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## SHIKSHAPATRI BHASHYA SHLOK 27

|| ***One shall never associate with thieves (chor), sinners (paapi), drug addicts (vyasanis), hypocrites, licentious and such other deceitful (kimiya) persons*** ||

This is a general list but should also include:

- Lustful men (womanisers) (kami)
- Discourteous and immodest people
- Those who spend too much and unnecessarily
- Selfish people
- Liars
- Those who question everything (especially Satsang)
- Revengeful people
- Those who rely too much on destiny
- Unrighteous (pakhandi)
- Those who are strong and powerful (for fear of becoming like them or developing a desire to become like them)

**Discuss what can or will happen if we hang out with these kinds of people. Discussion should include the fact that all of these people go away from Maharaj's aagna and there is no way that they would allow you to do sung in their presence, hence taking you away from God. Also, if one associates with these sorts of people long enough, then eventually they end up becoming like them, and won't even realise it till it's too late. Note: 1 Min in circumstances can be long enough!!**

***'jevo sang tevo rung' – you are who you associate with***

SANG (association) – this can be a massive maya (if you associate with people who take you away from God and Satsang) or the path to Lord Swaminarayan Himself (association with true hari bhaktas and Santos will lead you directly to moksha).

Doing sang with the above type of people gives you the equivalent amount of sin as the person committing the sin, hence you have to do the same prayschit (penance). Rishi Brihaspati (priest to the Demi-Gods) outlines 9 things you should avoid doing with a sinner:

1. To sit with
2. To sleep with
3. To sit in line (Pangat) with
4. To drink with
5. To eat with in a line
6. To perform a yagna with
7. To learn with
8. To marry with
9. To eat with generally



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Sang is so powerful that Shatanand Muni even says that associating with a very ill person will eventually lead to the same consequences for yourself. This is not to imply that we should not do seva for the elderly or the ill, it is a mere representation of the power sang can have on us.