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Swaminarayan Bhagwan Panu

*Proof of Swaminarayan
Bhagwan being God*

Prominent people converted to Swaminarayan followers

- **Joban Pagi - Great bandit**
- **Khaiyo Khatri - Great scholar**
- **MagniRam - Sadhu**
- **MuniBawa - Scholar**



Joban Pagi

- **Infamous thief in Gujarat and other States**
- **Great Bandit, looted with his 3 brothers (barrel full of mindoor – from bridegroom processions)**
- **Killing made no difference to him**



Joban Pagi

- **Tried to steal from Lord Swaminarayan**
- **Wanted to steal Manki Godi**
- **Headed to Jagan in Dabhan**
- **Went with the intention to steal Manki**



Joban Pagi

- Saw Swaminarayan Bhagwan each time he tried to steal Manki Godi



Joban Pagi

- He asked Lord for forgiveness and became a Swaminarayan satsangi



Joban Pagi

- **Joban was a faithful servant to Lord**
- **Joban Pagi invited Maharaj to visit his house in Vadtal**
- **On his way he had a wish.....**
- **...firm faith in Swaminarayan as Almighty God because his dream came true**



Joban Pagi

- **Vadtal Mandir was being built**
- **Joban donated land for this but Maharaj needed more help**
- **“You have stopped our looting, how can I help you with money?”**



Joban Pagi

- “I am not pleased if a person brings money by wrongful deeds and comes to serve me”
- “You can please me by serving me physically”



Joban Pagi

- **Joban once visited Vaso**
- **Kasiabhai asked Joban if Swaminarayan did miracles**
- **He converted Joban, a leader of robbers into a prominent satsangi**



Joban Pagi

- Any Questions



Khaiyo Khatri



Khaiyo Khatri

- Maharaj visited Mandvi with sadhus
- Lord sat under a banyan tree on a raised platform made of sand
- Maharaj promised to serve ladus for all the sadhus



Khaiyo Khatri

- **Khaiyo Khatri lived in Mandvi**
- **Khaiyo wanted to make fun of Swaminarayan and went to see Him**
- **Maharaj told Brahmanand Swami to take His seat and Maharaj would sit as Brahmanand's disciple**



Khaiyo Khatri

- Khaiyo Khatri is challenging Brahmanand Swami



Khaiyo Khatri

- **Khaiyo, full of pride, came to Maharaj wanting to ask questions on the Vedas**
- **Brahmanand told Khaiyo to ask all the questions at once and he will answer them**



Khaiyo Khatri

- After hearing Khaiyo's questions, Brahmanand says "these are ordinary questions and my junior saint will answer them" pointing to Maharaj
- Maharaj answered them perfectly



Khaiyo Khatri

- **Khaiyo was surprised and confused**
- **Khaiyo's mother said the one sitting down is God**
- **Khaiyo saw a smirk on the face of the junior saint and knew it was God**
- **Maharaj laughed and asked Khaiyo for ladus as he had succeeded in recognising Maharaj**
- **Khaiyo Khatri then became a staunch devotee**



Khaiyo Khatri

- Other Khatri's of the caste didn't believe Swaminarayan to be God
- "Persons like goats (soft) would come to your fold, we like tigers (tough), will not!"
- Maharaj went to this Khatri's house
- Maharaj gazed at him and he then did as Maharaj wished
- He wore clothes like a sadhu



Khaiyo Khatri

- He brought his household items out to burn.
- Khatri returned to his normal self and said, “Only goats come to you, we are tigers!”
- “Look at your clothes, we know what type of tiger you are”



Khaiyo Khatri

- Khatri was ashamed
- Fell at Maharaj's feet and said
“Maharaj, the whole world is like a goat
in comparison to you.” as you can
convert anybody into anything you want



Khaiyo Khatri

- Any Questions



MagniRam



MagniRam

- MagniRam Deviwala
- He worshipped Sharda Devi
- She gave him a boon that he would see Almighty God in human form if he tried hard enough



MagniRam

- He went to Jagannathpuri and due to bad association became wicked in nature
- There he met Maharaj and demanded 5000 rupees
- Lord refused to give money



MagniRam

- MagniRam threatened black magic on Maharaj
- The black magic did not work
- He invoked Goddess Sharda to throw Swaminarayan in to the sea
- She said that He is the Almighty God Supreme and MagniRam was mistaken



MagniRam

- MagniRam asked the Lord for forgiveness
- Lord insulted him frequently because you and your followers can't be tamed
- MagniRam carried everyone's shoes on his head and went around the assembly



MagniRam

- He left his pride, ego, self respect etc
- He became a tyagi saint named Adwaitanand Swami
- He's still known by the name MagniRam Devi-wala



MagniRam

- Any Questions



MuniBawa



MuniBawa

- He was a well known knowledgeable scholar in Surat
- Slandered Swaminarayan
- Referenced scriptures and Vedas to portray that MuniBawa was God and not Swaminarayan



MuniBawa

- Lord sent Brahmanand Swami to go and convert MuniBawa
- Brahmanand Swami decided to remove any trace to say that he was a Swaminarayan
- Brahmanand Saraswati was the name he adopted to become a disciple of MuniBawa
- MuniBawa taught Brahmanand Swami about
 - Sakar, Nirakar, Sagun, Nirgun



MuniBawa

- **MuniBawa had heard of Ladudan, a great poet**
- **One day MuniBawa became ill**
- **Brahmanand Swami had an opportunity to preach and take the assembly**



MuniBawa

- **Brahmanand Swami explained that all Vedic Smurtis are of equal importance and explained the true meaning of BRAHM and PARBRAHM.**
- **He explained about SAKAAR and NIRAKAAR and SAGUN and NIRGUN.**



MuniBawa

- **Brahmanand revealed to MuniBawa that he was a Swaminarayan follower**
- **MuniBawa and Brahmanand Swami left for Gadhada to see Maharaj**
- **Maharaj was having a shave whilst eating yoghurt and rotlo...**



MuniBawa

- MuniBawa saw Maharaj and said that he isn't God
- MuniBawa wanted to go back to Surat, he was persuaded to stay the night
- Bhagwan gave MuniBawa darshan of ChaturBhujSwaroop of Vishnu
- MuniBawa bowed at Maharaj's feet



MuniBawa

- He admitted Maharaj was Almighty God and asked for forgiveness
- He later became a Swaminarayan Sadhu but Maharaj kept the same name of MuniBawa



MuniBawa

- Any Questions



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Summary

- **Converted merciless Joban Pagi with his bad qualities into a staunch follower of Swaminarayan**
- **Khaiyo Khatri was converted into a Swaminarayan devotee**
- **MagniRam was converted into a Swaminarayan sadhu**
- **MuniBawa convinced of Maharaj as God and became devout satsangi**



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- Bhagwan converted these people not with violence or weapons but merely by looking at them and changing their heart and removing their inner bad qualities
- He changed their inner demons such as kam, krodh, lobh, irsha, and mann etc which are more difficult to defeat



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- Other Avatars such as Ram, Krishna, used weapons to fight outer demons. They never managed to spread Ektanik Dharma like Swaminarayan Bhagwan



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- Swaminarayan did not look at the faults of Jeeva but liberated them
- In this universe nobody is faultless apart from God
- God does not accept Maya on this earth hence is Nirgun (free from Maya)



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- These stories (parchas) shows that Swaminarayan Bhagwan is Almighty God Supreme, Avatar na Avatari



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- Any thoughts, questions?..



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