

Sheikh Farid – Sabad 63
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Summary: To truly grasp the essence of service, we must observe nature for insight. As autumn approaches, trees shed their leaves, which fall to the ground, decompose, and enrich the soil. This process occurs without seeking admiration or recognition; it selflessly nourishes the forest, fostering life. In the same way, genuine service requires us to let go of ego and illusion, allowing our minds to grow and evolve in the spirit of universal benevolence.

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Farid says, perform the service of the all-pervading inner sovereign to dispel confusion and doubt from the conscience. This redefines service not as pleasing an external authority, but as liberating the mind of its insecurities.

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The pious seekers require the patience and endurance of trees. This points to the quality of profound steadfastness essential for navigating life's challenges with grace and strength. (60)

Essence: Sheikh Farid uses the image of a tree to illustrate the patience needed for spiritual growth. A tree bends and absorbs the wind, remaining rooted instead of fighting against it. Its strength lies in adaptability while staying grounded. Similarly, the spiritual journey requires us to cultivate inner stability and balance. True resilience is not about controlling external circumstances but being anchored and aware even amidst change.

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