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Law for Laxmiji





Editorial

We do see in this worldly life that many people have tons of money whereas there are others who have no money even after toiling hard day and night. Now, what might be the reason, the secret behind this? Everyone has a need of money. Nevertheless, how can one comprehend the deep secrets of its coming and going through ordinary worldly vision? Except the experienced Gnani who can give exact understanding concerning the inflow and exit of money, and the proper interaction with money in worldly interaction? The great Gnani Purush Dadashri of this current time cycle used to say that money is the centerpiece of all worldly interactions. Therefore, one should never fail to show respect and humility towards money. One must never have contempt towards money. If you want to make money-Lakshmiji (Goddess of wealth) happy

then you should develop a love for Narayan (the Lord within all). "Money is not an absolute truth it is a relative truth." Money does not come due to intellect; it comes because of one's merit karma. There is an inflow and an outflow of money, and this is under the authority of nature. With pure and right money, one can have peace and happiness in his life. One can only earn money that is rightfully his, he cannot take wrong and impure money. It is called punya (merit karma) when you spend money towards a worthy cause.

In order to bring Laxmiji (Money) in our life, Dadashri says there are some laws which are to be followed. Everything in life is scientific and if you break these laws, Laxmiji will surely avoid you. So, what are these laws? Let us look at them...

Yours, Dimple Mehta

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How to get laxmiji?

“Aunty, please teach Mummy how to make these yummy, yummy dishes?” Nihar asks his Mami (maternal aunt) while eating. He and his parents arrived from London two days ago, to meet their maternal relations and to celebrate Diwali.

From eating his aunt's delicious dishes, receiving the love of his grandpa, and shopping with his uncle, Nihar is enjoying himself tremendously. Also, soon after arrival, immediate friendships were formed with Swaraj, Swyam and Nishant from the neighborhood.

Today, the new friends are gathered at Swaraj's house to play carom. Suddenly, Nihar's eyes fall upon

a unique object on the wall. He finds this object curious, but then returns his focus to the game.

That evening Nihar goes with his Mami to purchase Diwali snacks. In the shop, he sees the object again. He wants to ask Mami about it, but she is busy talking on the phone. The driver arrives, so they leave. That night, he continues to remember the curious object.

The following day, his Mama (maternal uncle) asks him to join him to buy firecrackers. On hearing this, Nihar becomes elated. For the first time in his life, he is going to see firecrackers! He asks his father to join them. Because his father has work at Nihar's uncle's office, he agrees to stop there first, and join





them in buying the firecrackers.

As they enter his uncle's office, Nihar's eyes fall once again upon the same object on the wall! He bursts out, "What IS that Mama?" "That is Laxmi Devi's Yantra," his Mama replies. Again he asks, "What is Laxmi Yantra?" "It is with Laxmi Devi's blessing that we have this office, our bungalow, and a car," his uncle explains. Thoughts pass through Nihar's mind, but he sits alone and remains quiet. Soon they all arrive home with the firecrackers.

The next day, for Dhanteras, everyone assembles in the pooja room. Mama brings out the Laxmi Yantra and various silver coins from the locker, while Mami begins to arrange the pooja items. Then, each takes turns performing pooja of the Laxmi Yantra and silver coins. Puzzled, Nihar asks, "Why are you all doing pooja of these objects?" Mama explains, "**Son, if we do**

pooja (worship) of this Yantra and coins on this auspicious day, Laxmi Devi becomes pleased with us, and showers us with great bounty and prosperity." "But..." Before Nihar can say anything further, his father gestures to him to stop.

After the pooja, Nihar's father calls him aside and asks, "Tell me, what's bothering you?" "Daddy, we've never performed such a pooja. In London my friends do no such pooja or put up any Laxmi Yantras, yet we have wealth, and so do my friends. Mathew and Suzanne are incredibly rich. Could they secretly have a Laxmi Yantra, or be performing pooja?" Nihar reveals the thoughts going through his mind to his father. Hearing them, his father laughs aloud and says, "Come here, sit next to me. Do you know what Dadashri has to say about this?" "No, Daddy," Nihar replies. His father continues, "**Dadashri says...**"

By What Principles Does One Obtain Laxmi? (Money)

Questioner: What are the principles by which one obtains wealth?

Dadashri: The first principle is by not obtaining Laxmi wrongly. If you break that principle then how can you expect Laxmiji to remain happy? Next, you wash Laxmiji. Everyone does that! Do people in London also do the same?

Questioner: No, Dada. There nobody washes her!

