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# Editorial

Dear Friends,

One evening in 1958, seated on a bench at the bustling Surat station between the crowds and cries of people, Ambalalbai attained Self Realization. For 48 minutes he could see the entire universe; All the mysteries of the universe such as 'Who am I, what is the soul, what is it like, what are merit-demerit karmas, how does this world function, what is karma, how does one bind it, how can one be free from karmas, how can one attain liberation, etc... He received answers to all these questions in these 48 minutes. 'Dada Bhagwan' manifested inside him. From then on everyone started recognizing Him as Dada Bhagwan.

After knowing this about Dadashri one would naturally be curious to know more about the childhood of such a Gnani Purush. What was His goal since childhood? What was so unique about His childhood?

So come, let us take a glimpse of Dada Bhagwan's amazing journey of becoming super human from an ordinary human being. Let us appreciate His virtues and intend that we too get bestowed with similar virtues.

You will be happy to know that this month 'Dada Bhagwan's 111th birthday will be celebrated in a grand way in Adalaj, where all of you are also invited. Will you come?

-Dimple Mehta

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# Family Introduction



Dadashri was born on the 7th November 1908 in a town of Tarsali. He was given the name Ambalal. His father, Muljibhai Patel was broad minded and noble. His mother, Zaverba was soft hearted, kind, compassionate and had a high understanding. His parents lived their lives with purity had a helping nature. Young Ambalal also acquired these innate tendencies.

# Childhood attributes



Generally young children like happiness, convenience, luxury and fun. You must like it as well... don't you? But young Ambalal never liked these things. He used to say that he had seen a lot of wealth and splendor in his past life. Therefore, he was not attracted to any material wealth right from the beginning. He was in fact more interested in finding true facts about the world rather than enjoy material wealth.

Interested in observation and not wealth



In childhood Ambalal had received a nickname of "seven skilled one"

Studying is one skill. One is only successful in studying, whereas a 'seven skilled one' is vigilant about everything. He takes care of his parents, knows the condition of parents and is aware of how money is earned and where the losses are; he is aware of everything. Only a few people can be seven skilled. Ambalal was like that.



The 'seven skilled' one

From childhood Ambalal had an extraordinary thinking ability. At the age of 13 he had thought of being an 'extraordinary' person. 'Extraordinary' means that whatever a common man considers it to be a problem, the 'extraordinary' person would not consider that a problem at all. The 'extraordinary' person is always there to help others.

He wanted to do things nobody else would do. From a young age he felt, "There are lots of people who are knowledgeable about things of the world. I want to know about the thing nobody has the knowledge of."



Extraordinary  
Person

Whenever Ambalal had to go out on an errand, he would ask his neighbors if they needed anything to be done on the way and he would complete their work as well. Thus, while doing his own work, he was also helpful to others. He felt content and others were pleased as well.

When he went from Bhadrans to Vadodara he would buy things that people had asked for. Sometimes when he felt he had been overcharged, he would add his own money and say, 'I got this at a reasonable price'.

He would take care not to hurt anyone's conscience whilst helping them.



Obliging  
Nature



## Straightforwardness

His main virtue was straightforwardness. If the other person was right then he would accept it immediately.

At the age of 13 Ambalal tried to sit on a horse. The horse made him fall.

He told his elder brother, "The horse made me fall."

His brother said, "How can the horse make you fall just like that? Maybe you did not know how to sit on it."

A lot of thoughts raced through his mind on this matter and he concluded that his brother was right and that he that he did not know how to sit on the horse!

He accepted his mistake with openness and he was always aware of that teaching throughout his life.

## Adjustment



He took multiple adjustments so that everyone remained satisfied /so that everyone was happy.

