



Japji Sahib

A journey towards spirituality
English Translation

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ੴ ਸਤਿ ਨਾਮੁ ਕਰਤਾ ਪੁਰਖੁ ਨਿਰਭਉ ਨਿਰਵੈਰੁ ਅਕਾਲ ਮੂਰਤਿ ਅਜੂਨੀ ਸੈਭੰ ਗੁਰ ਪ੍ਰਸਾਦਿ ॥

ik-o^Nkaar sat naam kartaa purakh nirbha-o nirvair akaal moorat ajoonee saibha^N gur parsaad.

There is only one God whose Name is 'of Eternal Existence'. He is the creator of the universe, all-pervading, without fear, without enmity, independent of time, beyond the cycle of birth and death, self-revealed and is realized by the Guru's grace.

॥ ਜਪੁ ॥

jap.

Name of the composition (means Chant)

ਆਦਿ ਸਚੁ ਜੁਗਾਦਿ ਸਚੁ ॥

aad sach jugaad sach.

God has existed from the beginning and existed throughout the ages.

ਹੈ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਹੋਸੀ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ॥੧॥

hai bhee sach naanak hosee bhee sach. ||1||

O' Nanak, He is true (exists) now and He will be true (exist) forever.

ਸੋਚੈ ਸੋਚਿ ਨ ਹੋਵਈ ਜੇ ਸੋਚੀ ਲਖ ਵਾਰ ॥

sochai soch na hova-ee jay sochee lakh vaar.

Cleaning the body by taking thousands of baths does not clean the mind from the filth of evil thoughts.

ਚੁਪੈ ਚੁਪ ਨ ਹੋਵਈ ਜੇ ਲਾਇ ਰਹਾ ਲਿਵ ਤਾਰ ॥

chupai chup na hova-ee jay laa-ay rahaa liv taar.

Mind does not stop wandering by remaining silent, even by constant ritualistic meditation.

ਭੁਖਿਆ ਭੁਖ ਨ ਉਤਰੀ ਜੇ ਬੰਨਾ ਪੁਰੀਆ ਭਾਰ ॥

bhukhi-aa bhukh na utree jay bannaa puree-aa bhaar.

Hunger or desire for material wealth is not appeased, even by collecting the material wealth of the entire world.

ਸਹਸ ਸਿਆਣਪਾ ਲਖ ਹੋਹਿ ਤ ਇਕ ਨ ਚਲੈ ਨਾਲਿ ॥

sahas si-aanpaa lakh hohi ta ik na chalai naal.

One may have millions of clever ideas, but not even one of those will help at the end.

ਕਿਵ ਸਚਿਆਰਾ ਹੋਈਐ ਕਿਵ ਕੂੜੈ ਤੁਟੈ ਪਾਲਿ ॥

kiv sachi-aaraa ho-ee-ai kiv koorhai tutai paal.

So how can we become truthful? how can the wall of illusion, which separates us from God, be torn away?

ਹੁਕਮਿ ਰਜਾਈ ਚਲਣਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨਾਲਿ ॥੧॥

hukam rajaa-ee chalnaa naanak likhi-aa naal. ||1||

(The answer is that) we should live according to God's command, which, O' Nanak, has been written in our destiny from the very beginning.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੋਵਨਿ ਆਕਾਰ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਨ ਕਹਿਆ ਜਾਈ ॥

hukmee hovan aakaar hukam na kahi-aa jaa-ee.

Everything is created by His command; His command cannot be described.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੋਵਨਿ ਜੀਅ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਮਿਲੈ ਵਡਿਆਈ ॥

hukmee hovan jee-a hukam milai vadi-aa-ee.

All creatures are created by God's command; honor is also received by His command.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਉਤਮੁ ਨੀਚੁ ਹੁਕਮਿ ਲਿਖਿ ਦੁਖ ਸੁਖ ਪਾਈਅਹਿ ॥

hukmee utam neech hukam likh dukh sukh paa-ee-ah.

Some are virtuous and some are wicked by His Will; it is by God's Will, based on their past deeds, some suffer pain while others enjoy bliss.

ਇਕਨਾ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਬਖਸੀਸ ਇਕਿ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਸਦਾ ਭਵਾਈਅਹਿ ॥

iknaa hukmee bakhsees ik hukmee sadaa bhavaa-ee-ah.

By His Command, some are blessed and forgiven while others, by His Command wander aimlessly forever in cycle of birth and death.

ਹੁਕਮੈ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਸਭੁ ਕੋ ਬਾਹਰਿ ਹੁਕਮ ਨ ਕੋਇ ॥

hukme andar sabh ko baahar hukam na ko-ay.

Everyone is subject to His Command; no one is beyond His Command.

ਨਾਨਕ ਹੁਕਮੈ ਜੇ ਬੁਝੈ ਤ ਹਉਮੈ ਕਹੈ ਨ ਕੋਇ ॥੨॥

nanak hukme jay bujhai ta ha-umai kahai na ko-ay. ||2||

O' Nanak, if people understand His Command, then no one will behave egotistically.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਤਾਣੁ ਹੋਵੈ ਕਿਸੈ ਤਾਣੁ ॥

gaavai ko taan hovai kisai taan.

According to their ability, some sing praises of His might.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਦਾਤਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਨੀਸਾਣੁ ॥

gaave ko daat jaanai neesan.

Some sing about His gifts to us (everything we consume) and consider those gifts as proof of His existence.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਗੁਣ ਵਡਿਆਈਆ ਚਾਰ ॥

gaavai ko gun vadi-aa-ee-aa chaar.

Some sing of His noble virtues and His greatness.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਵਿਦਿਆ ਵਿਖਮੁ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

gaave ko vidi-aa vikhman vichaar.

Some sing God's praises by reflecting on the difficult divine knowledge through the power of their education.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਸਾਜਿ ਕਰੇ ਤਨੁ ਖੇਹ ॥

gaava ko saaj karay tan khayh.

Some sing of God's power to create the body and then to reduce it to dust.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਜੀਅ ਲੈ ਫਿਰਿ ਦੇਹ ॥

gaave ko jee-a lai fir dayh.

Some sing that He takes away life and then gives it again in another form.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਜਾਪੈ ਦਿਸੈ ਦੂਰਿ ॥

gaave ko jaapai disai door.

Some sing that God seems so very far away.

ਗਾਵੈ ਕੇ ਵੇਖੈ ਹਾਦਰਾ ਹਦੂਰਿ ॥

gaavai ko vaykhai haadraa hadoor.

Some sing God's praises visualizing Him everywhere.

ਕਥਨਾ ਕਥੀ ਨ ਆਵੈ ਤੋਟਿ ॥

kathnaa kathee na aavai tot.

Many try to describe God's virtues, but there is no end to His virtues.

ਕਥਿ ਕਥਿ ਕਥੀ ਕੋਟੀ ਕੋਟਿ ਕੋਟਿ ॥

kath kath kathee kotee kot kot.

Even though millions have tried to describe His virtues millions of times.

ਦੇਦਾ ਦੇ ਲੈਦੇ ਥਕਿ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

daydaa day laiday thak paahi.

The benefactor God keeps on giving, while those who receive grow weary of receiving.

ਜੁਗਾ ਜੁਗੰਤਰਿ ਖਾਹੀ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

jugaa jugantar khaahee khaahi.

All creatures have been consuming His gifts throughout the ages.

ਹੁਕਮੀ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਚਲਾਏ ਰਾਹੁ ॥

hukmee hukam chalaay raahu.

By His command, God, the great commander, is running the universe on a specific path.

ਨਾਨਕ ਵਿਗਸੈ ਵੇਪਰਵਾਹੁ ॥੩॥

naanak vigsai vayparvaahu. ||3||

O' Nanak, God is always carefree and blissful.

ਸਾਚਾ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਸਾਚੁ ਨਾਇ ਭਾਖਿਆ ਭਾਉ ਅਪਾਰੁ ॥

saachaa saahib saach naa-ay bhaakhi-aa bhaa-o apaar.

God is eternal and so is His justice, His language is that of love and He is infinite.

ਆਖਹਿ ਮੰਗਹਿ ਦੇਹਿ ਦੇਹਿ ਦਾਤਿ ਕਰੇ ਦਾਤਾਰੁ ॥

aakhahi mangahi dayhi dayhi daat karay daataar.

We beg of Him for more and more and the benelovent God keeps on giving.

ਫੇਰਿ ਕਿ ਅਗੈ ਰਖੀਐ ਜਿਤੁ ਦਿਸੈ ਦਰਬਾਰੁ ॥

fayr ke agai rakhee-ai jit disai darbaar.

Then what should we offer Him so we can visualize His presence

ਮੁਹੰ ਕਿ ਬੋਲਣੁ ਬੋਲੀਐ ਜਿਤੁ ਸੁਣਿ ਧਰੇ ਪਿਆਰੁ ॥

muhou ke bolan bolee-ai jit sun Dharay pi-aar.

What words can we speak to evoke His love?

ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤ ਵੇਲਾ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਉ ਵਡਿਆਈ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

amrit vaylaa sach naa-o vadi-aa-ee veechaar.

In the ambrosial hours before dawn, recite the True Name, and contemplate His glorious virtues.

ਕਰਮੀ ਆਵੈ ਕਪੜਾ ਨਦਰੀ ਮੋਖੁ ਦੁਆਰੁ ॥

karmee aavai kapraa nadree mokh du-aar.

The human body is obtained through good deeds but the liberation from vices is attained through His grace.

ਨਾਨਕ ਏਵੈ ਜਾਣੀਐ ਸਭੁ ਆਪੇ ਸਚਿਆਰੁ ॥੪॥

naanak ayvai jaanee-ai sabh aapay sachiaar. ||4||

O' Nanak, this way we realize that God is eternal, all pervading and is everything by Himself.

ਥਾਪਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਇ ਕੀਤਾ ਨ ਹੋਇ ॥

thaapi-aa na jaa-ay keetaa na ho-ay.

He cannot be established (confined), He cannot be created.

ਆਪੇ ਆਪਿ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਸੋਇ ॥

aapay aap niranjan so-ay.

The immaculate God came into existence by Himself.

ਜਿਨਿ ਸੇਵਿਆ ਤਿਨਿ ਪਾਇਆ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

jin sayvi-aa tin paa-i-aa maan.

One who remembered Him with loving devotion, received honor.

ਨਾਨਕ ਗਾਵੀਐ ਗੁਣੀ ਨਿਧਾਨੁ ॥

naanak gaavee-ai gunee niDhaan.

O' Nanak, let us sing the praises of God, the treasure of virtues.

ਗਾਵੀਐ ਸੁਣੀਐ ਮਨਿ ਰਖੀਐ ਭਾਉ ॥

gaavee-ai sunee-ai man rakhee-ai bhaa-o.

Let us sing and listen to His praisings, and enshrine His love in our heart.

ਦੁਖੁ ਪਰਹਰਿ ਸੁਖੁ ਘਰਿ ਲੈ ਜਾਇ ॥

dukh parhar sukh ghar lai jaa-ay.

One who does this, dispels his sorrow and finds inner peace in his heart.

ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਨਾਦੰ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਵੇਦੰ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਰਹਿਆ ਸਮਾਈ ॥

gurmukh naadaN gurmukh vaydaN gurmukh rahi-aa samaa-ee.

Through the Guru's we experience the divine word, through the Guru's we obtain divine knowledge and through the Guru's we realize that God is all pervading.

ਗੁਰੁ ਈਸਰੁ ਗੁਰੁ ਗੋਰਖੁ ਬਰਮਾ ਗੁਰੁ ਪਾਰਬਤੀ ਮਾਈ ॥

gur eesar gur gorakh barmaa gur paarbatee maa-ee.

For us, the Guru himself is Lord Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma and Parvati.

ਜੇ ਹਉ ਜਾਣਾ ਆਖਾ ਨਾਹੀ ਕਹਣਾ ਕਥਨੁ ਨ ਜਾਈ ॥

jay ha-o jaanaa aakhaa naahee kahnaa kathan na jaa-ee.

Even if I realize God, I will not be able to describe Him because He cannot be described in words.

ਗੁਰਾ ਇਕ ਦੇਹਿ ਬੁਝਾਈ ॥

guraa ik dayhi bujhaa-ee.

O' my Guru, please bless me with this understanding that:

ਸਭਨਾ ਜੀਆ ਕਾ ਇਕੁ ਦਾਤਾ ਸੇ ਮੈ ਵਿਸਰਿ ਨ ਜਾਈ ॥੫॥

sabhnaa jee-aa kaa ik daataa so mai visar na jaa-ee. ||5||

I may never forget God, the only provider to all living beings.

ਤੀਰਥਿ ਨਾਵਾ ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਭਾਵਾ ਵਿਣੁ ਭਾਣੇ ਕਿ ਨਾਇ ਕਰੀ ॥

tirath naavaa jay tis bhaavaa vin bhaanay ke naa-ay karee.

I will bathe at pilgrimage sites only if it pleases God; without pleasing God, what is the use of such ritualistic bathing?

ਜੇਤੀ ਸਿਰਠਿ ਉਪਾਈ ਵੇਖਾ ਵਿਣੁ ਕਰਮਾ ਕਿ ਮਿਲੈ ਲਈ ॥

jaytee sirath upaa-ee vaykhaa vin karmaa ke milai la-ee.

When I look at the entire world created by Him, (I realize that) nothing can be obtained without His blessing.

ਮਤਿ ਵਿਚਿ ਰਤਨ ਜਵਾਹਰ ਮਾਣਿਕ ਜੇ ਇਕ ਗੁਰ ਕੀ ਸਿਖ ਸੁਣੀ ॥

mat vich ratan javaahar maanik jay ik gur kee sikh sunee.

The mind becomes rich with precious divine knowledge when one listens to Guru's teachings even once.

ਗੁਰਾ ਇਕ ਦੇਹਿ ਬੁਝਾਈ ॥

guraa ik dayhi bujhaa-ee.

O' my Guru, please bless me with this understanding that;

ਸਭਨਾ ਜੀਆ ਕਾ ਇਕੁ ਦਾਤਾ ਸੇ ਮੈ ਵਿਸਰਿ ਨ ਜਾਈ ॥੬॥

sabhnaa jee-aa kaa ik daataa so mai visar na jaa-ee. ||6||

I may never forget God, the only provider to all living beings.

