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One shall never excrete, urinate or spit in places which have been prohibited by religious scriptures and society (dilapidated temples, banks of rivers or ponds, main roads, fields sown with seeds, shades of trees, orchards, gardens) ∥

Shatanand Swami also forbids the pass of nose mucus (snot) in the above places. He also adds to the list of places:

- near somebody's house
- in a king's palace
- near the place of an armed warrior
- where cows are kept (the cow is holy and we should show her the utmost respect)
- near a burrow (a hole or tunnel dug by animals such as badgers in which they live)
- in a pile of ashes
- an estuary where animals live (they drink from that water; if we can't drink from such water then why should we force other souls to go through it)
- standing in a path
- in front of or in close proximity of either a cow, Brahmin, sun, moon, fire, Guru, women, God, a ploughed field, in sand, an old ruin, a cleansed area

Dilapidated temples – even if no one worships there now, they once did and the place is still considered holy.

Shades of tress – We never know which "mahaan" saint may have rested there, to excrete there would be an insult. Also in orchards and gardens, there are souls which live there and make them as a home, if we do not behave in an uncivilised manner in our own homes then why do it in someone else's.

There are 12 forms of excretion

- 1. tallow (animal fat mutton or beef)
- 2. semen
- 3. blood
- 4. the marrow of a bone
- 5. urine
- 6. excrement
- 7. ear and skin dirt (wax)

SERIOR DESCRIPTION

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- 8. nails
- 9. nose mucus
- 10.tears
- 11. eye mucus
- 12. perspiration

Purity and cleanliness are human directives. Nature is home to many creatures and so we should respect it by keeping it clean just as we keep our homes clean.

Cleanliness is Godliness!!!