Dadashri: Even still, don't foreigners obtain wealth? Do you think by washing money, you'll get more of it? In India, people even dip their money in a bowl of curd! Nobody lags behind in washing money. People come to ask me whether I have washed Laxmiji! I retort, "What for?" Whenever I come across Laxmiji, I tell her, "The sixth house in Mama ni Pol at Vadodara is the address. Whenever you find it suitable, you may visit and when you wish to leave, you may do so! This is your house, and you are welcome." With utmost humility I say this to her. I don't pretend proudly and tell her that I don't need her! So, after you reach home tonight say, "**Oh, Laxmi Devi, whenever it is possible, please do visit my house and, whenever it suits you, leave again. But do remember to visit this house!**" You can manage that, can't you?





Questioner: What are the laws of the universe?

Answer : There are many laws in this universe. Dadashri has explained many laws of Vyavhar and Nischay. The world is governed by laws only. The world is not a haphazard place. It is exact.

Questioner: But what if I don't believe in these laws?

Answer: There was once a person that didn't believe in gravity and challenged a scientist, saying, "It doesn't exist." The scientist was amused by the argument. He told the challenger to go to the top floor of his building, and to walk straight off the parapet. What would happen? Would the person float or fall? Whether the person does or doesn't believe in gravity, the Law of Gravity holds. He will fall! Similarly, these are universal laws. Whether you believe in them or not, they will run your life.

For example, there is a Law of Money: Laxmi, in the form of cash changes hand every 11 years. Therefore, if no new cash comes in for eleven years, even a millionaire will become poor!

This is the law. Whether you believe it or not, this works out to be true. If people keep accumulating money and not spending it, that money goes to waste. The recent demonetisation of Rs. 500/1000 notes is a dramatic example of money changing hands en mass.

Understanding and having faith in universal laws helps you to run your world in a proper manner. Dadashri has spoken about such laws, and this knowledge is shared in all his books.



LAXMI

NO

VYAVAHAR

First of all, you should do Pratikraman (recall, repent, and resolve not to repeat the mistake) for every time that you have strongly desired to acquire wealth (Laxmi). “I have done [recall the mistake] which should not have been done,” should be your continuous remorse. Laxmiji is very smart. She is Lord Narayan's wife. How can one run after someone's wife? All these “big shots” are after Laxmi, so she winks at them and runs on ahead. They become excited and start chasing her - believing that Laxmiji has called them! But she runs so fast that, one by one, they fall down; yet they rub their swollen knees and get back up! So Laxmiji again winks, and leads them on another merry chase! Instead, they should tell Laxmiji that they are content with whatever they have, and that she is free to go elsewhere. However, they would welcome her if she would visit them!

Laxmi is Lord Narayan's wife. You cannot hold someone's wife! If need be, catch hold of Lord Narayan, and automatically his wife Laxmiji will follow!



Dada's Book Excerpt

Where There Is Worry, Laxmiji (Wealth) Doesn't Last!

Questioner: If this is so, then people wouldn't go out to earn, and instead they would stop worrying.

Dadashri: No, it is not in their hands to go out and earn! They are just TOPS. They are controlled by nature, yet they egoistically boast that they've stepped out for a good earning! Unnecessarily they go on worrying, and foolishly imitate others such as, "So-and-so is so worried about getting his daughter married, whereas I haven't started worrying yet!" Such people drown in worries. By the time they have to spend on their daughter's wedding, they've become paupers. Where are they going to get the money from? What is the nature of Laxmiji (money)? She resides where there is happiness, not where people are worried. Laxmiji visits and resides only in places where people are happy, content, and pray to God!

Gnani Moulds One On A Positive Track

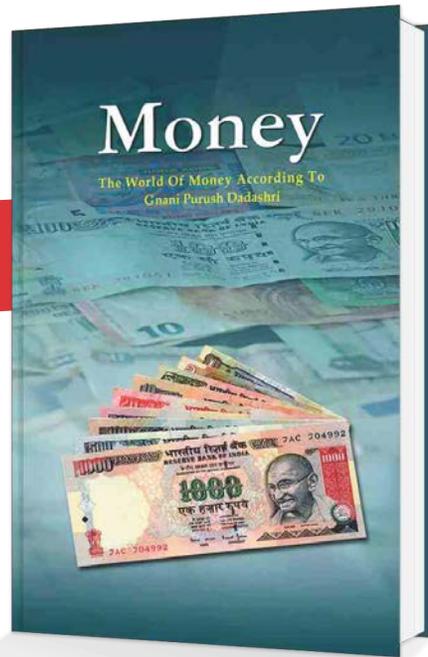
I want to make him positive and to banish any negativity. If he is

worthy, I will boost his goodness - so much so that it will shine in every instance and replace all negativity. Up to now the world has been steeped in negativity! In spite of having wealth, if one has heartburn, this wealth is due to Paapanubandhi Punya (merit karma which, while in the process of enjoying it, a new demerit karma is bound); unstained wealth does not create clashes. So, Laxmi (wealth) has many beautiful features!