ਜੇ ਜੁਗ ਚਾਰੇ ਆਰਜਾ ਹੋਰ ਦਸੁਣੀ ਹੋਇ ॥

jay jug chaaray aarjaa hor dasoonee ho-ay.

even if a person lives throughout the four ages, or even ten times more,

ਨਵਾ ਖੰਡਾ ਵਿਚਿ ਜਾਣੀਐ ਨਾਲਿ ਚਲੈ ਸਭੁ ਕੋਇ ॥

navaa khanda vich jaanee-ai naal chalai sabh ko-ay.

and even if he is known throughout the world and is obeyed by everyone,

ਚੰਗਾ ਨਾਉ ਰਖਾਇ ਕੈ ਜਸੁ ਕੀਰਤਿ ਜਗਿ ਲੇਇ ॥

changa naa-o rakhaa-ay kai jas keerat jag lay-ay.

has a good reputation with praise and fame throughout the world,

ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਨਦਰਿ ਨ ਆਵਈ ਤ ਵਾਤ ਨ ਪੁਛੈ ਕੇ ॥

jay tis nadar na aavee ta vaat na puchhai kay.

Still no-one would care about that person without the grace of God.

ਕੀਟਾ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਕੀਟੁ ਕਰਿ ਦੇਸੀ ਦੇਸੁ ਧਰੇ ॥

keetaa andar keet kar dosee dos Dharay.

Such a person is considered very low, (like a lowly worm), and even the sinners will hold him in contempt.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਿਰਗੁਣਿ ਗੁਣੁ ਕਰੇ ਗੁਣਵੰਤਿਆ ਗੁਣੁ ਦੇ ॥

naanak nirgun gun karay gunvanti-aa gun day.

O' Nanak, God can bless even the unvirtuous persons with virtues, and can bestow more virtues on the virtuous.

ਤੇਹਾ ਕੋਇ ਨ ਸੁਝਈ ਜਿ ਤਿਸੁ ਗੁਣੁ ਕੋਇ ਕਰੇ ॥੭॥

tayhaa ko-ay na sujh-ee je tis gun ko-ay karay. ||7||

I cannot even imagine anyone other than God who can bestow virtues upon virtueless.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਿਧ ਪੀਰ ਸੁਰਿ ਨਾਥ ॥

sun-ai siDh peer sur naath.

By listening to God's praises even ordinary persons obtain the status of Sidhas (yogis), Peers (Muslim religious guides), gods, and Naaths (the leaders of yogis).

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਧਰਤਿ ਧਵਲ ਆਕਾਸ ॥

sun-ai Dharat Dhaval aakaas.

By listening to Naam (one understands the mystery of) the earth, and the real bull (or force), which supports earth and the sky.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੀਪ ਲੋਅ ਪਾਤਾਲ ॥

sunī-ai deep lo-a paataal.

By listening to Naam, one understands that God is pervading in all the continents, worlds, and nether regions.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਪੋਹਿ ਨ ਸਕੈ ਕਾਲੁ ॥

sunī-ai pōhi na sakai kaal.

By listening to God's praises, one is not afraid of death.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O' Nanak, His devotees are forever in joy and bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੁਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੮॥

sunī-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||8||

Listening to God's praises, all sorrows and sins are erased. ||8||

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਈਸਰੁ ਬਰਮਾ ਇੰਦੁ ॥

sunī-ai eesar barmaa ind.

Listening to Naam, one obtains the godly qualities like that of Shiva, Brahma and Indra.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਮੁਖਿ ਸਾਲਾਹਣ ਮੰਦੁ ॥

sunī-ai mukh saalaahan mand.

By listening to Naam, even the sinners get enlightened and start singing the praises of God.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਜੋਗ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਤਨਿ ਭੇਦ ॥

sunī-ai jog jugat tan bhayd.

By listening to Naam, one starts understanding the secrets of uniting with God, and the secrets of the human body.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਾਸਤ ਸਿਮ੍ਰਿਤਿ ਵੇਦ ॥

sunī-ai saasat simrit vayd.

By listening to the God's Name, one attains spiritual knowledge described in the holy scriptures.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O' Nanak, the devotees of God are forever in bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੁਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੯॥

sun-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||9||

By listening to God's praises, all sorrows and sins vanish.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਤੁ ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਗਿਆਨੁ ॥

sun-ai sat santokh gi-aan.

By listening to Naam, one acquires truthfulness, contentment and spiritual knowledge.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਅਠਸਠਿ ਕਾ ਇਸਨਾਨੁ ॥

sun-ai athsath kaa isnaan.

By listening to God's praises with adoration, one becomes pious, as if one has bathed at all the holy places.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਪੜਿ ਪੜਿ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

sun-ai parh parh paavahi maan.

By listening to God's praises, the devotees earn the same true honor as one receives by reading holy books (scriptures).

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਲਾਗੈ ਸਹਜਿ ਧਿਆਨੁ ॥

sun-ai laagai sahj Dhi-aan.

By listening to Naam, one intuitively concentrates on Naam.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O' Nanak, the devotees of God are forever in the state of joy and bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੁਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੧੦॥

sun-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||10||

Listening to God's praises with adoration, all sorrows and sins vanish.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸਰਾ ਗੁਣਾ ਕੇ ਗਾਹ ॥

suni-ai saraa gunaa kay gaah.

By listening to God's praises, one becomes immensely virtuous.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਸੇਖ ਪੀਰ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹ ॥

suni-ai saykh peer paatisaah.

By listening to God's praises with loving devotion one attains honor like that of social and religious leaders and the emperors.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਅੰਧੇ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਰਾਹੁ ॥

suni-ai anDhay paavahi raahu.

By listening to Naam, even spiritually ignorant persons find a way to freedom from the vices.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਹਾਥ ਹੋਵੈ ਅਸਗਾਹੁ ॥

suni-ai haath hovai asgaahu.

By listening to Naam, one understands the profoundness of the world-ocean.

ਨਾਨਕ ਭਗਤਾ ਸਦਾ ਵਿਗਾਸੁ ॥

naanak bhagtaa sadaa vigaas.

O' Nanak, the devotees of God are forever in the state of joy and bliss.

ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੂਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ ॥੧੧॥

suni-ai dookh paap kaa naas. ||11||

All sorrows and sins vanish by lovingly listening to God's praises.

ਮੰਨੇ ਕੀ ਗਤਿ ਕਹੀ ਨ ਜਾਇ ॥

mannay kee gat kahee na jaa-ay.

The state of mind of a true believer in God cannot be described,

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਕਹੈ ਪਿਛੈ ਪਛੁਤਾਇ ॥

jay ko kahai pichhai pachhuta-ay.

and if one tries to describe this state, he would afterwards regret.

ਕਾਗਦਿ ਕਲਮ ਨ ਲਿਖਣਹਾਰੁ ॥

kaagad kalam na likhanhaar.

There is not enough paper or pen and writer to write the spiritual state of the mind of a true believer in God,

ਮੰਨੇ ਕਾ ਬਹਿ ਕਰਨਿ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

mannay kaa bahi karan veechaar.

even though some people do reflect over it anyway.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such a blissful is the Name of the Immaculate God,

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੇਇ ॥੧੨॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||12||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the core of his heart.

ਮੰਨੈ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਹੋਵੈ ਮਨਿ ਬੁਧਿ ॥

mannai surat hovai man buDh.

By believing in Naam, one's mind and intellect becomes spiritually enlightened.

ਮੰਨੈ ਸਗਲ ਭਵਣ ਕੀ ਸੁਧਿ ॥

mannai sagal bhavan kee suDh.

By having complete faith in God, one becomes knowledgeable about all the worlds (that God pervades everywhere).

ਮੰਨੈ ਮੁਹਿ ਚੋਟਾ ਨਾ ਖਾਇ ॥

mannai muhi chotaa na khaa-ay.

By having complete faith in God, one is not afflicted by worldly evils.

ਮੰਨੈ ਜਮ ਕੈ ਸਾਥਿ ਨ ਜਾਇ ॥

mannai jam kai saath na jaa-ay.

By having complete faith in God, one does not have to face the demon of death.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such a blissful is the Name of the Immaculate God,

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੇਇ ॥੧੩॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||13||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the core of his heart.

ਮੰਨੈ ਮਾਰਗਿ ਠਾਕ ਨ ਪਾਇ ॥

mannai maarag thaak na paa-ay.

A true believer in God never faces any obstacles in his spiritual journey.

ਮੰਨੈ ਪਤਿ ਸਿਉ ਪਰਗਟੁ ਜਾਇ ॥

mannai pat si-o pargat jaa-ay.

A true believer in Naam departs from the world with honor and fame.

ਮੰਨੈ ਮਗੁ ਨ ਚਲੈ ਪੰਥੁ ॥

mannai mag na chalai panth.

A true believer in Naam is not misled into sects or ritualistic religious paths.

ਮੰਨੈ ਧਰਮ ਸੇਤੀ ਸਨਬੰਧੁ ॥

mannai Dharam saytee san-banDh.

A true believer in Naam is bound to the truth and righteousness.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such a blissful is the Name of the Immaculate God,

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੇਇ ॥੧੪॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||14||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the core of his heart.

ਮੰਨੈ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਮੋਖੁ ਦੁਆਰੁ ॥

mannai paavahi mokh du-aar.

The true believers in God, find the path to freedom from the false worldly attachments.

ਮੰਨੈ ਪਰਵਾਰੈ ਸਾਧਾਰੁ ॥

mannai parvaarai saaDhaar.

A true believer in God, makes his family believe in God's support.

ਮੰਨੈ ਤਰੈ ਤਾਰੇ ਗੁਰੁ ਸਿਖ ॥

mannai tarai taaray gur sikh.

Such a believer not only saves himself but also saves other disciples of the Guru.

ਮੰਨੈ ਨਾਨਕ ਭਵਹਿ ਨ ਭਿਖ ॥

mannai naanak bhavahi na bhikh.

O' Nanak, such believers in Naam do not beg for favors from others.

ਐਸਾ ਨਾਮੁ ਨਿਰੰਜਨੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

aisaa naam niranjan ho-ay.

Such a blissful is the Name of the Immaculate God,

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਮੰਨਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਮਨਿ ਕੋਇ ॥੧੫॥

jay ko man jaanai man ko-ay. ||15||

but it is understood only if one truly believes in it from the core of his heart.

ਪੰਚ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ਪੰਚ ਪਰਧਾਨੁ ॥

panch parvaan panch parDhaan.

Those who truly understand and obey God's command become Panch (approved by God) and they lead others.

ਪੰਚੇ ਪਾਵਹਿ ਦਰਗਹਿ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

panchay paavahi dargahi maan.

These approved ones are honored in God's presence.

ਪੰਚੇ ਸੋਹਹਿ ਦਰਿ ਰਾਜਾਨੁ ॥

panchay sohahi dar raajaan.

These approved ones grace the court of God, the king of all the kings.

ਪੰਚਾ ਕਾ ਗੁਰੁ ਏਕੁ ਧਿਆਨੁ ॥

panchaa kaa gur ayk Dhi-aan.

Their minds always remain attuned to the Divine-Guru.

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਕਹੈ ਕਰੈ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

jay ko kahai karai veechaar.

No matter how much anyone tries to explain and describe,

ਕਰਤੇ ਕੈ ਕਰਣੈ ਨਾਹੀ ਸੁਮਾਰੁ ॥

kartay kai karnai naahee sumaar.

the creation of the Creator cannot be comprehended.

ਧੌਲੁ ਧਰਮੁ ਦਇਆ ਕਾ ਪੂਤੁ ॥

Dhoul Dharam da-i-aa kaa poot.

Dharma (righteousness) is the force supporting the universe and not dhaul, the mythical bull; righteousness comes from compassion.

ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਥਾਪਿ ਰਖਿਆ ਜਿਨਿ ਸੂਤਿ ॥

santokh thaap rakhi-aa jin soot.

Dharma (righteousness) based on compassion and patience supports this earth.

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਬੁਝੈ ਹੋਵੈ ਸਚਿਆਰੁ ॥

jay ko bujhai hovai sachiaar.

If one understands this concept, then he comes to know the real truth,

ਧਵਲੈ ਉਪਰਿ ਕੇਤਾ ਭਾਰੁ ॥

Dhavlai upar kaytaa bhaar.

that it is the Law of God that supports the universe; how can a bull bear the tremendous weight of the earth?.

ਧਰਤੀ ਹੋਰੁ ਪਰੈ ਹੋਰੁ ਹੋਰੁ ॥

Dhartee hor parai hor hor.

There are innumerable earths beyond this planet-earth.

ਤਿਸ ਤੇ ਭਾਰੁ ਤਲੈ ਕਵਣੁ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

tis tay bhaar talai kavan jor.

What power holds them, and supports their weight?

ਜੀਅ ਜਾਤਿ ਰੰਗਾ ਕੇ ਨਾਵ ॥

jee-a jaat rangaa kay naav.

There are countless species of creatures with various colors and names,

ਸਭਨਾ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਵੁੜੀ ਕਲਾਮ ॥

sabhnaa likhi-aa vurhee kalaam.

The ever-flowing pen of God has written the account of all.

ਏਹੁ ਲੇਖਾ ਲਿਖਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

ayhu laykhaa likh jaanai ko-ay.

If anyone knows how to write this kind of account,

ਲੇਖਾ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਕੇਤਾ ਹੋਇ ॥

laykhaa likhi-aa kaytaa ho-ay.

even if this account is written, just imagine how big that account will be?

ਕੇਤਾ ਤਾਣੁ ਸੁਆਲਿਹੁ ਰੂਪੁ ॥

kaytaa taan su-aali hu roop.

What is the extent of God's power and the vastness of His beautiful creation?

ਕੇਤੀ ਦਾਤਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਕੌਣੁ ਕੂਤੁ ॥

kaytee daat jaanai koun koot.

And who can estimate the extent of His bounties?

ਕੀਤਾ ਪਸਾਉ ਏਕੇ ਕਵਾਉ ॥

keetaa pasaa-o ayko kavaa-o.

God is so powerful that He created the vast expanse of the Universe just with one word of His command,

ਤਿਸ ਤੇ ਹੋਏ ਲਖ ਦਰੀਆਉ ॥

tis tay ho-ay lakh daree-aa-o.

And from that emerged millions of lives and systems of the universe.

ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕਵਣ ਕਹਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kudrat kavan kahaa veechaar.

Who am I to express my thoughts about the extent of God's creation?

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am so powerless, that I am not even worthy of dedicating myself once for You.

ਜੇ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' God, whatever pleases You, is best for us.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੬॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||16||

O' the formless God, only You are the eternal one.

ਅਸੰਖ ਜਪ ਅਸੰਖ ਭਾਉ ॥

asa^Nkh jap asa^Nkh bhaa-o.

O' God, countless people meditate on Your Name and remember You with Love.

ਅਸੰਖ ਪੂਜਾ ਅਸੰਖ ਤਪ ਤਾਉ ॥

asa^Nkh poojaa asa^Nkh tap taa-o.

