

The shikshapatri is the sacred book of ethics and the 'code of discipline' It was originally written on the 11th February 1826 CE (maha sud 5, 1882 VS) by Lord Swaminarayan himself. It is read daily by devotees of Swaminarayan Bhagwan.

Lord Swaminarayan wrote the shikshapatri himself to guide and benefit not only his followers but every soul to the right path for the final goal of achieving moksha (salvation). To understand Lord Swaminarayan's majesty is imperative, because this will show if we have understood him the way we should, in his fully fledged status of Sarvopari, Sarva-avtaari, Purshotam Shree Swaminarayan Bhagwan. It is also important that we please Lord Swaminarayan by following his 'aagna' (spiritual orders/ instructions).

The Shikshapatri has been described by GOD as the main essence of main stream scriptures in Hinduism e.g. Bhagwat, Mahabharat, Upanishads, Vedas, and Puranas if one was to go and search through these scripture's and decide how to live, it would take a minimum of 18 life times. We are all very lucky to have found the Shikshapatri because as stated by Nand santos only a person that has done 7 full lives of Panchratra (panch-rat-tra) tap gets to hold the Shikshapatri. Panchratra tap is to do a head stand on a Sopari and chant. To do that from the age of 5 till you die for 7 life time's will get you to the status of just touching the Shikshapatri.

To add up all the power in every scripture and put it in one small Shastra can only be done by the person that made the world. e.g manufacturers make the instruction manual to their own invention, so GOD has also done the same.

The shikshapatri's appeal is universal and its message is global, leaving a deep and penetrating impact on its devotees. The shikshapatri represents the heart of Hinduism in its pristine purity.

The shikshapatri Bhashya is a more in-depth scripture of the shikshapatri. It allows us to better understand what Lord Swaminarayan expects of his devotees and why.