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Emblem of Shri Swaminarayan Divine Mission



The Emblem depicts the lotus-feet of Lord Shri Swaminarayan. There are sixteen signs referred to in Samudrik Shashtra as the signs confirming the divine origin of God, the incarnate.

| | * Nine signs in the right foot. |
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| Swastika | stands for the auspicious Figure of God. |
| Astakona | suggests that the divine compassion |
| (octagon) | is constantly flowing in all the eight directions: North, South, East, West, South-East, North-East, South-West and North-West. |
| Urdhvarekha | indicates continuous progress of souls by the divine grace. |
| Ankusha | indicates that the Supreme Power, |
| (the spur) | the cause of all causes controls everything and it also suggests that we must restrain the inner enemies. |

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or Ketu stands for the spiritual victory Dhwai of God, the absolute form of Truth. (a flag) Vaira stands for the prowess of God which destroys the weaknesses (weapon

> of the souls and frees them from the fear of time, actions and delusions.

symbolises the tenderness and compassion of God which helps the devotee attain detachment from the mundane life, the way a lotus remains unaffected by water.

symbolises the sap of divine joy that one receives from communion with God.

that God takes care of confirms the crops and the needs of those dovotees who are in communion with Him and who perform non-violent Yajnas by offering foodgrains such as barley, sesame seeds etc. to the Holy Fire.

* Seven signs in the left foot.

Meen (fish)

asks us to reach God, the source of the spiritual energy, the fish swimming against way a the current, reaches the source of a stream.

Jambu (rose apple)

Jav

of Indra)

Padma

(the Lotus)

(barley)

Trikona (triangle) symbolises liberation of the soul from the mental, physical and mundane problems and difficulties. It also stands for the need to free oneself from the trial of Ishwar, Maya and Brahman and to remain steadfast in Parbrahman the ultimate reality.

Dhanush (bow) Gopada (foot-mark of cow) Vyoma (the sky) Ardhchandra (the crescent) defends the faith by protecting the devotees against evil influences. suggests the beneficial qualities of cows as well as of the saints who are dear to God.

signifies the infinite and detached all-pervasiveness of God.

shows that the way the moon increases slowly and gradually, one can attain perfection through patient meditation of God.

Kalasha (the pot at the top of a temple)

stands for the supremacy and absoluteness of God.

Keeping the divine signs depicted in the emblem of the Mission before our eyes, we have been conducting spiritual activities for the welfare of mankind through our Gnan-Dhyan-Seva programmes. We bow down to the lotus-feet of Shri Hari and pray for His divine guidance and assistance in the fulfilment of our mission.

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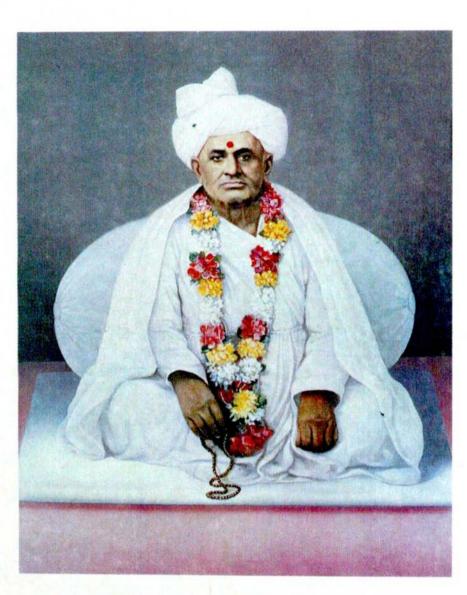
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Supreme Lord Shri Swaminarayan

Dedication

We offer the flowers of faith and devotion in the form of this omnibeneficient series of books to the lotus feet of extremely merciful Anadi Muktaraj Param Pujya, Shri Abjibapa, who was an accomplished interpreter of the ideal and divine philosophy of Lord Swaminaravan, incarnate God, eternally the immanent and divine in Personal form and the Master of infinite Muktas who have attained the ultimate state of liberation. Param Pujya Bapashri spread the supremacy of Lord Swaminarayan in all directions, made many devotees experience the highest state of Mukta, the Anadi state of an ideal perfection, and thus obliged the entire mankind by bringing light and divine joy of the Supreme Lord Shri Swaminarayan the earth. on



Anadi Mahamuktaraj Shri Abjibapashri

We Believe

Shri Swaminarayan Divine Mission intends to bring out a series of books that will not only benefit the entire mankind but also enrich the lives of the people by offering them what is best in Indian thoughts and culture.

In this age of reason, the span of higher education is expanding day by day. The basic aim of higher education is to establish highest moral standards and to inculcate ethical values in life. The highest value and the loftiest goal of life is to experience the supreme joy which comes through communion with God. We hope the readers will find this series very useful in the achievement of these ultimate goals.

In a time, when the span of higher education, science and technology is continuously expanding, we want to mould them in such a way that they do not merely remain the means of producing material wealth and physical comforts, but should be best utilised for the inner development and spiritual perfection of mankind. Moreover, let us not forget that the final stage and purpose of evolution is to develop our self steadily and finally get immerged in the divine happiness of Supreme Lord.

Man has been gifted with an innate

ability to develop continually to attain the divine bliss. This shows that we can strive together and create such social, economic and political conditions as are conducive to an unhampered spiritual progress and sublimation of life. To accelerate this process, we shall have to prepare literature, that inspire and assist the seekers of the divine pleasure.

For the social betterment and spiritual enrichment of the human society. Lord Shri Swaminaravan has established a universally acceptable, comprehensive philosophical system. It's a path of pure knowledge which elevates our soul and helps us attain oneness with the Supreme Lord. Vachanamrutam and Shikshapatri, are two great classics, containing the essence of the ideal philosophy of Shri Swaminarayan. In a simple but lucid and convincing language, Lord Shri Swaminarayan has tried to spread His message through these two great spiritual works. He also inspired His saints and seers, His liberated householder devotees and scholars to compose plenty of work expressing their own spiritual experiences, to contribute to the understanding of His percepts, which are beneficial to the whole of mankind.

These books contain the quintessence of the Indian view of life and they also teach the real art of living. Whether one belongs to the East or the West, each one of us will find this series useful as a spiritual guide leading us on the path of divinity, satisfying our longing for the touch of the Divine. Here, through this series, an attempt would be made to show how one can develop one's own self to attain oneness with the Lord Supreme. We are confident that the reading of this literature will help us overcome all conflicting deformities of modern life and usher in an era of peace, harmony and tranquillity.

We will incorporate in this series all positive and constructive ideas and religious tenets which are in consonance with our ideology and objectives.

In order to reach readers in different parts of India and abroad, we hope to publish this series, not only in Gujarati but also in Hindi, English and other languages.

We are hereby seeking everyone's active co-operation and assistance for the success of the Mission's activities. We pray for the divine grace of Lord Shri Swaminarayan to lead us and guide us in this great endeavour of ours.

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To the Reader

This booklet presents a collection of 150 divine pearls compiled by Rev. Shri Narayanbhai G. Thakker from the holy speeches and sermons delivered by Anadi Mahamuktaraj Shri Abjibapashri, an unparalleled great saint of Supreme Lord Shri Swaminarayan.

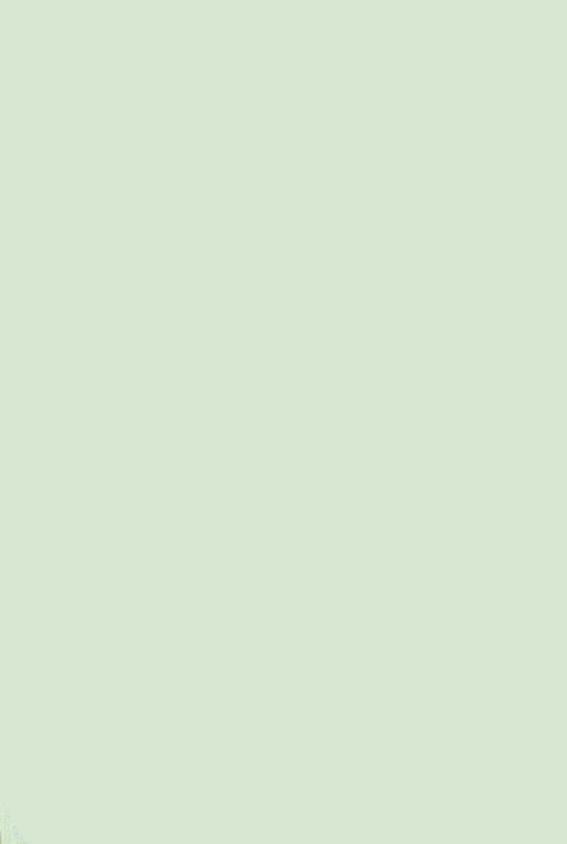
The words which came out of the lotus -mouth of Shri Abjibapashri pulsate with divine vibrations.These have been a source of spiritual inspiration to all those who are desirous of realisation of God.