Countless people are engaged in Your devotional worship, and countless are doing penance sitting in front of smoldering fires.

ਅਸੰਖ ਗਰੰਥ ਮੁਖਿ ਵੇਦ ਪਾਠ ॥

asa^Nkh garanth mukh vayd paath.

Countless people are reciting the vedas and the holy books.

ਅਸੰਖ ਜੋਗ ਮਨਿ ਰਹਹਿ ਉਦਾਸ ॥

asa^Nkh jog man rahahi u^daaas.

Limitless are those who practice yoga, and in their minds they remain detached from the world.

ਅਸੰਖ ਭਗਤ ਗੁਣ ਗਿਆਨ ਵੀਚਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh bhagat gun gi-aan veechaar.

Countless devotees contemplate the virtues and wisdom of the Almighty.

ਅਸੰਖ ਸਤੀ ਅਸੰਖ ਦਾਤਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh sa^ttee asa^Nkh da^ataar.

There are countless holy persons and countless philanthropists.

ਅਸੰਖ ਸੂਰ ਮੁਹ ਭਖ ਸਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh soor muh bhakh saar.

There are countless heroes who face the brunt of steel weapons in battle.

ਅਸੰਖ ਮੋਨਿ ਲਿਵ ਲਾਇ ਤਾਰ ॥

asa^Nkh mon liv laa-ay taar.

Countless are the sages who are attuned to God in single-minded devotion

ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕਵਣ ਕਹਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kudratⁱ kavanⁱ kahaa veechaar.

Who am I to assess the extent of God's creation?

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am not worthy to dedicate myself to You even once.

ਜੋ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' God, whatever pleases You, is best for all.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੭॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||17||

O' the formless God, only You are the eternal one.

ਅਸੰਖ ਮੂਰਖ ਅੰਧ ਘੋਰ ॥

asa^Nkh moorakh anDh ghor.

In the world, there are countless fools who are blinded by complete ignorance.

ਅਸੰਖ ਚੋਰ ਹਰਾਮਖੋਰ ॥

asa^Nkh chor haraamkhor.

Countless are thieves and embezzlers.

ਅਸੰਖ ਅਮਰ ਕਰਿ ਜਾਹਿ ਜੋਰ ॥

asa^Nkh amar kar jaahi jor.

Countless impose their will on others by force.

ਅਸੰਖ ਗਲਵਢ ਹਤਿਆ ਕਮਾਹਿ ॥

asa^Nkh galvadh haṭi-aa kamaahi.

Countless are cut-throats and ruthless killers.

ਅਸੰਖ ਪਾਪੀ ਪਾਪੁ ਕਰਿ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

asa^Nkh paapee paap kar jaahi.

Countless are sinners who keep on committing sins.

ਅਸੰਖ ਕੂੜਿਆਰ ਕੂੜੇ ਫਿਰਾਹਿ ॥

asa^Nkh koorhi-aar koorhay firaahi.

Countless are liars, wandering lost in their lies.

ਅਸੰਖ ਮਲੇਛ ਮਲੁ ਭਖਿ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

asa^Nkh malaychh mal bhakh khaahi.

Countless are wicked who thrive on immoral behavior.

ਅਸੰਖ ਨਿੰਦਕ ਸਿਰਿ ਕਰਹਿ ਭਾਰੁ ॥

asa^Nkh nindak sir karahi bhaar.

Innumerable are the ones who speak ill of others and by doing so, carry the load of slander on their heads.

ਨਾਨਕੁ ਨੀਚੁ ਕਹੈ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

naanak neech kahai veechaar.

Lowly Nanak, only expresses this thought,

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am not worthy to dedicate myself to You even once.

ਜੇ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' God, whatever pleases You, that alone is the best deed for all.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੮॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||18||

O' the formless God, only You are the eternal one.

ਅਸੰਖ ਨਾਵ ਅਸੰਖ ਥਾਵ ॥

asa^Nkh naav asa^Nkh thaav.

Countless are the names of Your creations and countless their places.

ਅਗੰਮ ਅਗੰਮ ਅਸੰਖ ਲੋਅ ॥

agamm agamm asa^Nkh lo-a.

There are countless worlds that are inaccessible and beyond imagination.

ਅਸੰਖ ਕਹਹਿ ਸਿਰਿ ਭਾਰੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

asa^Nkh kehahi sir bhaar ho-ay.

Even to call them countless amounts to carrying loads of sin on the head.

ਅਖਰੀ ਨਾਮੁ ਅਖਰੀ ਸਾਲਾਹ ॥

akhree naam akhree saalaah.

It is by the use of the words that God's Name can be recited; it is by the use of the words that His praises can be sung.

ਅਖਰੀ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਗੀਤ ਗੁਣ ਗਾਹ ॥

akhree gi-aan geet gun gaah.

It is through the medium of words that divine knowledge can be acquired, His praises be sung and virtues be known.

ਅਖਰੀ ਲਿਖਣੁ ਬੋਲਣੁ ਬਾਣਿ ॥

akhree likhan bolan baan.

The written and spoken language can only be expressed using words.

ਅਖਰਾ ਸਿਰਿ ਸੰਜੋਗੁ ਵਖਾਣਿ ॥

akhraa sir sanjog vakhaan.

Only through words one's destiny can be explained.

ਜਿਨਿ ਏਹਿ ਲਿਖੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਸਿਰਿ ਨਾਹਿ ॥

jin ayhi likhay tis sir naahi.

But God who has written everybody's destiny, is beyond destiny.

ਜਿਵ ਫੁਰਮਾਏ ਤਿਵ ਤਿਵ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

jiv furmaa-ay tiv tiv paahi.

As God ordains, so do we receive.

ਜੇਤਾ ਕੀਤਾ ਤੇਤਾ ਨਾਉ ॥

jaytaa keetaa taytaa naa-o.

Whatever God has created is His manifestation (His Naam),

ਵਿਣੁ ਨਾਵੈ ਨਾਹੀ ਕੇ ਥਾਉ ॥

vin naavai naahee ko thaa-o.

Without His Name, there is no place at all.

ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕਵਣ ਕਹਾ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kudrat kavan kahaa veechaar.

How can I comprehend and describe Your creation?

ਵਾਰਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਵਾ ਏਕ ਵਾਰ ॥

vaari-aa na jaavaa ayk vaar.

I am not worthy to dedicate myself to You even once.

ਜੇ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸਾਈ ਭਲੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

jo tuDh bhaavai saa-ee bhalee kaar.

O' God, whatever pleases You, that alone is the best deed for all.

ਤੂ ਸਦਾ ਸਲਾਮਤਿ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰ ॥੧੯॥

too sadaa salaamat nirankaar. ||19||

O' the formless God! You alone are the eternal one.

ਭਰੀਐ ਹਥ ਪੈਰੁ ਤਨੁ ਦੇਹ ॥

bharee-ai hath pair tan dayh.

If the hands, the feet and the body get soiled,

ਪਾਣੀ ਧੋਤੈ ਉਤਰਸੁ ਖੇਹ ॥

paanee Dhotai utras khayh.

then by washing with water the dirt goes away.

ਮੂਤ ਪਲੀਤੀ ਕਪੜੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

moot paleetee kaparh ho-ay.

If the clothes are soiled and stained by urine,

ਦੇ ਸਾਬੂਣੁ ਲਈਐ ਓਹੁ ਧੋਇ ॥

day saaboon la-ee-ai oh Dho-ay.

The it is washed by soap.

ਭਰੀਐ ਮਤਿ ਪਾਪਾ ਕੈ ਸੰਗਿ ॥

bharee-ai mat paapaa kai sang.

But when the intellect is polluted by sins,

ਓਹੁ ਧੋਏ ਨਾਵੈ ਕੈ ਰੰਗਿ ॥

oh Dhopai naavai kai rang.

it can only be cleansed by lovingly remembering God's Name.

ਪੁੰਨੀ ਪਾਪੀ ਆਖਣੁ ਨਾਹਿ ॥

punnee paapee aakhan naahi.

Virtuous and sinner are not just names or words for saying,

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਣਾ ਲਿਖਿ ਲੈ ਜਾਹੁ ॥

kar kar karnaa likh lai jaahu.

Whatever deeds you do in this world, you will take those attributes with you to the next life.

ਆਪੇ ਬੀਜਿ ਆਪੇ ਹੀ ਖਾਹੁ ॥

aapay beej aapay hee khaahu.

You would eat what you sow (you will endure the consequences of your deeds)

ਨਾਨਕ ਹੁਕਮੀ ਆਵਹੁ ਜਾਹੁ ॥੨੦॥

naanak hukmee aavhu jaahu. ||20||

O' Nanak, by God's divine law, (based on your deeds) you will remain in the cycle of birth and death.

ਤੀਰਥੁ ਤਪੁ ਦਇਆ ਦਤੁ ਦਾਨੁ ॥

tirath tap da-i-aa dat daan.

Pilgrimages, austere discipline, compassion and charity.

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਪਾਵੈ ਤਿਲ ਕਾ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

jay ko paavai til kaa maan.

these, by themselves, bring only an iota of merit.

ਸੁਣਿਆ ਮੰਨਿਆ ਮਨਿ ਕੀਤਾ ਭਾਉ ॥

sun-aa man-aa man keetaa bhaa-o.

One who has listened and believed in God's Name with love in mind,

ਅੰਤਰਗਤਿ ਤੀਰਥਿ ਮਲਿ ਨਾਉ ॥

antargat tirath mal naa-o.

he has purified himself by bathing in the holy place of his inner self (where God resides), and has truly removed the filth of sins.

ਸਭਿ ਗੁਣ ਤੇਰੇ ਮੈ ਨਾਹੀ ਕੋਇ ॥

sabh gun tayray mai naahee ko-ay.

O' God, all the virtues in me are Your gifts; on my own, I have none.

ਵਿਣੁ ਗੁਣ ਕੀਤੇ ਭਗਤਿ ਨ ਹੋਇ ॥

vin gun keetay bhagat na ho-ay.

Without You bestowing these virtues, I cannot perform Your devotional worship.

ਸੁਅਸਤਿ ਆਥਿ ਬਾਣੀ ਬਰਮਾਉ ॥

su-asat aath banee barmaa-o.

O' God! You Yourself are Maya, Yourself the divine Word, and Yourself Brahma, I bow to You.

ਸਤਿ ਸੁਹਾਣੁ ਸਦਾ ਮਨਿ ਚਾਉ ॥

sat suhaan sadaa man chaa-o.

You are eternal, immaculate and Your mind always remains delighted.

ਕਵਣੁ ਸੁ ਵੇਲਾ ਵਖਤੁ ਕਵਣੁ ਕਵਣੁ ਥਿਤਿ ਕਵਣੁ ਵਾਰੁ ॥

kavan so vaylaa vakhat kavan kavan thit kavan vaar.

What was that time and what was that moment? What was that day and what was that date?

ਕਵਣਿ ਸਿ ਰੁਤੀ ਮਾਹੁ ਕਵਣੁ ਜਿਤੁ ਹੋਆ ਆਕਾਰੁ ॥

kavan se rutee maahu kavan jit ho-aa aakaar.

What was that season and what was that month, when the Universe was created?

ਵੇਲ ਨ ਪਾਈਆ ਪੰਡਤੀ ਜਿ ਹੋਵੈ ਲੇਖੁ ਪੁਰਾਣੁ ॥

vayl na paa-ee-aa pandtee je hovai laykh puraan.

The pandits did not know that time when the universe was created, otherwise they would have recorded in the holy books.

ਵਖਤੁ ਨ ਪਾਇਓ ਕਾਦੀਆ ਜਿ ਲਿਖਨਿ ਲੇਖੁ ਕੁਰਾਣੁ ॥

vakhat na paa-i-o kaadee-aa je likhan laykh kuraan.

That time is not known to the Qazis, otherwise it would have been written in the Koran.

ਥਿਤਿ ਵਾਰੁ ਨਾ ਜੋਗੀ ਜਾਣੈ ਰੁਤਿ ਮਾਹੁ ਨਾ ਕੋਈ ॥

thit vaar naa jogee jaanai rut maahu naa ko-ee.

Neither any yogi nor any other person knows the lunar or solar day, season, or month in which this universe was created.

ਜਾ ਕਰਤਾ ਸਿਰਠੀ ਕਉ ਸਾਜੇ ਆਪੇ ਜਾਣੈ ਸੋਈ ॥

jaa kartaa sirthee ka-o saajay aapay jaanai so-ee.

Only the Creator who created this creation knows about it.

ਕਿਵ ਕਰਿ ਆਖਾ ਕਿਵ ਸਾਲਾਹੀ ਕਿਉ ਵਰਨੀ ਕਿਵ ਜਾਣਾ ॥

kiv kar aakhaa kiv saalaahie ki-o varnee kiv jaanaa.

How can I describe God's greatness, how can I praise Him? How can I understand and describe His virtues?

ਨਾਨਕ ਆਖਣਿ ਸਭੁ ਕੇ ਆਖੈ ਇਕ ਦੂ ਇਕੁ ਸਿਆਣਾ ॥

naanak aakhan sabh ko aakhai ik doo ik si-aanaa.

O' Nanak, everyone tries to describe the glory of God, while each thinking himself wiser than the others.

ਵਡਾ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਵਡੀ ਨਾਈ ਕੀਤਾ ਜਾ ਕਾ ਹੋਵੈ ॥

vadaa saahib vadee naa-ee keetaa jaa kaa hovai.

God is the supreme Master, and great is His glory; whatever happens is according to His will.

ਨਾਨਕ ਜੇ ਕੇ ਆਪੋ ਜਾਣੈ ਅਗੈ ਗਇਆ ਨ ਸੋਹੈ ॥੨੧॥

naanak jay ko aapou jaanai agai ga-i-aa na sohai. ||21||

O' Nanak, if anyone claims to know all about God and His creation, would not be honored in God's presence.

ਪਾਤਾਲਾ ਪਾਤਾਲ ਲਖ ਆਗਾਸਾ ਆਗਾਸ ॥

paataalaa paataal lakh aagaasaa aagaas.

There are nether regions beneath nether regions of this world, and hundreds of thousands of heavenly worlds above.

ਓੜਕ ਓੜਕ ਭਾਲਿ ਥਕੇ ਵੇਦ ਕਹਨਿ ਇਕ ਵਾਤ ॥

orhak orhak bhaal thakay vayd kahan ik vaat.

The vedas say that scholars have exhausted themselves trying to find the limits of God's creation.

ਸਹਸ ਅਠਾਰਹ ਕਹਨਿ ਕਤੇਬਾ ਅਸੁਲੂ ਇਕੁ ਧਾਤੁ ॥

sahas atharah kahan kataybaa asuloo ik Dhaat.

