

Bhagat Ravidas – Sabad 33
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Summary: Universal laws function impartially, rising above biases, societal norms, and religious authority. These laws remain untouched by status, belief systems, or institutional power, and they do not conform to conventional boundaries or majority opinion. When we align ourselves with these laws, we cultivate a state of coherence and balance in our lives; conversely, ignoring or resisting them often leads to confusion and distress. These principles are universally applicable, transcending personal preferences, and deliver outcomes free from bias. They reveal that true authority emanates from inner harmony, continually guiding us toward fulfilment and clarity.

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Such loving care, except for you, who else can provide? This highlights the unique depth of inner awareness that nothing else can replace.

gareeb nivaaj gusieeaa meraa maathai chhatr dharai ||1|| rahaau ||

The patron of the humble, the all-encompassing awareness, places a royal canopy over my head. This illustrates how wisdom elevates the spirit, conferring a sense of worth and inherent dignity upon those whom society often overlooks. (1)(Pause)

jaa kee chhot jagat kau laagai taa par tuha(n)ee ddarai ||

You embrace and accept those whose touch is deemed polluting by society. This illustrates how ignorance, masked as pride, can lead to the pain of duality, while awareness, which sees unity, can bring the joy of inclusion.

neecheh uooch karai meraa gobi(n)dh kaahoo te na ddarai ||1||

Universal awareness elevates the low to the high and fears no one. This highlights that universal laws function beyond biases, societal expectations, and established authority. (1)

naamadhev kabeer tilochan sadhanaa sain tarai ||

Namdev, Kabir, Trilochan, Sadhna, and Sain all crossed the ocean of duality. This list of revered individuals from diverse backgrounds and their shared realisations validates the universality of wisdom.

keh ravidhaas sunahu re sa(n)tahu har jeeau te sabhai sarai ||2||1||

Ravidas says, " Listen, O wise beings", the all-pervading awareness is capable of accomplishing everything. This insight inspires us to recognise and unleash the potential of our inner universal awareness. (2)(1)

Essence: Bhagat Ravidas challenges social and religious norms, presenting a form of devotion that transcends hierarchies. He uses the imagery of a royal canopy, a symbol of sovereignty reserved for kings, being placed on the head of the meek as a powerful message of equality. This imagery emphasizes that the universal reality serves as an equalizer, disregarding notions of superiority or inferiority as defined by society. Awareness is not a privilege of status or power; it arises from a genuine intimacy with unity that courageously embraces vulnerability.

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