These quotations originally in Gujarati have been translated in English for the benefit of English-speaking people all over the world.

We feel very happy to place these sacred jewels of wisdom in the hands of all those interested in walking on the path of peace, happiness and ultimate salvation.

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मूर्तिमां जोडावानी लटड शिष्या विना डोई जप, तप डरे तो तेनुं इल तो मले, पण मूर्ति राष्या जेवुं डाम न थाय.

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Prayer and penance, meditation and chanting of mantra offered without a burning desire to be one with Murti may bear fruit of the action, but it can never bring peace or bliss that one experiences at the height of oneness with God in personal form. મૂર્તિ ધારતાં જુદાં જુદાં અંગ દેખાય પણ સળંગ મૂર્તિ न દેખાય ત્યાં સુધી ધ્યાનની લટક આવી નથી એમ જાણવું. જો દેકથી નોખું પડતાં આવડે તો સમગ્ર મૂર્તિ જેમ છે તેમ દેખાય.

So long you see the different parts of Murti in your meditation, and miss the whole -the revelation of the indivisible Supreme Lord Shri Swaminarayan, your meditation is lacking in devotion. He who knows how to uncover the Atman and free himself from the bonds of body stands firm in his realisation of Murti. देड पउवानो समय आवे त्यारे धाममां भरे घेर मडाराજ पासे जावुं छे अेम जाण्तीने राळा थाय तो परिपज्ज्व निष्यय जाण्तवो.

At the last hour of leaving this body, if one feels elated thinking that one is returning 'Home' to meet Maharaj, know him to be steadfast in his realisation of God. મહારાજની દિव्य મૂર્તિનું સુખ ભોગવવું તે જ અક્ષરધામમાં સેવા કરવાની છે.

To experience the divine joy of being in communion with the luminous Murti of Maharaj is akin to serving Him in Akshardham. रेम हत्तात्रेये सर्प, समणी आहिमांथी गुण सीधो तेम आपणे पण संत-हरिलज्तोमांथी गुण सेवो.

The way Dattatreya became enlightened by observing the cobra, the kite etc., we too should grow wiser by cultivating kinship with the saints and devotees. त्यागीने જ उमाया જे द्रव्य अने यैतन्यमाया જे स्त्री तेनो जोग थाय तो जाणो सर्प वणग्यो जाणवो.

When an ascetic comes in contact with inanimate 'Maya' called wealth or animate 'Maya' called woman, he should realise that he is in the stranglehold of a deadly cobra. सारा-नरसा विषयना श्रोगे उरीने श्रेनुं मन टाढुं उनुं न थाय तेने परम लागवत संत शाणवा.

One who is not elated by prosperity nor dejected by adversity is the true Param Bhagvat saint. आपएाने डोई होष नउता डोय तो श्रीशुमडाराञ्चने अने मोटाने संलारीने निरंतर प्रार्थना उरवी खेटले तमाम होष टणी श्राय.

Jf something agitates your mind or makes your life miserable, remember Shreeji Maharaj and His Brahmanised saints in your prayers and all your sorrows shall subside and all your agonies will end. भूति लूसीने એड्सुं डार्य संलारे तो ते उण इगावीने डुरडा राખ्या केवुं छे.

To remain engrossed in our mundane work and ignore the Murti of our Lord is akin to preserving the husk and discarding the grains. भूर्ति सिद्ध उरी डोय तोपण तेने परम अेडांतिड तथा अनादिमुड्तनो जोग जोई अे, डेम डे लोमिया तो ते ज छे. ते महाराजना सुभनी प्राप्ति डरावे.

Those who have realised Murti -God, they also need guidance from the Param Ekantik and Anadimuktas, the liberated ones. For they are the guides and they alone can help them attain the bliss of God [Maharaj]. महाराजनी आज्ञा सोपाय तो अपमृत्यु थयुं जाणवुं. लगवानना लडतने आज्ञा सोपे तेटसुं दुःभ अने पाणे तेटसुं सुभ.

One who violates or transgresses the commandments of Maharaj is said to have died an unnatural death, a death beyond redemption. To a devotee of God, happiness lies in the observance of the injunctions of God, and pain in the breach of the same. આજ મુક્ત દ્વારે શ્રીજીમહારાજ સત્સંગમાં સુખ આપે છે, માટે જીવે કલ્યાણ માટે મોટા મુક્તના વેચાણ થઈ રહેવું.

Jn present times, Shreeji Maharaj is bestowing His divine grace on the Satsang-fellowship through His Muktas. Therefore, those who are seeking the ultimate salvation should dedicate their lives to the service of the great Muktas. र्श्वे मूर्तिनुं सुभ सेवुं होय तेने तो जधी ताणाताण मूडी महाराश्वनुं ध्यान उरवुं.

Those who aspire the bliss of God should free themselves from all the strife and struggles of life and meditate devoutly upon the luminous Murti of Maharaj. ४णे ४णे उमण न होय अने वने वने अगर न होय, तेम घेर घेर आवा मुझ्त न होय. माटे आवा शेगमां मूर्ति सिद्ध उरी देवी.

The way a lotus does not grow in every pond or lake, and the agar -tree is rare in the woods, every home cannot boast of being the dwelling place of great Muktas like us. Therefore, the seekers must seek our guidance to realise God. र्श्रेम पारसथी सोढुं सोनुं जने तेम अनाहिमुझ्त थडी अनाहिमुझ्तनी स्थिति पमाय, ते विना न थाय

The way philosophers' stone transmutes metal into gold, the state of Anadimukta can be attained through communion with the Anadimuktas alone. 7513, पडाउ, वृक्ष, वेसी आहि रे रे महाराष तथा मोटा मुज्तनी द्रष्टिએ पडे तेनां पण धन्य साज्य.

Blessed are those trees, mountains, hills, shrubs, vines and creepers etc. who have had the great fortune of being touched or seen by Maharaj and His Brahamanised liberated Muktas. श्रेने पोताना होष ओળખाय ने पस्तावो उरे ने माझी मागे तेने धन्य છे. मोटा साथे मन शोरे तो पोतानी लूस ओળખाय, पात्र थवाय ने छावमां जल आवे.

Blessed are they who see their sins, identify the evil, expiate and pray for mercy. He that seeks the company of the great and counsel of the God-realised souls can see his faults, correct his errors and innerly emerge stronger in the battle of life. देખावनो सत्संग न उरवो. मडाराज तथा मोटाना वयन प्रमाणे नियम, धर्म पाण्या विना न याले.

Do not pretend to be a devotee or a satsangi; adhere to the commandments of Maharaj and act accordingly. Listen to the words of the spiritually accomplished soul and never transgress the laws of the Lord. Discipline must be maintained at any cost. आ सत्संगमां मोटा उडेवाता होय ने वातो उरता होय, पण पाछी वृत्ति न राभे तो भोट रही जाय.

Even within the satsang those who claim to be spiritually great and exhibit scholarship and command others, may not be worthy of our reverence if their mind is not fixed on the Murti of Maharaj -with all their apparent spirituality they are the poorest. सुषियो डोएा? तो शे महाराश्रनी मूर्ति राખे, साधुता भरी राખे ने सत्संगमां दासलावे वर्ते ते.

Who is the happiest man? One who is totally absorbed in the Personal Form of Maharaj and seeks Him through right conduct and humility in satsang, is the happiest man. हेत उरवा थेवा એड ભगवान ने मूर्तिमां रहेनारा अनादिमुड्त છे. जीथे हेत रहे तो शाखुं थे छावमां रोग છे.