Laxmiji (wealth) visits homes of noble persons

How does one become wealthy? Only when you have gone all out to help people does Laxmiji visit you! Otherwise she does not come. She visits those who intend to give. She visits those who have worked hard the entire day, or who allowed themselves to be cheated, yet maintained nobility of character. It may seem that she has left, but she returns and remains with such people.

Questioner: You have written that the one who really earns is the one who is large-hearted. In



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dealings of give and take, he has a broad mind and such a person gains; whereas a stingy narrow – minded person never gains!

Dadashri: At Bhuleshwar in Mumbai I have seen many with worn-out soles moving about and I have observed them! If one is noble in every way then Laxmiji is pleased. Do you think Laxmiji would go to a rascal?

Questioner: So, is it due to his punya (merit karmas) that one becomes wealthy?

Dadashri: To become wealthy, you have to be morally righteous, only then money will pour in!

Questioner: It is said that intellect is necessary to earn money.

Dadashri: No. Intellect will only show profit and loss wherever you go. It will not fetch you money. If that was so, then there are so many intelligent 'Mehtaji's' (secretaries) in Bhuleshwar is a crowded commercial area Bhuleshwar who are more clever than their boss and understand more. But they roam around in their half-torn slippers and worn out soles. However, their Boss move around with their expensive shoes worth Rs. 300/- but they are block heads!

One's 'punya' (merit karmas) is required to earn money. In fact, with intellect one builds 'paap' (demerit karmas). I don't have intellect so I don't amass 'paap'. I don't have even one percent intellect!



Cleanliness Attracts Laxmiji.



एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर



Why have we always been taught that, “Cleanliness is next to godliness”? Would you enjoy visiting, or would you be comfortable in someone's unclean house? Would you like to visit a home where people are fighting? Do you enjoy spending time with someone who is negative about life?

The very answer “No!” tells us that, if we ourselves don't like such places and people, then why would Laxmiji? She is a Devi who lives in heaven - where everything is beautiful, peaceful, pious, and pure. So, why would she want

to visit a filthy place where people are quarrelsome and pessimistic?

The simplest and most immediate way to attract money is to increase your physical cleanliness at home or at work. Many individuals and businesses have experimented with this practice, and seen money rush in suddenly, often from unlikely sources!

Ultimately, Laxmiji is drawn not merely by the cleanliness of our surroundings, but by the cleanliness and purity of our minds, speech, and actions.

Gnani with Youth



By wishing for money one invites obstruction. If you stop wishing for money, you'll automatically be flooded with money.

Questioner : I feel warmth from possessing money. I get a fever at the thought of how would I live without money? If that does come about, what would happen?

Pujyashri: So, be aware! Would a heap of money help if you got a heart attack?

Questioner: No, it wouldn't cure it.

Pujyashri: When an illness brings pain, it's not money that stops it. In short, only when your merit-karma is in force will you get money and not have any kind of suffering. When that period is over, the money will vanish and suffering will follow. Money does not give happiness, but our merit-karma (Punya) does. All our suffering is due to de-merit karmas (Paap). Also, during a period of Punya karma, even if you have less money, you'll be satisfied and happy. In spite of having less money, if you have good health, a good wife, good children, and sufficient food, you'll feel satisfied and happy. Isn't that possible?

Questioner: Yes, that's possible.

Pujyashri: You should maintain the belief that, "You are not dependent on money, but you are dependent on Shuddhatma (Pure Soul)." We take support from temporary things, but one day they won't be there to support you. Therefore, learn to be dependent on support that is steady and permanently with you, i.e. your true Self! Only during the unfolding of Punya karmas do you get money and, when this period is over, so too will the money. We should not live

by relying on such support. We have to depend upon Self-realization. Even when money disappears you'll still have Gnan, whereby you will live your life. Besides, **there is a rule that one who does not have any conflict with anyone, and who doesn't need anything, is flooded with money – even though he gives it no thought!**

By wishing for money one invites obstruction. If you stop wishing for money, you'll automatically be flooded with money. In the case of people who don't desire money, happiness, peace, facilities, prosperity, and all needs are taken care of - even without money!

