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# Editorial

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Friends,

**We have had various questions arise in our lives, and there is nothing wrong with raising questions and finding their solutions.** If scientists did not have questions and did not try to find the answers, then perhaps there would not have been so many discoveries in science. Everything that has become a part of our lives today, such as cell phones, the internet, TV, cars, bikes, etc. were all questions at the start of their exploration. And, as a result, these inventions of science were created.

Even in spiritual science, the questions posed by the seeker become a major cause for his/her progress. Who runs this world? Why can house holders and women not attain liberation? If Dadashri had not raised such questions, then perhaps this wonderful science of Akram Vignan would not have been revealed!

What in life is normal? When? Where? Why? We are trying to get answers to such questions, but we must



be vigilant about why we ask questions, what type of questions to ask, whom to ask, and how to ask with discretion.

In this issue, ‘Why?’ - a common question, which never leaves us alone - will be discussed further in detail. The purpose of asking questions such as ‘Why?’, its benefits and consequences, its importance, etc. has been discussed. In addition, detailed guidance on asking these questions is also included in this issue, which we hope will be useful to you...

- Dimple Mehta



# Importance of Asking Questions

**Arjun and Aditya were childhood best friends. Since childhood, Aditya was very interested in learning about new things. How are they made? How do they work? Arjun was also very intelligent! They both received admission to the same college for Computer Engineering.**

One day, during a computer lab class, the professor was teaching everyone how to write a practical computer program. After understanding it, all the students began typing the code for the program. Aditya was sitting with Arjun. Both of them typed the same code. They then both ran their programs to check if it worked. Arjun's code ran correctly. But, Aditya's program received an error. So Aditya asked, "Arjun, our code is pretty much the same, so then why am I getting an error?"

Arjun replied, "Aditya, re-check it one more time, maybe there could be a mistake."

Aditya re-checked his own program. But it did not make a difference.

After a little while, the professor started to check everyone's results. So then Aditya asked the professor the reason for this error.

The professor ran the code and while looking at the error, said to Aditya, "I will not tell you the exact error. You need to try to read and understand the error on your own and then tell me the reason for it."

Aditya checked the code word for word on Google and finally found out that the error was caused due to typing an extra space in one part of the code.

Aditya said enthusiastically to the professor, "Sir, I found it! The error was caused due to an extra space, but now I have another question: Why was there an error if there was no character in the space?"

The professor replied, "A computer is a machine. For it, a space is considered a character, which has its own special code. So if there is an extra space, that code will also be added

**Sir, I found it! The error was caused due to an extra space, but now I have another question: Why was there an error if there was no character in the space?**

to your program. Thus, there is a mismatch that gets created and an error occurs.”

Saying this, the professor went on ahead, but Aditya’s questions would not end. So then he started asking Arjun more questions.

Aditya: “In what other way can I run this program?” Arjun replied with irritation, “Not again! Every time you ask, 'Why? For what reason?' You keep having these questions. Man, do you not get bored?”

Aditya: “No, I enjoy it a lot and I

will not rest till I find the answers.”

Saying this, Aditya went to the computer lab’s professor. The professor gave Aditya many references to various books and websites.

After Aditya and Arjun graduated from college, they went their separate ways in their career fields. After many years, a college reunion was arranged. All the students and their parents were invited to this event. While introducing the chief guest of the event, the principal of the college said, “Today, we have invited such a person as our chief guest, who has made a



name for himself in the world of computer engineering from a very young age and has popularized the name of our college.”

After hearing this, everyone wondered, ‘Who would this person from our college be?’ That’s when the principal said, “Let us welcome one of the most talented students from our college and owner of one of the world’s top ten successful software startups, Mr. Aditya Chaudhary!!”

Everyone was shocked upon hearing this. In the crowd was also Aditya’s classmate, Arjun. He couldn’t believe that his once best friend had become such a successful person!

The principal respectfully asked Aditya, “So Aditya, can we know the reason behind your success?”

Aditya very politely thanked the principal and looked at the students and said, “My success is due to my questions.”

