

Bhagat Ravidas – Sabad 35
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Summary: The disparity between outward expression and inward orientation highlights how easily surface appearances can replace genuine alignment. Words, gestures, and rituals may seem sincere, yet the inner reality remains unchanged. This disconnect creates a fragile illusion of coherence. When actions lack a foundation of inner clarity, they turn into mere performances rather than authentic expressions. True integrity comes to life only when our inner state quietly directs our outward actions. Without this alignment, even well-intentioned actions can feel empty. Conversely, when alignment exists, simplicity becomes rich with meaning, and consistency seems effortless.

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Practising the six ritualistic ways of Indic worship associated with a high lineage, but the conscience is devoid of devotion for the all-pervading awareness. This shows that rituals may uphold tradition and that class can confer status, but without heartfelt devotion, they are empty customs.

charanaarabi(n)dh na kathaa bhaavai supach tul samaan ||1||
Without humble devotion to oneness and dislike for spiritual insights, one is then considered an outcast. This redefines being low not as a caste but as a lack of alignment with awareness. (1)

re chit chet chet achet ||
O conscience, awaken; be aware instead of remaining unconscious. This is a command to the self to be mindful of one's intentions and actions.

kaahe na baalameekeh dhekh ||

Why do you not observe the example of Valmiki? This transformation from a low-caste thief to an enlightened sage reflects our inherent potential to overcome the vices we acquire.

kis jaat te keh padheh amario raam bhagat bisekh ||1|| rahaau ||

What humble status did he come from, and to what exalted status did he attain through sublime devotion to all-pervading oneness? This serves as a reminder that our origins do not define our potential. (1)(Pause)

suaan satr ajaat sabh te kirarasan laavai het ||

Even those deemed outcaste and rejected by all were held in love by the exalted beings. This highlights an egoistic, unrealised mindset that discriminates, while an evolved, awakened mindset embraces inclusivity.

log bapuraa kiasa saraahai teen lok praves ||2||

What can the vulnerable people applaud about the all-pervading awareness that permeates all three realms of existence? This reflection emphasises that any acknowledgement loses its value if we fail to understand the entirety of creation. (2)

ajaamal pi(n)gulaa lubhat ku(n)char ge har kai paas ||

Ajamal (the misdoer), Pingula (the courtesan), and the inticed Elephant (the restless mind) all reached the essence of the all-pervading source. These archetypes of ethically disqualified beings who achieved awareness symbolise that errors are not permanent barriers to evolving.

aaise dhuramat nisatare too kiasa na tareh ravidhaas ||3||1||

If such clouded minds could swim across, why would you not also cross over, O Ravidas? This thought inspires confidence; when our intentions are positive, we can expect positive results. (3)(1)

Essence: Bhagat Ravidas asserts that rigid social and religious boundaries, often regarded as paths to enlightenment, are mere illusions. He illustrates this by referencing Valmiki's remarkable journey from a vulnerable thief to an enlightened sage, showcasing our inherent ability to rise above mental conditioning, shed negative mindsets and overcome fear of otherness. This perspective is not just inspiring; it empowers us. When we focus on positive intentions, we can expect positive results in our lives.

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