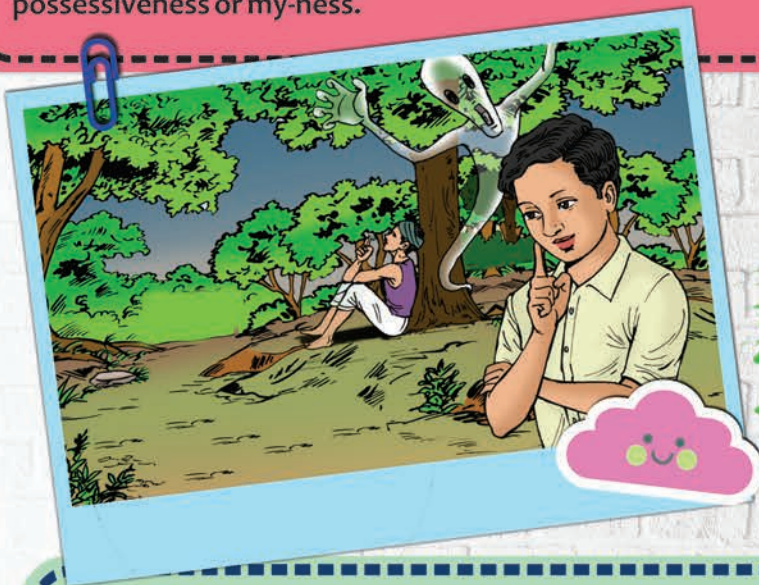
Once, in his youth, he went to a friend's house. The friend persuaded him to have some lunch with him, so he did. When he was going back home he met someone he knew and that person took him home for a meal, so he had some food there as well. In the end when he finally got home he also had something to eat with his mother. If he did not have something to eat with his mother she would feel hurt. So this was the one time he had food three times.

What an adjustment, so that no one gets hurt!

Without any greed,  
possessiveness,  
or my-ness



In the village young Ambalal used to go to the fields with his friends and they would eat fresh vegetables including radish, and sweet potato. After eating as much as they could, they would even carry some home, but Ambalal would never take anything home. He did not have a habit of hoarding. From the beginning he never had any greed, possessiveness or my-ness.



Fearlessness

Even Ambalal was afraid of ghosts, snakes, scorpions etc, just like other children. But what was so amazing was that he would put his fear to test. He would try to find out the reason behind fear, if there was really something like fear, and what was the root cause of fear. He had such faith in himself that 'nothing will happen to me'.

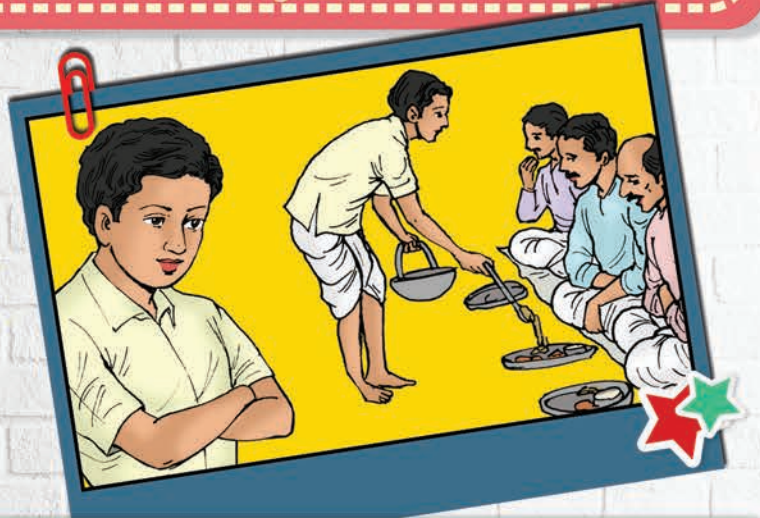
Once there was a rumor that a ghost lived on a particular 'mowra' tree. He decided to confront the ghost one night and found out that a man used to sit there and light cigarettes.

Thus, due to his fearless nature, he would try find out the truth behind any situation.

Once at around the age of 12, they had unexpected guests at home. Ambalal was serving curry and there was just about enough to go round. He served the least amount of curry to his father, a little more to his uncle, and to all the other guests a little more than that, as a sign of politeness to the guests. He did not want anyone to feel that just because it was his father he served him more and everyone else less. From that day people understood that 'this boy is courteous and full of humility'.

From a young age he understood that everyone is aware of close relationship of father and son, so one should not serve the closest one more than the guests.