Hearing this, Arjun remembered the days when Aditya used to ask questions about the smallest of things and would work towards finding answers to them. He thought, ‘Was it really that important to ask questions? Is it really worth asking questions?’

**Let's understand this through the Gnani's scientific vision...**







## Talks About the Last Stage!

The entire Gita is in the form of questions and answers. Arjun asks the questions and Lord Krishna gives the answers. Lord Krishna did not give any discourse in the Gita. He only gave answers to the questions that were asked. He would not give a discourse at all, would He? The Ultimate Science is not in the form of lectures, it is in the form of questions and answers. In the end, He [Lord Krishna] has given answers to the uncertainty and doubt that arose within Arjun, that is all. That is called religion. The Gita has turned out to be *pariprashnen*. *Pariprashnen* means that Arjun asks questions, and Lord Krishna gives the answers. That is the essence of the entire Gita.

So what did Lord Krishna say? *Pariprashna* means to ask questions and come to the final station. Otherwise, one cannot reach the final station without asking questions. Lord Mahavir has also spoken in the form of questions and an-

swers. The [interaction between] Lord Mahavir and Gautama Swami was also in the form of questions and answers! Gautama Swami and the eleven principal disciples asked the questions and Lord Mahavir gave them the answers. What those principle disciples have asked, all of that has been transcribed as the scriptures of Lord Mahavir.

**Questioner:** All these people who come here to you, will they continue to come to you their whole lives?

**Dadashri:** No, no. All these questions come to an end after attaining Gnan. The questions will certainly not arise. Where is the problem thereafter? Once you become the Knower of all the questions, then what is there left to ask? And here too, everything is in the form of questions and answers. What is the Gnan that you have been given like? Questions will not arise at all!

# YOUTH VOICE



We conducted a survey of today's youth to find out where the 'Why?' questions arise. The most frequently asked questions by the youth are presented below.



**Anonymous** @anonymous01

If it was someone else's fault, why did they scold me?



**Anonymous** @anonymous03

Why did this have to happen to me?



**Anonymous** @anonymous02

Why is he/she talking to me so harshly?



**Anonymous** @anonymous04

Why am I affected by what others say, even though I don't want to be?



**Anonymous** @anonymous05

Why can't I recognize his/her nature?



**Anonymous** @anonymous07

Why are all cultures different?



**Anonymous** @anonymous06

Why do people live with superstitions?



**Anonymous** @anonymous08

Why am I unnecessarily thinking so much?







**Anonymous** @anonymous10  
Why do I have financial problems?

**Anonymous** @anonymous11  
Why isn't my family like my friends?

**Anonymous** @anonymous14  
Why are my mom and dad partial?

**Anonymous** @anonymous15  
Why do others get a chance first and not me?

**Anonymous** @anonymous17  
Why can't I get what I want?

**Anonymous** @anonymous18  
Why do I look like this?

**Anonymous** @anonymous09  
Why do I have to adjust every time?

**Anonymous** @anonymous12  
Why can't I work as hard as this person?

**Anonymous** @anonymous13  
Why am I unlucky?

**Anonymous** @anonymous16  
Why can't I pass my exams?



# Complaint or Curiosity?

Friends, you may have also had **'Why?'** questions arise.  
So let us do an activity on it.

1. You will need a paper, a pen and a highlighter.
2. Now, write down all the questions you have had from when you were little until now.
3. Divide all the questions you have written into two parts:
  - 1.) Complaints
  - 2.) Curiosities - for which you have been given an example table below. You can highlight the questions using two different colored highlighters.
4. Lastly, count the number of questions that are Complaints and the number of questions that are Curiosities.

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## Complaints

When something that we do not like happens, then it is called a complaint.

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- Why can't people that are close to us see our positives?
- Why can no one understand me?
- Why do other people get credit for the hard work I have done?
- Why do I have to be the one to let go of things every time?
- I try to do it correctly, so why does it end up being wrong?

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## Curiosities

The questions that arise when there is an intense desire to know something is called curiosity.

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- Who created this world? How did the first living being come to be?
- Why is one person poor and another person rich?
- How could it be that thousands of people went there together and were swept away in the flood?
- Why are only seven colors in the rainbow?
- Why is it that Muslims bury dead bodies and Hindus burn them?