Our object of love and devotion can be either our God or the Anadimukta who forever dwells in the luminous Murti of Maharaj. When a man wanders away from them he comes to grief. Deviation is the sure sign of a diseased soul. मुऊत सदाय प्रत्यक्ष रहे છे, आवता-कता नथी, पण मनुष्य देहे उरीने प्रत्यक्ष छे तो जोसे छे कमे छे, सेवा अंगीआर उरे छे ने वातो उरीने सुज आपे छे.

Muktas dwell eternally in our midst; they do not come or go; they are not transient. But when they manifest themselves in human form, they talk to us, partake our food, accept our service and bestow happiness upon us with their words of wisdom. ઐશ્વર્ચ, ચમત્ઝાર, પરચા કે સમાધિ -એ ઝાંઈ અખંડ ન કહેવાય, એમાં ઝાંઈ નહિં; સુખ તો મહારાજની મૂર્તિમાં જ છે.

Affluence, miracles, mystification will not mean anything; they do not last long; they are ephemeral. Seek happiness in the divine Murti of Maharaj, for He alone can lead us unto real happiness. रेम नहीमां पाणी रेडीओ ते पाणीने नही द्वारे समुद्रमां ओडता थाय છे, तेम मुड्तने विषे आपोपुं डरवाथी श्रीज्ञमहाराजनी मूर्तिमां ओडता थाय छे.

The way water we pour into a river flows into the ocean and merges with the sea, the service offered to a Mukta ultimately reaches our Lord and by identifying ourselves with the Mukta we merge in the Murti of Shreeji Maharaj, retaining Master -Servant relationship intact. ગૃહસ્થ સત્સંગી હોય તેને ખરું કુટુંબ આ સત્સંગ જાણવો.

To a householder devotee, satsang is the real home. આપણા દેडनो डोई निरधार नथी. माटे मोटा दर्शन देता डोय त्यां सुधी समागम उरी सेवो.

As life grows shorter with the passage of time, seek communion with the righteous and the great so long as they dwell in our midst. શ્રીજીમહારાજના અનાદિમુક્ત ૩ઠણ વેળાએ જીવની વહારે ચડે છે અને વાંકગુના સામું જોતા નથી.

Anadimuktas devoted to the service of Shreeji Maharaj condone all our crimes and ignore our faults and come to our rescue in difficult times. અનાદિમુક્ત નહાતા હોય તે પાણી મહિમાએ સહિત માથે ચડાવે તો તેનાં પંચ મહાપાપ બળી જાય.

Jf you collect the water used by Anadimukta for his bath and with his glory at your heart, sprinkle it on your head, of all the 'five deadly sins' you will be absolved. એક તો વિદ્યાએ કરીને મોટાઈ હોય ને એક તો વયે કરીને મોટાઈ હોય પણ મૂર્તિમાં જોડાય તે મોટપ ખરી.

Eminence is attained through knowledge and eminence may increase with age but real eminence is reached through absolute spiritual absorption in the Murti of Maharaj. निरंतर मडाराજनी मूर्तिनुं ચिंतवन उरवाशी गमे तेवा आमाहिङ शत्रु जलिया डोय तोपण वश थई जाय છे.

Jf the mind is constant in contemplation of the Murti of Maharaj, however formidable and destructive the passions (inner -enemies like lust etc.) may be, they will be overpowered and crushed. समागम उरतां अवगुण आवे तो श्रेम डांडरी घडाने इोडी नाभे तेम आपणा छवनुं जगडी शय.

The way a pebble smashes the pot, to see flaw in the great while we are in their company contaminates our life. मडाराश्रना मुझ्त છे, ते तो अमृतना उडाउनी पेठे છे, ते श्र्यांथी ઉपयोगमां तो त्यांथी अमृत; तेमनी सेवा-स्पर्श वगेरे अमृत છे.

The Muktas of Maharaj are like the Nectar-Trees; pick any part of this tree, it will rejuvenate your life. To serve or come in contact with such Muktas is to taste the nectar. જેમ કાચની પૃથ્વીમાં સૂર્ય દેખાય તેમ અંતઃકરણ યોખ્ખું થાય તો શ્રીજીમકારાજ સાક્ષાત્ બિરાજે.

Jf the mirror is clean, we can see the reflection of the sun, if the conscience is clean and free from all delusions, Shreeji Maharaj deems it fit to dwell in it. ભगवान पुरुषोत्तमे आपणो डाथ ज्यात्यो छे ते तेमना डाथमांथी मूछावी न देवो अेटले तेमनी नानी मोटी आज्ञा लोपवी नडि.

Lord Purushottama is leading us by hand, let us not reject His help and go astray by ignoring or transgressing His injunctions and advice. माछसांने श्रेम જળ એ જ જીवन છે तेम छव शे अनादिमुज्तने विषे એजात्मपछिं उरे तो ते मायाने तरीने पुरुषोत्तम लगवानना सुधमां रमे.

The way water is life to fish, an Anadimukta should be to man, we can swim through the sea of Maya-delusions and reach the shores of salvation -Lord Purushottama by surrendering ourselves to His Anadimukta. To identify ourselves with Anadimukta is to be one with God. स्वलाव छत्या विना महाप्रलुछना सुभनी एंग्छा राभवी ते तो वसभां છे.

Without subduing our passions, the desire for the divine grace of Mahaprabhuji is waiting in vain. 'नीयी टेल मणे तो माने मोटां लाग्य जो.' मांहा साधुनी सेवा उरवी, मंहिर वाणवुं, जाडा धोवा अे जधी नीयी टेल उडेवाय.

Meaner the job, greater is the reward. To nurse a sick sadhu (ascetic), to sweep and clean a temple and to wash toilets etc. are considered to be lowly jobs. શ્રીજીમઢારાજના સુખરૂપ અમૃતના સમુદ્રમાંથી એક ચાંચ ભરી ઢોચ તોય અમર થઈ જવાય, પણ ભરતાં આવડની જોઈએ!

Jf we can have a drop of nectar from the ocean of Shreeji Maharaj's grace, we will become immortal. But we will have to strive hard to be worthy of that one redeeming drop. જેમ અર્જુને પક્ષીની એક્લી આંખ જ દેખી, તેમ આપણે એક મૂર્તિ જ જોવી; મૂર્તિ વિના કાંઈ છે જ નહિ એમ સમજવું.

The way Arjuna the archer concentrated upon the eye of the bird, we too should forget everything else and concentrate upon the Murti of Maharaj. જ્યાં सुधी जम, डोध, सोल, मान आहिड होषनो होर्यो होराय त्यां सुधी रांड अने अे होषने छतीने तेथी रडित थाय तो राश.

Pauper is the man who allows himself to be led and allured by enemies such as lust, anger, avarice, fame etc. Monarch is he, who overcomes all these evils and conquers them. मूर्तिमां रहे तेने मारुं नहि, तारुं नहि, साधु नहि गृहस्य नहि, डांई जोईओ नहि. ओड मूर्ति ज रहे.

One who is in communion with God rises above the dichotomy of 'mine' and 'thine'; an ascetic and a householder. To the serene one absorbed in Murti, such distinctions have no meaning. He has one aim, one desire and one goal -the divine Murti of Maharaj. छवना स्वलाव એवा अवणा छे डे जो तेने अधर्ममां मान-सट्डार मणे तो मोटानो समागम मूडी हे ने अधर्ममां माने डरीने जंधाई जाय छे.

Man's mind is such that if he is honoured in hell he will quit Heaven; if bad people pamper him, he will part company with the good (great) and his little ego will enslave him. ભગવાં ૩૫૩ાં પહેર્ચે શું થાય? જીવાત્મા ભગવો થાય અને મહાપ્રભુજીમાં જોડાય તે ખરું.

What's the use of wearing the saffron coloured clothes of an ascetic? The soul must renounce and absorb itself in Mahaprabhuji. To unite with God is to renounce. જેમ સમુદ્રમાં ધૂળ, ઝાંકરા કે બીજી वस्तु डोई नाभे ते દેખાય જ नहि तेम मूर्तिमां वृत्ति राખतां राખतां पिंड, ज़ुआंड डांई लासे જ नहि.