Thoughtful



Even though Ambalal enjoyed playing games, he was always alert. He never wasted time by flying kites. He used to say that there is no joy or gain in flying kites. In fact, he felt that at the time of Makar Sankranti (festival of kites) the sun's rays were beneficial for the eyes. So he used to watch other people fly kites. He never followed blindly what others did. He made a quick internal assessment about lighting fireworks. Does a king light the fireworks or does he assign that job to his servants? No king has ever lighted fireworks. The servants do it. Thus, when others lighted the fireworks, Ambalal would sit back and enjoy the display.

Young Ambalal's sharp intelligence could make a distinction between what was beneficial and what was harmful.



Insightful

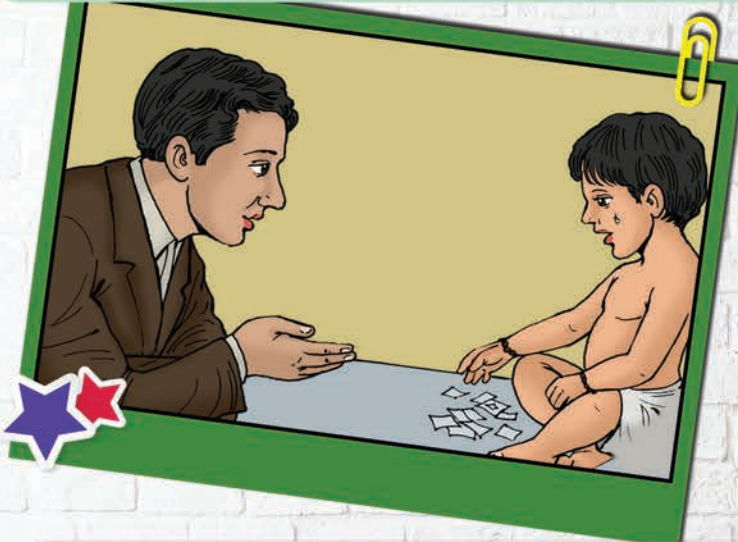


By observing the traits in people, he could find at least one positive trait in each individual. He would encourage the positive so that negative would fall off by itself.

One day there was a child who was crying a lot. Ambalal took a piece of paper and said to the child, "Look at this piece of paper! Touch it with your hands!" He tore the paper into small pieces and then placed them in the child's little hands and said, "Now let's see you give me each piece."

The child picked each small piece of paper and placed it in Ambalalbhai's hand. He got busy doing this activity and forgot his crying and was happy.

Thus by observing the child's nature he would win their hearts.



Keen sense of observation

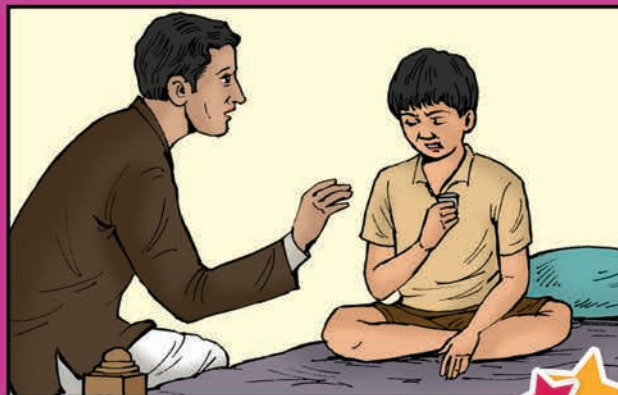
Once the son of Ambalalbhai's partner had fever and he was refusing to drink the medicine. He said, "I cannot drink this medicine, it is very bitter. It will come back out as vomit."

Ambalalbhai made him understand, "Look, you do not need to panic. Say this five times 'Oh God please give me the strength to drink this bitter medicine' and then drink it. Nothing will happen.

The partner's son did what Ambalalbhai said and drank the medicine after repeating the sentence five times, but he still felt that he was going to vomit.

Ambalalbhai made him understand, "Nothing will happen! Do not think like that. Think positive that with this medicine the fever will go away."

In this way Ambalalbhai would give the children the right understanding lovingly and free them from wrong beliefs.





# Dadashri's

words for this generation

“**There** has never been such a generation of youth that is so clear and pure.”

“This current generation has a healthy mind. I can understand them clearly.”

“It is nature's blessing that this generation has turned out healthy minded. This does not normally happen, but when it does, it can salvage the entire world. They just need to be guided.”

