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Universal Prayer

Oh God

Take me to the light of knowledge from the darkness of ignorance Take me to the eternal truth from these false conceptions Take me to one that is imperishable from all these perishables

The task

"Deeper deeper let us toil in the mines of knowledge"

William Wordsworth

The Goal

Oneness with the universe (Eka dhaturchi Srushti)

Saint Khapti Maharaj



Small Story of a Great Saint

Great Grand Saint Dhnyanyogi Khapti Maharaj

Introduction

Many great saints preferred to be away from the limelight in India. It was always difficult to recognize those people to be saints. They lived life like ordinary people or deliberately avoided publicity. Many of them had big folks of followers spread over large region, but their names remained known to the people in that region only, despite their qualities to deliver lot of good things to the world. The efforts are required to be made to reveal to the world the spiritual life style, great human values and knowledge of those saints for the benefit of mankind.

There is a reason for calling him a "Grand Saint" People should have seen, met and worshipped the saints who preach the devotional way. The devotion of Lord Krishna, Dattatraya, Ganesh, Godess etc. This is a simple way to realize God and most popular among Indians. Most of the saints follow the devotional way. Very rare are theanother kind of Yogis. These saints have realized the God by Ashtanga Yoga. (The physical Yoga of eight kinds of discipline. 1. Yama 2. Niyam 3 Asan 4. Pranayam 5. Pratyahar. 6. Dhyan. 7. Dharna and 8. Samadhi.) This is called Rajyoga also. More stress on the physical exercise and the pranayama is the Hatha Yoga, but that is not beyond the Ashtanga Yoga. The 6th discipline called "Dhyan" or meditation has become very popular world over, because it gives strength to mind and help reducing the stress of the mind. All the "editions" of this meditation yoga is now available in market under different names supported by different sects or branded after the name of the countries. This is sometimes an effort to show to the world that the particular Yoga was originated in that country.

It is very difficult to find the "Dhnyanyogi". There is no dress code for him, so he will not be found in saffron. He doesn't necessarily sit in the Asan (A particular style of sitting for meditation). So, he will mostly be not found in the Asan position. He is mixed up in the society many times, but hardly looks like a saint. He hardly visits the temple or any prayer house, so he is mistaken as a layman. He, most of the times behaves like whimsical, so the

people avoid him with the thinking that he will not be able to deliver to them what they wanted. He had realized the God only by thinking about God.

One such great saint was Khapti Maharaj. The meaning of the word "Khapti" is whimsical, crazy or mad. Literal meaning is the master of the 'kha" element. "kha" element stands for the ether or the sky. So the word khapti means master of the skies, or mad. This is for the general people. But for the yogees, the meaning is different. God at the Hiranyagarbha stage transformed first in to the basic element called ether, sky or space wherein the entire universe is accommodated, describes Upanishada. Yogi wins over one by one element (out of five) from his body and the last one in the Asampradhnyat" samadhi is the ether element to achieve oneness with the Universe. So "Khapti" is the highest possible stage for any Yogi. Very rare are the saints who reach to that stage while living. If they live they are none other than God. Khapti Maharaj was God for his devotees and followers.

"Brahma vijanati sa Brahmaiva Bhavati". He is God, who knew the God, preaches Upanishada, the only authentic knowledge about God on the earth, not belonging to any particular sect or religion. Khapti Maharaj had experienced the existence of God and he knew the God. This is the reason his followers called him the incarnation of God.

"Why anybody should believe that Khapti Baba knew the God?" This will be a question asked by many gentlemen who are genuinely inquisitive and thirsty for the knowledge of God. One has to understand for that sake what really "God" is. All the theist people over the world have their own individual ideas, concepts and faith about God, based on the culture in the family, friends and society. "What God is" is explained in more details in the next pages as it was envisaged by saint Khapti Maharaj.

It will be interesting to understand what Khapti Maharaj had preached about God. He did tell the people the same things that all the great saints in the history of the world have told. The difference is that he was straight forward and wanted people to understand the God with the help of their brains, instead of following the indirect path of false sentiments or physical exercise. He always insisted upon his followers to understand that human is different from all other living beings, for the main reason that human being can exercise the power of his brain to greatest extent, which is absent in other beings. Application of the logical and analytical intellectual power to find out the imperishable principle that exists as and within this illusionary

world is the essential principle of "Dhnyan Yoga". This required habit of very deep thinking. It is compared with walking on the sharp weapon. (Referred from the book of HH Swami Vivekanand).

A ripe fruit on the tree is eaten up by many creatures. All the creatures have different ways to reach to the fruit for eating. Similarly, all the religions, sects, philosophies, thoughts have to reach to the knowledge about God or eternal knowledge. There can not be any other purpose in the minds of great saints of the world, may be the secrets are not revealed to the laymen. devotees or followers. for the obvious reasons. People who learn the religion deeply are aware of this. The creatures take their own time to reach to the fruit. This is called a "Pippalika Marg" (The style of the fruit-eating multilegged small or big insect.) The other is "Vihamg Marg" (The way of the fruit-eating bird). The bird flies with the wings and directly sits on the fruit and enjoy eating. Like birds have the wings unlike other animals, human being have the brains unlike other animals. "Pippalika" and "Vihamg" are the Sanskri words. The "Dhnyanyoga" is the "Vihmg Marg" means the way to reach to the fruit of knowledge of God, with the wings of intellect.

The great saint Khapti Maharaj has written in his poetry, "Bodhavin bhatkat firave" it means devotion or meditation without the knowledge of God is beating about the bush and "Jidhyasu" or a person thirsty to meet God has to roam here and there for the knowledge.

Anybody reading, knowing and understanding the life, teachings and experience of large number of people about the great saint Khapti Maharaj, would certainly conclude that Maharaj was super human being or God incarnation in the context of real knowledge about God.

Khapti Baba was "Dhnyanyogi" He lived for 113 years and blessed many people Let us look very briefly into the life and teachings of this Great incarnated saint.

Childhood and the company of renowned saints



Khapti Baba's only available pic of his young days. The approximate year of this photo is 1930. Baba was 40 years old.

"Saktaha karmanyavidwanso yatha kurvanti Bharat Kuryadvidvanstathasaktashchikirshurloksangraham" Gita 3-25

Lord Krishna said,

"Oh Arjun the elite person (who has realized "self" or God) willing to live in public life to impart knowledge of self-realization to public and for that sake organizes people, should live in public like an ordinary person ignorant of knowledge of realization, and should act, behave and perform "karmas" (duties) like others do"

Khapti Maharaj, called "Baba" hereafter, lived in villages and towns in Vidarbha region (central India) with people of the ordinary walk of life and never told them about his real abilities. People wanted their material life problems redressed with the blessings of Baba.

He was born in 1890 AD in Bagapur village in Chandur Railway Taluka of Amravati district, in a farmers' family named Chaudhary. His father Harba and mother Yashoda, though a family of Jamindar (owners of big land), faced an odd period of life when the fourth child Bhaurao was born to them. Unable to bear the financial burden of bringing up the children, the parents preferred to keep Bhaurao at the house of his maternal uncle for primary education in childhood. Uncle loved him much but the aunt always wanted him to assist in their home and farm work instead of attending to school and the studies. Most of the time the duty of Bhaurao was to take the cows and other livestock for grazing during day time and bring back in the evening. This was not the kind of work that could encourage Bhaurao to continue his academic career. Whatever primary education Bhaurao had, was for namesake only, he had to give up it shortly. While taking the animals to jungle for grazing, he used to make many miracles, which were observed by his friends and the boys who accompanied him to jungle. He

would sit alone blow a tree thinking with closed eyes, but his herd was never disturbed. The dumb animals would be eating grass in area around Bhaurao. None thought of running away. The inherent divine qualities of Bhaurao started surfacing and were much evident to not only his colleagues, but to his family members, neighbors and residents of the village.

Here is a story that Baba himself narrated. One day, when he was about eight years of age, he was beaten up by his aunt and uncle for not obeying the orders to carry out some farm work. They did not take him in the house at the night time. That night Bhaurao slept beside his house near a place where the people in the village used to deposit the house wastes. Next day morning he told his uncle and many other neighbors that there were few belongings of a Sanyasi (a person who renounced worldly life) buried under public dust bin. Initially nobody believed Bhaurao's words. The spot however, was dug by the enthusiastic people to verify as what Bhaurao had said was correct. Surprisingly, they really found a few things generally used by sanyasis three feet below the surface.

In fact, all during his life Baba used to tell his followers number of times about many things below the land surface like idols, hidden treasures, minerals, water sources etc. and the followers were always surprised by this divine kind of knowledge or sixth sense when they found Baba's words absolutely true. The author himself is a witness to number of such astonishing event. Once (probably in 1993), Baba and the author visited one devotee named Mr. Chaphale, staying in Ayodhyanagar, Nagpur. Chaphale and his wife literally ran to receive Baba with great pleasure on their faces. When Baba asked as to what was he doing, he told that he was supervising the work of digging of well which had started on that very day. Instantly Baba replied in vernacular, "chauda hatavar pani lagate", meaning that water level would be available after digging 14 measures (the measure counted by the length of hand, from shoulder to palm). It so happened coincidently, that the author was lucky enough to accompany Baba after a month again to the house of Mr. Chaphale.. That time Chaphale seemed more happy, he told Baba that the water level was exactly 14 measures below surface. Author a science student he was, himself verified the well to ensure himself. He came to conclusion that the depth was correctly told in advance by Baba, and he was witness to it. The water level was 14 measures below approximately, variation may not be above 5%.

Coming back to the childhood story, three items viz. a Chimta (a narrow steel plate instrument kept by sanyasis called Nathpanthi), lota (a copper jar) and a saffron cloth in a small tin box was found after an excavation by the adventurous youths. The childhood of Baba was full of many such events. The people used to take aback looking at the extra ordinary sense of perception of Bhaurao and would admire him. In his teen age Bhurao found interest in visiting the ashrams (places of Guru) of many renowned saints, staying with them for days together and talking to them on spiritual subjects. The contemporary famous saints in that region were Maniram Baba, Khateshwar Maharaj, Gajanan Maharaj etc. Amravati district in Maharashtra state is called a "birth place of saints, because many great saints are borne in that district. Bhaurao had already left his education and mostly he used to stay away from uncle's home. He never thought of marriage.



This photograph is created by Mr. Harish Mor, one of the Baba's devotees. from old pic HH Maniram Baba is seen with Khapti Maharaj (standing). Both of them were contemporary, but Maniram Baba was like a Guru to Bhaurao. Age difference shown in the picture is not agreeable. This photo is only for memory.

Baba used very little to tell about himself, and avoided any question related to his personal life and about his Guru. It was very difficult therefore, to get the information on his early days. What is known from his stray speeches about himself is that, one day he attended a function at Maniram Baba's ashram, stayed there overnight and early morning he left for the deep

forest to attain the knowledge of salvation. He was a teen aged that time. He stayed in dense forest for about 14 years.

The author is of the opinion that Maniram Baba was not Guru of Khapti Maharaj. On the three occasions author was with Baba when he went to Jodmoha, a place of Khateshwar Maharaj Samadhi and shrine. All the time Khapti Maharaj bowed and saluted to the samadhi sitting in the car, and uttered, "Om Guruve Namah". i..e. I bow and salute with respect to Guru. Khapti Baba never saluted to any living being or God idol. It is therefore, guessed that Khateshwar Maharaj was revered by him like a Guru. Baba used to tell that Khateshwar Maharaj had hit him by a stick on his feet, when he attempted to play with the cow owned by Khateswara Maharaj. The hidden meaning of this narration may be that he was directed to go to jungle by Khateshwara Maharaj. But this is all guess work.

In his very small poetry book published from Mumbai in 1920, he had written in local language Marathi,

"Maj aal aali, dudha chor zalo, shivya shaap varshv, maj ranjavaya, Tuzya Baapjade,ithekay didhale, Mukhi tophkhanachi majala baghaya Tayasi nighalo, nibid raan lage Kripalochane aalavi siddha raya"

The meaning of the stanza is as under: (With reference and context)

"When I was staying at my maternal uncle's house, I was accused of drinking milk which was kept for selling. I had to listen to the dirty abuses, "has your father kept any treasure for you with us, why should we spend money for your living here" I was used to listen to firing from their mouth.I then started for the (nibid raan) very dense forest where lived the wild animals. I am thankful to God for those abuses, which entertained me." I remembered my Guru (Siddha), on the way to jungle"

This makes clear that he went to dense forest after he was badly abused and beaten by his relatives.

Saint Khapti Maharaj, has performed his "Tapashrya" (meditation) in the dense forest of Amravati-Multai (MP state of India) axis. Still there is a

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dense forest and there are lot of wild animals including large number of tigers. The area is now reserved forest. Baba, while in jovial mood had told many times that he was staying in a dark cave. His main problem was the snakes. He told that there were lot of snakes those would pass over his body while sleeping on the stones .The tigers and many other wild animals were daily visitors to his staying place in the dense forest. It seems from the time calculations that he was in forest for fourteen years.

Life after realization

He appeared for the first time in the small town called "Ner" or Ner Pinglai after his arrival from the stay in forest. He had no clothes on the body, the hairs and beard grown and was looking like a ghost or a savage. Young boys playing on the ground saw him coming from the forest side and started running to their homes due to fear. He was uttering the senseless words. Informed about him by the boys, some elderly people including one farmer Bansi Patil (name), who had sent his cows to forest for grazing, rushed to the place where Baba (Bhaurao) was located. Bansi Patil immediately understood that Baba was not a ghost, a thief or an ordinary man. He knew about the saints who relinquish the worldly life and go to the forests for loneliness required for meditating God. He bowed to Baba and earnestly requested him to come to the residence. Baba agreed to it. Many people looking at that dirty man who was speaking to himself, called him a mad man or "Khapti". Since then Bhaurao became Khapti Maharaj or Baba.

Baba literally witnessed three centuries. He was borne in 1890 and thrown his worldly shield (Awaran) or his body (as we call it) in the year 2003. He lived for 113 years. He served the people as a Guru, Baba, Maharaj or a saint for almost 87 years, which may be a record period in the world.

