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**Dera Sachkhand, Bal, Jalandhar,
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Some Important facts of life Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji

Date of Birth :

**Year 1377 AD (Bikrami Samvat-Magh Sudi 15,
1433)**

Birth Place :

Seer Goverdhanpur, Banaras (U.P.)

Name of Mother & Father :

Father, Respected Sh. Santokh Dass Ji

Mother, Respected Smt. Kalsi Devi Ji

Name of the Grandmother and Grandfather :

Grandfather, Respected Sh. Kalu Ram Ji

Name of Grandmother, Respected Smt. Lakhpatri Ji,

Name of wife & son :

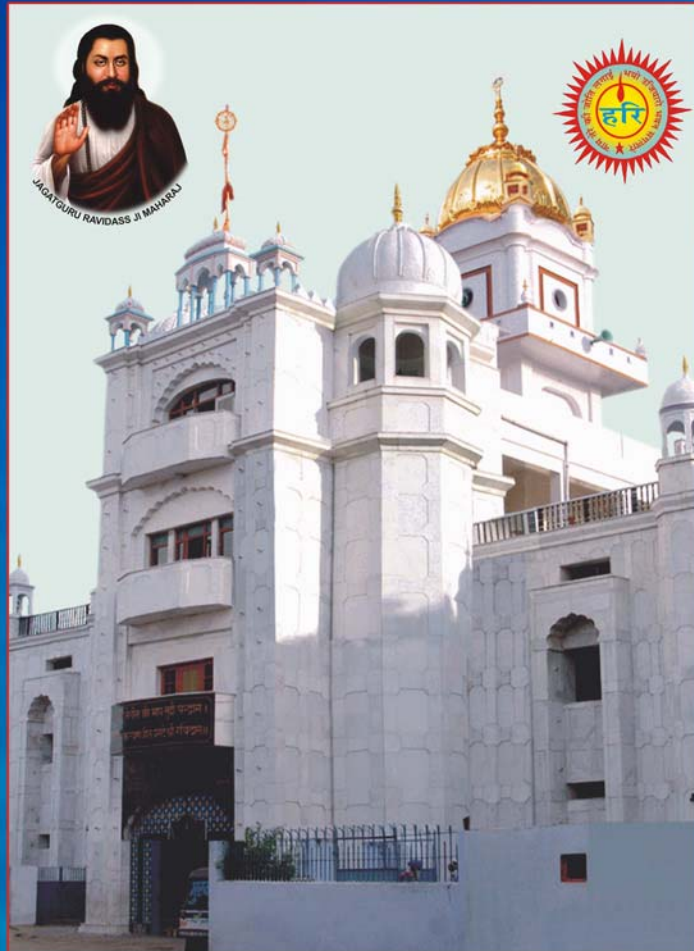
Wife Respected Smt. Lona Ji

Son Respected Sh. Vijay Dass Ji

Brahamlin :

**Harh Di Sangrand 1584 Bikrami Samvat (1528) A.D.
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 Dera Sachkhand Ballan, Jalandhar

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 Historical Taposthan of Baba Pipal Dass Ji and
 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj at Village Ballan, Jalandhar



Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan, Dera Sachkhand Ballan, Jalandhar



Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Eye Hospital, Dera Sachkhand Ballan, Jalandhar



Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan, Hadiabad, Phagwara



Sant Sarwan Dass Model School, Hadiabad, Phagwara



Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital, Adda Kathar (Jalandhar)



Shri R. K. Narayan Ji His Excellency President of India, inaugurated Shri Guru Ravidass Gate and received the gold plated model of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir from Shri 108 Sant Niranjani Dass Ji Maharaj, Chairman, Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust (Regd.) alongwith Amar Shaheed of Ravidassia Religion Sant Rama Nand Ji, Respected Babu Kanshi Ram Ji (Founder BSP).



Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan, Sirsagarh, Ambala (Haryana)



Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan, Katraj, Pune



Declaration of 'Ravidassia Religion' with Holy Book 'Amrit Bani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji' by Sant Samaj at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Goverdhanpur, Varanasi (U. P.)



Taposthan Shri Dhan-Dhan Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Janam Asthan Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji, Village Gill Patti, Bathinda



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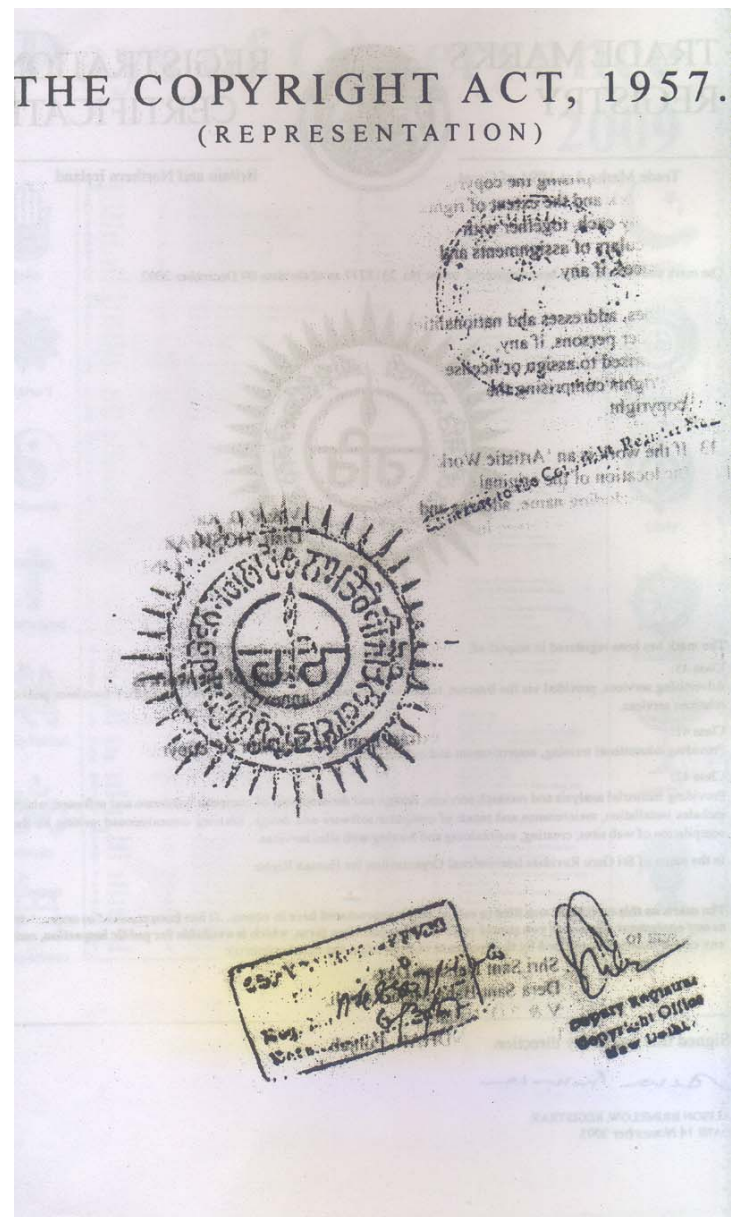
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Principles of Ravidassia Religion

- (1) Our Guru : Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
- (2) Our Religion : Ravidassia
- (3) Our Religious Book : Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
- (4) Our Religious Symbol : 
- (5) Our Salutation : Jai Gurdev
- (6) Our Ultimate Place of Pilgrimage : Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir Seer Goverdhanpur Varanasi (U.P.)
- (7) Our Objectives : To propagate the Bani and teachings of Satguru Ravidass Ji. Besides, the teachings and the thought of Maharashi Bhagwan Balmik Ji, Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji, Satguru Trilochan Ji, Satguru Sain Ji and Satguru Sadna Ji would Also be propagated. : To respect all religions, love the mankind and lead virtuous life.

Blessings

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji guided the ignorant, vagrant and misinformed humanity on the righteous path of truth and blessed human race with the sacred preaching of universal brotherhood, devout love for fellow human beings and dedicated meditation of God. He gave us the unique concept of Begampura for the benefit of citizens of the entire universe. People from all sections of the society took shelter at his lotus feet as devout followers and made their human lives truly fruitful.

With the proclamation of “Ravidassia Dharma” on the auspicious occasion of 633rd birth anniversary of Jagatguru Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and embodiment of the holy scripture “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji”: more than 200 million members of the Ravidassia community got a new identity of their own. I felt extremely delighted while dedicating “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji Steek” to humanity on the auspicious occasion of 635th birth anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and 3rd anniversary of proclamation of Ravidassia Dharma, with the holy blessings of visionaries, dispassionate, perfect and scholarly Brahmgyani sages of Dera Sachkhand Bal, Brahmleen Satguru Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Brahmleen Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji, Brahmleen Satguru Hari Dass Ji and Brahmleen Satguru Garib Dass Ji.

Bawa Ji has worked extremely hard to complete “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji Steek” in Punjabi with devoted and painstaking efforts. Hindi, Marathi, Telgu, English & other Languages versions of this Holy Scripture has also been already published. I am fully convinced that the learned devotees of Guru Ji will adhere to the teachings

of this Holy Scripture and make their rare human lives really rewarding. Now, Shri Piare Lal, a blessed devotee of Brahmgyani, Brahmleen Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji, has translated the entire text written by Bawa Ji along with commentary in English language with the benevolent blessings of his revered spiritual Guru Ji. He claims no credit for this work which has been possible only because of kind blessings of his respected Guru Ji. However he accepts total responsibility for any mistakes or shortcomings and seeks kind pardon of the learned devotees for same.

On this historic occasion of 636th birth anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and 4th anniversary of foundation of Ravidassia Dharma, it gives me immense pleasure to present this English version of “ Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji “ to the entire human society with the kind blessings of learned saints of Dera Sachkhand Bal, Brahmleen Satguru Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Brahmleen Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji, Brahmleen Satguru Hari Dass Ji and Brahmleen Satguru Garib Dass Ji, on this 25th day of February 2013. This modest contribution has been possible because of their benign blessings.

I am sure that English speaking learned devotees from all countries of the world would like to benefit from this English version of the Holy Scripture “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji”.

Sant Niranjan Dass

Chairman, Shri Guru Ravidass Janam-Asthan Public Charitable Trust, (Registered), Varanasi,
Spiritual Head, Dera Sachkhand, Bal, Jalandhar, Punjab, India
Chairman, Akhal Bhartia Ravidassia Dharma Sangathan, Bharat,
(Registered)

Foreword

Tu janat mae kichh nahi bhav khandan Ram!!

Sagal jia sarnagati Prabh pooran kaam!!

Great sages of Dera Sachkhand Bal, Jalandhar; Brahmleen Sant Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj, Brahamgyani Brahmleen Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, Brahamgyani Brahmleen Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj and Brahamgyani Brahmleen Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji Maharaj, who spread the mission of revered Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji amongst all humanity, were such enlightened saints who dedicated their lives to devout meditation of God and welfare of all members of the society with absolute detachment.

Following the enlightened path shown by these learned sages; Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji, Chairman, Shri Guru Ravidass Janam-Sthan Public Charitable Trust, Varanasi, & current Spiritual Head, Dera Sachkhand, Bal, Jalandhar; has been spreading the philosophy of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji's Amritbani amongst the entire humanity and simultaneously promoting welfare of all citizens of the world.

I am extremely fortunate to get the wonderful opportunity to receive good education and study of Amritbani with total concentration with the blessings of Satguru Hari Dass Ji Maharaj, Satguru Garib Dass Ji Maharaj, present Spiritual Head of Dera Sachkhand Bal Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji Maharaj and immortal martyr Sant Rama Nand Ji.

I got this wonderful opportunity of presenting "Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji Sateek" to the learned devotees only because of the kind blessings of Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji Maharaj. English version of this holy scripture and commentary is now being presented to the devotees the world over with the blessings of all revered sages of Dera Sachkhand Bal.

Devotee of Guru Ji's lotus feet:

Sant Surinder Dass Bawa

Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sachkhand Bal, (Jalandhar)

Preface

Prem panth ki palki Ravidass baethiyo aaye!

Sache sami Milan kan aanand kahiyo na jaye!!

Most revered Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj Ji, during his incarnation in this world, preached all human beings about absolute unity, universal brotherhood & love for humanity and conveyed his sacred sermon to keep company of learned saints and practice devout meditation of God. While Jagatguru Ravidass Ji liberated people, suffering from oppression for centuries, of all bondage on the one hand; he simultaneously enlightened the foes of humanity with his pious and truthful sermon:

"Satsangat mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira"!

He conveyed his sacred sermon about universal brotherhood and also envisaged one common universal abode "Begampura" for all human beings of the world as explained in his Amritbani mentioned above. Such a great revolutionary Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji had his incarnation in Varanasi during the Magh Sudi 15, 1433 Vikram Samvat (1377 A.D.) at the blessed house of respected father Shri Santokh Dass Ji and esteemed mother Shrimati Kalsi Devi Ji. In order to establish an egalitarian society with equal rights for all, he showed four types of *Janeu* on Maghi (the sacred thread) symbolising the four Yugas or cosmic periods and abandoned the one made of thread that adored his body in staunch protest against the social disharmony bedevilling the society.

On the auspicious & historic occasion of Vaisakhi, (First day of Vaisakh- the second month of Vikram Samvat Calendar) he achieved the unique feat of floating of stones on the water of river Ganges. He created myriad forms of himself in the durbar of king Kumbha and Queen Jhala Bai and launched the unique tradition of spiritual congregations and community feeding for one and all. He spent major part of his life travelling far and wide preaching all human beings to tread the path of truth and devout

meditation of God. A large number of kings, emperors and people from all sections of the society bowed before him with allegiance and became his devout disciples. He worked for the emancipation of human society throughout his life and left this perishable world for his heavenly abode on the first day of the month of Harh 1584 Vikram Samvat or 1528 A.D. in Varanasi.

Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji reckoned Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji as the ultimate epitome of Bhakti and recited the following hymn;

***Sadhan mein Ravidass sant hae, supach rishi so maniya!
Hindu Turk dui deen bane hae, kashu nahin pahichaniya!***

Kabir Ji said that Guru Ravidass Ji is the greatest amongst sages and the entire world reckons him as a highly respected saint. Contemporary Hindus and Muslims bowed with reverence before Guru Ravidass Ji and revered him like God. Sant Pipa Ji explains the unique services of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji towards human society as follows in his hymns:

***Je Kali Raedas Kabir na hote,
lok ved aru Kaliyug mili kar bhagti rasatal dete!***

Pipa Ji explained that “But for the timely incarnation of Satguru Ravidass Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji; contemporary upper caste society, Vedas and distorted philosophical thinking under the influence of Kaliyug would have buried Bhakti under deep sea.”

Ravidass chamar ustati kare, Hari keerat nimakh ik gayi!! Patit jati uttam bhaiya, chari varan paiye pagi aayi!!

Satguru Ram Dass Ji explains that Guru Ravidass Ji practiced such devout meditation of HAR (God) and eulogised glory of divinity with dedicated devotion that he himself became one with God and indistinguishable from God. Despite his birth in a so called low caste; people from all the four classes of society bowed at his lotus feet with reverence because of his devout Bhakti and dignified spiritual knowledge. Satguru Arjan Dev Ji eulogises him as follows;

Ooch te ooch Namdeo samdarsi Ravidass thakur bani aayie!! i.e.

Greatest of all learned sages, who treated everyone equal, has been Satguru Namdev Ji and Satguru Ravidass Ji was incarnation of God himself in this world.

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji states in his Amritbani that:

***Meri jat kut bandhla dhor dhovanta niteh banarsi aas pasa.
Ab bipar pardhan tihi karahi dandut tere nam sarnae ravidass dassa !!***

I was born in a community that transports carcasses of dead animals around Varanasi every day. However, I sought shelter at the lotus feed of God and now the head of the Brahmin priests prostrates before me with great respect. After listening to the redeeming sermons of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji, king Nagar Mall (Hardev Singh), Rana Vir Baghel Singh, Sikandar Lodi, Maharana Sangram Singh (Rana Sanga), king Chandra Pratap, king Allavadi Bijli Khan, Rana Ratan Singh, Maharana Kumbha Ji, Maharani Jhala Bai, great saint Meera Bai, and sages Karma Bai Ji, Bhanmati Ji, as well as great saint Gorakh Nath Ji along with people from all sections of society became his devotees. Messiah of humanity, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar formulated the Constitution of India based on the human rights enshrined in sacred hymn “*Begampura sahar ko nao*” recited by Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji. Likewise, the United Nations Organization (UNO) declared at Toronto, Canada that the sanctity of human rights of all citizens and governance of the entire world should be based on the principles enunciated in this hymn “*Begampura sahar ko nao*”

After elapsing of nearly 600 years, the great saints of Dera Sachkhand Bal, Brahmleen Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj, Brahmleen Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj, Brahmleen Satguru Swami Hari Dass Ji Maharaj, Brahmleen Satguru Swami Garib Dass Ji Maharaj, present Spiritual Head Satguru Swami Niranjana Dass Ji Maharaj and immortal martyr Sant Rama Nand Ji disseminated these revolutionary sermons of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj amongst all people throughout the world. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that:

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou rahayi sada nirbai!
Sukhdai samta gahyi sabhnah mangahi khair!!

Such a great benevolent and devout saint Brahmgyani Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji practiced dedicated meditation of God day and night on the sacred soil of village Bal and he enabled myriad number of people of this world to pursue devout Bhakti of God. He always preached his devotees to become highly educated, serve one's parents, respect the elderly, love the younger ones, keep company of learned saints and practice devout meditation of God. He got a Dera constructed on the sacred soil of village Bal and christened same as "*Dera Ravidassian Da*" on 2nd February, 1964 to push forwards clear identity of the community. Despite elapsing of many centuries, he located the sacred birth place of Jagatguru Ravidass ji Maharaj through his divine enlightenment. He deputed Sant Hari Dass Ji Maharaj to lay the foundation stone of the temple to be built at that place or Janam-Asthan in Varanasi on the auspicious occasion of *Sankranti of Harh*, (First day of the month of *Harh*) during 1965 A.D. Construction work for the temple was carried out under the able guidance of Sant Garib Dass Ji Maharaj. A great place of pilgrimage was thus dedicated to the society and Satguru Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj declared that people from all over the world will always congregate at this holy place of pilgrimage to pay their obeisance. Sant Niranjana Dass Ji Maharaj and Sant Rama Nand Ji decorated the temple with gold *Kalshas* and launched the programme to frame the temple in gold.

Enemies of humanity perpetrated a dastardly attack on Sant Niranjana Dass Ji Maharaj and Sant Rama Nand Ji at Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Vienna on 24th May, 2009. Because of that, Sant Rama Nand Ji attained immortal martyrdom for the sake of Ravidassia community and left for his heavenly abode in the early hours of May 25, 2009 to become immortal. There were spontaneous and forceful but peaceful protests all over the world by Ravidassia community to express their pain and dismay against this barbaric act of violence. There-after, announcement of new

religion "Ravidassia Dharma" was made on the sacred occasion of 633rd birth anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj from his Janam-Sthan Temple, Sir Govardhanpur, Varanasi in the presence of thousands of learned saints and devotees. More than 200 million people of Ravidassia community were delighted to get this novel identity. That night, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj could be seen blessing people of the world from the largest visible full moon of the century.

Ravidassia Dharma and Amritbani scripture have been adopted by people all over the world. "Akhil Bhartiya Ravidass Dharma Sangathan Bharat (Regd.)" organization has been established at all India level. Dera Sachkhand Bal has made arrangements for supply of literature & scriptures about Ravidassia Dharma, Amritbani & teachings of Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji and scriptures as well as compact discs related to legends of great saints of Dera Sachkhand Bal to all public for their guidance. Sixty scholars have been honoured with gold medals by Dera Sachkhand Bal. There might be some shortcomings in that presentation for which, I beg to be excused.

Present English version of the holy scripture "Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji" is the humble contribution of Shri Piare Lal, a blessed disciple of Brahmgyani Brahmleen Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj. Shri Piare Lal completed postgraduate studies in forestry under the guidance of his respected parents Shri Kirpa Ram and Shrimati Karam Kaur of village Rasul Pur Brahmana, Jalandhar with the benevolent blessings of his revered Satguru Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji- a truly Shahanshah Fakir and epitome of Bhakti who loved all sections of society as equal citizens and practiced what he preached. With the blessings of his revered guru ji, he was selected as member of Indian Forest Service, Punjab Cadre during 1968. Later he worked with private sector companies in responsible positions including Group General Manager, Agroforestry Division, Wimco Limited and Vice President-Plantations ITC Bhadrachalam Paperboards Limited. Government of India honoured him with

the prestigious award “Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puruskar” 1999.
May Blessings of his revered Satguru Brahmleen, Brahmgyani
Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Maharaj Ji be always with him?

This text in English has been possible only because of the
benevolence and benign blessings of Brahmgyani Brahmleen Shri
108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj and his modest disciple claims
no credit whatsoever for same. As the alphabets and vowels in
English language are far less than those in Gurumukhi and Devnagari
scripts; achieving exact composition and syllable of some
vernacular words of the later two languages in English has been
rather difficult. It has also not been possible to find exact equivalents
in English language for some of the vernacular words used in the
Holy Scripture “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji”. Hence,
he offers his sincere apologies for the shortcomings and
unintentional mistakes if any in the text and seeks pardon of the
learned devotees for the same. Most valued contributions of Shri
Siri Ram Arsh, who carefully scrutinized the present English text
and made many useful suggestions, are most gratefully
acknowledged.

I feel extremely delighted to present the English version of
Holy Scripture “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji” to
devotees all over the world with the blessings of Satguru Niranjan
Dass Ji Maharaj. I do hope that all members of the society and
devotees from all over the world will certainly take full advantage
of this.

Jai Gurdev.

Devotee of Lotus Feet of Guru Ji,
Sant Surinder Dass Bawa,
Vice-Chairman, Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public
Charitable Trust (Regd.) Varanasi.
&
Vice-Chairman Akhal Bhartia Ravidassia
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Source of Inspiration

With the blessings of revered Jagatguru Ravidass
Ji Maharaj, Brahmleen Baba Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj,
Brahmleen Satguru Swami Sarwan Dass Ji Maharaj,
Brahmleen Satguru Swami Hari Dass Ji Maharaj,
Brahmleen Satguru Swami Garib Dass Ji Maharaj and
present Spiritual Head Satguru Swami Niranjan Dass Ji
Maharaj, my source of inspiration has been immortal
martyr Sant Rama Nand Ji whose martyrdom brought all
members of Ravidassia Community the world over at one
unified stage. This gave a distinct identity of Ravidassia
Dharma to the Community. I feel extremely delighted to
present this holy scripture “Amritbani Satguru Ravidass
Maharaj Ji translation” for the benefit of all devotees.

However, the secret of my happiness, the source
of my inspiration as well as my mentor has been
distinguished scholar, talented in singing of religious
hymns, epitome of service to society and immortal martyr
Shri 108 Sant Rama Nand Ji. He had an extremely good
fortune to travel all over the world together with
Brahmleen Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji Maharaj and present
Spiritual Head, Shri 108 Sant Niranjan Dass Ji Maharaj
for promotion of sacred mission of Guru Ji. He was
instrumental in guiding me very ably in every field right
from my childhood till today. He played a vital role to
help me comprehend the intricacies of sacred Amritbani
and spiritual mysteries after completion of my studies.

Sant Surinder Dass Bawa
Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sachkhand Bal

**Emergence of Dera Sant Sarwan
Dass Ji Sach Khand Bal
&
A great spiritual saint-
Sant Pipal Dass Ji**

Satguru Ravidass Ji has said that there is no difference between saints and Almighty. Saints bless the astrayed people with NAM-simran. Among such saints, there was one highly spiritually enlightened saint named Shri 108 Sant Pipal Dass Ji Maharaj. He was born in village Gill Patti in Bathinda district. His grandfather had decided to settle permanently at Gill Patti after shifting from Kuttiwala and Joganand villages. Sant Pipal Dass Ji's earlier name was Shri Harnam Dass Ji. The parents of Sant Pipal Dass Ji were religious minded and Shri Pipal Dass Ji used to chant NAM of God under peepal tree sitting in solitude. The villagers had deep regard for him. He took up farming of his land. He received education in Gurmukhi. He was a very good scholar of Punjabi and Amrit Bani. He used to read the books which contained apathetic and renunciatory themes. He was very fond of tree planting. The beri tree planted by him still exists in the village Gill Patti. He was married to Bibi Shobhawanti who was a religious minded lady. He was blessed with NAM by Sant Mohan Dass Ji.

They had two sons. The eldest son was Shri Sewa Dass Ji and younger was Sarwan Dass Ji. Sarwan Dass was five year old when his mother Bibi Shobhawanti died. Sant Pipal Dass Ji was very sad. After some time he left Gill Patti village assigning the duty of farming to his eldest son Sewa Dass Ji. By travelling though various towns and villages, Sant Pipal Dass Ji ultimately, reached village Bal. However, he decided to settle at village Ballan in Jalandhar district. The scenic beauty and natural surroundings and *dake* trees of village Bal tempted Sant Pipal Dass Ji. He decided to settle there. Moreover, the residents of the village

showed utmost regard to Sant Ji. After some days Sant Pipal Dass Ji left for Singriwal village along with Sarwan Dass Ji to bless NAM to the sangat there and to meet Shri Kaloo Ram Ji. But Sant Sarwan Dass Ji asked his father that he had been feeling sad and depressed, so please take him back to village Ballan. Both came back and the residents showed them great respect and offered a mud house for their permanent stay there. Here Pipal Dass Ji continued worshipping Almighty and read out teachings and amritbani of Satguru Ravidass Ji to the sangat every morning and evening. There was one peepal tree in the village which was totally dried up. The sangat of the village requested Sant Pipal Dass Ji to make it green again so that the people might sit under its shade in the summer. However, Sant Pipal Dass Ji watered the tree and it became green in course of time. This incident changed the name from Shri Harnam Dass Ji to Sant Pipal Dass Ji. Mark juergens Meyer in his religious book "Religious rebels in Punjab" had beautifully described as under.

"Sant Pipal Dass established the Dera at that location, near village Ballan, around the turn of century while wandering in search of truth. When he encountered the place, he found a peepal tree which appeared to be dead, but after he watered it, it sprang back to life. Pipal Dass understood this as a clear indication that truth was to be obtained on that spot, so he solicited nearby villagers to donate the land and began constructing his Dera. It soon became the centre of pilgrimage for lower castes and other villagers from all over central Punjab and from its inception it was a center for the veneration of Guru Ravidass."

It was a worshipping place for the devotees of Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, Sant Pipal Dass Ji used to meditate in the west of the village Ballan along with Sarwan Dass Ji during the day in solitude SachKhand Ballan has come up at this place. A school was also started at Ballan Dera where Punjabi and Amrit Bani was taught to children. They were taught the life and mission of Satguru Ravidass Ji. The sangat brought food for him. Sant Ji preached to abstain from intoxicants, not to believe in rituals and

superstitions and to respect parents.. When a great social reformer Babu Mangoo Ram Moogowalia was struggling for the establishment of Ad-Dharam and collecting the historical data of Maharishi Balmik Ji, Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Ravidass Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji, he came to meet Baba Pipal Dass Ji collecting literature on teachings and writings of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj.

The word spoken by a Sadhu is always truthful. Whatever Sant Pipal Dass Ji uttered proved to be true. Once Sant Pipal Dass Ji visited the house of Baba Shami Ram Ji. He took pity on their poor financial condition. He told him that they get out the required grain from the kothi and it will remain full. He also asked them not to check up that the kothi is still full or not. They took out grain from the kothi for 13 months to see whether it is still full. To their amazement the kothi was still full of grain. But thereafter the kothi became empty as the grain was taken out from it.

Sant Pipal Dass Ji visited Arjanwal village to the house of Shri Waryama Ram. His wife requested Sant Ji that she had no child and her mother-in-law always taunted her and threatened her to compel her to leave the house. Baba Pipal Dass solaced her and told her that she would be blessed with five sons and truly, five sons were born to her including Giani Joginder Singh Ji.

One day when Sant Pipal Dass was going to the village Bal to have some offerings from residents. He was in his own spiritual mood. He stopped in front of the house of Namberdar Piara Singh for alms. Smt. Mohan Kaur w/o Namberdar Piara Singh offered the offering to Sant Ji and politely requested that you were pride of the lowly, shelter for the poor and hope for the hopeless. There was no dearth of anything in my house but I have no child kindly bless me with this gift. Sant Pipal Dass Ji was moved by the request of Mohan Kaur and told her that in due course of time Almighty would bless her with five sons and advised her and her husband to worship NAM daily. Baba Ji came back to Dera. Truly after gap of some years five sons and a daughter were born to her and all the children were very nice having

good manners. The entire family always praised all the saints of Dera Sach Khand Ballan. Shri Wattan Singh and Bibi Kesari Devi were living in Muradpur village and after some time shifted to Alawalpur in Jalandhar district. Whenever Baba Pipal Dass Ji visited their residence, he always asked them to prepare saltish chapaties. When once Baba Ji went to their Muradpur house both Bibi Kesari and Wattan Singh humbly requested Baba Ji that they had no child and politely submitted that he should bless the couple with the gift of a son. At this Baba Ji asked the couple to solve five sweet patasas in water and then knead the flour with that water and prepare the food. They did so and prepared the sweet food for Sant Pipal Dass Ji which he took gladly and thereafter told the couple that Almighty will bless them with the gift of four children. Truly four sons were born to the couple. And doing such kind and munificent acts to the needy and poor, the great saint Baba Pipal Dass Ji left for his heavenly abode on Thursday, first Navrata, in 1928, to be one with the Almighty. The poet Tota Ram had rightly written-

*Jeewan ke udharne ko paapian de taarne ko
Moorakh sudharne ko aaye sansar si
Bachan raseele tap tej de hatheelee
Vishe paanch jin keele shiv shankar murar si
Unni sau pachasi bikrami si maheena assu
Chhabbi din gaye chhad ditti gulzar si
Veerwar din pherr time vi swer wala
Poorva nachhattara mein pujje mokh dwar si.*

Baba Pipal Dass Ji was cremated towards east of village Ballan where the Smadh Angitha was erected. In the Dera Sach Khand Ballan, a room having minaret on its top is dedicated to the memory of the great spiritually enlightened saint. He left very rich legacy to his saintly son Sarwan Dass Ji who later established the Dera. The Dera is symbolic of spiritual highness and noble values. His Barsi is celebrated on first Nauratra by holding Bhandara, satsang and hoisting of Dera Nishaan Sahib.

Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was born on 15th February 1895 in the family of Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Mata Sobha wanti Ji at Gill Patti Bhatinda. After the joti jot smaye of Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji took over the Dera. He held the sangat in high esteem. He himself was a highly disciplined saint. Since the days of Baba Pipal Dass Ji, he used to come out of the village to a distant quiet place and meditated there for most of times. He attained divine enlightenment. He had *padam* (flower type of symbol) in his right foot. It signified his predetermined divinity. He built a Kutia of mud and sarkanda on one kanal land donated by One Shri Hazara Singh of village Bal. At this place an elegant mandir stands erected. He moulded his life to three norms SEWA-SATSANG-SIMRAN. He became famous and an example for others for noble values. He treated patients with free Ayurvedic medicines and divine blessings. Also he used to teach children. He strongly preached education among children including girls. He liberally donated funds for schools, technical schools, colleges.

There was one raised platform in front of the kutia on which Maharaj Ji always meditated and held satsang. In course of time, Sant Hari Dass Ji joined the Dera. Later Sant Garib Dass Ji and Sant Niranjan Dass Ji dedicated themselves to the Dera and joined Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. They all joined for Sewa of the Sangat under the guidance of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji.

The writer has been fortunate enough to be close to Sant Sarwan Dass. He used to spend his night at his place at in village Bal. He always got up at 3.00 am. After bath he would sit in Samadhi. At the dawn of the day, he would go out for a long walk. Then he would come to Dera and give ayurvedic medicines to the patients, redressed individual problems of the devotees. Discussion on divinity were held with the saints and scholars. As soon on he was free from these engagements, he would start satsang. Then he would ask one or the other saint or any devotee from those present to recite Amrit Bani. This

continued up to lunch. After lunch all devotees were requested to go to their homes. Maharaj Ji took rest for some time.

He would again start religious discourses in the afternoon. A little after sun set, Maharaj Ji daily went to spend his night at the village Dera. There again satsang was held Many devotees from the Village Bal used to attend night satsang. After ardas at about 10 pm, Maharaj Ji would allow them to go to their homes. This was the daily routine. Many devotees and saints used to recite sacred bani exhorting us to worship God and to do noble deeds. Many sang soul touching songs in melodious tunes conveying the message of Bhakti. There used to be calm and serene atmosphere. Indeed, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji became successful in creating a cult among the devotees to do good, to educate their Children, to work hard, to spread love and affection, to make life meaningful, to do noble deeds, to be pious, to be an ideal and worthy person and above all to always remember God. He vehemently preached against rituals and superstitions. Following the foot prints of Guru Ravidass Ji, he laid stress on equality, fraternity, dignity, brotherhood. He was very practical. He asked his followers to discard traditional customs and beliefs which are inimical to the growth of human beings. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was highly distressed when he ever heard of oppression of the weak. He shouldered the cause of the poor and the down-trodden and dedicated his life to the welfare of humanity. He wanted their unity and that inspired them to struggle for regaining their human rights and dignity.

``Dera Ravidassia da`` 2 February 1964 AD. He Give the name Village Bal Dera. He respected saints who visited the Dera and used to exchange views on the spirituality with them. Whenever he found time he tried to meet spiritually enlightened souls

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was always concerned with Social well-being. When in 1932 Poona Pact was implemented by dint of hard work of Dr.B.R. Ambedkar, the fast unto death of Shri Mangoo Ram Magowalia was discontinued by serving juice at the sacred hands of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, During his

visit to Delhi in 1948 at the request of Giani Bishna Ram, Shri Faquir Singh, Shri Swaran Singh, Shri Niranjana Singh Hothi, Shri Pura Singh of Beas Pind, Shri Bhagat Singh and Shri Nama Ram Dihana, and Sant Sarwan Dass Ji used to deliver religious discourses daily at the residence of devotees. During his stay at Delhi, he alongwith Giani Bishna Ram, went to meet Dr.B.R. Ambedkar, the prophet of humanity. Dr. Sahib showed great respect to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji & was very much impressed by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji's glowing personality and views. In 1952 Dr. Ambedkar visited Punjab. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji could not meet him personally due to some reasons but wrote a very impressive letter. To quote :

Dr. Sahib, you are a great son of community. March ahead for welfare of community & success will touch you feet and people will feel proud of you.

In 1970, a big conference was held at Dera Ballan for all-round development of dalits in which about 20,000 people participated from Punjab, Himachal, Haryana and J & K.

In those days there were stray incidents of oppression and insulting the poor on the pretext of the religion, religions books, religious place, bani, Bhagat, Guru and the like. He was a great visionary saint. As if he had a premonition of future course of incidents, he held the opinion that Ravidassias should have their own supreme place of worship- the Ultimate Place of Pilgrimage. They will get emancipated when the Bani of Shri Guru Ravidass ji gets compiled to guide them. He shared his views with other leading contemporary saints, scholars, intelligentsia, dignitaries. All supported his opinion. But they extended moral support only. The onus to build a temple on the birth place of Guru Ravidass Ji fell on Sant Sarwan Dass Ji alone. He traced the birth place of Satguru Ravidass Ji at Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. The construction of 7-storey grand temple was completed during his life-time itself. His dream was fulfilled. Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi is the supreme gift he has given to the humanity. Today pilgrims from the world over visit this

holy temple and seek blessings of Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji.

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji fell ill. In the last satsang he held on 11th June 1972, he asked to recite

Juggan de jug beet jaange

Tainu milni na manas dehi

Juggan de jug beet jaange

After the satsang he was taken to American Hospital at Ludhiana where he left for his heavenly abode on 11th June 1972 at about 12 p.m. Huge number of followers from far and near attended his cremation on 13-6-1972 in the premises of the Dera. His body was placed in pyre. It was lit by Sant Hari Dass Ji and Sant Garib Dass Ji. After a short while when the flames engulfed the pyre, a sudden three four feet high gush of stream of blood flowed from his body out of the pyre. It was an unprecedented phenomenon. Probably, he conveyed a message for us all for sacrifice for the poor people.

