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SCRIPTURES

SHIKSHAPATRI

- Shikshapatri means a 'letter of teachings'. From a very young age Lord Swaminarayan was highly educated in various important Hindu scriptures. His father, Dharmadev had personally taught him.
- Lord Swaminarayan selected key points from various scriptures & made a small 'GUTKO' booklet. This formed the basis of the Shikshapatri.
- It contains 212 shloks.
- It was written in Vadtal on the 5th day of the bright half of the month of Maha VS 1882 (AD 1826), on the day of Vasant Panchmi.
- The Lord wrote the Shikshapatri in Sanskrit. It was later on translated into Gujarati, English & various other languages.
- This scripture shows us the way to live life, daily duties & how to behave in the family and society.
- Maharaj Mention 8 scriptures which are very dear to Him:
 - 1) Srimad Bhagvatam,
 - 2) Srimad Bhagvat Gita,
 - 3) Vasudev Mahatmiya,
 - 4) Vishnu Shatranam,
 - 5) Vidur Niti,
 - 6) Vyas Sutra,
 - 7) Yagnavalkya Smruti,
 - 8) 4 Vedas.

In order to attain salvation one should listen to all 8 scriptures regularly.



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VACHNAMRUT

- The Vachnamrut is a nectar of all spiritual & philosophical knowledge.
- It contains all the spiritual & philosophical understanding of questions asked by various saints & devotees. With replies to the question given by Lord Swaminarayan. Many times the Lord asks & answers the questions.
- Each Vachanamrut starts with the day, month, year, time, place where the discourse was given, who attended the discourse, who asked questions, etc
- The great Saints Muktanand Swami, Gopalanand Swami, Nityanand Swami, Shukanand Swami & Brahamand Swami heard and compiled the original words of Lord Swaminarayan and got them authenticated by Him.
- There were thousands of Vachnamruts but our Lord has selected 273 Vachnamrut's.
- Note: Discrepancy of date in last Vachnamrut; this is due to use of different calendar (the last vachnamrut is dated after Maharaj returned to Akshardham i.e. after He passed away; at the time the Gujarat and Saurashtra calendars were slightly different).

SHREEMAD SATSANJEEVAN

- Shreemad Satsangijivan is the main divine scripture describing the life of Lord Swaminarayan from his arrival to the earth until departure from earth. It describes his Philosophy & profound spiritual knowledge with ardent & staunch devotion, non-attachment towards worldly objects, the way for ultimate redemption, the way to get rid of the obstacles, and the bliss in Akshardham.
- The great Saint Shatanand swami wrote this scripture, through the divine inspiration & request of the Lord. Shatanand swami compiled the scripture sitting next to the Lord. The Lord would read each chapter and approve it.
- The scripture written in Sanskrit contains 360 chapters.
 - 60 in the first Prakaran
 - 59 in the second Prakaran
 - 64 in the third Prakaran
 - 108 in the fourth Prakaran
 - 69 in the fifth Prakaran
- When the Lord departed earth to akshardham, saints & devotees were heartbroken, sadness filled the air. It was at this point that the scripture was recited.



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BHAKTACHINTAMNI

- The Bhaktachintamni is composed by Nishkulanand Swami by the Lord's order & is in poetic form. It describes many of the lord's activities during his existence on this earth. It also describes all of the events & festivals in great detail

SHREE HARI DIGVIJAY

- Haridigvijay is composed by the great saint Nityanand Swami by Lord's order in Sanskrit language in 49 chapters. It describes and proves that Lord Swaminarayan was almighty God supreme, through many discussions and debates.

SHREEMAD BHAGWAT

- The Shreemad Bhagwat contains stories of incarnations of God, great kings & sages of the past.
- It contains 12 chapters.
- Lord Swaminarayan has given particular attention to the 5th & 10th chapters. The 5th chapter describes the way in which one should meditate on god & the 10th chapter describes the divine glories and pastimes of Lord Shree Krishna.

Desh Vibagh No Lekh

- Is the constitution on the Swaminarayan Sampraday and the Acharya's use this to govern both dioceses.