He had written in Hindi,

[&]quot;Rakha nahi kuchh Parvati ka bhar," (He did not marry)

[&]quot;Liya phalhar Zad patti" (He used to eat only leaves of the tree and fruits)

[&]quot;Purna Vairagya liye Khapti" (Total austere life, no material pleasure at all)

[&]quot;Tyaga unhone khud ka sansar" (No world remained for him)

[&]quot;Unhone jog uthayeji, sharir ko najar banaye ji" (He became yogee and he came over sexual instinct by making his mind and body inaccessible to sex.)

[&]quot;Bole so hove saar, bachan ka mahima aparampar" (What ever he would speak would surely come true, his words became extremely effective).

"Othope bhajan galiyonka" (His holy song was abuses to others)

What he wrote in his poetry is true.

Baba had rarely changed his clothes and taken bath, but person close to him always experienced and smelt fragrance. His dress was simple; a dhoti (white thin cloth around waist) and kurta (shirt). He would always keep a bamboo stick with him. Many a times he changed the clothes after a period of 3 months. His body was given a bath after his samadhi in November 2003 as per to Hindu rituals; before that he had taken bath while living probably in the year 2000. He still looked fresh and fair always and kept his disciples fresh by his benedictory speeches. He spoke many a times words full or humor. Baba was Brahmachari (never aspired for sensual pleasure and married). He rarely stayed in his Ashram at Bagapur. He used to stay at the residence of his disciples. He would stay for 10 minutes, 2 hours or for a couple of days or for moths together. It was difficult to say how long he would stay at one place. Till last two days of days of his life, he had never taken rest. He traveled constantly. He traveled daily without fail. He never cared for rins or for hot Sun. He would make local visits or tour the different towns and villages every day. He used to tell the followers, "sanyasi, sada udasi, jeevn pravasi". It means a Sanyasi has to be always uninterested in worldly things and pleasures, and has to travel always.

His food was green leaves and vegetables till 1955 when he met the famous saint of India, Gadge Baba who visited Bagapur Ashram (Khapti Baba's place) on the eve of Mahashivaratri day. (Hindu festival day and annual pilgrim and function day at the Ashram). Gadge Baba insisted upon him to take the diet of bread and rice, and Khapti Maharaj agreed to the request of Gadge Baba. Khapti Maharaj started taking meals that day onwards. This story is written in the biography of Gadge Baba written by Shri Sonopant Dandekar of Pune. It means that he did not have regular Indian meals of rice and bread for first 65 years of his age.

After attaining the age of 100, he started asking his disciples to publish his photographs and written material. He seldom allowed any publicity before that. Many a times he was annoyed with the disciples who tried to write about him or publish his photographs. He kept himself away from publicity for incredibly long period of 100 years. When Baba was 102 in 1992, he repeatedly asked author to print the copies of his one of the painted photo. The photo was painted daughter of his devotee Mrs. Mukewar, of Nagpur.

First 5,000 copies were printed at Sadhana Litho offset Works by author as per Baba's orders.

It was very difficult for a stranger to meet him. Baba would either ask him angrily to get out, or beat himself on forehead by a stick or anything if that stranger does not disappear from in front of him immediately. But sometimes in good mood he would entertain any stranger, would solve his problems and give him spiritual guidelines All his followers and visitors used to keep distance from Baba knowing his unpredictable nature, and would enter closer to him once they ensured his fine mood. Baba generally disallowed women to sit before him, however, sometimes he used to talk to them and advise on health or family matters if his mood was pleasant. Mostly, everybody was scared of him.

His love for birds and animals was profound. Especially, cows and dogs were very much liked by him. He used to spend hours together staring at them. Cat, hare, deer, peacock, duck, monkey, camel and many other different kind of birds and animals always found place in the Baba's ashram.





Watch Baba staring at the dog. and deer in two different adjacent pics. Similarly he would stare in the eyes of animals for hours together. When he would pass by the animals, the animals would turn their heads and look at Baba. This was usual miracle. The author has observed many times, that when Baba entered Ashram, animals will look at him. One day when Baba and author was making visits, Baba saw a man with camel herd. Baba asked to stop there and ordered author to purchase a camel, who is still in Ashram. Baba was asking to take care of camel, who also looked to Continuously.

He brought up with him four poor and orphan children from villages who after becoming young were named after Baba and were known as Baba's sons. These children have become old men now and their families grown. They take care of Baba's Ashram. Baba though treated them like his real family members never allowed them to indulge in indiscipline. He would pay them minimum expenses, just enough to take care of their meals. He was not treating them more nearer than his devotees.

Baba never worshipped any God nor he went to any temple or prayer house. Many times he would cut comments on the worship of God (Puja), He used to call the Bhajan and Kirtans (songs of God) to be entertainment program and hardly allowed anybody to perform any music or vocal program before him. He had written a Aarti (a song to be sung during puja) addressed to all the saints and all those in the service of God in the world, and would allow his followers to sing that Aarti whenever they would propitiate him with flowers, garlands, sweets, perfumes etc. In Marathi language the Aarti read like, "Aarati sant mahantachi, pahati jyot anantachi". The meaning is that, "we adore all the saints in the world, who have seen the eternal light."



Mr. Ashok Jaipuria
One of the devotees
very much liked by
Baba, is worshiping
Baba and singing," Aarti
Sant Mahantachi,"
Many devotees are
behind him clapping.

Khapti Maharaj did not like people worshiping him by garlands and perfumes. Many a times he would get annoyed. However, for the sake of satisfaction of his innocent followers he used to accept his worship. He did not like anybody praised on his face.

Quixotic Baba

His behavior was queer like his name meant. He behaved like a most foolish man on this earth sometimes and also like a great spiritual advisor. He appeared to be a layman sometimes with emotions and love for all, or he would present himself to be a man without courtesy and gratefulness. He would greet and welcome a person today whom he had abused to his face yesterday with asking him to "get out." He called the ashram people (his adopted relatives) with great love for them and in very kind words sometimes, and they would meet the angry words from Baba the next day or next moment.

The disciples in his personal service must be real incarnation! No sane man void of devotion would have dared to work for and stay with Baba. His patience was tested every minute by Baba. All contradictory duals like love and abuse, kind and cruel, dirty and clean, worldly matters and matured level spiritual talks, truth and false, saints and bad men etc. were experienced by them several times in a day in Baba's personality.

Read the following paradoxical deeds of Baba and decide for yourself as to how his behavior could be called "normal".?.

He changed 500 driver servants for his car in 4 years. He always wanted his driver to stop the car wherever and whenever wanted, irrespective of availability of parking place and traffic rush. Baba would terminate his job if he disobeys Baba's orders to keep the traffic rules or avoid accidents. Termination of job meant to leave the steering immediately without waiting for a minute and without asking anything including final payment. He would then ask the disciples sitting in rear seats to take charge of the steering wheel and a search for new driver recruit would instantly begin.

In the early of rainy season he used to purchase the green plants everyday or every alternate day and this project would run for a month. He would then ask his disciples to pour water to the plastic bags holding the small green plants almost every hour. If any disciple dares to bring to Baba's notice that the plants would be rotten by so much of water, or the plants did not need water every hour, then he would be dismissed from Baba's personal service instantly.

Baba used to keep a bamboo cane of about 4 feet length with him. Baba was very much pleased if anybody presented him the new stick. His project would then be to straighten the bamboo stick if it had a natural bend. Lot of weight would have to be brought by the disciples and kept on the bend to make the cane straight. This project would run for hours together daily and for many days till Baba threw away that cane.

He would sometimes ask his disciples to tie up tight a rope of his pet young one of monkey to his sleeping cot and would order him (devotee) to sleep on the ground near Baba's cot. Sometimes, if it rained outside, he would ask to bring all the cow and buffalo calves in one of the bed rooms and would ask any of his disciples to sleep in the same room.

What else would be more whimsical behavior than his purchase of cows and buffalos? Once he took up a project of purchasing these animals, it would continue for at least a month or two. Every market weekday he would buy 2 to 5 animals without much caring for sufficient place and fodder to keep them. He would otherwise ask his disciple to keep the animals at his home and feed them without caring for his financial condition and availability of space in his house yard. In such conditions he would himself stay at the residence of the disciple where his pets were kept and every couple of hours ask him to put fodder and grains to feed the animals. This would make the condition of his disciple very much awkward, but Baba never felt it. Of course, the ardent devotees of Baba would take this to be opportunity to render services to their beloved and adored Guru by obeying Baba's orders and keeping him happy.

He was a bitter critic of the idol worship. Many a times he criticized with the words, "why do you worship a painted stone?" He used to tell the story, "A devotee goes to temple, bow before God and pray for something. He just murmurs something in the lips. Then he gets up to feet and comes out of temple with a smile on his face" Khapti Baba then would ask the present devotees listening his story, "Tell me whether God has told him anything in his ears?" "Then why did he come out with a smile?" "This is all a game of your mind "he would tell. Ironically, he purchased a dozen of idols of different Gods and placed in ashram. He used to clarify, that he purchased those idols for the visitors. Of, course he never worshipped those idols, nor his close disciples.

These are a few examples of the eccentric behavior of Khapti Guru. There was almost one or more of this kind of behavior experienced by his followers daily and was a great entertainment to them. A highly intellectual Guru who had put up with all the hardships of life to attain the knowledge of self realization, when behaved absent mindedly, the followers could understand that he was not a fool. Why then he used to behave like that was a puzzle before all who knew him?

Routine Life of MAHARAJ

Khapti Maharaj would be in his aasan (sitting style for meditation) from early morning, most of the time from 3.30 a.m. It was difficult to predict when would he get up from his aasan. He would sometimes change his position from aasan and would sleep for one or two hours from 7 to 9 pm or would continue to be in aasan up to 11.00 am. He would be in Samadhi condition (deep meditation) for hours together daily. The old people tell that many a times he would be in samadhi for continuously 48 hours. He very rarely used to sleep, though for convenience of the devotees and to allow his service disciples to take rest, he would pretext as if he was sleeping. His early morning samadhi and evening samadhi was almost every day's routine. Both time included, the time ranged from 5 hours to 12 hours daily.



This is a rarely available secret photo of Baba in the Samadhi Asan.

He would immediately shout for water to take mouth wash after waking up in the morning and sitting in his bed. He immediately wanted tea as soon as he finished cleaning. Any devotee making late in serving him tea had to face loud firing.

Many people from different places, cities and states used to come to meet him with sweets, garlands, flowers, daxina (money for presentation) and all things for worship. Before, Baba wake up and sit in his bed there would be a large gathering of people. Whenever Baba would be in pleasant mood, he would start accepting the worship material from the gathered people who after worship would ask the questions to Baba related to their difficulties about health, finance, business, family disputes or anything they thought proper. Baba used to be very kind to them and would explain them how to overcome difficulties. He would prescribe herbal medicines in case of health problems or would just bless, "Bara hote, kahi hot nahi". (Nothing bad will happen, your health will be okay). In fact people used to wait to listen these words from Baba's mouth. Whenever Baba blessed like this in 100% cases that ailing person would definitely recover without any medicine or with doctor's medicine continued. This was miraculous.

While the discussion would be going on with the visitors, Baba would definitely shout loudly every 15 minutes or half an hour, "Whether fodder was given to the cows and buffaloes? Whether the plants are watered? Whether breakfast was ready for the visitors? Whether particular person has come? "Questions could be on any topics, but the loud shouting would be continued.

The persons asking questions about finance and business, were absolutely satisfied when Baba used to guide them on ever small aspect of the business like an expert businessman, an attorney or a senior accounts expert! Baba used to surprise them every now and then by telling some facts which were known to nobody else but only to that particular questioner. And when the matter of family disputes or differences between husband and wife was the topic of discussion, Baba used to cut the humorous comments and added big serial laughter from everybody in the room atmosphere.

By the time break fast would be served, the crowd would be increased. Baba if in good mood would ask everybody about his/her well being, mostly about his job or business. He would then speak as if he was a senior family member of each devotee present there. He would pour emotions in to atmosphere. People gathered there would not miss any opportunity to stare at Baba with great devotional sentiments on their faces. Only watching Baba used to relieve many people from their immediate mental worries. The people used to forget their homes and business whenever they used to come to visit Baba and sit in front of him. Baba would take break fast only 3 or 4 tea spoon full of the recipes specially cooked for Baba, because he did not like too many verities. Of course, he never insisted on any particular recipe. Whatever was served to him, he would eat it happily. The small quantity of food would be eaten up by him in very small pieces very slowly. Anybody asking him to take more food would meet with loud shouts and indignant protests. Whether break fast, lunch or dinner whatever it may be, Baba wanted to served it to him instantly. Many a times Baba just refused to take food if there was delay of a couple of minutes. He used to take food in small quantity many times a day, five to ten times.

He would not wait for more time once his break fast was over. He would immediately ask the disciples accompanying him to take his belongings and move. He always used to keep with him the packages of some of the gifts given by the devotees, or with grain bags given by farmer devotees, or any goods given by shop keeper devotees, or with some pets like dog, or birds or monkey etc. The entire procession used to move from once place to another. He would go to the house of any devotee or his shop or office, wait for sometime ask him and his family members about their well being and leave. He would otherwise go to shops and purchase grains, fodder or something for his cows or pets or clothes for children in the ashram or small green plants, or anything he found new according to his whims and thinks okay for purchasing. He was not sure to come back to the same house from where he started in the morning. He may go to other place for night halt. He seldom used to take rest in day time and use to visit as many places as he can.

He avoided talking to ladies except those who were very familiar to him and treated him like a family elder. Wherever Baba used to go he stayed with those families as if he was a keen relative of the house owner devotee, and therefore, thousands of families were devotees of Baba and loved and worshipped him like none but God. It used to be time of great festival for them when Baba used to visit their homes.

Morning till night there would be many visitors to Baba. Since Baba was always moving, the visitors also used to move here and there, from this house of devotee to other inquiring about Baba. Many visitors used to come

from the remote places like 1000 km away. Baba used to ask his devotees to make their (visitors) arrangements for lodging and boarding. Mostly he used to travel over many places in Vidarbha barring a few occasions when he traveled outside. Some of the devotees were very nearer to him. It was very difficult to be in Baba's proximity. Baba did not allow others to sit before him for more time, once the discussion was over he would ask to go away.