# Me and a

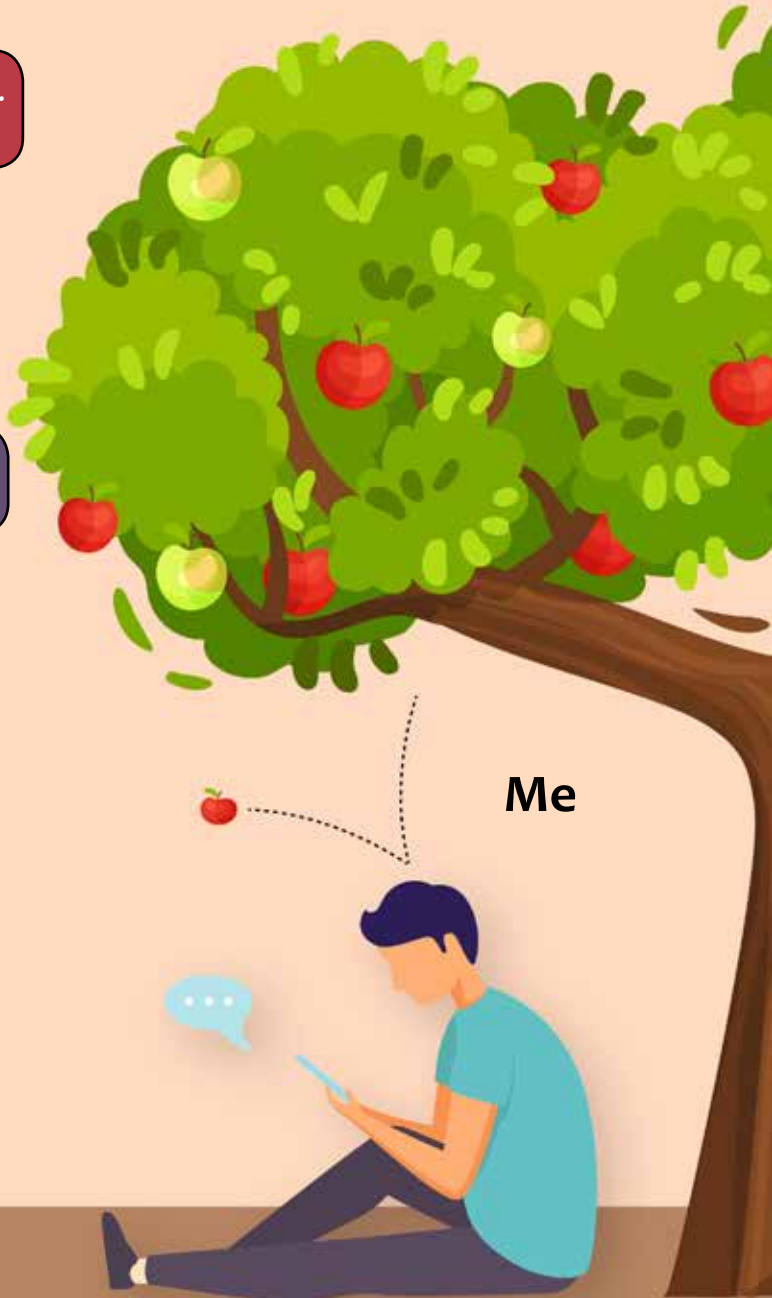
But it fell so far.... I will have to get up to get it.

Wow!! An apple. I will eat it.

One should not sit under such a tree! What if such a large fruit were to fall on my head??

