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Accomplishment of 2008 Four days Adhyatmik Shibir at

New York City, USA. Four days Adhyatmik Shibir (May 23 - 26, 2008) on event of 119th Janma Jayanti of Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami was accomplished in a magnificent way. Jain Swadhyay Mandir Songadh in USA, a Non-Profit Tax Exempt Religious Organization, organized the event. Venue was Jain Center of America, 43-11 Ithaca Street, Elmhurst, NY 11373. More than 200 Mumukshus from far away places in USA, UK, Nairobi and India participated with great enthusiasm.

Jain Scholars Rajendra Kamdar, Rasikbhai Sheth, Dr. Kirit Gosalia, MD, conducted the four days shibir. Other speakers were Dr. Siddharth H. Shah, MD, Dr. Dinker Shah, MD

Main subjects of four days workshop were Samaysar, Moksha Marg Prakashak, Chhah Dhala and Gurudev Vachanamrut. Rajendra Kamdar elaborated and presented these scriptures into various charts on the board and made very easy to understand. In parallel session Dr. Kirit Gosalia presented Chhah Dhala and Samaysar with slide shows on big screen with projector, which was very interesting.

Besides whole-day busy workshop, Jinendra Pooja / Gurudev tape pravachan / Question Answer Sessions / Prayers & Vadhamana to Gurudev were included during the four days program.

Hina Kirit Panchamia, Pinky Jitendra Doshi, Amita Hiren Vadalia (all from New York City) sponsored the four days event.

All the participants were presented with Gurudev silver (gold plated) coin with DVD showing Gurudev and Songadh Tirth Bhoomi with singing Jay Mala. Manjuben Shah (NJ), Madhuben Shah (India) & Bhadraben Shah (NY) did this prabhavana.

We are grateful to Jaymikbhai Shah, President of Jain Center of America, NY for rendering all necessary help to make the event successful

- Kalpana Anil Shah of Los Angles, CA presented set of MP3 CD 2 pcs containing Samay-Sar, Yogsar and other prayers, touching devotional songs, to all participants.
- Songadh Trust also presented MP3 CD singing entire Samaysar with its meaning in a simple way, to all participants.

This Organization is arranging four days shibir at different places in North America on occasion of Gurudev Janma Jayanti during Memorial long Week End <u>every year.</u> Last Year it was at Tampa, Florida. Please visit our web site: WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG.

EVENTS: 2008 / 2009.

SHIBIR DURING MAY 2009: Very soon we shall announce the Place and Venue of 2009 four days Shibir. We have invitation from two centers.

Pratishtha Event for New Jain Temple at Phoenix, AZ.

From December 20 – 25, 2008 this ceremony will be performed for grand upcoming Jain Temple (Total12285 sf). Man-Stambh will be added attraction to the Temple. This will be a unique Temple in North America. Ceremony will be performed by "Mangalayatan" Parivar in India under the guidance of Shri Pawan Kumar Jain (for Digamber idols) and Shri Narendrabhai Nandi (for Swetamber idols) All are cordially invited to participate this grand event. For contact for more information: Dr. Kirit Gosalia. 602-863-1073.

Pratishta Event at Tampa, Florida. From November 27 – 30, 2008 this ceremony will be performed for magnificent new Jain Temple. Ceremony will be performed by Narendrabhai Nandu and Honorable Bhattarak Deven Kirti of Humcha (India). For further information, please contact: Sanjiv Jain 813-971-3698 / 813-714-3555. jainss@msn.com

Scholars' visit to USA.

During May 2008 **Shri Rajendra Kamdar**, visited Jain Center Washington DC, Pittsburg, PA. Houston, TX. He conducted five days shibir at Pittsburg Jain Center. During four days Adhyatmik Shibir at New York City, May 23 – 26, 2008, he was the main scholar.

<u>Shri Subhash Sheth</u> will visit USA during August, September 2008 to help celebrate Das Laxana Parva and do swadhyay at Lansdale, PA / Tampa, Florida, New York. This eminent, saintly and selfless scholar is well known to all in North America as he as been visiting North America since 1993 almost regularly. He has retired as High School Teacher and devoting time for self study and writing books on Jain philosophy. Centers, Study circles wish to host his visit, may please contact us as soon as possible (727-934-3255 or 813-649-8979).

<u>Shri Bharat Shah</u> will be in USA during August / September 2008. On our invitation he had visited USA twice in the past. This eminent scholar has retired from Chemical business and mostly lives at Songadh. Those wish to have him with their centers, please contact us.

Our New Web Site: WE HAVE NOW OUR OWN WEB SITE.

