

Guru Nanak - Sabad 58
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bin gun kaam na aaviee Deh Deree tan kheh ||1||
mere mann lai laahaa ghar jaeh ||
gurmukh naam salaahaeaa haumai nivaree bhaeh ||1|| rahaau ||
sun sun ga(n)Dan ga(n)Deeaa likh paR bujheh bhaar ||
tirasanaa ahinis agalee haumai rog vikaar ||
oh veparavaahu atolavaa gurnat keemat saar ||2||
lakh siaanap je karee lakh siau preet milaap ||
bin sa(n)gat saadh na dhraapeeaa bin naavai dookh sa(n)taap ||
har jap jeeare chhuTeeaa gurmukh cheenai aap ||3||
tan man gur peh vechiaa man deaaa sir naal ||
tirabhavan khoj Da(n)Doliaa gurmukh khoj nihaal ||
satagur mel milaiiaa naanak so prabh naal ||4||17||

Summary: The impact of service extends beyond just helping others; it is a powerful means for personal growth, self-discovery, and spiritual development. By setting aside our own needs and focusing on the needs of others, we move beyond the ego that often traps us in self-centeredness. Through service, we unlock the door to genuine connection with our surroundings, understanding the shared experiences and the interconnectedness. In serving, we realise that by lifting others, we also lift ourselves.

sun mann mitr piaariaa mil velaa hai eh ||
Listen, O mind, the ever-present beloved companion; now is the time to unite with omnipresence.

jab lag joban saas hai tab lag ih tan deh ||
As long as there is life and breath, dedicate this physical existence to the noble act of service.

bin gun kaam na aaviee Deh Deree tan kheh ||1||
Without attaining virtues, the body's existence is worthless. The body will eventually degenerate into a pile of dust. (1)

mere mann lai laahaa ghar jaeh ||
My mind seeks the benefits of physical existence by turning inwards to my consciousness.

gurmukh naam salaahēaai haumai nivaree bhaeh ||1|| rahaau ||

Those who seek wisdom to guide them from ignorance to awareness endorse self-reflection, which extinguishes the fire of ego. (1)(Pause)

sun sun ga(n)Dan ga(n)Deēaai likh paR bujheh bhaar

We often hear philosophies that encourage us to connect and unite, we read and write to understand its profoundness.

tirasanaa ahinis agalee haumai rog vikaar ||

However, worldly desires persist, leading one to become diseased with ego and negativity.

oh veparavaahu atolavaa gurmat keemat saar ||2||

The carefree, all-encompassing energy is beyond measure; its value shines through the wisdom that guides us from ignorance to enlightenment. (2)

lakh siaanap je karee lakh siau preet milaap ||

Engaging in various clever activities can facilitate affectionate relationships with numerous individuals.

bin sa(n)gat saadh na dhraapeēaa bin naavai dookh sa(n)taap ||

However, without associating with the enlightened, spiritual yearning remains unfulfilled and without self-reflection, there is pain and suffering.

Har jap jeeare chhuTēaai gurmukh cheenai aap ||3||

Contemplating the essence of universality leads the mind to liberation. Those who pursue wisdom to transcend ignorance gain an understanding of their existence. (3)

tan man gur peh vechiaa man deēaa sir naal ||

Committing the body and mind to acquiring wisdom, and surrendering your mind in humility towards this pursuit.

tirabhavan khoj Da(n)Doliaa gurmukh khoj nihaal ||

After searching for the all-pervading in the three realms; earth, sky, and the nether regions; when one becomes a seeker of wisdom, a radiant clarity emerges.

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True wisdom enables a union with the omnipresent energy. Nanak says this divine energy will be with us forever. (4)(17)

Essence: Guru Nanak refers to the quest to discover the all-pervading energy across three realms: the earth, the sky, and the nether regions. This journey is not

about geographical exploration; instead, it is a deep inquiry where the seeker delves into both the material and spiritual dimensions to gain wisdom. True understanding is not merely an intellectual exercise; it involves an experiential realization of the oneness between the individual soul and the all-pervading energy. This connection gives clarity that the omnipresent source is always within us, hence making us all inseparable companions.

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