One of the devotees donated him first car when Baba was 100 years old. Till then Baba used to travel by public bus or train. He used to walk in his young days 20 to 50 k.m. a day sometimes without wearing shoes, when there were no modern means of communication. Baba did not bothered about the weather. He used to walk for hours when the temperature was 118 F. at Nagpur and Vidarbha in the moth of May, or used too travel without warm wears during December when the temperature used to be 40 F. He did not care for rains too. Many a times he would wear warm clothes in early morning atmosphere in March when some close devotee insisted and requested, but Baba used to forget to take out warm clothes during day time when the temperature was extremely hot.

Baba never used to read books, listen to music or he never entertained himself with any means, not even religious songs or bhajan-kirtan of Gods.. Most of the time he would be happy with himself only. His only hobby was looking after pets, especially cows. The other hobby was to solve the problems of the visitors and console their sad hearts. He did not like the people indulged in corruption or immoral acts. He never respected such people and never allowed them to stay with him. However, he used to understand the compulsions in the business and profession where one has to compromise with the morality many a times. He used to recognize the difference without asking, between willful corrupt man and whom circumstances proved to be a corrupt, a willful criminal and a person who was proved to be criminal due to changed circumstances.

Khaapti Maharaj would be present at the marriage ceremon9ies of the keens of his devotees. His devotees mostly were families and not the singles from the family. If any devotee invited his to child's birthday, function of opening of shop or any religious function he generally used to attend. He was not making difference in rich and poor devotees, on the contrary he used to stay more at the residence of the devotee who he thought to be in financial or any kind of problems. Once in the presence of author, he asked one of his ardent

devotee who had paid Baba a huge donation in millions, to get out. Paying him donation was not a qualification.

Surprisingly, he would suddenly ask the disciples to accompany him to some remote village or a town and ask them to take him to a particular person. His accompanying disciples would then find to their dismay that the person at whose place Baba had arrived was in a critical condition, due to health, dispute of money, court matter or anything. He always insisted upon his devotees for the early marriages of their daughters and sons. He used to help them in finding the proper brides or grooms.

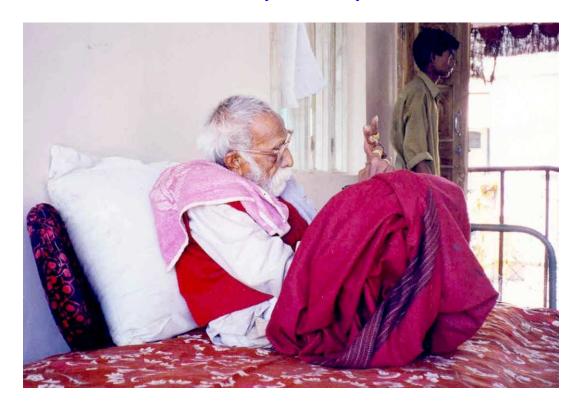
Nothing could make Baba unhappy. Any obstinate behavior, insult or refusal or anything. He used to forget it next moment. One day Baba asked one person to donate the old doors and windows of his dismantled house.. He willingly promised Baba to give these goods for Ashram. After a few days Baba went to him to take the delivery of the goods. He not only refused to give doors but failed to welcome Baba properly. The author was accompanying Baba on that occasion. He saw Baba started laughing to that insulting treatment. Baba did not make any difference in his insult and his big welcome.

Whenever Baba was in mood he would start speaking on spiritual principles and Yoga related to human body (Ashtanga yoga). He would talk about soul and human habits. Since he was Dhnyanyogi, most of his speech used to be philosophical. He also would speak on the human values and "how to live life". His language was extremely difficult to understand, moreover all his words sounded like poetry because he used the alliterations when he would advise to the devotees. Like he would tell, "namitionle commission aahe, pan application pesh keli pahije" This is the phrase which he used to tell to devotees. The sentence had the common English words which were generally used by educated or uneducated Indians. The meaning of this phrase was, "you will surely get success provided you take initiative in work., by making corresponding with the concerned people" The hidden meaning of this sentense for those who understand the language of Indian saints is that, "there are surely favorable results to your pursuit of supreme knowledge, however, it is necessary to understand him (Guru) and make him the earnest requests or prayers." Only in one single language (nmixed) Baba would pass ten different messages to ten different people sitting before him.

It was difficult for almost all the people attending Baba's class to understand what Baba meant, and they would just say "yes", to what Baba said. Baba would burst in to laughter asking," why did you say "yes"? What did you understand?" The gathering would reciprocate Baba's laughter with theirs. These spiritual discourses of Baba had no time table. Whenever and wherever Baba thought proper he would begin the metaphysical lecture. Many a times people used to wait for Baba to stop his lecture so that they would ask questions to Baba about their own affairs. The situation would be interesting for the others. Baba would start lecture when big crowd would be waiting for Baba to ask personal questions. Baba probably, got tired with continuously making replies for hours together. The discourse would be sometimes meant for changing the personal subjects and coming to the spiritualism.

Baba would spend most of his time in meeting his devotees and new visitors to discuss their problems. Sometimes he used to be in his seat for hours together facing the people in long queue. He would suddenly change the topic and start his spiritual discourse. He used to preach the people daily. Once in a day or twenty times a day, there was no timetable. He would start his lecture sometimes early morning after taking tea, or he would wake up the sleeping people in the room and house where he stayed and start the spiritual advice late in the night. The wonderful thing was that he had about thirty types of sentences in his spiritual dictionary. He would repeat the same sentences every time when he would speak. He did not make a single change in his script of thirty sentences in 85 years. The sentences were not only typical but also the voice and tone was same every time. He told his thirty sentences to thousands of people. This is a great wonder. The same speech one or many times a day for so many years and every time the audience would be same or changing, Baba would not mind that. Baba would not even look at it. whether listener is one or hundreds, whether the listeners are same or the different persons etc. was not the Baba's outlook. Sometimes he would deliver same lecture to a person who accompanied him during journey many times a day. More wonderful was that the people never used to get bored by his repeated words and would enjoy his speech by deriving different meanings every time that would suit to their need and their spiritual understanding. Which language he used to speak? His lecture was full of words in Hindi, English and Marathi (The local vernacular language). However, it was difficult to understand the meanings of his words even for the PHDs in these three languages. There was always two or many meanings to what the great saint spoke. One was for the general audience who

understand the plain language and the other meaning could be understood by any person spent years together in service of Guru and had spiritual trend of mind. Astonishingly, what Baba used to tell was not understood in real sense by anybody except himself. Most of the people would spend much time on thinking about what Baba said to them. They used to find out the hidden hint to them about their own problems from the same words Baba had told to them and others many times many.



Look Baba in a very pleasant and calm mood in the picture.

There was always a strait entry for everybody to Baba. No secretaries or middlemen were required. Baba would be annoyed with there disciples if they recommend any new comer. Everything related to Baba was open. He had no special room. No special cupboard. Absolutely, nothing to be hidden and nothing was personal with Baba except his hand stick and only those clothes which he had put on and had become dirtiest possible.

Mahashivratri (A Hindu religious festival falling in the month of February or March) is the annual function day at Baba's Ashram and Baba himself used to make great preparation for the function. Around ten to twenty thousand people were attending the function like a pilgrim for three days. One month before the date of function Baba would start collecting funds

from his devotees. He would visit the places of many devotees but would not ask for money anytime. People understanding Baba's purpose of visit used to pay him the subscription for the function. This could be of any amount like Rupee one to Rupees one lack. (2 cents to US\$2000), but Baba was never making any comments on the amount paid to him. He never allowed any of his disciple to collect amounts from public for any function or for anything. If anybody tries to raise funds, who so ever he may be and how nearer he may be Baba used to break relation with him very cruelly. Baba never excused those people who tried to collect money from public utilizing Baba's religious figure.

Baba would also collect wheat, rice, pulses or any kind of grains and goods from devotees required for the Mahashivratri pilgrim dinners. Any person making egoistic offers like," I will make all the expenses", was disliked by Baba. Baba did not entertain rich people making offers of big donations. He was satisfied with the small amounts from the poor persons especially devotees. Baba was quite obstinate in these matters and never agreed to anybody on money matters. He never spent a single penny for his own clothes or for any bodily comfort. The Mahashivratri function would start with crowds coming to the Ashram, and making long queue to meet Baba and adore him. Baba would talk to most of the people on the occasion and give blessings to all. There were lot of miracles taking place on the function days some of which are reported in the next pages. Entire one moth used to be of very hectic journeys for Baba. Khapti Maharaj never used to be tired. Nobody ever had seen him tired and taking rest. Imagine a man of more than 100 years, meeting 10,000 persons in three days of Mahashivratri and talking to each or accepting worship individually!

Till he breathed last he was not tired. He attended Shivratri pilgrims every year and blessed thousands of people..

It was a greatest happiness to get chance to travel with Baba. Baba's devotee would surely get more happiness with Baba than in staying in "two thousand dollar a day" suit of hotel in New York city or sitting in a Limousine car comfortably. One who accompanied Baba would automatically experience the cheer waves running through his entire body.. Had a person sentenced to death punishment stayed with Baba, he would not have been afraid of death. It is difficult to depict in words the pleasure of traveling with Baba. Only the people who devote to Guru their Tan, Man and Dhan (Body, mind and wealth) fully, would be able to understand that

pleasure, which could not be purchased by money. No conversation was required with Baba for that pleasure. Mostly Baba used to be silent during the journeys, and car travels. He himself was a greatest source of eternal happiness.

He had human magnet within him. Where ever he would go he would be followed by even the unknown people and automatically there would be a large human gathering, like the insects surround their food. Once he visited Mumbai and went to Juhu beach when his devotees requested him to watch the sea shore. He was sitting on the sands of the shore. A man making monkey show approached Baba. It was a good entertainment for Baba rather than watching a sea shore and colorful surroundings. Baba started playing with monkey. Not anastonishment for his followers, within few minutes a unknown Police constable came and bowed before him. Baba told him that his wife was sick, and should attend to her. Constable fell to Baba's feet, because Baba had told him the truth. Watching their conversation, a few people came there and then within few minutes there was a crowd of more than hundred persons. His devotees, obviously taken Baba away from the scene for his safety. The similar events reoccurred so many times.



Baba watching monkey action at Juhu beach. This is a scene before crowd started gathering there. Standing behind is Mrs. Mangala, wife of the author, and Mr. Narendra Mor, a great devotee of Baba. At the right corner is Srimant Seth Dwarka Daasji Jaipuria. Baba liked facing crowds instead of looking faces at the sea beach.

Baba while traveling would be accompanied by two, three or more persons every time. These devotees would be with Baba for a week or for more period up to a couple of months or till Baba relieves them from duty. Baba then would ask them to go to their homes. A few people were liked by Baba to be his companions. They would travel with Baba turn by turn. Let devotee be in a job or be a businessman, Baba would ask him to travel with him from place to place. He would not care for the leave obtained by the devotee in job or the losses of a businessman due to his absence in business. Many a times despite requests to Baba, he would not allow them to go to homes for many days. Surprisingly, no businessman ever incurred the losses nor an employee lost a job. Contrarily, either businessman would earn more profits or the job doer will get a promotion if they spared time for Baba.

Baba would take food many times a day. Whenever he was hungry he would ask for the food. Every time he would eat very little food. He used to take over the charge of the houses of keen devotees where he would stay. In these houses he would not mind to go into to the kitchen and eat stale food or anything from shelf.

He used to be sick sometimes. But he had hardly taken medicines from Doctor. If the keen devotees insisted him, he would take a tablet or two. He would get his sickness naturally cured. Mostly, he used to suffer by colds and cough. There was no other disease to his body till he was 113. One day he came from the local tour at the author's house and sat in the chair in the yard of the house. When touched his wrist, the temperature was found to be much above normal. Baba was requested to enter inside the house and take medicines and rest, but Baba was terribly annoyed. He remained sitting there for two hours and then he himself entered the house. At that time he was absolutely normal. After few minutes he started making lectures and jokes before the gathered devotees. He used to control his own body fully and perfectly.

He used to test the patience, sense and degree of devotion of his disciples in many ways. He would make dirty abuses to them, or do the things most disliked by them. He would insult them before many people or family members or even ask them to do the labor's job like cleaning the yard etc.. His behavior to his nearest disciples and to anybody was absolutely

unpredictable. Once he asked about ten businessmen from a district place to take his herd of cows and buffaloes to a place 40 km away by walking on road. The businessmen really enjoyed the job. The close disciples who knew Baba well, did not protest to Baba for the drudgery or labors or any bad insult. Once Baba asked the present author to stand in the rear of a carrier truck on the steel floor while carrying some goods to Ashram and he with smiles on his face was sitting adjacent to the driver of the truck. He would shout loudly towards a disciple and ask him to stay away or get out whom he had welcomed in last visit or before few hours. The disciples used to get disappointed sometimes, but for few minutes. They were again brought in for service by Baba shortly. It was really very very difficult to stay with Baba for even few minutes unless one has a strong sense of devotion and Guruseva, (desire to serve Guru).

Information technology in Baba's dictionary meant information by experience and not by modern scientific means, or by merely reading books or through other media. Baba has written in his small book that one who desires for the self realization must stay in company of "satpurush" (saint) and observe him. Reading of books only can not give spiritual knowledge. Important is an experience gained from the observation. There is a great meaning to be with the great saints and serve them with mind, body and the wealth. What one gains out of total surrender to Great Saints could not be described in words. It is simply invaluable. It is more than what your mother, father or even God can give you. It is a greatest happiness of life. But one should mind well that he should not even care for the money while devoting to Guru. Here most of the people make mistakes and always remain reserved when the money part is concerned.

Baba never invited big politicians or rich businessmen to him.. They of their own had to come to visit Baba. Baba would treat them nicely if his mood was well, otherwise ask them to get out. He would not care for any minister or very big ranking officer. Each and everybody received equal treatment. Baba always knew whether the visiting minister or officer was corrupt. He would speak to him in dual meaning language and would greet him. There was nothing like "sin" in the dictionary of Baba. But he disliked immoral acts. He used to tell that a thief entered a house of wealthy man. The thief was on the first floor when the house owner suddenly got up. He tried to catch hold of thief. Thief came to the gallery and jumped down to ground remembering and praying God in the mind. He did not receive any injury and ran away. Then he used to ask, "Why God saved the thief?"

This was a very brief information of Baba's routine. Thousands of pages and big volumes shall not be sufficient to write interesting things about Baba.

