do not like anything other than things that are sour in taste. Many people will say that they do not like sweet things at all and that they only like foods that are spicy. This is not called *samrassi*.

Samrassi means that every taste is acceptable. Perhaps a particular taste may be taken to a lesser degree, but everything should be acceptable.

Questioner : Is there any connection between *Gnan* and *samrassi* meals? For the awareness in *Gnan*, should we avoid meals that are not *samrassi*?

Dadashri : As far as *samrassi* meals are concerned, for the *mahatmas* (those who have received *Gnan*) every thing is *vyavasthit* (scientific circumstantial evidence) so there should not be any fuss over what is served. This *kalam* is for the benefit of people at large. Our *mahatmas*, however, should at least think about eating as much *samrassi* meals as is possible.

PRAKRUTI: MULTIPLICATION - DIVISION

Questioner : *Does this prakruti (one's inherent nature; characteristics; personality; the non-self, all that is within the body except Atma) have to have samrassi food?*

Dadashri : What is *prakruti*? *Prakruti* ceases to be when 'that which was multiplied by thirteen is divided by thirteen.' (negate with something that will leave no balance) Now what happens when you divide seventeen by thirteen? There will be a remainder. Therefore, I suggest a different kind of division.

Questioner : So that which was multiplied by thirteen needs to be divided by thirteen?

Dadashri : If you do that, only then there will be no remainder.

Questioner : Give us as an example.

Dadashri : *Prakruti* is the result of the *bhaavs* you did previously. These *bhaavs* were based on whatever you ate at that time. You multiplied those *bhaavs* with thirteen. Now you

want to get rid of them so you have to divide them by thirteen. After this if you do not allow new *bhaavs* to occur, then your account will be closed. Because there are no new wishes, your account closes. This account has to be sealed.

PRAKRUTI NEARING ZERO

Questioner : You have given us the *Gnan* of the pure Self. Do we have to recite these nine *kalam*s to settle previous accounts of the *prakruti*?

Dadashri : It will help. Divide by whatever you had multiplied with in your previous life. Some doctors prescribe me a specific diet. I tell them that I cannot abide by their instructions as my ‘multiplication’ is of a different kind. How can it work if he gives me the wrong figure to divide with?

Questioner : So first, we must get rid of whatever is in the *prakruti*.

Dadashri : Yes, you must get rid of it.

Sometimes if I want to eat *sopari* (beetle nut, eaten as a mouth freshener), I would ask Niruben (Dada’s disciple) for her permission. While eating the *sopari* I would say that it is a ‘medicine’ that causes cough. Many times she would say that I should not eat it and so I would not touch it. Sometimes she would tell me that I could have a small amount and so I would eat some and then have to suffer because it would make me cough. As such I do not have a habit of any kind. One can only eat when there is a previous account for eating *sopari*.

This is our *Akram Vignan*. Everything occurs because of habits that were formed in one’s past life. It is all right even if you do not eat *samrassi* food as long as you ask for the strength to do so. Through the *bhavna* of this *kalam* your past accounts are settled.

Questioner : Dada, you have said, “*Prakruti* should be divided by *prakruti*, and if you multiply it will increase.” Please explain this.

Dadashri : Repeated invocation of these *kalams* result in divisions, which lead to dissolution of *prakruti*. If you do not do this, the sapling of the current *prakruti* will grow into a big tree. As you continue saying these *kalams*, a division is taking place. With your invocation, whatever multiplication of the *prakruti* had taken place, will be neutralized. Therefore, all facets of the non-self *prakruti* will divide and all facets of the Self will multiply. Keep saying these nine *kalams* day and night, whenever you have time. I leave you with a remedy and have explained everything to you. It is now up to you.

PRESENT, DISTANT, LIVING OR DEAD

Pratyaksh, Paroksh, Jeevant-Mrutyu Paamelano...