PLEASE VISIT WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG. We are grateful to

Mr. Minesh Doshi, Director of renowned professional co., and dedicated disciple of Gurudev, from Ahmedabd, India for accomplishing this wonderful work. We are also grateful to Paresh C. Shah of Ahmedabd for helping into this matter. We have now put all Jain Scriptures / Books published from Songadh, which you can read / Gurudev all pravachans on Samaysar, which you can listen on this web site. Thanks to Neilay Dedhia of Bombay, India for making such significant additions to this web site.

PRIMER OF JAIN PRINCIPLES (OUR PUBLICATION).

This is an English version of Word Famous publication: "Jain Sidhdhant Praveshika" by one of the most illustrious and celebrated personalities, Pundit Gopaldasji Baraiya. Since many years this Book available in Hindi, Gujarati and other languages has been acknowledged as reference book, guide and search of Jain Principles, in many Jain Pathshalas, for self-study etc., in India and elsewhere in the world.

There was a popular demand since many years to have authentic English version of such incredible work for the benefit of English knowing people who are always eager to know more and more about Jainism. Dr. Kirit Gosalia, MD, a Jain scholar and Cardiologist by profession (Phoenix, AZ) has fulfilled this dream. After couple of years' detailed work, he put all the knowledge into an easy to understand English format by keeping the original theme intact. Dr. Melvin Donaho, PhD has reviewed this book.

This hard cover 256 page nicely printed book is divided into five chapters (1) The Substance, Modes and Attributes (2) The Karma (3) Soul's condition due to the association with the Karma (4) Spiritual development stages (5) How to know a substance. These are all covered by 668 Questions and detailed explicit Answers. Besides this, it contains comprehensive Index, Interesting Charts and Tables for easy access to the Fundamentals.

It can be of great benefit for the Jain Pathshalas, Study-Groups and Self-Study person as curriculum, guide, reference book and sort of Jain Encyclopedia. For those who are interested and keen to study Jain Philosophy in English language, this publication will be a boon for them.

In USA, this publication is available. Please contact as under for your requirement: (1) Hasmukh Shah. Phone: 727-934-3255. Email: kahanguru@gmail.com or hasmukh33@yahoo.com (2) Jyotsana V. Shah. Phone: 570-287-7457. Email: jyotsana2@yahoo.com NOMIMAL PRICE OF THIS BOOK IS \$3.00 ONLY.

<u>Samay-Sar Setu:</u> Dr. Pravinbhai Doshi, FRCS, Rajkot has written about nine volumes on this scripture elaborating the theme in an easy way for the benefit of mumukshus who study this great scripture. Part 1 has been mailed from India to our all members and all will receive in due course. Under the gracious guidance of Niranjanbhai Modi of Michigan, his younger Sudhir Modi has contributed to publish these volumes. Thanks to Modi Family for such noble cause.

Adhyatmik Books / Scriptures: Approx. 2000 numbers are available. Recently we have received many more books. Contact Jyotsana V. Shah for your requirement. 570-287-7457.

Acknowledgement: -

- (1) We are grateful to Hina Panchamia, Pinky Doshi, Amita Vadalia for sponsoring 119th Janma Jayanti event with four days Shibir from May 23 26, 2008 at New York City, USA.
- (2) We are thankful to Mrs. Kalpana Anil Shah (1081 Oak Knoll, Pomona, CA 91768) for getting this News Letter printed & mailed, since the very beginning. Both Kalpana & Anil are devotees of Pujya Gurudev and Songadh Tirth. Anilbhai is our Director / Jt. Treasurer

Following audio cassettes on discourses by Gurudev Shri Kanjiswami are available.

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Good qualities of blank cassettes available in USA are used for recording. For your requirement, please contact: Videha R. Dedhia. Phone: 908-233-8229. All these Pravachanas are also available in MP3. One MP3 comprise about 26 lectures (each of one hour). Please let us know your requirement.

Reduction in price of Cassette: We have decided to keep the price of each cassette less than One Dollar, for the benefit of Mumukshus. Those who are interested please contact Videha Dedhia before the stock is exhausted.