Miraculous Khapti Maharaj

Many people have no faith in miracles or a spiritual power attained by Yogee (s) which make the things take place in the way they desired and foretold. However Baba himself had written in his poem ,that he used to understand anybody's thoughts in the mind, whatever he spoke would come true and he would redress anybody's problem of any kind.

Here, the author do not insist upon the readers to change their faiths. What is written below about Baba is in the interest of his devotees and admirers and for the large number of people who are aware of the extra ordinary powers of Sakshatkari or Anubhavi Guru. (person who has realized self). Individual experience with Baba has been taken by thousands of people who met him during his long tenure as a saint. Here,(in web site) in the "Feed Back from Devotees" pages the persons who met Baba are invited to write and email their experience in their own words. A very few things about his miraculous life are written here which will be interesting for the readers who love saints and believe in their charismatic and super-human personalities.

Prima facie, Baba himself was a great surprise. Don't you think a man of 113 age without any diseases doing everything normally like a man of 50 years is a surprise? His every day was full of surprises and miracles from morning till evening. If you saw Baba while staying at your home not waking up early and wrapping up himself in a bed sheet from head to feet, safely predict that somebody whom Baba disliked or somebody who irritated Baba would be coming to your home. While sitting in your home he will surely tell you about how many persons were waiting outside the door to take entry in to Baba's room. He will name somebody and would ask, "has not he come yet?, this time you should be sure that a person would be coming to you whose name was referred by Baba. . If you will be facing some cash liquidity problem, take care that Baba would be surely going to

ask you for donations. He will tell you about the problems you were facing in employment or in business without anything told to him by you. He will tell you your children were doing well or not or failed in examination. He will tell you about the major money transaction you had done and surprise you by telling you the exact amount. Baba seemed like he could see all things through past, present and future.

The visitors were not initiating any talks with Baba because the first question was always asked by Baba. "You are in financial problems", "You are being troubled by your creditors", "you are not getting well with your spouse" "you are worried about your daughter's marriage" "you are surely getting that job for which you have been interviewed", "you are not happy with your present job, but do no change it immediately", "You are a corrupt person and you have defrauded the institution for this much amount' You affair is immoral and you must give up to pursue that girl" "You have not yet taken any food to day" "you have a white patch on you skin near your right knee, take medicines or it will be dangerous" "You changed house recently" "You changed job recently" "you are constructing a new house but you are short of funds" "crop conditions are excellent in your fields" "Do you stay near a girl's school?" These are few questions which Baba used to ask when visitor met him and the answer was 100% affirmative. Visitor used to be taken aback by the first question of Baba. Sometimes he would ask the question like," Your maternal uncle staying at 'that place' (1000 km away) had the severe problems with his joints, ask him to take some 'Khanduchakka Oil' (herbal oil Baba used to prepare) for massage." The visitor used to be literally spell bound with these kind of information Baba used to narrate off hand.

Once Baba told a new comer that his Grandfather committed suicide jumping into well. He did not know it, so he went home and confirmed with his father. Then he became a great devotee of Baba. One visitor told Baba that they were four real brothers. Baba rejected what he said and told him that they were three brothers only. All the people were stunned, and looked at the face of that person who was accompanied by his very close friends. Then he confessed that what Baba told was true, the real brothers were three and one of them was born of step mother, but they used to live in joint family, No friends did know that one of them was a step brother.

Hundreds of these kinds of questions and answers used to take place daily and Baba used to reveal the facts perfectly. It was a routine matter and Baba's close associates or disciples did not feel these things to be miracles. Hundred miracles a day was the rate of Baba.

Once a priest from a famous temple came to meet Baba with his aides and had brought gifts and flowers for Baba. All of them worshiped Baba. When priest came to his feet, Baba asked him," what have you done with an amount of one hundred and thirty thousands?" He was quiet. Then Baba repeated the question. He replied, "I do not know what Baba was talking about". After his reply Baba was annoyed," You are not ashamed of defrauding the temples money of one hundred and thirty thousand amount, and you are making lies here?" The priest looked down to hide his face from the present people, his face was red with fright and shame and tears rolled down from the eyes. Still with courage he replied to Baba, "Yes, Baba you are right! There is an ambiguous entry in the temple's account for the amount identical with you mentioned". Baba shouted loudly, "you, a corrupt person, you can not hide anything from me. Why do not you say that you have taken the money? you make good the loss and resign you post in temple's trust body" The reply was "Yes, Baba".

If you had chance to stay with Baba, you would have listened these words "Yes, Baba" for not less than a hundred times a day. Baba used to tell the people anything about their past, future or present and it was accepted by people to be fact. Never was the negative reply. Baba used to tell the devotee in India about what his daughter was doing in America at that time and it proved to be true when confirmed on phone. This was a regular feature. Many people have experienced this number of times. Author's daughter is in United States. Whenever she had problem, she would call Baba on phone. Once, her child had a terrible health problem. Baba told to her on phone that the child would be okay by next day morning. Next day she reported that her child was cured automatically and was playing.

Baba was a great Tantrik and Doctor in herbal medicines.

He used to give some fruits, threads or small earthen pots charged with some tantrik powers to the needy persons. One businessman owned a go down which he had rented and the tenant was not prepared to vacate it nor was paying the rent. The cases were pending in courts for more than 10 years. The businessman wept before Baba and sought his help. Baba gave him an

earthen pot and asked to bury it down near the entrance gate of the premises of go down. The tenants evacuated the premises within a week's time.

The true stories of this tantrik surprises are thousands. The author has quoted here only a few of those, for which he himself was a witness.

Baba used to give medicines prepared from herbs by his own hands. In his later age of course, he would ask his grandson or anybody to help him in preparation. The author himself has seen and experienced hundred of the critical medical cases cured by Baba. Author failed to understand how Baba would cure many diseases by one medicine only. He used to prepare asmall handmade rounded tablets of the size of a lentil seed, and used to give them to patients wrapped in a news paper piece. Honestly, it was only Baba's will that used to cure the disease, not the medicine only. Also tantra and mantra were for namesake, the effective was Baba's will power. This is author's opinion. The author does not want to prove anything so he avoided to give any names of the persons or places except the following case which was extremely miraculous.

It was "Holi" a festival in India. The festival of colors. People prepare sweets at their homes, throw watercolor and the colored powder on each other for sake of fun, and burn firewood socially for worshipping fire god. The day was being celebrated at Ashram. Baba was in his inner room of the temple and about 30 to 35 devotees who had come to Ashram were enjoying color game. 10 to 15 persons were sitting in the Baba's room listening to the Baba's spiritual lecture. It was a after noon time in the March. The temperature in Vidarbha had just started to rise day by day, but cold winds of December which had not yet lost the effects fully, kept the day temperature not unbearable as in the May in that region. The day was pleasant and more pleasant due to Baba's proximity. Baba's followers who had kept at home their bags of mental tensions out from their heads were looking so enviably cheerful as if Baba had just paid them jack pot money. Everybody had taken sumptuous break fast in the morning but still felt hungry; may be the joyful mood had made their digestion fast. Otherwise also, in the company of Baba everybody used to eat as many times as Baba would eat because Baba would insist everybody to share. Eating every hour was not an exaggeration in case of Baba. Of course, only a tea spoon quantity. .Wonderful also was the water in the well at Baba's Ashram.

You will be hungry every hour, and whatever you eat would soon be digested. In this environment of joy was heard the sound of car breaks all of a sudden. Nobody expected any visitor there at that time when the roads were full of crowd throwing colors. A white colored old Fiat car entered Ashram's main gate and stopped just in front of the temple. The doors were opened and the view seen was creating many doubts in the minds. Three gentlemen of ages between 30 to 40 got down the car and then a lady within similar age. They stretched out a body of a teen aged boy out of car as if it was a thick flank of plywood. The body was stiff like a dead man's, body kept unburied for longer time. They carried that body to the temple on their shoulders and kept lied down on the floor of temple outside the room of Baba.

Wondering if that was a corpse, the devotees gathered there and started inquiring with those people. The narrated facts were like these. That the boy was a son of Mr. Joshi an officer in the Life Insurance corporation of India resident of Badnera, a small town place. Mr. Joshi was accompanied with his wife, brother in law and one relative. His son had the disease like paralysis right from his waist to the feet in both limbs and had no sensation in that part of the body. They had spent lot of money during last two years and had given up the hopes. Hardly there was any highly qualified specialist whom the patient was not consulted. As a last hope and hearing the fame of Baba they had come to meet Baba for the recovery of boy.

- "Do not allow them to enter Baba's room directly. Take Baba's permission first."
- "Do not disturb Baba for some time, he is speaking to people inside."
- "Who told you guys to come, here?"
- "This time entering Baba's room with the patient will be like entering lions den and wishing 'hello"
- "Why you are getting confused. Don't you think that Baba knew some patient has come here"
- "Why you people are asking so many questions to the parents of that boy, they have just arrived from tedious travel, let them take food and some rest. We shall take them to Baba in the evening"
- "Anytime you take patient in front of Baba, right now or in the evening, you have to put up with his abuses, you know"
- "Why not take him inside right now"

There was lot of discussion among the Baba's followers and finally M/s Narendra More, Ashok Jaipuriya, Ashok (another man from Ashram) and the parents carried the body of the boy inside the Baba's chamber. Everybody sitting inside were wonderstruck. Baba looking at the patient unexpectedly but totally unmoved shouted, "who is he?" Nobody had daring to reply to Baba. Baba lifted in right hand his small steel box which he used to keep tobacco, and struck to his own forehead strongly and for number of times. This was sign that Baba was very much angry. All the people in the room got to their feet and literally ran out of room. The patient was lifted again and taken to the temple. There was nobody left in Baba's room. The disciples blamed each other for this nonsense of taking patient to Baba without prior permission. Joshis cursed their luck that they were not lucky enough to get Baba's blessings.

After ten minutes, Baba's voice was heard from the room," Who was that boy. Bring him here". There was a sigh of relief mixed with smile and pleasure appeared on every body's face. Those people again lifted that boy and took him to Baba. Two persons were holding him from each side so that he would not fall, and two others were holding his feet. The patient was standing in front of Baba like a stem of the pine wood held up right by many persons. Baba stared in the eyes of the patient who seemed to be half died due to his disability and pains.

Baba stared without moving his eyelids for about five minutes and then very confidently told the people to leave the patient standing. The mother of that boy shouted, "No! not at all. He will collapse down if you remove your hands". However, one by one all the persons took their hands away from the boy. Everybody was looking at the boy with all their power in the their eyes. The boy stood to his own feet after two years. This was a miracle. Parents started weeping with love for their son, after seeing him standing after a long period. Baba told the person who held the boy to take him out side the temple for walking. Parents again, shouted, that he would fall on the floor if he walked. Two persons held his feet and other two his shoulders. One devotee pushed his right feet to front side, then left and right again. The boy started walking. After about 150 feet of walk with the help and support, the boy started walking alone himself. The boy was cured 100% within 15 minutes time. There was all joy great surprise among the presents and everybody congratulated the parents of the boy.

After three months when the author was with Baba, the father of that boy had come to meet Baba. He presented a car to Baba and paid some donation money. Baba accepted the car and money without comments. The author asked about his son. Joshi replied that his son had gone to Vaishnodevi pilgrim (1500 km distant) on his bicycle with his friends to worship Goddess.

There are thousands of such events and cases. Baba would cure the ailment just by staring, by medicines, by giving fruit or coconut, by asking to worship coconut etc. Hundreds of people whom qualified doctors prescribed for the medicines and operations were cured by Baba refraining them from going for operations despite the doctors advice. These include the heart patients whom the doctors had advised urgent bye-pass surgery. This is absolutely true.

However, in rare cases Baba would refuse or avoid the treatment. He would sometimes advise the keen relatives that death was sure and would specify the tentative time limit of patients living. The most surprising thing was that Baba never used to ask the patient as to what was his ailment or would never touch the patient. Even looking at that patient was not required. Surprising was the diagnosis technology of Baba! Many a times Baba cured the patients away from him and whom he had never seen. Only the will and desire of Baba was a remedy to all kinds of ailing. Baba when thought of anybody seen or unseen, or looked at anybody he probably would get all information about him including his family. He would tell every minute thing about his health and about his ailing part of body which he himself had not taken seriously.

Baba would tell about how much money he has in his pocket and any thing about him. People believed that he had the coconut "siddhi". (It's a kind of magic or science by which one understands the past, future and present of anybody from the coconut). Baba used to tell these things without coconut most of the times. It is however, true that some wonderful things have taken place about the coconuts. Some people have with them 50 or 60 years old coconuts given by Baba. Baba was their Guru for three or four generations, and used to visit their houses often. Many people tell many interesting happenings connected to coconuts. The author had seen one 50 years old coconut at Bharaswada village. He once accompanied Baba to house of that devotee. The coconut had turned into a solid like a steel ball.

There are thousands of coconut surprise stories. Baba's coconut would do any miracles. At the time of Mahashivratri festival one would see thousands of people in queue with a coconut in their hands. Baba would tell sometimes if the coconut was purchased from the local shop or brought and carried from the homes in other cities. Baba would surprise people telling that the coconut was not the same which bought by the devotee, it was changed. Baba would tell that the coconut was brought not for the devotees problem, but was meant for any other person, and would make the devotees wonderstruck. Once few persons kept the coconuts at the same place waiting for Baba to come. When Baba came they mixed up the coconuts in haste to attend Baba. It was a great miracle that Baba took charge of all the coconuts and told which one was brought by whom.

There are hundreds of cases where the doctors have declared the couples incapable of giving birth to child, Baba predicted the birth and blessed the couple. There was surely a new arrival after Baba's blessings. This was really a challenge for the medical professionals and the educated people. Let author cite only two of the cases before this "Miracle' chapter is over.

A person from Bhadravati town in Chandrapur district had come to worship Baba on Shivratri occasion. The author was sitting with Baba and attending the long queue of devotees. That person and his wife told that they had no child. The age of that man was between 55 to 60. Baba looked at his face and gave him a coconut. Baba asked him to worship the coconut for 13 days. This author sitting there, was surprised how Baba predicted a birth of child to that person whom the doctors have declared not capable of generation. The age too did not look to be helping the man. What the worship of coconut would have done? Author forgot that persons case in the rush of public.