Shri 108 Sant Hari Dass Ji

Ravidass bhanai jo jaanai so jaan(u)

Sant anant(i) antar nahi

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that there is no difference between an saint and the God. The saints enlighten human beings through worship of God. They get them rid of rituals and superstitions. Sant Hari Dass Ji was peace-loving, social reformer, visionary and divinely enlightened saint. He was born in 1885 in the family of revered father Hukam Chand Ji and mother Taabi Ji at village Garha near Jalandhar. His parents were religious minded. He was still a child when his parents expired. He took up occupation of shoe-making and painting. Since beginning he had leaning of hearing kirtan, singing kirtan and the company of Holy persons. He became free from worldly responsibilities after the marriage of his sister Bibi Punna Devi at village Chaheru. He cherished to find an enlightened guru.

Param paras gur bhetia purab likhit lilat

He heard fame of Baba Pipal Dass Ji. He visited village Bal. In those days Satguru Pipal Dass Ji was staying in a small

In the course of washing hands in the running water in the canal, his son Bobby fell into the canal and drowned. After hearing this news Smt. Gurbachan Kaur fell unconscious. Sant Hari Dass Ji went to the canal with the devotees to find out the boy. After search for one hour, the boy was seen floating at a distance of 1km. in the canal. The boy was dead. The body was brought to the temple and placed before the idol of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. The parents of the boy prayed to Sant Hari Dass Ji to have mercy. Sant Hari Dass Ji humbly prayed to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji to help and infuse breath in the boy. The boy was then sent to Dr. Shingara Singh at Jalandhar. The doctor examined the boy. The doctor told the boy that the boy was alright. The entire episode was told to the doctor. The doctor told them that it was the mercy and blessings of the saints that the boy is alive even though he drowned and floated in the canal for one hour. In the meantime, the boy came to senses. The doctor asked the boy as to what had happened. The boy told that sant khoondi de naal mainu bechaunde si, tun ithe ki karan aya si. In response to the prayer of Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Sarwan Dass Ji saved the boy.

Sant Hari Dass Ji left for his heavenly abode on 6th February, 1982 at 11.00 am. His Barsi is celebrated on 6th February each year with all devotion.

Shri 108 Sant Garib Dass Ji

Sant Garib Dass Ji became fourth Gaddi-Nasheen of the Dera. He inherited a rich legacy of spirituality as well as social service to humanity from his predecessor saints of the Dera. He was born in the family of revered father Nanak Chand Ji and revered mother Har Kaur Ji at village JALBHEY near Adampur in district Jalandhar in 1925. Sant Niranjana Dass Ji was appointed as his assistant. He continued the activities of the Dera, started by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, with greater fervour and devotion. He was a qualified vaid. He treated patients. Even those patients who were suffering from serious diseases were cured.

He talked very little and always served the sangat. He used to say that speaking too much is not necessary in SEWA and SIMRAN. He first visited England in 1985 along with Sant Rama Nand Ji. The foundation stone of famous Guru Ravidass temple at Birmingham (U.K) was laid by him. It was also inaugurated by him. Foundation stone of many other Guru Ghars in India and abroad were laid by him. He blessed large number of foreign devotees with *naam daan*. He involved younger generation with Guru Ravidass Mission. He visited U.K. six times, America thrice and Canada once only.

His greatest contribution to human welfare was setting up of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital, at Koopur-Dhaypur (Kathar) in district Jalandhar dedicated to the memory of his Guru Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. Throughout his life he served patients. By establishing the hospitals on 22nd October, 1982, he ensured care of the poor patients even after his death. Starting ‘Begumpura Shehar’ weekly was equally a great step in the direction of spreading Guru Ravidass Mission to the masses.

He laid foundation stone of Sant Sarwan Dass Memorial Teaching Block at Guru Ravidass ITI College, Phagwara. He built a model Sarai for stay of the pilgrims in the Dera. A grand ‘Sant Sarwan Dass Memorial Gate’ was built jointly by Sangat of village BAL and the Dera by him on Jalandhar-Pathankot Road, Bal. He got it inaugurated from Sant Ishar Dass Ji, Gopal Nagar, Jalandhar, on 11th June 1994.

On 11th June 1994 (the Barsi Smagam day of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji) he told the sangat that a big smagam will be held at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Varanasi in the end of June 1994, and that all should accompany him. This journey was undertaken by rail from 16th June to 23rd June 1994 in which many of his followers from foreign countries also participated. It was very hot and humid in Varanasi. When the sangat asked Maharaj Ji why he chose such a weather to undertake this pilgrimage, he replied that “I wanted to show you conditions under which we worked to construct this temple.” A hugely attended Dharmik Smagam was held on this occasion. Those people who were part of this trip will never forget this pilgrimage.

Only one month after returning from Varanasi, he fell ill. He was admitted in a Jalandhar Hospital. He left for his heavenly abode on 23rd July 1994 at 2.55 PM. His body was kept for “Antim Darshan” in Sant Hari Dass Satsang Hall from 23rd to 25th July 1994 when he was cremated. Thousands of people bade him tearful farewell.

Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji

Sant Niranjana Dass Ji became gaddinasheen of the Dera on 25-7-1994. He is a visionary, a thinker, steadfast in his convictions, divinely emancipated, perfect in simplicity, suave, accessible and truly a saint of the common man. His heart beats and soul vibrates with the sangat. He is dynamic in approach. He embodies the rich legacy of Baba Pipal Dass Ji, Swami Sarwan Dass Ji, Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji and his former Wazir Qaum de Amar Shaheed Sant Rama Nand Ji. Whosoever bows at his feet with purity of mind, he feels himself exalted.

He was born in the family of revered father Sadhu Ram Ji and mother Rukmani Ji on 6th January 1942 at Ramdasspur (near Alawalpur) in district Jalandhar. His parents were devotees of Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Swami Sarwan Dass Ji. They often visited this Dera and attended satsang. Child Niranjana Dass also used to come with his parents to the Dera. Swami Sarwan Dass Ji was very happy to talk with child Niranjana Dass.

Sant Niranjana Dass Ji started staying with Sant Sarwan Dass Ji at the age of 8 years. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji once asked Shri Sadhu Ram the name of this boy. He told that his name is Niranjana Dass but he is very lazy in doing work. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji said that he has named him as HAWAII GIR. This boy is not lazy but he will be even faster than wind. Shri Sadu Ram thanked Satguru Ji. Since then when Maharaj Ji called Hawaii Gir, he would come running at once.

Years gone by. Hawaii Gir had grown young. He had become more responsible now. He was very prompt in doing work. He was looking after the arrangements in the Dera himself.

Sant Niranjana Dass Ji has visited UK, USA, Canada, Spain, Holland, Italy, France, Germany, Dubai, Greece and a host of

other countries along with Sant Rama Nand Ji. He laid foundations stones of Guru Ghars in all these countries.

As a Gaddi Nasheen, with the assistance of Sant Rama Nand Ji, he took keen interest in developmental work at the Dera, Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital, Kathar, Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Varanasi, Begumpura Shehar weekly paper, Sant Sarwan Dass Model School Phagwara, Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Eye Hospital, Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan, Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan at Sirsagarh (Haryana), Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan at Puna, Baba Pipal Dass Ji Sadhna Sthal, Gill Patti Bhatinda and other social activities. 31 Kalshes were installed at Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Varanasi. Four storey building was constructed for stay and additional land was purchased at Varanasi for the convenience of the pilgrims. Europeans devotees offered a Golden Palki for Kashi Mandir. Gold Plating of central dome of the Kashi temple was completed and inaugurated on 30th January, 2010, the auspicious occasion of 633th Jayanti of Guru Ravidass Ji.

A special train is run from Jalandhar to Varanasi and back every year on Jyanti Purb for the convenience of the pilgrims since 2000. The Special Train Yatra is every body's wish. It is very interesting journey.

During all these years, Qaumi Shaheed Brahmleen Sant Rama Nand Ji played key role in running the affairs of the Dera and completion of the projects under the patronage of Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji has also been a big help in managing routine day to day affairs. After the assassination of Amar Shaheed Sant Rama Nand Ji, Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji extended whole-hearted support with fervour to Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. Virtually he occupied the place in the hierarchy of the Dera which was earlier held by Sant Rama Nand Ji. It was the farsightedness and vision of Sant Niranjana Dass Ji that in the changed scenario he boldly supported announcement of Ravidassia religion by the Sant Samaj and installed 'Amrit Bani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji' at supreme Ravidassia pilgrimage – Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi immediately. The declaration of new Ravidassia reli-

gious has been received by the Ravidassia community, wherever they are, with open arms. This step has created instantly self-respect, liberty and dignity in a Ravidassia. Now he is no longer dependent on others for *puja path*. His own fearless God whom the poor are so dear is all pervading and all powerful.

Neechai uooch karai meraa gobind

Kahoo te na darai.

He is as strong as rock in going ahead for Shri Guru Ravidass Mission. Entire Ravidassia community is with him.

Qaum de Amar Shaheed Shri 108 Sant Rama Nand Ji

Amar Shaheed Sant Rama Nand Ji was a unique person of Ravidassia community. His thoughts were unique, his actions were unique and his shahadat was unique. So far there is none in the history who has spread Guru Ravidass Mission to the extent he has done. He was crusader in taking Guru Ravidass Mission to new heights. He traveled extensively in all major countries of the world with Sant Garib Dass Ji and Sant Niranjan Dass Ji. He recited hoarse the bani and teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji. As if he had magic powers, when he took his seat on the stage, there was pin-drop silence among the audience and no one would leave the pandaal till the end. His explanations of inner meanings of amrit bani were immensely appealing. Great was the task of spreading Guru Ravidass Mission in the world and greater still was his zeal to do it. He was poet, a writer, singer, engineer, agriculturist, teacher, vaid, administrator, speaker, builder and above all a spiritually enlightened saint. He worked tirelessly for uniting masses in the spirit of

satsangat mil raheeye maadho

jaise madhup makheera.

He valued the writers, orators, singers, and others who made significant contribution in field of Guru Ravidass Mission and Dr. Ambedkar Mission. He honoured more than 51 such distinguished persons with gold medals.

Sant Rama Nand Ji was born in the family of his revered father Mehanga Ram and mother Jeet Kaur Ji on 2nd February,

1952 at Ramdasspur near Alawalpur in district Jalandhar. He was a *tyaag murti* since boyhood. He graduated himself from Doaba college Jalandhar in 1972. He liked company of the holy persons. Members of his family did not like it. For most of his time he remained busy in SIMRAN. However, after some time, Sant Hari Dass Ji initiated him. He was blessed with Bhekh by Sant Garib Dass Ji. Whenever Brahmleen Sant Garib Dass Ji and Gaddi Nasheen Sant Niranjan Dass Ji visited a foreign country, Sant Rama Nand Ji always accompanied them. He was instrumental in inspiring foreign Sangat to Naam Simran. The audience were, indeed, spell bound while listening his satsang.

He was an able administrator. He was the chief executive of the Dera. Under the guidance of Sant Niranjan Dass Ji, he ran the dera management most efficiently. He himself monitored the performance of each project.

Sant Rama Nand Ji will be ever remembered for his unparalleled contribution is dissemination of teachings and Bani of Guru Ravidass Ji throughout the world. He was a tireless preacher. He could handle the stage of lacs of audience. He was soft spoken but strict in his principles.

He was editor of 'Begumpura Shehar' weekly and an award was conferred on him by Bhartiya Dalit Sahitya Academy for his contribution to Dalit Sahitya. He was first in history to read out his speech on Guru Ravidass Ji in British Parliament on 28th May, 2007. He was a scholar of Bani.

The immediate impact of *Shihadat* of Sant Rama Nand Ji was that the entire *Ravidassia qaum* in India was united at one platform. When we make indepth critical study of past history of Ravidassia community, we find that these people have since beginning been making efforts to regain their lost glory. They had carried out strong movements as detailed below for their liberty:

| <u>State</u> | <u>Name of movement</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Panjab | Ad-Dharam Movement |
| Uttar Pradesh | Jatav Movement |
| Madhya Pradesh | Ahirwal Movement |
| Chhattisgarh | Satnami Movement |
| Andhra & Karnatka | Madiga Movement |

All these movements were started for separate identity of Ravidassia Qaum. In foreign countries the Ravidassias have al-

ready got registered their community as Ravidassia and they have already got their *Har(i) da nishan* registered with the authorities concerned. There were massive protests and demonstrations in all countries of the world against the assassination of Sant Rama Nand Ji. Entire world now recognizes that there is Ravidassia Qaum.

In this background there was introspection, contemplation and deliberations by the Ravidassia community all over the world. The result of all this exercise was that Ravidassia Religion and ‘Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji’ as religious book were announced on 30th January, 2010 by the Sant Samaj in the presence of more than 10 lakhs of Ravidassia followers at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, on the auspicious occasion of 633rd Jyanti of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. It was vociferously welcomed by all the followers present at the function. They shouted loud slogans “Jo bole so nirbhai, Satguru Ravidass Maharaj ki Jai”. Utmost happiness prevailed among Ravidassias in the world. ‘Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji’ was installed immediately at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. All people could have *darshan* of Guru Ravidass Ji in the full moon on that night. This phenomenon was never witnessed before. It is a good omen for announcement of Ravidassia Religion.

Sangeet Academy

As Amar Shaheed Brahmleen Sant Rama Nand Ji was expert in Sangeet, he established Guru Ravidass Sangeet Academy in the Dera. It was inaugurated on 14-12-2008 at 1.00 pm by His Holiness Sant Niranjana Dass Ji in the presence of Sant Rama Nand Ji. Large number of children and *sangeet premis* were present. First song sang at the academy was a classical song. It was sung at the instance of Sant Rama Nand Ji. Regular classes are running in the academy under the principalship of a highly experienced music teacher. It may be mentioned that children were taught sangeet in the darbar of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji during his times. Now the sangeet teaching has been regularized by setting

up Guru Ravidass Sangeet Academy. He identified missionary singers and writers. They were conferred Gold Medals for their contribution to Guru Ravidass Mission ‘Amrit Bani Shri Guru Ravidass Ji’ and ‘Begumpura Sehar ko naon’ programmes prepared in his voice are telecast weekly from Jalandhar Doordarshan. This Sangeet Academy will go a long way in spreading of message of Amritbani.

He closely supervised and monitored construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi, Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital Kathar, Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan Bal, Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan and Sant Sarwan Dass Model School Hadiabad, Phagwara, Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Eye Hospital Bal, Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan Sirsagarh (Haryana), Karam Sthali Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Janam Sthali of Swami Sarwan Dass Ji, Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan Katraj, Pune. At times he himself would start labour work. He used to say, “I should do maximum seva of Guru Ji. Who knows I may or may not get time afterwards.”

“*Jihra sama maharaj ji di seva wich lag jawe ohi changa hai, ki pata phir sama mile na mile*”.

Sant Niranjana Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji proceeded from Dera Sachkhand Bal on 17-4-2009 on tour to European countries as a further step for dissemination of Guru Ravidass Mission. They traveled as below:

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| Italy | 17-4-2009 | to | 29-4-2009 |
| Germany | 30-4-2009 | to | 1-5-2009 |
| Greece | 2-5-2009 | to | 7-5-2009 |
| France | 8-5-2009 | to | 9-5-2009 |
| Spain | 9-5-2009 | to | 12-5-2009 |
| Portugal | 13-5-2009 | to | 6-5-2009 |
| Germany | 17-5-2009 | to | 22-5-2009 |
| Austria | 23-5-2009 | to | 2-6-2009 |

They spread teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji and held religious discourses in Italy, Germany, Greece, France, Spain, Portugal. Finally reached Austria on 23-5-2009. They stayed for the night with a devotee Shri Kishan Pal. In the morning on the unfor-

fortunate day on 24-5-2009, they took tea and departed. They took break-fast with some other family. At about noon they reached Shri Guru Ravidass Temple, Vienna where the smagam was to be held. Shri Guru Granth Sahib was placed on a raised platform at a high place. Sant Niranjn Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji sat on the floor. The function had hardly started when Sikh militants shot at Sant Rama Nand Ji and Sant Niranjn Dass Ji. Both the saints were wounded seriously. Streams of blood was flowing from their bodies. Sant Rama Nand was slowly chanting Guru Ravidass Naam as if he wanted still more time to propagate the teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji. He became silent. He left for his heavenly abode on 25-5-2009 at about 00.15 a.m. The voice of a great saint who had spread Guru Ravidass Mission in the entire world had been silenced. Sant Niranjn Dass Ji survived.

Sant Niranjn Dass Ji along with body of Sant Rama Nand Ji flew from Vienna on 3-6-2009 by a special chartered plane and reached New Delhi at 5.00 AM on 4-6-2009. They reached Dera Bal in helicopter on 4-6-2009 at 8.00 AM. His body was placed near main gate of Shri Guru Ravidass satsang Bhawan for *antim darshan* by the public. Lacs of persons from entire Punjab, HP, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, UP and foreign countries traveled to Ballan to have *antim darshan* of their beloved saint and who was so dear to them. They were sobbing, shrieking, and weeping in pain of death of Sant Rama Nand Ji. Large number of dignitaries had also arrived. The body was cremated at 4.00 PM. His Angitha Sahib has been erected adjacent to that of Brahmleen Sant Garib Dass Ji near Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan.

He has sacrificed his life for Guru Ravidass Mission. He has left a message for us all-

‘sat sangat mil raheeye maadho Jaise madhup makheera.’

Sant Rama Nand Ji has become brahmleen in Vienna attack. The place of his martyrdom - the place where he shed his blood for Guru Ravidass Mission – the place where he was just to remind the devotees the teachings of Guru Ravidass Ji- has been raised to a platform. A life size portrait of Qaum de Amar

Shaheed has been placed at that platform. The pilgrims pay their homage to great saint at this holy place. The marks of bullets in the walls have been preserved to remind the visitors the heinous action of assassins. Physically he is not with us. But his thought and teachings will continue to guide and inspire us to take the caravan to the destination before we sleep.

Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji

Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji is simple, truthful, accessible and visionary. He has assimilated traditions and legacy of the dera saints. Even in his young age, he displays maturity in his dealings. After Sant Rama Nand Ji, Bawa Ji, as he is lovingly called, is the Chief Executive of the Dera. He oversees all the projects run by the Dera.

Bawa Ji was born in the family of his revered father Gurdas Ram Ji and mother Bibi Gurbachan Kaur Ji on 14th March 1973 at village Suchi Pind in district Jalandhar. His parents are ideal disciples of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji.

Once his mother Bibi Gurbachan Kaur fell seriously ill and was admitted in hospital. There was no hope of her survival. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji visited Bibi Gurbachan Kaur in the hospital. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji blessed and told his mother “tera jo bacha hai eh mar javega. Tu tandrust ho javengi. Baad vich do hor larke paida honge.” Bibi Ji replied, “Satguru Ji bada larka tuhada hovega.”

Thereafter, Bawa Ji was born. He was offered to the dera. When he was 5 years old Sant Hari Dass Ji visited their house at Suchi Pind. *Uhna Bawa Ji nu bhagven kapre pehna ditte*. As a student he often visited Dera. Sant Hari Dass Ji, Sant Garib Dass Ji, Sant Niranjn Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji all blessed and loved him very much.

He graduated himself from Doaba college Jalandhar in 1995-96. After his study he joined Dera. He learnt jaap, indepth meanings of Amritbani, satsang, writing books from Sant Rama Nand Ji. When Sant Niranjn Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji

went on tour to foreign countries for months together for dissemination of Guru Ravidass Mission, he managed Dera affairs to their satisfaction.

After the Martyrdom of Sant Rama Nand Ji, he successfully filled the void. He is always in the seva of Shri 108 Sant Niranjan Dass Ji and the sangat.

Ravidassia Dharam

After the martyrdom of Sant Rama Nand Ji entire Ravidassia community was agitated. They felt leaderless. For many years there was urge of Ravidassia community for a separate identity. Sant Rama Nand Ji had already pointed out in his speech delivered in the House of Commons, U.K on 28-03-2007 as below;

“Now worldwide there is strong urge among Guru Ji’s followers of establishing a separate identity of their own. But the pre-requisites for any people to establish a separate identity are- (i) Common Name, (ii) Common Guru, (ii) Common Place of Pilgrimage, (iv) Common Religious Book, (v) Common Religious Symbol and a (vi) Common method of Salutation. It is for the intellectuals, thinkers and various religious institutions to debate over these issues and take a well considered decision. The earlier it is done, better it will be for the community.”

Now the slogan of separate identity was on everybody’s tongue. All had focused their eyes on Dera Sach Khand Bal. All the Sant Samaj was contacted by the Dera. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji played a leading role in introducing separate religion and separate religious book. The Sant Samaj decided to launch Ravidassia Dharam and instal ‘Amrit Bani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji’ as religious book. Accordingly, Ravidassia Dharam, ‘Amrit Bani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji’ and Qaumi Nishaan HAR(i) were announced on 30th January 2010 in the presence of more than ten lakhs of devotees, from India and abroad, on the auspicious occasion of 633rd Guru Ravidass Jyanti Day at Shri

Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi.

The entire Ravidassia community in India and abroad have welcomed the announcement of Ravidassia Religion and ‘Amrit Bani Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji’. All are thankful to the Sant Samaj for taking this historic decision. Liberty and dignity of Ravidassia *qaum* lies in Ravidassia Religion. Let us all follow our own religion in its true spirit.

Amritbani Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj

This is the religious book of Ravidass Religion. I has been formed by the Sant Samaj of Ravidassia *qaum* after thorough research of Guru Ravidass Bani available at present. It was announced by the Sant Samaj to the followers of Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj throughout the world on the auspicious occasion of 633rd Birth Anniversary of Guru Ravidass Ji at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. It may be clarified this religious book contains bani of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj Ji only. On the title page symbol Har(i) adorns the holy book. It has one photo of Guru Ravidass Ji and second photo of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. Then there is a list of Principles of Ravidassia Religions. Thereafter, there is mention of main particulars of Guru Ravidass Ji. It contains 140 shabads, 40 *pade*, *painti akhri*, *bani haftawar*, *bani pandran tithi*, *baran maas updesh*, *dohra*, *saand bani*, *anmol vachan (milni de samen)*, *laawaan*, *suhag ustat*, *manglachar*, *231 salok*. There are 177 pages in all of the book. It has been installed in majority of the States in India and in major countries of the world. This holy book has been widely accepted and owned. Let us all worship it.

Main Smagams of Dera Sachkhand Bal

Birth Anniversary of Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj ji & Declaration of Ravidassia Religion on Maag Purnima at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Varanasi (U.P.)

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| Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Displayed the Janjus of 4 ages on Maghi | Makar Sankranti |
| Barsi of Sant Hari Dass Ji | 6th February |
| Birth Anniversary of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji | 15th February |
| Shahidi Day of Sant Rama Nand Ji | 25th May |
| Barsi of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji | 11th June |
| Floating of Pathari (Stone) | Vaisakh Sankranti |
| Brahmleen day of Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj ji | Ashad Sankranti |
| Barsi of Sant Garib Dass Ji | 23th July |
| Flag hoisting ceremony | |
| Barsi of Baba Pipal Dass Ji | Ist Navratra |

In addition to above functions, Special satsang congregations are held on each Sunday and each Sankranti. Maharaj Niranjan Dass Ji blesses the devotees with Naam Daan (Initiation) every Wednesday. On these days, large member of devotees pay visit to the Dera and seek blessings of His Holiness Sant Niranjan Dass Ji.

Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi (U.P.)

JagatGuru Ravidass Ji was born in Varanasi then ‘Kashi’ in the year 1377 AD (Bikrami Samvat-Magh Sudi 15, 1433). But even after six centuries of Guru’s Ji’s lifetime, his followers did not have any central place connected with his name till second half of twentieth century. One of the probable reasons could be that after the lifetime of Guru Ji, no one made any effort to preserve his legacy.

There is detailed account of the kind of beautiful palaces in which Shri Guru Ravidass Ji used to live in the book “Anant

Dass ki Parchayan” when Rani Jhalanbai came to meet Guru Ji. Anant Dass was the grandson of Sant Pipa Ji- a contemporary saint of Guru Ravidass Ji. Therefore, his account can be believed to be most authentic. But it is also true that after the lifetime of Guru Ji no trace of any place accredited to the memory of Guru Ji was found in Benaras where he is believed to have lived for about 151 years. This remains a mystery of history.

The sacred task of perpetuating the memory of Guru Ji at Benaras and giving a befitting memorial in his name was undertaken by the spiritual, visionary and revolutionary saint Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Ji of Dera Sach Khand Ballan. He made strenuous efforts to make Bani of Guru Ravidass Ji popular among the socially backward and downtrodden people. He thought his job incomplete until the place where Guru Ravidass Ji gave the sermon of Begupura was traced out and a suitable monument built there. Swami Sarwan Dass Ji assigned this task to a selected group of people. The group went to Varanasi and surveyed the area near the Benaras Hindu University. The Imlee tree and other indicators confirmed a location in a village Seer Goverdhanpur, in the outskirts of Varanasi near BHU, as the birthplace of Guru Ravidass Ji, the plot of land was purchased and no time was lost to start construction of an impressive temple. The foundation stone of this Mandir was laid on Monday the 14th June 1965 on Ashad Sankranti day by Sant Hari Dass Ji, along with a large number of devotees of Dera Bal, specially deputed by Sant Sarwan Dass Ji for the purpose.

Once the foundation stone was laid, there was no looking back. A large number of Sewadars of the Dera were sent to Varanasi under the stewardship of Sant Garib Dass Ji to undertake and complete the construction. The place was undeveloped, without an approach passage and it was a Herculean task to manually carry construction material to the site from a considerable distance. Notwithstanding, the devotion to the Guru, dedication, the cause and aspiration of the Sewadars surmounted all this. In this endeavour, help came from public at large from within as well as from outside the country. The Guru’s devotees residing in U.K. and other foreign countries were also keen to see the project

completed and contributed according to their respective individual capacities. The first phase of the temple was completed in the year 1972. Many saints from various Deras of Punjab and also some prominent figures of the community accompanied Sant Garib Dass Ji to Benaras for the inauguration ceremony on 22nd February 1974. A Murti of Guru Rvidass Ji was installed in the Mandir on this occasion.

Simultaneously, a Murti of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was installed as a token of recognition of his contribution in giving followers of Guru Ji an elegant Mandir at the birthplace of Guru Ji.

It has become a mission for the saints of Dera Sachkhand Ballan to develop in every possible way this Janam Sthan Mandir so that it acquires the status and magnificence which a Mandir at the birthplace of Guru Ravidass Ji deserves. The Trust undertook additional construction work at the Mandir in the year 1993 and the completion of second phase of Mandir culminated in the installation of a golden Kalsh, atop the Mandir dome on 7.4.1994 by Babu Kanshi Ram Ji, in the presence of Sant Garib Dass Ji, other saints and a large number of devotees.

Shri Guru Rvidass Birth Anniversary is celebrated every year on Magh Purnima at Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi with great pomp and show. Lacs of devotees from within and outside the country visit this sacred Mandir to pay their obeisance. For the convenience of the pilgrims a special train is arranged from Jalandhar City to Varanasi every year from 2000 A.D. onwards.

The followers of Guru Ravidass wish to see the birth place temple of their Guru to be a magnificent temple. For this purpose they make generous donations. As a result of this the façade of the Mandir was covered with white marble in the first phase.

Guru Ji's followers living in all parts of the world are sentimentally attached with this Mandir now. In the year 2007, the followers from Europe expressed a desire to Maharaj Ji that they wished to donate a Swarn Palki (golden palanquin) as a token of their love and devotion for their Guru. Maharaj Ji readily agreed to their request. Thus a Swarn Palki was taken in a Shobha Yatra (religious procession) which started from Dera Sachkhand Ballan

and culminated at Kashi Mandir, receiving overwhelming response from Guru Ji's followers in all the towns through which it passed in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and U.P.

Then came the historic moment for our community when Shri 108 sant Niranjan Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji thought of gold plating the whole Mandir. Earlier 31 small and big domes had been decorated with gold Klashes on 625th Birth Anniversary of Guru Ji.

The inaugural ceremony for gold plating the Mandir had taken place in the year 2008 on the occasion of Jyanti of Guru Ji. Fulfilling the dream of Sant Rama Nand Ji the top dome of the Mandir was bedecked with gold and inaugurated on the Jyanti celebrations in the year 2009.

On 30th January 2010 big Gold Plated Doms of Temple was inaugurated by Sant Niranjan Dass Ji Maharaj in the presence of Sant Samaj on 7th February 2012 from two short Gold plated Doms of Mandir were inaugurated by Sant Niranjan Dass Ji with Sant Samaj. On 25th February 2013, back two small Gold plated Doms of the Temple were inaugurated by Sant Niranjan Dass Ji Maharaj and Sant Samaj.

The affairs of the Mandir are managed by Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir Public Charitable Trust, which makes continuous endeavours to enhance the facilities at the Mandir for the convenience of the pilgrims. As a result of these efforts, a big Langar Hall and a Yatri Niwas have been constructed.

Today Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir Varanasi is known worldwide among followers of Guru Ji. It is Pilgrimage for them, a symbol of Dalit Identity and Dalit awakening.

Swarn Palki

The sangat of Birmingham had decorated Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan, at Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji Sachkhand Bal with a Golden Palki. It was brought from Shri Guru Ravidass Mandir, Phagwara to Dera Sachkhand Bal in a well attended procession on 14-2-2007. The sangat from U.K. had also attended this procession. Followers of Guru Ji living in

the areas adjoining to the route of the procession welcomed the sacred Palki devotionally at many places. The sacred Golden Palki was garlanded profusely by them. The participants in the procession were served tea, snacks, fruits, namkeen and sweets. The sangat has its darshan daily at Dera Bal.

Like other followers, the devotees of Europe were also very enthusiastic for decoration of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. They cherished to adorn Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, with a golden palki. A fascinating big golden palki was prepared. Sant Rama Nand Ji knew that the sangat has to be motivated to donate gold for the Swarn Palki. He himself composed an inspiring song addressed to the sadhsangat as below:

**Chalo benaras sadhsangat ji,
ik itihās rachauna haai
Guru Ravidass de mandir nuu
sone de vich marhauna hai**

**Pak pavittar dharti jithe,
Guru Ravidass Ji aaye ne
Qaum laii satgur ne jithe
lakhan kasht uthaii ne
Waang tarian us dharti da,
har chirag chamkauna aye**

**Kasam assan nuu guru Ravidass de
sachian sewadaran di
Kasam assan nuu swami Sarwan Dass de
par upkaraan di
Jinna chir kam sire nahin charhda,
chain nal nahin sauna aye
Katra katra mil ke jiddan,
ik samunder ban jaanda
Patti patti jor ke ik,
sone da mandir ban jaanda
Jo bhi banda sarda sabh ne,
apna hissa pauna aye**

**Dunian de har kone wichon
chal paye sewak piare ne
Goonj rahe aj chauhain passin,
satgur de jaikare ne
Janam dihara satgur da,
garh kaanshi vikhe manauna aye**

**Jis satgur de duare chalke,
khud parmeshar aye si
Jis satgur ne maya tyagi,
paras vi thukraye si
Us satgur da jhanda saari,
duniya vich lehrauna aye**

**Swami sarwan dass ji ballan,
walian di agwaii aye
Saari duniya de wick phaili,
satgur di wadyaii aye
Azad Banaras di dharti nuu,
aapan swarg banauna aye.**

ਚਲੋ ਬਨਾਰਸ ਸਾਧ ਸੰਗਤ ਜੀ, ਇਕ ਇਤਿਹਾਸ ਰਚਾਉਣਾ ਏ
ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਦੇ ਮੰਦਰ ਨੂੰ ਸੋਨੇ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਮੜਾਉਣਾ ਏ

ਪਾਕ ਪਵਿੱਤਰ ਧਰਤੀ ਜਿਥੇ, ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਆਏ ਨੇ
ਕੌਮ ਲਈ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਨੇ ਜਿਥੇ, ਲੱਖਾਂ ਕਸ਼ਟ ਉਠਾਏ ਨੇ
ਵਾਂਗ ਤਾਰਿਆਂ ਉਸ ਧਰਤੀ ਦਾ, ਹਰ ਚਰਾਗ ਚਮਕਾਉਣਾ ਏ

ਕਸਮ ਅਸਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਦੇ ਸੱਚਿਆਂ ਸੇਵਾਦਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ
ਕਸਮ ਅਸਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਸਵਾਮੀ ਸਰਵਣ ਦਾਸ ਦੇ ਪਰਉਪਕਾਰਾਂ ਦੀ
ਜਿੰਨਾ ਚਿਰ ਕੌਮ ਸਿਰੇ ਨੀ ਚੜ੍ਹਦਾ, ਚੈਨ ਨਾਲ ਨੀ ਸੌਂਦਾ ਏ

ਕਤਰਾ ਕਤਰਾ ਮਿਲ ਕੇ ਜਿੱਦਾਂ ਇਕ ਸਮੁੰਦਰ ਬਣ ਜਾਂਦਾ
ਪੱਤੀ ਪੱਤੀ ਜੋੜ ਕੇ ਇਕ, ਸੋਨੇ ਦਾ ਮੰਦਰ ਬਣ ਜਾਂਦਾ
ਜੋ ਵੀ ਬਣਦਾ ਸਰਦਾ ਸਭ ਨੇ, ਆਪਣਾ ਹਿੱਸਾ ਪਾਉਣਾ ਏ
ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਹਰ ਕੋਨੇ ਵਿਚੋਂ ਚਲ ਪਏ ਸੇਵਕ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਨੇ
ਗੁੰਜ ਰਹੇ ਅੱਜ ਚੌਹੀ ਪਾਸੀ, ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਦੇ ਜੈਕਾਰੇ ਨੇ

ਜਨਮ ਦਿਹਾੜਾ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਦਾ, ਗੜ੍ਹ ਕਾਂਸੀ ਵਿਚ ਮਨਾਉਣਾ ਏ

ਜਿਸ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਦੇ ਦੁਆਰੇ ਚੱਲਕੇ, ਖੁਦ ਪਰਮੇਸ਼ਰ ਆਏ ਸੀ
ਜਿਸ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਦੇ ਮਾਇਆ ਤਿਆਗੀ, ਪਾਰਸ ਵੀ ਠੁਕਰਾਏ ਸੀ
ਉਸ ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਦਾ ਝੰਡਾ ਸਾਰੀ, ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਵਿਚ ਲਹਿਰਾਉਣਾ ਏ

ਸਵਾਮੀ ਸਰਵਣ ਦਾਸ ਜੀ ਬੱਲਾਂ, ਵਾਲਿਆਂ ਦੀ ਅਗਵਾਈ ਏ
ਸਾਰੀ ਦੁਨੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਵਿਚ ਫੈਲੀ, ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਦੀ ਵਡਿਆਈ ਏ
ਆਜਾਦ ਬਨਾਰਸ ਦੀ ਧਰਤੀ ਨੂੰ, ਆਪਾਂ ਸਵਰਗ ਬਣਾਉਣਾ ਏ

The meeting of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust was held on 15-1-2008 under the Chairmanship of His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji in the Committee Room of Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sachkhand Bal. The manner of transporting sacred Golden Palki from Dera Bal to Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi was discussed in detail. Various options were considered. It was felt that maximum number of followers of Satguru Ravidass Ji should be afforded an opportunity to have darshan of sacred Golden Palki. It was, therefore, resolved that the Palki would be taken in a well planned procession from Dera Bal to Varanasi. Since it was unique opportunity, a new unique bus fitted with transparent glasses be got prepared. Accordingly, a new bus fitted with transparent glasses and suiting to the dimension of the golden Palki was prepared. On 15-2-2008, the bus was parked in the open premises near Water Tank in Dera Bal. Qaumi Shaheed Bramleen Sant Rama Nand Ji himself took keen interest in the decoration of the bus. He took chair and sat there. It was decorated under his supervision. The entire bus, including the tyres was washed and cleansed. The bus was tastefully decorated with flowers, banners, posters, photos. In the evening Sant Rama Nand Ji called His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji and a few sewadars as the sacred Golden Palki was to be installed in the bus. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji was also present. At the instance of His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji, Sant Rama Nand Ji said ardas. At the end of the ardas and shouting jaikaras “Jo bole so nirbhay, Guru Ravidass Maharaj ki jai” the sacred

Golden Palki was installed in the bus. The entire bus was covered with new cloth. On 15-2-2008, the devotees of European countries and other foreign countries who were to accompany the Shobha Yatra had reached the Dera. Large number of other yatrias who were to go with the procession and still others who were to witness the ceremony had also arrived. All were in colourful clothes and gay mood. There was bahut chehal pehal in the Dera.