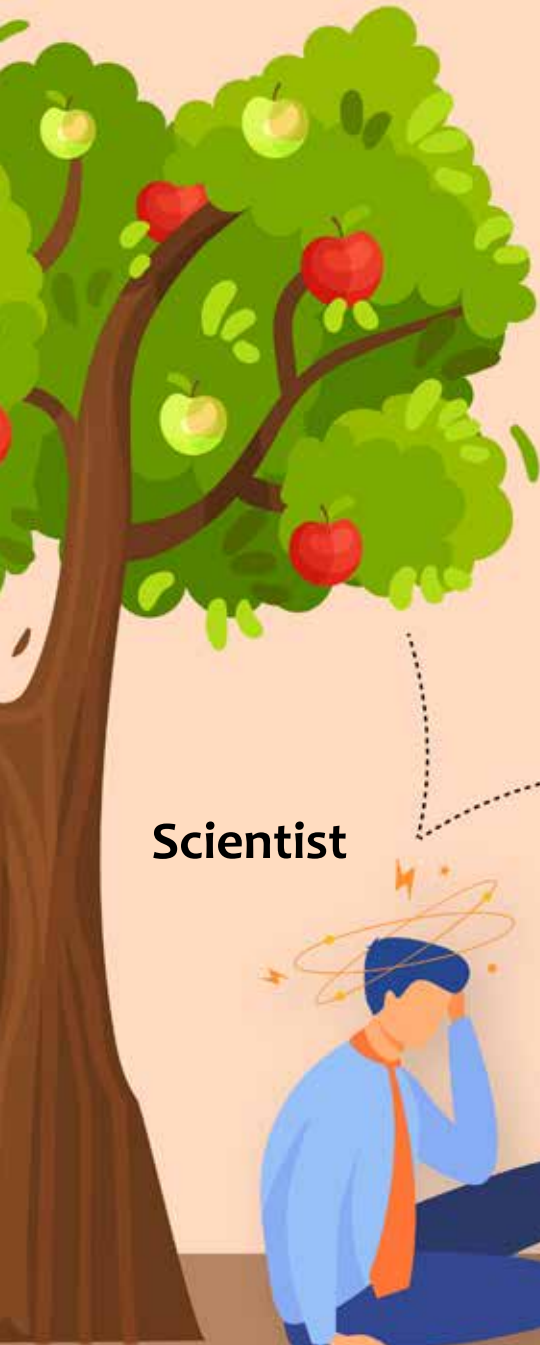
Only one apple fell?! Let me make another one fall.

It looks rotten. That's why it fell.



Me

# a Scientist



Scientist

Why did this apple fall down? Why did it not go up?

Why doesn't the moon fall down?

Just as this has fallen down, how many other things must only be falling down?

Is there something in the ground that pulls everything down?

Do all things take the same amount of time to fall?







# A Glimpse of Great People

## Gautama Buddha

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Gautama Buddha was the prince of the city of Kapilavastu. His name was Siddharth. His father wanted to keep him away from miseries, death and other realities of life and so he had made a luxurious palace for him in which there was only happiness. For many years he was not allowed to step outside of this palace.

Once Siddharth had grown up, he went out into the city with his charioteer. There he saw an old man. He asked his charioteer, “Who is this?” His charioteer replied, “This is an old man. One day we too will grow old.” Further ahead, he saw a sick man. Again Siddharth asked his charioteer, “Why is he feeling so weak?” His charioteer responded, “He is sick and not able to bear the pain; therefore the weakness.” A little further ahead, people were carrying a corpse and those that were walking behind it were crying. This disturbed Siddharth’s mind and he asked his charioteer, “Why are all these people crying? And what are they carrying?” The charioteer replied, “These people are crying because their relative has died. And they are carrying

his corpse to the funeral pyre. Whoever is born into this world will die.”

Moving a little further, Siddharth saw an ascetic under a tree sitting in a meditative pose and again asked his charioteer, “What is the reason for his happiness?” The charioteer said, “Nothing can hurt the one who has acquired true knowledge.” For someone like Siddharth who had never heard of or seen unhappiness in his life, after seeing all these scenes, he started pondering upon this and he came to the conclusion that **“The happiness that I was searching for outside, actually lies within me.”** Inspired by this, Siddhartha was able to attain enlightenment by performing difficult penance and was also able to enlighten many others.

Friends, by finding satisfactory solutions to the problems that arose in his mind Gautama Buddha was able to help many achieve eternal bliss because his questions led him towards the right direction. And only when the questions lead one in the right direction, can one progress.