Next year again, this author was sitting with Baba attending the Mahashivratri crowd. A man and a woman standing in queue neared Baba and with them was a newly born child. That man reminded the author that he had met at the same place last year when he had told Baba about his infertility. He told that he had an issue that year whom he brought for Baba's worship. Author, was dumbfound! He looked at the face of Baba, which was calm like sea.

The readers of this brief biography can write to Mr. Naresh Patil, if they are interested in knowing the story fully. He stays at place called Khamgaon and

is a very famous political personality, Naresh is educated in microbiology and had passed post graduation. This highly educated gentleman has made graduation in many subjects and now he is completing his degree course in law. Mr. Naresh Patil was always abused by Baba, and hardly used to talk with him. But Naresh knowingthe greatness of Baba was always in the service for more than ten years. After his marriage he had no issue for first five years. The couple was extremely worried. In the year 2002 he requested Baba to visit his house. Baba agreed to his request. He arranged a big function for Baba attended by thousands of people. It was a birth day of Baba. Baba blessed him that he would beget a child. That day Baba was little tired and was always telling people about his final departure. He died in Nov 2003.

Naresh, himself being a biology student used to take the doctors advice. He would check the diagnosis report and discuss with doctors while taking medicines for fertility. The sperm counts were adverse and doctor had predicted a meager possibility of issue. Day by day the conditions grew worse and Narensh had lost hopes from doctors medicine. Of course, he was not making any surprise at Baba's blessing for new arrival, because he was confident about Baba's supernatural power. Naresh Patil begot a female child in the month of June 2004. The couple was elated.

This author do not want to make comparison of saints, but it is true that he had never seen or heard about such a miraculous saint. The people writing biographies of saints write any miracles like the Moon came on the earth in disguise of a man, a mountain walked and a river spoken to the saint. But this was always for the sake of those emotional devotees who believe and like these kind of stories, or for elevating the image of the saint. No doubt there are miracles done by great saints. But Khapti Baba's miracles are thousand times in number and for the longer period of more than 80 years.

The author dared to write here a few miracles out of hundreds, where he himself was a party or a witness.

Philosophy of Khapti Maharaj

It is remarkable that Baba attended thousands of people in long span of his life, who would come to him with their hearts filled with sorrow. They had full faith in Baba that their family problems, health problems, money problems, social problems etc. would be taken care of by Baba if they

remained in service of Baba. Each visitor to Baba naturally, had multiple problems. Baba used to raise the confidence of the visitors and suggest them many ways to overcome the difficulties in life.

Anybody, listening the conversation between Baba and devotees would have surely got impressed that Baba not only knew a solution to household or other problems, but he used to give advise like a old and matured solicitor if his devotee was facing the legal problems. So he was family consultant and a lawyer apart from a spiritual master. He was a Doctor too. He would prescribe herbal medicines for the health problems. He would prepare the medicines himself rather than recommending any readymade stuff. He would go to the shop and purchase the herbs of the required quality and purity himself and would not believe anybody in this respect. Some of the problems would be solved by Tantra technique. (a kind of occult science) by Baba.

The persons whom Baba had given all kinds of remedial measures for their all kinds of problems would be visiting Baba frequently with new problems added to their lists and those deleted which were cured. Like additions and subtraction in the problem lists the similar changes were observed in the List of visitors. Some people not found their problems redressed soon as per their expectations would avoid coming to Baba again, while those cured were bringing new devotees with them to Baba. So, the number of devotees used to be on to rise always. However, there were some families who developed keen relations with Baba due to prolonged association. They realized that Baba was not an ordinary doctor or a consultant, but a great saint. Baba could satisfy them not merely by solving the problems. The great satisfaction they started experiencing in their hearts which otherwise was absent before Baba entered their lives. Proximity with Baba had extinguished the undue desires and greed in their minds. They found that they had become satisfied with whatever results they would get to their honest efforts. These families used to remain ardent devotees of Baba for more than one generation. Baba was God for them.

Most of the people had experienced miraculous powers of Baba. He would hint the devotees as to how the things would take place. The good or bad events would occur, as were foretold by him. Many a people were benefited unexpectedly and they believed it to be a result of Baba's blessings. (prasad) They used to serve Baba with more affection and devotion.. The understanding about the unending problems of human being would be

gradually developed in the minds of the people who would meet Baba frequently and would be in his service. These people would then accept their failures and bad-lucks in two ways. 1. That, Baba would set right every problem in due course, and till then they should put up with the adversities. 2. That, human worries were inseparable from the human life and Baba would definitely reduce their sufferings.

Gautam Buddha was only son to king Suddhodhana. The royal astrologer one day predicted that his son would become a sanyasi. (a man who renounces the material world). Consequently, King decided not to allow his son to go out of palace and thought that once he grew young and got coroneted, he would not be inclined to the pursuit of God. Gautam got married in his early age and there was a new arrival of baby. The kind over confident with the results of his strategies started conniving at his son.

One day Gautam requested the nobleman looking after him that he would go out of palace for some time, because he had not seen the world outside the palace. Kindhearted nobleman conceded to his request and both of them in disguise had a tour in the capital town riding the horse chariot. It was a great surprise for Gautam when he saw a poor beggar, a lame man, a blind man, a old woman, a person who had lost his body parts due to leprosy, people carrying a dead body etc. Every time he would ask the nobleman, as to why those people were suffering and in dire pains. With every explanation Gautam would get disappointed and would ask whether he too would become a pauper beggar, lame, blind, old aged or a sick man. The reply he would get was, "Yes, it was not impossible". Gautam started thinking very seriously. He had never thought of the world full of sorrow. Day by day his interest in the palatial life decreased and he would be seen always thinking alone about the world and the painful human life. One day he managed to leave the palace and went to the dense forest for the meditation. He ultimately became the "Buddha" i.e. omniscient, after he realized "self"

After reading this story there may be few questions coming into the mind of the inquisitive people.

- 1. How the exile of Gautam is related to the problems in the world?
- 2. Why did not he meet the people who were suffering and helped them by constituting a non-profit organization?
- 3. Why did he leave the palace, and how his departure to forest could have helped the people?

- 4. What was there in the deep forest, that would take care of the miseries of the subject of a prince?
- 5. What solution Gautam found out to solve the human problems after his prolonged stay of many years in the forest?
- 6. Whether the people in the capital town were relieved of their worries after Gautam became Buddha?
- 7. What self-realization of Buddha had to do with the problems of his people?
- 8. Has Buddha made this world free of worries after he got the eternal knowledge. How this knowledge could have solved the human problems?
- 9. Name any God, deity, messenger of God, son of God, Guru or saint or anybody who could make this world free of problems, tensions and agonies?

Replies to these questions could be learnt from the teachings of Khapti Maharaj, which shall be read in the next pages. Here this could be concluded from the above questionnaire that nobody including so called God in the heaven or any founder of the religion could eradicate sorrow from the surface of this earth at anytime. Equally important fact everybody knows well is that, not a single living person in this world could be 100% happy and without any sorrow.

Does this mean that human agonies are the in-built contents or characteristics of the living human body that could not be separated by any religious preaching, prayer, confession, benediction, miracle, advise, worship, mantra or tantra etc.? None of these things have made even a single man happy forever is the bitter reality. No one has been observed without tensions in this world. Had the remedies for human agonies were lying in the hands of kind hearted great saints or religion-founders, they had removed worries from human life. They would have very gladly done it without wasting a minute's time.

One must think therefore, seriously whether the human body and the human worries are inseparable. When one thinks about his bodily comfort, pleasure, prestige or love his anxieties are increased. Even a slightest feeling about these things, or the efforts made in the direction to achieve these things put one in to the dual thoughts initially and then in to the mental tensions. He drowns himself into the possibilities of increasing his worries. Anything that concerns the human body

ultimately lands a person in to tensions. The examples of these statements are not given here, because this is everybody's day to day experience.

It will be generally acceptable if one says,

- 1 ".that human life is a short time experiences of happiness and unending experiences of agonies"
- 2. "that human body is inseparable from both of these experience, let the person be from any walk of life. One may be man or woman and may be in any condition like rich or poor, old or young, sick or healthy, beautiful or shabby."

Here again arises the question, "whether human body is capable of making an experience of grief or joy?" If this question is thought deeply the answer is negative. Hands and legs can not be unhappy. Any part of body cant be happy or unhappy. What becomes happy or sorrowful is the human mind and not an organ of the body. Unhappiness is the emotional sufferings and not a suffering of body part. Human mind names the bodily experience as a pleasure or a grief. The five senses of human body pass quick message to the mind and mind makes an opinion. The mental tensions, sorrows, agonies, worries etc. are clung to human mind and not to the human body. So, it is wrong to say that human body and anxieties are inseparable. The truth is human mind and the anxieties are inseparable.

The desire of comfort, pleasure, prestige and love which are some root causes of human tensions lie in the mind and not in the human body.

An example may be cited here. When a child is busy in playing he sometimes get small injuries or bleeding. The wound is painful, but he comes to know about pains when the play is over. He starts experiencing pains when he pays heed to the pains and then he looks at the injured portion.

This means paying heed to the problems create the worries. In other examples it may be seen that mind enjoys the pleasure not the body parts.

A person watches his favorite movie on the TV. If he suddenly goes into deep thoughts about his business matter, his eyes continue watching the TV but he is unable to make out anything. Another person is busy in reading an interesting detective novel. His friend comes in his room and

asks him, "have you seen the colorful procession that passed the road before few minutes?"

- "No. I have not seen"
- "Why?. It was visible from window of this room"
- "No. I was deeply engaged in reading"
- "But the procession consisted wonderful bands, and the music was very loud"
- "I did not listen the music"
- "What are you saying? The sound was audible from a kilometer away"
- "I told you I have not heard any sound"

One watches the TV but cannot see any thing. Another is not a def, but can not listen the sound.

It is clear that mind is a sensor of the body. Mind enjoys or experience sorrow through the body organs. Body is dead if the mind is dead, even if it makes movements. So, the eyes do not watch, the mind watches through eyes, listens through ears, smells through nose etc. and decides about pleasure or pains, comfort or discomfort etc.

Where from the mind comes into human body? Who has created mind?

In fact mind, heed, consciousness, intellect are the four different names or forms of the mind itself. The mind is created out of the invisible micro contents of the food eaten by human beings. This is the reason why many people recommend that vegetarian diet be taken rather than the food obtained from killing living beings.

Once a person went to one renowned Guru and asked him that he was thirsty of the eternal knowledge. He requested Guru that he was fully surrendered to him and was ready to even sacrifice his life on Guru's order. Guru asked him what has he learnt. The person told him a list of the religious poetries made by heart. Guru told him to recite a long poetry. The person smartly recited the poetry for half an hour with perfect pronunciation, and thought Guru shall appreciate him. Guru appreciated him, and asked him to go back to home and come after a week without taking any kind of food. The person fully convicted with the ability of Guru, went back to home and observed austere fast for seven days without taking a particle of food. When he came back Guru asked him to recite the same poetry. This time the person who was

eagerly waiting for Guru to accept him as a disciple, recited the poetry in forty minutes and he was tired. Hungry, he was not particular about the pronunciation and made a couple of mistakes. Guru asked that person to go back again, observe fast for seven days. The person who was knowing the different ways of learned Guru for testing the people, went to home and came back again after seven days. He had observed fast sternly. This time he was feeling great weakness. Guru welcomed him but did not give him even a glass of water. Guru asked his again to recite the same poetry. The person started with the desolate voice. On number of occasion he would forget the next words, and start again from previous stanza. He wept before Guru and asked to forgive him. Guru told him to make more practice and repeated his last order. With great difficulties the person did not eat any thing for seven days more and came back to Guru. This time he had no strength to stand erect before Guru and was looking like a person on the deathbed. Guru cruelly asked him to recite the poetry again and promised him that he would start teaching him first lesson of science of self realization if he could recite the poetry without mistake in words and pronunciation. The young person tried to remember the poetry and started. This time he had almost forgotten the verses and could not pronounce properly.

He failed to the feet of the Guru and asked for the pardon. He admitted to Guru that he did not remember the poetry which he had made by heart. Kind Guru excused him, accepted him as his disciple and taught him the first lesson that body of the human being was created out of visible contents of the food intakes and the mind out micro contents. Had he taken food regularly, there was no question of forgetting the hymns.. The body parts are grown and maintained by food, all kind of power including the power of reproduction is derived from food, the intellect, memory, mind etc. is the output of food only.

So all the problems of the human being are in the mind and not in the body or the external world. A mind-less creature shall have no problems. And mind comes to human body from the food.

Human body naturally trends to derive happiness from all the actions so is the human mind. No person likes to be unhappy even for a moment. Every second of the life is spent by human being and all living beings in search of happiness and absolutely there is no other business.

When one wakes up, in one minute he remembers everything including all his affairs which were out of his mind before going to bed. He instantly re-establishes the relation with the new world with the help of memory. Imagine that a person met an accident (say by bomb explosion) when he was in sound seep. He lost his 100% memory during his sound sleep because something hit his head suddenly. Was the world ever existed for that man who lost the memory? May be for others who have not memories, there was world.

So the world had an existence for those beings who have mind and memories. Otherwise there was no difference in the human body parts and the stones.

What does a persons do after he wakes up? He does everything that makes him feel better. He would clean his body to feel better, he would read news paper or watch to feel better (information makes him happy), he would call friends or make business calls to feel better (knowledge of latest development and speaking to friends makes him happier) he would take breakfast to feel better, he would attend his job or business to earn money so that he could buy the means that would make him feel better, he would then like to have company of his wife or girlfriend to feel better etc..etc.

He would definitely avoid the people not liked by him, he would do nothing that he did not like, he would avoid the meeting which he did not like,

So, the human being lives and exerts only for happiness and that happiness is in his own mind. Not in his body parts, or not elsewhere.

It is wonderful that all human beings are trying to be happy for ever but they have not become happy. They search for happiness desperately but they have not at all captured the happiness. May be they are successful for some moments to achieve the happiness, but whenever their mind return back to routine life, they find their happiness lost. Memories of the happy moments do not make them happy again. Like last weekend's happy moments would not come back nor shall be able to make one happy again.

The definition of happiness (complete and unending) is made like this.