On 16-2-2008 at 8.00 in the morning, the decorated bus was brought to the main gate wherefrom the yatra was to commence. In the presence of His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji, Qaumi Shaheed Bramleen Sant Rama Nand Ji said ardas before commencing the procession. As the ardas came to close the devotees shouted “Jo bole so nirbhay, Guru Ravidass Maharaj ki jai” repeatedly. At this moment the conch-shells and naads sounded, the bells rang and nigara was beaten continuously. Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji and all those present bowed to the pious Golden Palki in reverence. The driver started the bus. It moved slowly and majestically. The impressive procession started under the lead of His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. Sant Rama Nand Ji too accompanied. All other vehicles followed.

Sant Rama Nand Ji composed and recorded the undermentioned song for playing on Sound System throughout the route of Swarn Palki procession from Dera Bal to Benaras:

Son palki

Son palki ji son palki
Kinni sohni sangtan sajai palki

Guru Ravidass kiti kirpa apar ji
Premian de dilan ch vasaya kina pyar ji
Ahnian nuu kardi sujakhe palki

Sangtan nuu jur behna guran samjhaya hai
Aisi soojh sadke nazara ajj paya hai
Sabhna nuu vanddi khumari palki

Dhan han europe niwasi guru sangtan
Charhaian ne qaum nuu majithi jihna rangtan
Iho jihi dekhi nahi kade vi palki

Sone dian churian te gal vale har ji
Waalien te kante keete Bheta nal pyar ji
Sach hai gariban di ji jaan palki

Uch koti karigaran laiyyan rijhan poorian
Door kare dilan vichon dilan dian doorian
Kanshi nuu rawaana hoi yatra son palki

Sach da sroop satgur Niranjan Dass Ji
Bandgi khazana ditta guru Ravidass Ji
Karde agwaii Shobha yatra palki

Rame aiwen gallan kar kar na sunaii ja
Shubh Kaman ivch toon vi hissa kujh paii ja
Dilan diyan bhukhan aj lahiyan palki.

**ਸੋਨੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੂੜੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਗਲ ਵਾਲੇ ਹਾਰ ਜੀ
ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਕਾਂਟੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਭੇਟਾ ਨਾਲ ਪਿਆਰ ਜੀ
ਸੱਚ ਹੈ ਗਰੀਬਾਂ ਦੀ ਜੀ ਜਾਨ ਪਾਲਕੀ**

**ਗੁਰੂ ਰਵਿਦਾਸ ਕੀਤੀ ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ ਅਪਾਰ ਜੀ
ਪ੍ਰੇਮੀਆਂ ਦੇ ਦਿਲਾਂ ਚ ਵਸਾਇਆ ਕਿੰਨਾ ਪਿਆਰ ਜੀ
ਅੰਨ੍ਹਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਕਰਦੀ ਸੁਜਾਖੇ ਪਾਲਕੀ**

**ਸੰਗਤਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਜੁੜ ਬਹਿਣਾ ਗੁਰੂ ਸਮਝਾਇਆ ਹੈ
ਐਸੀ ਸੁਝ ਸਦਕੇ ਨਜ਼ਾਰਾ ਅੱਜ ਪਾਇਆ ਹੈ
ਸਭਨਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਵੰਡਦੀ ਖੁਮਾਰੀ ਪਾਲਕੀ**

**ਧੰਨ ਹਨ ਯੋਰਪ ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ਗੁਰੂ ਸੰਗਤਾਂ
ਚਾੜੀਆਂ ਨੇ ਕੌਮ ਨੂੰ ਮਜੀਠੀ ਜਿੰਨਾ ਰੰਗਤਾਂ
ਇਹੋ ਜਿਹੀ ਦੇਖੀ ਨੀ ਕਦੇ ਵੀ ਪਾਲਕੀ**

**ਸੋਨੇ ਦੀਆਂ ਚੂੜੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਗਲ ਵਾਲੇ ਹਾਰ ਜੀ
ਵਾਲੀਆਂ ਤੇ ਕਾਂਟੇ ਕੀਤੇ ਭੇਟਾ ਨਾਲ ਪਿਆਰ ਜੀ
ਸੱਚ ਹੈ ਗਰੀਬਾਂ ਦੀ ਜੀ ਜਾਨ ਪਾਲਕੀ**

**ਉਚ ਕੋਟੀ ਕਾਰੀਗਰਾਂ ਲਾਈਆਂ ਰੀਝਾਂ ਪੂਰੀਆਂ
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The procession passed through Panjab, Haryana, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh and reached Varanasi 20-2-2008. The procession stayed for night on 16-2-2008 at Ambala, on 17-2-2008 at New Delhi, on 18-2-2008 at Agra, on 19-2-2008 at Kanpur and reached Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi on 20-2-2008. The pious Palki attracted overwhelming homage from the vibrant sangat throughout the route. It was so fascinating a journey that only those who participated in it could best describe in a befitting manner. The devotees of the places enroute bowed to the specially prepared glass fitted fortunate bus carrying the sacred Golden Palki for Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji. They washed it. They cleansed it with their new clothes. They sprayed incensed liquid and perfume on the bus. The devotees were showering flowers and flowers on the fortunate bus. Even the road on which the procession passed was fully covered with flowers. Suitable words do not strike me to describe the enthusiasm and devotion of the sangat, piety and beauty of the occasion. Holy was the occasion, holier still was the dedication of the devotees. There was tears of joy in their eyes. They were so much absorbed in the pious Palki that they forgot their own self. Probably they will never see such a sacred journey of Guru Ji's golden Palki passing through their

own areas. It was a memorable event in the history of Shri Guru Ravidass Mission. The Golden Palki was inaugurated by Ms Mayawati Ji, Hon,ble Chief Minister Uttar Pradesh on the auspicious occasion of Guru Ravidass Jyanti Day on 21-2-2008. The press and electronic media vied each other for coverage of the historic event.

It was the dream of Sant Rama Nand Ji to gold-plate Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. First phase of the project was completed when entire central dome of the temple was gold-plated and opening ceremony was performed by His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji on 30th January, 2010 in the presence of more than ten lacs of saints and devotees from India and abroad. With this ceremony dream of Qaumi Amar Shaheed Sant Rama Nand Ji has been fulfilled.

Shri Guru Ravidass Memorial Gate, Lanka Chauraha, Varanasi

Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Trust (Regd.) U.K. expressed the desire of having a monumental Gate in the memory of Guru Ravidass Ji in Varanasi City at some prominent road leading to the Mandir so as to perpetuate the memory of Guru Ji. This project was again undertaken by Mandir Trust under the chairmanship of Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. The foundation stone of the gate was laid on 25-05-1997 by Sahib Shri Kanshi Ram Ji BSP Supremo in the presence of prominent residents of Varanasi, distinguished persons and senior bureaucrats. Ms. Mayawati was Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh at that time.

The workers worked day and night. Specially skilled stone layers were engaged from Rajasthan for this project. A huge Gate at Lanka Crossing was built in a very short period. It is a matter of great pride for our community that the gate was inaugurated by the then His Excellency, the President of India, Shri K.R. Narayanan on 16-7-1998. Shri Suraj Bhan Hon'ble Governor and Shri Kalyan Singh Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Babu Kanshi Ram were also present.

At the time of inauguration of the gate, the President looked gay and happy. Disregarding the security barriers, he came out to the barricades and shook hands with aam aadmi and saints. It was so rare and happy moment. The visitors raised and waved their hand in his honour, applause and gratitude. Large number of Guru Ji's devotees and saints from Punjab and other states were present on the occasion along with Sant Niranjana Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji. The writer was also fortunate to attend the inauguration ceremony of the gate.

After the inauguration of the gate, His Excellency the President visited Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. At the instance of Chief Guest, Qaumi Shahid Sant Rama Nand Ji narrated the entire story of research of this site and construction of the temple and the problems faced in this regard. The President took tea and snacks with the Hazoor Maharaj Niranjana Dass Ji, Qaumi Shahid Sant Rama Nand Ji, members of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust and other VVIPs. It is an unforgettable day in the history of Guru Ravidass Mission.

The names of the trustees of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Trust (UK), who contributed for the construction of the gate, have been carved at the gate thereby immortalising their gesture of perpetuating the memory of Satguru Ravidass Ji in the city of his assertion.

Yatri Niwas and Langer Hall

Keeping in view the convenience of pilgrims to the Mandir, the Trust has acquired an Ashram for their stay. Now a new four-storey building has been constructed in this complex-each storey having 11 rooms with attached bathrooms. The Trust has also built a huge Langer hall, for serving food to visitors to the Mandir. It was inaugurated by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji, Chairman Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust (Regd.) on 18th February, 2000 at 11.30 on the auspicious occasion of Jyanti Purb of Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. The opening ceremony of Second storey of the Langer hall was performed on 26-2-2002.

Shri Guru Ravidass Park & Smark, Shri Guru Ravidass Ghat & Shri Guru Ravidass Setu

It was due to the inspiration drawn from the activities of and the work carried out by the Mandir Trust that the U.P Government also thought of raising suitable memorials of Guru Ravidass Ji in the city of Benaras. It has built a beautiful Shri Guru Ravidass park and smark at Nagwa, a prominent place at the river “Ganga”. A spacious Guru Ravidass Ghat has also been built at the place. The new bridge over Ganga near the Mandir has been named Shri Guru Ravidass Setu (bridge).

The Janam Sthan Mandir of Guru Ji at Seer Goverdhanpur, Varanasi has now acquired the status of “Begumpura” for Guru Ji’s followers who have started paying obeisance at this Place of Pilgrimage in large numbers, which is growing day by day. All the followers of Guru Ravidass Ji throughout the world will remain indebted to Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and his successor Saints of Dera Sachkhand Ballan for giving them this “Ultimate Place of Pilgrimage”.

Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital, Adda Kathar

All the Saints of the Dera Sach khand Ballan have dedicated their lives towards the service of the poor and the needy. Lakhs of followers of the Dera have been benefitted by the blessings of the Dera Saints who have cured their followers with “Dua” as well as “Dwa” i.e. through spirituality as well as through traditional medicine. This tradition has been continuing in the Dera since the life-time of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. The successor Saints also followed this practice. To perpetuate the memory of his Guru, Sant Garib Dass Ji thought of starting a hospital. He held consul-

tations with Sh. Beli Ram and Sh. Raj Mal for this purpose who offered to donate land for this purpose. Later Bibi Puro and Bibi Bhajno also donated their share of land. Panchayat of village Koopur also donated land for this noble cause. The foundation stone of this hospital was laid by Sant Garib Dass Ji at Adda Kathar, Distt. Jalandhar on 20-10-1982. A humble beginning was made by starting a dispensary on 1-1-1984. With the blessings of all Gaddi-Nashin Saints of Dera Sach Khand Ballan this hospital has now assumed gigantic proportions running six specialities and having 150 indoor beds.

The hospital provides patient care by a highly qualified team of doctors in the department of General Surgery, Medicine, Eye, ENT, Pediatrics and Gynecology. Nearly 200 patients are attended in the OPD daily. The OPD services are supported by modern diagnostic aids. For this purpose the hospital is equipped with state of the art hospital grade ultra-sound machine, a modern laboratory having auto-analysers for blood and urine tests, an X-ray machine and computerized ECG machines etc. The hospital is known for the general surgery being performed here. Apex 200 surgical operations are performed every month. The hospital has three operation theatres, which are equipped with state of the art machines such as Laparoscope, C-Arm, Boyle’s apparatus, fully remote controlled OT tables and pulse oxymeters etc. All the sterilization needs of the OT’s and wards are met by the central horizontal autoclave. Very nominal fee is charged for the hospital services to partially meet the hospital expenditure which is approximately 1.5 crores per year. The poor patients are not charged even the nominal fee and their expenditure is met by Maharaj Ji. The management of the hospital is run through a Trust. Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji is the Chairman of the Trust and he is assisted by Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji and a dedicated team of Trustees who always think of new ways for the improvement of hospital services & introduction of new infrastructure in the hospital.

Sant Rama Nand Ji, under the blessings of Sant Niranjana Dass Ji, was always keen on adding to the infrastructure in the hospital. About a year before he left his heavenly abode, he asked the Trustees to start the construction of a new OPD block be-

cause the older block was found inadequate in certain respects. This new OPD block, with a covered area of apex. 23000 sq. ft., has been built at a cost of more than Rs. 2 crores. This OPD block has been designed keeping in view the future needs of the hospital also. This block contains 12 OPD rooms for doctors, a separate diagnostic block and all other associated facilities. The new OPD block is ready for inauguration.

Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Eye Hospital, Dera Bal

In order to serve the elderly people, an exclusive eye hospital has been established by the Dera adjoining the Dera itself under the aegies of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital Trust. Shri Swarn Dass Bangar, Bibi Resham Kaur of Village Bal (U.K.) and their family became the motivating force behind the construction of this hospital. Since mid sixties they had been holding an annual eye camp at the Dera, but due to some restrictions imposed by the Government it became difficult to hold these camps. Therefore they mooted the idea of an exclusive eye hospital at the Dera and took the initiative by donating the major chunk of the expenditure incurred on establishing this hospital. A donation of rupees one crore one thousand one hundred eleven was given by them for this project. The foundation stone was laid on 10-11-2004 by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. The construction of the hospital was completed in record time. The hospital was inaugurated on 15th February, 2007 by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji on the auspicious occasion of Birth anniversary of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji.

Modern machines such as Yag Laser, Phaco Emulsification machine, Carl-Zeiss Microscope, Carl-Zeiss Slit lamp and A Scan etc. have been installed in the hospital.

People from far and wide areas of Punjab avail the facilities of this hospital. Nearly 200 eye operations are performed every month.

Sant Sarwan Dass Model School Hadiabad, Phagwara

Sant Sarwan Dass Ji was a spiritual leader of acknowledged acclaim besides being a great visionary and a social reformer. As a social reformer he was cast in the mould of all previous social reformers devoted to Dalit cause. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji, Mahatma Jotirao Phooley, Smt. Savitri Bai Phooley, Chhatrapati Shahu ji Maharaj, Periyar E.V. Rama swami Naiker and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar worked tirelessly in their own way for the upliftment of the down-trodden. They laid particular stress on education among Dalits, because they believed that no progress in society was possible without education. Swami Sarwan Dass Ji was fully conscious about the necessity of education among Dalits. Therefore, he used to collect students of poor people in the Dera and gave them all facilities for acquiring higher education. Ultimately, the present Gaddi Nasheen Sant Niranjana Dass Ji in consultation with Sant Rama Nand Ji decided to have a school dedicated to the memory of Sant Sarwan Dass Ji and he laid the foundation stone of Sant Sarwan Dass Model School at Hadiabad Phagwara on 16-4-2002. The opening ceremony of the School was performed on 19-2-2004 by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. Regular studies in the school started on 5-4-2004. The school is up to Senior Secondary level. The stress is to impart quality education to the students who are mostly from poorer sections of society. It is an English Medium school affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi up to +2 levels. Besides humanities, medical and non-medical and commerce subjects are taught at the senior secondary level. Besides this vocational courses such as Multimedia and Web Technology are also taught in the School.

The school is housed in a plot of 2.5 acres of land donated by Shri Brij Lal and his wife Bibi Gurdev Kaur, Phagwara (U.K.). It has got 33 spacious class rooms, 6 well equipped laboratories, a general purpose hall, a well equipped library, and an office block. Now the construction of an Auditorium in the School, where School functions are held, is also complete. The construction of this Auditorium, which has been completed at an apex. Cost

of Rs. 35 Lakhs, was the dream of Sant Rama Nand Ji. His dream has been fulfilled after he left for his heavenly abode.

The school has eleven buses for carrying the students to the school. The school has a separate 62.5 KVA diesel generator. Tuition fee charges from the students are very low as compared to other private schools. Poor students are given further fee concession, criterion for which is the poverty of their parents. Scholarships to very poor students are also given every year so that their education is absolutely free. Some of these scholarships are sponsored by individual donors and the rest are given by the Trust. The school is run under the management of Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Hospital Trust Adda Kathar Distt. Jalandhar. It has got a school Management Committee under the Chairmanship of Sant Surinder Dass Bawa Ji who takes keen interest in the running and further development of the School in all respects.

Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan Hadiabad, Phagwara

When a residential colony was being established in Hadiabad, Phagwara by Sh. Brij Lal and Sh. Des Raj of Phagwara, they came up with an idea to build a Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan in the colony. They not only donated land for this purpose, but also bore the entire expenditure of appx. Rs. 1.5 crores on the construction of the temple. The Dharam Asthan houses a Satsang Hall, a Langer Hall and eleven rooms in the temple.

The Dharam Asthan was inaugurated on 19th February 2004 by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji when it was formally donated to the Dera. As a symbol of handing over the Dharam Asthan keys, a pure gold key weighing one kilogram brought specifically from UK by Shri Brij Lal was handed over to Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. Shri Brij Lal also donated one Tata Safari car to the Dera.

The temple is now under the management of the Dera.

Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan Sirsgarh (Haryana)

Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji is famous for spreading the philosophy and teachings of Guru Ravidass both in India as well as abroad. With this end in view the Dera has established several religious places for spreading the mission of Guru Ravidass Ji.

Knowing this pursuit of the Dera a follower of the Dera Shri Gurbaksh Singh I.F.S. & his wife Bibi Raj Rani belonging to Sirsgarh, District Ambala (Haryana) requested Maharaj Ji to build a Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan in their village, to which Maharaj Ji agreed. For this purpose they donated a piece of land measuring 4 acres 17 marlas Maharaj Ji for. The foundation stone of the temple was laid on 31-7-2004 by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji.

Major portion of the construction is complete. A big Satsang hall is under construction. The inaugural day function is held every year on 31st July in which devotees from Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chandigarh participate in large numbers. This temple serves as a source of inspiration for the people of Haryana.

Free boarding and lodging facilities are available for all the pilgrims and especially those paying pilgrimage to Hardwar from the states of Punjab & Delhi etc.

The temple is now under the management of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust (Regd.) Varanasi.

Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan Katraj, Pune

Shri Guru Ravidass Dharam Asthan Katraj, Pune is another link in the series of expanding Guru Ravidass Mission the world over. One Shri Sukhdeo Rangnath Waghmare from Pune had an intuitional urge for building a suitable monument befitting the stature of Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj. As if it was preordained, Shri Waghmare happened to visit Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Mandir, Seer Govardhanpur, Varanasi. He was wonder struck to see the gamut of monuments dedicated to the

memory of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj there. There from, his conviction became strengthened and real. He visited Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji, Sachkhand Bal. With all humility he opened his mind to Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji and Sant Rama Nand Ji. After two three meetings a lay-out of plan was unfolded.

A two acre plot was donated by Shri S.R. Waghmare and his wife Bibi Radha on Katraj-Kundwa Road, Pune for building Shri Guru Ravidass temple. The foundation stone of the temple was laid on 7th December, 2003 by Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji. Sant Rama Nand Ji and several trustees and other distinguished persons were also present on the auspicious occasion. 85'x35' double storey temple one Hall+Ten Rooms have since been completed. A gate is under construction. Shahidi Stumb built in the memory of Sant Rama Nand Ji was inaugurated on 7-12-2012. If and when any of Guru Ji's follower from the world over gets a chance to visit Pune, visit to this sacred temple is essentially a part of his/her itinerary.

The sacred temple is also under the management of Shri Guru Ravidass Janam Asthan Public Charitable Trust (Regd.) Varanasi.

Punjabi-Hindi-English (Trilingual) **Begumpura Shaher Weekly Patrika**

Maharaj Garib Dass Ji was a visionary saint. He also understood the importance of having such a newspaper, as would serve the cause of the community and propagate the teachings and philosophy of Guru Ravidass Ji. With this motive in view he decided to start a religious weekly named 'Begumpura'. In the presence of many saints from Punjab, Sant Garib Dass Ji laid the foundation stone of a building on 23-1-1991 for housing a printing press for giving a voice to the poor people. On 23rd July, 1991 Begumpura paper was inaugurated at Mohalla Sunder Nagar, Jalandhar. Its first publication was published on 15th August; 1991. The weekly is serving our people till date with a new name 'Begumpura Shehar'. The circulation of this paper has increased manifold. It has been successful in conveying to the read-

ers the teachings and message of Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji the world over. In addition, it has been on the forefront in raising the issues of the oppressed and down-trodden communities regarding human rights, equality, liberty, fraternity, co-existence, education, cruelty consciousness, awakening, identity, dignity, brotherhood, adventure. Above all it has been able to educate its readers in imbibing human values.

Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan, Dera Bal

Sat sangat mil raheeye maadho
Jaise madhup makheera.

It has been the tradition of this Dera to hold daily, weekly, monthly and annual gatherings for holding religious discourses. Baba Pipal Dass Ji used to hold small gatherings in village Bal and inspired the audience to inculcate noble values in their life and be a valuable member of society and to worship God. Sant Sarwan Dass Ji held Satsang daily in the morning and the evening. Monthly Satsang was held on the Sankranti day in the open place of the Dera under the trees. Sant Hari Dass Ji also continued the tradition of usual religious gatherings. Sant Garib Dass Ji was the first saint of the Dera who visited England for the first time in 1985. Qaumi Amar Shaheed Sant Rama Nand Ji also accompanied him. Thereafter, he visited United State of America and Canada several times. Qaumi Amar Shaheed Sant Rama Nand Ji always accompanied Sant Garib Dass Ji to the foreign countries. In this process the number of followers of this Dera swelled manifold. The number of devotees in the daily, weekly and monthly Satsangs increased considerably. Need of a Satsang Hall was felt during the period of Sant Hari Dass Ji.

A spacious Satsang Hall named Sant Hari Dass Satsang Hall was built in the Dera premises in the year 1977. The religious meetings and Kirtan were held in this building even up to the year 2000. As a result of extensive touring by Sant Garib Dass Ji and later by Sant Niranjana Dass Ji along with Qaumi Amar Shaheed

Sant Rama Nand Ji both in India and abroad for spreading Guru Ravidass Mission, the number of followers of the Dera increased to a huge number. It was not possible to accommodate the gathering in Sant Hari Dass Satsang Hall. An unexpected whirlwind, hailstorm and rain disturbed many functions. In the interest of smooth celebration of the functions necessity of a very big Satsang Bhawan was felt. At the instance of Shri 108 Sant Sarwan Dass Charitable Trust U.K. and many devotees of foreign countries the decision to build Satsang Bhawan was finalized. In this process many devotees promised liberal donations for the purpose. Whenever, there was meeting of the Trust and foreign devotees this issue was again discussed at length. Shri Swaran Dass Bangar of village Bal (Chatham kent, U.K.) also attended many such meetings.

In the concluding years of the twentieth century, someone proposed the land situated near the Dera and owned by Shri Swaran Dass Bangar as the suitable site for the Satsang Bhawan. After consultation of members of his family, Shri Swaran Dass Bangar offered to donate his 2.5 acres of land and Rs. one lakh for the proposed Satsang Bhawan. Everybody lauded the offer and expressed thanks to the family of Shri Swaran Dass Bangar.

The lay-out of the Satsang Bhawan was prepared and it was finally approved in its present shape. The name of the Satsang Bhawan was approved as Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan. The foundation of Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan was laid on 12th March, 2000 in the presence of thousands of devotees. Once the foundation stone was laid, there was no looking back. There was exuberant enthusiasm amongst the followers of Guru Ravidass Ji for construction of the Bhawan named after Shri Guru Ravidass Ji. Thousands of devotees thronged to the site for taking part in the construction process. Everyone thought that they will be lucky who make manual contribution, whatever little it is, in digging the foundation of the sacred building. Qaumi Shaheed Brahmleen Sant Rama Nand Ji led the crowd in this task. He folded his dhoti. He was seen digging the foundation. Soon he was seen lifting the soil. It was enough for the devotees. Every body vied with each other for carrying tokris full of soil to become fortunate enough. Some were seen digging the soil. Others were carrying the soil. It was, indeed, a memorable scene. It was sur-

prising to note that the foundation of the entire building was dug up in a few days only.

The workforce consisting of engineers, technicians, bar-binders, moulders, shuttering workers, machine operators, mistries, skilled and unskilled labour, office staff- all worked tirelessly. Foremen and Project Manager were always on their toe. There were no scheduled working hours. All were working upto late at night. The management had struck the deal with production factories for supply of the quality material; that too at the heavy discount rates. It was indeed a continuing process. Qaumi Shaheed Brahmleen Sant Rama Nand Ji was the Chief architect and executive of the project. It was his dream project. The entire network and material was scanned and monitored by him regularly. He was so busy in the projects that any Dera affair could be discussed with him after midnight only. The process continued. As a result the gigantic building warranting long span of time for its completion was completed in short period.

Its dimention is 220'×180'. It is a model of is own kind. There are 4 domes of 16' height on all the four corners. The dome at the main gate of the Bhawan is 20' high. The roof consist of 5 arc-curved divisions. Only 12 pillars in all carry the load of the roof. 6 pillars are in one line and 6 pillars are in other corresponding line. The distance of each line of pillars is 80'. There is 80' long and 30' wide concrete stage in the Satsang Bhawan. There is long 30' wide and 134' long jora-ghar in the basement of main gate. Golden kalshes have been installed on all the four domes in four corners of the Bhawan. In all seven golden kalshes have been installed on 7 domes. The spot will kindle the light and will go a long way in spreading the message of Guru Ji and shaping the abode of his dreams.

Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan- which was the dream project of Qaumi Shaheed Brahmleen Sant Rama Nand Ji – was inaugurated by His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji on 15th February, 2007. Incidentally, the occasion coincided with auspicious Birth Anniversary of Swami Sarwan Dass Ji- the pioneer of the Dera. Large number of devotees from Birmingham and other parts of U.K. were also present as this project was

virtually sponsored by them. Today this Bhavan outshines all other constructions at the Dera and poses as a wonder structure of Ravidassia community in the world. There is 80'×30' air-conditioned studio in the basement underneath the stage. It was the brain child of Amar Shaheed Brahmleen Sant Rama Nand Ji.

Tap Asthan Baba Pipal Dass Ji and Birth Place of Swami Sarwan Dass Ji

Baba Pipal Dass Ji lived in village Gill Patti (Bhatinda - Faridkot- Ferozepur Road) in district Bathinda. He chanted God's Name here and attained divine enlightenment. His occupation was farming of land. About 1.5 acres of his land is still there. He had planted a Beri tree in this land. It is situated 1.5 kms away from village Gill Pathi on Nayyanwala Road adjoining the canal. Shri Charan Singh Ji and his wife Bibi Dharam Kaur, heirs of Baba Pipal Dass Ji have donated this land to Dera Sant Sarwan Dass Ji. This Beri tree is still there. Its Bers are sweet. Swami Sarwan Dass Ji was born here on 15th February, 1895. His Holiness Shri 108 Sant Niranjana Dass Ji has constructed one 30'×30' room, kitchen, bathrooms, 100ft shed for the convenience of the pilgrims.

An idol of Baba Pipal Dass Ji has been installed in the temple. The devotees visit and pay their homage at this sacred place.

Amar Shahid Sant Rama Nand Ji Dharam Asthan, Nakodar

Amar Shahid Sant Rama Nand Ji Dharam Asthan building was donated by Shri Chain Ram Chumber and Smt. Krishna Devi Village Sanghe Jagir. This building is situated at Nakodar.

Telecast of Television programme 'Amrit bani Shri Guru Ravidass Ji'

Now is the era of media. From all quarters from within and outside the country there was buoyant demand that the program of Shri Guru Ravidass Ji, his teachings and bani should be displayed on television. Accordingly, this unique weekly TV programme named 'Amrit Bani Shri Guru Ravidass Ji' was prepared by Amar Shaheed Brahmleen Shri 108 Sant Rama Nand Ji in his own melodious voice in consonance with the norms prescribed by Doordarshan department. First episode of programme 'Amrit Bani Shri Guru Ravidass Ji' was telecast 13-9-2003 from DD Punjabi. This was the first ever programme solely on the teachings and bani of Guru Ravidass Ji telecast on TV. The force of behind this project was Sant Rama Nand Ji. It was a new chapter in the history of Guru Ravidass Mission. Since 13-9-2003 the programme is continuing uninterruptedly. Later, it was extended to be telecast on DD (Regional) also.

'Neechai ooch kare mera gobind, kahoo ten a darai' – these are opening and concluding words recorded for TV programme in the unique voice of Shri Gurdev Ji, sewadar in the Dera. The moment the viewer listens these words, he is captivated. He feels buoyed and emboldened. The meaning and message of these words is very easy to understand. A very large number of viewers view this weekly programme regularly.

The project received overwhelming response from the masses. With the construction of Shri Guru Ravidass Satsang Bhawan, Dera's own studio of latest device has been built. The programme is continuing even today. It is now telecast at 6.45 am to 7.15 am on every Tuesday on DD Punjabi from Jalandhar Doordarshan.

-Chain Ram Suman

Amritbani

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji

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| | <i>Tohi mohi mohi tohi antar kaisa!!</i> |
| | <i>Kanak katik jal tarang jaisa!!1!!</i> |
| | <i>Jau pai ham na pap karanta ahe ananta!!</i> |
| | <i>Patit pavan nam kaise hunta!!1!!Rahaao!!</i> |
| | <i>Tum jo naiyak achhahu antarjami!!</i> |
| | <i>Prabh te jan janijai jan te suami!!2!!</i> |
| | <i>Sarir aradhai mo kao bichar dehu!!</i> |
| | <i>Ravidass sam dal samjhavai kou!!3!!</i> |
| | Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji describes his oneness with |
| | God through this hymn. O God! I have become one with Thee |
| | after Thy meditation. Any one in this world who, denounces worldly |
| | pleasures and worships God, becomes one with Him. |
| | (As Satguru Namdev Ji says-”Naame Narayan nahi |
| | bhed!!” i.e. there is no difference between Nama and God. And |
| | Satguru Kabir Ji says “Ram Kabira ek bhaye hae koi na sakae |
| | pashani!!” i.e. Ram or God and Kabir have become one and no |
| | one can differentiate one from another.) |
| | <i>Tohi mohi mohi tohi antar kaisa!!</i> |
| | <i>Kanak katik jal tarang jaisa!!1!!</i> |
| | O God! There is no difference between you and me and |
| | me and you because I have become one with Thee through Thy |
| | meditation. If at all there is any minor difference that is just akin to |
| | gold and bangle made of gold which may look different but both |
| | are the same in reality. When gold ornaments are melted, we find |
| | nothing but gold. Likewise, there is no difference between water |
| | and waves generated by water. Water wave originates from water |
| | and gets merged with water. Similarly, living beings originate from |
| | Thee and end in Thee. |

(Likewise, Satguru Namdev Ji says “*Jal te tarang tarang te hae jal kahan sunan kou dooja!!1!!*” i.e. Water and wave and wave and water are the same but these are only two different words to say and listen. As the wave originates from water and gets merged with water, both are same and only because of external physical difference these are two separate words to speak and listen. In reality, both are same. Likewise there is no difference between the soul and God.)

***Jau pai ham na pap karanta ahe ananta!!
Patit pavan nam kaise hunta!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O Almighty God! If human beings never commit any sin, then how would Thee get the name *Patit Paavan* or the one who forgives sinners for their sins and transforms them into noble persons?

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- “*Patit pavit bhaye Ram kahat hi!!Rahaao!!*” i.e. Many sinners have become pious after chanting Naam of God.).

(Satguru Nanak Dev Ji says “*Bhariae mat papa kae sang!! Oh dhopae navae kae rang”!!* i.e. When the human mind is full of sins, the same gets purified through deep meditation of God.)

***Tum jo naiyak achhahu antarjami!!
Prabh te jan janijai jan te suami!!2!!***

O God! Thou the Almighty know the mind of every living being. I am your humble servant. As a slave is known because of the master and the slave belongs to the master, O God! Thou are known because of Thy devotees and Thy followers are known because of Thee.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- “*Thakur te jan jan te Thakur khel pario hae to siou!!1!!*” i.e. O God! A servant is known because of the master and the latter owns the servant. I am now equal partner in Thy games and I am now one with Thou.)

***Sarir aradhai mo kao bichar dehu!!
Ravidass sam dal samjhavai kou!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says “O God! Give me pious thoughts

so that I keep praying for Thee as long as I am alive. Bless me with the company of true saints who can explain the presence of God in every living being to the ignorant human beings.”

Raag Gauri Shabad-2

***Meri sangat poch soch din rati!!
Mera karam kutilta janam kubhanti!!1!!
Ram gusaiya jeea ke jivna!!
Mohi na bisarahu mae jan tera!! 1!!Rahaao!!
Meri harahu bipat jan karhu subhai!!
Charan na chhadao sarir kal jai!!2!!
Kahu Ravidass paroo teri sabha!!
Beg milhu jan kar na bilambha!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that the company of humans, who have forgotten the God, is undesirable. When any living being is blessed with rare human birth, he can get rid of discrimination and bonds of attachment with worldly pleasures. Human beings can achieve most successful life in this world and the life thereafter through complete devotion to God’s worship.

***Meri sangat poch soch din rati!!
Mera karam kutilta janam kubhanti!!1!!***

O God! Human beings live a lowly life because of their obsession with worldly pleasures. I remain engrossed in this thought day and night. Birth as well as deeds of a human being, who is not devoted to God, are futile. As long as a human being does not worship God wholeheartedly, his rare human life is worthless.

***Ram gusaiya jeea ke jivna!!
Mohi na bisarahu mae jan tera!! 1!!Rahaao!!***

O God the creator of all living beings! Please do not forget me ever as I am Thy profound devotee.

***Meri harahu bipat jan karhu subhai!!
Charan na chhadao sarir kal jai !!2!!***

O God! Kindly relieve me of the troublesome cycle of life and death. O God! Bless me so that I am always at Thy sacred feet till death.

Kahu Ravidass paroo teri sabha!!

Beg milhu jan kar na bilambha!!3!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji prays to God that “O God! I am Thy devotee. Kindly let me have the glimpse of Thy eternal view without any further delay.”

Shabad 3

Begampura sahar ko naao!!

Dukh andohu nahi tihi thaao!!

Nan tasvis khiraj na mal !!

Khauf na khata na taras jawal!!1!!

Ab mohi khub vatan gah paie!!

Uhan khair sada mere bhai!!1!! Rahaao!!

Kayam dayam sada patisahi!!

Dom na sem ek so ahi!!

Aabadan sada masahur!!

Uhan gani baseh mamur !!2!!

Teo teo sail karahi jeo bhavai!!

Mahram mahal na ko atkavai!!

Kahi Ravidass khalas chamara !!

Jo ham sahri so meet hamara!!3!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches all humanity that any human being, who worships God, gets rid of all sorts of attachments and finds an eternal place in the heavenly abode “Begampura”. Likewise he emphasizes establishment of a world order like “Begampura” with unity, equality and brotherhood for all where human beings who would enjoy universal brotherhood free of any discrimination on account of colour, caste, creed, dependence, slavery and worldly attachments. Every citizen of “Begampura” will enjoy complete social, political, cultural and spiritual equality with full human rights. Satguru Ravidass Ji laid the foundations of

an egalitarian democratic republic for entire humanity. Establishment of such an institutional order in this world would lead to resolution of all problems confronting the world. It was resolved during Toronto Conference of United Nations that the constitution of a World Government would be based on Shri Guru Granth Sahib and the preamble of that constitution would be based on Satguru Ravidass Ji’s hymn “Begampura”. Similarly, messiah of humanity Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar based the foundations, preamble and major provisions of the Constitution of India as per principles enunciated by Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in his hymn “Begampura”.