At home, when a baby is born would he touch money?

Questioner: No, he doesn't need it.

Pujyashri: No, he doesn't think about it. His needs are for food and drink, his bath, clothing; he gets it all even without asking because of Punya. His father may not have money, or perhaps he may be saving money, but the baby receives all that he needs.

So, now try to understand what is money, when do you receive it, how do you spend it, and what is the reason it leaves you? What is the rule behind its arrival and its departure? The more you give, the more you will receive. If you continue hoarding, you'll lose money. That is the rule. Even if you can only give 1/10th of your money away, you've opened the door for its entry!



As the title suggests, this is the story of a friend whose life I have keenly observed. A friend who drowned herself in an ocean of debt - from head to toe.

Who doesn't have dreams? My friend certainly had dreams. I use the word "had" because now her dreams have turned into nightmares. She had barely begun her life, and now she is depressed.

The problems originated with her dream to study at Wales in England. Coming from a middle class family, it appeared that the only means to realize her dream was to fund herself. She came across the option of a student loan, which fuelled her hopes. But when she managed to get a student loan on the basis of her performance, she began to feel utterly overwhelmed. Friends, this loan had come with a large responsibility - it was backed with a time-limit. Taking such a loan is very scary because it means you will have little to no income at all!

With the loan money, she packed her bags, flew to England, and paid for her courses - gifting herself further education. But then, in the midst of all this, she developed a new passion: shopping! Now, shopping is a dangerous passion, especially for a girl who can barely manage her basic expenses. She found a means to support her new passion, oblivious that it would act as poison: she got a credit card, and everything worsened further. Credit card spending is an easy way to fall deep into debt, as it rapidly accrues interest! This can lead to a lifelong situation. My friend eventually figured out the same. Unable to see any escape, she approached me and asked for money. I nearly fainted when she told me that she had accumulated a debt of 75 lakhs! Living a luxurious life comes with a price, I told myself. Being a student myself, I couldn't offer her than 1 lakh. I had to manage my expenses too. For her, even 1 lakh was helpful, so she agreed to take it. I lent it to her with hopes of getting it back as soon as possible. But time passed and I heard nothing from her.... I kept wondering if she had managed to pay off her debts.

Finally, I gave her a call. To my shock and dismay, I heard a broken voice on her end. We spoke for some time, and she explained how she was struggling to meet her debt payments. She described that, as her debts mounted, the majority of her income was eaten up by debt repayment. She was unable to manage her original debts so, as a part of this cycle, every other month she entered into new debts in order to settle the previous ones. This had damaged her credit.



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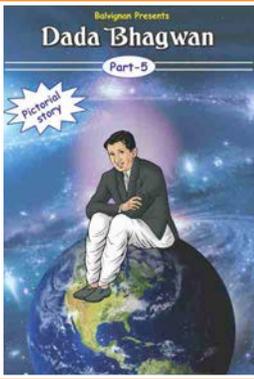
One gets overwhelmed by borrowing, and when it comes to repayment, a person begins sweating. I could tell from the tone of her voice that she was depressed, but fighting like a warrior. I knew she wanted to get back on her feet. Analyzing all this, I invited her over a coffee, rang up an Aptaputri ben in Adalaj, and explained the whole situation. After listening, the Aptaputri shared the following paragraph written by Dada Bhagwan.

“The principle is that one should borrow money only if he intends to pay it back. Afterwards, he must resolve every four days that he wants to return this money as soon as possible. If you maintain such an intention then you will be able to repay the money. Otherwise, God only knows!

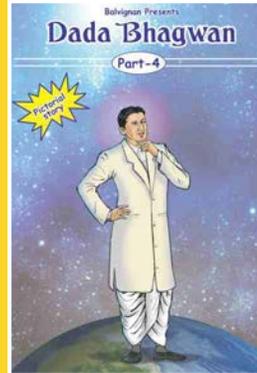
You should not lend money. Those that are in debt have to pay their moneylender when he comes to demand payment from them. When that's done, he borrows from another person. He borrows Rs.10,000/- and repays Rs.5,000/- to another moneylender. In this way he gets caught up in a vicious circle - borrowing from one to pay another! Finally, when he is unable to settle his debt, he breaks down to lament his lot!”