Questioner : “*Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane koi pan deh-dhari jivaatma no, pratyaksh agar paroksh, jeevant agar mrutyu paamelano, koi no kinchit matra pan avarnavaad, apraadh, avinay na karai, na karavai, ke karta praty na anumodai evi param shakti aapo.*”

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me the infinite inner strength not to, nor cause or encourage anyone to criticize, offend, or insult any being; present or not present, living or dead.”

Dadashri : *Avarnavaad* is to destroy someone’s good reputation through slander. If you speak negatively about someone who is renowned and respectable, it is *avarnavaad*.

Questioner : Whenever we ask for forgiveness from those who have died, does our message reach them?

Dadashri : It is not necessary for the message to reach them, but you incur a tremendous *dosh* (faults for which

repayments have to be made in the next life) when you curse a person who is no longer living. This *kalam* is addressing this point exactly. That is why I am telling you not to commit such faults. Even if a person did evil things during his lifetime, we should not speak negatively about him.

Even now we must not say anything negative about Raavan (opponent of Lord Rama in Ramayana) because he is still *dehdhari* (in physical form) living elsewhere, and when you talk about him, it will reach him. If you slander him, it reaches him.

If people are talking negatively about a dead relative of yours, you must not get involved. If you do become involved in it, you must repent and tell yourself not to do so again. There is a grave danger in talking about the dead. Our people never seem to leave the dead alone.

Committing slander in this life is the result of wrong opinions in previous life. These *kalam*s prevent future life bondage. For example, if you are addicted to smoking, while smoking you should say, “Give me strength not to smoke, or cause or encourage others to smoke.” In this manner you will be able to free yourself. The nature of the body is to lead you astray. So you have to have these *bhaavnas*.

TOWARDS SALVATION OF THE WORLD

Questioner : “Hae Dada Bhagwan! Mane jagat kalyan karvaanu nimit banvaani param shakti aapo, shakti aapo, shakti aapo.”

“Dearest Dada Bhagwan! Give me then infinite inner strength to become an instrument for the world in the path of Self-Realization.”

Questioner : *How does this bhaavna for the salvation of the world work?*

Dadashri : The words that you utter will be such that the other person's work will be done.

Questioner : Are you talking about relative, material benefits or real benefits that lead to liberation?

Dadashri : No, not for the body. We should only be concerned about that which takes us towards Self-Realization. Thereafter, with the aid of the Real, progress will be made in the relative realm. You have to develop a *bhaavna* for doing *jagat kalyan* (salvation of the world). You should not say it just for the sake of saying it. You have to have the *bhaavna*. People just merely say these words as if they are reciting slokas (holy chants).

Questioner : Instead of sitting idle, wouldn't it be highly beneficial to do these *bhaavnas*?

Dadashri : That would be very good. At least all the negative *bhaavs* are destroyed. A lot of good comes out of this.

Questioner : Can you call that *bhaavna*, a 'mechanical *bhaavna*'?

Dadashri : No. How can you call it mechanical? It is mechanical when one keeps on repeating it like a parrot, without awareness.

NOTHING NEED BE DONE, ONE SIMPLY NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND

Questioner : It is written here, "Give me strength... give me strength..." Do we get strength just by asking for it?

Dadashri : Of course! These are the words of a '*Gnani Purush*'. Is there a difference between a letter from the President and one from an ordinary businessman? Yes. So these are the

words from the highest source, a *Gnani Purush*. One will not be able to understand this with his intellect because this is beyond intellect.

Questioner : But will we not have to do what is written in order to put it into practice?

Dadashri : No. All you have to do is to read it. It will automatically come into your daily life. So keep the book with you all the time and read it daily. You will know all the *Gnan* that is within. As you read them daily, these *bhavnaas* will become part of your daily life. You will become an embodiment of these *bhavnaas*. At the moment you do not know what benefits you are getting. Later you will know their value exactly.

Asking for the strength will result in a change in your behavior of the kind that you desire. That is why you must keep asking for strength from Dada Bhagwan. Dada Bhagwan has infinite power to give you whatever you ask for. So what will happen when you ask?