The way an ocean submerges dust, pebbles and other objects and yet remains serene and unaffected, those whose mind is absorbed or totally submerged in the Murti of Maharaj are cut free from the bonds of body and Brahmand. He remains untouched by actions and desires. જેમ ઝોઇને પોતાનો દીઝરો મરી જાય તો શોઝ થાય છે તેમ મહારાજની મૂર્તિમાંથી નોખું પડાય તો કેટલો બધો શોઝ થવો જોઈએ?

Jf the loss of our child remains inconsolable, separation from the Murti of Maharaj should always be a more agonizing experience. કામ व्यापे त्यारे यम-राक्षसनो अवतार आव्यो જાણવો ने કોધ આવે તે ટાણે સર્પનો દેઢ આવ્યો જાણવો.

Lust breeds the agent of death -Yama and anger transforms us into the poisonous cobra.

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જો માચિક वस्तु લાववी હોય તો ગમે ત્યાં જઈને પણ લઈ આવે, પણ મહારાજ જેવી દિव्य वस्तुने લેવાનો આગ્રહ રખાતો નથી.

We strive tirelessly to possess the objects of sense gratification; but we seldom try to be worthy of receiving the divine redeeming grace of Maharaj. देङ राभवानुं श्रेटखुं श्रतन छे तेटखुं शे मूर्तिनुं श्रतन उरे तो मूर्ति साक्षात् थाय.

Jf the Murti of Maharaj is taken care of the way you take care of your body, you will soon become a God-realised man. श्वान डाउड़ं यावे ते पोताना मोढामांशी लोडी नीउणे तेना स्वादे सुभियो शाय; तेम जाम, डोध, मानइपी डाउडां न याववां.

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The dog while chewing a piece of bone gets false satisfaction from licking the blood oozing from his own teeth. Therefore man should avoid chewing the bones of lustful desire, anger and false pride. संतना द्रोड़नुं पाप लगवाननो द्रोड ऊर्था सरખुं अने संतनी सेवानुं इंग लगवाननी सेवा ऊर्या सरખुं थाय છे.

To offend and hurt a saint is to offend and hurt God; and to serve a saint is to serve God. रेम माटीना वासणमां पाणी नाजेल डोय, पण आएं पडे डे पाणी नीडणी श्राय तेम पात्र थया विना श्रीश्चमहाराश्रनुं सुज टडी शडे नहि.

The way a cracked pot cannot contain water, the grace of Shreeji Maharaj cannot be retained by those who lack integrity and are not spiritually accomplished. आज्ञामां वर्ते ने वतवि ने ठराव सर्वे मेले-मेलावे, अवानो संग सदा राખवो.

Always seek the company of those who obey and inspire others to obey the commands of God; always be in the company of those who have overcome their own desires and help us put aside our own. रुयां मोटा मुज्त रहेता होय ते नैमिषारण्य क्षेत्र उहेवाय. त्यां ध्यान-धारणा शे शे उरे ते थोडुं उरे तोपण भरेभरी शांति थर्छ शय.

Naimisharanya or the sacred woods are, where the great Muktas dwell. Jf you meditate even for a while at such hallowed place, you will experience genuine peace. જેમ આપણા પગમાં ઝાંટો વાગ્યો હોય તેને ઝાઢવો હોય તે આપણા હાથમાં છે, તેમ શ્રીજીમહારાજની આજ્ઞાં વિરુદ્ધ વર્તનરૂપ કુસંગનો ત્યાગ ઝરવો તે પણ આપણા હાથમાં છે.

The way we can remove a thorn from our foot, it is within our power to discard the bad company that leads us astray and prompts us to violate the commands of Shreeji Maharaj. मोटा पुरुष पृथ्वीमांशी यासी नीडणे त्यारे जडु જ पस्तावो शाय माटे समागम डरी सेवो.

When the God-realised souls withdraw themselves from this earth, we are left with our sorrows. Therefore, let us seek their company while they are in our midst. भोक्षनुं द्वार ઉघाउं उढ़ेता मोक्ष उरे એवा संत જ्यां होय त्यां तैमनो समागम उरवो એ द्वारिआनी यात्रा उढ़ेवाय ने ते स्थण ते द्वारिआ.

Seek everywhere the God-realised saints who lead us and help us attain Moksha-salvation. To visit them is to go on a pilgrimage. Dwarika is where dwells a saint. साधुએ द्रव्यने तो विष्टा तुत्य जाणवुं. जो विष्टानो संउत्प थाय तो द्रव्यनो संउत्प थाय अेवी समजण राभवी.

When an ascetic desires for wealth, he is consumed away by filth, therefore he should look upon wealth as the filth of the world. डोईडने आज्ञा सोप थई गई डोय तो तेने शुद्ध सत्वगुएामां रहीने शांतिथी डहेवुं पएा डोप तो उरवो ४ नहि, डोधे डरीने तेनो तिरस्डार न डरवो.

Jf someone errs or violates the commands of God, let us not lose our patience or be severe with him. Tell him not in anger, discard him not with contempt. Despise him not, reject him not but win him back with love and compassion which characterise Satvaguna. आज्ञा पाणे तो महाराष्ठ ने मुझ्त वगर जोसावे आवे, पण अम न जाणवुं श्रे अे हता त्यारे हता ने हवे नथी, सदा साथे ४ छे अम समश्रव्.

Jf you fall not, out of the way of God, even if you call him not, Maharaj and His Muktas will always be with you without seeking: Know that the redeemer is always with you because He is beyond the confines of 'is' and 'was'. પરમ સુખ પામવા સારુ આગળ સંતો ગોળા ખાઈને તથા ભૂખ, દુઃખ, ટાઢ, તડકો, વરસાદની ધારાઓ સહન કરીને દાખડો-સમાગમ કરતા -એવો ખપ હતો.

Jn the past, the saints and seekers of supreme joy used to endure pain, hunger, heat and cold. They would swallow the 'balls' of clay to quench their hunger and face torrential rain to seek communion with God and His brahmanised saints. Such was their spiritual quest that nothing could deter them or dampen their spirit. छव लगार आममांथी नवरो थाय तो सूछ रहे हे गप्पा हे, पण लगवान संलारे नहि, खेवो रमतियाण છे.

Man is such a strange creature that he fills his leisure with idle gossip or wastes his time in sleep but he will not pay attention to his own spiritual needs or remember God. બાળકિયા સ્वભાव રાખવા નહિ. બાલ્યાવસ્થાથી જ વૃધ્ધાવસ્થાનાં ભાવ લાવવા, પણ યુવાવસ્થાના ભાવ આવવા દેવા નહિ.

Don't be childish. We should cultivate the wisdom and maturity of the grown up people right from the childhood. We should always guard ourselves against the impulses and recklessness of the youth. योण्णा यणाऊ डुंहन थेवा थई रहेवुं तो थ महाराथ ने मोटा राक्त थईने साथे ने साथे रहे.

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We should always be pure as gold. Then only Maharaj and His Muktas will always be with us and bestow their joy upon us. रे पंथ वर्तमान सोपे ते तो गृडस्थ डोय ने ठाडोरछनी सेवा डरे तो तेमां सोलाઈने ते सेवा न पेवी. ज्यारे प्रायस्थित डरे त्यार पछी सेवा सेवी.

A householder who is deeply absorbed in his devotion and service to God but negligent in the observance of the Panch Vartman -the five codes of moral conduct, must repent. Unless he offers penance for the breach of his vow, we should resist the temptation of accepting the offerings made by him. આ જીવને જીવના વૈદ્ય (અનાદિમુક્ત) મળે તો આ લોકમાંથી લૂખા કરીને મહારાજના સુખે સુખી થાય એવા બળિયા કરી દે.

Jf the soul is treated by the divine physician called Anadimukta, it will be cured of all the diseases of the mundane world. He will give us strength and energy to receive and enjoy the grace and happiness offered by Maharaj. ઝામ-કોધાદિક શત્રુ છે તે જીવને માયારૂપી ક્યરામાં ફેરવે છે. ગારૂલાઈ રહે તો એ ક્યાંય ઉપાકીને લઈ જાય એવા છે.