- 1. happiness should be of the maximum measures.
- 2. happiness should be continuous, and
- 3. happiness should not begin or end.

When woman see the child she gets happy. She likes to lift and kiss the child. The happiness is more in case she happens to kiss her own child. This gives an idea of measure of happiness. The measure of happiness is less in case of other children. So, the happiness should be of the maximum level or measure. Unfortunately, human runs after a very low measure and momentary happiness.

A person likes to make paintings and enjoys happiness in his work. But the degree of happiness is not constant. Whenever, the strokes of his brush are placed correctly he becomes happy and when incorrect he is bit disappointed. He becomes happy again if the next stroke is to his satisfaction. This gives and idea of happiness with intervals. The painter would start getting happiness again when he would start painting next day. So the happiness should be continuous.

The third condition of the happiness is, it should not begin or end. It should be constant Otherwise there will be unhappiness between two sessions of happiness. It should be like flow of oil when we pour it, and not like water.

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This is the definition of true happiness, called "bliss". All human beings are in the quest of bliss This is evident from their continuous endeavors to remain happy.

Where lies the bliss? Does the bliss lie in fulfilling the ever increasing needs of the body? No. Human body is the home of the tensions, anxieties, worries, miseries, agonies, sickness and death ultimately. It is impossible to satisfy human body or make it happy. One takes lunch in expensive prestigious restaurant. The specially cooked recipes give him the great pleasure while eating. After four hours, he goes to a roadside restaurant and eats sandwiches again. For how much time was his body happy after taking costly lunch? The body wants the pleasure again and again and without stop. If it does not get the pleasure it makes the mind unhappy.

A student not having money in the pocket was standing near a ice-cream parlor. He was looking at the ice cream and at the people eating icecream. He was unhappy because he liked ice-cream very much but had no money to buy. He would remember the flavor, taste and feel of icecream in his mouth and would become more and more unhappy. He would try to forget about ice-cream to overcome his unhappiness, but could not do it. His eyes were now and then attracted towards look of icecream and people eating ice-cream. Very unexpectedly, a gentleman who observed him for long time understood the uneasiness of the child. He went to the boy and told him that the day was a birthday of his son staying long away from him. He asked the boy that he would be very happy if the boy shares ice-cream with him. The boy initially said "no" to him due to family discipline but agreed after persuasion from the gentleman. He was hungry for ice-cream, so he ate it sumptuously to his satisfaction. Expressed thanks to gentleman and went to his place where he was standing.

The boy was again standing at the spot near ice-cream parlor waiting for somebody to come, but now he had no desire for ice-cream. He did not look at the ice-cream or ice-cream eating people.

Let this example be analyzed to understand where was the happiness?

In this example one can say that the happiness of boy was lying in eating ice-cream. He became happy after eating ice-cream. Where else could be his happiness when he was hungry? This is not a wrong assumption in the views of a layman. Everybody is of the firm opinion that happiness lies in the things which one tries to obtain. If one thinks that he would be happy by purchasing a particular model of Mercedes car, it certainly means that his happiness is within the car.

This is apparently true, because everybody believes that happiness lies in the fulfillment of desires. But if the inquisitive person goes to the roots to find out the real cause of the happiness of the boy, the things were different!

1. If there was happiness in the ice-cream, each and every person in the world would have liked it and consumed only ice-cream. But many people do not like and eat ice-cream. Some people get ailing due to ice-cream.

- 2. If the ice-cream was best liked food for the boy and his happiness lied in ice-cream, he would not have eaten anything else but ice-cream only all the time.
- 3. Whenever the boy would be hungry and had enough money he would have eaten only ice-cream many times a day.
- 4. There would have been no limit to eating ice-cream. People would not have experienced nausea after eating a certain quantity of ice-cream, had there been happiness in ice cream.
- 5. A very busy person in business matter or in very important matter riding a car would have stopped on the road wherever he would have found the ice cream shop and he would have attended the office matters later.
- 6. People would have eaten ice cream when they would become unhappy due to failures, losses, sickness, departures etc. and would have regained happiness.

Let the list be limited here. The truth is that there was no happiness in ice-cream. How then the boy became happy after eating ice-cream? The following are the true reasons for his happiness, which are always overlooked by the human mind due to utmost desire to the extent of madness for happiness.

- 1. It so happened that the boy had the concentration of mind within him. We may call it an introversion or the boy was busy in his own thoughts. before he saw the ice-cream, shop, and the ice-cream eating people.
- 2. His mind or heed went outside of him looking at the scene which created the memories or thoughts in him about the flavor etc. of the ice-cream. He remembered the taste, flavor, freshness etc. of the ice-cream.
- 3. He surely was happy or not unhappy before his attention went out of himself towards ice-cream.
- 4. Going of attention away from him made him unhappy.
- 5. After eating ice-cream his attention came back within him and he became happy.
- 6. So, whenever the attention is within oneself, one is happy.

The cause of unhappiness is therefore, taking your attention out of yourself. There was no happiness in ice-cream. In the same way there is

no happiness in worldly matters including money, man/woman, wine, car etc. Everybody knows this list.

When the attention is within self, a person is happy, and when it goes out of him he becomes uneasy, lustful, greedy, hungry etc. This is the theorem.

Whenever, a person is tired he wants sleep. Whenever the tension is unbearable he wants sleep, When one gets up from the sound sleep, many a times he utters, "I was in sound sleep, I got real rest, I enjoyed the sleep" There is surely a great happiness in sleeping. No body can disagree that.

Why was he happy during sleep? Because his attention was within him while sleeping so he was happy. His attention was not searching happiness in worldly and external matters when he was asleep, so he enjoyed happiness during the sleep.

Now the question is whether he was right when he said I enjoyed the sleep? How could he enjoy when he did not know what was happening. If he was not the person who enjoyed sleep, then who was enjoying happiness while he slept?

Was it a body of the person who enjoyed happiness, when person was sleeping?

Was it a mind of a person who enjoyed happiness, when person was sleeping?

It was surely not his body which enjoyed the happiness, because body had no sense All his organs of senses were sleeping and almost entire body was defunct.

His mind did not work. It was calm. There were no thoughts of happiness or worries.

Neither body enjoyed the sleeping nor the mind? Who then enjoyed the sleeping? How he became happy.

Is there anybody inside him whom he calls "I" who was not sleeping when the body was sleeping? Had there been no "I" inside, who had

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enjoyed the sound sleep, and the person would not have uttered, "I have enjoyed the sleep"

So, this "I" is the thing who enjoys the world. Not the body nor the mind. The boy eating ice-cream when attends to this "I", he does not become unhappy. But once his mind goes away from "I" he experienced unhappiness.

People do meditation. Why? There is no reason but to find out "I" within. The process brings one's mind inside from the outer world. One gets rid of tension when he is in deep meditation. But once he keeps "I" inside and attends the external world, he again falls in to worries.

Or in other words, "I" is different from the human body and also different from human mind.

"This is my book"
"These are my clothes"
"This is my hand"
"This is my head"
"This is creation of my mind"

A person uttering these sentences must be different from the things he mentioned. Like, when he said This is 'my' book, he must not be a book. The person must not be clothes, he must be different from clothes. So he is not a hand, head or mind. Consequently, he is not a body or mind. Who is that person then?

I am "I". "I am surely within my body but I am not a body nor mind. Who am I?" is the question is to be thought over now.. This was "I" within every individual. Let us now think of the "I" in the universe, or around us.

Khapti Maharaj would say, "eka dhatuchi banleli srushti" This means "entire universe is homogeneous and made of a single substance". He would say, "Anek rupe anek naame zalkati waramwar" This mean "I" or self alone is seen in different names and forms to me". He would add," buddhi balachi talwar" This means "I shall fight with the sword of my intellect to find oneness of every thing in this universe." Let us understand this step by step, kike we under stood 'I" within I.

If one states, "human being and the things made by human being are nothing but "earth" and starts calling every thing as "earth", people shall call him, "Big Fool". How human being can be an earth, and how every thing created by human being is also earth? Is this guy a crazy whostates this? people will ask.

Let us now think on his statement.

There is a scene. Two boys are playing foot ball on the ground and the three different models of car, and a motor bike are parked nearby. This scene will make a certain sense to an man. Somebody may take interest looking at the scene. But the above foolish man (who made statement) will not find any sense in the scene

He will think that where from these two different looking boys have come? They are created out of human semen. Semen is the form of blood. Blood is created out of the food eaten by human being. Food comes from the earth. When seed is sown, seed is grows into a tree. This growth is due to the contents of an earth converted into tree. If we think scientifically, the weight of seed was 1 gram. When tree was grown the weight became 10 kg. So there was an addition of 9 Kg and 999 gms. This additional weight gained by seed is from earth. Therefore, the tree is nothing but earth. In the same way, the boys are the forms of an earth because they are made of contents of earth.

In case of vehicles same is the principle. Vehicle is made out of steel, rubber, polythene, wood, cloth etc. The original forms of these things have come out of earth. Steel in original form was soil containing ferrous. The steel plants separated soil particles from the iron ores. Iron ores were converted into steel. And the body of vehicle is steel. There fore the body of the vehicle is an earth. The same way rubber and polythene also came out of earth. So the vehicles are earth .The foot ball is made of leather. The animal skin is the form of the contents of earth. So the foot ball is earth. Everything in the scene is earth and nothing else.

The statement of that man was correct if one goes to the roots and do not engage his mind in what was being seen, Often what is seen is not true.

In India ladies are awfully fond of gold ornaments. One rich lady goes to a biggest ornament shop with her thinker husband. There are hundreds of ornaments in different shapes and names like chain, necklace, ring etc. The lady goes mad looking at the large number of ornaments in wonderful shapes each different from other, and names given are different too. The husband is not interested at all in looking at the ornaments. He thinks everything to be gold, nothing else. Is he wrong?

In the same way, everything in this world living or non-living is made out of the five elements. Ether (space), air, fire, water and earth. That includes the human bodies. These five elements have their own properties and these properties are found in the things made out of these five elements.

The main property of "ether" is sound and connected to the Ear of human body or the property of listening in the human body. The main property of "air" is touch and is connected to the Skin of human body. The main property of the "Fire" is light and is connected to the Eye of the human body. The main property of the "water" is taste and is connected with the Tongue of the human body. The main property of "earth" is smell and is connected with the nose of the human body.

If the inquisitive people give strain to their brains, they will find that the universe and all the actions of living and non-living things in the universe that are seen or imagined are the simple changes of forms and manifestation of a single or the mixture of five elements.

Five inter-convertible elements, and their inter-convertible properties or powers like gravitation, magnetism, electricity, light, sound etc. make an experience for us of the I, the Universe and the life.

Power of a particular thing can not be different from the thing itself. Like sweetness in the sugar. You can not separate sugar and sweetness, because the sweetness is the property or the power of the sugar. Beauty of a beautiful woman can not be different from the woman herself. In the same way the properties of five elements are not different from the five elements.

The same properties of the element create sound, and the same listens in different form, the same property creates light and the same watches in

different form, the same properties create the smell and the same enjoys the fragrance etc,

Now to make this more clear we take an example of a girl. Her body is of course made out of the contents of earth. (we have seen it in earlier paragraphs) Her power of eyes, ears, nose etc. are the properties of five elements. Like,

Her eyes are made of five elements

The eyesight which is her power of eyes is the power of five elements. Her eyes see the entire world due to the light. Light is a power of five elements.

She gives birth to the children, because it is a power of five elements. (like seeds germinates in the earth).

And so on about her all organs.

Now we have found out the source of the human bodies and the bodies of other living beings as well as non-living things. We have found out the source of the five senses of human beings We have found out the source of all the things made by human beings. The source is five elements and nothing. Only one source of the entire things in universe is five elements and that can very well be proved by modern science. Nothing religious or philosophical. This is straight.

Let us call this a "field".

Field is the universe, all visible and invisible things in the universe and the interactions of the properties of the five elements which we term as life...

We have scientifically and logically came to conclusion that field is only one. That is Five elements, its forms, properties and functions manifest the universe and the infinite forms, actions and interactions within the universe. We for sake of our studies call it a "field".

We have now reduced entire world in six elements.

Five basic elements and the "I" We had seen in earlier pages that "I" enjoys the senses, and happiness. Not the human body or mind.

We have again to think and make a research.

The five elements are ether, air, fire, water and earth.
All these things are not the elements but are made out of each other.
Think!

Air contains hydrogen and oxygen
Water contains hydrogen and oxygen
Fire is impossible without oxygen and hydrogen.
There cannot be light without fire (power or energy)
Air contains dust particles and many other gases
Celestial bodies or terrestrial bodies are made of dust
Fire creates the carbon
Carbon creates the dust
Ether creates the medium for the properties
Ether contains the air
Nitrogen in the air creates the rains
Carbon hydrogen and nitrogen and oxygen create the organism.

Thinking deeply we come to conclusion that there is only one element that is transformed into five basic materials, which we call five basic elements, viz ether, air, fire, water and earth. And the order is ether was created from the basic element, then air, fire, water and the dust or earth. So when we call "Field" it is only one substance.

We have now come to the two elements only. One is Field and other is "I" in all the living beings. Only two elements exist in the world and whole universe .All infinite objects, subjects, functions, actions and interactions in the universe are attributed to these two elements. One is "I" and other is Field.

Now let us go deeper again.

The universe exists for all the living beings only. Had there been no living being who could have thought about and seen the universe? All living being are made of two things. One is "I" and other is Field. As we have seen that body and mind is made out of the contents of the five elements and "I" is always awake. "I" enjoys the sleep of body.

Once Khapti Maharaj ordered the disciples for his meals. He had taken food only before fifteen minutes. His disciples knew that Baba would order the meals as many times as he wants. He would eat few grams of food each time. Baba finished the meals and started talking on the spiritualism. Again after half an hour, he was hungry and he asked, if anything was available for eating? This time some of the new devotees burst in to mild laughter, not facing Baba. Baba could understand that they were laughing at the frequent eating of Baba. Baba murmured, "Bhoot khatet".

"Bhoot" in Hindi means five elements or Panch Mahabhoot. "Khatet" means "eating"

Baba wanted to say that, "you people laughing are fools. You do not understand that I am not eating. The elements are eating the elements". Nobody could understand the meaning and there was a silence.