Begampura sahar ko naao!!

Dukh andohu nahi tihi thaao!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that he is a citizen of the world known as “Begampura” that is devoid of any grief. There is no room for any pain and worry in that world.

Second Explanation: - The governance of this world should be based on the principles of “Begampura” in which all citizens are equal and where freedom, equality, justice and universal brotherhood prevail all the time. All human beings would have absolutely equal rights and basic needs of all citizens would be fulfilled. Everyone will have equal human rights there. All living beings in “Begampura” would be free of all sorts of grief. No one would ever suffer from any pain and suffering because of any discrimination on account of high or low caste, untouchability, affluence—poverty and colour like white or black etc.

Nan tasvis khiraj na mal !!

Khauf na khata na taras jawal!!1!!

There is neither any worry nor tension of any kind in “Begampura” city. No one has to pay any taxes for trading in God’s Naam. All citizens of that “Begampura” are free of any fear, discord, felony, desire, pity and scarcity and they are all one with God.

Second Explanation: - Every living being in “Begampura” world is free of worry and tension. No one is forced to pay taxes

for trading. One and all enjoy complete human rights and do their duty free of any fear of tyranny, tension, felony and deprivation.

Ab mohi khub vatan gah paie!!

Uhan khair sada mere bhai!!1!! Rahaao!!

Dear brother! I have now attained an eternal and blessed place in ‘Begampura’. This place has permanent eternal peace. Every living being enjoys lifelong absolute happiness and peace in the “Begampura” world order.

Kayam dayam sada patisahi!!

Dom na sem ek so ahi!!

There is eternal kingdom of God in that world “Begampura”. No one is second or third in command there but there is only one kingdom of eternal God the Almighty.

Second Explanation: - In this world order of “Begampura” there should be such permanent governance in place that ensures freedom, equality, justice and equal status of citizenship for all humans. No one should be second class or third class citizen.

Aabadan sada masahur!!

Uhan gani baseh mamur !!2!!

God’s “Begampura” is extremely well known and always populated with blessed noble souls. Fully satisfied blessed noble souls, free of any longings and always engrossed in deep meditation of God, reside there.

Second Explanation: - “Begampura” should be famous abode of learned people where they live ever happily together and every one’s basic needs of human life are always fulfilled.

Teo teo sail karahi jeo bhavai!!

Mahram mahal na ko atkavai!!

Residents of “Begampura” stroll freely as per their will. Well versed with the palaces of Begampura; the resident souls stroll freely anywhere without any hindrances.

Second Explanation: - The citizens of “Begampura” enjoy full human rights and they are free to move any where without any hindrance. They can stroll anywhere according to their own wishes.

Kahi Ravidass khalas chamara !!

Jo ham sahri so meet hamara!!3!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “I have got rid of all worldly attachments through deep meditation of God. Any living being that gets free of such bonds is indeed pious. He is my friend and my fellow citizen.”

Second Explanation: - Satguru Ravidass Ji says that all human citizens of “Begampura” should be free of discrimination because of caste, untouchability, slavery and attachment etc and all citizens should ever live happily together in that world order. In this hymn, Satguru Ravidass Ji has laid the foundations of an egalitarian world order blessed with eternal peace and happiness for all.

Shabad 4

Sadho! Ka sashtran sun keeno!

Anpawani bhagti nahin sadhi, bhookhai ann na deeno!!Tek!!

Kaam na visreo diyambh na tiyagao, lobh na bisario deva!

Par ninda mukh te neh chhadhi, niphal bhaye sabh seva!!1!!

Baat parhi ghar mus prayo, udhar bhario apradhi!

Hovai apradhi Keso na simariyo, ahu avidiya sadhi!!2!!

Har arpan kar bhoj na kino, katha kirat nahin jani!!

Ram bhagti bin mukat na pawae, amar jeev grabae prani!!3!!

Charan kanval anrag na upjiyo, bhoot daya nahi pali!!

Ravidass pal sadh sangat mil, puran Brahm sada pritpali!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji blesses human beings with the pious preaching to shun rituals and seek solace in the company of saints to realize God.

Sadho! Ka sashtran sun keeno!

Anpawani bhagti nahin sadhi, bhookhai ann na deeno!!Tek!!

O saints! What would you accomplish by listening to the scriptures if you don’t worship God with devotion and do not provide succour to the hungry?

Kaam na visreo diyambh na tiyagao, lobh na bisario deva!

Par ninda mukh te neh chhadhi, niphal bhaye sabh seva!!1!!

If one does not abandon desires, shun rituals, discard greed and abhor criticism of others then his servitude will be futile.
Baat parhi ghar mus prayo, udhar bhario apradhi!
Hovai apradhi Keso na simariyo, ahu avidiya sadhi!!2!!
 Human being abandons the path leading to realization of God, remains preoccupied with pursuit of worldly pleasures and resorts to cheating for his own livelihood in this world that is not his real abode. O dear brother! Why do you abhor meditation of God and remain steeped in ignorance and sins?
Har arpan kar bhoj na kino, katha kirat nahin jani!!
Ram bhagti bin mukat na pawae, amar jeev grabae prani!!3!!
 You neither dedicate your life to God nor comprehend God's glory. One cannot achieve eternal salvation without devout meditation of God and the human soul, devoid of God's Naam, suffers the pangs of repeated cycles of birth and death.
Charan kanval anrag na upjiyo, bhoot daya nahi pali!!
Ravidass pal sadh sangat mil, puran Brahm sada pritpali!!4!!

Human being does not develop intense love and longing for the lotus feet of God and he does not cultivate compassion for others. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that if human being keeps company of saints with a truthful mind even for a short period, then he realises God – the absolute provider.

Shabad 5

Tera jan kahe ko bolae!
Bol bol apni bhagti kyoum kholae!! Tek!!
Bolat bolat barhae biadhi bol abolai jayi!
Bole bol abol ko pakrai bol bol kon khayi!!1!!
Bolai gian aur bol dhian bolai baid brhayi!
Ur me dhar dhar jab hi bolai tab hi mool gawayi!!2!!
Bol bol aureh samjhavai tab lag samajh nahi re bhai!
Bol bol samajh jab bhujhi tab kaal sahit sabh khayi!!3!!

Bole Guru aur bole chela bol bol partit jayi!!
Kahae Ravidass thakit bhayo jab hi tabhi paramnidh payi!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this hymn that anyone, who is true devotee of God, does not get influenced by futile debates, rituals, superstitions or doubts. Therefore, one should not follow those entangled in the web of such worthless rituals but focus on true devotion and meditation of God to understand the ultimate reality.

Tera jan kahe ko bolae!
Bol bol apni bhagti kyoum kholae!! Tek!!

O God! Why should Thy devotee show off his devotion through futile talk? Thy true devotee does not boast of his devotion to Thee before ungrateful folks who always misguide others.

Bolat bolat barhae biadhi bol abolai jayi!
Bole bol abol ko pakrai bol bol kon khayi!!1!!

Meaningless talking leads to clashes and yet human beings indulge in such talks. A talkative person gets annoyed with God's devotee who does not speak without reason. True devotee of God remains busy in meditation of God and rarely speaks only when absolutely required. Pointless talking by garrulous people only creates serious bitterness between each other.

Bolai gian aur bol dhian bolai baid brhayi!
Ur me dhar dhar jab hi bolai tab hi mool gawayi!!2!!

When someone talks of enlightenment under the influence of futile arrogance and praises the Vedas and scriptures while hiding the real truth within his heart, then he moves far away from the real subject of debate.

Bol bol aureh samjhavai tab lag samajh nahi re bhai!
Bol bol samajh jab bhujhi tab kaal sahit sabh khayi!!3!!

O dear! As long as any one keeps trying to convince others with forceful arguments, no one understands anything. However when one absorbs the true meaning through devout recitals, then he subjugates everyone including death.

Bole Guru aur bole chela bol bol partit jayi!!
Kahae Ravidass thakit bhayo jab hi tabhi paramnidh payi!!4!!

When the master and disciple discuss about divinity of God, then the devotee demonstrates complete faith in his Guru's teachings. Guru Ravidass Ji says that when one abandons futile debates and gets absorbed in devoted meditation of God displaying full trust in his Guru's preaching, then he achieves ultimate reality and eternal salvation.

Shabad 6

Aisi bhagti na hoye re bhai!
Ram Naam bin jo kachh kariai so sabh bharam kahayi!! Tek!!
Bhagti na ras daan bhagti na kathai gian!
Bhagti na ban me gufa khudayi!!1!!
Bhagti na aesi hansi bhagti na aasa paasi!
Bhagti na kul kaan gawayi!!2!!
Bhagti na indri bandhai bhagti na jog sahdai!
Bhagti na ahaar ghtayi ye sabh karam kahayi!!3!!
Bhagti na nindra sadhai bhagti na bairag bandhai!
Bhagti na ye sabh baid barhai!!4!!
Bhagti na mood mudai bhagti na mala dikhaye!
Bhagti na charan dhuaye ye sabh guni jan gayi!!5!!
Bhagti na tau lau jaani jou loun aap ko aap bakhani!
Joyi joyi karayi so so karam barhayi!!6!!
Apaa gayo tab bhagti payi aisi hai bhagti bhai!
Ram miliyo apne gun khoyio ridh sidh sabhai jo gawayi!!7!!
Keh Ravidass chhuti sabh aas tab Har tahi ke pass!
Atma thir bhayi tabhi nidh payi!!8!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people of the world to practice true devotion and meditation of God. Anything else other than dedicated meditation of God is nothing but illusion.

Aisi bhagti na hoye re bhai!
Ram Naam bin jo kachh kariai so sabh bharam kahayi!! Tek!!
 O brother! True worship of God is not possible through futile rituals. Whatever one may do, that is termed as a delusion except devout meditation of God.

Bhagti na ras daan bhagti na kathai gian!

Bhagti na ban me gufa khudayi!!1!!

Preaching others through melodious rendering of hymns or explaining the scriptures devoid of true devotion is not devout worship of God. Even staying inside the forests or caves in hills is not true meditation of God.

Bhagti na aesi hansi bhagti na aasa paasi!

Bhagti na kul kaan gawayi!!2!!

True devotion to God is neither a joke nor a gambler's dice that can be thrown according to one's will. Abandoning age old family traditions is also not true worship.

Bhagti na indri bandhai bhagti na jog sahdai!

Bhagti na ahaar ghtayi ye sabh karam kahayi!!3!!

Exercise of control over one's senses and organs or practice of yoga is not really meditation of God. Eating very little or fasting is not true devotion. All of these are known as futile rituals.

Bhagti na nindra sadhai bhagti na bairag bandhai!

Bhagti na ye sabh baid barhai!!4!!

Command over one's physical desires and sense organs or turning away from the people or eulogizing Vedas is not true meditation.

Bhagti na mood mudai bhagti na mala dikhaye!

Bhagti na charan dhuaye ye sabh guni jan gayi!!5!!

Shaving off ones head is not meditation. Wearing of garlands or getting feet washed are also not true worship. All learned persons hold this view.

Bhagti na tau lau jaani jou loun aap ko aap bakhani!

Joyi joyi karayi so so karam barhayi!!6!!

One cannot comprehend true worship of God as long as he talks with arrogance. Whatever one does without true devotion to God is nothing but self acclamation.

Apaa gayo tab bhagti payi aisi hai bhagti bhai!

Ram miliyo apne gun khoyio ridh sidh sabhai jo gawayi!!7!!

O Brother! True meditation is possible only after one gets rid of arrogance. That is true worship. When one achieves true devotion to God, all of the distractions on account of his false pride vanish and there is no longing to acquire supernatural powers.

Keh Ravidass chhuti sabh aas tab Har tahi ke pass!
Atma thir bhayi tabhi nidh payi!!8!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that when one gets rid of all desires then he achieves eternal tranquillity and unity with God. Then he secures the supreme treasure of eternal realization of God.

Shabad 7
Hae sabh atam sukh parkas sancho!
Nirantar nirahar kalpit eh pancho!!
Aadh madhaye ausaan ek ras tar tumbh na tayi!
Thaver jangam keet patanga poor rahio Har rayi!!1!!
Sarbesver sarbangi sarabgat karta harta soyi!
Siv na asiv na sadh aru sewak uneh bhav neh hoyi!!2!!
Dharm adhram moch nahi bandhan jaraa maran bhav nasa!
Dristh adristh gey aru giana ek mek Ravidassa!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this hymn that only realization of God is the ultimate delight. God is omnipresent and His virtues are beyond description.

Hae sabh atam sukh parkas saancho!
Nirantar nirahar kalpit eh pancho!!

All pervading God is manifest in every living being. God alone is the brilliant universal truth and most benevolent, omnipotent, eternal reality with perpetual fasting. Bodies of living beings made of five elements are imaginary.

Aadh madhaye ausaan ek ras tar tumbh na tayi!
Thaver jangam keet patanga poor rahio Har rayi!!1!!

God is the beginning, halfway and end of this universe. God is uniformly all-pervading throughout the entire universe. O Brother! It is true that God is secured with the thread of truthful loving devotion. God is manifest in forests, hills, insects, moths and all living beings all over the universe.

Sarbesver sarbangi sarabgat karta harta soyi!
Siv na asiv na sadh aru sewak uneh bhav neh hoyi!!2!!

God is the supreme & sovereign monarch of everyone. God is the creator and supreme regulator of the entire universe. God only banishes ignorance of living beings and grants them eternal salvation. God is neither benign or malicious nor master or servant because God is never biased with discrimination.

Dharm adhram moch nahi bandhan jaraa maran bhav nasa!
Dristh adristh gey aru giana ek mek Ravidassa!!3!!

In the heavenly abode of God, there is neither religious faith & sin nor salvation & attachment and there is no old age or death. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj concludes that God is all-pervading throughout the visible and invisible matter all over the universe. God himself is the ultimate source of all knowledge. He is the only one really learned. However, one experiences this eternal reality only when he becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him through devout meditation.

Shabad 8
Kou sumran dekhon ye sabh upli chobha!!
Ja kai jaisi sumiran ta ko taisi sobha!!Tek!!
Hamri hi seekh sunai soun hi mande re!!
Thore hi itrayi chalaee patshahi chhade re!!1!!
Atihi aatur hvae kancha hi tole re!!
Oode jal paese nahi pand rakho re!!2!!
Thore hi thore musiat prayo dhana!!
Kahae Ravidass suno sant jana!!3!!

While condemning external rituals, Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys through this hymn that realization of God the true emperor is possible only through devoted meditation.

Kou sumran dekhon ye sabh upli chobha!!
Ja kai jaisi sumiran ta ko taisi sobha!!Tek!!

Practice true meditation of God that will give real eternal pleasure. In the absence of devout meditation, pursuit of rituals

amounts to mere exhibitionism. However one with truly devoted meditation within gets equal amount of praise and recognition.

Hamri hi seekh sunai soun hi mande re!!

Thore hi itrayi chalaе patshahi chhade re!!1!!

Cunning people visit me for getting true education. However, they don't imbibe truthful preaching but enter into futile arguments. Because of false pride, they keep busy in external rituals ignoring the eternal pleasures of God's kingdom.

Atihi aatur hvae kancha hi tole re!!

Oode jal paese nahi pand rakho re!!2!!

Shrewd people trade in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures. Just as water always flows towards low lying areas, same way one, who prays to God with humility and devotion, secures His divine blessings.

Thore hi thore musiat prayo dhana!!

Kahae Ravidass suno sant jana!!3!!

O dear! Your scarce wealth of precious breaths is getting wasted in futile pursuits. Guru Ravidass Ji says "Revered Saints! Please listen to me. We should pursue truthful and devoted meditation of God."

Shabad 9

Pahile pehare raen de banjariya taen janam liya sansar ve!

Sewa chuko Ram ki banjariya teri balak budh ganwar ve!!1!!

Balak budh ganbar na chetiyo bhoola Maya jaal ve!

Kaha hoye pachhe pachhitai jal pehile na bandhi paal ve!!2!!

Bees baras ka bhaya ayana tham na saka bhav ve!

Jan Ravidass kahae banjariya janam liya sansar ve!!3!!

Dooje pehare raen de banjariya tu nirkhat chaliyo chhanh ve!

Har na Damodar dhiaya banjariya taen leyi na saka naav ve!!4!!

Naav na leeya augun keeya is joban kae taan ve!

Apni praai gini na kayi mand karam kmaan ve!!5!!

Sahib lekha lesi tu bhar desi bheer parae tujh tanh ve!

Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tu nirkhat chala chhanh ve!!6!!

Teeje pehare raen de banjariya tere dhilrhe parhe pran ve!

Kaya rwani na karae banjairya ghat bhitar base kujan ve!!7!!

Ek basae kujan kayagarh bhitar pehla janam ganvayi ve!

Ab ki ber na sukirit keeyo batur na yeh garh payi ve!!8!!

Kampi deh kayagarh chheena fir laga pachhitan ve!!

Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tere dhilrhei parhe pran ve!!9!!

Chouth pehare raen de banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!

Sahib lekha mangiya banjariya tu chhad purani theh ve!!10!!

Chhad purani jind ayana balad lad saberiya ve!!

Jam ke aaye bandh chalaye baari poogi teriya ve!!11!!

Panth chale akela hoye duhela kis ko deh sneh ve!!

Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!12!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes the four stages of night like human life i.e. childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age followed by death. He further advises this merchant like human being to trade in true meditation of God for attaining eternal salvation.

Pahile pehare raen de banjariya taen janam liya sansar ve!

Sewa chuko Ram ki banjariya teri balak budh ganwar ve!!1!!

O dear merchant! During first part of this night like human life or childhood, you were totally engrossed in devout meditation of God while being nursed in your mother's womb till your birth. However that devout communion with God was broken on your arrival in this perishable world. Therefore you do not practice meditation of God during your childhood because of ignorance.

Balak budh ganbar na chetiyo bhoola Maya jaal ve!

Kaha hoye pachhe pachhitai jal pehile na bandhi paal ve!!2!!

O dear! You did not worship God because of your under-developed intellect during childhood. You were busy in pursuit of worldly attractions forgetting the God. Therefore, O dear! What is the use of repenting later at the last moment? O dear! You did not bother to exercise control over your ignorant mind akin to flowing water and never devoted yourself to devout meditation of God.

Bees baras ka bhaya ayana tham na saka bhav ve!

Jan Ravidass kahae banjariya janam liya sansar ve!!3!!

O brother! You remained oblivious to meditation of God even after attaining age of twenty years. You did not control your wrong pursuits and did not devote your mind to true worship of God. Guru Ravidass Ji says that this scarce human birth is meant for worship of God and therefore you must truly engage in devoted meditation of God.
Dooje pehare raen de banjariya tu nirkhat chaliyo chhanh ve!
Har na Damodar dhiaya banjariya taen leyi na saka naav ve!!4!!
 O dear merchant! Even during second part of your night like life or your adolescent life, you are far removed from God and deeply swayed by the darkness of ignorance although aware of futility of pursuit of worldly pleasures. O dear trader! You have not devoted your self to meditation of Hari and you could not truly worship God.
Naav na leeya augun keeya is joban kae taan ve!
Apni praai gini na kayi mand karam kmaan ve!!5!!
 O brother! Being enamoured with arrogance of your youth and false pride, you did not devote yourself to meditation of God. You remained busy in your misdeeds without distinguishing between your wife and other ladies.
Sahib lekha lesi tu bhar desi bheer parae tujh tanh ve!
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tu nirkhat chala chhanh ve!!6!!
 O man! When God will hold you accountable for your deeds, then you will have no choice but to accept your liability. You will have to endure miseries at that time. O merchant! You are moving towards indulgence in misdemeanour and darkness because of sheer ignorance during the second stage of your life.
Teeje pehare raen de banjariya tere dhilrhe parhe pran ve!
Kaya rwani na karae banjairya ghat bhitar base kujan ve!!7!!
 O man the trader! When you have reached the third stage of your night like human life, you are losing grip over your bodily powers. O dear! Your body is continuously becoming weak. O dear merchant! What do you intend doing now? You have not grasped the wisdom even now.

Ek basae kujan kayagarh bhitar pehla janam ganvayi ve!
Ab ki ber na sukirit keeyo bahur na yeh garh payi ve!!8!!
 O dear! God is manifest in your body that is akin to a fort. Oblivious of God, you have wasted your life so far. O brother! Having been blessed with rare human birth, you did not do the pious duty of devout meditation of God. You will not get this fort like human body again i.e. you will not be blessed with birth as a human being again.
Kampi deh kayagarh chheena fir laga pachhitan ve!!
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya tere dhilrhei parhe pran ve!!9!!
 O trader! Your fort like body is shaking i.e. your body is trembling because it has become very weak. You are now repenting because you did not bother to worship God with devotion. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that with the arrival of third stage of your life, you are becoming infirm and hence it is high time that you should always remember God every moment.
Chouth pehare raen de banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!
Sahib lekha mangiya banjariya tu chhad purani theh ve!!10!!
 O merchant! With the advent of fourth part of this night like human life, your body keeps trembling. Now God wants to hold you accountable and He has sent you this message that your end is very near now.
Chhad purani jind ayana balad lad saberiya ve!!
Jam ke aaye bandh chalaye baari poogi teriya ve!!11!!
 O ignorant human being! You must leave this aged human body and depart with the arrival of the final moment. You must make the best of available good time. Just as a farmer herds his bullocks to the fields early in the morning, same way the messengers of death will herd you away after the end of fourth part of night like human life. Your time in this world is up.
Panth chale akela hoye duhela kis ko deh sneh ve!!
Jan Ravidass kahai banjariya teri kampan lagi deh ve!!12!!
 At the end of one's life, soul has to traverse the arduous path across this universe alone. None other than God's Naam shall be of any help to you in this difficult journey. Which of your dear ones will you call for help then? Jagatguru Ravidass Ji says

“O dear merchant! Because of arrival of fourth phase of your life or old age, your body keeps trembling. That means your end is very near and hence you must remember God each moment.”

Shabad 10

***Ya Rama ek toon daana tera aadi bhekh na!
Tu sultan sultana banda sakista ajanaa!! Tek!!
Maen bedayanat badnazar darmand barkhurdar!
Beadab badbakhat beera beakal badkar!!1!!
Maen gunhgar gumrah gafil kamdila Kartar!
Tu darkadar dariyan dil maen hirsiya husiyar!!2!!
Yeh tan hasat khasat khraab khatir andesa bisiyar!
Ravidass dasahi bol sahib dehu ab didar!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that God is omnipotent and emperor of emperors. However the human beings suffer miseries being oblivious of God. Human body is short lived and perishable. Therefore, human beings should always practice devout meditation.

***Ya Rama ek toon daana tera aadi bhekh na!
Tu sultan sultana banda sakista ajanaa!! Tek!!***

O all-pervading God! Thou are the wisest of all in this universe. Thou are the creator of this universe and Thou have no form. Thou are emperor of emperors. The human beings are alienated from Thee because of their ignorance of Thy greatness.

***Maen bedayanat badnazar darmand barkhurdar!
Beadab badbakhat beera beakal badkar!!1!!***

O God! Because of ignorance of human being about Thy divine powers, he is dishonest, ignorant, ungrateful, crazy, unwise and characterless.

***Maen gunhgar gumrah gafil kamdila Kartar!
Tu darkadar dariyan dil maen hirsiya husiyar!!2!!***

O God! One devoid of Thy worship is a sinner, misguided, unwise and weak. O God! Thou are the lord of the universe, broad minded and extremely kind. Human being is greedy, cunning and always entangled in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures.

***Yeh tan hasat khasat khraab khatir andesa bisiyar!
Ravidass dasahi bol sahib dehu ab didar!!3!!***

Human body is short lived and perishable. Therefore O man! Never be in doubt about this universal truth. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji prays to God “O Lord! Kindly talk to me and grant me a glimpse of Thy divine view so that I am blessed with Thy benevolence.”

Gauri Bairagni Shabad 11

***Ghat avghat doogar ghana ik nirgun bael hamar!!
Ramaiye siou ik benati meri poonji rakh Murar!!1!!
Ko banjaro Ram ko mera tanda ladia jayi re!!1!! Rahaao!!
Hou banjaro Ram ko sahaj karou bayapar!!
Maen Ram Naam dhan ladiya bikh ladi sansar!!2!!
Urvar paar ke dania likh leho aal patal!!
Mohi jam dand na lagayee tajile sarb janjal!!3!!
Jaisa rang kasumbh ka taisa ih sansar!!
Mere Ramaiye rang majith ka kaho Ravidass chamar!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that path to salvation and being one with God is very tedious and difficult. Mind like ox of every living being can attain this difficult goal with the blessings of Almighty and secure salvation through getting soaked in the maroon colour of God.

***Ghat avghat doogar ghana ik nirgun bael hamar!!
Ramaiye siou ik benati meri poonji rakh Murar!!1!!***

As it is difficult for an ox devoid of virtues to reach his destination passing through an arduous hilly track, likewise for any one even in rare human life, the path of eternal salvation and oneness with God is extremely difficult like forested hilly track because of ignorance and attachment with worldly pleasures. Mind like ox of any one treading such difficult path is extremely weak. O God! Be kind to preserve my precious and scarce human life.

Ko banjaro Ram ko mera tanda ladia jayi re!!1!! Rahaao!!

If there is any one desirous of trading in devotion to God,

he is welcome to come to me for that trade as I have Prabhu Bhakti or devotion to God in abundance with me. My cart is laden with true Naam of God

Hou banjaro Ram ko sahaj karou bayapar!!

Maen Ram Naam dhan ladiya bikh ladi sansar!!2!!

I trade in self enlightened stage of oneness with God which is attained through utmost devotion to God rising above all body senses and worldly pleasures leading to opening of the legendary tenth door leaving the nine apertures of human body firmly shut.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says:- *Mohe aese banaj siou nahin kaaj!! Jih ghatae mool nit badhae biaj!!* I have nothing to do with any business other than the utmost devotion to God and His worship because other useless pursuits of worldly pleasures lead to waste of the principal capital i.e. scarce human life and add interest in the form of my worldly deeds to my debts.)

Satguru Ravidass Ji says “My ox like mind is laden with invaluable treasure of Prabhu Bhakti or devout worship of God that is truly precious but the minds of most human beings are preoccupied with the worthless pursuit of worldly pleasures”.

Urvar paar ke dania likh leho aal patal!!

Mohi jam dand na lagayee tajile sarb janjal!!3!!

I have relentlessly pursued Prabhu Bhakti or devout meditation of God with utmost devotion. Hence Chitrageeta, entrusted with maintaining meticulous accounts of good and bad deeds of all humans, can make any entries in my account at his sweet will because having got over longing for all worldly pleasures; I am no longer accountable to him. Any living being who truly worships God attains enlightenment and salvation during this life itself. Only those who are afraid of death remain engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures forgetting the Almighty God.

Jaisa rang kasumbh ka taisa ih sansar!!

Mere Ramaaye rang majith ka kaho Ravidass chamar!!4!!

Just as the colour of flower of Kasumbh or safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius*) is not permanent and fades away quickly, similarly this world and life are not eternal.

(Kabir sahib confirming same universal truth proclaims that- *Jaisa rang kasumbh ka man baoura re tiou pasrio pasar!!3!!* O confused man! Just as the colour of safflower is not permanent and fades away, same way this universe is also an illusion created by Maya and it is not permanent.

Satguru Ravidass Ji further explains that the dye given by my God is maroon, permanent and eternal for ever.

Shabad 12

Satjug sat teta jagi duapar pooja char!!

Tinou jug tinou dirhe Kali keval Naam adhar!!1!!

Paar kaise paibo re!! Mo sou kou na kahai samjhai!!

Jaa te aavagavan bilai!!1!! Rahaao!!

Bahu bidh dharm nirupiyae karta disai sabh loi!!

Kavan karam te chhutiae jih sadhe sabh sidh hoi!!2!!

Karam akaram bichariae sankh sun baid puran!!

Sansa sad hirdae basae kaun hirae abhiman!!3!!

Bahar udak pakhariae ghat bhitar bibidh bikar!!

Sudh kavan par hoyibo such kunchar bidh biohar!!4!!

Ravi pargas rajani jatha gat jaanat sabh sansaar!!

Paras mano tabo chhuae kanak hot nahi baar!!5!!

Param paras Guru bhetiae poorab likhat lilat!!

Unman man man hi mile chhutkat bajar kapaat!!6!!

Bhagti jugat mat satt kari bhram bandhan kaat bikar!!

Soie bas ras man mile gun nirgun ek bichar!!7!!

Anik jatan nigreh kiye taari na tarae bhram faas!!

Prem bhagti nahi upjae ta te Ravidass udaas!!8!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches the entire humanity that living beings cannot get rid of the cycle of birth and death without deep meditation of God. When one finds a true and perfect Guru, he gets rid of ignorance, unfounded beliefs and futile worldly rituals. He is then left with only thought of one *Sargun* or visible God manifest with highest attributes and *nirgun* or invisible God in his mind.

Satjug sat teta jagi duapar pooja char!!
Tinou jug tinou dirhe Kali keval Naam adhar!!1!!

First explanation: Truthfulness was predominant creed during Satyug. Yajnas dominated during Tretayug and worship and sacred rituals were main features of Dwapar era. These three main tenants were firmly entrenched during the three eras but only devotion to God is the basis of eternal enlightenment in Kaliyug.

Second meaning: People adhered to truthfulness during Satyug, gave priority to yajnas during Tretayug and worship during Dwaper. These three predominant creeds were enshrined in the Vedic scriptures. During Kaliyug, people pray to goddesses and various deities. Satguru Ravidass Ji deprecates the futility of these rituals prevalent during the four yugas and preaches entire humanity that aforesaid practices cannot lead to salvation. No one can explain how these worldly rituals will lead to eternal peace. The only true path to salvation and oneness with God the Almighty is through deep devotion and meditation of God.

Paar kaise paibo re!! Mo sou kou na kahai samjhai!!
Jaa te aavagavan bilai!!1!! Rahaao!!

There is no other way to get rid of cycle of birth and death and attain salvation except meditation and deep devotion to God. Why no one is explaining this and guiding me on the right path to salvation?

Bahu bidh dharm nirupiyae karta disai sabh loi!!
Kavan karam te chhutiae jih sadhe sabh sidh hoi!!2!!

Vedas and Puranas extol virtues of various rituals which people mostly follow. However, Guru Ravidass Ji says that scriptures do not explain which specific ritual out of these would certainly lead one to divine enlightenment and eternal salvation.

Karam akaram bichariae sankha sun baid puran!!
Sansa sad hirdae basae kaun hiraе abhiman!!3!!

Study of Vedas and Puranas creates confusion in one's mind about which particular deeds are worth pursuing and which ones can be ignored. Even while pursuing the prescribed rituals human beings get confused and doubt their worth. As long as

there are lingering doubts, one cannot get rid of pride. Such confusion only leads to false pride.

Bahar udak pakhariae ghat bhitar bibidh bikar!!
Sudh kavan par hoyibo such kunchar bidh biohar!!4!!

Even if we accept sacred pilgrimage centres as means of getting rid of sins then we are in fact mistaken as bathing at such centres can possibly cleanse our body but the soul will remain soiled with many undesirable wishes and sins that can never be got over without deep devotion and meditation of God. Which rituals can really purify the mind that behaves like an elephant that soils his body with mud and dust even after having a nice bath?

Ravi pargas rajani jatha gat jaanat sabh sansaar!!
Paras mano tabo chhuuae kanak hot nahi baar!!5!!

It is the universal truth that darkness of night will surely disappear with the rising of sun. Every one in the world knows about this truth extremely well. Similarly no one can get rid of the ignorance until his mind is enlightened by preaching of a perfect Guru.

(As Satguru Angad Dev Ji says:- *Je saou chanda ugva* *sooraj charhhi hazaar!! Etae chanan hondian Gur bin ghor andhaar!!2!!* Even in the intense light of hundred moons and thousand suns, human ignorance cannot be overcome without getting enlightenment through a perfect Guru. It takes no time for copper to turn into gold when in touch with *Paras* or philosopher's stone.)

(Satguru Namdev Ji preaches that – *Tumh che paras hamche loha sangae kanchan bhaeila!!* i.e. O God! Thou are like *Paras* the philosopher's stone in this universe and we human beings are useless like iron. But we get transformed into gold after realizing Thee.)

Param paras Guru bhetiae poorab likhat lilat!!
Unman man man hi mile chhutkat bajar kapaat!!6!!

Human beings blessed with good past deeds only secure the blessings of a perfect Guru.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says – *Ja ke mastak likhiyo karma!! So bhaji pari hae Gur ki sarna!!* Any person with good past deeds to his credit, realizes protection of saints very quickly.)

(Satguru Kabir Ji also endorses this eternal truth saying- *Kabir sadhu sang prapati likhiya hoi lilat!!* All stiff doors of ignorance in a living being get opened with the enlightenment through the blessings of a perfect Guru and such an individual attains a stage of eternal tranquillity.)

Bhagti jugat mat satt kari bhram bandhan kaat bikar!!
Soie bas ras man mile gun nirgun ek bichar!!7!!

Those, who adorn their hearts with the truthfulness of dedicated devotion to God get rid of all doubts and attachment with worldly affairs, attain such a hilarious state of eternal enlightenment that they are always immersed in the sacred memory of infinite and Almighty God.

(Satguru Namdev Ji Says- *Goonge maha amrit ras chakhiya poochhe kaha na jaie ho!!3!!* As a dumb person cannot describe the sweetness of jaggery after eating same, similarly any one who is immersed in the eternal tranquillity of God, cannot describe Him as He is beyond description)

(Likewise, Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Kahu Kabir gungae gurb khayia poochhe te kiya kahiae!!* A dumb person can relish the sweetness of jaggery but cannot describe same when asked.)

Anik jatan nigreh kiye taari na tarae bhram faas!!
Prem bhagti nahi upjae ta te Ravidass udaas!!8!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that in the absence of dedication and devotion to God, one will remain completely ignorant despite his many earnest efforts to control his senses and pursuit of worldly pleasures. Despite such earnest efforts his mind will remain devoid of love and devotion to God. That is why one remains utterly sad despite such efforts and pursuit of worldly rituals.

Gauri Purbi
Shabad 13

Koop bhario jaise dadira kashu des bides na boojh!!
Aise mera man bikhia bimohia kashu aarapar na soojh!!1!!
Sagal bhavan ke naiyka ik chhin daras dikhaye ji!!1!!Rahaao!!
Malin bhayie mati Madhva teri gat lakhi na jai!!
Karahu kirpa bhram chukaie mae sumat deh samjhai!!2!!
Jogisar pavahi nahi tua gun kathan apar!!
Prem bhagti kae karnae kahu Ravidass chamar!!3!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji preaches to entire humanity that even after getting the rare human life, one tends to be totally ignorant like the frog in a deep well. As the frog spends his entire life in a well and knows nothing about the rest of the universe, human beings remain engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures without making efforts to know the real purpose of this scarce human life because of sheer ignorance. One is not aware of critical need to make earnest efforts to attain eternal salvation.

Koop bhario jaise dadira kashu des bides na boojh!!
Aise mera man bikhia bimohia kashu aarapar na soojh!!1!!

O God! As a frog spends his entire life in the well, he does not know anything about the world outside the well. He remains happily engrossed in pursuit of his pleasures ignorant of the outside world. Similar is the state of human being whose mind is steeped in the well of ignorance and he knows little about utmost need for earnest efforts to secure real happiness in this life and eternal peace with salvation thereafter.

Once upon a time there lived a frog in a well. A swan from Mansarovar lake took pity on his miserable life in a small well. Swan offered to take the frog to Mansarovar for leading a dignified, free and joyful life. The frog jumped from one side of the well to the other and asked the swan whether Mansarovar is as spacious as the well. The swan told the frog about vast expanse of Mansarovar and that he cannot jump from one shore of that lake to the other. Similarly, human beings remain disillusioned in pursuit

of worldly pleasures on account of ignorance and oblivious to real goal of attaining salvation through meditation and deep devotion to God. True saints lead humans out of the well of ignorance on to the path of deep devotion and meditation of God for joyful life and attaining salvation with eternal bliss.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says that:-*Kabir seva kou dui bhale ek sant ik Ram!! Ram jo daata mukti ka sant japavae Naam!!*

Both God and saints are worthy of devotion and worship. God blesses humans with salvation and eternal peace while saints guide human beings to be one with God through devout meditation.)