The scriptures say that there are eighteen thousand worlds, which originated from a single source, the Creator-God.

ਲੇਖਾ ਹੋਇ ਤ ਲਿਖੀਐ ਲੇਖੈ ਹੋਇ ਵਿਣਾਸੁ ॥

laykhaa ho-ay ta likee-ai laykhai ho-ay vinaas.

Accounting for the limitless and infinite creation of God is just not possible due to lack of digits because while counting, the digits would end.

ਨਾਨਕ ਵਡਾ ਆਖੀਐ ਆਪੇ ਜਾਣੈ ਆਪੁ ॥੨੨॥

naanak vadaa aakhee-ai aapay jaanai aap. ||22||

O' Nanak, God is great, He alone knows how great He is.

ਸਾਲਾਹੀ ਸਾਲਾਹਿ ਏਤੀ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਨ ਪਾਈਆ ॥

saalaahee saalaahi aytee surat na paa-ee-aa.

Even those who praise God cannot comprehend how great He is?.

ਨਦੀਆ ਅਤੈ ਵਾਹ ਪਵਹਿ ਸਮੁੰਦਿ ਨ ਜਾਣੀਅਹਿ ॥

nadee-aa atai vaah pavahi samund na jaanee-ahi.

They are like those streams and rivers flowing into the ocean, but do not know the vastness of the ocean.

ਸਮੁੰਦ ਸਾਹ ਸੁਲਤਾਨ ਗਿਰਹਾ ਸੇਤੀ ਮਾਲੁ ਧਨੁ ॥

samund saah sultaan girhaa saytee maal Dhan.

Even kings and emperors, with mountains of property and oceans of wealth,

ਕੀੜੀ ਤੁਲਿ ਨ ਹੋਵਨੀ ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਮਨਹੁ ਨ ਵੀਸਰਹਿ ॥੨੩॥

keerhee tul na hovnee jay tis manhu na veesrahi. ||23||

they are no match to the poorest of the poor who does not forget God.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਸਿਫਤੀ ਕਹਣਿ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

ant na siftee kahan na ant.

There is no end to God's virtues, there is no end to their descriptions.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਕਰਣੈ ਦੇਣਿ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

ant na karnai dayn na ant.

There is no end to His creation, there is no end to His gifts to us.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਵੇਖਣਿ ਸੁਣਣਿ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

ant na vaykhan sunan na ant.

The limits of His virtues cannot be perceived by looking at or hearing about His creation.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਪੈ ਕਿਆ ਮਨਿ ਮੰਤੁ ॥

ant na jaapai ki-aa man mant.

It is impossible to know what is God's motive?

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਪੈ ਕੀਤਾ ਆਕਾਰੁ ॥

ant na jaapai keetaa aakaar.

The limits of the created universe cannot be perceived.

ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਪੈ ਪਾਰਾਵਾਰੁ ॥

ant na jaapai paaraavaar.

It is impossible to know where His creation starts and where it ends.

ਅੰਤ ਕਾਰਣਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਬਿਲਲਾਹਿ ॥

ant kaaran kaytay billaahi.

Many struggle to know His limits,

ਤਾ ਕੇ ਅੰਤ ਨ ਪਾਏ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

taa kay ant na paa-ay jaahi.

but His limits cannot be found.

ਏਹੁ ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਜਾਣੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

ayhu ant na jaanai ko-ay.

No one can know these limits.

ਬਹੁਤਾ ਕਹੀਐ ਬਹੁਤਾ ਹੋਇ ॥

bahutaa kahee-ai bahutaa ho-ay.

The more you say about them, the more there still remains to be said.

ਵਡਾ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਉਚਾ ਥਾਉ ॥

vadaa saahib oochaa thaa-o.

He is the supreme Master and His abode is the Highest.

ਉਚੇ ਉਪਰਿ ਉਚਾ ਨਾਉ ॥

oochay upar oochaa naa-o.

Highest of the High, is His glory.

ਏਵਡੁ ਊਚਾ ਹੋਵੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

ayvad oochaa hovai ko-ay.

Only someone as great as Him,

ਤਿਸੁ ਊਚੇ ਕਉ ਜਾਣੈ ਸੋਇ ॥

tis oochay ka-o jaanai so-ay.

can know His supreme and Exalted State.

ਜੇਵਡੁ ਆਪਿ ਜਾਣੈ ਆਪਿ ਆਪਿ ॥

jayvad aap jaanai aap aap.

Only He Himself knows how Great He Is.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਦਰੀ ਕਰਮੀ ਦਾਤਿ ॥੨੪॥

naanak nadree karmee daat. ||24||

O' Nanak, His blessing is received only by His gracious glance.

ਬਹੁਤਾ ਕਰਮੁ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨਾ ਜਾਇ ॥

bahutaa karam likhi-aa naa jaa-ay.

His Blessings are so abundant that there can be no written account of them.

ਵਡਾ ਦਾਤਾ ਤਿਲੁ ਨ ਤਮਾਇ ॥

vadaa daataa til na tamaa-ay.

The Great Giver has no greed or expectation of anything in return.

ਕੇਤੇ ਮੰਗਹਿ ਜੋਧ ਅਪਾਰ ॥

kaytay mangahi joDh apaar.

There are so many great, heroic warriors begging at the door of the infinite God.

ਕੇਤਿਆ ਗਣਤ ਨਹੀ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

kayti-aa ganat nahee veechaar.

Many more, who cannot be counted, are begging for His bounties.

ਕੇਤੇ ਖਪਿ ਤੁਟਹਿ ਵੇਕਾਰ ॥

kaytay khap tutahi vaykaar.

Many remain consumed in vices and die in anxiety.

ਕੇਤੇ ਲੈ ਲੈ ਮੁਕਰੁ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay lai lai mukar paahi.

Many keep on receiving His gifts, but deny receiving them.

ਕੇਤੇ ਮੂਰਖ ਖਾਹੀ ਖਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay moorakh khaahee khaahi.

So many fools keep on consuming, but forget the Giver.

ਕੇਤਿਆ ਦੂਖ ਭੂਖ ਸਦ ਮਾਰ ॥

kayti-aa dookh bhookh sad maar.

So many are destined to endure distress, deprivation and constant abuse.

ਏਹਿ ਭਿ ਦਾਤਿ ਤੇਰੀ ਦਾਤਾਰ ॥

ayhi bhe daat tayree daataar.

O' great giver, even these sufferings are Your blessings, because many times people remember's You only in distress.

ਬੰਦਿ ਖਲਾਸੀ ਭਾਣੈ ਹੋਇ ॥

band khalaasee bhaanai ho-ay.

Freedom from attachment to worldly things comes only by accepting Your Will.

ਹੋਰੁ ਆਖਿ ਨ ਸਕੈ ਕੋਇ ॥

hor aakh na sakai ko-ay.

No one else has any say in this.

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਖਾਇਕੁ ਆਖਣਿ ਪਾਇ ॥

jay ko khaa-ik aakhan paa-ay.

If some fool presume that he does have a say in it,

ਓਹੁ ਜਾਣੈ ਜੇਤੀਆ ਮੁਹਿ ਖਾਇ ॥

oh jaanai jaytee-aa muhi khaa-ay.

only he would know how much suffering he will have to endure for this folly.

ਆਪੇ ਜਾਣੈ ਆਪੇ ਦੇਇ ॥

aapay jaanai aapay day-ay.

God Himself knows our needs, and He on His own, keeps on giving.'

ਆਖਹਿ ਸਿ ਭਿ ਕੇਈ ਕੇਇ ॥

aakhahi se bhe kay-ee kay-ay.

Yet only a few acknowledge this (fact).

ਜਿਸ ਨੇ ਬਖਸੇ ਸਿਫਤਿ ਸਾਲਾਹ ॥

jis no bakhsay sifat saalaah.

One who is blessed to sing the praises of God,

ਨਾਨਕ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹੀ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹੁ ॥੨੫॥

naanak paatisaahē paatisaahu. ||25||

O' Nanak, he is the spiritually richest person in the world.

ਅਮੁਲ ਗੁਣ ਅਮੁਲ ਵਾਪਾਰ ॥

amul gun amul vaapaar.

Priceless are God's virtues, priceless is the effort to acquire those virtues.

ਅਮੁਲ ਵਾਪਾਰੀਏ ਅਮੁਲ ਭੰਡਾਰ ॥

amul vaapaaree-ay amul bhandaar.

Priceless are those who acquire and priceless are Your treasures.

ਅਮੁਲ ਆਵਹਿ ਅਮੁਲ ਲੈ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

amul aavahi amul lai jaahi.

Priceless are those who come to this world and depart after acquiring His virtues.

ਅਮੁਲ ਭਾਇ ਅਮੁਲਾ ਸਮਾਹਿ ॥

amul bhaa-ay amulaa samaahi.

Priceless are those who are imbued in His love and are absorbed in Him.

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਧਰਮੁ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਦੀਬਾਣੁ ॥

amul Dharam amul deebaana.

Priceless is the Divine Law and Priceless is Divine Justice.

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਤੁਲੁ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ॥

amul tul amul parvaan.

Priceless is His system of justice and Priceless are the laws of Divine justice.

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਬਖਸੀਸ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਨੀਸਾਣੁ ॥

amul bakhsees amul neesaan.

Priceless are His blessings and priceless are His bounties (mark of His grace)

ਅਮੁਲੁ ਕਰਮੁ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਫੁਰਮਾਣੁ ॥

amul karam amul furmaan.

Priceless is His Mercy, Priceless is His Command.

ਅਮੁਲੇ ਅਮੁਲੁ ਆਖਿਆ ਨ ਜਾਇ ॥

amulo amul aakhi-aa na jaa-ay.

He is priceless, priceless beyond any expression.

ਆਖਿ ਆਖਿ ਰਹੇ ਲਿਵ ਲਾਇ ॥

aakh aakh rahay liv laa-ay.

Many continuously describe His virtues and go into deep meditation, but still cannot fully describe them.

ਆਖਹਿ ਵੇਦ ਪਾਠ ਪੁਰਾਣ ॥

aakhahi vayd paath puraan.

The writings in the holy scriptures (Vedas and Puranas) try to describe Him.

ਆਖਹਿ ਪੜੇ ਕਰਹਿ ਵਖਿਆਣ ॥

aakhahi parhay karahi vakhi-aan.

The scholars speak of Him and give discourses to describe Him.

ਆਖਹਿ ਬਰਮੇ ਆਖਹਿ ਇੰਦ ॥

aakhahi barmay aakhahi ind.

Countless brahma and Indra speak of God's glory.

ਆਖਹਿ ਗੋਪੀ ਤੈ ਗੋਵਿੰਦ ॥

aakhahi gopee tai govind.

Countless Krishna and his Gopis sing God's praises

ਆਖਹਿ ਈਸਰ ਆਖਹਿ ਸਿਧ ॥

aakhahi eesar aakhahi siDh.

Countless shiva and siddhas (men of miracles) sing praises of God.

ਆਖਹਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਬੁਧ ॥

aakhahi kaytay keetay buDh.

Many intellectuals created by God describe His virtues.

ਆਖਹਿ ਦਾਨਵ ਆਖਹਿ ਦੇਵ ॥

aakhahi daanav aakhahi dayv.

The demons and the angels also sing God's praises.

ਆਖਹਿ ਸੁਰਿ ਨਰ ਮੁਨਿ ਜਨ ਸੇਵ ॥

aakhahi sur nar mun jan sayv.

Many pious men, sages and their followers sing God's praises.

ਕੇਤੇ ਆਖਹਿ ਆਖਣਿ ਪਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay aakhahi aakhan paahi.

Many are describing and many are getting ready to describe God's virtues according to their capabilities.

ਕੇਤੇ ਕਹਿ ਕਹਿ ਉਠਿ ਉਠਿ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

kaytay kahi kahi uth uth jaahi.

Many depart from this world after repeatedly speaking about God's virtues.

ਏਤੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਹੋਰਿ ਕਰੇਹਿ ॥

aytay keetay hor karayhi.

O' God, if You were to create as many people again as there already are,

ਤਾ ਆਖਿ ਨ ਸਕਹਿ ਕੇਈ ਕੇਇ ॥

taa aakh na sakahi kay-ee kay-ay.

even then, they would not be able to fully describe Your virtues.

ਜੇਵਡੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਤੇਵਡੁ ਹੋਇ ॥

jayvad bhaavai tayvad ho-ay.

God becomes as Great as He wishes to be.

ਨਾਨਕ ਜਾਣੈ ਸਾਚਾ ਸੋਇ ॥

naanak jaanai saachaa so-ay.

O' Nanak, only He, the eternal God knows how great He is?

ਜੇ ਕੋ ਆਖੈ ਬੋਲੁਵਿਗਾਰੁ ॥

jay ko aakhai boluvigaarh.

If anyone inappropriately claims to be able to describe God,

ਤਾ ਲਿਖੀਐ ਸਿਰਿ ਗਾਵਾਰਾ ਗਾਵਾਰੁ ॥੨੬॥

taa likee-ai sir gaavaaraa gaavaar. ||26||

then his Name should be written at the top of the list of greatest fools.

ਸੋ ਦਰੁ ਕੇਹਾ ਸੋ ਘਰੁ ਕੇਹਾ ਜਿਤੁ ਬਹਿ ਸਰਬ ਸਮਾਲੇ ॥

so dar kayhaa so ghar kayhaa jit bahi sarab samaalay.

O' God, how magnificent is Your abode and how amazing is that door, from where You are taking care of all Your creation.

ਵਾਜੇ ਨਾਦ ਅਨੇਕ ਅਸੰਖਾ ਕੇਤੇ ਵਾਵਣਹਾਰੇ ॥

vaajay naad anayk asankhaa kaytay vaavanhaaray.

In this wonderful creation of Yours, countless musicians playing innumerable musical instruments, producing infinite numbers of melodies.

ਕੇਤੇ ਰਾਗ ਪਰੀ ਸਿਉ ਕਹੀਅਨਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਗਾਵਣਹਾਰੇ ॥

kaytay raag paree si-o kahee-an kaytay gaavanhaaray.

Countless singers are singing many musical measures along with their consorts.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਤੁਹਨੇ ਪਉਣੁ ਪਾਣੀ ਬੈਸੰਤਰੁ ਗਾਵੈ ਰਾਜਾ ਧਰਮੁ ਦੁਆਰੇ ॥

gaavahi tuhno pa-un paanee baisantar gaavai raajaa Dharam du-aaray.