The enemies called lust, anger and other negative feelings turn us into the punk and junk of Maya -the delusions. Jf we do not remain alert or cautious, they will fling us into the void. समैया-ઉत्सव टाणे डार्यमां जडु तणावुं नडिः; सुधना आपनारा श्रीજીमडाराष्ठ सामी नषर रहे એ ष समैयानुं इण છे.

Mere excitement or physical involvement in religious festivals and celebrations has no meaning. The real joy or reward comes from genuine rapport with Shreeji Maharaj. મોટા સંત ૩કે છેઃ અમારે તો અધમ જીવને પણ ઉद्धारवा છે, માટે તમારે માયા ટાળવી હોય તો મહારાજને ને અમને ભૂલશો નહિ.

The great saints and sages tell us, "We want to uplift the meanest and the lowliest, therefore, if you want to free yourself from the clutches of Maya -delusions, never forget even for a moment, Maharaj and us." मुर्भेशी ભજन उरवुं तेशी उंठमां ઉत्तम, तेशी हृहयमां उत्तम, तेशी नालिमां उत्तम अने तेशी पण सत्तारूप शर्छने मूर्ति धारवी ते उत्तम છे.

Jt is great to sing orally in praise of God, better to do so from the throat, but still better it is to remember Him with all our heart, and richer still is to make Him dwell in our conscience. However, nothing can surpass the mode of worship in which one is totally immersed in the Murti of Maharaj. देडनुं सुभ लेणुं राभवुं अने मूर्तिनुं सुभ सेवुं ते डेम जने? ते थाय नडि.

Jt is not possible to experience and receive the divine bliss of Murti without foregoing the cravings for physical comforts and joys. मोटानी स्थिति जड़ अजरी છे. आ लोडना लाव देजाउे छे ते पण अनंतना समास अर्थे छे. अमनी स्थितिने संलारे तो डाम-डोधादिड नडी शडे नडि.

The ways of the God-realised saints are unknowable, they are perplexing. Their normal and seemingly casual actions have far-reaching meanings. All their actions are aimed at helping us unite with the eternal Supreme Lord. Jf we can recall their spiritual state, lust, anger and other debilating impulses will not affect us. જીवने अवले रस्तेशी पाछो वालीने श्रीक्ठ अने मोटा मुऊ्तने विषे शेउवो अे परो परमार्थ छे.

Charity lies in bringing back the soul on the path of righteousness and restore it to the love and devotion to Maharaj and His great Muktas. रेम डोઈडने नोतरुं દઈने पछी टाएो रमाडे नहि तो ड्यवाई जाय, तेम नियम विनानी मानसी पूजा पए। अेवी છे. ते महाराष्ठने न गमे.

Jf you invite a man to dine with you and he is not served at the right hour, he will feel hurt. Likewise irregularity in Mansi Pooja fails to please our Lord. આપણા द्वेषीने शे आपणा शेवुं आम परे तो तेना इत्य सामुं न शेवुं. आपणाथी जने तेटलुं साया दिलथी सारुं उरवुं अेवी लगवाननां लउत्तनी रीत છे.

Even our rival or an opponent when asks for help, we should forget his wrongs and extend all our help with truest heart. To do a good turn to one's own opponent is the mark of a real devotee of God. આ જીવ પોતાના સ્ત્રી-છોકરા સારુ જેટલો દાખડો કરે છે તેટલો ભગવાન સારુ કરે તો કેવડું સુખ પ્રાપ્ત થાય?

Jf we can toil and strive as much to please our God as we do to please our wife and children, our rewards will be the richest and our joy will know no bounds. આપણે તો અખંડ એક્તાર મહારાજમાં જોડાઈ જાવું; શ્વાસોચ્છવાસ તેમને સંભારવા એટલે બધુંય દુઃખ ગયું.

To end our sorrows and to overcome our strife, we should become one with Maharaj and remember Him the way we breathe without halt.

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Even a good or positive impulse can obstruct our spiritual progress, therefore we should discard all impulses and seek joy in the Murti of Maharaj. वातयीत उरतां तथा प्रश्नउत्तर उरतां रष-तमनो लाव आवे तो शष्ट सर्वे व्यर्थ थर्छ जाय, डोर्छने समास न उरे.

While conversing or while asking questions and giving answers our language should not be coloured by either rajo-guna or tamo-guna [lust and anger]; because the words so coloured by these attributes not only prove to be substanceless but they will also fail to sustain one's faith in God. गृडस्थ डोय तेमणे तो श्रीशुमहाराष सुभेथी सांलरे अेटलो ष व्यवहार उरवो, पण व्यवहारइप थर्छ षवाय अेवा वेगे सहित व्यवहार न उरवो.

The householder should organize and conduct the affairs of life in such a way that he finds time to remember and pray to Shreeji Maharaj. The affairs of life, however absorbing and pleasing may be, should not be allowed to consume and claim all our time; one should never become the slave of his own activity. જે શ્રીજીમઢારાજની બાંધેલી મર્યાદારૂપ આજ્ઞા ન પાળે તો એ સાધુયે ન ૩હેવાય ને સત્સંગીયે ન ૩હેવાય.

A man who transgresses the self-restraining moral injunctions prescribed by Shreeji Maharaj is neither a true ascetic nor a devout Satsangi. लडित उरतां शे ઇष्यां आवे तो लडित निष्डुण शय.

Devotion dies as soon as it is enveloped by envy; faith fails when desire overtakes. र्शने महाराश्रनुं सुभ वहेलुं लेवुं होय तेले जाम, डोध, औष्वर्य, प्रसिद्धि, यश, डीर्ति तेमने लागिया रहेवा देवा नहि.

Those who are eager to receive the grace of Maharaj at the earliest should part company with evils called lust, anger, wealth, fame, power and other ego inflating passions. अधि अरनी, वाणीनी, लणतरनी, द्रव्यनी अेवी अनंत प्रज्ञारनी मोटपो -ते सर्वे दुः भदायी ने पंधन जरी છे.

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The pride of dignity, the pride of eloquence, the pride of education and scholarship and the pride of possessing wealth etc. enslave the man and cause pain and sorrow. દાસપણાનું, નિર્માનીપણાનું, નિર્ગણાપણાનું -એ સર્વેનું માન ટાળીને એક મૂર્તિમાં જ વૃત્તિ રાખવી.

Overcome the sense of feeling superior -thinking that you are the greatest devotee, that you have conquered pride and ego and that you have renounced all the actions of senses. You must exercise self-control even while exhibiting your virtues. Master your moods and grow attached to the Murti of Maharaj. मोटा साथे छव जोडयो डोय तेनो हेड अपमृत्युओ डरी पडे तोपण तेनुं आत्यंतिङ उप्याण थाय.

Jf your soul is united with God -realised Muktas and even if you die an unnatural death, rest assured, you will attain salvation. मान पापरूप छे ने सन्मान सर्पतुत्य छे.

Jf arrogance is a sin, yearning for admiration or felicitation is deadly as a viper. જેમ બાળક તુચ્છ પદાર્થ સારુ રોયા કરે છે તેમ જીવ મહારાજનું સુખ મૂકીને સ્વાદ, માનાદિક પંચવિષયમાં પ્રીતિ રાખે છે તેથી મૂર્તિનું સુખ મળતું નથી.

The way a child cries to get trifles, the ignorant man prefers sense -objects to the divine grace of Maharaj and therefore he never experiences the bliss that comes from communion with Murti. घाट ઉपडे तेने समावे ते संत उढेवाय ने न उपरे ते ભगवंत એटले ભगवान रेवा उढेवाय.

One who can subdue thoughts and passions is called a saint, but God -like are only those in whose hearts desires or passions never rise. साज रुब्म तप उरे तोपण उत्याण न थाय, ते आरु पंय वर्तमान पाणवामां उत्याण. आ तो जगासु जाता साउरनो गांगडो मण्यो छे.

Salvation which remains unattainable even after offering penance during the unbroken cycle of innumerable births and deaths can easily be attained through observance of the Panch Vartman -the five commandments of Maharaj. Jt is like getting a lump of sugar while yawning. જેમ डुंपलो पाशी मलवाशी वधे છे तेम छव मोटाने जोगे वधतो जय छे.