Questioner : We will receive the strength.

Dadashri : Yes you will be given the strength to carry all this out, after which you will be able to conduct yourself according to the *kalams*. Without it you will not be able to do so, so keep asking for these inner strengths. You do not have to do anything else. It is not possible to do right away, everything as it is written. You simply have to know how much of it you are able to do or not able to do. Ask for forgiveness and strength for that which you were not able to do and you will get it.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL BY ASKING FOR STRENGTH

I told one gentleman that these nine *kalams* comprise everything. Nothing has been left out. I told him that he should

read them everyday to which he said, “It cannot be done.” So I told him, “I am not telling you to do anything. Why are you saying it cannot be done? All you have to do is say, ‘Hey Dada Bhagwan, give me strength...’ I am telling you to ask for strength.” He then replied, “Oh, then it will be easy.” Everyone else tells you to do certain things to improve your behavior.

He then asked, who would give him the strength, so I told him I would. I am ready to give you all the strengths you ask for. But I am teaching you what to ask for because you do not know what to ask for. He accepted that.

I told him, “You don’t have to do anything at all. Instead enjoy your meals, you can even have second helpings, but ask for the strength.” He told me that he really liked what he was hearing.

Questioner : Initially one doubts whether or not he will get the strength by just asking.

Dadashri : These doubts will prove to be wrong. Asking for the strength will certainly bring strength. Thereafter, the strength itself will carry on the work. You will not have to do anything. If you attempt to do anything your ego will arise and cause impediments in your spiritual progress. You will say, “I am trying my best but it is not happening.” So just ask for strength.

Questioner : In these nine *kalams*, when we ask for strength not to, nor cause or encourage anyone else to..., does that mean that we are asking for strength so that it would not happen in the future or is it to wash off our past deeds?

Dadashri : The past deeds are washed away and the strength has manifested. The inner energies are already there but they have to manifest. That is why we ask for Dada Bhagwan’s *krupa* (blessings, grace) to wash off these previous

misdeeds. These energies will manifest when this cleansing occurs.

Questioner : This is phenomenal and great, Dada. It is guaranteed to improve the life of anyone who reads it.

Dadashri : Yes. Until now he had never found anything that was worth understanding. This is the first time that he is getting something that he can clearly understand. Once a person uses these nine *kalam*s, he will find all the solutions.

It does not matter how many of these nine *kalam*s you are able to follow. Do not let it bother you if you cannot follow any of them. All you have to do is to ask for strength, and that strength will accumulate within you. Then the work will get done automatically. When you ask for strength, all the nine *kalam*s will be set up. It is enough even if you just say them. Once you ask for the strength, the strength will be granted to you.

PURITY OF *BHAAV* THROUGH *BHAAVNA*

Questioner : Previously you had said that, while smoking this pipe from within, you are making the *bhaav* that, ‘I should not be smoking, offer anyone a smoke, nor should I be encouraging anyone else to smoke...’

Dadashri : Yes, the meaning behind that *bhaav* is that, ‘I do not agree with the action that is taking place on.’ That is what I am trying to say. When the time is right, this *hukka* (water-smoking pipe) will no longer be used. Now, ‘I’ am not attached to it, it is attached to me. So a time will come when even this smoking will cease.

For example, when you go to someone’s home unannounced, the person who opens the door will welcome you, but from within he may be annoyed at your unannounced arrival. In this situation his outward behavior is positive whereas his inner *bhaav* is negative. Compare this with what we have

said about smoking. The outward behavior is negative, but the inner *bhaav* is positive. The other person is spoiling everything from within, by having a negative *bhaav* even though his external behavior (result of past life *bhaav*) is positive.

Questioner : This is the wonder of *Akram Vignan*, Dada. That which is spoilt from outside, is being improved from within.

Dadashri : Yes that is why we are satisfied. Never mind if the current situation (this life) is spoilt but at least the next life will be better. That which is ruined is history but at least the new one will be improved. Elsewhere people insist on trying to improve this current life. Let it go otherwise you will ruin even the next life.