However humans, because of sheer ignorance, question the saints whether worship of God indeed bestows one with pleasures normally enjoyed from wealth, wife and sons etc. Saints extol that devotion to God and meditation is like ocean of eternal bliss and ultimate joy. All human wishes get fulfilled through meditation and prayers. Wealth, wife and son are relevant only for human body and not the soul.

Sagal bhavan ke naiyka ik chhin daras dikhaye ji!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God Almighty the lord of entire universe! Be kind to grant me a glimpse of Thy eternal self. Human being secures eternal bliss of God after getting rid of all worldly attachments. Such a living being longs every moment fondly to realize God and he prays to God to let him have a view of Almighty just for a second so that his soul attains eternal peace.

Malin bhayie mati Madhva teri gat lakhi na jai!!

Karahu kirpa bhram chukaie mae sumat deh samjhai!!2!!

O God! Because of ignorance, mind of human being is so badly soiled that he cannot realize eternal truth or Brahmgyan. Be kind O God and bless me with your divine benevolence so that I get pious eternal enlightenment and all of my illusions vanish for ever.

Jogisar pavahi nahi tua gun kathan apar!!

Prem bhagti kae karnae kahu Ravidass chamar!!3!!1!!

O God even great and well known yogis can never fathom your divine super powers because your supreme powers are

infinite and limitless. Satguru Ravidass Ji says “I, hailing from chamar community, sing Thy paeans just because of my deep devotion to Thee.”

Raag Aasa

Shabad 14

Marig meen bhring patang kunchar ek dokh binaas!!

Panch dokh asaadh jaa meh ta ki ketak aas!!1!!

Madho abidia hit keen!! Bibek deep maleen!!1!! Rahaao!!

Trigad jon achet sambhav punn paap asoch!!

Manukha avtar dulabh tihi sangat poch!!2!!

Jeea jant jaha jaha lag karam ke bas jai!!

Kaal faas abadh laage kashu na chalai upai!!3!!

Ravidass dass udas taj bhram tapan tap Gur gian!!

Bhagat jan bhae haran parmaanand karhu nidan!!4!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains the strong adverse influence of ignorance and five major human vices on human life. He further preaches the humanity to realize the true purpose of this life i.e. salvation with utmost devotion to God after getting rid of ignorance and the five human vices through enlightenment by a true and perfect master because ignorance is the root cause of all human suffering.

Marig meen bhring patang kunchar ek dokh binaas!!

Panch dokh asaadh jaa meh ta ki ketak aas!!1!!

The deer, fish, bumble bee, moth and elephant perish on account of only one vice in each. The deer perishes because of his fondness for hearing sweet melodies. When a hunter wants to capture a deer; he plays a sweet melody and the deer, oblivious of the danger, gets entangled in the net while listening to the sweet melodies played by the hunter. The fish perishes because of its fondness of tastes liked by its tongue. When the fisherman entices the fish with a piece of meat attached to the sharp hook, the fish gets lured and caught. Later the fish dies when taken out of water.

Beetle loses its life while pursuing the pleasure of sweet scent.
 Lotus flower opens with the sunrise and the bumble bee seeks nectar from same. The lotus flower closes with the sun set entrapping the ignorant bumble bee inside the petals and the bumble bee dies of suffocation. The moth is fond of seeing bright light. When a moth sees a bright lamp, it comes too close to the light and gets burnt to death. An elephant is fond of sex. When a hunter wants to capture a male elephant, he creates a female elephant out of paper and perches it on reeds covering a deep pit. The male elephant approaches the decoy female elephant and falls into the deep pit. Thereafter the elephant spends entire life in captivity bearing tortures inflicted by the mahout.

(Satguru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj says- *Bhring patang, kunchaur au meena!! Mirg marae sahi apuna keena!!* But humans have all these five weaknesses. Hence, there is little hope of their escape.)

Madho abidia hit keen!! Bibek deep maleen!!1!! Rahaao!!

O God! Human beings identify their interests with ignorance. Hence, they find it difficult to distinguish between truth and falsehood. Because of lack of knowledge, humans waste their lives steeped in discrimination.

Trigad jon achet sambhav punn paap asoch!!
Manukha avtar dulabh tihi sangat poch!!2!!

Living beings of various species do not have the wisdom like humans and hence they cannot differentiate between good and evil. Even though one may get the rare life of a human, he may remain in the company of wrong people because of pursuit of worldly pleasures.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Gur seva te bhagti kamaie!! Tab ih manas dehi paie !! Is dehi kou simrahi dev!! So dehi bhaju Har ki sev!!* One gets this rare human birth for dedication and devotion to Guru and worship and meditation of God. Even deities and goddesses are envious of this human life. Therefore this life must be fully devoted to worship of God.)

Jeea jant jaha jaha lag karam ke bas jai!!
Kaal faas abadh laage kashu na chalai upai!!3!!

Human beings reap the fruit of their deeds. However, one is totally helpless when the inevitable death strikes. No one has any choice but to leave this world behind ultimately.

Ravidass dass udas taj bhrām tapan tap Gur gian!!
Bhagat jan bhae haran parmaanand karhu nidan!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that whosoever in this world achieves true enlightenment, - the most sacred of worships- with the blessings of true Guru; he gets rid of the worldly pleasures and human vices. He remains withdrawn from the world and he gets rid of his doubts. God banishes the fears of his devotees. O God! Emancipate human beings out of the five human vices and cycle of birth and death.

Shabad 15

Sant tujhi tan sangat praan!!
Satgur gian jaanae sant deva dev!!1!!
Sant chi sangat sant katha ras!!
Sant prem majhae dijae deva dev!!1!!Rahaao!!
Sant aachran sant cho marag sant cha olhag olahgni!!2!!
Aur ik magou bhagti chintaman!!
Jani lakhavahu asant paapi san!!3!!
Ravidass bhanae jo janae so jaan!
Sant anantahi antar nahi!!4!!

Sant Ravidass Ji preaches entire humanity to keep company of perfect saints. One can find the right path of equality, universal brotherhood and mutual cooperation and become one with the eternal God through company of saints because there is no difference between saints and God.

Sant tujhi tan sangat praan!!
Satgur gian jaanae sant deva dev!!1!!

O God! Saints personify Thy body and their pious company represents Thy soul. When enlightened by a true master or Satguru, one appreciates that saints are worthy of worship by deities and sages are synonymous with God the Almighty.

(Baba Farid Ji says- *Kar kirpa prabh sadhsang meli!! Ja phir dekha ta mera Allahu beli!!3!!* When God took mercy

on me and blessed me with the company of saints, then I could see God the Almighty every where because of the blessings of the company of saints,)

Sant chi sangat sant katha ras!!

Sant prem majhae dijae deva dev!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God of the deities! Bless me with company of saints, joy of listening to their learned discourses and eternal love for them.

(Satguru Kabir Ji Maharaj says- *Satsangat Ram ridae basaie!!1!!*————— *Sadh sangat upjae biswas!! Bahar bhitar sada pragas!!4!!* Mind gets blessed with eternal longing for God in the company of saints. With the supreme confidence gained in the company of saints, eternal light of God glows brightly within the mind and throughout the external world.)

Sant aachran sant cho marag sant cha olhag olahgni!!2!!

O God! Bless me with the noble character of saints and guide me along the path of their sacred footprints as they are supreme and worth emulation in this world.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Sant ka margu dharm ki pouri ko vadbhagi paye!!* Only rare blessed ones tread on the sacred path shown by saints and true religion.)

O God! Bless me to be the servant of the followers of saints as that would give me the precious company of saints.

Aur ik magou bhagti chintaman!!

Jani lakhavahu asant paapi san!!3!!

O God! I seek one more blessing in the form of self fulfilling eternal devotion to Thee and that I should never see the face of any one treading a path opposite to that shown by saints.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib says – *Sant milae kichh suniae kahiyae!! Milae asant mast kar rahiyae!!1!!* Listen to the soothing sermons of saints when you meet them and get any of your doubts cleared. However it is better to keep quiet when you happen to meet a rascal.)

Ravidass bhanae jo janae so jaan!

Sant anantahi antar nahi!!4!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Sahib says that whatever people may think of saints, the eternal truth is that there is no difference between saints and God. Saints personify God in this universe.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Saadh ki sobha saadh ban aaie!! Nanak saadh prabhu bhed na bhai!!* Only saints appreciate the greatness of saints. There is no difference whatsoever between God and saints.)

Shabad 16

Tum chandan ham irand bapure sang tumare baasa!!

Neech rukh te ooch bhai hae gandh sugandh nivaasa!!1!!

Madhou satsangat sarn tumhari!! Ham augan tumh upkari!!1!!

Rahaao!!

Tum makhtool suped sapeeal ham bapure jas kira!!

Satsangat mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira!!2!!

Jaati ochha paati ochha ochha janam hamara!!

Raja Ram ki sev na kini kahi Ravidass chamara!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to live together happily like the honey bees.

Tum chandan ham irand bapure sang tumare baasa!!

Neech rukh te ooch bhai hae gandh sugandh nivaasa!!1!!

O God! You are unique in this universe like sandalwood tree. We human beings are worthless like castor because of our grave weaknesses. O God! Just as a worthless castor plant also gets the fragrance of sandal and becomes precious because of its close proximity to sandalwood tree, same way I am extremely close to Thee. Likewise, O God! I have become one with Thee in Thy pious company.

(Satguru Kabir Ji Says - *Kabir chandan ka birwa bhala berhio dhak palaas!! Oie vi chandan hoyi rahai basai ju chandan paas!!11!!*

Madhou satsangat sarn tumhari!! Ham augan tumh upkari!!1!!

Rahaao!!

O God! Your devotion is pious company. We humans are replete with sins but Thou are the saviour who, being merciful, condones our sins.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – *Jin kou kripa karat hae Gobind te satsang milaati!!3!!* i.e. Those who are blessed by God keep company of holy men.)

Tum makhtool suped sapeeal ham bapure jas kira!!
Satsangat mil rahiae Madhou jaise madhup makhira!!2!!

O God! Thou are spotless like white silk whereas we are full of shortcomings. We human beings are worthless like worms because of our vices. Have pity on us. Bless us to live happily together like honey bees in the company of your blessed devotees. Honey bee is loyal, sincere, hardworking and courageous and punishes the errant exploiter severely. She overcomes selfish greed and creates sweet honey. O God! Kindly bless us also to live ever happily together in pious company of Thy holy men.

*Jaati ochha paati ochha ochha janam hamara!!
Raja Ram ki sev na kini kahi Ravidass chamara!!3!!3!!!*

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that the company, social relationships and lives of human beings are lowly because they do not worship God the Almighty with devotion even though blessed with the rare human birth.

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Shabad 17

Kaha bhayo jou tan bhayo chhin chhin!!

Premjaie tou darpae tero jan!!1!!

Tujhahi charan arbind bhavan man!!

Paan karat paiyo paiyo Ramaiya dhan!!1!! Rahaaao!!

Sampat bipat patal Maya dhan!!

Ta meh magan hot na tero jan!!2!!

Prem ki jevari badhio tero jan!!

Kahi Ravidass chhutibo kavan gun!!3!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys his pious preaching to entire humanity that one who has deep devotion to God is not worried

☐ even if his body gets disintegrated because he has realized God
☐ with the string of his affectionate devotion.

Kaha bhayo jou tan bhayo chhin chhin!!

Premjaie tou darpae tero jan!!1!!

Human life is meant for attaining salvation and being one with God. Satguru Ravidass Ji expresses his true and utmost deep devotion to God with the saying that he will have no pain or worry even if his body gets severed into pieces. However, he will be grievously hurt if there is any dilution to his unprecedented devotion to God.

Tujhahi charan arbind bhavan man!!

Paan karat paiyo paiyo Ramaiya dhan!!1!! Rahaao!!

O God! Thy sacred feet are like a lotus flower and my mind is like the nectar seeking bumble bee that has found a safe heaven to stay in Thy lotus like feet. O God! Having tasted the nectar of your deep devotion, I have secured the unique riches of your eternal devotion.

Sampat bipat patal Maya dhan!!

Ta meh magan hot na tero jan!!2!!

O God! Thy true devotee, who relishes the eternal pleasures in Thy meditation, is never distracted by Maya, futile worldly pleasures or favourable and unfavourable events.

Prem ki jevari badhio tero jan!!

Kahi Ravidass chhutibo kavan gun!!3!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that O God! I have made you a captive with the fine rope of my deep devotion. Now how would Thou get out of it or Thou cannot get out of the attachment of my true and deep devotion to Thee.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- *Meri bandhi bhagat shadavae bandhae bhagat na shootae mohi!!*)

God proclaims that His will can be modified by His devoted saints and devotees because He is captive of their deep devotion and that He cannot over-rule the will of His true saints. Therefore, God cannot get free of the firm bonds of dedicated devotion to Him in any way.) *****

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Shabad 18

Har Har Har Har Har Hare!!

Har simrat jan gaye nistar tare!!1!!Rahaao!!

Har ke Naam Kabir ujar!!

Janam janam ke kate kagar!!1!!

Nimat Namdeo doodh piaya!!

Tou jag janam sankat nahi aaiya!!2!!

Jan Ravidass Ram rang rata!!

Iou Gur parsad narak nahi jata!!3!!

While preaching the entire humanity to always practice deep devotion to God, Satguru Ravidass Ji says that a human being soaked in the deep dye of devout meditation of God's Naam achieves eternal tranquillity during his life time.

Har Har Har Har Har Hare!!

Har simrat jan gaye nistar tare!!1!!Rahaao!!

Living beings have attained salvation through devout meditation of Hari or God. They are attaining salvation even now through prayers to Hari and people will achieve salvation by praying to Hari or God in future as well. God's Hari Naam kindles the human minds. By praying to God with each breath, human beings are able to cross over the Bhavsagar or the most hazardous ocean like universe.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- *Har Har karat mite sabh bharma!! Har ko Naam lae uttam dharma!!*. All sorts of misgivings vanish through meditation of Hari or God. Worship of Hari Naam of God is the most sacred religion in this world.)

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – *Aisa gian bichar mana!! Har ki na simrahu dukh bhanjana!!1!!* One should keep engrossed in deep meditation of Hari the Almighty God that banishes all miseries.)

Har ke Naam Kabir ujar!!

Janam janam ke kate kagar!!1!!

Kabir Ji became famous and well known in this world because of worship of Hari or God and he not only erased the

accounts of deeds of several births but also helped human beings to unite in cooperation, equality and brotherhood as well as cross over the limitless ocean of rebirths through deep meditation of God.

Nimat Namdeo doodh piaya!!

Tou jag janam sankat nahi aaiya!!2!!

When Namdev Ji persuaded God with extreme humility, to drink milk, he got over the troublesome cycle of birth and death and attained eternal salvation.

Legend

Helping Deities to Savour Milk

Worldly deeds are never ending. The human beings toil endlessly and get exhausted but their tasks remain unfinished. Once, Namdev Ji's father had to leave his home for 3 days on some urgent work. He used to offer milk to deities every day. Before leaving the house, he told Namdev that he would be away for 3 days. Hence you must get up early in the morning, have your bath, milk the cows and then visit the temple, bathe the deities and offer them milk to drink every day without fail. Do not forget any of these because we shall be ruined if deities get annoyed. Namdev's father left his house after emphasizing these rituals in detail.

The next day, Namdev got up very early in the morning, had his bath and milked the cow. Then he went to the temple and bathed the deities after keeping the milk at an elevated place. He cleaned the interior of the temple and when the premises got dried, he lighted the incense and offered a pot full of milk to the deity to drink with following prayer:

Doodh katorae gadvae paani!! Kapil gai Namae duhi aani!!1!!

Doodh piou Gobinde Rai!!Doodh piou mero man patiyai!!

Nahi ta ghar ko baap risai!!1!! Rahaao!!

Soin katori amrit bharie!! Lae Namae Har aagae dharie!!2!!

Innocent Namdev was not aware that people of this world cheat even the deities. They offer one spoonful of milk close to the mouth of deity and drink the balance milk themselves. Namdev

Ji thought that the entire milk offered to the deity is taken by the deity. He did not realize as to how could a statue made of stone drink milk. Namdev kept waiting for the deity to drink milk offered in a golden pot. After a long wait Namdev Ji pleaded before the deity “O God! A golden pot full of milk and a pitcher of water have been humbly offered to Thee. I have brought this milk for Thee after milking the holy cow personally. O Lord! Please have this milk. If Thou will drink this milk, I shall be at peace but otherwise my respected father will be very annoyed with me. The golden pot full of milk is before Thee. Please accept it. I have committed no sin. When Thou accept milk offered by my father every day why don’t Thou drink the milk offered by me? Be kind and have pity on me. I shall be in deep trouble if Thou do not take this milk today. An honest truthful prayer never goes waste. Even God appears out of stones.

Namdev’s father could not achieve this throughout his life as he kept cheating the deity and his own self. Neither had he offered prayers with a pure heart nor did the deity ever drink the offered milk. As the Brahmins just touch the spoonful of milk with the mouth of the deity and then withdraw the spoon, same rituals were followed by Namdev’s father throughout his life. But innocent soul Namdev did not behave like that. He kept sitting and pleading with the deity praying for His mercy. Ultimately the God was very pleased with his sincere devotion and appeared from the stone statue and had a hearty laugh on seeing Namdev.

Ek bhagti merae hirde basae!! Naame dekhi Narayan hasae!!3!!

God’s heart was adorned only by Namdev and He burst into laughter on seeing Namdev. He moved His hands forwards and accepted the milk. Having taken the milk, God reverted back to the form of original stone statue.

Doodh piaayi bhagti ghar gaiya!! Naame Har ka darshan bhaiya!!

Namdev went home after feeding the God with milk and that is how Namdev had the eternal view of God for the first time and this was his first victory during his devoted life. God started responding to his prayers and he could realize God at such a

young age. He was then revered by the world. Namdev Ji’s father was extremely delighted to learn about this miracle.

Jan Ravidass Ram rang rata!!
Iou Gur parsad narak nahi jata!!3!!

Guru Ravidass Ji explains that anyone soaked in the dye of dedicated devotion to Hari God’s Naam will never have to go to hell because of blessings of his Guru.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Kahi Kabir rangi rata!!*
Milio Jagjivan daata!!4!!4!! i.e. Any one soaked in the deep dye of devotion to God certainly realizes God.

Shabad 19

Mati ko putra kaise nachat hae!!
Dekhae dekhae sunae bolae douriyo firat hae!!1!! (Rahaao)
Jab kashu pavae tab garab karat hae!!
Maya gayie tab rovan lagat hae!!1!!
Man bach kram ras kasahi lubhana!!
Binas gaiya jaye kahoon samana!!2!!
Kahi Ravidass baji jag bhai!!
Bajigar saou mohi preet ban aayi!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches the entire humanity that fragile human being should abandon pursuit of worldly riches and develop abiding true devotion to God – the Creator.

Mati ko putra kaise nachat hae!!
Dekhae dekhae sunae bolae douriyo firat hae!!1!! (Rahaao)

Forgetting the real purpose of dedicated worship of God, the human beings made of five elements remain entangled in pursuit of riches and keep dancing to the tune of Maya. Human beings are delighted to see wealth and they like to discuss and pursue riches. Living beings keep toiling under the influence of Maya.

Jab kashu pavae tab garab karat hae!!
Maya gayie tab rovan lagat hae!!1!!

When any one becomes rich, he feels very proud of his wealth. However when he loses his wealth, he starts crying and feels cheated.

Man bach kram ras kasahi lubhana!!
Binas gaiya jaye kahoon samana!!2!!

Human being remains engrossed in pursuit of riches and his mind, thoughts and deeds are directed towards accumulation of wealth. Thus he is immersed in the illusion of riches because of his thoughts, sayings and deeds. However he does not know his ultimate destiny after death.

Kahi Ravidass baji jag bhai!!
Bajigar saou mohi preet ban aayi!!3!!6!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that God the Creator and Juggler has created this universe as one of His acts of jugglery. He makes every one to dance to His tune and abide by what He ordains. However I have abiding faith in and deep affection for God - the Juggler.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Bajigar dank bajaie!! Sabh khalak tamase aayi!* i.e. Juggler the God just played His drums and the entire creation of this universe appeared spontaneously like a trick of jugglery.)

Raag Gujri

Shabad 20

Doodh ta bachharae thanhu bitario!!
Phool bhavar jal meen bigariyo!!1!!
Maie Gobind pooja kaha lae charavou!!
Avar na phool anoop na pavou!!1!! Rahaao!!
Maelagar berhe hae bhuianga!!
Bikh amrit basahi ik sanga!!2!!
Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!!
Kaise pooj karahi teri dasa!!3!!
Tan man arpou pooj charhavou!!
Gur prasad Niranjan pavou!!4!!
Pooja archa aahi na tori !!
Kahi Ravidass kavan gat mori!!5!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji commends human beings for complete surrender to God through this hymn. God has to be worshipped with a pious heart because all other articles used in offerings to God are impure.

Doodh ta bachharae thanhu bitario!!
Phool bhavar jal meen bigariyo!!1!!

O God! We cannot perform Thy true worship by offering any material articles. People worship Thee with offering of milk but milk has already been tasted by the calf and spoilt before milking the cow. Likewise, the flowers are used first by the bumble bee for nectar and water is spoilt by fish living in water. Hence, milk, flowers and water are not suitable for offering to Thee during worship.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- *Aanile kumbh bhraile oodak thakur kou isnanu karou!! Baealis lakh ji jal mahi hote Bithal bhaela kai karou!!1!!* *Aanile phool proile mala thakur ki haou pooj karou!!* *Pahile baas laei hae bhavrah Bithal bhaela kai karou!!2!!* *Aanile doodh gandharile khiram thakur kou naeved karou!!* *Pahile doodh bitario bachharae Bithal bhaela kai karou!!* i.e. If one fetches a pitcher of water for bathing the deity, that water is in fact impure as water is abode of 4.2 million living species. Same way, flowers brought for making garlands for the deity are impure because beetles have already visited those flowers for nectar. Likewise, pudding made of milk is also impure because the calf sucks milk from teats of the cow prior to milking of cow.)

Maie Gobind pooja kaha lae charavou!!
Avar na phool anoop na pavou!!1!! Rahaao!!

O brother! Where from shall I get a pure article for offering to God in this universe?
There is no such unique, pure and un-spoilt flower in this world.

Maelagar berhe hae bhuianga!!
Bikh amrit basahi ik sanga!!2!!

O God! Even sandalwood is not fit for offering to Thee in worship because there are poisonous snakes around the

sandalwood trees. As poisonous snakes and sandal full of aroma cohabit at same place, sandal has been rendered impure by venomous snakes.

Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!!

Kaise pooj karahi teri dasa!!3!!

Incense, lamp and stale sweets are also unfit for offering to Thee in worship. Hence, O God! How can I, as your profound and true devotee, worship you by offering such impure articles?

Tan man arpou pooj charhavou!!

Gur prasad Niranjan pavou!!4!!

O God untouched by Maya! I can only be one with you by offering wholeheartedly my body and mind with the blessings of my Guru.

Pooja archa aahi na tori !!

Kahi Ravidass kavan gat mori!!5!!1!!

O God! Without genuine offering of one's body and mind at Thy sacred feet, there can not be any worship of Thee with offerings of impure articles available in this world. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says "How can I attain eternal salvation without true worship of God? I have become one with God through profound meditation with whole-hearted devotion."

Raag Sorath

Shabad 21

Jab ham hote tab tu nahi ab tuhi mae nahi!!

Anal agam jaise lehar mai odadh jal keval jal manhi!!1!!

Madhave kiya kahiae bhram aisa!! Jaisa maniae hoi na taisa!!1!!Rahaao!!

Narpat ek singhasan soiya supne bhaiya bhikhari!!

Achhat raj bishurat dukh paiya so gat bhayie hamari!!2!!

Raj bhuang prasang jaise heh ab kashu maram janaiya!!

Anik katak jaise bhool pare ab kahte kahan na aaiya!!3!!

Sarbe ek anekae suami sabh ghat bhogavae soie!!

Kahi Ravidass haath pae nerae sahje hoi so hoie!!4!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches to entire humanity that when one gets rid of false pride and ignorance then one realizes

the omnipresent God within one's own self.

Jab ham hote tab tu nahi ab tuhi mae nahi!!

Anal agam jaise lehar mai odadh jal keval jal manhi!!1!!

O God! As long as one entertains false pride of self, he can not secure Thy blessings. However, when any one gets rid of pride, then he appreciates Thy supremacy and understands his own frailty.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – *Jab ham hote tab tum naahi ab tum hahu ham naahi !!* "O God! It was not possible for me to be one with Thou as long as I was obsessed with false pride. But now I have realized Thee and Thy omnipresence through enlightenment and I no longer suffer from false pride.")

Madhave kiya kahiae bhram aisa!! Jaisa maniae hoi na taisa!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God! What a pity that living beings are under the false illusion that this world is real and true. But though we believe this world to be real and true, it is not so in reality. Truly, this world is an illusion.

Narpat ek singhasan soiya supne bhaiya bhikhari!!

Achhat raj bishurat dukh paiya so gat bhayie hamari!!2!!

Just as a king happened to be a beggar in his dreams while sleeping and he suffered miseries as a beggar in his dreams despite being a king in reality; same way human beings are in similar situation and they suffer endlessly being separated from Thee lost in this dream like world.

Legend of King Janak

Once during hot summer days, king Janak was resting on his golden throne in his Mithilapuri palace. The throne was decorated with flowers and the entire palace had effective cooling arrangements. The king had a dream while resting on his throne that an enemy king attacked and annexed his kingdom and ordered his expulsion from the kingdom in hot summer. He was disrobed and left wearing only a loin cloth. The victorious king ordained throughout the cities and villages that any one offering food or

water to Janak would be punished and one who ridicules him would be rewarded. Being afraid of the enemy king, people heaped insults on king Janak. Because of extremely hot weather and overheated soil, he had blisters in his feet and he felt extremely hungry. He was trembling and too weak to move around. The very people he had looked after so well, never came to his rescue being scared of the rival king. Rice and legumes cooked together were being served at one place. As a large number of beggars were gathered there, the food being served was almost over. After pleading with those serving the food, he got a little portion of the food. When he just wanted to eat same, he got hit by two bulls fighting one another. The pitcher containing food fell from Janak's hands and shattered soiling the food. He then started crying loudly and he woke up because of loud noise. His dream was over and he found himself resting on his throne bedecked with flowers.

Thereafter the king did not like anything. He was of the firm view that some strong enemy king will render him in that miserable condition. He felt the futility of his kingdom, palace and luxuries. His mind and brain were torn apart. He rode his horse to reach the place where he had begged for food in his dream. Having seen that place, he got confused whether the dream he had was real or this world itself is real. He asked all saints and sages to assemble and requested them to clarify his doubts as to what was real in fact? However no one could offer a proper answer to his query. The king then requested all assembled saints and sages to stay back in his palace till he gets a proper answer.

When Ashtavakar came to know that his learned father along with many other sages and revered saints have been asked to stay back at king's palace, he went to the palace and dispelled king's doubts and answered his query. King Janak asked him which of the two i.e. was his dream or this universe real? Ashtavakar narrated the entire story of king's dream before him. "You had a dream while resting on your throne. Another king invaded your kingdom and captured you. You were roaming in the robes of a beggar after your expulsion from the kingdom. Just then you woke

up and found yourself resting on your throne. Then you had a serious doubt whether the dream you had or this universe was real. In reality both the dreams are untrue. The dreamlike universe lasts a little longer but the dream you had while sleeping is very short lived. For example, if a man normally eats one pound of flour daily and he has only one pound of flour, he will finish same in one day. However if he has 40 pounds of flour, even that will be finished in 40 days. He will certainly finish both whether there may be one pound flour or 40 pounds flour in stock. Likewise your dream is like one pound of flour and this universe is like 40 pounds of flour. Both are perishable, both are myths and untrue. Neither your dream nor this universe is true. This is how Ashtavakar dispelled the confusion in the mind of king Janak.

Raj bhuviang prasang jaise heh ab kashu maram janaiya!!
Anik katak jaise bhool pare ab kahte kahan na aaiya!!3!!

As one mistakes a rope for a snake in darkness but in reality the rope is not a snake. Same way, this universe looks to be real because of ignorance but that is untrue. Likewise, one thinks gold ornaments to be different from gold. But that is incorrect as ornaments made of gold are also gold. Similarly human beings live separated from God because of ignorance but they become one with God once the illusion of being different is over.

Sarbe ek anekae suami sabh ghat bhogavae soie!!
Kahi Ravidass haath pae nerae sahje hoi so hoie!!4!!1!!

Once the illusion is over, one can visualize omnipresent God all over in different forms. God being present in all creatures manages all the affairs of the universe.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says – *Ek anek biyapak poorak jaat dekhau tatt soie!!* i.e. "One God is personified all over the universe in different forms. Whichever way I see, I find only one God every where.")

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that when one gets rid of the arrogance of me and mine, he finds God to be nearer even compared to one's own hands and feet. With great ease one

can get united with eternal God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Har mahi tan hae tan mahi Har hae sarb nirantar soie re!! Kahi Kabir Ram Naam na chhodou sahje hoi su hoi re!!3!!3!!* God is personified in all living beings and all creatures are embodied in God. Kabir Sahib Ji says that never abandon true worship of God and you will be one with Him with utmost ease.)

Shabad 22

***Jou ham bandhe moh fas ham prem badhan tum badhe!!
Apne chhootan ko jatan karhu ham chhoote tum aaradhe!!1!!
Madhave janat hahu jaisi taisi !!
Ab kaha karhuge aisi!!1!! Rahaao!!
Meen pakar fankio ar katio randh kiyo bahu bani!!
Khand khand kar bhojan kino tou na bisriyo pani!!2!!
Aapan bapae nahi kisi ko bhavan ko Har raja!!
Moh patal sabh jagat biapiyo bhagti nahi santapa!!3!!
Kahi Ravidass bhagti ik badhie ab ih ka siou kahiae!!
Ja karan ham tum aaradhe so dukh ajhoo sahiae!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to all human beings to have abiding true affection and dedicated devotion to God for getting rid of worldly attachments and attaining eternal salvation. Human beings should have such an abiding and devout love for God as the fish has for water.

***Jou ham bandhe moh fas ham prem badhan tum badhe!!
Apne chhootan ko jatan karhu ham chhoote tum aaradhe!!1!!***

O God! If Thou have tied me up with attachments of worldly pleasures, I have captivated Thee with the fast knots of my enduring devotion. Now you should think of ways and means to free yourself of my affection as I have got myself rid of futile worldly attachments through Thy worship and meditation.

***Madhave janat hahu jaisi taisi !!
Ab kaha karhuge aisi!!1!! Rahaao!!***

O revered God! You are well aware of my deep devotion

and abiding love for Thee. What would Thou do to get away from the strong bonds of my enduring profound affection?

***Meen pakar fankio ar katio randh kiyo bahu bani!!
Khand khand kar bhojan kino tou na bisriyo pani!!2!!***

My eternal devotion to Thee is akin to the everlasting love of fish for water. The fisherman catches fish and kills it by throwing out of water. He then chops the fish into small pieces, cooks same in many ways and eats. Even then the fish never forgets the water because one who is fond of eating fish feels extremely thirsty. That is how the fish never forgets water even after its death.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says – *Machhuli kou jaise neer balha tiou merae man Ramaiya!!* As the fish cannot live without water, same way God is too dear to me.)

(Satguru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj says- *Re man aisi Har siou preet kar jaisi machhuli neer!!* O dear! Have such an abiding love for God as the fish has for water.)

***Aapan bapae nahi kisi ko bhavan ko Har raja!!
Moh patal sabh jagat biapiyo bhagti nahi santapa!!3!!***

O God! Thou are not the personal property of any one's father. Thou are Hari or God the eternal king of universe belonging only to Thy true devotees. The veil of longing has engulfed the entire world. However such a veil of desires does not bother the devotees who always worship God.

***Kahi Ravidass bhagti ik badhie ab ih ka siou kahiae!!
Ja karan ham tum aaradhe so dukh ajhoo sahiae!!4!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says – “O revered God! There is abiding eternal devotion to you in my heart. With whom should I share this fact? Would I have to endure the suffering of pain of cycles of birth and death to get rid of which I worship Thee as an abiding devotee? I will never have to endure such suffering.”

Shabad 23

***Dulabh janam punn phal paiyo birtha jaat abibekae!!
Raje Indar samsar grih aasan bin Har bhagti kahahu kih lekhae!!1!!***

***Na bichariyo raja Ram ko ras!! Jih ras anras bisar jahi!!1!!
Rahaao!!***

Jaan ajan bhaye ham bavar soch asoch divas jahi!!

Indri sabal nibal bibek budhi parmarath parves nahi!!2!!

Kahiat aan achariat an kashu samajh na parae apar Maya!!

Kahi Ravidass udas dass mat parhar kop karhu jia daya!!3!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches pious sermons to entire humanity that in the absence of deep devotion to God even the pleasures of king Indra's heaven are futile for this rare human life.

Dulabh janam punn phal paiyo birtha jaat abibekae!!

Raje Indar samsar grih aasan bin Har bhagti kahahu kih lekhae!!1!!

This rare precious human birth is the fruit of past good deeds. However, this scarce life is getting wasted in the absence of self introspection.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Kabir manas janam dulambh hae hoi na baro baar!! Jiou ban phal paake bhui girahi bahur na lagahi daar!!* This human life is too precious and one cannot get it time and again. Just as a ripe fruit separated from a fruit bearing tree can never become part of the branch again; even if one has beautiful palaces and thrones like those of king Indra, his entire life will be futile without dedicated devotion to God.)

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Sagal sristi ko raja dukhiya!! Har ka Naam japat hoi sukhiya!!* A human being has to endure suffering and pain even if he has the entire universe as his kingdom. The only way to have eternal bliss is through dedicated meditation of God.)

***Na bichariyo raja Ram ko ras!! Jih ras anras bisar jahi!!1!!
Rahaao!!***

Human beings do not savour the supreme nectar of deep devotion to God the king Ram that fades all other worldly pleasure to oblivion.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Ram ras piya re!! Jih ras*

bisari gayae ras aour!!1!! Any one in this world who enjoys precious amrit of God's worship and meditation will find all other worldly pleasures to be worthless.)

Jaan ajan bhaye ham bavar soch asoch divas jahi!!

Indri sabal nibal bibek budhi parmarath parves nahi!!2!!

O God! Human beings waste their lives like mad ignorant persons without making any earnest efforts to comprehend Thee. Their power of enlightened thinking and understanding becomes extremely weak because of obsession with relentless pursuit of worldly pleasures desired by mind and body. Hence human beings fail to comprehend the value of meditation and to be one with eternal God.

Kahiat aan achariat an kashu samajh na parae apar Maya!!

Kahi Ravidass udas dass mat parhar kop karhu jia daya!!3!!3!!

Human beings say some thing and do something else. (And - *Galli asi changiyan aachari buriyah!!* We speak well but behave with others in a bad manner.)

Hence one is unable to comprehend the powerful Maya. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says - "O God! This soul of your devotee is beyond influence of Maya. Kindly don't be annoyed and bestow me with your divine blessings."

Shabad 24

Sukh sagar surtar chintamani kamdhenu bas ja ke!!

Char padarath ast dasa sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta ke!!1!!

Har Har Har na japahi rasna!!

Avar sabh tiag bachan rachna!!1!! Rahaao!!

Nana khiyan puran baid bidh chautis akhar manhi!!

Bias bichar kahiyo parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!

Sahaj smadh upadh rahat phun badae bhag liv lagi!!