The author hopes that the matter is now clear to devotees of Baba that all the things sensed by five organs of human body are the interactions of the properties of the Field. The same thing is told by Lord Krishna in Bhagwatgita, "Guna Guneshu Vartante" 3/28.(the properties of the field (guna) act with (vartante) the properties of the field (guna). Khapti Maharaj meant that "I" in me was different. He was not taking meals. Meals was eaten by my body, made of five elements. Also the meals was prepared out of five elements. So, my eating was the interaction of the Field. All living beings taking food for their body do take it to satisfy the properties of the "field". The demand of food by the human body is also the property of "field." So here we do our logic work,

All living beings eat food

All living beings take vegetarian or animal food

All vegetable, animals and human bodies are made of five elements and their properties.

All vegetable, animals and human bodies are the interactions of the "field"

All vegetable, animals and human bodies get hungry of food due to "field" properties

All vegetable, animals and human bodies are food of each other during or after lifetime

Hunger is created by properties of the "field"

Hunger is satisfied by properties of the "field"

The demands of bodies are properties of the "field"

The demands of bodies are satisfied by the properties of the "field"

The demands of bodies are created by the "field"

The demands of bodies are satisfied by the "field"

"field" create food and the eater of food

"field" create the body and the needs of body

"field" create the things to satisfy body

Living beings make difference in food and the eater due to ignorance Living beings make difference in different forms of the "field" due to ignorance

Living beings make difference in animals and humans due to ignorance Living beings make difference in animals and humans due to need of the "field"

Living being make difference in males and females due to need of the "field" to keep property of reproduction

Living being make difference in males and females when the "field" needs it for satisfaction of "field"

Ignorance of knowledge of oneness make the human being wild Knowledge of oneness of Universe will minimize his bodily needs Knowledge of oneness of universe will minimize his ill thinking for others

Knowledge of oneness of universe will minimize enmity and hatred

A child of six months touches the breasts of his mother. The child is innocent and do not know the difference in males and females. When he grows to proper age nearer to his bodily need of reproduction he understands the male and female difference. The pressure of the "field" is uncontrollable. He thinks only about woman most of the time. He is a product of the "field", so "field" wants him to satisfy "field". Reproduction is the property of "field".

The author has avoided referring many holy books, quotes and holy poetry of the saints and the explanation of all of these to make a biography of 1000 pages. But he can not stop temptation of referring a poetry of a Great King. Bhartrihari . Those days the kings were like Gods having all power of their kingdom vested in them. Unlike a today's democratic country's President, Kings used to enjoy the heavenly

luxuries of life. Raja Bhartrihari was a great king of his time who relinquished the kingdom and became sanyasi.

"Bhoga na bhukta waymeva bhukta, tapo na taptam waymeva taptah I Kalo na yato waymeva yata, trishna na jirnah waymeva jirnah II

King says that we are under wrong impression that we enjoyed the world, just get introvert and see that we ourselves got enjoyed by the world, we did not enjoy. We say the propitiation was austere, but it was we who faced the austerity. We say we have passed time, but think and we will find that time has passed us nearer to death, In the old age we say our desires have remained very meager, but my friends, not the desires but we ourselves have remained very meager."

The women think that they have enjoyed the bodies of men, and the men think they have enjoyed the bodies of beautiful women. In true sense both only loose their vital strength. The "field" enjoys both of them. For his property of reproduction. The properties of the field are queer. Living beings eat the food, and food eat them. Whatever you do for others (who are also the forms of field) they do it for you in any form, (you being a form of field). You kill a person, and "field" will kill you in the form of judge giving a sentence to death.

The state of the ignorance is created by field itself in the human being to .the extent that he thinks himself to be "field" or human body.

What do you mean? Are we not human bodies?

Not at all! We have already seen in the earlier pages that "I" is not a body nor a mind.

Now it should be scientifically agreeable to everybody that entire universe containing infinite lives, infinite objects, infinite powers and infinite actions and reactions as we can see, experience is only a one thing.. Ignorance created by the properties of "Field" makes "two" or infinite.

But, We have a question again!

Who understands the properties of the "field"?

Any or all of the five element or "Field" have the properties and a particular discipline in the interactions, but not the power to understand own properties.!. Or we can call it intelligence to regulate the properties.

Where is the intelligence?

We had already seen a intelligent person in earlier pages. He is present in all living beings and his name is "I".

Like all the properties of ocean could be found in a drop of ocean, all the properties of universe could be found in the individual bodies of the living beings.

Like human body has the intelligent "I" who do not sleep but enjoys the sleep, Universe has the universal "I" who do not sleep. Human body made of five elements or "field" sleeps, "I" do not sleep but enjoys the sleep. Therefore, "I" is not made of five elements.

- "I" do not eat but enjoys the taste through the body and mind.
- "I" do not walk but reaches anywhere by body or mind
- "I" has no ears, but enjoys the music through body and mind
- "I" has no nose but enjoys the fragrance.
- "I" has the intelligence because "field" can not have intelligence
- "I" pours intelligence in the organ named "brain" made of field
- "I" creates power of thinking in the mind which is made of invisible contents of the Field.
- "I" gives our brain intelligence to work on computers
- "I" gives intelligence required for creativity in any field of science, arts or commerce.
- "I" understands the beauty not eyes
- "I" gives intelligence in the brain to create huge machines
- "I" gives intelligence in the brain to make extreme imaginations
- "I" is omniscient knower of each and all but nobody knows him
- "I" is not bound by the "field" or the five elements
- "I" has no properties of "field"
- "I" do not sleep, he is not bound by time
- "I" do not die because he is not a "field" and not bound by age
- "I" is not limited by space, he creates space for him.
- "I" I creates space for him in dreams and gives different experiences

"I" creates space for him and while body is awake

"I" creates his universe, when he wants and dissolves.

"I" is with you right from inception but leaves your body when you die

"I" creates an ego in the earthen body, to say, "I, me my, mine"

"I" creates his own world like a silkworm creates a house from itself.

"I" creates everything of his own imaginations whenever he wants

There exists only field and "I"

No other things exists

The five elements have no intelligence

The five elements act by discipline and intelligence

Either field must be intelligent or "I" because only two things exist

There is no existence to any third thing

If "field" is not intelligent, "I" must be intelligent.

Human body is not intelligent

Human mind is not intelligent, it sleeps and make mistakes

Who is intelligent?

Only "I" is intelligent

Naturally all the intelligence in the world is attributed to "I" not to "field"

"I" is the "fielder" the word used here in the sense that knowing the field.

"I" has the knowledge of "field"

Human being experiences the world in two conditions.

All living being experience the world in two conditions

When awake or when in the dreams

How can one see in dreams with the eyes closed. And mind defunct.?

Dream is not a memory, because many things are seen in dream which were not seen, experienced or imagined by mind.

Subconscious mind cannot be more imaginative than conscious mind That which cannot be thought, experienced or imagined by conscious mind, how can it be dreamt by subconscious mind?

"I" creates the world of dream while the body is asleep

"I" create the world which we think is real when the body is awake

"I" experience the three conditions of body through mind and body.

"I" create the Galaxy ,Sun, the Mon, the planets

"I" can find as many planets as "I" want

"I" is infinite

"I" created the world out of him which is infinite

"I" is beyond universe

"I" is smaller than any known smaller particle of an item

"I" has an eternal knowledge

"I" is an eternal knowledge

"I" reminds (delivered) calf where could he get mother's milk

"I" reminds infant child to suck mother's milk

"I" creates knowledge in the earthen body.

"I" is only pure happiness

"I" creates and gives intelligence to mind to decide happiness or worries.

"I" is not bound by the decision of mind

"I" is not bound by any thing in universe

"I" binds everything in universe

Everything within and beyond universe that could be seen, experienced or imagined is the manifestation of "I"

"I" is the "Fielder" and, manifestation is the "field"

"I" is omniscient

"I" is omnipotent

"I" is omnipresent

"I" creates and stays within

"I" created everything and "I" is within everything

"I" is within you and "I" is around you

Nothing is imperishable but "I"

Nothing is pure but "I"

Nothing is free but "I"

Nothing is intelligent but "I"

"I" has no beginning and end

"I" can not be imagined by human mind which is made by "I"

"I" can not be guessed by human intelligence, because he is the source of intelligence

"I" can not be described by words because words are made of "I"

"I" is called by many names because every name is his name and every word is "I"

"I" is adored in innumerable forms or without forms, because with or without form only "I" exists.

When Sugway say God within and Around You, it is You yourself as a Fielder and not as a Field

"I" is also called soul or Atma or God or Self or Ishwar or any name.

God, self or "I" within us is omniscient and omnipresent.
God, self or "I" within us is not affected by time (eternal)
God, self or "I" within us is absolutely pure and untouched
God, self or "I" within us is the only intellect
God, self or "I" within us is not entangled with any other thing

No speech and language can describe God, self or "I" within us No human mind can imagine of God, self or "I" within us No human organ can sense the God, self or "I" within us

God, self or "I" is one and the same..

Khapti Maharaj said, "dagdale shendur fasava lagte, manavamadhye namrata yenyasathi" This means the imaginary God is made in the interest of discipline, peace, fear for sins, and politeness among the human beings by the great founders of religions and great saints.

This "I" within oneself and "I" around oneself must be understood with the patience, practice, persuasion, politeness, proximity with self and prayer with pure mind.

God only exists and nothing else. He becomes a "uni-self" i.e. "T" of the universe and creates ether out of Him and He stays in it, ether is filled with air out of Him and He stays in the air, air is filled with fire (hydrogen)out of Him and He stays in the fire, fire is filled with water (hydrogen and oxygen) out of Him and He stays in the water, water is filled with earth out of Him and He stays in the water. All the five elements out of which the universe appears to be made are the forms of God and He stays in them. So the Creator is God and the Creation is also God. There can not exist two separate powers. And a power of the powerful is not different than he himself. The power of Mohamed Ali the boxer can not be different than Mohamed Ali. Intelligence of the intelligent can not be different from he himself. Creation of the creator can not be different from he himself because nothing existed when there was a creator alone. "T" is the God, self., creator and Krishna and Shiva and everything.

Knowledge of the "God" is known by "God" himself, so it does not begin nor end, The God who is within and around us. One has to forget the field if he has to experience the fielder.

The philosophy of Khapti Maharaj is for the guidance of the members of Sugway and intended to give them right direction for thinking. Once the thinking is started in the right direction the God within and Around us gives the correct way to those who give him in and pray him within. The real Khapti Maharaj is the image of "I "within us. "I" is the Guru and "I" is the disciple. Who looks into "Field " for happiness becomes unhappy. Who looks for the "Fielder" the only Bliss and the source of Bliss becomes happy. In fact unhappiness do not exist, we relate ourselves to the interaction within the field and become unhappy.

One must therefore know, "I" am imperishable "I" and not the perishable body. "I" am Brahma. "I" am eternal. "I" only exist.

The above is the brief explanation of Baba's words, "Eka dhatuchi srushti" (Universe is made of one thing)

How should we live in this world? What guidance Baba had given?

- "How Baba's philosophy is going to help me? Can it give me money?"
- "I am sick, can it cure me?"
- "I like sexual enjoyment. Can it give me"
- "I like luxuries, can it give me"
- "I am in terrific problem, can it save me?"
- "My children are disobedient, is this helpful for me"
- "My husband/wife is obstinate, we quarrel daily. Can it help us"

These questions are not imaginary. This is experience of the author that whenever he tried to explain something, he had to put break to his words. We all are so much in the influence of the "field" or prakriti or "nature" that we do not want to forget our problems for a second. Some people want tensions and problems to entertain their mind. Everybody thinks that his problems could not be understood by others or could be tolerated

by others. He is alone in the world who could bear his great tension, any other person in his situation would have committed suicide.

People go to prayer houses, temples or Guru with a desire that their problems would be solved. The author himself initially met Guru for selfish purpose only. In this respect everybody has different experience. The result of the prayer or propitiation can not be generalized or systematized It depends of the degree of faith. We have seen in the earlier pages that some people got wonderful and instant results of the blessings of Baba. There would have been no visitor to prayer house, temple or Guru if there was no faith and the results of faith. But this is not enough to get rid of the human tensions and agonies.

Baba used to advise the people about how to live life in his two out of the thirty sentences. The coded sentences are given below and deciphered.

- 1. "Kartavya hech karma aahe , manavacha dharma aahe, yache warma janun majal gatha. Ghat chadhtana lat sambhala"
- 2. "Afsos dur karo, hos me thos maro aur nirdosh bano, jeevan ka course pura karo.

"What ever you think as your duty is your karma. To perform duty is the real human religion of an individual. You should understand the secret meaning of this and continue your journey. If there is a difficult ghat (turnings on the road through hills), you should be cautious and tackle the lat (tides) of the time. (difficult situation).

This is plain and straight meaning of Baba's advice. The meaning of the second sentence is,

"Do not regret, be deliberate and cautious to collide with the situation. But you should not be proved guilty. In this way you complete the course (given time) of your life."

It will be difficult to derive at any meaning out of these two sentences of Baba. But you will be surprised to know that these two sentences cover the entire theory of Karmas explained in thousands of books., and the entirely true meaning of Bhagwat geeta which took millions of pages of the books for the great intellectuals in the world to describe.

- 1. AFSOS (URDU) "vishidantam" Regretful Arjun Geeta 2/10
- 2. HOSH (HINDI) "buddhe param buddhwa" eternal knowledge 3/43
- 3. THOS (MARATHI)"karmasu kaushalam" rendering duty is yoga 2/50
- 4. NIRDOSH (Common in HINDI,MARATHI,SANSKRIT) "lipyate na sah papen" he does not remain guilty for what he does. 5/10
- 5. COURSE (ENGLISH)"tyjatyante kalewarm" forget everything before you die, or you will be in the shape which you were thinking" 8/6

Every word of Baba was full of great meanings. The translation would be as under if read straight.