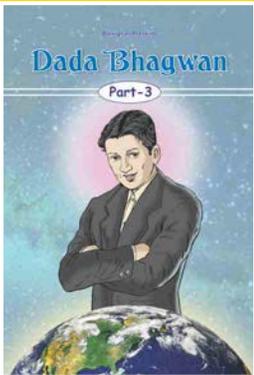
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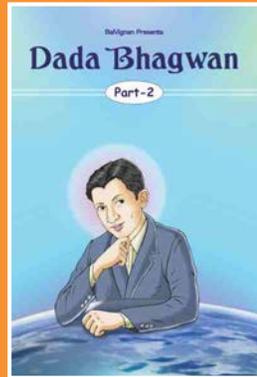
The greatness of a plant lies in its seed'. What seeds was Dada sowing around Him.



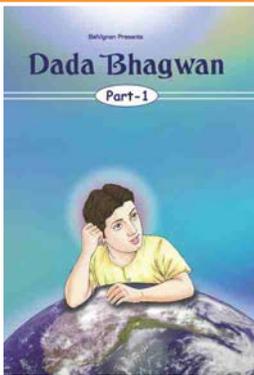
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Pause and Think!

Let's do this small exercise to understand exactly where we stand:
Check all the boxes that you've done (or are still doing):

- I didn't appreciate the importance of my parent's money. I wasted it in unnecessary entertainment and recreation.
- I've craved money for the wrong reasons.
- I've taken loans from friends or relatives for non-essential items or to fulfill unnecessary desires.
- I've not maintained physical cleanliness at home or at work.
- I've contributed to an impure atmosphere at home due to conflicts with my parents or siblings.
- I've stolen through my mind, speech or actions (including thoughts about stealing from my parents, friends, etc.)
- I've not kept purity of mind, speech or actions (negative thoughts; verbally abused or insulted others; engaged in a physical fight)

Now we all know how sincerely we've been following the rules of Lakshmi!

Start Afresh!

Now that we all know where we stand, we need to learn the steps to repent for previous violations of Laxmiji's rules. If we follow these steps, we can start afresh:

1

Repent for the ways you've wasted your parents' hard-earned money in useless recreation, and promise your parents (as well as yourself) to never repeat the same.

2

Follow in the footsteps of God. Money naturally follows a staunch devotee of God.

3

Wish your creditors well, and pray to God that you can repay your loans at the earliest. Until then, pray for your creditor's well-being and financial stability.

4

Maintain cleanliness at home and at work.

5

Avoid conflicts at home by repenting over your mistakes. Strive to maintain a pure atmosphere at home.

6

Make an unwavering resolve to not engage in theft through your mind, speech, or actions. During any instance of financial crisis this resolve must be maintained, and followed sincerely.

7

Maintain purity of mind, speech and actions.

By following these steps, one can start anew. Otherwise, one's previous violations of Laxmiji's rules cannot be erased.

Solve Puzzles

1 There are eight pills of the same size and colour. One pill is slightly heavier (weighs more) than the others, and is poisonous. You have a balanced scale and can only use it twice. How can you find the poisoned pill?

Hint: First, take any six pills and divide them into two groups of three each.

2 Arun threw a tennis ball such that it went a short distance, came to a complete stop, and then reversed itself. He did not bounce the ball off any object, nor did he tie anything to it. How could he perform this trick?

3 A train leaves from Mumbai heading towards Ahmedabad at 85km/h. Two hours later, a train leaves Ahmedabad towards Mumbai at 100km/h. Assume that there is exactly 500km between Mumbai and Ahmedabad. When they meet, which train is closer to Mumbai?

Hint: Follow the same rationale as “What weighs more five pounds of feathers, or five pounds of gold?”

1-answer: First, take any six pills and divide them into two groups of three each. Place one group on each side of the weigh scale. There are two possible options:
• If the two sides balance, then the heavier pill is in the remaining two. Balance the two pills and the heavier poisonous one will be found.
• If they do not balance (i.e. one group is heavier than the other), then take any two pills of the heavier group and compare them on the scale. If one is heavier than the other, then the poisonous pill is found. If both weigh the same, then the third pill (the one which you did not weigh the second time) is the poisonous one.
2-answer: He simply threw the ball straight up in the air.
3-answer: Both trains will be the same distance from Mumbai when they meet.

Summer Camp

Summer camp was held in more than 10 cities in which around 930 youth girls aging from 13-21 years participated. To have a deeper insight of the event, visit the following link : Youth.dadabhagwan.org



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Ahmedabad	56
Bharuch	89
Gandhidham	35
Mumbai	55
Rajkot	58
Simandhar city	340
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Surenranagar	28
Vadodara	45
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