The wind, the water and the fire in their own way are singing of You; even the Dharamraj, the judge of our deeds, is singing Your praises at Your doorstep.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਚਿਤੁ ਗੁਪਤੁ ਲਿਖਿ ਜਾਣਹਿ ਲਿਖਿ ਲਿਖਿ ਧਰਮੁ ਵੀਚਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi chit gupat likh jaaneh likh likh Dharam veechaaray.

Chitra and Gupta (angels), who write the account of people's deeds and on whose records dharamraj makes judgement, are also singing Your Praises.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਈਸਰੁ ਬਰਮਾ ਦੇਵੀ ਸੋਹਨਿ ਸਦਾ ਸਵਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi eesar barmaa dayvee sohan sadaa savaaray.

The god Shiva, Brahma and the goddess who are embellished by You, are also singing Your praises

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਇੰਦ ਇਦਾਸਣਿ ਬੈਠੇ ਦੇਵਤਿਆ ਦਰਿ ਨਾਲੇ ॥

gaavahi ind idaasan baithay dayviti-aa dar naalay.

The god Indra seated on his throne with many other angels standing at Your doorstep are singing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਸਿਧ ਸਮਾਧੀ ਅੰਦਰਿ ਗਾਵਨਿ ਸਾਧ ਵਿਚਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi siDh samaaDhee andar gaavan saaDh vichaaray.

The siddhas (men with miraculous powers) are praising You in deep meditation, the saints are contemplating and are singing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਨਿ ਜਤੀ ਸਤੀ ਸੰਤੋਖੀ ਗਾਵਹਿ ਵੀਰ ਕਰਾਰੇ ॥

gaavan jatee satee santokhee gaavahi veer karaaray.

The men of discipline, charity, contentment, and brave warriors are all singing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਨਿ ਪੰਡਿਤ ਪੜਨਿ ਰਖੀਸਰ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਵੇਦਾ ਨਾਲੇ ॥

gaavan pandit parhan rakheesar jug jug vaydaa naalay.

The pandits and the great sages who have been reading Vedas since ages are singing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਮੋਹਣੀਆ ਮਨੁ ਮੋਹਨਿ ਸੁਰਗਾ ਮਛ ਪਇਆਲੇ ॥

gaavahi mohnee-aa man mohan surgaa machh pa-i-aalay.

The beautiful fascinating maids in heaven, on earth and in the nether regions are singing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਨਿ ਰਤਨ ਉਪਾਏ ਤੇਰੇ ਅਠਸਠਿ ਤੀਰਥ ਨਾਲੇ ॥

gaavan ratan upaa-ay tayray athsath tirath naalay.

The precious jewels created by You, along with all the sixty eight places of pilgrimage are singing Your praises.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਜੇਧ ਮਹਾਬਲ ਸੂਰਾ ਗਾਵਹਿ ਖਾਣੀ ਚਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi joDh mahaabal sooraa gaavahi khaanee chaaray.

The brave and mighty warriors and creatures from all four sources of life are singing your praises.

ਗਾਵਹਿ ਖੰਡ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਰਭੰਡਾ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਰਖੇ ਧਾਰੇ ॥

gaavahi khand mandal varbhandaa kar kar rakhay Dhaaray.

All the continents, galaxies and solar systems in the entire universe created and supported by You, are singing of You.

ਸੇਈ ਤੁਧੁਨੇ ਗਾਵਹਿ ਜੇ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਾਵਨਿ ਰਤੇ ਤੇਰੇ ਭਗਤ ਰਸਾਲੇ ॥

say-ee tuDhuno gaavahi jo tuDh bhaavan ratay tayray bhagat rasaalay.

Only those sing your praises who are pleasing to You and are truly devoted and imbued with Your love.

ਹੋਰਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਗਾਵਨਿ ਸੇ ਮੈ ਚਿਤਿ ਨ ਆਵਨਿ ਨਾਨਕੁ ਕਿਆ ਵੀਚਾਰੇ ॥

hor kaytay gaavan say mai chit na aavan naanak ki-aa veechaaray.

Many more are singing of You, which are not coming into my mind; how can Nanak think about all those who sing Your praises?

ਸੋਈ ਸੋਈ ਸਦਾ ਸਚੁ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਸਾਚਾ ਸਾਚੀ ਨਾਈ ॥

so-ee so-ee sadaa sach saahib saachaa saachee naa-ee.

Only God is ever existing, the Master-God and His glory is eternal.

ਹੈ ਭੀ ਹੋਸੀ ਜਾਇ ਨ ਜਾਸੀ ਰਚਨਾ ਜਿਨਿ ਰਚਾਈ ॥

hai bhee hosee jaa-ay na jaasee rachnaa jin rachaa-ee.

He who has created this universe is present now, will always be present in the future; neither He was born nor He shall die.

ਰੰਗੀ ਰੰਗੀ ਭਾਤੀ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਜਿਨਸੀ ਮਾਇਆ ਜਿਨਿ ਉਪਾਈ ॥

rangee rangee bhaatee kar kar jinsee maa-i-aa jin upaa-ee.

God who has created Maya, in many colors, varieties and species.

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਕੀਤਾ ਆਪਣਾ ਜਿਵ ਤਿਸ ਦੀ ਵਡਿਆਈ ॥

kar kar vaykhai keetaa aapnaa jiv tis dee vadi-aa-ee.

He creates and then takes care of His creation as per His will.

ਜੇ ਤਿਸੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਸੋਈ ਕਰਸੀ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਨ ਕਰਣਾ ਜਾਈ ॥

jo tis bhaavai so-ee karsee hukam na karnaa jaa-ee.

He does whatever pleases Him and no one can issue order to Him.

ਸੋ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹੁ ਸਾਹਾ ਪਾਤਿਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਰਹਣੁ ਰਜਾਈ ॥੨੭॥

so paatisaahu saahaa paatisaahib naanak rahan rajaa-ee. ||27||

O' Nanak, God is the emperor of the emperors and to live according to His will is best for all.

ਮੁੰਦਾ ਸੰਤੋਖੁ ਸਰਮੁ ਪਤੁ ਝੋਲੀ ਧਿਆਨ ਕੀ ਕਰਹਿ ਬਿਭੂਤਿ ॥

munda santokh saram pat jholee Dhi-aan kee karahi bibhoot.

O' yogi, make contentment as your earrings, hard work your begging bowl and meditation on God' Name as the ashes that cover your body.

ਖਿੰਥਾ ਕਾਲੁ ਕੁਆਰੀ ਕਾਇਆ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਡੰਡਾ ਪਰਤੀਤਿ ॥

khintha kaal ku-aaree kaa-i-aa jugat dandaa parteet.

Let the awareness of death be your patched coat, a high moral character as your way of life and faith in God as your walking stick.

ਆਈ ਪੰਥੀ ਸਗਲ ਜਮਾਤੀ ਮਨਿ ਜੀਤੈ ਜਗੁ ਜੀਤੁ ॥

aa-ee panthee sagal jamaatee man jeetai jag jeet.

Let universal brotherhood be your sect; by controlling your mind you can win over the worldly temptations.

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly bow to God,

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੇ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੨੮॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||28||

who is primal, immaculate, without beginning, without end and unchanging through the ages.

ਭੁਗਤਿ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਦਇਆ ਭੰਡਾਰਣਿ ਘਟਿ ਘਟਿ ਵਾਜਹਿ ਨਾਦ ॥

bhugat gi-aan da-i-aa bhandaaran ghat ghat vaajeh naad.

O' Yogi, let divine knowledge be your food, kindness your serving lady and the sound of each and every heartbeat be the holy sound of the horn.

ਆਪਿ ਨਾਥੁ ਨਾਥੀ ਸਭ ਜਾ ਕੀ ਰਿਧਿ ਸਿਧਿ ਅਵਰਾ ਸਾਦ ॥

aap naath naathee sabh jaa kee riDh siDh avraa saad.

God Himself is the Master of all, who controls the entire universe; miracles and other spiritual powers are the diversions that take one away from God.

ਸੰਜੋਗੁ ਵਿਜੋਗੁ ਦੁਇ ਕਾਰ ਚਲਾਵਹਿ ਲੇਖੇ ਆਵਹਿ ਭਾਗ ॥

sanjog vijog du-ay kaar chalaaveh laykhay aavahi bhaag.

God's law of union and separation of individuals regulates the play of the world and one receives what one is predestined for.

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly bow to God,

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੇ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੨੯॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||29||

who is the primal, immaculate, without beginning, indestructible and unchanging through the ages.

ਏਕਾ ਮਾਈ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਵਿਆਈ ਤਿਨਿ ਚੇਲੇ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ॥

aykaa maa-ee jugat vi-aa-ee tin chaylay parvaan.

According to Hindu beliefs, Maya (worldly illusion) mysteriously conceived and gave birth to three sons (deities).

ਇਕੁ ਸੰਸਾਰੀ ਇਕੁ ਭੰਡਾਰੀ ਇਕੁ ਲਾਏ ਦੀਬਾਣੁ ॥

ik sansaaree ik bhandaree ik laa-ay deebaan.

One is believed to be the creator of the world, one the sustainer and another one the destroyer.

ਜਿਵ ਤਿਸੁ ਭਾਵੈ ਤਿਵੈ ਚਲਾਵੈ ਜਿਵ ਹੋਵੈ ਫੁਰਮਾਣੁ ॥

jiv tis bhaavai tivai chalaavai jiv hovai furmaan.

(But the fact is that), God Himself is directing these actions as He pleases and everything happens as He commands.

ਓਹੁ ਵੇਖੈ ਓਨਾ ਨਦਰਿ ਨ ਆਵੈ ਬਹੁਤਾ ਏਹੁ ਵਿਡਾਣੁ ॥

oh vaykhai onaa nadar na aavai bahutaa ayhu vidaan.

The greatest wonder is that God watches over all, but none can see Him.

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly bow to that God,

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੇ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੩੦॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||30||

who is primal, immaculate, without beginning, indestructible and unchanging through the ages.

ਆਸਣੁ ਲੋਇ ਲੋਇ ਭੰਡਾਰ ॥

aasan lo-ay lo-ay bhandaar.

God is present in the entire universe and the universe is full of His bounties.

ਜੇ ਕਿਛੁ ਪਾਇਆ ਸੁ ਏਕਾ ਵਾਰ ॥

jo kichh paa-i-aa so aykaa vaar.

Whatever bounties He has put in the universe, He has put these once for all.

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਸਿਰਜਣਹਾਰੁ ॥

kar kar vaykhai sirjanhaar.

Having created the universe, God is looking after His creation.

ਨਾਨਕ ਸਚੇ ਕੀ ਸਾਚੀ ਕਾਰ ॥

naanak sachay kee saachee kaar.

O' Nanak, God's system of sustaining His creation is perfect (flawless).

ਆਦੇਸੁ ਤਿਸੈ ਆਦੇਸੁ ॥

aadays tisai aadays.

Humbly bow to that Almighty God.

ਆਦਿ ਅਨੀਲੁ ਅਨਾਦਿ ਅਨਾਹਤਿ ਜੁਗੁ ਜੁਗੁ ਏਕੇ ਵੇਸੁ ॥੩੧॥

aad aneel anaad anaahat jug jug ayko vays. ||31||

who is the source of everything, immaculate, without beginning, indestructible and unchanging through the ages.

ਇਕ ਦੂ ਜੀਭੋਂ ਲਖ ਹੋਹਿ ਲਖ ਹੋਵਹਿ ਲਖ ਵੀਸ ॥

ik doo jeebhoh lakh hohi lakh hoveh lakh vees.

If instead of one tongue, one had hundred thousand tongues and even twenty times more,

ਲਖੁ ਲਖੁ ਗੋੜਾ ਆਖੀਅਹਿ ਏਕੁ ਨਾਮੁ ਜਗਦੀਸ ॥

lakh lakh gayrhaa aakhee-ahi ayk naam jagdees.

and if God's Name is recited millions of times with each tongue.

ਏਤੁ ਰਾਹਿ ਪਤਿ ਪਵੜੀਆ ਚੜੀਐ ਹੋਇ ਇਕੀਸ ॥

ayt raahi pat pavrhee-aa charhee-ai ho-ay ikees.

Then this remembrance of God with adoration are the steps on the way to realize God, ascending these steps one can become one with Him.

ਸੁਣਿ ਗਲਾ ਆਕਾਸ ਕੀ ਕੀਟਾ ਆਈ ਰੀਸ ॥

sun galaa aakaas kee keetaa aa-ee rees.

After listening about the spiritually awakened people, the lowly persons wish to emulate them as if the worms wish to fly like birds.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਦਰੀ ਪਾਈਐ ਕੂੜੀ ਕੂੜੇ ਠੀਸ ॥੩੨॥

naanak nadree paa-ee-ai koorhee koorhai thees. ||32||

O' Nanak, God is realized only by His grace, all else is false bragging of liars.

ਆਖਣਿ ਜੇਰੁ ਚੁਪੈ ਨਹ ਜੇਰੁ ॥

aakhan jor chupai nah jor.

We do not have any power by ourselves to speak or to remain silent

ਜੇਰੁ ਨ ਮੰਗਣਿ ਦੇਣਿ ਨ ਜੇਰੁ ॥

jor na mangan dayn na jor.

We have neither the power to ask nor to give (we get what is destined for us and the spirit of giving comes by God's blessings)

ਜੇਰੁ ਨ ਜੀਵਣਿ ਮਰਣਿ ਨਹ ਜੇਰੁ ॥

jor na jeevan maran nah jor.

Life and death too are not in our control.

ਜੇਰੁ ਨ ਰਾਜਿ ਮਾਲਿ ਮਨਿ ਸੇਰੁ ॥

jor na raaj maal man sor.

Acquiring power and worldly wealth, which cause ego in our mind, is beyond our control.

ਜੇਰੁ ਨ ਸੁਰਤੀ ਗਿਆਨਿ ਵੀਚਾਰਿ ॥

jor na surtee gi-aan veechaar.

We have no power to achieve spiritual awakening, knowledge or thinking.

ਜੇਰੁ ਨ ਜੁਗਤੀ ਛੁਟੈ ਸੰਸਾਰੁ ॥

jor na jugtee chhutai sansaar.

We have no power to escape from worldly temptations.

ਜਿਸੁ ਹਥਿ ਜੇਰੁ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਸੋਇ ॥

jis hath jor kar vaykhai so-ay.

God alone who has the Power to create and take care of creation.

ਨਾਨਕ ਉਤਮੁ ਨੀਚੁ ਨ ਕੋਇ ॥੩੩॥

naanak utam neech na ko-ay. ||33||

O' Nanak, on one's own, no one becomes superior or inferior (one becomes what God makes him).