The way water helps tender shoots to become leaves, the soul acquires spiritual prowess through contact with God-realised Muktas. महाराष ने मोटा अदृश्य होय तेमने जरा लावशी संलारे तो प्रत्यक्षनां थेवुं इण आपे.

Even when Maharaj and His Muktas are not visible, if you remember them with a devout heart, you will feel their presence and experience their bliss. स्त्री-पुरुषने परस्पर सडवास थाय अने अेनो धर्भ रडे अेवी तो आशा राખवी જ नडि.

One can never hope to remain steadfast on the path of righteousness so long one maintains contact with women. देडे डरीने गंगा जवाय डे न जवाय पण मूर्तिइपी गंगामां तो नडावुं ज.

Jf it is not possible for you to have a dip in the Ganges you must at least bathe in the Ganges of divine bliss of the Murti. सूर्यने वांसे राभीने पउछायो पडउवा जाय ते ज्यांथी पडडाय? तेम मडाराज ने मुड्तने मूडीने साधन डरे ते ज्यांथी पार आवे?

With the sun at your back how can you chase your shadow? How can you reap the fruit of your spiritual endeavour if you ignore Maharaj and His Mukta? विवाडमां सोडो मार्णेडस्तंलइप साडडाने वधावे छे, परा महाराजने वधावे तो डाम थर्छ जाय.

At the time of wedding, people venerate a piece of wood called Manek-Sthambha. But if you venerate Maharaj your work will be accomplished without any hitch or hurdle. સાધનદશાવાળા ખાય, પીએ, સુએ, બેસે, તે બધું દેહને આધીન થઈને થાય છે; તેમ મુક્તની બધી કિયા મહારાજને આધીન છે.

Jn the life of seekers the actions of eating, drinking, sleeping, sitting etc. are governed by the needs and commands of the body whereas the activities and actions of the Muktas are subject to the divine will of Maharaj. वसंत ऋतुमां आंजानो मोर छोयल जाय तो तेनो छेठ जेसी गयो होय ते ઉघडे छे; तेम प्रडट महाराथ ने मुख्तनो आशरो छरे तो तरत छत्याण थाय.

During spring, if the cuckoo bird eats the mango-blossoms, its hoarse voice turns sweeter, likewise if you refuge in the manifest Maharaj and Mukta you will attain instant salvation. भूर्ति संलाया बगर उसे साहे राग ताणी डीर्तन जोले, बाछंत्र बगाडे डे जोटो जर्य डरे; पण तेथी डोडी श्रेटलीय जरी डमाणी न थाय.

Even if you sing full-throated devotional songs and play instruments or spend money on celebrations without remembering Murti, you will not earn merit worth a penny. जधा विरोध- 'हुं' ने 'मारा'मांथी थाय છे. 'हुं' ने 'मारुं' ते रु माया छे; ने माया रुयां पेसे त्यां लगवान लूसाय.

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All conflicts arise from 'J' and 'mine'; 'J' and 'mine' characterise Maya or delusions. God is forgotten the moment Maya enters and clouds our minds. આ બધું ભગવાનનું જ છે અને ભગવાનને જ અર્પણ કરવું જોઈએ.

We receive everything from God and it should be offered to God with a sense of gratitude. संपत मणवाशी वैराग्य उणाय · છे अने आपत्डाणशी समञ्रश उणाय છे.

Detachment and renunciation are tested in prosperity whereas adversity tests man's wisdom. पोताने अमवानी तथा पडेरवा ओढवानी वस्तुओ श्रीश्ठमडाराजनी मूर्तिनी प्रसाहीनी उरीने वापरवी.

The food that you eat and the clothes you wear must be first offered to Shreeji Maharaj. They must be received as the sanctified things from Him. रुमाउनार सज्तने अतिशे साव डोय तो तेनो साव शेईने सगवान अे मायिङ वस्तुने हिव्य निर्णुएा डरीने अंगिडार डरे छे.

When a devotee offers food with deep devotion and love to God, the Lord transforms the gross into a thing divine, devoid of all attributes and accepts it. જપ, તપ, તીર્થ, વ્રત, હોમ, હવન, યજ્ઞાદિ કરે પણ જેમ ફળ વિનાનો આંખો હોય તેમાં ફળ ન આવે, તેમ મૂર્તિ વિનાનાં સાધન સર્વે વાંઝિયા ઝારૂ જેવાં છે.

The rites and rituals of chanting the name of God, offering penance, going on a pilgrimage, observing holy vows, lighting holy fire, performing yagna without faith in Murti are as useless and meaningless as the barren mango tree. नावनो એटलो विश्वास रहे छे डे जेठा पछी नड्डी डांठे ઉतारशे, तेम मोटा मुझ्तनो એटलो विश्वास राभवो डे ते नड्डी महाराજना सुभमां पहोंयाउशे.

Jf a boat can ferry us across a river and safely land us on the bank, rest assured, great Muktas will lead you to Maharaj and enable you to enjoy the divine bliss. માયિક દષ્ટિ પલટાઈને દિવ્ય દષ્ટિ થાય છે ત્યારે માયા કે માયાનું કાર્ય નજરમાં આવતું નથી. એની અલૌકિક દષ્ટિ મોટા મુક્તના જોગથી જ થાય.

Once the film of delusions is removed and the divine sight is received, we no more see Maya or the things created by it. We can acquire such a divine sight only through communion with great Muktas. જીવને મનનું ગમતું કરવાના ઘણા કાળના સ્વભાવ પડયા છે. તેથી દુઃખિયા વર્તે છે પણ મોટા મુક્તની અનુવૃત્તિમાં રકે તો સુખિયા થઈ જાય.

Since ages, man has grown attached and become addicted to doing or possessing things which please his senses and therefore he finds life miserable. But if he can obey the Muktas and follow their advice, he will find happiness all around. જો જીવને હુંપણું ટળી જાય તો સર્વે દોષ નાશ પામી જાય. આત્મા શુધ્ધ થાય ત્યારે મહારાજની મૂર્તિ દેખાય.

Jf the ego can be dissolved, all confusions and delusions will end and sorrows melt. Those who are pure of heart can perceive the Murti of Maharaj. જ્યારે મોટાના જોગે કરીને અવયવ ન ફરે ને મોટાનાં જેવા ગુણ ન આવે ત્યારે જોગ શું કર્યો કહેવાય?

Even in the company of the spiritually accomplished saints if you fail to undergo a spiritual transformation and imbibe the qualities of the great, you have failed to be in tune with the Infinite, you have not grasped the meaning of what they preach. श्रीशुमहाराञ्चनी मूर्तिइपी अमृत मूडीने विष न भावुं. मूर्ति विना भीठुं सर्वे विष ठेवुं छे.

We should never ignore the nectar called the Murti of Maharaj and swallow the poison. Everything that is not associated with the Murti must be treated as poison. षट्शास्त्र ने अढार पुराण लणवे उरीने डांछ वले तेम नथी. मोटा मुझ्तनां श्रोगमां श छते देडे मूर्तिनी प्राप्ति थाय.

The study of six shashtras (scriptures) and eighteen puranas (sacred works) will avail not. You can realise Murti while you are alive only by establishing rapport with great Muktas. જેણે જેણે આજ્ઞા લોપી છે તે મોટા હતા તોપણ ધર્મથી પડયા છે. માટે ચોખ્ખું વર્તવું.

Even those eminent religious leaders who had transgressed the commands of God had fallen from the path of righteousness . Therefore one should always remain pure and vigilant in the matter of faith. शेवा शेवा એड श्रीशिमडाराश छे अने होख़सी वेणाना हाम अने भरी वेणानो भशानो छे.

What is worth observing or seeing is Shreeji Maharaj alone; He is the hard cash in crisis, and treasure in the hour of need. महिमा विनानी लडित अंते नाश पामे છे.

Devotion sans knowledge of glory of God is a worship in vain. આપણે तो 'स्वामिनारायण ભगवान' એ જ मंत्र अने એ જ જડીजुड्टी છે. એम हढपणे मानवुं.