## Ask the Right Guide

Niruma once said during satsang, “You want to go north, you want to go to Delhi, but instead you go south, you go towards Madras, and you keep going and going, and then you wonder why haven’t we reached Delhi yet? Why haven’t we arrived in Delhi yet? Whose mistake is that? Our own. Why? Because we need to be precise. It is our mistake that we are unable to understand in which direction we are headed. If we do not know, then we should ask someone. Someone who is a true guide. It happens often that even the person we ask does not know the answer. They say, ‘I am also trying to find out!’ So then we again get confused.”

But Niruma also said, “It will not do without asking. A guide must be found and when a guide is found, **one who can satisfy our mind, then our intellect will stop. There, we should progress further.** If we follow their guidance, then we will see some sort of signs. We will see the milestones along the way.”



Arthur Ash

# Why Me ?

Arthur Ash was a famous tennis player. He won the Wimbledon Cup in 1975. After that, he became very well-known. He also had a great personality. However, AIDS had entered his body during a blood transfusion. As this news spread, many people from his fan base were saddened.

One of his close friends was also very sad to hear this. He told Arthur Ash, “God has been unjust towards you by doing this.” Then Sir Arthur gave a very beautiful answer.

He said, “Fifty million children around the world have started playing tennis. Of these, five hundred thousand made tennis their profession. Fifty thousand of these tennis players have made it to the circuit. Five thousand of them reach the Grand Slams and with great difficulty, only fifty reach Wimbledon. Of these, four reach the semi-finals and only two reach the finals. And of those last two, I am the only one who has won the greatest prize in the world of tennis. Yet, I never asked God, ‘Why me?’ I never asked God, ‘Why is this prize in my hands and not another person out of the fifty million people? Why me?’ So then how can I complain to God today when I’m in pain?”

How much better would life be if we were thankful for what we got and didn’t complain about what we didn’t get?

# Experience

My name is Subhash. After I came to the city from my village, I also called my family over to the city and helped them get settled in business. I made arrangements whenever they needed money. I did as much as I could to help them.

My family members gradually started making good progress in their business and my business was also doing good. But seeing my progress, some of those family members became jealous. They tried to pull me down so that I wouldn't get ahead of them.

One day I thought, 'I have helped these family members progress so much. So then why are these people wishing bad things for me? I have helped them so much, then why are they doing this to me?' Such questions started pricking me within. There were no answers anywhere, and there was no peace. The only question that kept coming to my mind is 'Why is this happening to me?'

When I went to talk to people about my problem, some would say, "You should have thought about this before helping, right?" And others would give me reassurance by saying, "What has happened cannot be changed. Move on in life with the understanding that your dealings with them are over." But this gave me peace for only a short time and the inner clashes and turmoil continued.

One of my friends who was aware of my situation, introduced me to a wonderful Atma Gnani. I started watching Niruma's satsang on TV and read Dadashri's books on "The Fault is of the Sufferer" and "Whatever has happened is Justice." By staying in touch with Niruma's satsang, I realized that all these family members have come in contact with me due to my karmic connection of the past life. The karmic accounts that I had with them before [in the past life] are now settled. Niruma said in a satsang, "We should come out of this by doing pratikraman." This sentence stayed in my heart. I asked for forgiveness from their pure Souls and started heartily doing pratikraman. From then until now, the question of 'Why did this happen with me?' has vanished remove.



# Fun With Friends

Both Gaurav and his friend Veer are going to Bhatia House to purchase a phone. They prefer to get a phone made by Vivo.

**Veer:** Hey friend... Didn't you want to get an iPhone?

**Gaurav:** Dude, I wanted to get an iPhone, but my parents said no.

**Veer:** I see... But why did you buy a Vivo phone? Why not another phone?

**Gaurav:** I bought it because I like Vivo phones.

**Veer:** But why do you like this phone? Do you not like the other phones?

**Gaurav:** Dude, Vivo phones are my favorite Android phones, so...



**Veer:** Oh... but why did you get it in black? There are better colors...

**Gaurav:** For God's sake! I like black more.

**Veer:** That's fine that you got a black phone, but you shouldn't get a black cover too, right? Why didn't you get a different color cover?