Kahi Ravidass pragas ridae dhar janam maran bhae bhagi!!3!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches the entire humanity to worship God the ocean of tranquillity and that there is nothing as precious as devotion to God.

Sukh sagar surtar chintamani kamdhenu bas ja ke!!
Char padarath ast dasa sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta ke!!1!!

Ultimate treasure of supreme bliss is meditation of God.
(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Bhav sagar sukh sagar mahi!!* i.e. Being one with God is the ultimate treasure of supreme happiness in this world.)

Sacred tree Kalapvriksha, divine gem Chintamani that fulfills all desires, holy cow Kamdhenu and the four most desired virtues i.e. pleasure, riches, dharma and salvation are all under complete control of God.

Eighteen Sidhies or Supernatural powers: 1. *Anima*- Capability to become minute like an atom. 2. *Mahima*- Power to become gigantic in size. 3. *Garima*- Power to attain colossal weight. 4. *Laghima* – Transformation of articles of colossal weight to cotton like state. 5. *Prapati*- Power to secure any desired article. 6. *Prakarmay*- Power to get absorbed into soil without resistance and later reappear in original form. 7. *Vasikaran*- Ability to exercise control over physical elements. 8. *Ieshta*- Power to create and destroy any object. 9. *Anuroopi Sidhi*- Ability to withstand extreme hunger and thirst. 10. *Srawan Sidhi*- Power to listen even from a great distance. 11. *Darsan Sidhi* –Power to see every one from far away distances. 12. *Mano Beg Sidhi* – Power to roam anywhere as desired by mind. 13. *Kaam Roop Sidhi*- Ability to transform the body into any desired form. 14. *Parkaya Parves Sidhi*- Ability to enter body of another living being like a ghost. 15. *Savshand Mrityu Sidhi*- Power to die at will like Bhisham Pitamah. 16. *Sur Karira Sidhi*- Ability to watch deities roaming with fairies. 17. *Sankalap Sidhi*- Power to achieve any desired objective. 18. *Aprahtigati Sidhi*- Power to reach any desired place instantly. Thus these are the eighteen supernatural powers.

Nine Nidhies or Supreme Treasures:

1. *Padam Nidhi*- Trading in gold and precious metals, construction of temples and having exemplary character is known as *Padam Nidhi*. This treasure is satvik in character and lasts till grandsons

2. *Mahapadam Nidhi*- Trading in pearls, gems, diamonds and precious stones and giving alms to deserving people is called *Mahapadam Nidhi*. This treasure lasts for seven generations having satvik or good character.

3. *Makar Nidhi*- Collection of & trading in arrows, swords, spears, bows and shields etc and befriending the kings is known as *Makar Nidhi*. This treasure is *tamoguni* or related to ignorance and lasts for one's lifetime.

4. *Kashap Nidhi*- Trading in food-grains, ghee, jaggery and edible oils etc. hoarding the same or being miserly with actions akin to tortoise is known as *Kashap Nidhi*. This treasure is also *tamoguni* or related to ignorance and lasts for one's lifetime.

5. *Mukand Nidhi*- Collection of musical instruments, providing money to musicians and singers, visiting prostitutes is called *Mukand Nidhi*. This is *tamoguni* or related to ignorance and lasts for one's lifetime.

6. *Kund Nidhi*- Trading in metals and food-grains, intolerance to insulting words, affection for those who admire, having many wives with good children, evading old friends and being intimate with new ones etc. is known as *Kund Nidhi*. This treasure is *rajas* and *tamas* or passionate and ignorant in character and lasts for two generations.

7. *Neel Nidhi*- Trading in cotton, cereals, fruits, flowers, pearls, conch shells etc. reared in water, afforestation & laying gardens and water reservoirs, construction of bridges over rivers and pursuit of worldly pleasures is known as *Neel Nidhi*. This treasure is *satvik* or desirable and *tamas* or ignorant in nature and lasts for three generations.

8. *Santakh Nidhi*- Having good food and clothes only for self and giving poor quality for others, offering little to wife and sons and taking utmost care of one's own body are typical of *Santakh Nidhi*. This is *rajas* or passionate and *tamas* or ignorant in nature and lasts for one's own life.

9. *Kharb Nidhi*- Normal availability of all utilities required in life in abundance is called *Kharb Nidhi*.

All of these supernatural powers and treasures rest on the palm of God and are under His absolute command.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Sabh nidhan das ast sidhan thakur kar tal dhariya!!*) i.e. All treasures and the eighteen supernatural powers are under the control of God. Any one who becomes one with God through deep devotion and meditation also gets all these.)

Har Har Har na japahi rasna!!

Avar sabh tiag bachan rachna!!1!! Rahaao!!

O dear! Why don't you remain engrossed in deep meditation of such God – the supreme repository of all powers and treasures? Why don't you worship Hari or God leaving aside all other futile worldly pursuits?

Nana khiyan puran baid bidh chautis akhar manhi!!

Bias bichar kahiyo parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!

Mythological discourses contained in eighteen Puranas and hymns of Vedas are all composed in thirty four alphabets. After in depth study of all scriptures, Ved Vyas Ji concluded that there is nothing in this universe that can match meditation of Ram the Almighty.

Sahaj smadh upadh rahat phun badae bhag liv lagi!!

Kahi Ravidass pragas ridae dhar janam maran bhae bhagi!!3!!4!!

One can achieve unselfish communion with God only after discarding futile pursuit of worldly pleasures. Only the most fortunate succeed in securing spiritual union with God. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that any one, whose mind is enlightened with deep devotion to God, gets rid of the dreaded cycle of birth and death.

Shabad 25

Jou tum girivar tou ham mora!!

Jou tum chand tou ham bhaye hae chakora!!1!!

Madhave tum na torahu tou ham nahi torahi!!

Tum siou tor kavan siou jorahi!!1!!Rahaao!!

Jou tum divra tou ham bati!!

Jou tum tirath tou ham jati!!2!!

Sachi preet ham tum siou jori!!

Tum siou jor avar sang tori!!3!!

Jah jah jaoun taha teri seva!!

Tum so thakur aur na deva!!4!!

Tumre bhajan katahi jam phasa!!

Bhagti het gavae Ravidassa!!5!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to have eternal devotion to God.

Jou tum girivar tou ham mora!!

Jou tum chand tou ham bhaye hae chakora!!1!!

O God! My eternal devotion to Thee is such that if Thou are mountain with dense forests, bless me to be a peacock with my abode there as such mountains are very dear to peacock. If Thou are personified as moon, then I should be a partridge (*Chakor*).

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Prabh tujh bina nahi hor!!*

Man preet chand chakor!! O God! My exclusive devotion is for Thee and this longing for Thee is similar to eternal love of partridge with the moon.)

Madhave tum na torahu tou ham nahi torahi!!

Tum siou tor kavan siou jorahi!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God! I will never sever my dedication to Thee if I continue to have blessings of Thy divine benevolence. Whom shall I adore if ever I happen to lose Thy affection?

Jou tum divra tou ham bati!!

Jou tum tirath tou ham jati!!2!!

O God! If you personify in a lamp, I should be your wick. If Thou represent a place of pilgrimage, then I should be Thy blessed pilgrim.

Sachi preet ham tum siou jori!!

Tum siou jor avar sang tori!!3!!

O God! I have cultivated true devotion to Thee and abandoned the longing for futile world. Having established enduring

bonds of loyalty to Thee, I have severed all links with everyone else.

Jah jah jaoun taha teri seva!!

Tum so thakur aur na deva!!4!!

O God! Wherever I happen to go, I pray and worship only Thee. There is no other deity like Thee in entire universe.

Tumre bhajan katahi jam phasa!!

Bhagti het gavae Ravidassa!!5!!

O God! Thy meditation gets one rid of noose of death. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “I sing God’s paeans only because of my extremely deep devotion to God.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Koi gavae ko sunae Har nama chit laie!! Kahu Kabir sansa nahi ant param gat paie!!* Kabir Sahib Ji proclaims that such a blessed soul, who sings or listens to Thy paeans with humility and devotion, would certainly attain eternal peace and salvation at the end.)

Shabad 26

Jal ki bhit pavan ka thambha rakat bund ka gara!!

Had mas nari ko pinjar pankhi basae bichara!!1!!

Prani kiya mera kiya tera!!

Jaise tarvar pankh basera!!1!!Rahaao!!

Rakhahu kandh usarahu neevan!!

Sadhe teen hath teri seevan!!2!!

Banke bal pag sir deri !! Ih tan hoigo bhasam ki dheri!!3!!

Ooche mandar sundar nari!! Ram Naam bin baji hari!!4!!

Meri jaat kameeni paat kameeni ochha janam hamara!!

Tum sarnagat raja Ram Chand kahi Ravidass chamara!!5!!6!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, while emphasizing the uncertain and perishable nature of human life, explains through pious sermons that the human body comprises of five elements. Life of any living being in this world is akin to short resting period of a bird on a tree. Therefore all human beings should free themselves of acrimony and concentrate on meditation of God with complete devotion.

Jal ki bhit pavan ka thambha rakat bund ka gara!!

Had mas nari ko pinjar pankhi basae bichara!!1!!

Human body is made of five elements in which walls comprise of water and air forms the pillars. Mother’s ovum and sperm of father serve to cement the superstructure comprising of bones, flesh and blood vessels as abode for the soul like a poor bird.

Prani kiya mera kiya tera!!

Jaise tarvar pankh basera!!1!!Rahaao!!

O dear! Nothing belongs to you or me in this universe. Life of human beings in this world is akin to temporary resting of a bird on a tree. A bird flies high in the sky, settles down on a tree for night shelter and flies away early next morning.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- *Ram koi na kis hi kera!! Jaise tarvar pankhi basera!!*.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji concurring with this view says – *Birakh basero pankhi ko taise ih sansar!!* Life of a human being in this world is akin to the stay of a bird who takes shelter on a tree for the night and flies away early in the morning.)

Rakhahu kandh usarahu neevan!!

Sadhe teen hath teri seevan!!2!!

Human being may construct a beautiful strong palace after digging deep foundations for his stay in this world. However, he dies leaving everything behind and he gets only a small piece of land, measuring 3.5 times the length of one’s forearm, used for his final rites.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says that in exceptional circumstances even if this limit is exceeded that may equal 3.75 times the length of one’s forearm. *Kabir kothe mandap het kar kahe marhu savari!! Karaj sadhe teen hath ghani te poune char!!*)

Banke bal pag sir deri !! Ih tan hoigo bhasam ki dheri!!3!!

Human being combs the hair nicely and decorates his head with a colourful turban. However at the end, the human body ends up as a heap of soil.

Ooche mandar sundar nari!! Ram Naam bin baji hari!!4!!

Even if one has elegant palaces and extremely beautiful wife, he is a sure loser in this precious human life in the absence of deep devotion to God.

Meri jaat kameeni paat kameeni ochha janam hamara!!

Tum sarnagat raja Ram Chand kahi Ravidass chamara!!5!!6!!

Because of human tendency to be carried away by worldly pleasures, the nature, company and life of a human being becomes lowly. Satguru Ravidass Ji, hailing from Chamar community having completely surrendered to God, prays to the Almighty for His divine blessings.

Shabad 27

Chamrata ganth na janaie!! Log gathavae panhie!!1!!Rahaao!!

Aar nahi jih topou!! Nahi rambi thaou ropou!!1!!

Log ganth ganth khara bigucha!!

Hou bin ganthe jaie pahucha!!2!!

Ravidass japae Ram nama!! Mohi jam siou nahi kama!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches the entire humanity that anyone, who gives up false affection for his body and devotes himself to meditation of God, surely overcomes the fear of death and attains eternal salvation.

Chamrata ganth na janaie!! Log gathavae panhie!!1!!Rahaao!!

I won't have false affection for this perishable body covered with skin. People visit me seeking fulfilment of desires of this human body or for acquiring false worldly pleasures dear to the human beings.

Aar nahi jih topou!! Nahi rambi thaou ropou!!1!!

I do not have instruments for piercing, skinning and stitching that I can use for securing false worldly pleasures for the sake of body meaning that I don't have sharp wits and deceptive wisdom to cement my attachment with false love and deep affection for this perishable world.

Log ganth ganth khara bigucha!!

Hou bin ganthe jaie pahucha!!2!!

People continue to suffer because of their deep affection for the perishable human body and illusory universe. However, I have no love for the body or worldly pleasures. With my true affection and devotion to God, I have achieved salvation and I have become one with the Almighty.

Ravidass japae Ram nama!! Mohi jam siou nahi kama!!3!!7!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that "I have achieved true eternal friendship with God through deep devotion and meditation of God. Hence, I have nothing to be afraid of messengers of death now."

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Kahit Kabir avar nahi kaama!! Hamrae man dhan Ram ko Naama!!* I have nothing to do with anything in this world except worship of God. I am rich with the unique wealth of pious dedication and devotion to God.)

Shabad 28

Re man! Chet meech din aaya,

to jag jaal na bhaiya praya!!Tek!!

Kaan sunae na najar disae, jeeh thir na rahaie!!

Mund ru tan thar thar kampe,

antahu biriyan pahuntau aaie!!1!!

Kesau setah piku bhaye sabh, tan man bal bilmaya!!

Madhyan gaiyo tura chal aaie, ajhun jag rahiyo bharmaya!!2!!

Pani gaiyo palu chhijae kaya, yah tan jara jarana!!

Panchau thake jara jar sanae, tou Ramhi maram na jana!!3!!

Hans pankheru chanchal bhai, samujh pekh man manhi!!

Prati pal meech grasae dehi,

funi Ravidass chetahu nanhi!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj counsels the soul within human body with pious sermon through this hymn to realize the ultimate objective of this rare human birth with devout meditation of God.

***Re man! Chet meech din aaya,
to jag jaal na bhaiya praya!!Tek!!***

O dear! You should worship God as your end is approaching fast. As you reach nearer to your end, you will realize the futility of this fake universe.

Kaan sunae na najar disae, jeeh thir na rahaie!!

***Mund ru tan thar thar kampe,
antahu biriyan pahuntau aaie!!1!!***

With the advent of old age, one is unable to hear, see or speak properly. One becomes bald during old age and the body keeps trembling and finally one dies.

Kesau setah piku bhaye sabh, tan man bal bilmaya!!

Madhyan gaiyo tura chal aaie, ajhun jag rahiyo bharmaya!!2!!

Everything looks futile without God and the body and mind start getting weak. Old age sets in after adolescence and even then human being remains ignorant devoid of God's worship.

Pani gaiyo palu chhijae kaya, yah tan jara jarana!!

Panchau thake jara jar sanae, tou Ramhi maram na jana!!3!!

Breathing that nourishes body becomes weak as one gets old. All the five senses of knowledge get feeble and then this human being is unable to comprehend the magnitude of God.

Hans pankheru chanchal bhai, samujh pekh man manhi!!

Prati pal meech grasae dehi, funi Ravidass chetahu nanhi!!4!!

O dear with clever mind! This soul is about to leave your body. You must appreciate this reality sincerely. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says "O dear! Every moment brings your end closer and you will never get the time again to worship God. Hence, you must remember God all the time."

Raag Dhanasari

Sahbad 29

Ham sar deen diyal na tum sar ab patiyar kiya kijae!!

Bachni tor mor man manae jan kou pooran dijae!!1!!

Hao bal bal jaoun Ramaiya karne!!

Karan kavan abol!! Rahaao!!1!!

Bahut janam bichhure the Madhou ih janam tumhare lekhe!!

Kahi Ravidass aas lag jivoun chir bhayo darsan dekhe!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred preaching to all human beings to cultivate humility and dedicate this human life to God.

Ham sar din diyal na tum sar ab patiyar kiya kijae!!

He pleads with the God that neither there is any underprivileged like him nor there is any one more benevolent than God who instantaneously forgives all the deprived. Hence what further test do you wish me to undergo?

(Satguru Kabir Sahib explains- *Deen diyal kripal Damodar bhagti vachhal bhae haari!!* i.e. Thou are extremely kind and benevolent for the poor, dear to Thy devotees and demolisher of their sins and sufferings.)

Bachni tor mor man manae jan kou pooran dijae!!1!!

O God! I have been overwhelmed with Thy enlightened discourse and therefore I solicit perfect enlightenment.

Hao bal bal jaoun Ramaiya karne!! Karan kavan abol!!

Rahaao!!1!!

I am extremely proud of Thee and deeply devoted to Ram the Almighty God. However, I wonder why do you not talk to me?

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- *Bal bal jaou haou bal bal jaou!!* i.e. "O God! I am enamoured of Thee.")

Bahut janam bichhure the Madhou ih janam tumhare lekhe!!

O God! I have been separated from Thee for the last many births. However, I have dedicated my present human life to Thee.

Kahi Ravidass aas lag jivoun chir bhayo darsan dekhe!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji proclaims that “O God! I live with the fond hope of seeing Thee because it is ages since we met. Therefore, be kind and bless me with Thy eternal sight.”

Shabad 30

Chit simran karou nain avilokno srawan bani sujas poor rakhou!!

Man su madhukar karou charan hirde dharaou rasan amrit

Ram Naam bhakhou!!1!!

Meri preet Gobind siou jin ghatae!!Maen tou mol mehangilaiyie jia satae!!1!!Rahaao!!

Sadhsangat bina bhaou nahi oopajae bhav bin bhagti nahi hoi teri!!

Kahi Ravidass ik benati Har siou paej rakhahu raja Ram meri!!2!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends all human beings through this pious sermon to develop such a devout love for God that one gets totally immersed in divine worship of Almighty through conscience, eyes, ears, tongue and mind and ultimately becomes unified with God.

Chit simran karou nain avilokno srawan bani sujas poor rakhou!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji describes his abiding devotion to God “I always worship God in my mind, and witness Him with my eyes and I am all the time thrilled with ecstasy listening to His pious praise with my ears.”

Man su madhukar karou charan hirde dharaou rasan amrit Ram Naam bhakhou!!1!!

My mind always hums like a bumble bee around Thy lotus like feet drawing pious amrit and I always keep chanting Thy virtuous hymns with my tongue.

Meri preet Gobind siou jin ghatae!!Maen tou mol mehangilaiyie jia satae!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God! There should never be any setback to my total devotion to Thee because I have acquired this at an extremely

high cost through complete dedication of my life to Thy worship.

(Likewsie Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Kanchan siou paaiae nahi tol!! Man de Ram liya hae mol!!* i.e. God cannot be bartered for gold but one can acquire God by offering one’s mind with devout devotion.)

Sadhsangat bina bhaou nahi oopajae bhav bin bhagti nahi hoi teri!!

O God! There is no way to become Thy dedicated devotee without blessings of true saints and Thy worship is not possible without total devotion.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji proclaims- *Bhagti bin birthe janam gaiyo!! Sadhsangat Bhagwan bhajan bin kahi na sach rahiyo!!* This precious human life is getting wasted in the absence of worship of God. There is no truth except in the pious company of true saints and dedicated devotion to God.)

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Sadhsangat bin tariyo na koi!!* i.e. No human being can cross the ocean-like universe without company of true saints.)

Kahi Ravidass ik benati Har siou paej rakhahu raja Ram meri!!2!!2

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji prays to Hari- God the Almighty to preserve his dedicated devotion and reputation.

Shabad 31

Naam tero aarti majan Murare !!

Har ke naam bin jhoothe sagal pasare!!1!! Rahaao!!

Naam tero aasno naam tero ursa naam tera kesro le chhiikare!!

Naam tera ambhula naam tero chandano ghas jape naam le tujhhi ko chare!!1!!

Naam tera diva naam tero bati naam tero tel le mahi pasare !!

Naam tere ki jot lagai bhayo ujiaro bhavan saglare!!2!!

Naam tero taga naam phool mala bhar atharah sagal juthare!!

Tero kiya tujheh kiya arpoun naam tera tuhi chavar dholare!!3!!

Das atha athsathe chare khani ihae vartan hae sagal sansare!!

Kahi Ravidass naam tero aarti satnam hae Har bhog tuhare!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to get rid of all of their doubts and misgivings and concentrate on worship of God as meditation of God with deep devotion is the only true homage to Almighty.

Naam tero aarti majan Murare !!
Har ke naam bin jhoothe sagal pasare!!1!! Rahaao!!

O God! Thy meditation is the true worship and homage to Thee and Thy worship is more than Thy ritual bathing. All other rituals, except Thy devoted worship are false, and useless.

Naam tero aasno naam tero ursa naam tera kesro le chhitkare!!
Naam tera ambhula naam tero chandano ghas jape naam le tujhhi ko chare!!1!!

Thy worship itself is the throne for Thy seating and Thy meditation is the stone for grinding saffron and devotion to Thee is sprinkling of saffron on Thy body. Thy worship is the water, Thy meditation is the sandalwood and deep devotion to Thee is true offering of saffron paste to Thee.

Naam tera diva naam tero bati naam tero tel le mahi pasare !!
Naam tere ki jot lagai bhayo ujiaro bhavan saglare!!2!!

Thy meditation is the lamp for worship; Thy worship is the wick as well as the oil in the lamp readied for paying homage to Thee. I have lighted the lamp of Thy worship and the entire universe is illuminated because of Thy meditation.

Naam tero taga naam phool mala bhar atharah sagal juthare!!
Tero kiya tujheh kiya arpoun naam tera tuhi chavar dholare!!3!!

Thy meditation is the thread and Thy worship is the garland of flowers. Devoid of Thy worship the loads of leaves of the entire plant kingdom of this universe are irreverent. O God! What should I offer Thee out of Thy own creation in this universe? Thy meditation is my offering of cool breeze to Thee.

Das atha ahsathe chare khani ihae vartan hae sagal sansare!!
Kahi Ravidass naam tero aarti satnam hae Har bhog tuhare!!4!!3!!

This entire universe is preoccupied with the eighteen Puranas, sixty-eight places of pilgrimage and the four types of living beings of the world i.e. born from the egg or placenta, reproduced from seed and created through asexual reproduction.

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O God! Thy devoted worship is the only true homage I can pay to Thee. I humbly offer my deep meditation and prayers to Thee for savouring.”

Shabad 32

Meri preet Gopal son jan ghatae ho!
Maen mol mahingi layie tan satae ho!!Tek!!
Ridae sumiran karoun naen avlokano sravan Har katha poor rakhoun!
Man madhukar karaun charna chit dharaun Ram rasayan rasan chakhoun!!1!!
Sadh sangat bina bhav nahin upjae bhav bina bhagti kion hoi teri !!
Bandat Ravidass raja Ram sun benati Gur prasad kripa karo na deri!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to entire humanity to have such an abiding love and devotion to God that soaks human being’s soul, eyes, tongue and mind in the eternal colour of God’s Naam and leads him to amalgamation with the Almighty God.

Meri preet Gopal son jan ghatae ho!
Maen mol mahingi layie tan satae ho!!Tek!!

O revered God! My love and affection for Thee should never fade because I secured this fondness at a huge cost and with absolute dedication of my life.

Ridae sumiran karoun naen avlokano sravan Har katha poor rakhoun!
Man madhukar karaun charna chit dharaun Ram rasayan rasan chakhoun!!1!!

O sacred God! I live in full ecstasy praying for Thee in my heart, enjoying Thy eternal sight with my eyes and listening to Thy virtuous glory. I adore Thy lotus feet in my heart and my mind savours the priceless nectar in the form of a bumble bee.

Sadh sangat bina bhav nahin upjae bhav bina bhagti kion hoi teri !!

Bandat Ravidass raja Ram sun benati Gur prasad kripa karo na deri!!2!!

O respected God! One cannot have eternal love for Thee without the company of sages and in the absence of staunch love; one cannot practice Thy devout meditation. Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji prays with devout heart to God that “O revered God! Be merciful and kindly bless me with Thou eternal sight without delay.”

Shabad 33

Trahi trahi Tribhuvanpati pavan!

Atishay sool sakal bal javan!!Tek!!

Kaam krodh lampat man mora!

Kaise bhajan karoun maen tora!!1!!

Bisham bishad bihandankari!

Asaran saran sarni bhauhari!!2!!

Dev dev darbar duarae!

Ram Ram Ravidass pukarae!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches pious sermon to human beings to worship the Lord of all the three worlds or the universe. Human beings get rid of their painful sufferings through devout meditation of God

Trahi trahi Tribhuvanpati pavan!

Atishay sool sakal bal javan!!Tek!!

O revered God, Lord of the three worlds and purifier of human beings! Kindly safeguard me under Thy shelter so that I meditate Thy Naam every moment. O sacred God! You are all powerful to relieve us of great miseries. Therefore all living beings are indeed extremely proud of Thee.

Kaam krodh lampat man mora!

Kaise bhajan karoun maen tora!!1!!

Human being, oblivious of God, is driven by lust for sex and arrogance and as such how can he worship Thee with devotion?

Bisham bishad bihandankari!

Asaran saran sarni bhauhari!!2!!

O virtuous Lord! Human being, ignorant of Thee, is suffers from deep agony and intense pain in this futile world. However when one seeks Thy shelter and blessings, all of his problems get resolved.

Dev dev darbar duarae! Ram Ram Ravidass pukarae!!3!!

O Almighty Lord of the deities! “I pray standing at Thy door and I worship Thee with devotion every moment. Be kind and merciful to let me have Thy eternal sight.”

Shabad 34

Darshan dijae Ram darshan dijae!!

Darshan dijae bilamb na kijae!!Tek!!

Darshan tora jivan mora!!

Bin darshan kioun jivae chakora!!1!!

Madho Satgur sab jag chela!!

Ab ke bishure milan duhela!!2!!

Dhan jovan ki jhoothi aasa!!

Satt satt bhakhae jan Ravidasa!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says in this virtuous hymn that a true devotee of God always has a strong desire to be blessed with the sight of the Lord.

Darshan dijae Ram darshan dijae!!

Darshan dijae bilamb na kijae!!Tek!!

O all pervading revered God! Kindly bless me with Thy eternal sight and let me have Thy glimpse without any delay because I cannot live without Thy revelation.

Darshan tora jivan mora!!

Bin darshan kioun jivae chakora!!1!!

O revered God! Your realization only is the basis of my life. Just as the partridge cannot live without sighting moon, it has a strong longing to see the moon and it lives with the hope of seeing the moon; same way how can I survive without being blessed with Your sight O Lord.? I cannot live without that.

Madho Satgur sab jag chela!!

Ab ke bishure milan duhela!!2!!

O virtuous God! “You are the Satguru of the entire universe. You only banish the darkness of ignorance from every one’s mind and all living beings are Your disciples. However if one remains separated from You even after being blessed with the rare human birth, then it is extremely difficult for him to realize Thee again.”

Dhan jovan ki jhoothi aasa!!

Satt satt bhakhae jan Ravidasa!!3!!

Human being, oblivious of God, is always preoccupied with the pursuit of riches and futile worldly desires of youth. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “I devotee of the Lord tell the truth that a true disciple of God is always restless to be blessed with the sight of his Lord.”

Shabad 35

Jan ko tar tar nath Ramaiya!

Kathin fand pario panch jamaiya!!Tek!!

Tum bin sakal dev muni dhoundhou!

Kahoun na paoun jam pas chhudaiya!!1!!

Ham se deen dayal na tum sar!

Charan saran Ravidass chamaiya!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj preaches human beings through this virtuous hymn to pray to God for His blessings to cross over this difficult ocean like universe and secure eternal tranquillity.

Jan ko tar tar nath Ramaiya!

Kathin fand pario panch jamaiya!!Tek!!

O all pervading & supreme paternal God! Be kind and lead Thy devotee to eternal salvation. O Lord! Devoid of Thy

Naam, human being has to endure the five vicious human vices like lust for sex, anger, greed, empathy and arrogance as well as bonds of extremely troublesome messengers of death.

Tum bin sakal dev muni dhoundhou!

Kahoun na paoun jam pas chhudaiya!!1!!

O Lord! Even if one acquires virtues of all deities oblivious of Thee, no one can safeguard human soul from the messengers of death except devout meditation and Naam of God.

Ham se deen dayal na tum sar!

Charan saran Ravidass chamaiya!!2!!

O revered God! There is none poorer than me and no one is generous and kind like Thee. Guru Ravidass Ji says “I hail from chamar or cobblers’ community and I am under the protection of Thy sacred lotus feet”.

Shabad 36

Jo tum Gopalahi nahin gaehau!

To tum ko sukh me dukh upjae sukhahi kahan te paehau!!Tek!!

Mala Naam sabhae jag dahko jhoothau bhekh banaehau!

Jhouthe te sanch tab hoihau Har ki saran jab aehau!!1!!

Kan ras baat ras aur sabae ras jhoothahi moorh mandaehau!

Jab lag tel diya me bati dekhat hi bujhi jaehau!!2!!

Jo jan Ram Naam rang raate aur rang na suhaehau!

Kahae Ravidass bhajo re Kripa Nidhi pran gaiye pachhitaehau!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji conveys virtuous preaching to human beings through this hymn for utmost devotion to God and realization of supreme ecstasy with His blessings.

Jo tum Gopalahi nahin gaehau!

To tum ko sukh me dukh upjae sukhahi kahan te paehau!!Tek!!

O dear! If you do not seek protection of the Lord, then your pursuit of worldly pleasures will only lead you to miseries. Then how will you achieve the eternal salvation and supreme ecstasy?

Mala Naam sabhae jag dahko jhoothau bhekh banaehau!
Jhouth te sanch tab hoihau Har ki saran jab aehau!!1!!

Because of ignorance, human beings are lost in illusions and they wear misleading futile dresses and rosaries as a hoax for realization of God. When one truthfully surrenders to God, he discards falsehood and focuses wholeheartedly on devout meditation of the Lord.

Kan ras baat ras aur sabae ras jhoothahi moorh mandaehau!
Jab lag tel diya me bati dekhat hi bujhi jaehau!!2!!

Oblivious of God, the human being gets carried away by melodious sounds, futile gossip and keeps wavering engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures. Just as the lamp glows only as long as the wick has the oil and it gets extinguished when the oil is finished. Likewise, the human body remains alive only as long as it has the soul within. The life comes to an end with the departure of the soul and stoppage of breathing.

Jo jan Ram Naam rang raate aur rang na suhaehau!
Kahae Ravidass bhajo re Kripa Nidhi pran gaiye pachhitaehau!!3!!

Those, who are soaked in the maroon colour or deep devotion of God, do not like to pursue futile worldly pleasures akin to other fading temporary colours. Guru Ravidass Ji says that “O merciful God! Kindly bless Your devotee. Without Thy realization my life will be sheer waste and I will have to repent in the end.”

Shabad 37

Prabhu Ji sangat saran tihari! Jag jivan Ram Murari!!Tek!!
Gali gali ko jal beh aayo Sursari jai samayo!
Sangat kae pratap mahatam naam gangodak payo!!1!!
Swati boond barsaen fann upar sis bishae bish hoi!
Bahi boond kae moti nipjae sangat ki adhkai!!2!!
Tum chandan ham irand bapure nikat tumhare basa!
Neech birakh tae oonch bhaye hae tumhari baas shubasa!!3!!

Jat bhi ochhi pat bhi ochha uchha kasab hamara!
Tumhari kripa te oonch bhaye hae kahae Ravidass chamara!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to keep company of sages. Those who keep company of saints, become dignified.

Prabhu Ji sangat saran tihari! Jag jivan Ram Murari!!Tek!!

O revered God! Good persons are at Thy obeisance to have Your glimpse. You are the only one to provide life to every one in this universe.

Gali gali ko jal beh aayo Sursari jai samayo!
Sangat kae pratap mahatam naam gangodak payo!!1!!

When the water from many streams joins the Ganges, then it becomes same as Ganges. This is the greatness of keeping excellent company. People treat some human beings as lowly because of their delusion but even such lowly individuals become one with God through devout meditation of the Lord.

Swati boond barsaen fann upar sis bishae bish hoi!
Bahi boond kae moti nipjae sangat ki adhkai!!2!!

When the Swati raindrop falls on the hood of the snake it becomes poison but when the same Swati raindrop falls in a clam-shell it gets transformed into a pearl. This is the fruit of the company one keeps

Tum chandan ham irand bapure nikat tumhare basa!
Neech birakh tae oonch bhaye hae tumhari baas shubasa!!3!!

O revered Lord! You are esteemed like sandalwood. We human beings are useless like a castor plant. Just as a castor plant growing in close proximity to sandal also displays aroma of sandalwood; likewise O revered Lord! Those who worship Thee with devotion are counted amongst the dignified.

Jat bhi ochhi pat bhi ochha uchha kasab hamara!
Tumhari kripa te oonch bhaye hae kahae Ravidass chamara!!4!!

A human being oblivious of God is lowly in respect of caste, company, deeds and profession. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that the Lord blesses even the downtrodden with mighty greatness and therefore human beings must practice devout meditation of God.

Shabad 38

Pande kaisi pooj rachi re!

Satt bolae soi satvadi jhoothi bat badi re!!Tek!!

Jo abinasi sabka karta viyap rahio sab thaur re!

Panch tatt jin kiya pasara so yon hi kish aur re!!1!!

Tu jo kahaet hau yau hi karta yakoun manikh karae re!

Taran sakat sahi je ya maen tau aapan kiyon na tirae re!!2!!

Anhi bharosae sab jag booda sun pundit ki bat re!

Ya kae daras koon guna shoota sab jag aaya jaat re!!3!!

Ya ki sev sool nahin bhajae katae na sanse pans re!

Soch vichar dekh ya moorat youn shandi Ravidass re!!4!!

In this virtuous hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people, embroiled in futile rituals and illusions, to concentrate on devout meditation of God. Only one who abides by truth and loves humanity is the real truthful person in this universe.

Pande kaisi pooj rachi re!

Satt bolae soi satvadi jhoothi bat badi re!!Tek!!

O learned friend! What sort of worship of the Lord do you preach based on rituals? You proclaim yourself to be always truthful. Truthful is only one who always speaks the truth as telling a lie is an evil.

Jo abinasi sabka karta viyap rahio sab thaur re!

Panch tatt jin kiya pasara so yon hi kish aur re!!1!!

The Lord God is eternal, immortal, omnipotent and omnipresent. God created human beings with five elements i.e. water, air, soil, fire and space and nothing else other than these.

Tu jo kahaet hau yau hi karta yakoun manikh karae re!

Taran sakat sahi je ya maen tau aapan kiyon na tirae re!!2!!

O learned pundit! You claim that this idol of God is the creator of the universe. However idol has been sculpted by man. How can what has been created by man be the creator of universe or God? If we assume that this idol has powers to help one swim across the ocean of this universe then why does it not float itself?

Anhi bharosae sab jag booda sun pundit ki bat re!

Ya kae daras koon guna shoota sab jag aaya jaat re!!3!!

Listening to such sermons based on rituals and illusions and believing the same to be true, the entire humanity is sinking. However tell me any one who has achieved salvation by seeing and worshipping the idol. All living beings are entangled in the cycle of repeated birth and death.

Ya ki sev sool nahin bhajae katae na sanse pans re!

Soch vichar dekh ya moorat youn shandi Ravidass re!!4!!

In the absence of true love and devotion to God, one cannot overcome sufferings or get rid of futile illusions through worship of idols. Guru Ravidass Ji declares that he shuns rituals and superficial worship after careful consideration of these issues.

Raag Jaitsari

Shabad 39

Nath kachhua na janou!!

Man Maya kae hath bikanou!!1!!Rahaao!!

Tum kahiat haun jagat Gur suami!!

Ham kahiat Kalijug ke kami!!1!!

In panchan mero man ju bigariyo!!

Pal pal Har ji te antar pariyo!!2!!

Jat dekhon tatt dukh ki rasi!!

Ajaun na patyayi nigam bhaye sakhi!!3!!

Gautam nari Umapati swami!!

Sis dharan sahas bhag gami!!4!!

In dootan khal badh kar mariyo!

Bado nilaj ajahu nahi hariyo!!5!!

Kahi Ravidass kahan kaise kijae!!

Bin Ragunath saran ka ki lijae!!6!!

While conveying pious preaching to the entire humanity, Satguru Ravidass Ji highlights that human beings remain away from God because of the powerful evil influence of five human vices. Human beings get rid of the influence of these five vices only through devout meditation of God.

Nath kachhua na janou!!