On Internet: 1. Gurudev Shri Kanji Swami: http://www.cs.colostate.edu/~malaiya/kanji.html

2. Our USA Organization: WWW.ATMA-DARSHAN.ORG

3. Jain Tatva Darshan: www.atmadharma.com

Organizational: Every year we invite, arrange and coordinate program of two to three scholars from India. These dedicated, selfless scholars are visiting various centers for lecture series, conducting camps / workshops. Besides this, all the Adhyatmik literature, scriptures, cassettes, CDs, MP3 as mentioned above are made available at concessional price. Members of this organization receive not only this publication (Atma Darshan), but also ATMA DHARMA monthly magazine (Gujarati or Hindi) published from India, free of charge (if they are already not receiving this magazine). This monthly publishes Pujya Kanji Swami's appealing and interesting discourses on Jain Scriptures, other adhyatmik articles, thoughts, News, Events etc.; we also distribute free books on Jain philosophy, to our members. Recently we presented set of five volumes of Jain Tatva Darshan (volume 1 to 5) / Primer of Jain Principles / Pravachansar Piyush (volume 1 to 3) to all members.

We Organize shibirs and celebrate Gurudev Janma Jayanti with four days shibir every year (During May Memorial long week ends) and at different locations in North America. Membership is \$101.00 only. Please encourage our efforts by becoming member and also sending your donation. We have Federal Tax Exempt ID and your donations are tax deductible. Please keep this mission in mind when you have good event in the life or in memory of beloved ones.

We shall consider our efforts aptly rewarded, if even a few people are encouraged from activity of this mission to direct their lives on the right path to achieve real happiness.

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<u>Directory:</u> Please fill out the enclosed Membership Form (regardless you are already a member) and mail to us so as to compile the Directory of Mumukshus living in North America.

Our Revered Gurudev has achieved the path of complete freedom. He enlightened this path from all directions. Our obligation & gratefulness towards him is infinite.

How can we forget it?

- Pujya Bahenshri.

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Samaysar:

Stanza 146:

"Savanniyain pi niyalam bandhani kalayasain cha jaha purisam Bandhadi evam jivam suhamsuham va kadam kammam"

A shackle (Chain) made of gold is as good (or exact) as one made of iron <u>for the Purpose of chaining (Binding) the person</u>. Similarly *karmas* whether Good or Bad binds the Soul (Jiva).

Stanza 73:

"Ahamekko khalu shuddho nimmamao nandamsabasanaggo tamhitthido tachchitto save, ede khayam nemi"

In reality I am one, pure, without the sense of ownership / attachment or "mine-ness" and full of absolute knowledge and perception. Firmly resting in the true consciousness of such a Self, I shall lead all these asravas such as anger etc., to destruction.

Stanza 11:

"Vavaharo abhudattho bhudattho desido du suddhanayo Bhudatthamassido khalu sammaditthi havadi jivo".

Vyavhar naya (practical point of view) does not reveal the reals (facts) The Nischay naya (absolute pure point of view) is real, said by the supreme holy gurus. A soul that takes the shelter in real pure point of view is one with right vision / faith.

- Acharya Kund Kund.

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* જ્ઞાયકભાવ છવ છે અને છવના વિકારના—વિશેષ કાર્યના હેતુ (નિમિત્તકારણ) અછવ છે. પુષ્ય, પાપ, આસ્રવ, સંવર, નિર્જરા, બંધ અને મોલ એ છવનાં વિશેષ કાર્ય છે અને તેમનાં નિમિત્તકારણ જે પુષ્ય, પાપ, આસ્રવ, સંવર, નિર્જરા બંધ, અને મોલ એ કેવળ અછવ છે. છવ દ્રવ્યના સ્વભાવને છોડીને, પોતે અને પર એટલે કે છવ અને પુદ્દગલ જેમના કારણ છે—કર્તા છે એવાં આ નવ તત્ત્વોને એક દ્રવ્યના પર્યાયાપણે અનુભવતાં તેઓ ભૂતાર્થ છે. પરંતુ અખંડ, ધ્રુવ એકરૂપ છવદ્રવ્યના સ્વભાવની સમીપે જઈને એટલે કે તેને દ્રષ્ટિમાં લઈને એકપણાના અનુભવ કરતાં આ નવ ભેદો અભૂતાર્થ છે, અસત્યાર્થ છે. ૧૮.

* મારી પ્રભુતા એવી છે કે હું રાગના સ્વામીપણે કદી પરિણમતો નથી. રાગનું સ્વામીપણું તો રાંકાઈ છે—ભીખારાપણું છે. ગણધરદેવ પણ રાગપણે પરિણમે છે પણ રાગના સ્વામીપણું પરિણમતા નથી. તુરત વીતરાગતા આવશે નહીં ત્યાં સુધી રાગ આવશે ખરો, પણ રાગના સ્વામીપણું હું પરિણમતા નથી. કેમકે સ્વ-સ્વામી નામના મારા ગુણ હોવાથી દ્રવ્ય-ગુણું તે મારા સ્વ ને હું તેના સ્વામી છું. મારામાંથી જે નીકળી જય છે અને પુદ્દગલદ્રવ્ય જેના સ્વામી છે એવા રાગના સ્વામી હું સદાય નહીં થતા હોવાથી મમત્વહીન છું. રાગના સ્વામીપણે નહીં થવું એ મિથ્યાત્વના ત્યાંગની વિધિ છે. ૧૯.

