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## SHIKSHAPATRI BHASHYA SHLOK 25

**|| No one shall ever hear sermons or religious discourses or philosophical talks from a person whose words are likely to lead one astray from the path of devotion to Lord Krishna and/or from the path of one's own Dharma ||**

One should never listen to or even associate with a person who does not fully follow or abide in the Dharma prescribed by the scriptures. We must listen to true Vedic Shastras such as Upanishads, Purans, Bhagwat Gita, Satsangi Jeevan etc. but never listen to those which have no Vedic foundation. We must listen to someone who is well learned, has overcome the 10 senses, is not sinful and is a staunch devotee of God. This is a true vakta (deliverer of Katha).

Maharaj has had to write this shlok because vaktas of such high calibre are few and far between. During his time there were many Saints that wrote scriptures under the true Vedic knowledge. This is so the future generation are not lead astray.

There are many who teach the wrong knowledge, who teach contrary to true Vedic law, whose purpose is to build a fellowship for themselves. There are the persons to be weary of.

All sorts of philosophies and views will be forced upon you, but with true knowledge on your side you will be in a position to reject that which is false. Hence, it is important to find a true saint and to read the right scriptures, for you to be able to know what is right and wrong.

### **Questions:**

- 1. Examples of persons that in today's day may lead us away from Devotion to Lord Shree Krishna?**

*E.g. Non -Krishna/swaminarayan believers who have no knowledge of our religion*

- 2. What are the four Kusangi's that Maharaj tells us to Stay away from in today's day and age? Why?**

*Kusangi's (kundapanthi, shaktipanthi, shukshavedanti, nastik!) stay away from and don't listen to or debate with these people as they will make you doubt your faith.*

- 3. Which persons should we be hearing sermons or religious discourses or philosophical talks from?**

*Best things to listen to are any original text written by Nand Santos. This should be read out and explained by highly respectable saints of our sampradaya (Both Gadi's). Listen to Philosophical talks given by highly respected and acclaimed gnani's (Santos and elders) in our mandir and Sampradaya.*

- 4. Why is sang important?**