**Gaurav:** Oh God, why did I come with you to celebrate getting a new phone. It would have been better had I not come! Now if you ask even a single question...!



Veer's other friend comes out with a camera, and Veer holds the camera in front of Gaurav's embarrassed face and shows it to the viewers.

**Veer:** You have become today's goat in the 'Fun with Friends' prank group!!

You can also irritate your friends by asking useless questions and you can also see that none of these questions will make a difference... You can simply mess with someone's head and send your 'Fun with Friends' to our email.

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# A Glimpse of One of Dadashri's Books

## One Needs a Solution First!

**Dadashri:** When our house lights go off, we light a candle, but when the electricity comes back on, would we not blow out the candle? So then what is the need for the candle? There is complete illumination! 'We' can see everything in the world and millions of questions are asked and their exact answers are given. Do you think I have been asked only a few questions?

**Questioner:** You must have been asked many questions.

**Dadashri:** At one place there were fifteen hundred to two-thousand people present, and there was a lot of fighting overasking questions. I had given them the liberty [to ask]. I told them, "Anyone can ask any questions they have freely." They asked many questions for two to three days. Now they have come to meet me and do darshan. I asked them, "Have you taken Gnan?" They said, "No, we haven't taken it. We still have to take Gnan. But even without taking Gnan, your answers are producing results." I asked them, "What results did they give?" They responded, "Whatever questions we had, we received the solutions for them, and those solutions are working. They are giving us tremendous peace from within. We do not need anything else. The reason being that we have not found these solutions anywhere. No one was





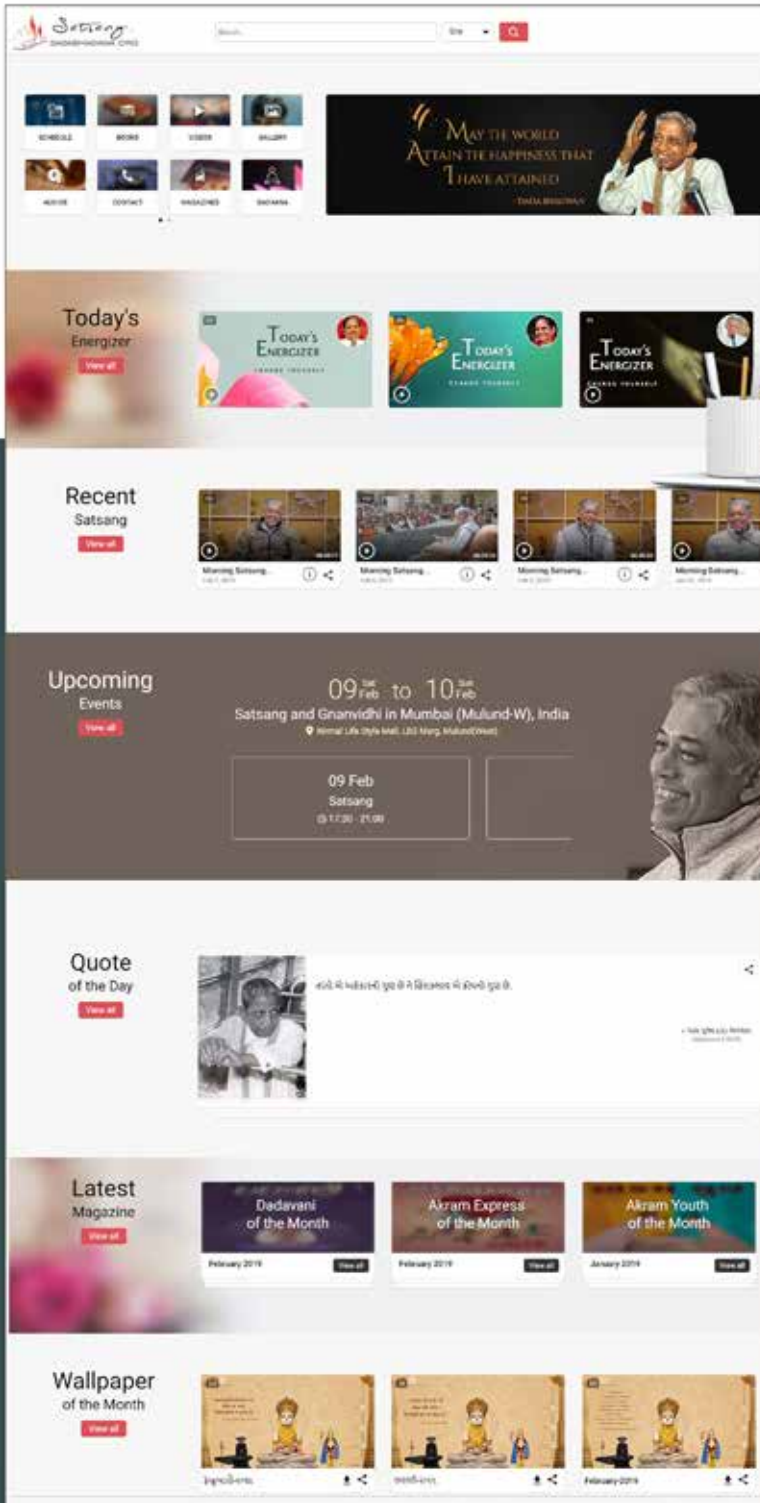
**“Whatever questions we had, we received the solutions for them, and those solutions are working. They are giving us tremendous peace from within.**

