

Guru Nanak - Sabad 4
hukamee hovan aakaar hukam na kahiaa jaiee
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hukamee hovan jee hukam milai vaDiaaiee ||
hukamee utam neech hukam likh dukh sukh paie'eeh ||
eiknaa hukamee bakhsees ik hukamee sadaa bhavaie'eeh ||
hukamai a(n)dar sabh ko baahar hukam na koi ||
naanak hukamai je bujhai ta haumai kahai na koi ||2||

Summary: Guru Nanak uses the word Hukum to refer to the cosmic law that governs existence. All forms in creation are extensions of the omnipresent consciousness, which takes a form according to its own will and accord. It is like the sweetness of honey, the fluidity of water, or the fragrance of a flower, which are inseparable invisible properties of visible substances.

hukamee hovan aakaar hukam na kahiaa jaiee ||
The will of the all-pervading consciousness decides to take a physical form; this law is not explainable.

hukamee hovan jee hukam milai vaDiaaiee ||
The will of the all-pervading consciousness decides to create life, and through this order, it gets recognized.

hukamee utam neech hukam likh dukh sukh paie'eeh ||
The will of the all-pervading consciousness decides to be high or low; this choice directs joy or sorrow.

eiknaa hukamee bakhsees ik hukamee sadaa bhavaie'eeh ||
The will of the all-pervading consciousness decides to be in a state of graciousness or to wander.

hukamai a(n)dar sabh ko baahar hukam na koi ||
The will of the all-pervading consciousness is the all-doing force, and there is nothing beyond this cosmic law.

naanak hukamai je bujhai ta haumai kahai na koi ||2||
Nanak says that if this cosmic law is understood, then the ego associated with seeing other forms as strangers dissolves. (2)

Essence: Guru Nanak says that understanding the source of cosmic laws as one that governs nature's external and internal aspects is vital for harmony. When

confirming these laws of nature becomes agreeable, there is no notion of you and me, high or low, big or small, pain or pleasure.

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