Questioner : We are not responsible for that which has become spoilt and that which we express in the present life, it is all the result of our last life.

Dadashri : Yes. In this current life you are not responsible and furthermore it is beyond your control. Right now you are not responsible. Why do you become restless when you cannot change anything?

Nowadays even the religious teachers tell their disciples that they cannot come to see them unless they improve. The disciples plead their gurus for help, as they cannot improve, no matter how hard they try. Alas! Such rampant misunderstanding prevails.

Questioner : When one does something wrong, he feels intense suffocation.

Dadashri : Yes, and as a punishment that poor disciple will be made to fast for about a week. He will torture the poor body unnecessarily. It is the mind that is at fault here, and yet

it is the stomach that is being tortured. What is the poor person to do? The mind has erred but the body receives the blame. Where has the poor body erred?

What is the point in trying to clean the external (conduct), over which we have no control, and then what is the use of complaining afterwards? Really it is the internal that needs to be cleansed and purified. All these people are trying to clean the external; they dunk their bodies again and again in the river Ganges. What good do these rituals accomplish? One should dunk their mind, their *buddhi* (intellect), their *chit* (inner complex of knowledge and vision). One should dunk his ego. Have you ever given these a bath? No wonder they are so dirty.

Everything remains well during childhood. As you grow older, it starts to spoil and begins to fill with dirt. That is why I tell you to stop fretting about your behavior and start concentrating on your *bhaav* through these *kalams*. Your next life will be the best yet.

Questioner : Can people change their behavior in this manner even if they do not want to take *Gnan*?

Dadashri : Yes, they can change everything. Anyone may recite these *kalams*.

Questioner : When something wrong happens, these *kalams* become potent solution.

Dadashri : This is the greatest *purusharth* (independent effort towards liberation). I have disclosed to you the highest science, and everyone must understand it. I have mandated just this much and have told people to do at least this much. Just take it as a medicine.

Questioner : All the internal diseases will be destroyed.

Dadashri : Yes they will come to an end. 'Dada' has

said for you to read this, so just read it. That will be more than enough. This is not meant for you to digest. Just take this medicine according to the instructions and then go about your business.

Questioner : Is it true that you can increase your level of *patrata* (spiritual development) by doing *bhaav*.

Dadashri : The true *purusharth* is your *bhaav*. All other talks are without any basis. To make people do something is to bring them in *kartapad* (state of doership) which is the state of being bound, whereas, *bhaav* is the path of liberation. Wherever one has to 'do' anything, he becomes bound even further.

BHAVNA WILL BRING FRUITS IN NEXT LIFE

Questioner : When I hurt someone's ego, can I recite the first *kalam* at that time?

Dadashri : You have to invoke all these *bhaavanas*. These *bhaavanas* will bring forth their fruits. At that time you will have become the embodiment of these *bhaavanas*. Your conduct will become exactly as is written in these *bhaavanas*. You will acquire all this in your next life. You cannot expect to harvest the crops of the seeds you have just planted.

Questioner : The results will come in the next life, not this life?

Dadashri : Yes. That is why we are planting these seeds. In the next life everything will be free from obstacles. This is for the people who want to plant such seeds.

Questioner : So should we recite these constantly or as the occasion arises?

Dadashri : No, the events and these *bhaavanas* have nothing to do with each other. What significance do the events have? These poor events have no basis and no support, whereas,

these *bhaavanas* are the foundation that will lend its support in your life. These *bhaavanas* will accompany you into your next life, whereas these events will dissipate.

Questioner : But is it not because of these events that we are able to make the *bhaavana*?

Dadashri : No. The events have nothing to do with it. Only these *bhaavanas* will carry forward with you. These events have no support so they wither away. No matter how wonderful the occasion, it will pass. These *bhaavanas* have to be invoked, but the results will come into effect later on.