able to give us the solutions we needed.” Does that happen or not?

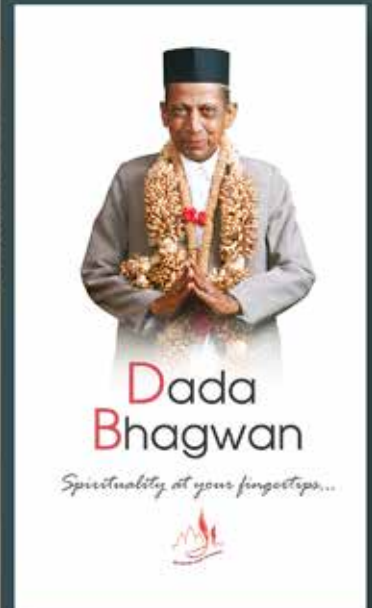
The whole world's science is here, it is the science of all the scriptures. The answers to all the scriptures of the world can be found here. Not only the Vedant, not only the Bhagavad Gita, but also the scriptures of the Muslims and the Jains, when the answers to all these scriptures come together, then one will be able to know the truth. If one only has a description of an elephant from one side, then it cannot be called an elephant. It can be called an elephant only when one has the description from all sides. No matter what questions of the worldly interactions one has, they can be answered. And when they are answered, one's mind will become steady, then the mind will not be restless, otherwise this mind will create endless puzzles.



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# #Poem

'Shaa maate?', 'Aavu kem?' Vichaari hu evo to munzayo,  
Prashnonaa samadhan melvaa pote prashnomaa j fasaayo.

Prashno mahi fariyaad hati, jyare gamtoo mane n koe,  
Prashno mahi jignaasaa jaagi, jyare jdyoo mane naa koe.

Pachi evu bhaan tayoo, prashno taki j che pragati!  
Yogya shavaalnaa javaab dwaara, tayee shake che unti.

Katpataa e prashnomaa malyo, amne 'khojno dhodha',  
Newton hoy ke Buddha, laeene aavyaa avnavi shodha!

Dukhmaa kaayam prashna thato ke 'Aavu maari sathe j kem'?  
Purn vichar maanav, sookhmaa kadi te puchyu "Aavu kem?"

'Bhogve teni bhool' jaani, raheje sadaa tu sthir,  
Fariyaado pachi rahesh nahi, ne banish tu saacho 'Veer'.

Hoy Krishna-Arjun ke pachi Gautam-Mahavir,  
Antim Vignanaa pariprashno, moksha kaaje banaave adhir.

Dada kahe, prashno thaki malyo evo Gita-saar,  
Moksha soodhi pahochaade kari aakho sansaar paar.



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**Why should we ask questions?**

**What kind of questions should we ask?**

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