

Sheikh Farid – Sabad 91
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Summary: The exhaustion caused by sensory overload goes beyond simple tiredness; it involves the fatigue of our conscience being constantly pulled in multiple directions. When the senses are scattered with competing signals, our ability to gain clarity, concentrate and maintain equilibrium suffers. Like a lake disturbed by falling stones, while the water remains, its surface can't reflect clearly. Overwhelming stimuli cloud our perception and drain our motivation, highlighting the need for moments of stillness to restore clarity and rejuvenate our spirit.

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Farid says that this body acts like a barking dog; who can bear the agony of attending to it day after day? This symbolises the relentless clamour of sensory desires and the ego's persistent noise, which drains peace.

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I have placed earplugs in my ears, so it does not matter how hard the wind is blowing. This illustrates the strength of safeguarding inner peace by ignoring external sensory chaos. (88)

Essence: Sheikh Farid reveals a key truth: true peace comes not from silencing the world around us, but from calming our own perceptions. Forcing silence is futile; the world is always in motion. Transformation occurs when we still the mind's reactions. In this inner calm, external noise no longer disturbs us. Serenity emerges not from controlling the outside world, but from mastering our mind's engagement with it.

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