Questioner : But it is because of the events that our *bhaavs*, then are we not to change that *bhaav* by using these *bhaavnas* in the nine *kalam*?

Dadashri : That will not help. Whatever positive deeds you have done in your previous life will help you now. Had you started this process in your previous life, you would be able to change completely in this life.

Questioner : Are the current events the result of *bhaavs* from the previous life?

Dadashri : Yes, only *bhaav* will come into effect. Nothing else will. *Bhaav* is the seed, and *dravya* (that which unfolds as events in this life) is the effect. *Dravya* is the crop of the seeds. If you plant just one tiny corn seed you will get many corn on the cob.

These *kalam*s are merely to be spoken. You have to do these *bhaavnas* everyday. In essence it is the seed that we are planting. Having planted it, just wait and watch the effect whenever it comes forth. But until then you have to nurture it and fertilize it. Otherwise there is nothing that needs to be changed as the events unfold in this life. Whatever these events are, they are the effects of your *bhaavnas* of the past life.

What is it that these nine *kalams* say? “Dear Dada, give me the strength.” And what do people say instead? They say that it is not possible to abide by these *kalams*. They fail to realize that you are not supposed ‘do’ anything in these *kalams*. Everyone in this world says to do all these things, but nothing needs to be done, one just has to ‘know’ and ‘understand.’ Do *pratikraman* for all the negative things that you do. From the moment you say, “I do not want to do it,” you are changing your opinion. By the very fact that you have changed your opinion, you have become separate from the event. This is the secret of the path of liberation. The world is not aware of it.

Questioner : Are these people striving to make changes in the discharge, the effect, the result?

Dadashri : Yes, because the world does not know of this secret. They have no clue. I am trying to free you from your opinions. Through this *satsang* of these *kalams*, you have formed a new opinion that it is wrong to hurt anyone’s ego. Previously you had the opinion that this was allowed depending on your views of the situation. Such misunderstanding is the reason for this world of yours in this life. Now that you have changed this opinion, you will be liberated. You must make sure that you do not change this new opinion, under any circumstance.

If you say these nine *kalams* everyday, then gradually your conflicts with everyone will end. Now only the effects of your previous life remain and even these too will gradually cease.

IS THIS CHARGE OR DISCHARGE FOR MAHATMAS?

(‘*Mahatmas*’ is the term used by Dadashri for those who have been graced with *Gnan*, the Knowledge of The Self, through the *Gnan Vidhi*.)

Please note that up until now, Dadashri has used the

terms '*bhaavna*' and '*bhaav*' interchangeably. Now these terms are being defined precisely. 'Chandubhai' is the name given by Dadashri to the one that has been separated from the Self, after the *Gnan Vidhi*. The *mahatma* substitutes his own worldly name for Chandubhai.)

Questioner : What is the difference between '*bhaavna*' and '*bhaav*'?

Dadashri : Both are within Chandubhai. Yes, you are correct that there is a difference between *bhaav* and *bhaavna*.

Questioner : *Bhaavna* is *pavitra* (pure) and *bhaav* can be good or bad?

Dadashri : No. It is not that *bhaavna* can be *pavitra* (pure) only. *Bhaavnaa* can be *apavitra* (impure) also. There can be a *bhaavna* of burning someone's house down and also there can be a *bhaavna* of building a house for someone. So *bhaavna* can be used in both ways, but *bhaav* is considered 'charge' and *bhaavna* is considered 'discharge'.

When you feel, "I have a *bhaav* to do this, I have to do this," that too is a *bhaavna*, it is not a *bhaav*. *Bhaav* is something that is 'charge'.

This whole world has come into existence because of *bhaavkarma*, (charge karma, cause). Even though you cannot do anything positive, you must have the *bhaav* for it. I have taken away the *bhaavkarma* of *mahatmas*. Everyone else have *bhaavkarma*, so they have to ask for the strength. Whatever strength they need, they should ask from Dada Bhagwan, the Lord within.

Questioner : These other people have to ask for this strength, but what happens when the *mahatmas* ask for strength and they have all these *bhaavnas*? .