Let us firmly believe: Swaminarayan Bhagwan is our only 'mantra' and only panacea. શ્રીજીમહારાજની અને મોટાની સમીપમાં રહેવાય તેના જેવું એકેય ઔષધ નથી.

There is no greater remedy or medicine than to stay close to Shreeji Maharaj and His Mukta. છोडरांने अञ्चि-જળाદिडथी तेनां मा-जाप जाणवे छे तेम श्रीज्ञमहाराज आपणने डाण, डर्भ, मायाथी जाणवे छे.

The way parents protect their children from water, fire and other dangers, Shreeji Maharaj protects us against the attack from the delusions, time and action. लगवानना लउनत डोय तेनी वृत्ति तो लगवान विना जीशे रहे श नहि; शेने परमेश्वरमां वृत्ति न रहे ते परमेश्वरनो लउनत उहेवाय नहि.

A devotee is one whose mind is firm in the devotion to God; one whose mind roams restlessly in other directions or deeds cannot be called a bhakta. ભगवाननी ज्या-जीर्तनादिज्इपी यारो जरीने पाछा ભगवानना स्वइपइपी माणामां विराम जरवो; जीन्ने ज्यां त्यां विराम न जरवो.

After participating in the religious activities of katha-kirtan etc., one should rest in the luminous form of God; resting or relaxing at other places will not bring real respite. नियम-धर्मनुं पासन, लगवानना स्वइपनो निम्पय अने लगवानना लऊतनो पक्ष -आ त्रण वानां श्रेमां परिपूर्ण डोय ते पाछो सत्संगी उडेवाय.

A true satsangi is one who has attained perfection in the three essential attributes of Bhakti viz. observance of niyam-dharma -the injunctions laid down by Maharaj; firm faith in and irrevocable knowledge of God manifest in human form and deep attachment to God and His satsangi devotee. पात्र तो पोताने ४ थवुं शेई अ. आज्ञा, नियम यथार्थ पाणवाइप पुरुष प्रयत्न उरे तो महाराश्र ने मोटा मुऊ्त पछी रूपा उरे.

Each individual must strive to be worthy to receive God's bliss and this can be attained by appropriate adherence to and observance of the holy commands and divine injunctions established by Maharaj. Once we accomplish this, Maharaj and His Muktas will certainly bestow their grace and mercy upon us. गृडी-त्यागीनो डोई मेળ नथी; જेनी समજણ मोटी तेने જ सौथी मोटो डरिलज्त जाणवो.

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There can be no comparison between a householder and an ascetic; therefore, one who has a greater understanding and knowledge of the glory of God is a greater devotee. મહારાજ કહે છે: અમને અહંકાર ન ગમે. ભલે પછી તે અહંકાર ભક્તિપણાનો, ત્યાગપણાનો, વૈરાગ્યપણાનો, બ્રસપણાનો, સમજણનો કે વર્તમાન પાળ્યાનો હોય.

Shreeji Maharaj says, "We detest pride and arrogance: pride of devotion, pride of non-attachment, pride of renunciation, pride of having the attributes of Brahman, pride of knowledge and even pride of observing the Panch Vartman." જ્યારે ઘણાંક મુનષ્ય ભગવાનના એકાંતિક ભક્ત થાય છે ત્યારે કળિયુગને વિષે પણ સત્યયુગ થાય છે.

When many people attain the state of God's Ekantik Bhakta -state of God-realisation, we can see Kaliyuga [Dark Age] transformed into Satyuga [Golder Age]. દરેક ક્રિયામાં શ્રીજીમહારાજની મૂર્તિનું અનુસંધાન રાખવાના અભ્યાસથી દિવ્ય સ્થિતિ થાય છે.

By cultivating the habit of keeping Shreeji Maharaj witness to all our actions and activities, we can attain the divine state of spiritual discernment. શ્રીજીમઢારાજ ને મુક્તનો એક જ ठરાવ છે કે, 'જીવને માયાથી મુક્ત કરી તેના ચૈતન્યમાં મૂર્તિ પધરાવી દેવી.'

Shreeji Maharaj and His Muktas have one common goal: To free men from the delusions of Maya and install Murti in their illumined soul. सत्संगमां घणाय आम तेम लटडे छे, हाजउा ने ઉजागरा उरे छे, जप ता को छे, पण मोटा मुख्त मण्या विना मुलिने पामवाइप डाम सिद्ध थतुं नथी.

Within the Satsang itself, so many people are seen wandering here and there. They mortify the flesh and spend sleepless nights. But so long you do not come into the contact of the Brahmanised Mukta, you will never accomplish your goal of reaching the Murti of Maharaj. All your japa and tapa, meditation and penance will be of no use without the blessings of the Mukta. જો ખબરદાર થઈને મોટાનાં વયન અધ્ધરથી ઝીલે અને તે પ્રમાણે વર્તવા માંડે તો મુક્તદશા વહેલી પ્રાપ્ત થાય.

With total devotion and complete awareness if you can catch the undying truth which the God -realised saints and Muktas utter, and act accordingly, you too can attain quickly the state of Mukta. समाधि उरतां अभंउ स्मृति ते श्रेष्ठ छे, अने तेथी भूर्तिनो साझात्डार थाय ते श्रेष्ठ छे, अने अेथी पण भूर्तिमां रसजस थई જवाय ते श्रेष्ठ छे.

To remain ever-absorbed in the thoughts of God is better than trance, still better it is to have a glimpse of or communion with Murti but the highest spiritual state is that in which we are immersed in Murti and be one with our Lord. સિધ્ધદશાવાળા જંગમ તીર્થનું ઝામ કરે, એટલે જ્ઞાન આપીને મોક્ષ કરે, પણ બીજો દેઢ ધરવાનું બાકી ન રાખે.

Those who are spiritually accomplished i.e. those who have attained 'Siddhadasha' are the walking places of pilgrimage; they live in our midst, impart true knowledge and help us attain salvation i.e. break the cycle of birth and death. મોટા મુક્ત મૂર્તિનું સુખ જીવને આપે તો ખરા, પણ એ સુખ ઝીલનાર શુધ્ધ પાત્ર ન હોય તો પાછું મૂર્તિમાં જતું રહે.

The Brahmanised Mukta will bestow the grace of God on the seeker, but it will not last long if the receiver is not pure enough to retain it. Jt will go back to Murti if your heart is unclean. देडमां डाणनुं विषमपछुं आवे त्यारे 'स्वामिनारायण', 'स्वामिनारायण' नामना मडामंत्रनो જप डरवो तो ते विषमपछुं दूर धर्र जाय.

When the soul is oppressed by the thoughts of death or other adversities, you will be able to overcome your sorrow and end the oppression by chanting the 'Maha Mantra' of Swaminarayan-Swaminarayan. मुऊतना शेग विना अंतर ખुस्सां उरी शडे એवुं डोई साधन डे विधि नथी. माटे मुद्दो डाथ आव्यो डोय ते वंशाववो (ખोवो) नहि.

None other than Mukta can open the door of our conscience; there is no other means or method of driving out our darkness. Therefore, we should never lose sight of a Mukta dwelling in our midst. रेम योणा आढी सईने झोतरानो त्याग उरी े छी े तेम साधने उरीने मूर्ति सिध्ध उर्या पछी साधनने मूडी देवां એटले तेनो लार-राणवो नहि.

The way we discard the husk and keep the rice, we should drop all means and methods of attaining communion with God once we accomplish our spiritual goal. डेटलाङ डहे छे डे आने मंदवाउ आव्यो, पण अमे तो अम आणीओ छीओ डे श्रीज्ञमहाराज सिवाय अन्य पदार्थमां इयि रहे ओ ज मंदवाउ छे.

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People say that a certain man has been ill, but to us illness or disease is that state in which man forgets Shreeji Maharaj and grows attached to other sense-objects. नैमिषारण्यमां श्रे वावशो ते ઉगशे, अपराध उरशो तो ते ઉगशे अने सेवा उरशो तो ते ઉगशे. अहीं तमोगुण डे रशेगुणने स्थान नथी.