ਰਾਤੀ ਰੁਤੀ ਥਿਤੀ ਵਾਰ ॥

raatee rutee thitee vaar.

The nights, seasons, lunar days, week days,

ਪਵਣੁ ਪਾਣੀ ਅਗਨੀ ਪਾਤਾਲ ॥

pavan paanee agnee paataal.

wind, water, fire and the nether regions,

ਤਿਸੁ ਵਿਚਿ ਧਰਤੀ ਥਾਪਿ ਰਖੀ ਧਰਮੁ ਸਾਲ ॥

tis vich Dhartee thaap rakhee Dharam saal.

in the midst of all these, God established the earth as a stage for humans to perform righteous deeds for their spiritual growth.

ਤਿਸੁ ਵਿਚਿ ਜੀਅ ਜੁਗਤਿ ਕੇ ਰੰਗ ॥

tis vich jee-a jugat kay rang.

On this stage reside beings of various species and forms.

ਤਿਨ ਕੇ ਨਾਮ ਅਨੇਕ ਅਨੰਤ ॥

tin kay naam anayk anant.

whose names are countless and endless.

ਕਰਮੀ ਕਰਮੀ ਹੋਇ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

karmee karmee ho-ay veechaar.

Human beings are judged based on their deeds.

ਸਚਾ ਆਪਿ ਸਚਾ ਦਰਬਾਰੁ ॥

sachaa aap sachaa darbaar.

God Himself is true, and true is His justice.

ਤਿਥੈ ਸੋਹਨਿ ਪੰਚ ਪਰਵਾਣੁ ॥

tithai sohan panch parvaan.

The chosen and the accepted ones look graceful in that system of justice.

ਨਦਰੀ ਕਰਮਿ ਪਵੈ ਨੀਸਾਣੁ ॥

nadree karam pavai neesaan.

They receive the mark of grace from the Merciful God.

ਕਚ ਪਕਾਈ ਓਥੈ ਪਾਇ ॥

kach pakaa-ee othai paa-ay.

Success or failure in terms of spiritual growth is judged in God's presence.

ਨਾਨਕ ਗਇਆ ਜਾਪੈ ਜਾਇ ॥੩੪॥

naanak ga-i-aa jaapai jaa-ay. ||34||

O' Nanak, it is only upon reaching God's Presence that one discovers if one succeeded or failed.

ਧਰਮ ਖੰਡ ਕਾ ਏਹੋ ਧਰਮੁ ॥

Dharam khand kaa ayho Dharam.

This is the account of the moral duty of a person in Dharam khand (first stage of spiritual development as described in the above stanza).

ਗਿਆਨ ਖੰਡ ਕਾ ਆਖਹੁ ਕਰਮੁ ॥

[gi-aan khand kaa aakhhu karam.](#)

Now I (Nanak) am describing the working of Gyan Khand, the stage of acquiring divine knowledge.

ਕੇਤੇ ਪਵਣ ਪਾਣੀ ਵੈਸੰਤਰ ਕੇਤੇ ਕਾਨ ਮਹੇਸ ॥

[kaytay pavan paanee vaisantar kaytay kaan mahays.](#)

In God's creation, there are so many forms of winds, waters and fires; so many gods Krishnas and Shivas.

ਕੇਤੇ ਬਰਮੇ ਘਾੜਤਿ ਘੜੀਅਹਿ ਰੂਪ ਰੰਗ ਕੇ ਵੇਸ ॥

[kaytay barmay ghaarhat gharhee-ahi roop rang kay vays.](#)

So many gods-like Brahmas are being created in countless forms and colors.

ਕੇਤੀਆ ਕਰਮ ਭੂਮੀ ਮੇਰ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਧੂ ਉਪਦੇਸ ॥

[kaytee-aa karam bhoomee mayr kaytay kaytay Dhoo updays.](#)

There are many earths and many mountains where people perform their duties, and there are many saints like Dhru and many are their teachings.

ਕੇਤੇ ਇੰਦ ਚੰਦ ਸੂਰ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਮੰਡਲ ਦੇਸ ॥

[kaytay ind chand soor kaytay kaytay mandal days.](#)

There are many Indras, moons, suns and many planetary systems.

ਕੇਤੇ ਸਿਧ ਬੁਧ ਨਾਥ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਦੇਵੀ ਵੇਸ ॥

[kaytay siDh buDh naath kaytay kaytay dayvee vays.](#)

There are many sidhas with miraculous powers, many wise people, many yogis and many goddesses in different forms.

ਕੇਤੇ ਦੇਵ ਦਾਨਵ ਮੁਨਿ ਕੇਤੇ ਕੇਤੇ ਰਤਨ ਸਮੁੰਦ ॥

[kaytay dayv daanav mun kaytay kaytay ratan samund.](#)

There are so many pious people, so many demons, so many sages and so many oceans of jewels.

ਕੇਤੀਆ ਖਾਣੀ ਕੇਤੀਆ ਬਾਣੀ ਕੇਤੇ ਪਾਤ ਨਰਿੰਦ ॥

kaytee-aa khaanee kaytee-aa banee kaytay paat narind.

There are so many sources of life, languages, and so many kings and emperors.

ਕੇਤੀਆ ਸੁਰਤੀ ਸੇਵਕ ਕੇਤੇ ਨਾਨਕ ਅੰਤੁ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥੩੫॥

kaytee-aa surtee sayvak kaytay naanak ant na ant. ||35||

There are so many people who meditate, so many selfless servants: O 'Nanak, there is no end to the creation of God.

ਗਿਆਨ ਖੰਡ ਮਹਿ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਪਰਚੰਡੁ ॥

gi-aan khand meh gi-aan parchand.

In the stage of Giaan Khand (as described above), the effect of divine knowledge is extremely powerful.

ਤਿਥੈ ਨਾਦ ਬਿਨੋਦ ਕੋਡ ਅਨੰਦੁ ॥

tithai naad binod kod anand.

In this stage, one feels as if one is listening to the music of millions of melodies from which flow joy, amusement and bliss.

ਸਰਮ ਖੰਡ ਕੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਰੂਪੁ ॥

saram khand kee banee roop.

Saram Khand (stage of spiritual effort) is the stage of spiritual beautification.

ਤਿਥੈ ਘਾੜਤਿ ਘੜੀਐ ਬਹੁਤੁ ਅਨੂਪੁ ॥

tithai ghaarhat gharhee-ai bahut anoop.

In this stage, the enlightened mind is beautifully refashioned.

ਤਾ ਕੀਆ ਗਲਾ ਕਥੀਆ ਨਾ ਜਾਹਿ ॥ ਜੇ ਕੇ ਕਹੈ ਪਿਛੈ ਪਛੁਤਾਇ ॥

taa kee-aa galaa kathee-aa naa jaahi. jay ko kahai pichhai pachhuta-ay.

It is not possible to describe the elevated thought processes of such a mind and if one tries, he repents in the end.

ਤਿਥੈ ਘੜੀਐ ਸੁਰਤਿ ਮਤਿ ਮਨਿ ਬੁਧਿ ॥

tithai gharhee-ai surat mat man buDh.

The consciousness, intellect, mind and understanding are reshaped.

ਤਿਥੈ ਘੜੀਐ ਸੁਰਾ ਸਿਧਾ ਕੀ ਸੁਧਿ ॥੩੬॥

tithai gharhee-ai suraa siDhaa kee suDh. ||36||

The consciousness of the human beings becomes like those of angels and the Siddhas.

ਕਰਮ ਖੰਡ ਕੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਜੋਰੁ ॥

karam khand kee banee jor.

Spiritual power is the attribute of the stage of karam khand (the Divine Grace)

ਤਿਥੈ ਹੋਰੁ ਨ ਕੋਈ ਹੋਰੁ ॥

tithai hor na ko-ee hor.

No one else dwells there (except those who have reached there by becoming worthy of His Grace).

ਤਿਥੈ ਜੋਧ ਮਹਾਬਲ ਸੂਰ ॥

tithai joDh mahaabal soor.

Only the brave and powerful spiritual warriors reach this stage, who have conquered the worldly temptations.

ਤਿਨ ਮਹਿ ਰਾਮੁ ਰਹਿਆ ਭਰਪੂਰ ॥

tin meh raam rahi-aa bharpoor.

They are totally imbued with the all pervading God.

ਤਿਥੈ ਸੀਤੇ ਸੀਤਾ ਮਹਿਮਾ ਮਾਹਿ ॥

tithai seeto seetaa mahimaa maahi.

They remain completely absorbed in God's praises.

ਤਾ ਕੇ ਰੂਪ ਨ ਕਥਨੇ ਜਾਹਿ ॥

taa kay roop na kathnay jaahi.

Their radiating beauty due to spiritual enlightenment cannot be described.

ਨਾ ਓਹਿ ਮਰਹਿ ਨ ਠਾਗੇ ਜਾਹਿ ॥ ਜਿਨ ਕੈ ਰਾਮੁ ਵਸੈ ਮਨ ਮਾਹਿ ॥

naa ohi mareh na thaagay jaahi. jin kai raam vasai man maahi.

Those within whose minds God dwells, do not face spiritual deterioration and worldly evils cannot overpower them.

ਤਿਥੈ ਭਗਤ ਵਸਹਿ ਕੇ ਲੋਅ ॥

tithai bhagat vaseh kay lo-a.

The devotees of many worlds dwell there.

ਕਰਹਿ ਅਨੰਦੁ ਸਚਾ ਮਨਿ ਸੋਇ ॥

karahi anand sachaa man so-ay.

They experience the eternal joy because God always dwells in their minds.

ਸਚ ਖੰਡਿ ਵਸੈ ਨਿਰੰਕਾਰੁ ॥

sach khand vasai nirankaar.

Sach Khand is the stage of union with God, in this stage the formless God dwells in the heart of the devotee.

ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਵੇਖੈ ਨਦਰਿ ਨਿਹਾਲੁ ॥

kar kar vaykhai nadar nihaal.

Having created, the merciful God bestows gracious glance and takes care of His creation.

ਤਿਥੈ ਖੰਡ ਮੰਡਲ ਵਰਭੰਡੁ ॥

tithai khand mandal varbhand.

In this stage one is enlightened with the knowledge about the endless planets, solar systems and galaxies.

ਜੇ ਕੇ ਕਥੈ ਤ ਅੰਤ ਨ ਅੰਤੁ ॥

jay ko kathai ta ant na ant

If someone tries to describe these, he will find out that there is no end to it.

ਤਿਥੈ ਲੋਅ ਲੋਅ ਆਕਾਰੁ ॥

tithai lo-a lo-a aakaar.

In this stage one realizes that there are many worlds and many forms of creation in the universe.

ਜਿਵ ਜਿਵ ਹੁਕਮੁ ਤਿਵੈ ਤਿਵ ਕਾਰੁ ॥

jiv jiv hukam tivai tiv kaar.

One realizes that everything functions as He commands.

ਵੇਖੈ ਵਿਗਸੈ ਕਰਿ ਵੀਚਾਰੁ ॥

vaykhai vigsai kar veechaar.

One realizes that God takes care of His creation and derives pleasure out of it.

ਨਾਨਕ ਕਥਨਾ ਕਰੜਾ ਸਾਰੁ ॥੩੭॥

naanak kathnaa karrhaa saar. ||37||

O' Nanak, to fully describe the stage of Sach-khand is as difficult as biting through steel.

ਜਤੁ ਪਾਹਾਰਾ ਧੀਰਜੁ ਸੁਨਿਆਰੁ ॥

jat paahaaraa Dheeraj suni-aar.

Taking the example of a goldsmith to describe how one can embark upon the task of spiritual enlightenment; let chastity be the shop, patience the goldsmith,

ਅਹਰਣਿ ਮਤਿ ਵੇਦੁ ਹਥੀਆਰੁ ॥

ahran mat vayd hathee-aar.

intellect, the anvil and spiritual wisdom, the hammer.

ਭਉ ਖਲਾ ਅਗਨਿ ਤਪ ਤਾਉ ॥

bha-o khalaag an tap taa-o.

The fear of God as the bellows and disciplined hard work as the fire.

ਭਾਂਡਾ ਭਾਉ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤੁ ਤਿਤੁ ਢਾਲਿ ॥

bhaaNdaa bhaa-o amrit tit dhaal.

let love be the crucible and melt the nectar of God's Name like melting the gold in the crucible.

ਘੜੀਐ ਸਬਦੁ ਸਚੀ ਟਕਸਾਲ ॥

gharhee-ai sabad sachee taksaal.

This is the true mint where God's Name is minted (this is the way a person can mold himself to become spiritually enlightened).

ਜਿਨ ਕਉ ਨਦਰਿ ਕਰਮੁ ਤਿਨ ਕਾਰ ॥

jin ka-o nadar karam tin kaar.

This task is accomplished by those on whom God casts His gracious glance.

ਨਾਨਕ ਨਦਰੀ ਨਦਰਿ ਨਿਹਾਲ ॥੩੮॥

naanak nadree nadar nihaal. ||38||

O' Nanak, they become blissfully delighted by the gracious glance of the merciful God.

ਸਲੋਕੁ ॥

salok.

Shalok:

ਪਵਣੁ ਗੁਰੂ ਪਾਣੀ ਪਿਤਾ ਮਾਤਾ ਧਰਤਿ ਮਹਤੁ ॥

pavan guroo paanee pitaa maataa Dharat mahat.

Air is as essential for the body as is the Guru for the soul, water is like the father and earth is like the great mother of the entire world.

ਦਿਵਸੁ ਰਾਤਿ ਦੁਇ ਦਾਈ ਦਾਇਆ ਖੇਲੈ ਸਗਲ ਜਗਤੁ ॥

divas raat du-ay daa-ee daa-i-aa khaylai sagal jagat.

Days and nights are like male and female nurses in whose lap the entire world is playing the role assigned to each one in the worldly play.

ਚੰਗਿਆਈਆ ਬੁਰਿਆਈਆ ਵਾਚੈ ਧਰਮੁ ਹਦੂਰਿ ॥

chang-aa-ee-aa buri-aa-ee-aa vaachai Dharam hadoor.

The Righteous Judge, in the presence of God, watches human beings' good and bad deeds.

ਕਰਮੀ ਆਪੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੇ ਨੇੜੈ ਕੇ ਦੂਰਿ ॥

karmee aapo aapnee kay nayrhai kay door.

According to their own deeds, some are drawn closer and some are driven farther away from God.

ਜਿਨੀ ਨਾਮੁ ਧਿਆਇਆ ਗਏ ਮਸਕਤਿ ਘਾਲਿ ॥

jinee naam Dhi-aa-i-aa ga-ay maskat ghaal.

Those who remembered God with adoration, departed from this world after achieving the fruit of their hard work.

