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Importance of Saints

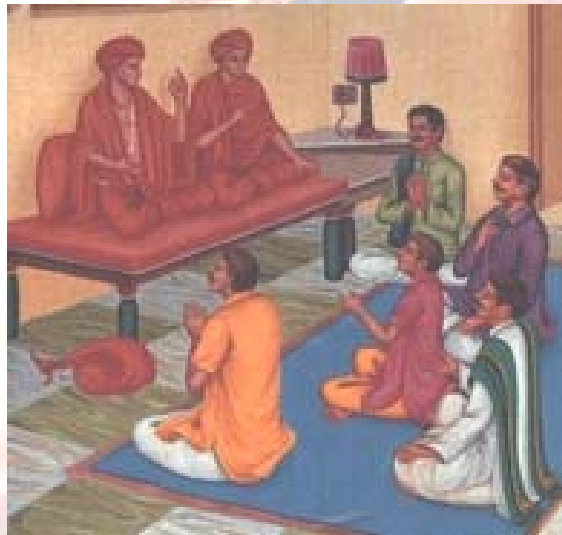


Introduction

- Importance
- Benefits of saints
- What is/isn't a saint
 - Avgun of a saint
- Example of a great saint

Importance of a Saint

- We have many different Gurus-
 - Parents: Teach to walk, eat, talk etc
 - Teachers: Teach academics, how to make a living,
- But what about spiritual gurus?
 - Saints**: Teach us how to attain salvation,



Benefits of Saints

- Gain auspicious qualities:
 - Swadharm, Vairagya, Gyan, Bhakti, Vivek etc.
- Disperse vices :
 - Kaam, Krodh, Lobh, Madh, Irsha, Maan etc.
- Purify Sins:
 - unlike any other tirth, swargi devtas etc.
- General guidance:
 - counselling of everyday life the satsangi way



Who is a Saint?

- Initiated by Dharmvanshi Acharya only (i.e. diocese of the Amdavad & Vadtal Gadi only).
- Follow the 5 Tyag Ashram rules
 - Lustless/Desireless
 - Greedless
 - Tasteless
 - Prideless
 - Affectionless to everything but God



(Just like we have 5 vartman for grahast, sadhu's have 5 vartman for tyagi's)

Who isn't a Saint?

- A sadhu who hasn't been given Bhagwati Diksha by Dharmvanshi Acharya
- A sadhu who thinks themselves as God
- A sadhu who doesn't follow their Tyag Ashram dharm



Not to do avgun of Saints



- People who do:
 - minds become cursed
 - no redemption for it
 - taken to hellish regions
 - has to take rebirths
 - cannot attain moksh
 - is unhappy in life

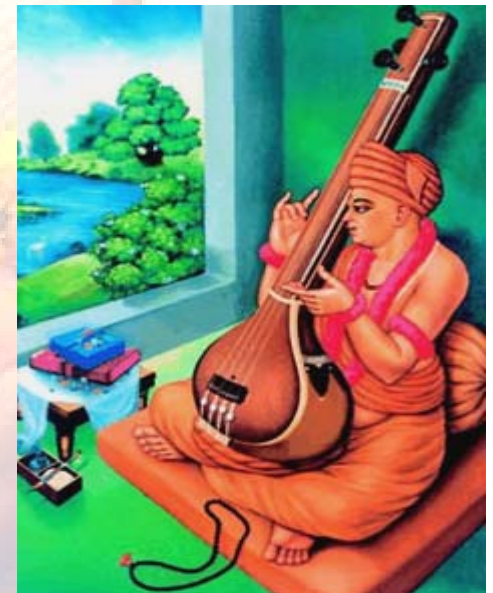
Example of great saints.

- Great saints:

- Muktanand, Santdasji, Vyapkanand, Brahmanand, Gopalanand, Nishkulanand, Bhumanand etc.

- Example: Mahant Achyutdasji Swami

- displayed awareness of saintly persons, devout behaviour, desired only God, intense vairagya also blessed with akhand samadhi by other true saints.





Thanks for listening

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