* પ્રભુ તને ભગવાન તરીકે જોવે છે અને તું પણ તને ભગવાન તરીકે જો તો ભગવાન થઈશ. નિર્મળ પર્યાયથી પણ ભિન્ન જે ભૂતાર્થ વસ્તુ છે તેને શુદ્ધ કહેવામાં આવે છે, તેના પર દૃષ્ટિ કરતાં સમ્યગ્દર્શનનો ઉત્પાદ થશે ને મિથ્યાત્વના વ્યય થશે. માટે શુદ્ધ વસ્તુમાં જ—તેની દૃષ્ટિ કર. સંયાગથી તો ભિન્ન, દ્યા-દાનના વિકલ્પથી ભિન્ન અને એક સમયની પર્યાયથી પણ ભિન્ન વસ્તુ શુદ્ધ છે, તેની દૃષ્ટિ કરતાં ધર્મની શરૂઆત થાય છે. આ એક જ ધર્મની રીત છે, ધર્મની વિધિ છે, ધર્મની કળા છે. બીજ લાખ ઉપાયે પણ ધર્મ થશે નહીં. ૨૦.







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- अ सम्यक्त्व-सन्मुख जीवको चैतन्यका लक्ष बँध गया है, इसिलये उसका जोर चैतन्यकी ओर मुड़ रहा है.....यही स्वभाव है....यही स्वभाव है—इस प्रकार स्वभावमें जोर होनेसे हम उसे अल्प ऋद्धिवान क्यों देखें? मिथ्यादृष्टि होने पर वह सम्यक्त्वसन्मुख हो गया है वह सम्यक्त्व लेगा ही। १४३.
- % यह आत्मा ही जिनवर है, तीर्थंकर है; अनादिकालसे ही जिनवर है! अहाहा! अनन्त केवलज्ञानकी लता है। परन्तु जिनवरकी स्तुति करनेसे तो पुण्य-बंध होता है उसमें धर्म नहीं होता। अपने आत्माकी स्तुति करनेसे ही धर्म होता है। १४४.
- की जीवोंको अभी अपने स्वभावका माहात्य ही नहीं आया है। भाषामें आत्माकी महिमा करते हैं किन्तु अंतरकी महिमा नहीं आती। किन्तु भाई! जब तक तू हृदयमें आत्माको स्थापित नहीं करेगा तब तक आत्मा हाथ नहीं आयेगा। 'अनुभवप्रकाश'में कहा है कि—जब तक तू संयोगमें, रागमें, पुण्यमें, पापमें, निमित्तमें या व्यवहारमें कहीं भी प्रभुता स्थापित करेगा—बड़प्पन मानेगा तब तक आत्मा हाथ नहीं आयेगा इसलिये अंतरमें अपनी प्रभुताका स्वीकार कर! मैं ही परमेश्वर हूँ ऐसा पहले निर्णय कर! विश्वास ला! १४६.
- की वस्तु है उसके स्वभावकी सीमा नहीं होती, मर्यादा नहीं होती, उसे पराश्रय नहीं होता। जो स्वभाव है उसे पराश्रय क्यों होगा? अचिंत्य स्वभावमें अपूर्णता क्यों होगी? यह भगवान आत्मा साक्षात् परमेश्वरका ही रूप है। परमेश्वरमें तथा प्रत्येक भगवान आत्मामें कोई अन्तर नहीं है। ऐसे अपने आत्माको दृष्टिमें नहीं लेगा तब तक स्वसंवेदन प्रमाण नहीं हो सकेगा। अपने स्वभावकी महिमासे च्युत होकर परद्रव्य या पर भवमें कहीं भी किंचित् माहात्म्य आयेगा तब तक महिमायुक्त अपना निज आत्मा हाथ नहीं आयेगा। जो पर्याय द्रव्यको दृष्टिमें लेती है उस पर्यायकी महिमाका भी पार नहीं है तब द्रव्यकी महिमाका तो कहना ही क्या? ऐसी महिमाकी जब तक प्रतीति नहीं होगी तब तक वीर्य स्वसंवेदनकी ओर नहीं मुड़ेगा। १४६.

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