Man Maya kae hath bikanou!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God! I don't know anything as my mind is sold to Maya or worldly pleasures.

Tum kahiat haun jagat Gur suami!!

Ham kahiat Kalijug ke kami!!1!!

O God! Thou are known to be the Lord of the entire universe. We human beings of this world are known as voyeurs of Kaliyug because of the influence of Maya.

In panchan mero man ju bigariyo!!

Pal pal Har ji te antar pariyo!!2!!

These five evil vices have spoilt my mind and I keep moving away from Thee every moment.

Jat dekhon tatt dukh ki rasi!!

Ajaun na patyayi nigam bhaye sakhi!!3!!

I see extreme suffering and misery under the influence of Maya on all sides I look. Even though scriptures declare that this world is full of misery, my mind is oblivious to this truth.

Gautam nari Umapati swami!!

Sis dharan sahas bhag gami!!4!!

Because of the influence of Maya, sage Gautama and his wife Ahalya, Parvati and her husband Shiva and Brahma were overwhelmed by the evil agents of Maya like sex, anger, attachment, greed and false pride etc.

Ahalya, wife of sage Gautama was deceived by Indra and Parvati's husband Shiva was charmed by Mohini created by Maya. Brahma fell in love with his own daughter and he followed her in all directions with a new face. She got fed up and moved towards the sky and when Brahma followed her with his fifth face

towards the sky, Shiva severed Brahma's head. Because of the curse of sage Gautama, Indra suffered the humiliation of having thousands of private parts of woman on his body. All of them suffered because of Maya.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Sarpani te oopar nahi balia!!*

Jin Brahma Bisnu Mahadeo chhalia!! i.e. No one is more powerful than the serpent like Maya that has deceived even Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva.)

In dootan khal badh kar mariyo!

Bado nilaj ajahu nahi hariyo!!5!!

These five agents of Maya have strangled living beings to death. However, living beings are so indifferent that they still cannot keep away from these wicked distractions.

Kahi Ravidass kahan kaise kijae!!

Bin Ragunath saran ka ki lijae!!6!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji asks what should one do and where one should go to be safe from these evils? There is no one other than God to seek shelter i.e. only way to escape the influence of Maya is to take shelter at the sacred feet of God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji explains a way out of Maya's influence as follows:- *Sadhu sangat dio ralai!! Panch doot te lio chhadai!! Kahi Kabir jis udar tis Maya!! Tab chhoote jab sadhu paiya!!* By keeping the sacred company of saints and meditation of God, one can be free of Maya and the five agents of Maya.)

Raag Suhi

Shabad 40

Sah ki saar suhagan janae!! Taj abhiman sukh ralia manae!!

Tan man deyi na antar rakhae!! Avran dekh na sunae abhakhae!!1!!

So kat janae pir paraie!! Ja kae antar dard na paie!!1!!Rahaao!!

Dukhi duhagn dui pakh hini!! Jin nah nirantar bhagti na kini!!

***Pur salat ka panth duhela!! Sang na sathi gavan ikela!!2!!
Dukhia dardvand dar aiya!! Bahut pias jabab na paiya!!
Kahi Ravidass saran Prabh teri !! Jiyo janahu tio kar gat
meri!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj commends human being to be like a good wife married to the God Almighty and enjoy enduring tranquillity during one's scarce human life and thereafter. ***Sah ki saar suhagan janae!! Taj abhiman sukh ralia manae!!***

As only a married woman knows best to take care of her husband and enjoys fully devoid of pride, same way enlightened saints the true friends of God know how best to love the Almighty and enjoy eternal bliss of God having shed their false arrogance.

(Baba Farid Ji says- *Jinha naou suhagani tinha jhak na hor!!* i.e. Those human beings who are known to be wedded or those who have become one with God never cast a glance elsewhere.)

Tan man deyi na antar rakhae!! Avran dekh na sunae abhakhae!!1!!

As a pious married lady never glances at any one except her husband, never listens to futile advice of others, and does not discuss anything evil with anyone, same way sages -the beloveds of God surrender everything including their body and soul to Almighty and never keep any secret from Him. Except their Lord God the Almighty, they don't pay any heed to other deities.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib says- *Tan man dhan grih saup sarir soi suhagan kahae Kabir!!* i.e. Only the one who has surrendered his own body, soul, riches and home to God is really entitled to be known as a blessed wife.)

So kat janae pir paraie!! Ja kae antar dard na paie!!1!!Rahaao!!

Those unfaithful, who have never been in true love with God, can not appreciate the pain and agony of separation from God as suffered by faithful brides or devotees of God. One, who has not endured the pangs of suffering herself, can not understand the woes of others.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Laagi hoi so janiae pir!!* i.e. Only the one who is separated from the adored God knows the pain and agony of such separation.)

(Satguru Ramdas Ji says- *Jis lagie pir piram ki so janae jaria!!* i.e. Only the one who is in true love knows the severity of that pain.)

Dukhi duhagn dui pakh hini!! Jin nah nirantar bhagti na kini!!

As a divorcee suffers the agony of separation both from the side of parents and in-laws, same way a human being bereft of God suffers the anguish of deprivation of eternal pleasures of this life and life thereafter.

Pur salat ka panth duhela!! Sang na sathi gavan ikela!!2!!

The journey after death is extremely tortuous and the soul has to traverse same alone without any other company.

(Baba Farid Ji says- *Vaat hamari khari udinie!!* *Khaniahu tikhi bahut piyinie!!* i.e. The passage to cross this bridge is sharper than a sword and thinner than a hair.)

Dukhia dardvand dar aiya!! Bahut pias jabab na paiya!!

O omniscient God! I am praying for mercy at Thy door with extreme suffering and deep longing for having Thy glimpse. However, I am getting no response and Thou have not granted me a glimpse of Thy self.

Kahi Ravidass saran Prabh teri!! Jiyo janahu tio kar gat meri!!3!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says "O Lord! I am at Thy lotus feet praying for mercy. Kindly grant me eternal salvation as Thou may please."

Shabad 41

***Jo din avahi so din jahi !! Karna kooch rahan thir nahi!!
Sang chalat hae ham bhi chalna!! Door gavan sir upar marna!!1!!***

**Kiya tu soia jaag iyana!! Tae jivan jag sach kar jana!!1!!
Rahaao!!**

**Jin jiyo diya so rijak ambravae!! Sabh ghat bhitar haat
chalavae!!**

Kar bandigi chhad mae mera !! Hirdae naam samhar savera!!2!!

Janam sirano panth na savara!! Sanjh pari dah dis andhiara!!

**Kahi Ravidass nidan divane!! Chetas nahi dunia phan
khane!!3!!**

While emphasizing the perishable nature of this universe, Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious preaching to all human beings to get rid of slumber of ignorance and worship God for brightening the future path for eternal salvation.

Jo din avahi so din jahi !! Karna kooch rahan thir nahi!!

Just as each day ends in night, same way life span of each living being gets reduced every day. Every one has to leave this world and no one is immortal in this universe.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Kiya magaoun kichh thir na rahaie!! Dekhat naen chhalio jag jaaie!!* i.e. O God! What should I ask of Thee because nothing is permanent in this world? This world keeps perishing before my own eyes.)

**Sang chalat hae ham bhi chalna!! Door gavan sir upar
marna!!1!!**

Friends and colleagues of every living being are leaving this mortal world. We too have to go one day leaving this perishable world behind. The forgotten death invariably stares every one in the face.

**Kiya tu soia jaag iyana!! Tae jivan jag sach kar jana!!1!!
Rahaao!!**

O dear! Why are you engulfed in deep slumber of ignorance? You think this worldly life to be true. This world is perishable indeed. Therefore, o brother! Shed your slumber of ignorance and worship God with devotion.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Jaagat sovat bahu prakaar!! Gurmukh jagae soi saar!!* i.e. People of this world sleep and wake up in many different ways. However devotees keep awake in meditation of God and therefore they are superior.)

**Jin jiyo diya so rijak ambravae!! Sabh ghat bhitar haat
chalavae!!**

The God , who is the creator of every living being , also feeds every one. God regulates the functions of all senses in human body.

Kar bandigi chhad mae mera !! Hirdae naam samhar savera!!2!!

O dear! Leave aside false prejudices and pride and become devotee of God. Get up early in the morning and meditate in deep devotion.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Kahat Kabir koie nahi tera!! Hirdae Ram ki na japhi savera!!* i.e. O dear! No one belongs to you in this universe. Why don't you get up early in the morning and devote yourself to meditation of God? Only the devotion to God will be fruitful for you in this human life)

(Satguru Nanak Dev Ji Maharaj says- *Amrit vela sach naou vadiayie vichar!!* i.e. Get up early in the morning and sing paeans in sacred worship of God.)

Janam sirano panth na savara!! Sanjh pari dah dis andhiara!!

O dear! Your scarce human life is getting wasted for nothing. You have not enlightened yourself through deep devotion and meditation of God. As darkness descends all over after sunset, same way when death comes knocking, all the five functional and five sense organs of body suddenly stop functioning. You will not be in a position to worship God at that time.

**Kahi Ravidass nidan divane!! Chetas nahi dunia phan
khane!!3!!2!!**

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O mad man! Your end is nearing and even then you never realize that this world is perishable. Therefore O brother! You must worship God with deep devotion that will be helpful to you now during this life and life thereafter.”

Shabad 42

Ooche mandar sal rasoi!! Ek ghari phun rahan na hoi!!1!!

**Ih tan aisa jaise ghas ki tati!! Jal gaiyo ghas ral gaiyo
mati!!1!!Rahaao!!**

Bhai bandh kutamb sahera!! Oy bhi lage kadh savera!!2!!
Ghar ki naar urah tan lagi!! Uh tou bhoot bhoot kar bhagi!!
Kahi Ravidass sabhae jag lootiya!! Ham tou ek Ram kahi
chhootiya!!4!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj highlights the perishable nature of human body and that human beings waste their precious human lives in pursuit of worldly pleasures oblivious of God. Therefore, Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches all human beings to devote their lives to meditation of God and get rid of worldly attachments.

Ooche mandar sal rasoi!! Ek ghari phun rahan na hoi!!1!!

O dear! You remain busy building beautiful palaces with elegant kitchens. However, when the end comes, you will not be able to stay in these palaces even for a moment.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Aaie talab Gopal rai ki maya mandir chhod chaliyo!!* i.e. When God sends for you then you have no choice but to go leaving aside all riches and palaces.)

(Baba Farid Ji says- *Farida kothe mandap marian usarde vi gaiye!! Koora sauda kar gaiye gori aaye paiye!!* i.e. Human beings keep constructing houses, palaces and buildings and every one surely leaves this world one day. They die trading in futile goods throughout the life and end up in the burial ground ultimately.)

Ih tan aisa jaise ghas ki tati!! Jal gaiyo ghas ral gaiyo mati!!1!!Rahaao!!

O dear! Your body is like a hut of grasses. Just as the grass becomes ash after burning, your body too will get absorbed into dust after death.

Bhai bandh kutamb sahera!! Oy bhi lage kadh savera!!2!!

O human being! All those whom you consider to be your own like members of your family and friends, same people will hurry up taking you out of your house early in the morning after your death i.e. they get busy to complete your final rites quickly.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Ghat phoote kouoo baat na poochhae kadahu kadahu hoie!!* i.e. When one dies, nobody

cares and every one commends to hurry up with final rites.)
Ghar ki naar urah tan lagi!! Uh tou bhoot bhoot kar bhagi!!

One's own wife who is always very close to one's heart too runs away describing husband's dead body as a ghost.

Kahi Ravidass sabhae jag lootiya!! Ham tou ek Ram kahi chhootiya!!4!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says- every one in this world is getting robbed under the influence of Maya. However, I am free of the worldly attachments because of my devoted meditation of God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Ham dekhat jin sab jag lootiya!! Kahu Kabir mae Ram kah chhootiya!!* i.e. We all see every one in this world getting robbed by Maya. I am free of the bonds of Maya because of my devotion to God. Any living being who worships God with dedicated devotion gets rid of the influence of Maya and becomes one with God.)

Raag Suhi Chaupada

Shabad 43

Dukhiari dukhiara jag mahin, man jap lae Ram piara re!!Tek!!
Garh kancha taskar tih laga, toon kahe na jaag abhaga re!!
Naen ughar na pekhiyo toone, manush janam kih lekha re!!
Paoun pasar kimi soi pario, taen janam akarath khoia re!!
Jan Ravidass Ram nit bhentahi, rahi sanjam jagit pehra re!!1!!

In this sacred hymn, Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches all human beings to worship God, who ends all miseries, with true devotion.

Dukhiari dukhiara jag mahin, man jap lae Ram piara re!!Tek!!

Human being suffers in this world sans God's Naam. Therefore O mind! You should worship dear God with utmost devotion.

Garh kancha taskar tih laga, toon kahe na jaag abhaga re!!

Your body is akin to a non durable mud fort and death will snatch it away in due course. O unlucky man! Why don't you

wake up from slumber of ignorance and practice devout meditation of God?

Naen ughar na pekhiyo toone, manush janam kih lekha re!!

You never open your eyes to ponder over your deeds of this human birth and visualize that you shall be held accountable for the same.

Paoun pasar kimi soi pario, taen janam akarath khoia re!!

You keep sleeping stretching your legs and oblivious of God. You are wasting your rare and precious human life in vain.

Jan Ravidass Ram nit bhentahi, rahi sanjam jagit pehra re!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “O human being! You must practice devout meditation of God regularly every day and make efforts to realize enlightenment through exercising control over your body and mind”.

Raag Bilawal

Shabad 44

Darid dekh sabh ko hasae aisi dasa hamari!!

Asat dasa sidhi kar talae sabh kripa tumari!!1!!

Tu janat mae kichh nahi bhav khandan Ram!!

Sagal jia sarnagati Prabh pooran kaam!!1!!Rahaao!!

Jo teri sarnagata tin nahi bhar!!

Ooch neech tum te tare aalaj sansar!!2!!

Kahi Ravidass akath katha bahu kayi karijae!!

Jaisa tu taisa tuhi kiya upma dijae!!3!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains anti humanity situation of his era and preaches to all human beings that anyone who is devoted to God irrespective of his lower or upper caste, achieves all of his pious goals when he surrenders to God with dedicated devotion.

Daridu dekhi sabh ko hasae aisi dasa hamari!!

Asat dasa sidhi kar talae sabh kripa tumari!!

O God! The community in which I have taken birth has been deprived of human rights. Every one ridicules our poverty and pitiable condition. However, O God! Thanks to Thy worship, all the eighteen supernatural powers are now under my command.

This is the result of Thy blessings only.

Tu janat mae kichh nahi bhav khandan Ram!!

Sagal jia sarnagati Prabh pooran kaam!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God the reliever of cycle of birth and death! I am ignorant but Thou are omniscient. All of the good wishes of those who are devoted to Thee get surely fulfilled.

Jo teri sarnagata tin nahi bhar!!

Ooch neech tum te tare aalaj sansar!!2!!

O God! Any one, who surrenders to Thee, does not suffer any misery or burden of his deeds. Having secured Thy shelter and patronage, all living beings cross over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe irrespective of being rich or poor and of high or low caste.

Kahi Ravidass akath katha bahu kayi karijae!!

Jaisa tu taisa tuhi kiya upma dijae!!3!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “O God! Thy legend is beyond description. Hence there is no need for telling many stories. What praise this human being can shower on Thee? Thou are only Thee. There is none comparable to Thee.”

(Satguru Kabir Ji says – *Sahaj ki akath katha hae nirari!!* i.e. Legend of divine God is unique and beyond description.)

Shabad 45

Jih kul sadh baisno hoi!!

Baran abaran rank nahi isur bimal baas janiae jag soi!!1!!Rahaao!!

Brahman baes sood ar khatri dom chandar maresh man soi!!

Hoi puneet Bhagwant bhajan te aap tari tare kul doi!!1!!

Dhan so gaon dhan so thaon dhan puneet kutamb sabh loi!!

Jin piya sar ras taje aan ras hoi ras magan dare bikh khoi!!2!!
Pundit soor chhatarpati raja bhagti brabar aur na koi!!
Jaise puraen paat rahae jal sameep bhan Ravidass janame jag
oei!!3!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji delivers sacred sermon that the clan, that has saints devoted to God, is considered as a superior one irrespective of the ancestry. No one including an extremely learned person, a world conqueror or king ruling over the whole world, can ever be equal to a true devotee of God.

Jih kul sadh baisno hoi!!

Baran abaran rank nahi isur bimal baas janiae jag
soi!!1!!Rahaao!!

Any one from a race having a saint devoted to worship of God, can never be poor irrespective of whether he hails from within a brahmin or learned, kshatriya or warrior, trader and backwards community or otherwise. He is indeed blessed by God and his pious aroma is felt all over the world.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says- *Kabir soi kul bhali ja kul Har ko dass!!* i.e. Only that community is pious in which a devotee of God is born to worship Almighty.)

Brahman baes sood ar khatri dom chandar malesh man soi!!

Hoi puneet Bhagwant bhajan te aap tari tare kul doi!!1!!

Any person, irrespective of his association with tasks assigned to a brahmin, kshatriya, trader or any backwards community, would certainly become pious through deep devotion and meditation of God. He surely attains salvation and helps infinite number of persons from his maternal and paternal lineage to get over the bonds of birth and death through meditation of God.

Dhan so gaon dhan so thaon dhan puneet kutamb sabh loi!!

Blessed are the village, the place and the family where saints are born.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji Maharaj says that – *Athsath tirath jeh sadh pag dharhi!!Teh baikunth jeh Naam uchrahi!!* i.e. Any place visited by saints offers the pious benefits of visit to sixty-eight sacred places of pilgrimage and the spot where saints meditate with devotion becomes abode of God.)

Jin piya sar ras taje aan ras hoi ras magan dare bikh khoi!!2!!

Those who savour the nectar of worship of God abandon pursuit of other worldly pleasures. They forsake poison like worldly pleasures and always remain busy savouring amrit like nectar of God's worship.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – *Ram Naam chhad amrit kahe bikh khaie!!* i.e. Why do people pursue worldly pleasures akin to sweet poison ignoring amrit like nectar of worship of God?)

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji Says - *Har ras peevat sad hi raata!!* *Aan rasa khin mahi lahi jaata!!* i.e. Any one, who gets soaked in amrit of meditation of God, easily gets rid of false worldly pleasures instantly.)

Pundit soor chhatarpati raja bhagti brabar aur na koi!!

None in this world including most learned person, greatest warrior or sovereign king and any one else can ever be equal to a true devotee of God.

Jaise puraen paat rahae jal sameep bhan Ravidass janame
jag oei!!3!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that just like the hydrophyte plant “*Puraen*” thrives near water without being adversely affected by it, same way even though saints live in this mortal world, they have no attachment to any worldly pleasures.

Shabad 46

Ka toon sovae jaag divana! Jhootha jivan sanch kar jana !!Tek!!

Jo din aavae so dukh me jahi! Kijae kooch rahio sach nahi!!

Sang chhalio hae ham bhi chalna! Dour gavan sir upar
marna!!1!!

Jo kashu boya luniye soie! Ta me fer far nahin hoie!!

Shadiye koor bhajo Har charna! Ta ko mitae janam ar
marna!!2!!

Jin jiou diya so rijak amrhavae! Ghat-ghat bhitara rahat
chalavae!!

***Kar bandagi chhad maen mera! Hirdae Karim sambhar
savera!!3!!***

Aage panth khara hae jhina! Khandae dhar jaisa hae paena!!

Jis upar marg hae tera! Panthi panth sanvar savera!!4!!

Kia taen kharcha kia tae khaya! Chal darhal diban bulaya!!

Sahib to pae lekha lesi! Bhir pariya toon bhar bhar desi!!5!!

***Janam sirana kia pasara sanvara! Sanjh pari chahun dis
andhiara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass nidan divana! Ajhun na chetae duni
fandkhana!!6!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji describes the fragile nature of this universe and conveys his pious sermon of detachment. He advises human beings to wake up from slumber of ignorance and strive for realization of God through His devout meditation.

Ka toon sovae jaag divana! Jhootha jivan sanch kar jana !!Tek!!

O dear! Why do you remain under deep slumber of ignorance in this world? You have taken this perishable life to be true. In fact this world is fragile. O dear! Therefore wake up from the sleep of ignorance and bear God in mind.

Jo din aavae so dukh me jahi! Kijae kooch rahio sach nahi!!

***Sang chalion hae ham bhi chalna! Dour gavan sir upar
marna!!1!!***

Every day is lost in pain and suffering. All living beings have to leave this world one day. No living being is immortal in this universe. Friends and colleagues are constantly leaving this world. We too will part from this world one day. One considers death to be far away but in reality it is all the time hovering around one's head.

Jo kashu boya luniye soie! Ta me fer far nahin hoie!!

***Shadiye koor bhajo Har charna! Ta ko mitae janam ar
marna!!2!!***

O dear! You will reap what you sow and you will be held accountable for your deeds. There will be no leniency or adjustment for same. O brother! Abandon pursuit of futile pleasures and surrender yourself at God's lotus feet so as to get rid of repeated cycles of birth and death.

***Jin jiou diya so rijak amrhavae! Ghat-ghat bhitar rahat
chalavae!!***

***Kar bandagi chhad maen mera! Hirdae Karim sambhar
savera!!3!!***

The creator God also provides for every one's sustenance. God regulates functioning of body and mind of all living beings. O human beings! Cast aside your futile ego and proud possessions; get up early in the morning and devote yourselves to true meditation of God.

Aage panth khara hae jhina! Khandae dhar jaisa hae paena!!

Jis upar marg hae tera! Panthi panth sanvar savera!!4!!

Your journey to the unknown world after death is extremely difficult like treading on the edge of a razor sharp sword. O dear brother! Therefore you must prepare yourself well for this arduous journey through regular devout meditation of God early in the morning everyday.

Kia taen kharcha kia tae khaya! Chal darhal diban bulaya!!

Sahib to pae lekha lesi! Bhir pariya toon bhar bhar desi!!5!!

O brother! What did you spend and savour in this world since birth. Dharmaraj, the deity of death will question you in his court about your deeds and God will hold you accountable for same at that time. Then you, sans meditation of God's Naam, will be answerable and punished for your misdeeds.

***Janam sirana kia pasara sanvara! Sanjh pari chahun dis
andhiara!!***

***Kahi Ravidass nidan divana! Ajhun na chetae duni
fandkhana!!6!!***

O dear! You are wasting your precious human life. You have not devoted yourself to meditation and realization of God. Just as darkness descends all around after sunset, likewise when death akin to night strikes, all of the organs and senses of the body stop functioning abruptly. You will have no time then to remember God and worship Him.

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji warns "O stupid man! Even now you do not realize that this world is perishable? O dear

brother! Therefore you must devote yourself to meditation and true love for God who helps His devotees in both worlds i.e. during their lives in this world and thereafter.”

Shabad 47

Khalik sikasta mae tera! De didar umedgar bekarar jiou mera!!Tek!!

Aval aakhir ilah aadim mauj farista banda!

Jis ki panah peer paegambar maen garib kia ganda!!1!!

Toon haajra hajoora jog ik avar nahin dooja!

Jiske isk aasra nahin kia nivaj kia pooja!!2!!

Nalidoz hanoj bebhakhat kami khidmatgar tumhara!

Darmanda dar jawab na pavae kahi Ravidass bichara!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings that oblivious of God any amount of rituals and worship are futile. One cannot realize God and salvation without abiding devotion and complete surrender at the lotus feet of God.

Khalik sikasta mae tera! De didar umedgar bekarar jiou mera!!Tek!!

O God! I surrender to Thee and yet I feel separated in the absence of Thy eternal sight. O revered God! Kindly bless me with Thy revelation. My mind is restless to have a glimpse of Thee.

Aval aakhir ilah aadim mauj farista banda!

Jis ki panah peer paegambar maen garib kia ganda!!1!!

O God! You are manifest in each particle all over the universe since beginning to end. O God! Only the one who meditates and worships You with devotion is a blessed human being. O God! Even the saints and enlightened ones too pay obeisance at Your feet. Then how can a poor person like me be away from Your shelter and blessings?

Toon haajra hajoora jog ik avar nahin dooja!

Jiske isk aasra nahin kia nivaj kia pooja!!2!!

O God! You are omnipresent and manifest throughout the universe. There is no one like You. O God! If any one does not

seek blessings of Your true love then all of the ritualistic prayers and worship are futile and in vain.

Nalidoz hanoj bebhakhat kami khidmatgar tumhara!

Darmanda dar jawab na pavae kahi Ravidass bichara!!3!!

O God! Any human being oblivious of You endures sufferings like a larva in a dirty drain. How can he then be Your true devotee? Guru Ravidass Ji prays “O revered God! In the absence of Your glimpse and revelation, the pathetic human being suffers immensely”

Shabad 48

Jo mohi bedan kasni aakhoun, Har bin jivan kaise kar rakho!!Tek!!

Jeev tarsae ik dang basera karhu sambhal tum sirjan mera!!

Birha tapae tan adhik jaravae nind na aavae bhojan na bhavae!!1!!

Sakhi saheli garab gaheli piyou ki baat na sunahu saheli!!

Maen re duhagan adhikar jani gaiyo so joban sadh na mani!!2!!

Toon dana saien sahib mera khidmatgar banda maen tera!!

Kahae Ravidass andesa yehi bin darsan kioun jivahi sanehi!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji describes the state of true love for God in this hymn. O God! Thy devotee can not live without realizing Thee. He lives only in the hope of being blessed with complete realization of Thee.

Jo mohi bedan kasni aakhoun, Har bin jivan kaise kar rakho!!Tek!!

O dear brother! I have intense pain of separation from God within my mind and that is beyond description. How can I lead my life without God?

Jeev tarsae ik dang basera karhu sambhal tum sirjan mera!!

Birha tapae tan adhik jaravae nind na aavae bhojan na bhavae!!1!!

O revered Lord! I have intense longing for Thy blessings. Kindly take pity on me and bless me with Thy eternal sight. O

God! My mind and body suffer intense pain and agony when deprived of Thy perpetual revelation. Because of that I can neither sleep nor relish any food.

Sakhi saheli garab gaheli piyou ki baat na sunahu saheli!!

Maen re duhagan adhikar jani gaiyo so joban sadh na mani!!2!!

O dear friend and human bride! As long as you are obsessed with futile ego, you never listen to your spouse Almighty God. I treat those human beings as cursed who ignore their Lord and waste their prime human lives oblivious of God. They do not follow the preaching and path shown by saints.

Toon dana saien sahib mera khidmatgar banda maen tera!!

Kahae Ravidass andesa yehi bin darsan kioun jivahi sanehi!!3!!

O omniscient God! You are my Lord and I am Thy profound devotee and very humble servant. Guru Ravidass Ji says “O respected God! How can Thy devotee survive without Thy eternal sight? I can not live without Thy perpetual revelation.”

Shabad 49

Ta thaen patit nahi ko pavan Har taj aan na dhiayia re!!

Ham apooj pooj bhaye Har thae Naam anoopam gayia re!!Tek!!

Astadas buyakaran bakhanae re teen kaal khat jita re!!

Prem bhagti antar gat nahin ta te dhanuk nika re!!1!!

Ta thae bhalo svan ko satr Har charan na chit layia re!!

Mouan mukti baekunth basa jivat ihan jas payia re!!2!!

Ham apradhi neech ghar janamen kutamb lok karae hansire!!

Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna katae janam ki pasi re!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches through this pious hymn that devout meditation of God purifies sinners. A devotee dedicated to true worship of God secures a respected status in the world for himself in due course. Through abiding love, meditation and surrender at the lotus feet of God, one attains eternal salvation during one’s lifetime itself.

Ta thaen patit nahi ko pavan Har taj aan na dhiayia re!!
Ham apooj pooj bhaye Har thae Naam anoopam gayia re!!Tek!!

There is no one like God for purification and deliverance of the sinners and hence why should we worship anyone except the one Almighty God? “O dear brethren! I was unworthy of any respect but people now hold me in high esteem and reverence because of my devout love and meditation of God. O dear brother! Therefore eulogize and glorify the Naam of unique Almighty God.

Astadas buyakaran bakhanae re teen kaal khat jita re!!

Prem bhagti antar gat nahin ta te dhanuk nika re!!1!!

Study of the eighteen grammars reveals that one, who truly worships God, is beyond the influence of three phases of time i.e. past, present and future and he does not have to be accountable for six types of human conduct. Any one, who is devoid of staunch devotion to God, is assigned a low status.

Ta thae bhalo svan ko satr Har charan na chit layia re!!

Mouan mukti baekunth basa jivat ihan jas payia re!!2!!

Any person, who has subjugated the lust for riches akin to a dog, connects his mind with the lotus feet of God, is truly great. Such human being, who dies while living overpowering his ego, lives in eternal tranquillity during his life time and he is eulogised every where.

Ham apradhi neech ghar janamen kutamb lok karae hansire!!

Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna katae janam ki pasi re!!3!!

Ignorant persons treat me as a criminal hailing from a low caste and downtrodden community and they make fun of me. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to shun all forms of discrimination and worship God with dedicated devotion so as to get rid of the noose of repeated cycles of birth and death.

Shabad 50

*Aisa hi Har kion paivo, man chanchal re bhai!
Chapal bhaio chahundis dhavai, rakhiyo rahai!!Tek!!
Maen meri shootai nahin kabhun, maen mamta madu beedhio!
Lobh moh mahi rahio rujhanau, nit vishia ras reejhio!!1!!
Dumm koh moh Maya bas, kapat koor houn bandhaio!
Kaam lubdh kau bas pario, kulkaan shanrh bikaio!!2!!
Shapa tilak shapau nahin sobhai, jaun laun Keso nahin gaio!
Sanjam rahio na Har houn simario, birtha bharmio roo
bharmaio!!3!!
Anik kautak kala kashae kashe, batur sang dikhavo!
Moorikh aapan aap samujhi nahin, auran ka samujhavo!!4!!
Aas karae baekunth gavan kou, chal man kabhou na thirao!
Jaun laun man vas nahin hountau, tau lag sabh juthario!!5!!
Kapat kia reejhai nahin Kesau, jag karta nahin kancha!
Kahi Ravidass bhajau Har Madhau, sevag hovae man
sancha!!6!!*

In this virtuous hymn, Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys pious sermon to human beings to shun arrogance and worship God with devotion.

*Aisa hi Har kion paivo, man chanchal re bhai!
Chapal bhaio chahundis dhavai, rakhiyo rahai!!Tek!!*

O dear brother! You can not realize God as long as your mind is unstable. No one except God will protect you even if you seek help from every one around.

*Maen meri shootai nahin kabhun, maen mamta madu beedhio!
Lobh moh mahi rahio rujhanau, nit vishia ras reejhio!!1!!*

Your mind is never free of arrogance and futile pride and it is captivated by attachment and egotism. Human mind is entangled in greed and attachment and remains preoccupied with lust and worldly pleasures all the time.

*Dumm koh moh Maya bas, kapat koor houn bandhaio!
Kaam lubdh kau bas pario, kulkaan shanrh bikaio!!2!!*

Human being is under strong influence of Maya and deeply involved in cunning and futile evil pursuits. Being a prisoner of lust

for sex, he has sold out his conscience ignoring all healthy family traditions.

*Shapa tilak shapau nahin sobhai, jaun laun Keso nahin gaio!
Sanjam rahio na Har houn simario, birtha bharmio roo
bharmaio!!3!!*

External bodily decorations and supporting symbols on the forehead don't look nice sans devout worship of God. Human being does not control his ambitions and he does not devote himself to devout meditation of God. He is wasting his precious human life in illusions.

*Anik kautak kala kashae kashe, batur sang dikhavo!
Moorikh aapan aap samujhi nahin, auran ka samujhavo!!4!!*

Human being indulges in several gimmicks and showmanship of conceit. His foolish mind does not comprehend truth and can not convince others about reality.

*Aas karae baekunth gavan kou, chal man kabhou na thirao!
Jaun laun man vas nahin hountau, tau lag sabh juthario!!5!!*

Human being hopes to make heaven his abode but his mind is most unstable. Until he is able to exercise control over his mind, every thing is futile till then.

*Kapat kia reejhai nahin Kesau, jag karta nahin kancha!
Kahi Ravidass bhajau Har Madhau, sevag hovae man
sancha!!6!!*

One cannot please God with deceit as the creator of the universe is omniscient and knows what transpires in every one's mind. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one's mind gets purified with devout meditation of God.

Shabad 51

*Ka gaoun kashu gai na hoi, gaoun roop sahjae soi!!Tek!!
Nahin akas nahin dhar dharni, pavan pur ghat chanda!
Nahin ab Ram Krisan gun bhai bolat hae sush shanda!!1!!
Nahin ab ved kateb puranan, suni sahij re bhai!
Nahin ab maen taen, taen maen nahin, ka sion kahon
bataie!!2!!*

Bhanae Ravidass ka kahi gaoun, gayin gayi harana!
Samujh bichar bol kahan ghaun, apahi aap samana!!3!!

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches all human beings to concentrate with single minded concentration on devout meditation of God.

Ka gaoun kashu gai na hoi, gaoun roop sahjae soi!!Tek!!
What glory of God can I chant? His divine virtues are beyond description. One, who sings His paeans with devotion, attains the stage of eternal tranquillity effortlessly.

Nahin akas nahin dhar dharni, pavan pur ghat chanda!
Nahin ab Ram Krisan gun bhai bolat hae sush shanda!!1!!

The Almighty God is not only space, earth, air or the moon. The God is all pervading and omnipresent. I do not sing paeans of either Ram or Krishna and I say this truthfully.

Nahin ab ved kateb puranan, suni sahij re bhai!
Nahin ab maen taen, taen maen nahin, ka sion kahon bataie!!2!!

O dear brother! I don't need to study Vedas, Puranas and other scriptures. I have realized the true ecstasy after reaching the stage of eternal tranquillity of God. Now the distinction between you and me has vanished. With whom should I confide this truth?

Bhanae Ravidass ka kahi gaoun, gayin gayi harana!
Samujh bichar bol kahan ghaun, apahi aap samana!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says "What glory of God can I sing now? He has infinite virtues. One gets tired singing his paeans. Human being can not comprehend the glory of God and describe His greatness consciously. One gets amalgamated with God through singing His glory with truthful devotion."

Shabad 52

Ab ka kahi kaun bataoun!
Ab ka kahi debali dev samaoun!!Tek!!
Ka sioun Ram kahaun sun bhai, ka sioun Krisan Karima!
Ka sioun baid kataib kahoun ab, ka sioun kahoun laieo lina!!1!!

Ka sioun tap tirath barat pooja, ka sioun naoun kahaoun!
Ka sioun bhist dojig na satt kar, ka sioun kahoun kahaie!!2!!

Ka sioun jeev siv kahaun sadhau, sunn sahaj ghar bhai!!
Ka sioun guni na gun kahoun Madhau, ka sioun kahoun bataie!!3!!

Jal ke tarang jal manhi samaie, kahi ka kau nanv dharaiaie!
Aese ek roop maen Madho, apan hi nirvariaie!!4!!
Bhanae Ravidass ab ka kahi gaoun, jou koi aurahi hoie!
Ja sioun gaiaie gai kahat haen, param roop ham soie!!5!!

Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious preaching to human beings through this hymn to sing paeans of God.

Ab ka kahi kaun bataoun! Ab ka kahi debali dev samaoun!!Tek!!

With what words should I sing glory of God? In what deity or goddess should I get amalgamated leaving aside the Almighty God?

Ka sioun Ram kahaun sun bhai, ka sioun Krisan Karima!
Ka sioun baid kataib kahoun ab, ka sioun kahoun laieo lina!!1!!

O dear brother! To whom should I address as Ram, Krishna or Kareem except the all pervading God? What holy books or Vedas should I study and with whom should I get amalgamated leaving aside devout meditation of God?

Ka sioun tap tirath barat pooja, ka sioun naoun kahaoun!
Ka sioun bhist dojigu na satt kar, ka sioun kahoun kahaie!!2!!