“Once guided, then this Hindustan (this country) will transform. This will happen soon....very soon.”





**According** to Dada's heartfelt wish, Pujya Niruma took charge of this healthy minded generation and accepted the role of guiding them with love and care of a mother. Pujya Deepakbhai worked towards advancing the children's activities. Niruma kept life molding retreats for younger generation where everyone received her personal touch. Due to her pure love the children were automatically pulled towards her.

Thereafter, in order that children get the right understanding, Pujyashree started GNC "Gnani ni Chhaya". Today there are GNC centers in every other town. Groups have been made according to age. BMHT (Baby Mahatma) for the very little, LMHT (Little Mahatma) and YMHT (Young Mahatma) for the youth. Today thousands of children are participating. They are growing under the Gnani's pure love.

All the materials (Balvignan Publications), activities, events related to children in GNC are provided and formulated under Pujyashree's close observation, keeping in mind Dada's words and intentions. Pujya Deepakbhai has experienced and witnessed the art of molding children through Pujya Dadashri and Niruma's love and instillation of values. It is his earnest desire that every child receive these values through the medium of GNC. The easy keys to happiness shown by Dadashri are effective for children as well. Dear friends! This 'AKRAM EXPRESS' that you so enjoy is also a part of that!





Dadashri's coming 111th birthday is such an important day for all of us! Moreover the day has its own importance. Dada's Janma Jayanti (birthday) event is a holy day just like Diwali and Guru Purnima. On these days, 'Dada Bhagwan' is fully manifested in enlightened form. On these days, you receive from 'Him' all the strengths that you ask for with a pure heart. Let us all take the pleasure of his divine darshan (devotional viewing). So friends, how can we miss this invaluable opportunity?

On Dadashri's birthday, mahatmas used to have a procession. They used to participate with a lot of devotion, sing spiritual songs, dance with joy and happiness ... as if the entire world does not matter. Then they would arrange divine darshan of Dadashri. They would leave after the prayers, singing devotional songs, and having auspicious offering of food.

Dada's birthday is celebrated as a great festival in this way.

Come let's see how memorable Dada's 100th birthday celebration was.

Since then, Dada's birthday has been celebrated in different towns and cities as a grand festival of 5 to 6 days, with a big children's park is and different entertaining activities for the youth. Children do not feel like leaving the children's park that provides knowledge through fun! This is such a wonderful celebration!

**It's One For 111**



**But** guess what? This year we are celebrating the 111th birthday of our Pujya Dadashri. It's going to be a huge blast.

Do you know where?

At our doorstep! In the scenic atmosphere of the Adalaj Trimandir! In the presence of Pujyashree Deepakbhai!... on the very place which has been graced by Pujya Niruma ... And what's more? Our dear Dadashri has ancestral roots in Adalaj!

And friends! Do you know what the significance is this time? This place has been named "Jova Jevi Duniya" (A World Worth Exploring)

Will you come and see "Jova Jevi Duniya" which is specially made for you? We will be eagerly waiting for you.



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# GNC PARK

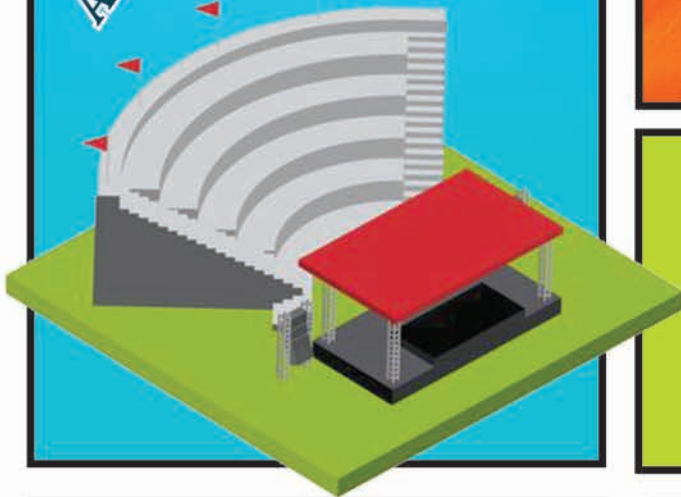
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