ਨਾਨਕ ਤੇ ਮੁਖ ਉਜਲੇ ਕੇਤੀ ਛੁਟੀ ਨਾਲਿ ॥੧॥

naanak tay mukh ujlay kaytee chhutee naal. ||1||

O' Nanak, their faces are radiant with honor in God's presence; many others, influenced by their company, achieved freedom from the worldly bonds.

ਅਰਦਾਸ
ARDAS
Prayer

ੴ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ ॥

Ek-Oankar. Waheguroo Ji Ki Fateh

God is One. All victory is of the Wondrous Guru (God).

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਭਗੌਤੀ ਜੀ ਸਹਾਇ।

Sri Bhagouti ji Sahai

May the respected sword (God in the form of the Destroyer of evil doers) help us!

ਵਾਰ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਭਗੌਤੀ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹੀ ੧੦॥

Vaar Sri Bhagouti Ji Ki Paatshaahee Dasvee

Ode of the respected sword recited by the Tenth Guru.

ਪ੍ਰਿਥਮ ਭਗੌਤੀ ਸਿਮਰਿ ਕੈ ਗੁਰ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਈਂ ਧਿਆਇ ॥

Pritham Bhagouti Simar Kai, Guru Naanak Layee Dhiyae

First remember the sword (God in the form of Destroyer of evil doers); then remember Nanak (dwell on his spiritual contribution).

ਫਿਰ ਅੰਗਦ ਗੁਰ ਤੇ ਅਮਰਦਾਸੁ ਰਾਮਦਾਸੈ ਹੋਈਂ ਸਹਾਇ ॥

Angad Gur Te Amar Das, Raamdaasai Hoyal Sahai

Then remember and meditate upon Guru Angad, Guru Amar Das and Guru Ram Das; May they help us! (dwell on their spiritual contribution)

ਅਰਜਨ ਹਰਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਨੇ ਸਿਮਰੋ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਰਾਇ ॥

Arjan Hargobind No Simrou Sri Har Rai

Remember and meditate upon Guru Arjan, Guru Hargobind and Respected Guru Har Rai. (dwell on their spiritual contribution)

ਸ੍ਰੀ ਹਰਿਕ੍ਰਿਸ਼ਨ ਧਿਆਈਐ ਜਿਸ ਡਿਠੈ ਸਭਿ ਦੁਖ ਜਾਇ ॥

Sri HarKrishan Dhiyaa-eeai Jis Dhithi Sabh Dukh Jaye

Remember and meditate upon respected Guru Har Krishan, by having the sight of whom, all pains vanish. (dwell on their spiritual contribution)

ਤੇਗ ਬਹਾਦਰ ਸਿਮਰਿਐ ਘਰ ਨਉ ਨਿਧਿ ਆਵੈ ਧਾਇ ॥

Teg Bahadur Simareeai Ghar No Nidh Avai Dhai

Remember Guru Tegh Bahadur and then nine sources of spiritual wealth will come hastening to your home.

ਸਭ ਥਾਂਈ ਹੋਇ ਸਹਾਇ ॥

Sabh Thai Ho-e Sahaai

Oh God! kindly help us everywhere by *showing us the path*.

ਦਸਵਾਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਸਿੰਘ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ! ਸਭ ਥਾਂਈ ਹੋਇ ਸਹਾਇ ॥

Dasvaa Paatshaah Guru Gobind Singh Ji Sabh Thai Ho-e Sahaai

Remember the respected Tenth Guru Gobind Singh (*dwelling on his spiritual contribution*). Oh God! kindly help us everywhere by *showing us the path*.

**ਦਸਾਂ ਪਾਤਸ਼ਾਹੀਆਂ ਦੀ ਜੋਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਗ੍ਰੰਥ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਪਾਠ ਦੀਦਾਰ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ
ਬੋਲੇ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!**

Dasa Paatsaaheea Di Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, De Paath Deedaar Daa
Dhiyaan Dhar Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo

Think and meditate upon the divine light of the Ten Kings contained in the respected Guru Granth Sahib and turn your thoughts to the divine teachings of and get pleasure by the sight of Guru Granth Sahib; Utter Wahe Guru (*Wondrous God*)!

**ਪੰਜਾਂ ਪਿਆਰਿਆਂ, ਚੌਹਾਂ ਸਾਹਿਬਜ਼ਾਦਿਆਂ, ਚਾਲ੍ਹੀਆਂ ਮੁਕਤਿਆਂ, ਹਠੀਆਂ ਜਪੀਆਂ, ਤਪੀਆਂ,
ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾ ਨਾਮ ਜਪਿਆ, ਵੰਡ ਛਕਿਆ, ਦੇਗ ਚਲਾਈ, ਤੇਗ ਵਾਹੀ, ਦੇਖ ਕੇ ਅਣਡਿੱਠ ਕੀਤਾ,
ਤਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਪਿਆਰਿਆਂ, ਸਚਿਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਕਮਾਈ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ, ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ! ਬੋਲੇ ਜੀ
ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!**

Panja Piyariya, Chauhaa Sahibzadiya, Chaliya Mukhtiya, Huthiya, Jupiya,
Tupiya, Jina Nam Jupiya, Vand Shakiya, Deg Chalaee, Teg Vaahee, Dekh
Ke Andhith Keetaa, Tinhaa Piariyaa, Sachiaariyaa Dee Kamaee, Da Dhiyaan
Dhar Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo

Think of the deeds of the Five Beloved Ones, of the four sons (*of Guru Gobind Singh*); of the Forty Martyrs; of the brave Sikhs of indomitable determination; of the devotees steeped in the colour of the Naam; of those who were absorbed in the Naam; of those who remembered the Naam and shared their food in companionship; of those who started free kitchens; of those who wielded their swords (*for preserving truth*); of those who overlooked others shortcomings; All the aforesaid were pure and truly devoted ones; Utter Wahe Guru (*Wondrous God*)!

ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਾਂ ਸਿੰਘਣੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਧਰਮ ਹੇਤ ਸੀਸ ਦਿੱਤੇ, ਬੰਦ ਬੰਦ ਕਟਾਏ, ਖੋਪਰੀਆਂ ਲੁਹਾਈਆਂ, ਚਰਖੜੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਚੜ੍ਹੇ, ਆਰਿਆਂ ਨਾਲ ਚਿਰਾਏ ਗਏ, ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਸੇਵਾ ਲਈ ਕੁਰਬਾਨੀਆਂ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ, ਧਰਮ ਨਹੀਂ ਹਾਰਿਆ, ਸਿੱਖੀ ਕੇਸਾਂ ਸੁਆਸਾਂ ਨਾਲ ਨਿਬਾਹੀ, ਤਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਮਾਈ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ! ਬੋਲੇ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!

[Jinaa Singhaa Singhneeyaa Ne Dharam Het Sees Dithe, Bund Bund Kuttai, Khopriya Luhaiya, Charukriya Te Churhe, Aariaa Naal Chiraae Ge, Gurdwaraiya Di Seva Layee Kurbania Keethiya, Dharam Nehee Haariye, Sikhi Kesaa Suwaasaa Naal Nibaahee, Tina Dee Kamaaee Daa Dhiyaan Dhar Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo](#)

Think of and remember the unique service rendered by those brave Sikh men as well as women, who sacrificed their heads but did not surrender their Sikh Religion; Who got themselves cut to pieces from each of the joints of the body; Who got their scalps removed; Who were tied and rotated on the wheels and broken into pieces; Who were cut by saws; Who were flayed alive; Who sacrificed themselves to upkeep the dignity of the Gurdwaras; Who did not abandon their Sikh faith; Who kept their Sikh Religion and saved their long hair till their last breath; Utter Wahe Guru (*Wondrous God*)!

ਪੰਜਾਂ ਤਖਤਾਂ, ਸਰਬੱਤ ਗੁਰਦੁਆਰਿਆਂ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਧਰ ਕੇ ਬੋਲੇ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!

[Saarey Takhta Sarbat Gurdwariya Daa Dhiyaan Dhur Ke Bolo Ji Waheguroo](#)

Turn your thoughts to all of the seats of Sikh Religion and all the Gurdwaras; utter Wahe Guru (*Wondrous God*)!

**ਪ੍ਰਿਥਮੇ ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਹੈ ਜੀ, ਸਰਬੱਤ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ,
ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਚਿਤ ਆਵੇ, ਚਿੱਤ ਆਵਨ ਕਾ ਸਦਕਾ ਸਰਬ ਸੁਖ ਹੋਵੇ।**

Prithme Sarbat Khaalsaa Ji Ki Ardaas Hai Ji, Sarbat Khaalsaa Ji Ko
Waheguroo Waheguroo Waheguroo Chit Aavai Chit Aavan Ka Sadkaa
Surab Sukh Hovai

First the entire respected Khalsa make this supplication that may they meditate on Your Name; and may all pleasures and comforts come through such meditation.

**ਜਹਾਂ ਜਹਾਂ ਖਾਲਸਾ ਜੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ, ਤਹਾਂ ਤਹਾਂ ਰਛਿਆ ਰਿਆਇਤ, ਦੇਗ ਤੇਗ ਫ਼ਤਹਿ,
ਬਿਰਦ ਕੀ ਪੈਜ, ਪੰਥ ਕੀ ਜੀਤ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਸਾਹਿਬ ਜੀ ਸਹਾਇ, ਖਾਲਸੇ ਜੀ ਕੇ ਬੋਲ ਬਾਲੇ, ਬੋਲੇ ਜੀ
ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!**

Jahaa Jahaa Khaalsaa Ji Saahib, Tahaa Tahaa Ruchhiya Riyaa-it, Deg Teg
Fateh, Bira Ki Paij, Panth Ki Jeet, Sree Saahib Ji Sahaai Khaalse Ji Ko Bol
Baaley, Bolo Ji Waheguroo

Wherever respected Khalsa is present, give Your protection and grace; May the free kitchen and sword never fail; Maintain the honour of your devotees; Confer victory upon the Sikh people; May the respected sword always come to our assistance; May the Khalsa always get honours; Utter Wahe Guru (Wondrous God)!

**ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਿੱਖੀ ਦਾਨ, ਕੇਸ ਦਾਨ, ਰਹਿਤ ਦਾਨ, ਬਿਬੇਕ ਦਾਨ, ਵਿਸਾਹ ਦਾਨ, ਭਰੋਸਾ ਦਾਨ,
ਦਾਨਾਂ ਸਿਰ ਦਾਨ, ਨਾਮ ਦਾਨ, ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ ਜੀ ਦੇ ਇਸ਼ਨਾਨ, ਚੌਕੀਆਂ, ਝੰਡੇ, ਬੁੰਗੇ, ਜੁਗੋ
ਜੁਗ ਅਟੱਲ, ਧਰਮ ਕਾ ਜੈਕਾਰ, ਬੋਲੇ ਜੀ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!!!**

Sikhaa Noo Sikhee Daan, Kesh Daan, Rehit Daan, Bibek Daan, Bharosaa
Daan, Daanaa Sir Daan Naam Daan, Chounkiyaa Jhande Bunge Jugo Jug
Attal, Dharam Ka Jai Kaar Bolo Ji Waheguroo

Kindly confer upon the Sikhs the gift of Sikhism, the gift of long hair, the gift of observing Sikh laws, the gift of divine knowledge, the gift of firm faith, the gift of belief and the biggest gift of Name. O God! May the choirs, the mansion and the banners exist forever; may the truth ever triumph; utter Wahe Guru (Wondrous God)!

ਸਿੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਮਨ ਨੀਵਾਂ, ਮਤ ਉੱਚੀ ਮਤ ਦਾ ਰਾਖਾ ਆਪ ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ।

Sikhaa Daa Man Neevaa, Mat Uchee, Mat Pat Daa Raakhaa Aap
Waheguroo

May the minds of all the Sikhs remain humble and their wisdom exalted; O
God! You are the protector of wisdom.

**ਹੇ ਨਿਮਾਣਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਮਾਣ, ਨਿਤਾਣਿਆਂ ਦੇ ਤਾਣ, ਨਿਓਟਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਓਟ, ਸੱਚੇ ਪਿਤਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ!
ਆਪ ਦੇ ਹਜ਼ੂਰ.....ਦੀ ਅਰਦਾਸ ਹੈ ਜੀ।**

Hey Nimaneeaa De Maan, Nitaneeaa De Taan, Nioteeaa Di Ot, Sachey Pita
Waheguroo (Aap Di Hazoor....Di Aardas hai Ji)

O True Father, Wahe Guru! you are the honour of the meek, the Power of
the helpless ones, the shelter of the shelterless, we humbly make prayer in
your presence.....(*substitute the occasion or prayer made here*).

ਅੱਖਰ ਵਾਧਾ ਘਾਟਾ ਭੁੱਲ ਚੁੱਕ ਮਾਫ ਕਰਨੀ। ਸਰਬੱਤ ਦੇ ਕਾਰਜ ਰਾਸ ਕਰਨੇ।

Akhar Vaadhaa Ghaataa Bhul Chuk Maaf Karnee, Sarbat De Kaaraj Raas
Karney.

Kindly pardon our errors and shortcomings in reciting the above Prayer.
Kindly fulfill the objects of all.

**ਸੇਈ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਮੇਲ, ਜਿਨ੍ਹਾਂ ਮਿਲਿਆਂ ਤੇਰਾ ਨ ਚਿੱਤਆਵੇ। ਨਾਨਕ ਨਾਮ ਚੜ੍ਹਦੀ ਕਲਾ, ਤੇਰੇ
ਭਾਣੇ ਸਰਬੱਤ ਦਾ ਭਲਾ।**

Seyee Piyare Mel, Jina Miliya Teraa Naam Chit Aavai, Naanak Naam Chardi
Kala, Tere Bhaaney Sarbat Daa Bhalaa

Kindly cause us to meet those true devotees by meeting whom, we may
remember and meditate upon Your Name. O God! through the True Guru
Nanak, may Your Name be exalted, and may all prosper according to Your
will.

ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕਾ ਖਾਲਸਾ, ਵਾਹਿਗੁਰੂ ਜੀ ਕੀ ਫਤਹਿ

Waheguroo Ji Ka Khaalsaa Waheguroo Ji Ki Fateh

The Khalsa belongs to God; all victory is the victory of God.

Philosophy for the Journey

Philosophy of Sikhism is characterized by logic, comprehensiveness and its "without frills" approach to the spiritual and material world. Its theology is marked by simplicity. In Sikh ethics there is no conflict between the individual's duty to the self and that towards society (sangat).