Dadashri : What *mahatmas* ask for is their discharge. There are two kinds of *bhaavnas*, charge and discharge. People of this world have *bhaavnas* in *vyavahar* (daily activities) and *mahatmas* too have *bhaavnas* here. But ours is in the form of discharge and theirs is in the form of both charge and discharge. What is wrong in asking for strength?

Questioner : When people who have not taken *Gnan* ask for strength in these nine *kalams* it is called ‘*bhaav*’, is it also called ‘*bhaav*’ when the *mahatmas* ask for strength?

Dadashri : For the outsiders it is called ‘*bhaav*’ and for our *mahatmas* it is ‘*bhaavna*.’ It is true. That is called *bhaav* and it is considered as charge. And this *bhaavna* is considered discharge.

BHAAV, EXACTLY ACCORDING TO DESIGN

Questioner : Our *bhaavna*, desire, opinions etc., everything at present are just as expressed in these nine *kalams*?

Dadashri : It may appear to be same but it is not exactly the same. It is accepted that your inclination is in the direction of the nine *kalams*. This inclination towards the nine *kalams* must be according to an exact blueprint. The exact blueprint is only that of a *Gnani Purush*. Your inclination not to hurt any *sadhu-sanyasi* (monks and ascetics) is there, but it should be exact and correct, bringing forth meaningful results for you. This blueprint must be according to design or *designpoorvak*.

Questioner : What do you mean by ‘*designpoorvak*’ *Dada*?

Dadashri : It means as it is written, precisely. Otherwise it is generally the norm that one does not want to hurt any *sadhu-sant*, but people still do. What is the reason? It is because their *bhaavna* is not according to design.

Questioner : Are these nine *kalams* to be brought (instilled) into life with understanding?

Dadashri : No, it does not need to be brought in life. Just ask for the strength in these *kalams*. This strength will bring you to your exact goal. You do not have to do anything. It is impossible for man to achieve this by doing. So leave it in the hands of nature: “Dearest Dada Bhagwan, give me the strength...” Energy will rise itself and you will realize the exact goal.

This is the highest truth.

Why would I have said that you must ask for strength? One cannot make this design himself. How can he make an original design? Asking for strength is the cause and that which will come forth is the effect. Who facilitates this effect? Dada Bhagwan, the Lord within will facilitate this.

So when one keeps asking for strength according to the nine *kalams*, he will automatically remain within those nine *kalams* after many years.

FREEDOM FROM WORLDLY RELATIONS

Questioner : These nine *kalams* that are given, are they for the purification of thought, speech, and conduct in this life?

Dadashri : No, no. There is no need for that here. In this *Akram* path, this is not necessary at all. These nine *kalams* are given to liberate you from the *hisaabs* (accounts) created with others in your previous endless lives. They are given to clear your books (account).

So if you say the nine *kalams* you will break *roonanubandha*, (link that has been made with people in previous lives). *Roonanubandha* is preventing you from liberation. These nine *kalams* break these links.

All your faults that have occurred up until now will be washed when you say these *kalams* and the fruits will surely come.

Questioner : To do *pratikraman* for my faults, I constantly say the nine *kalams* daily. Will that give me strength?

Dadashri : The nine *kalams* you say are different and the *pratikraman* you do for your faults is different. You have to do *pratikramans* daily for your faults.

By saying the nine *kalams*, you will be liberated from the problems created with other people in your endless past lives; you become free from *roonanubandha*. This is the highest *pratikraman*. The whole world's *pratikraman* is in these nine *kalams*. Do it properly. Having shown this to you, I am done with my work.

DADA'S LIFELONG ADHERENCE TO THESE KALAMS

Due to the current time cycle, people today do not have the strength to rise spiritually. If they do these *bhaavnas*, their next life as a human being is guaranteed. Otherwise almost eighty percent of the current human population will be born in lower life forms. Such are the times.