Jn the fertile land of Naimisharanya whatever you sow shall grow; your crime against God and His creation, and your service to Him, both will bear fruit. Here one should transcend both tamo-guna and rajo-guna i.e. delusions and desires. मडाराथ ने मुऊतने लेणा राभीओ तो डोईनी जीड न सागे ने डोई मसिन तत्त्व पएा पासे आवी शडे नडि. सूरथ डोय त्यां अंधारुं आवे छे?

Darkness does not descend where the sun shines. Evil and fear can never approach you if you have Maharaj and His Mukta with you. रेम उमलनां इसने पाशीनो पाश न अठे तेम मोटानी समीपे माया परात्मव उरी शठे नहि.

The way water does not wet a lotus, maya or delusions cannot defeat you if you are in the company of the God-realised Muktas. सत्संगमां डेटलांड मोटा मुड्तनां वयनमां विश्वास लावीने पोतानुं डाम डरी याल्या जाय छे; ने डेटलाड जुनापणाना मानवाणा तथा विश्वास विनाना गोथां जाय छे.

In the satsang fellowship some people with firm faith in the advice of the Muktas readily reap the harvest of their communion with the God -realised souls and return home fully satisfied, but others with false-pride in the orthodoxy and doubts in the manifest Mukta go to their destruction or wander in vain. મને, વયને ને દેકે કરીને ભગવાન સંબંધી શુભ કિયા કરવી તે ભાગવત ધર્મ છે, પણ એ ધર્મ મુક્તના પ્રસંગથી આવે છે.

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Bhagwat Dharma enjoins upon us to perform and dedicate all our actions of thought, word and deed to God. We can attain this dharma or sense of duty only through communion with Muktas. જેમ મોર લેગા પીછાં શોલે, પણ મોર વિના પીંછાં શું ઝામના? એમ ઝારણ મર્તિ વિના ઝોઈ વાત પૂર્ણ ન થાય.

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The way feathers have no beauty without a peacock nothing is complete without the divine Murti, the cause behind all causes. रे डोई पंथ वर्तमान बिरुध्ध डिया डरे ते तो डेवल देली ने विषयी र छे. तेनो तो श्वपयनी पेठे त्याग उरवो.

A man who acts against the five commandments -Panch Vartman of God is a lustful hypocrite; avoid him and shun his company the way you will avoid the filth. सर्व पदार्थने विषे तथा मान-अपमानने विषे समलाव तथा सडनशक्ति ते संतता जाणवी.

Even-tempered when honoured or insulted, and tolerant of all is said to be a saint.

મહારાજ ને મહારાજના મુક્તની રૂપા તથા પુરુષપ્રયત્ન એ બે પ્રકારે અંતર શુધ્ધ થાય છે.

Serenity and inner-purification need human effort and divine grace of Maharaj and His Muktas. એક કોધ, બીજું માન, ત્રીજી ઇર્ષ્યા, યોથું કપટ જો એ યાર बानां संत साथे राખे नडि, तो डोई દिवस એની આસુરી બુધ્ધિ થાય નडि.

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Jf one with constant awareness never allows the four flaws called anger, pride, envy and intrigue to affect his mind, while in the company of an accomplished saint, he will never assume 'asuri-buddhi' or evil mind. रेम लमरो पृष्प ઉपर गुंशरव डरे છे अने सुगंध से છे, तेम संत-हरिलड्त महाराश्रनी मूर्ति सब्मुभ रमे छे ने डिस्सोस डरे छे.

The way honey-bees fly and buzz over the flowers and collect fragrance and nectar, saints and devotees always remain happy and rejoice in the presence of the Murti of Maharaj. मोटा सत्पुरुष थडी अत्यंत निवसिनिङ थवाय त्यारे ४ परमपदृइप अनादि मुख्तनी स्थितिने पमाय.

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When you free yourself totally from hankering after the addictions of sense-objects with the help of God-realised saint then only you can attain the Param Pada or the highest spiritual state of Anadimukta. તીવ્ર વૈરાગ્ય, આત્મજ્ઞાન ને ભક્તિનું માન આવે તેનામાં મોટા ગુણ નથી આવતા; પણ અતિશે મોટા સત્પરુષના સમાગમે કરીને માન ટળી જાય તો મોટા ગુણ આવે.

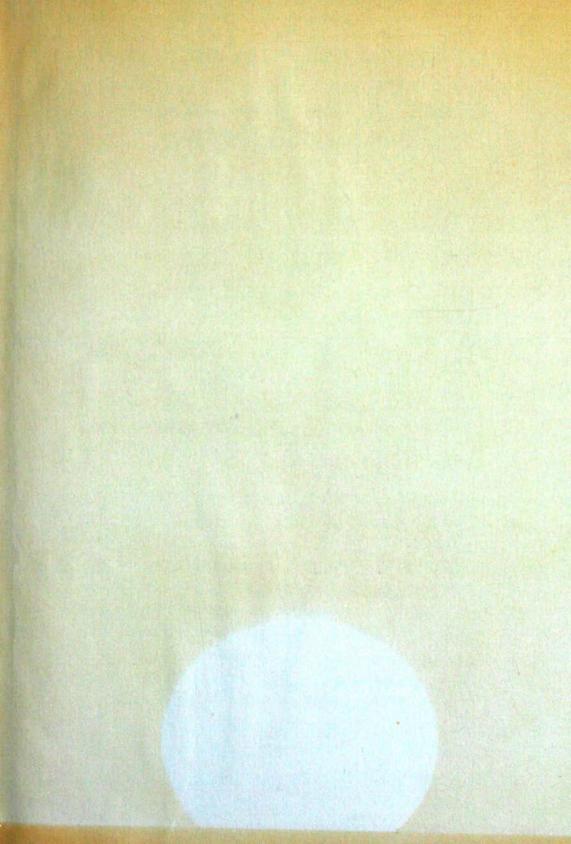
Pride of intense non-attachment or renunciation, pride of self -knowledge and pride of deep devotion come in the way of attaining great qualities or the real enlightenment. One can get rid of false pride and attain virtues through communion with very eminent Brahmanised saints.

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सर्व साधनथी ध्यान उरवुं એ ઉत्तम साधन छे पण श्रीश्ठमहाराञ्चना स्वइपनुं ज्ञान थया पछी ध्यान उरे तो विक्षेप न थाय.

Meditation is superior to all other modes of worship but if we meditate with right knowledge regarding Personal Form of Shreeji Maharaj and deep devotion 'to Him, nothing will distract us from our meditation. क्षणवार पोताने देखरूप मानीने विषयनुं यिंतवन थाय तो आभो दिवस आत्मा संअंधी उरेलो वियार निष्डण थाय છे.

Even for a moment if you slip into the bonds of body and allow yourself to be carried away by lustful desires, your entire day's meditation and knowledge of Atman acquired through it will vanish in no time.



What does Shri Swaminarayan Divine Mission stand for?



With a view of translating the omnibeneficient divine message of Lord Shri Swaminarayan into action for the spiritual and worldly happiness of mankind:

- (a) We try to provide financial assistance to the needy without any discrimination and uphold the ideal of seva-sadavrat, selfless service.
- (b) We are planning to establish and run health-centres and hospitals. We are offering assistance to institutions providing medical help to the people.

 (c) We construct, develop and maintain temples and spiritual centres, commemorating great spiritual leaders with a view to bringing peace, happiness and divine joy to people.
d) We encourage creative activities aimed at educating people through literature and art.
(e) To satisfy the spiritual thirst of the devotees we want to establish and manage libraries, research centres and museums or assist individuals and institutions involved in such activities. We strive to achieve harmony and amity in our society by publishing books that enhance our cultural and spiritual life and take mankind on the path of progress and perfection and thus elevate man to the spiritual heights.

Therefore, we want

- (1) to undertake and organise activities aimed at strengthening and improving the moral standards which form the basis of our social life.
- (2) to launch programmes for the spread of universal brotherhood, social unity, fellow-feeling, amity, compassion that will end all discords and establish permanent peace; for without peace there cannot be progress.

(3) to organise conferences to bring all the religions and warring groups on a common platform and strive for harmony among them for the social and spiritual welfare of mankind.

The Mission, through constructive programmes and spiritual activities, aims at total development of human society in order to make it worthy of receiving the divine bliss through communion with God.

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