Sikhism is the youngest world religion founded by Guru Nanak some 500 years ago. It emphasizes the belief in One Supreme Being and the Creator (Waheguru) of the universe. It offers a simple straight path to eternal bliss and spreads a message of love and universal brotherhood. Sikhism is strictly a monotheistic faith and recognizes God as the only One who is not subject to limits of time or space. Sikhism believes that there is only one God, who is the Creator, Sustainer, Destroyer and does not take human form. The theory of incarnation has no place in Sikhism. It does not attach any value to gods and goddesses and other deities.

In Sikhism the ethics and religion go together. One must inculcate moral qualities and practice virtues in everyday life in order to step towards spiritual development. Qualities such as honesty, compassion, generosity, patience and humility can only be built up by efforts and perseverance. The lives of our Great Gurus are a source of inspiration in this direction.

The Sikh religion teaches that the goal of human life is to break the cycle of birth and death and merge with God. This can be accomplished by following the teachings of the Guru, meditation on the Holy Name (Naam) and performance of acts of service and charity.

Naam Marg emphasizes daily devotion to the remembrance of God. One has to control the five feelings, viz., Kam (Desire), Krodh (anger), Loabh (greed), Moh (worldly attachment) and Ahankar (pride) to achieve salvation. The rituals and routine practices like fasting and pilgrimage, omens and austerities are rejected in Sikh religion. The goal of human life is to merge with God and this is accomplished by following the teachings of Guru Granth Sahib. Sikhism emphasizes Bhagti Marg or the path of devotion. It does,

however, recognize the importance of Gian Marg (Path of Knowledge) and Karam Marg (Path of Action). It lays greatest stress on the need for earning God's Grace in order to reach the spiritual goal.

Sikhism is a modern, logical, and practical religion. It believes that normal family-life (Grahast) is no barrier to salvation. Celibacy or renunciation of the world is not necessary to achieve salvation. It is possible to live detached in the midst of worldly ills and temptations. A devotee must live in the world and yet keep his head above the usual tension and turmoil. He must be a scholarly soldier, and saint for God.

Sikhism is a cosmopolitan and a "secular religion" and thus rejects all distinctions based on caste, creed, race or sex. It believes all human beings are equal in the eyes of God. The Gurus stressed on equality of women and rejected female infanticide and Sati (widow burning) practice. They also actively propagated widow remarriage and rejected purdah system (women wearing veils). In order to keep the mind focused on Him one must meditate on the holy Name (Naam) and perform the acts of service and charity. It is considered honorable to earn one's livelihood through honest work (Kirat Karna) and not by begging or dishonest means. Vand Chhakna, sharing with others, is also a social responsibility. The individual is expected to help those in need, through the Daswandh (10% of his earnings). Seva, community service is also an integral part of Sikhism. The free community kitchen (langar) found at every gurdwara and open to people of all religions is one expression of this community service.

Sikh religion advocates optimism and hope. It does not accept the ideology of pessimism. The Gurus believed that this life has a purpose and a goal. It offers an opportunity for self and God realization. Moreover man is responsible for his own actions. He cannot claim immunity from the results of his actions. He must therefore be very vigilant in what he does.

The Sikh Scripture, Guru Granth Sahib, is the Eternal Guru. This is the only religion which has given the Holy Book the status of a religious preceptor. There is no place for a living human Guru (Dehdhari) in Sikh religion.

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Role Of Women

The principles of Sikhism state that women have the same souls as men and possess an equal right to cultivate their spirituality. They can lead religious congregations, take part in the Akhand Path (the continuous recitation of the Holy Scriptures), perform *Kirtan* (congregational singing of hymns), work as Granthis (priests). They can participate in all religious, cultural, social, and secular activities. Sikhism was the first major world religions giving equality to men and women. Guru Nanak, preached gender-based equality, and the gurus who succeeded him encouraged women to take a full part in all the activities of Sikh worship and practice.

The Guru Granth Sahib states,

"Women and men, all are created by God. All this is God's play. Says Nanak, all thy creation is good and Holy" -SGGS p.304

Sikh history has recorded the role of women portraying them as equal in service, devotion, sacrifice, and bravery to men. Many examples of women's moral dignity, service, and self-sacrifice are written in the Sikh tradition.

According to Sikhism, men and women are two sides of the same coin. In the system of interrelations and interdependence where man takes birth from woman, and woman is born of man's seed. According to Sikhism a man cannot feel secure and complete in his life without a woman, and a man's success is related to the love and support of the woman who shares her life with him, and vice versa. Guru Nanak said:

"[it] is a woman who keeps the race going" and that we should not "consider woman cursed and condemned, [when] from woman are born leaders and kings." SGGs Page 473.

Salvation: An important point to raise is whether a religion considers women capable of achieving salvation, realisation of God here or the highest spiritual realm. The Guru Granth Sahib states,

“In all beings is the Lord pervasive, the Lord pervades all forms male and female” (Guru Granth Sahib, p.605).

From the above statement from the Guru Granth Sahib, the light of God rests equally with both sexes. Both men and women can therefore attain equally salvation by following Guru’s teachings. In many religions, a woman is considered a hindrance to man’s spirituality, but not in Sikhism. The Guru rejects this. In ‘Current Thoughts on Sikhism’, Alice Basarke states,

“the first Guru put woman on a par with man...woman was not a hindrance to man, but a partner in serving God and seeking salvation”.

Marriage: Guru Nanak recommended *grhastha*—the life of a householder, Instead of celibacy and renunciation, Husband and wife were equal partners and fidelity was enjoined upon both. In the sacred verses, domestic happiness is presented as a cherished ideal and marriage provided a running metaphor for the expression of love for the Divine. Bhai Gurdas, poet of early Sikhism and an authoritative interpreter of the Sikh doctrine, pays high tribute to women. He says:

“A woman, is the favourite in her parental home, loved dearly by her father and mother. In the home of her in-laws, she is the pillar of the family, the guarantee of its good fortune... Sharing in spiritual wisdom and enlightenment and with noble qualities endowed, a woman, the other half of man, escorts him to the door of liberation.” (Varan, V.16)

Equal Status: To ensure equal status between men and women, the Gurus made no distinction between the sexes in matters of initiation, instruction or participation in *sangat* (holy fellowship) and *pangat* (eating together) activities. According to Sarup Das Bhalla, Mahima Prakash, Guru Amar Das disfavoured the use of the veil by women. He assigned women to supervise some communities in disciples and preached against the custom of *sati*. Sikh history records the names of several women, such as Mata Gujri Mai Bhago, Mata Sundari, Rani Sahib Kaur, Rani Sada Kaur and Maharani Jind Kaur, who played important roles in the events of their time

Education: Education is considered very important in Sikhism. It is the key to anyone's success. It is a process of personal development and it is the reason why the 3rd Guru set up many schools. The Guru Granth Sahib states, ***"All divine knowledge and contemplation is obtained through the Guru"*** (Guru Granth Sahib, p.831). Education for all is essential and everyone must work to be the best they can be. Fifty two of the Sikh missionaries sent out by the 3rd Guru were women. In, 'The Role and Status of Sikh Women', Dr Mohinder Kaur Gill writes, ***"Guru Amar Das was convinced that no teachings can take root until and unless they are accepted by women folk"***.

Restrictions on Clothes: Apart from requiring women not to wear a veil, Sikhism makes a simple yet very important statement regarding dress code. This applies to all Sikhs regardless of gender. The Guru Granth Sahib states, ***"Avoid wearing those clothes in which the body is uncomfortable and mind is filled with evil thoughts."*** SGGs, Page 16

Thus, the Sikhs will realise what type of clothes fill the mind with evil thoughts and should avoid them. Sikh women are expected to defend themselves with Kirpan (sword) and others, this is unique for women because it is the first time in history when women were expected to defend themselves and they are not expected to be dependent on men for physical protection.

SGGS Quotes: ***'In the earth and in the sky, I do not see any second. Among all the women and the men, His Light is shining. " Sggs Page 223. From woman, man is born; within woman, man is conceived; to woman he is engaged and married. Woman becomes his friend; through woman, the future generations come. When his woman dies, he seeks another woman; to woman he is bound. So why call her bad? From her, kings are born. From woman, woman is born; without woman, there would be no one at all. Guru Nanak, SGGs Page 473***

In regard to dowry: "O my Lord, give me thy name as my wedding gift and dowry." Shri Guru Ram Das ji, Page 78, line 18 SGGs

Regarding the practice of Purdah: "Stay, stay, O daughter-in-law - do not cover your face with a veil. In the end, this shall not bring you even half a shell. The one before you used to veil her face; do not follow in her footsteps. The only merit in veiling your face is that for a few days, people will say, "What a noble bride has come". Your veil shall be true only if you skip, dance and sing the Glorious praises of God. -P. 484, SGGS

Women and indeed all souls were strongly encouraged to lead a spiritual life: "Come, my dear sisters and spiritual companions; hug me close in your embrace. Let's join together, and tell stories of our All-powerful Husband Lord."-Guru Nanak, pg 17, SGGS.

"Friend, all other wear ruins happiness, the wear that to the limbs is torment, and with foul thinking fills the mind"-SGGS Page 16.

Importance Of Turban

Turban is and has always been an inseparable part of a Sikh. Since about 1500 A.D and the time of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, Sikhs have been wearing the turban.

The turban or "*pagri*" often shortened to "*pag*" or "*dastar*" are different words in various dialect for the same article. All these words refer to the garment worn by both men and women to cover their heads. It is a headdress consisting of a long scarf-like single piece of cloth wound round the head or sometimes an inner "hat" or patka. Traditionally in India, the turban was only worn by men of high status in society; men of low status or of lower castes were not allowed to wear a turban.

Although the keeping of unshorn hair was mandated by Guru Gobind Singh as one of the Five K's or five articles of faith, it has long been closely associated with Sikhism since the very beginning of Sikhi in 1469. Sikhism is the only religion in the world in which wearing a turban is mandatory for all adult males. Vast majority of people who wear turbans in the Western countries are Sikhs. The Sikh *pagdi* is also called *dastaar*. '*Dastar*' is a Persian word. It means '*Hand of God*' implying His Blessing.

Sikhs are famous for their many and distinctive turbans. Traditionally, the turban represents respectability, and has long been an item once reserved for nobility only. During the Mughal domination of India, only the Muslims were allowed to wear a turban. All non-muslims were strictly barred from wearing one.

Guru Gobind Singh, in defiance of this infringement by the Mughals asked all of his Sikhs to wear the turban. This was to be worn in recognition of the high moral standards that he had charted for his Khalsa followers. He wanted his Khalsa to be distinct and be determined "to stand out from the rest of the world". He wanted them to follow the unique path that had been set out by the Sikh Gurus. Thus, a turbaned Sikh has always stood out from the crowd, as the Guru intended; for he wanted his 'Saint-Soldiers' to not only be easily recognizable, but easily found as well.

When a Sikh man or woman dons a turban, the turban ceases to be just a band of cloth; for it becomes one and the same with the Sikh's head. The turban, as well as the four other articles of faith worn by Sikhs, has an

immense spiritual and temporal significance. While the symbolism associated with wearing a turban are many — sovereignty, dedication, self-respect, courage and piety, but!, the main reason that Sikhs wear a turban is to show--their love, obedience and respect for the founder of the Khalsa Guru Gobind Singh. The above high-lighted words need to be replaced by something else. Could be 'reasons for'

"The turban is our Guru's gift to us. It is how we crown ourselves as the Singhs and Kauras who sit on the throne of commitment to our own higher consciousness. For men and women alike, this projective identity conveys royalty, grace, and uniqueness. It is a signal to others that we live in the image of Infinity and are dedicated to serving all. The turban doesn't represent anything except complete commitment. When you choose to stand out by tying your turban, you stand fearlessly as one single person standing out from six billion people. It is a most outstanding act." (Quoted from Sikhnet).

Humility key Essence In Your Journey

Humility is an important aspect of Sikhism. According to this, Sikhs must bow in humility before God. Humility or Nimrata, in Punjabi are closely related words. **Nimrata** is a virtue that is vigorously promoted in Gurbani. The translation of this Punjabi word is "**Humility**", "**Benevolence**" or "**Humbleness.**" Someone whose mind is not distracted by the thought that he or she is better or more important than someone. Problem area - not a correct sentence above

This is an important quality for all humans to nurture and one that is an essential part of a Sikh's mind set and this quality must accompany the Sikh at all times. The other four qualities in the Sikh arsenal are: *Truth (Sat), Contentment (Santokh), Compassion (Daya) and Love(Pyaar)*. These five qualities are essential to a Sikh and it is their duty to meditate and recite Gurbani to inculcate these virtues and make them a part of their personality.

What Gurbani tells us:

"The fruit of humility is intuitive peace and pleasure. With Humility they continue to meditate on God, the Treasure of excellence. The God-conscious being is steeped in humility. One whose heart is mercifully blessed with abiding humility. Sikhism deal Humility as begging bowl before the god,"

Guru Nanak, First Guru Of Sikhism:

"Listening and believing with love and humility in your mind cleanse yourself with the Name, at the sacred shrine deep within."- SGGS Page 4.

"Make contentment your ear-rings, humility your begging bowl, and meditation the ashes you apply to your body."-SGGS Page 6.

"In the realm of humility, the Word is Beauty. Forms of incomparable beauty are fashioned there." SGGS Page 8.

"Modesty, humility and intuitive understanding are my mother-in-law and father-in-law" -SGGS Page 152.

Journey towards Spirituality

Guru Granth Sahib is an eternal living Guru, a poetic composition of Sikh Gurus, Hindu and Muslim Saints. The compilation is a gift from God through them to all mankind. The vision in the Guru Granth Sahib is of a society based on Divine justice without oppression of any kind. While the Granth acknowledges and respects the scriptures of Hinduism and Islam, it does not imply a moral reconciliation with either of these religions. In Guru Granth Sahib women are highly respected with equal roles as men. Women have the same souls as men and thus possess an equal right to cultivate their spirituality with equal chance of achieving liberation. Women can participate in all religious, cultural, social, and secular activities including leading religious congregations.

Sikhism advocates equality, social justice, service to humanity, and tolerance for other religions. The essential message of Sikhism is spiritual devotion and reverence of God at all times while practicing the ideals of compassion, honesty, humility and generosity in everyday life. The three core tenets of the Sikh religion are meditating and remembering God, Working for Honest living and sharing with others.

Congratulations for making an effort to go on this Spiritual Journey for the soul. The translation can never be close to original, especially when the complete Guru Granth Sahib is in poetry and the use of metaphors makes the task exceedingly difficult. In the Divine message, Hindu & Muslim mythological stories are often used Pralahad , Harnakash, laxmi, Brahma etc. Please do not read them literally but understand their underlying message. The focus is on the fact that God is one and to have union with Him is the goal of human life.

This work has been done over years by several volunteers, to get to you the Divine message in your language. If you have any questions, please feel free to email walnut@gmail.com and we would love to join you on this journey.