These nine *kalams* contain the highest *bhaav*. They are the essence of all the scriptures. I have adhered to them all my life. This is very precious. This has been going on within me for the past forty years, and now I present it to the world for its salvation.

Questioner : Right now we are reciting them by asking Dada to give us the strength, but to whom did you ask?

Dadashri : There may not have been a specific name 'Dada Bhagwan', there may have been a different name, but

there was definitely a name. It could have been '*Shuddhatma*' (Pure Self).

In the *kramic marg* (traditional path to salvation) one has to read voluminous scriptures, but here it is adequate to recite just these nine *kalams*. There is great power in these nine *kalams*. Tremendous power. People will only understand this when I explain it to them. The person who comes to me and tells me that he really likes these nine *kalams* has understood their value.

These nine *kalams* are not in any scriptures. I give you what I myself abide by and experience. These *kalams* have been written exactly according to the way I conduct myself. Despite this I am not God. The One manifested within me is God.

These nine *kalams* are the pure extract of all the fourteen *lokas* (14 universes). It is like taking out the pure whey from having churned the yogurt of all these fourteen *lokas*, and giving you the extract. Look how *poonyashadi* (people with positive karma) these people are. They are sitting in the elevator that is headed for liberation. There is only one condition given to them. They should not stick their heads out of the elevator door.

These nine *kalams* are not to be found anywhere else. Only a *Poorna Purush* (absolutely Self-realized) can write them. Such a person is very rare. When such a One exists, people achieve salvation.

THE ESSENCE OF THE SCIENCE OF THE VITARAG

What should be done whilst doing these *kalams*? When they are being read, each word should be seen. If you see yourself reading, then you are not entangled elsewhere. Your mind should not be wandering anywhere else while doing these *bhaavnas*. I do not go anywhere else even for a moment. You

too will have to go on that path as well, will you not?

It is called '*bhaavana*,' when you say it with unity of mind, speech, and body. So make sure you specifically do this. The essence of all the collective Science of the *Vitaraag* is in these nine *kalams*. They also include *pratikraman-pratyakhan*. Such *kalams* cannot be found anywhere. Also my book on *brahmacharya* (freedom from sexual impulse) cannot be found anywhere.

When a person invokes these *kalams* all his conflicts with the world will cease. A sense of oneness with all will prevail. These nine *kalams* is the essence of all religion.

Jai Sat Chit Anand

PRAAYER TO PURESELF

Oh Pure Soul within me! You reside within all living beings, just as you reside in me. Your divine form is my real form . My Real form is “Shuddhatma.” (Pure Atma).

Oh Shuddhatma Bhagwan ! With infinite devotion and oneness, I offer my salutations to you. I confess unto you, all mistakes * that I have committed in my ignorant state. I sincerely repent for these mistakes and ask for your pardon. Oh Lord ! Please forgive me, forgive me, forgive me and give me the strength not to repeat these mistakes again.

Oh Shuddhatma Bhagwan ! Please bless us all with such grace that this separation from you disappears and we attain oneness with you. May we remain One with you at all times.

(* Recall the past mistakes that you have committed)

Pratikraman : Process of Divine Apology

With Dada Bhagwan as my witness, I offer my salutations to the Pure Soul who is totally separate from the mind, speech and body of * _____

I recall my mistakes (aalochana) **

I apologize for these mistakes (pratikraman)

I affirm not to repeat these mistakes again (Pratyakhyaan)

Dearest Dada Bhagwan ! Grant me the strength to act in accordance with this firm resolution.

* name of the person hurt by you.

** recall the mistakes you committed with this person.

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Essence of all the scriptures

Spiritual progress attained by speaking (reciting) these Nine Kalams is equal to reading thick volumes of scriptures. I have put tremendous spiritual power in these Nine Kalams. They have phenomenal spiritual energy. These Nine Kalams are not in scripture but I constantly and effortlessly live by them. I am asking you to follow the same. Be sure to read them with alertness. This is the essence of religion.

-Dadashri

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