"Do not be regretful or timid in facing difficult situation in your life while you perform your duties. Observe, study, practice and obtain the eternal knowledge. Do anything as you think to be your duty while obtaining knowledge. No sins will cling to you if you perform duties with knowledge. Keep and forget everything in this world and leave happily"

The great Saint Khapti Maharaj had nothing to teach the people except these two sentences. These two sentences contain the teachings of all the religions, and sects and saints and great thinkers described in thousands of books in India. We shall find out the detail meaning and the directives that Baba had given to us in minimum words:

Temptation of mind to do this thing or that thing as the five senses of the body ask for satisfying the body is a tendency of human being. (Vritti). This is most natural. With the growing age of person these tendencies get changed. When he/she is five years old, the temptation would be chocolate, at the ten it would be ice-cream, at the fifteen music, at the twenty to thirty opposite sex, then money, bringing up children, touring, pilgrims, prayers, temples etc. Every minute these tendencies would continuously demand something from the outside world as long as the mind works. This is natural because human body is a part of the nature. or the "field" (Please refer for meaning in earlier pages). Like a transmitter throwing its waves, the tendencies go away from the body and make the mind uneasy for the bodily pleasures. Interaction of visible and invisible contents is the property of the "Field" (guna), Like a magnet is attracting the iron pieces, and iron pieces become magnets to attract more iron pieces, one particle of the "Field" consume another and another consume others. Consumption of each other and all by each other and all

to take a new form to get consumed, and consume others is the property of the "field", which we observe. This is the reason why the worries, agonies, tensions, sickness, death or any miseries in human life are created. The outgoing tendencies create the six famous vices in the person viz. sexual attraction, anger, lust, lure, self-esteem and hatred which in fact are created in the mind and the body due to the interactions of the "field" But not understanding the science behind the creation of vices, human being tries to satisfy the needs of the "field" recklessly. The impact of the tendencies is terrific and tremendous to the extent that very very great saints and thinkers who have understood these principles could not resist themselves from falling pray to these interactions. In Hindu religion, the Gods obtaining the human body could not resist the temptations, then what to talk about others. Many religion founders and great God-men had to undergo miseries, tortures, death and what not.

Saint Khapti Maharaj advised all the human beings not to regret for any insult, losses, poverty, torture, sickness, broken desires and expectations or for any thing in this world. (Afsos door karo). Why not to worry?

Baba advises, "You like it or dislike you have to make movements. You do it or not it would be got done from you by the field, providence or God, as some people have the faith. The rat tries to be secured againt the cat, but ultimately becomes the pray. (Kartavya hech karma aahe). The things which you think as morally right and as your duties should be done by you in casual way (sahaj). The casualness in action is necessary if one has to avoid big accidents of any kind. Actions in lure and ambitions create risks of everything, including life. Casualness or "sahaj" is extremely important. What one ought to do, should do it. It is his casual duty. This is the individual religion."

Baba would say, "the mother does everything for her child very casually and in Indian villages the ladies cook breads for the family members very casually' This is a kind of individual religion and this is only devotion to God. God needs your devotion. He does not mean you should give up your natural duties and go to the temple or prayer houses to spend your time. Performing your duties casually is the first devotion to God and that is your true religion." (Manavacha dharama aahe)

Baba strongly opposed to spending time in worships, havan, bhajan, kirtans etc. He was against spending money in the Hindu rituals by the

poor people. In the Bhakti Marg (devotional way) the devotee has to make difference in the God and the devotee of God. "When there are two the fear is created" is the principle. Almost cent percent people in devotional way never try to understand who their deity is. They go by emotions. When their worship, satsang, puja, mantra, japa propitaiation is over and they come into routine life they either become careless, thinking that God is with them, or overconfident. They become two personalities. One while making worship, and another while in their business. They see their deity in the dream and think they have seen the God. .

Khapti Maharaj advised people to think about the God. "God is not only in the temple or prayer house or even in the sky. God is within and around you. He is everywhere. He is in every thing. The story of "Pralhad" is told for understanding the existence of God everywhere. People, instead of understanding the principle, worship the idol of Narsimha.

Khapti Maharaj used to tell very clearly, "Unless you control your emotions it is impossible that you will have oneness with God. The main and probably only hurdle in the way of God was the desire of bodily pleasures. As explained in earlier chapters, it is a creation of "field" and as long as you do not understand it you will continue to be its pray and will be busy in the worldly affairs.

Khapti Maharaj would tell, "Hosh me Thos", which simply meant that do not be after the things which are difficult for you to do. You can not stay without bodily pleasures. Then idol worship or Yoga or meditation or prayer or anything in the world can not take you to God unless you give up the lust for worldly pleasures. God is the pure happiness and bodily pleasures are designs of the "field" to keep you unsatisfied. The "field" will not allow you to go to "Fielder" (As explained earlier, the meaning of the fielder here may be taken as who creates the field from his own and remain in the field). Baba wanted the people to understand this field or "Maya". Baba used to tell always that do not go by emotion when you pray God, make the use of your brain. Baba really wanted that his devotees should try to understand God within, while performing their duties casually. The step by step thinking about God within you gives you a great courage and you are not dependent on any prayer, worship, puja, mantra or anything like that. You automatically get the directives

from the inner Guru and your thinking about the world is changed. Your interest in the worldly pleasures is reduced and therefore your degree of happiness is increased day by day. The possibility of any sins being committed by you reduces gradually and you get new confidence. When you start sensing the God inside your body, your pleasure is multiplied in manifolds. You can be with God for 24 /7 like they tell us in modern advertisements. You start understanding yourself the reasons of the matters that used to worry you earlier. You get power to analyze the adverse situation created by events involving you and you get freedom from the fear.

It is impossible that a person who follows the Khapti Marg (Baba's way) or "Sugway" can be afraid of anything in this world including death. He knows that there is no birth and hence no death.

Khapti Maharaj taught the people that do not be regretful, try to understand God within you step by step by keeping faith in your preceptor or Guru. Do not be afraid of making any sacrifice for Guru because Guru will not give you anything unless you have surrendered to him 100%.with body, mind and money. The knowledge from the books will make you aware about the God but can not give you power to sense the God within. Only Guru can give this. Therefore, Guru has no alternative. You can change the religion, you can change faith, you can change the type of your sadhana (continued propitiation), but unless Guru is satisfied with you do not think of understanding any thing. In this matter be sure that even God can not help you. It is only your Guru.

This author wants to give his own example. When he first read "Amritanubhava" a great book on the philosophy of God by Greatest saint of Maharashtra, Dhnyaneshwar Maharaj, he could not follow any thing. He had purchased a book in 1990. Very obstinate and egoist he was and would not surrender to the book. So he used to take that book once every week to read. But every time in the first ten stanza where the great saint has made people understand that the man and woman was not different, the author would fail to understand the meaning. He made many efforts but without success. Once Khapti Maharaj called him and did not allow him to go for about two months. He was with Baba in his total service. After two months when Baba gave him permission, he came to Mumbai. The day when he left, in the morning Baba had murmured, "pustak wachala tari chate" (This is Varhadi, a local language). The

meaning is that, "no problem even if you read a book". When he came back to Mumbai his eyes fell on the same book which was not understood by him. He suddenly thought that he should make one more attempt and had taken the book in hand. He read the entire book and there was no word in the book which he could not understand. The author wept that day remembering his great Guru Khapti Maharaj.

Gaining "Hosh" or eternal knowledge one can attempt for anything in this world aggressively. "Thos". The knowledge of "I" gives him strength to face any adversities of life. He does not rush for help from God. He has the God with him for 24 hours. He need not go to temple or sit in the meditation.

Khapti Baba, has further told that by doing this you will not be entangled in the sin, i.e. you will be "nirdosh" This means let the Maya or prakriti or "Field" take its own course by pouring series of sorrowful incidents in your life but you remain unmoved. This "nirdosh" does not mean the clear acquittal from court. This means clear acquittal from the court of God. Once you are acquitted by God, even if you are hanged to death there can not be one percent shortfall in your happiness and proximity with the God. Once you start proceeding on Baba's way gradually you start studying yourself. That reduces the immorality in you gradually. These things happen automatically and you do not have to make any special efforts for that. Once you surrender to "T", he takes your care. The process of understanding God within you is a process which is very slow, but if you concentrate more on the Guru sewa (sevice) and thinking of God may be it is possible you will start it understanding earlier.

Then you head towards the final stage i.e. "swaroop samadhi" i.e. your 100% oneness with the God within you.

The process of Khapti Baba's way starts with thinking only. You need not to go anywhere, and do nothing. Just think and go deeper and deeper in the mines of knowledge, like William Wordsworth told. Adiguru Shankaracharya also defined worship as thinking only,

Definition of "Bhakti" (worship) by Aadiguru Bhagwan Shankaracharya. (Vivekachudamani 31)

"Swaswarupanusandhanam Bhaktih Iti Abhidhiyate"

"The quest of "I" (soul, swaroop, Atma, God, Krishna etc.) into oneself is called "Bhakti""

Lastly Baba has told us that while leaving this world, (He has called it as completing the course) absolutely do not think of anything or relation in this world. This is very important. Your mind takes the shape of the things which you are thinking. In fact till your mind comes back you are in the same shape of thoughts. For example, while on the way to your office you were thinking for one hour about some problems. It means your mind was away from you. You were physically but mentally not present in your can while going to office. Mind and body are two kinds of bodies. Mind is your micro body or invisible body. (We had seen in the last pages that mind is made out of food like the body) Now your one of the bodies is away from you when you think of something different while going to office.

At the time of death, if you are thinking of something like money, relations, enemies or any thing your one body shall be in that place. No sooner than you loose control on your physical body, your mind (one of your bodies) will be fixed in the available shape that was created by your mind which was away.

It is always advised that at the last moment do not think what you did on this earth. Give up the entire relations. Great thinker Mahatam Gandhi, when died, his last words were "He Ram" His mind was with God. Naturally as soon as he left the physical body his mind will obtain the shape of Ram. Now since "Ram" is the name of "I" or self or God, Mahatma must have got the final salvation.

Let us see now in brief the "art of living" preached by Great Grand Saint Khapti Maharaj. In the last few lines.

You can start trying this

While making the above prayer or anytime or during any prayer initially try to feel and sense the "I" down from fingers of your feet up to

top of your head inside the body. Gradually, increase the time of this practice. Your respiration speed drops down and you will feel ease. Also, drops down your tremendous speed of thinking, which created tension. You do not require to make any Aasan or physical exercise for this, be casual and do this in position of your body, anywhere, anytime and maximum time.

The first and foremost thing is to create a greatest confidence in yourself. Initially your mind will resist this, but try to strengthen this doctrine that you are different from the world, let your body and mind be the world. You are not. An actor or actress when on the stage speaks the dialogues of the director and acts in the way he wants, but once the show is over he/she comes in own form. Similarly, your body and mind is playing a role in the drama of the "field" or MAYA. You were never born so how you can die? You have never begun, how can you end. It is your body that takes birth and die, like infinite numbers of insects and animals take birth and die. You are extremely powerful. You have created everything in this world You have created science, arts and commerce. Beautiful houses,

beautiful clothes, great machines like computers and satellites.

You have also done the job of God by creating progeny. You just used the temporary body and mind to create your world.

You will always remain, to create as many worlds as you want, but not the ever deteriorating body.

You create your mind and body to admire your own splendidness You are immortal and always full of happiness.

Golden Rules

- 1. It is enough if you respect your parents, your country, your religion and follow the family and social discipline and the laws of your country. Sugway do not want to add more disciplines.
- 2. It is not a fault to be ambitious, but be casual in your ways to achieve your goals, do not make haste or undue advancement. Keep one

of your ears always near to your heart and listen what he tells you from inside. The word casual has immense imporatance.

- 3. Make your mind cent percent convinced with the idea that whatever is happening to you, good or bad is nothing but the interaction within the "field". Like Geeta has told, "Guna guneshu vartante" No body can insult you, beat you, kill you, put you into loss, or do anything to you. Because if any such things happen with you, it is only the "field" in the disguise of that person. Nobody is "doer" of anything. Everything is getting done by the "field". So, do not blame anybody for any harm to you. It does not mean you do not retaliate. Resist it with full force, but keep in mind, that it is only an interaction or game of the "field" and since the "Fielder" is "I" or the God, it is a desire of the God that the things should take place in that way. Please give up the habit of blaming others or anybody from your heart. You may call him/her "bad" but only by words.
- 4. Try to see "I" in every heart of living being. Do not take tensions for the perishable things. Let it be loss of money, loss of prestige, loss of property, loss of beauty and let it be loss of anything in the world for you You do not move from your peace of mind. Absolutely do not feel bad of anything, but do not leave looking at the "I". If you take away your attention from "I" you will be unhappy.
- 5. Whether in meditation or worship or prayer keep in mind that whomsoever you are worshiping is a replica of the "I", That will strengthen your faith. Because "I" only exists everywhere.
- 6. Knowledge is of two types. One is the knowledge of perishables. All the modern sciences, and arts fall in it.. The another knowledge is the knowledge of "I" or soul or self or God, which is imperishable. Both of these knowledge are inherent in you, you have just to fan the ash of ignorance deposited on the knowledge. Your preceptor or Guru helps you in that. Create 100% faith in your preceptor deliberately and give up the doubts.
- 7. Try to earn more and more money and earn great name for you and your family and nation. But adopt only moral ways and means. In the rein of "Field" money has the value. Make maximum expenditure for the cause of living beings especially humans because they are "you"

only. This will be confirmed by you once your habit of looking "I" everywhere increases.

- 8. Keeping good health and clean body is common need, and try all methods for it including meditation but do not forget anytime that you are not a body or mind. You are "I" the imperishable, not bound by time, not bound by space and not attached to anything. Your body and mind is subject to designs of the "Field", but you are not. You are immortal. You will surely be there even if this body and mind leaves you.
- 9. Always try to think about oneness of universe, about your immortality, about "I" within you and "I" around you. Take always a restless search to understand God within and around you. This is the only prayer and confession and worship and meditation and everything for God in the world in the opinion of Sugway.
- 10. It is welcome that you read as many books as you want on philosophy and religions, but do not get away from the way of "Sugway" due to confusion. The doctrines of Sugway are not very easy to understand. You may find yourself confused and may think that these do not favor to your established faiths. But in due course of time you will realize that nothing will be added or altered, only your faiths shall be strengthened by "Sugway". It is insisted for that purpose that Baba's biography with his philosopy and teachings be read as many times as you can, and try to understand the meaning of each and every word.by your own thinking. You will find more and more new meanings everytime. "Sugway" wants you to concentrate your mind on the source of power within you called "I", instead of inviting tensions by concentrating on outside world.

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