What penance can I perform leaving aside God, at which holy places should I take bath and what sort of fasting and worship should I perform? With what name should I address Him except God? Because of devout meditation of God, I do not accept the existence of heaven and hell as true and I don't make any declaration based on what others may say.

Ka sioun jeev siv kahaun sadhau, sunn sahaj ghar bhai!!
Ka sioun guni na gun kahoun Madhau, ka sioun kahoun bataie!!3!!

O revered sages! Which living being should I deem as my saviour except you? O dear brother! One can realize God only

after reaching the stage of permanent eternal serenity. O revered God! Kindly advise me whom should I consider as learned one except Thee?

Jal ke tarang jal manhi samaie, kahi ka kau nanv dharaiae!

Aese ek roop maen Madho, apan hi nirvariae!!4!!

Waves originate from water and get absorbed in water. Likewise, every living being has his origin in God and he gets amalgamated with the Almighty ultimately. Then what name should be ascribed to it? O revered God! Human being becomes indistinguishable from Thee after Thy devout worship. You are always very merciful and kind to all.

Bhanae Ravidass ab ka kahi gaoun, jou koi aurahi hoie!

Ja sioun gaiae gai kahat haen, param roop ham soie!!5!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says “Whose glory should I sing now because there is none other than God? Who should I ask to sing His paeans as I have become one with God after His devout meditation?”

Shabad 53

Khojat kithoon firae, tere ghat mahi Sirjanhar!!Tek!!

Kastoori mirg pas hae re, dhoondat ghas firae!

Pashae lago Kal pardhi, shin mahin pran harae!!1!!

Irha Pingla Sukhmana narhi, ja mae chit na dharae!!

Sahastar mahin Bhanvar Gufa hae, bhanvra goonj karae!!2!!

Dil dariyav hira lal hae gurmukh samajh parae!!

Marji va ki sain vicharae, tou hira hath parae!!3!!

Kahi Ravidass samujh re santo, ih pad hae nirvan!

Ih rahas koi khojae boojhae, soou hae sant sujan!!4!!

Through this virtuous hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious preaching to human beings of the world to strive for realization of eternal serenity through relentless search for God within by absolute focus of the conscience in the forehead region.

Khojat kithoon firae, tere ghat mahi Sirjanhar!!Tek!!

O dear human being! Why do you keep searching for God every where outside? The Creator God is always present within you.

Kastoori mirg pas hae re, dhoondat ghas firae!

Pashae lago Kal pardhi, shin mahin pran harae!!1!!

The musk is present inside the naval region of the abdomen of the musk deer but he keeps searching for it outside in the grass. Likewise God is manifest within you but you keep looking for Him all over outside. However, death in the form of messenger of death is always following you closely. It is in your hot pursuit and you will be dead in no time at the reckoned moment in the end.

Irha Pingla Sukhmana narhi, ja mae chit na dharae!!

Sahastar mahin Bhanvar Gufa hae, bhanvra goonj karae!!2!!

O dear! You do not worship Almighty with devotion to comprehend God in your mind by focussing your conscience in the region of confluence of the three arteries Irha, Pingla and Sukhmana. There is “Bhanvargufa” inside the “Sahansdal Kamal” within you where God’s Naam reverberates eternally.

Dil dariyav hira lal hae gurmukh samajh parae!!

Marji va ki sain vicharae, tou hira hath parae!!3!!

In this “Bhanvargufa” lies your mind that is vast like a river. A priceless gem in the form of God’s Naam is manifest there but only one who devotedly follows the teachings of Guru – the master, can comprehend same. One, who follows scrupulously the path shown by the Guru and contemplates God’s Naam with devotion, secures that inestimable gem.

Kahi Ravidass samujh re santo, ih pad hae nirvan!

Ih rahas koi khojae boojhae, soou hae sant sujan!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “O revered sages! Devout meditation of God, as explained, is the ultimate stage of eternal tranquillity. One who is successful in comprehending the mystery of God manifest within is indeed the real perfect saint.”

Shabad 54

Santo kul pakhi bhagti hvaesi Kaliyug me, nipakh birla nivhaesi!

Jaan pishan harish man hulsae, bin pishan milat murjhasi!!1!!

Apsvarath parmadh dadhyade, parmarath na dirhasi!

Bin bisvas banjh sut jaysae, Har karani kion rasi!!2!!

Bhav bhagti hirdae nahi aasi, vishae lagi sukh pasi!

Kahi Ravidass poora Gur pavae, svang ki svang dukhasi!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji conveys his pious sermon to all human beings to shun external, ritualistic, partisan and exhibitionistic worship and practice devout meditation of God whole-heartedly that springs from the sacred communion with a perfect Guru.

Santo kul pakhi bhagti hvaesi Kaliyug me, nipakh birla nivhaesi!

Jaan pishan harish man hulsae, bin pishan milat murjhasi!!1!!

O revered saints! People exhibit superficial worship for meeting their own selfish motives during the Kaliyug. However, only very rare individuals perform devout and true meditation of God. With the true and devoted worship of God, one stays in eternal ecstasy and intense delight. In the absence of complete comprehension of God, human being suffers agony and dissipates because of jealousy.

Apsvarath parmadh dadhyade, parmarath na dirhasi!

Bin bisvas banjh sut jaysae, Har karani kion rasi!!2!!

Who so ever practices superficial ritualistic and exhibitionistic worship with his own selfish motives uppermost in mind suffers intense pain and agony all the time and he can never realize Almighty God's Naam. Just as a sterile woman can never be certain of bearing a child, same way any one devoid of devout meditation of God can never contemplate to cross over Bhavsagar the vast fathomless ocean like universe.

Bhav bhagti hirdae nahi aasi, vishae lagi sukh pasi!

Kahi Ravidass poora Gur pavae, svang ki svang dukhasi!!3!!

Mind of any human being, oblivious of God, does not have any longing for true love of the Almighty God because of his obsession with seeking gratification in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures. Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one should seek shelter at the lotus feet of a perfect Guru. Otherwise, one suffers pain and agony because of selfish and futile ritualistic worship.

Shabad 55

Pande! Har vich antar dadha!

Mund mundavae seva pooja bhram ka bandhan gadha!! Tek!!

Mala tilak manohar banon lago jam ki pasi!!

Jo Har seti jorhayo chaho to jag so raho udasi!!1!!

Bhukh na bhajae trisna na jaie kaho kaun kavan gun hoie!!

Jo dadhi me kanji ko javan to ghrit na kadhae koie!!2!!

Karni kathni gian achara bhagti inhu so nayari!!

Doi ghora chadhi kou na pahunchau Satguru kahae pukari!!3!!

Jo dasa tan kiyo chaho aas bhagti ki hoie!!

To nirmal sang magan havae nacho laj saram sab khoie!!4!!

Koi dadhau kaie sidhau sachau koor nit marya!!

Kahi Ravida hau na kahat hau yokadasah pukariya!!5!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious sermon to human beings steeped in arrogance that "Human being devoid of true devotion to God remains entangled in ignorance. One soaked in true meditation of God's Naam remains detached while living in this world. All ignorance vanishes when mind is full of true love and devotion to God."

Pande! Har vich antar dadha!

Mund mundavae seva pooja bhram ka bandhan gadha!! Tek!!

O learned friend preoccupied with rituals! There is vast difference in ritualistic worship and truly devoted meditation of God. One devoid of true love for God remains entangled in ignorance despite ritualistic worship after shaving his head.

Mala tilak manohar banon lago jam ki pasi!!

Jo Har seti jorhayo chaho to jag so raho udasi!!1!!

Devoid of true love for God, ritualistic practices like adoring

rosary around neck, wearing attractive clothes and applying sandal paste on forehead only lead one to the noose of messengers of death. O dear brother! If you want to establish a relationship of true love with God, then you must live detached from futile worldly pleasures.

Bhukh na bhajae trisna na jaie kaho kaun kavan gun hoie!!
Jo dadhi me kanji ko javan to ghrir na kadhae koie!!2!!

O dear brother! You can not get rid of your greed and longings without true meditation of God's Naam. O dear! Therefore you should yourself tell what is the virtue of such arrogance? If one uses carrot extract to turn milk into curd, then how will he separate fat from milk? He cannot get fat out of milk.

Karni kathni gian achara bhagti inhu so nayari!!
Doi ghora chadhi kou na pahunchau Satguru kahae pukari!!3!!

O dear brother! Your deeds and thoughts, knowledge and behaviour are contrary to truly devout meditation because of your arrogance. However, true devotion to God is different from egotism. Just as no one can reach his destination riding on two horses simultaneously; true masters have cautioned human beings that they cannot adhere to arrogance and true devotion to God at the same time.

Jo dasa tan kiyo chaho aas bhagti ki hoie!!
To nirmal sang magan havae nacho laj saram sab khoie!!4!!

True love and devotion to God also spring in the mind of anyone who cultivates humility in his mind. Thereafter one remains engrossed in pious Naam of God. Having soaked oneself with true Naam of God, he shuns everything else including futile worldly Maya, false shyness and timidity.

Koi dadhau kaie sidhau sachau koor nit marya!!
Kahi Ravida hau na kahat hau yokadasah pukariya!!5!!1

Guru Ravidass Ji says that 'Those who believe in rituals also preach others to practice similar rites. However I am saying aloud to every one that advent of true love and devotion to God in one's mind shall banish all ignorance. Devout meditation of God certainly overcomes all ignorance.'

Shabad 56

Man mero thir na rahaie, kot kautik kar dikhravae, it ut jag mahin dhaie!! Tek!!
Maya mamta moh laptano, din din urjhat jaie!
Suan puchh kabhu hoi na soudho kijahu lakh upaie!!
Guru ko gian prem ki santi, kubudh kukaram shurhaie!!
Kahi Ravidass man thir haesvi, chal sab sharh Gur sarnaie!!1!!

In this hymn, Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advises human beings to shun external rituals, surrender at the lotus feet of perfect Guru and practice devout meditation of God.

Man mero thir na rahaie, kot kautik kar dikhravae, it ut jag mahin dhaie!! Tek!!

Human mind can never be stable sans God's Naam even if one may exhibit many visible tricks and he may roam the world over in ignorance.

Maya mamta moh laptano, din din urjhat jaie!
Suan puchh kabhu hoi na soudho kijahu lakh upaie!!

Human being sans God's Naam gets entangled day by day in Maya, attachment and longing for dear ones. Just as tail of a dog cannot be straightened despite infinite efforts, likewise human being may pursue any number of futile rituals but he can not seek eternal salvation except through devout meditation of God's Naam.

Guru ko gian prem ki santi, kubudh kukaram shurhaie!!
Kahi Ravidass man thir haesvi, chal sab sharh Gur sarnaie!!1!!

Enlightenment through revered Guru and the stick of true love banish sinful deeds and thereafter human mind becomes stable. Thereafter one surrenders at the lotus feet of perfect Guru abandoning all rituals.

Shabad 57

**Ham ghar aaiyo Ram bhatar, gavahu sakhi mil manglachar!!
Tan man ratt karhin aapuno, tau kahun payihin piv piar!!1!!
Pritam ko jo darsan payi, man mandir mahin bhayo ujjar!!
Haun marhai tae nau nidh paaie, kripa kinhi Ram Kartar!!2!!
Bahut janam bishure piv payo, janam janam taen bilyi rar!!
Kahi Ravidass haun kashu nahin janaun, charan kanval
mahin tuv Murar!!3!!**

Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji chanted this hymn at a time when revered sages visited his house as welcome guests. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that he has realized God with the arrival of saints very dear to God and that his mind is glowing with enlightenment and realization of knowledge.

**Ham ghar aaiyo Ram bhatar, gavahu sakhi mil manglachar!!
Tan man ratt karhin aapuno, tau kahun pauihin piv piar!!1!!**

Revered sages dear to God have blessed my house with their visit. Let us join them in singing glory of God. We secure true love of God in their company by surrendering our body and soul at their lotus feet.

**Pritam ko jo darsan payi, man mandir mahin bhayo ujjar!!
Haun marhai tae nau nidh paaie, kripa kinhi Ram Kartar!!2!!**

With their blessings, human mind glows with enlightenment of true knowledge and one is able to realize revered God. I have secured the nine precious treasures through their blessings. Lord God has very kindly blessed me with their sacred company.

**Bahut janam bishure piv payo, janam janam taen bilyi rar!!
Kahi Ravidass haun kashu nahin janaun, charan kanval
mahin tuv Murar!!3!!**

Even though separated from God for many lives, I have now realized God. Otherwise my precious life was going waste. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji submits before God that “I do not know anything. However, I have now secured the shelter of Thy lotus feet with Thy blessings.”

Shabad 58

**Kalhu nayi tahi pad sis, nahin bisraoun khin ekahu Ish!!
Tek!!
Janam marun ar jag jala, Naam pratap na biyapahin byala!!
Agat vigat anadi anoopa, visav viyapak Brahm aroopa!!
Ghat ghat tih pekhiat ayise, jal mahin lahir, lahir jal jayise!!
Kahi Ravidass Har sarb viyapak, sarb chintamani sarab
pritipalak!!1!!**

Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious preaching to all human beings through this sacred hymn to worship all pervading God with true devotion.

**Kalhu nayi tahi pad sis, nahin bisraoun khin ekahu Ish!!
Tek!!**

I bow my head with reverence at the lotus feet of God who is beyond the influence of time. I do not forget Almighty God even for a moment.

**Janam marun ar jag jala, Naam pratap na biyapahin byala!!
Agat vigat anadi anoopa, visav viyapak Brahm aroopa!!**

Because of blessings of God’s Naam, one does not suffer the pangs of birth & death and sufferings in this futile world. No one can fathom the secrets of God. He neither shrinks nor expands. He is eternal and unique. Such God is manifest throughout the universe and He has no definite form.

**Ghat ghat tih pekhiat ayise, jal mahin lahir, lahir jal jayise!!
Kahi Ravidass Har sarb viyapak, sarb chintamani sarab
pritipalak!!1!!**

God is manifest all over the universe just like waves comprise of water and water is present in the waves. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that God is omnipresent and that He fulfils every one’s cherished desires. He alone is provider for all.

Raag Gond
Shabad 59

Mukand Mukand japahu sansar!! Bin Mukand tan hoi aouhar!!
Soi Mukand mukti ka daata!! Soi Mukand hamra pit mata!!1!!
Jivat Mukande marat Mukande!! Ta ke sewak kou sada
anande!!1!! Rahaao!!
Mukand Mukand hamare paranan!! Jap Mukand mastak
nisanan!!
Sev Mukand karae baeragi!! Soi Mukand durbal dhan
ladhi!!2!!
Ek Mukand karae upkar!! Hamra kaha karae sansar!!
Meti jaat huae darbar!! Tuhi Mukand jog jug tar!!3!!
Upjio gian hua pargas!! Kar kirpa leene keet dass!!
Kahu Ravidass ab trisna chooki!! Jap Mukand seva tahoo
ki!!4!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings to rise above all sorts of discrimination and worship God Mukand who blesses us with eternal salvation.

Mukand Mukand japahu sansar!! Bin Mukand tan hoi aouhar!!
O dear friends! Be totally devoted to God Mukand who bestows us with eternal salvation. This rare human life is futile in the absence of worship of Mukand.

(Satguru Kabir Ji Maharaj says- *Is dhan karin Siv Sankadik khojat bhaye udasi!! Man Mukand jihba Narayan parae na jam ki phasi!!* i.e. Siva and four sons of Brahma abandoned worldly pursuits in search of true riches of God's worship. O dear! Be a true devotee of God and worship him so that you do not have to suffer the noose of Yama the deity of death.)

Soi Mukand mukti ka daata!! Soi Mukand hamra pit mata!!1!!

Mukand is the one who bestows salvation and same Mukand is my revered father and mother.

Jivat Mukande marat Mukande!! Ta ke sewak kou sada
anande!!1!! Rahaao!!

Any human being, who practices regular meditation of God- the deliverer till death, always enjoys eternal bliss of Almighty God.

Mukand Mukand hamare paranan!! Jap Mukand mastak nisanan!!

God's Mukand name is my heart and soul. Human beings worship God Mukand as ordained by Almighty.

Sev Mukand karae baeragi!! Soi Mukand durbal dhan ladhi!!2!!

Human beings should worship God Mukand with complete detachment after abandoning futile worldly pursuits. Dedicated worship of God Mukand is the most precious treasure for me.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Hamra dhan Madhau Govind Dharnidhar ihae saar dhan kahiae!!* i.e. My treasure is represented by unique riches of devotion to God- Madhau, Govind or Lord of the Universe.)

Ek Mukand karae upkar!! Hamra kaha karae sansar!!

God Mukand has blessed me and hence people of this world can do me no harm.

Meti jaat huae darbar!! Tuhi Mukand jog jug tar!!3!!

One must abandon caste based discrimination to be a citizen of God's heavenly abode. O God Mukand! Only Thou have been providing eternal salvation to people since times immemorial.

Upjio gian hua pargas!! Kar kirpa leene keet dass!!

When a human being is blessed with divine enlightenment, merciful God adopts even a lowly worm like person as his devotee.

Kahu Ravidass ab trisna chooki!! Jap Mukand seva tahoo ki!!4!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that he only worships God the Mukand and worship of Almighty has guided him to freedom from pursuit of worldly pleasures.

Shabad 60

***Je oh athsath tirath nhavae!! Je oh duadas sila poojavae!!
Je oh koop tata devavae !! Karae nind sabh birtha javae!1!!
Sadh ka nindak kaise tarae!! Sarpar janahu narak hi
parae!!1!! Rahaao!!***

***Je oh grahan karae kulkhet !! Arpae nari sigar samet!!
Sagli simriti sravani sunae !! Karae nind kavnae nahi
gunae!!2!!***

***Je oh anik prasad karavae!! Bhoomi daan sobha mandap
pavae!!***

***Apna bigar birana sandhae !! Karae nind bahu joni
handhae!!3!!***

***Ninda kaha karhu sansara !! Nindak ka pargat pahara!!
Nindak sodh sadh bicharia !! Kahu Ravidass papi narak
sidharia!!4!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji commends people never to criticize saints. Any one who finds fault with saints must go to hell ultimately.

***Je oh athsath tirath nhavae!! Je oh duadas sila poojavae!!
Je oh koop tata devavae !! Karae nind sabh birtha javae!1!!***

If anyone bathes at sixty eight places of pilgrimage and if he worships twelve sacred rocks or he constructs water storage tanks and wells, even then all of this will not be fruitful if he indulges in willful criticism of saints.

***Sadh ka nindak kaise tarae!! Sarpar janahu narak hi
parae!!1!! Rahaao!!***

How can one used to criticizing saints attain salvation? He must certainly land in hell ultimately.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Santan kou mat koi nindahu sant Ram hae eko!!* i.e. O citizens of this world! Never condemn saints as saints and God are identical and one.)

***Je oh grahan karae kulkhet !! Arpae nari sigar samet!!
Sagli simriti sravani sunae !! Karae nind kavnae nahi
gunae!!2!!***

Even if one takes a holy bath at Kurukshetra during solar eclipse and offers his own wife, bedecked with sixteen jewels, in

alms and he listens to the discourses of twenty-seven holy scriptures, all that will be futile if he criticizes saints.

***Je oh anik prasad karavae!! Bhoomi daan sobha mandap
pavae!!***

***Apna bigar birana sandhae!! Karae nind bahu joni
handhae!!3!!***

Even though one may feed people with delicious dishes and secure admiration of the entire world by giving away his land in alms or he may help promote interests of others ignoring his own, yet he will have to endure sufferings of many births in different forms if he condemns and criticizes saints.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Sant ka dokhi janmae marae!!* i.e. One who finds fault with true saints always suffers the pangs of repeated cycles of birth and death.)

***Ninda kaha karhu sansara !! Nindak ka pargat pahara!!
Nindak sodh sadh bicharia !! Kahu Ravidass papi narak
sidharia!!4!!2!!***

O citizens of this world! Why do you criticize saints? One who condemns saints gets disgraced all over the world. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that after due consideration of deeds of a person who censures saints, his condemnation in hell is absolutely certain.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Santan kae dookhani narak mahi payi!!* i.e. Detractor of saints certainly goes to hell.)

Shabad 61

***Aaj divas leoun balihara!
Mere grah aaya raja Ram ka piara!!Tek!!
Aangan bagar bhavan bhayo pavan!
Harijan baithe Harijas gavan!!2!!
Karoun dandot charan pakahroun!
Tan man dhan santan par varoun!!3!!
Katha kahaen ar arath bicharaen!
Aap tarae auran ko taraen!!4!!***

***Kah Ravidass milae nij dass!
Janam janam kae katae pas!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji highlights the importance of company of saints in this hymn. Any home, where saints sit in congregation and eulogise glory of God, is blessed. Such sages achieve eternal ecstasy and help others to secure salvation.

***Aaj divas leoun balihara!
Mere grah aaya raja Ram ka piara!!Tek!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj chanted this hymn when sages visited his house. Maharaj Ji says that this sacred day is indeed blessed when saints, who are very dear to God, have been kind to visit him.

***Aangan bagar bhavan bhayo pavan!
Harijan baithe Harijas gavan!!2!!***

With the arrival of the learned sages, my house and surroundings have been sanctified with the recital of hymns by saints in praise of God.

***Karoun dandot charan pakahroun!
Tan man dhan santan par varoun!!3!!***

I prostrate before the saints and salute them with utmost respect. I wash their lotus feet and proffer my body, soul and riches before them.

***Katha kahaen ar arath bicharaen!
Aap tarae auran ko taraen!!4!!***

Learned saints narrate holy scriptures in praise of God and contemplate His pious Naam. They practice devout meditation of God achieving eternal salvation and also help others to realize God.

***Kah Ravidass milae nij dass!
Janam janam kae katae pas!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “O venerated God! Kindly bless Thy devotee everyday with the sacred company of sages that sets living beings free of the shackles endured during many repeated births.”

Shabad 62

***Aese jaan japo re jeev! Jap lio Ram na bharmo jeev!!Tek!!
Ganika thi kis karma jog! Paar pursan so ramti bhog!!1!!
Nis basar duskaram kamaie! Ram kahat Baikunthe jaie!!2!!
Namdev kahiye jaat kae oshu! Ja ko jas gaiye trilok!!3!!
Bhagti het bhagta ke chale! Ankmal le Bithal mile!!4!!
Koti yag jo kou karae! Ram Naam sam taou na nistarae!!5!!
Nirgun ka gun dekho aaie!! Dehi sahit Kabir sidhaie!! 6!!
Mori kuchil jaat kuchil me baas! Bhagat charan Haricharan
nivas!!7!!***

Chario ved kia khandaut! Jan Ravidass karae dandaut!!8!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this sacred hymn to get free of suspicion, illusions and rituals and focus on devoted meditation of God. Satguru Namdev Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji are held in high esteem through out the three worlds or universe because of their devout meditation of God.

Aese jaan japo re jeev! Jap lio Ram na bharmo jeev!!Tek!!

O human being! Comprehend such omnipresent God and practice His devout meditation which will end your vacillations.

Ganika thi kis karma jog! Paar pursan so ramti bhog!!1!!

Ganika was a prostitute incapable of noble deeds. She indulged in immoral acts with other men.

Nis basar duskaram kamaie! Ram kahat Baikunthe jaie!!2!!

That prostitute engaged in ignoble deeds day and night. However she shunned her misdeeds after being blessed with the company of sages and realized eternal God through devout meditation.

Namdev kahiye jaat kae oshu! Ja ko jas gaiye trilok!!3!!

People treated Satguru Namdev Ji as hailing from lower caste because of their ignorance. However, he is now famous throughout the universe and every one eulogises his glory all over the world.

Bhagti het bhagta ke chale! Ankmal le Bithal mile!!4!!

God reveals Himself to his devotees because of their true

love. God embraces His devout followers with an affectionate embrace.

Koti yag jo kou karae! Ram Naam sam taou na nistarae!!5!!

Even if one performs millions of yajnas, he cannot get across the unfathomable ocean of turmoil after death in the absence of devout meditation of God.

Nirgun ka gun dekho aaie!! Dehi sahith Kabir sidhaie!! 6!!

Comprehend the limitless powers of formless God. Satguru Kabir Ji reached the eternal kingdom of God while alive because of his devout meditation of amorphous God.

Mori kuchil jaat kuchil me baas! Bhagat charan Haricharan nivas!!7!!

O revered God! Ignorant people treat me as hailing from low caste. However, I have realized God and I stay at Lord's lotus feet with the blessings of sacred company of saints.

Chario ved kia khandaut! Jan Ravidass karae dandaute!!8!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that he abhors the four Vedas that divide humanity on the basis of caste and profession and entangle people in rituals. O revered God! "I am Thy staunch devotee and I prostrate only at Thy lotus feet in devotion."

Raag Ramkali

Shabad 63

Parhiaie guniaie naam sabh suniaie anbhao bhao na darsae!!

Loha kanchan hiran hoi kaise jou parsahi na parsae!!1!!

Dev sansae ganth na chhootae!!

Kaam krodh Maya mad matsar in panchahu mil lootae!!1!!Rahaao!!

Ham bad kabi kulin ham pundit ham jogi sanyasi!!

Giani guni soor ham daate ih budhi kabhi na nasi!!2!!

Kahu Ravidass sabhae nahi samjhas bhool pare jaise baure!!

Mohi aadhar naam Narayan jiwan pran dhan more !!3!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching that "In the absence of guidance of a perfect Guru, no one can become enlightened or get rid of false pride even if one may keep

reciting various names of God or one may listen to all names of God or continuously evaluate three principal qualities of human nature."

Parhiaie guniaie naam sabh suniaie anbhao bhao na darsae!!

Loha kanchan hiran hoi kaise jou parsahi na parsae!!1!!

Even if any one on his own may read about God in scriptures on his own, appreciate God's virtues and listen to all of His names, no one can be united with God without Guru's preaching and blessings.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib says – *Kiya parhiaie kiya guniaie!!*

Kiya baid puranan suniaie!!Padhae sunae kiya hoi!! Jou sahaj na milio soi!! i.e. What use is study of scriptures, listening to Vedas & Puranas and reflecting without devotion to God? Scholarly pursuits and listening to scriptures are futile until one secures eternal knowledge about God.)

As iron cannot become gold unless touched with divine *Paras* or philosopher's stone; likewise human being can not get rid of vices until he secures blessings of *Paras* like perfect Guru.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – *Paras kae sang tamba bigrio!! So tamba kanchan hoi nibrio!!3!! Santan sang Kabira bigrio!! So Kabir Ramae hoi nibrio!!* When touched by *Paras* –the philosopher's stone, copper turns into gold. Likewise, Kabir has been transformed into God because of the company of saints.)

Dev sansae ganth na chhootae!!

Kaam krodh Maya mad matsar in panchahu mil lootae!!1!!Rahaao!!

O God! In the absence of Guru's preaching, the knots of illusions of human being cannot get opened because of his sheer ignorance. Because it is on account of one's deeds that the five vices like sexual desire, anger, Maya, pride and jealousy – all the five together loot the human beings and move them away from God.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says – *Kaam krodh Maya mad matsar ae sampe mo mahi!!* i.e. the lust for sex, anger, Maya, pride and jealousy engulf the human beings.)

***Ham bad kabi kulin ham pundit ham jogi sanyasi!!
Giani guni soor ham daate ih budhi kabhi na nasi!!2!!***

Because of evil influence of five vices, human beings are under the illusion that they are great scholars, influential yogis and sages, learned poets, born in high casts, enlightened, knowledgeable, great warriors and philanthropists. Such arrogant thinking never ends and one cannot get rid of ignorance and illusions because of that.

(Satguru Kabir Ji also echoes similar views in his hymns- *Pundit guni soor ham daate ehi karahi bad ham hi!* i.e. One assumes his greatness and superiority thinking himself to be the greatest scholar, knowledgeable, valiant and philanthropist.)

***Kahu Ravidass sabhae nahi samjhas bhool pare jaise baure!!
Mohi aadhar naam Narayan jiwan pran dhan more !!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that it is extremely difficult to lead people to enlightenment because they have forgotten God like mentally retarded individuals. But I am dependent only on supreme God's devotion. Therefore my life is legendary and worth emulation.

Shabad 64

***Parchae Ram ramae je koi! Paras parse dubidha na hoi!! Tek!!
Jo disae so sakal binas! Andithae nahin viswas!!1!!
Baran sahit kahae jo Ram! So bhagta kewal nihkam!!2!!
Phal karan phoole banraie! Upjae phal tab puhup bilaie!!3!!
Gianahi karan karam karaie! Upjae gian tab karam nasaie!!4!!
Batik beej jaisa aakar! Pasriyo teen lok pasar!!5!!
Jahan ka upja tahan samaie! Sahaj shunay maen rahyo lukaie!!6!!
Jo man bindae soi bind! Amavas maen jaise disae chand!!7!!
Jal me jaise tumba tirae! Parchae pind jivae nahin marae!!8!!
So muni kaun joo man ko khai! Bin duare trilok samai!!9!!
Man ki mahima sabh koi kahae! Karta so jo anbhae rahae!!10!!***

Kahae Ravidass yah param baerag! Ram Naam kin japhu subhag!!11!!

Ghrit karan dadhi mathae sayan! Jiwan mukti sada nirban!!12!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings through this hymn to follow the teachings of one's Guru the transformer like a philosopher's stone, to achieve eternal salvation.

Parchae Ram ramae je koi! Paras parse dubidha na hoi!! Tek!!

Any living being who worships God under the guidance of his Guru, will become pious like pure gold in the sacred company of his Guru just as iron gets transformed into gold when touched by *Paras* - the philosopher's stone.

Jo disae so sakal binas! Andithae nahin viswas!!1!!

Everything we see in this universe is perishable. However one does not get the faith and confidence in God without seeing Him.

Baran sahit kahae jo Ram! So bhagta kewal nihkam!!2!!

Any devotee who worships God with deep devotion is free of longing for worldly pleasures.

Phal karan phoole banraie! Upjae phal tab puhup bilaie!!3!!

Just as trees bear flowers before fruit formation and the flowers wither away once the fruits are formed.

Gianahi karan karam karaie! Upjae gian tab karam nasaie!!4!!

Likewise seeker of true knowledge performs good deeds and once he achieves enlightenment he is not accountable for his deeds. He does not have to perform any rituals again.

Batik beej jaisa aakar! Pasriyo teen lok pasar!!5!!

As the banyan tree looks small from top but its branches are spread far and wide, same way God is manifest everywhere all over the three worlds or the entire universe.

Jahan ka upja tahan samaie! Sahaj shunay maen rahyo lukaie!!6!!

Human beings are part and progeny of God and they can attain eternal salvation and unity with God through His devoted meditation.

Jo man bindae soi bind! Amavas maen jaise disae chand!!7!!

entangles me in the web of Maya because one cannot fathom the true significance of God through such useless rituals.

Pahile gian ka kiya chandna peechhe diya bujhaie!!

Sunn sahaj maen doou tiyage Ram kahun na Khudaie!!3!!

First the lamp of enlightenment with true knowledge banished my ignorance. Then both knowledge and ignorance vanished after realizing the sate of eternal ecstasy. Thereafter there is no need to say Ram or Rahim as a living being gets amalgamated with God.

Door basae khat karam sakal ar duriou kinhe seou!!

Gyan- dhyan doou door kinhe dooriyo chhadae teou!!4!!

I have abandoned the six rituals prescribed by the scriptures and I have nothing to do with the worship of Shiva. After achieving the sate of eternal tranquillity, I have secured freedom from such knowledge and rituals of worship.

Pancho thakit bhayo hae jahan tahan jahan tahan thiti paie!!

Ja karan maen dauriyo phirtau so ab ghat me paie!!5!!

After vanquishing the five evil vices, I have achieved the status of eternal tranquillity. I have been running here and there in search of God but I have ultimately secured Him from within my self.

Pancho meri sakhi saheli tin nidh dayie dikhaie!!

Ab man phooli bhayo jag mahiya ulat aap me samaie!!6!!

Now all the five senses of knowledge are friendly to me and with their focus on devotion to God, I have acquired the supreme treasure of veneration for God from within. The mind, which was always engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures, has now total disdain for them and has since got amalgamated with supreme God.

Chalat chalat mero nij man thakiyo ab mo so chalou na jaie!!

Saien sahaj miliyo soi sanmukh kahae Ravidass barhaie!!7!!

My mind is now tired of futile ritualistic pursuits. It cannot wander any longer. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji says that after attaining the stage of eternal ecstasy, I have realized personified God. This is because of the blessings of the Almighty God.

Shabad 66

Gayi gayi ab ka kahi gaoun!!

Gavanhar koon nikat bataoun!! Tek!!

Jab lag hae ya tan ki aasa tab lag karae pukara!!

Jab man miliyo aas nahin tan ki tab ko gavanhara!!1!!

Jab lag nadi na samund samavae tab lag badae hankara!!

Jab man miliyo Ram sagar so tab yah miti pukara!!2!!

Jab lag bhagti mukti ki aasa param tatt sun gavae!!

Jahan jahan aas dharat hae yah man tahan tahan kashu na pavae!!3!!

Shadae aas niras param pad tab sukh satt kar hoie!!

Kahae Ravidass ja soon aur kahat hae param tatt ab soie!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human beings to visualize God to be always near to them. Just as the river becomes part of the sea after merging with it, likewise a human being gets integrated with God through His devout meditation.

Gayi gayi ab ka kahi gaoun!!

Gavanhar koon nikat bataoun!! Tek!!

How do I now sing paeans of God on whom I always showered my praise because, I always find him extremely close to me?

Jab lag hae ya tan ki aasa tab lag karae pukara!!

Jab man miliyo aas nahin tan ki tab ko gavanhara!!1!!

As long as one has abiding hope of union with God, he keeps his search for God on and when he is able to comprehend God then he attains an ecstatic eternal state. At that stage there is no one to sing.

Jab lag nadi na samund samavae tab lag badae hankara!!

Jab man miliyo Ram sagar so tab yah miti pukara!!2!!

Until the river merges with the sea, it roars proudly and flows with high velocity causing floods and heavy soil erosion. After merging with sea it becomes part of the same sea. Likewise a human being with pride in mind will remain far removed from God. When one sheds his arrogance, he merges with the ocean

like God to become indistinguishable from God. His search then ends for ever.

Jab lag bhagti mukti ki aasa param tatt sun gavae!!

Jahan jahan aas dharat hae yah man tahan tahan kashu napavae!!3!!

As long as a devotee of God has the longing for eternal salvation, he sings and listens to paeans of God. Oblivious of the God, the human being longs for worldly pleasures. Mind remains busy in pursuit of those. However, when one sheds the lust for worldly desires and devotes himself to meditation of God, he realizes the ultimate permanent bliss and eternal tranquillity.

Shadae aas niras param pad tab sukh satt kar hoie!!

Kahae Ravidass ja soon aur kahat hae param tatt ab soie!!4!!

When a living being abandons worldly pleasures and devotes him to worship of God, he realizes the supreme eternal position and all round enduring happiness. Guru Ji says that human beings describe God in different ways, but ultimate realization of God is securing the real eternal bliss.

Shabad 67

Ram jan hoon na bhagat kahaoun seva karoun na dasa!!

Gunin jog jagya kashoo na janun tan thae rahoun udasa!!

Tek!!

Bhagat hooa to charhae barhai jog karoun jag manae!!

Gun hua to guni jan kahae guni aap ko tanae!! 1!!

Na mae mamta moh na mohiya ye sab jahi bilaie!!

Dojakh bhist doou sam kar janae duhun tarak hae bhai!!2!!

Maen taen taen maen dekh sakal jag maen taen mool ganwaie!!

Jab man samta ek ek man tabhin ek hae bhai!!3!!

Krisan Karim Ram Har Raghav jab lag ek na pekha!!

Ved Ktaib Kuran Puranin sahaj ek nahin dekha!!4!!

Joi joi kar poojiy soi soi kanchi sahaj bhav satt hoie!!

Kahi Ravidass maen taahi ko poojoon jake ganv thanv nahin koie!!5!!

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji describes blissful stage of eternal ecstasy in which a living being becomes one with God

and indistinguishable from Him through devoted meditation of God.

Ram jan hoon na bhagat kahaoun seva karoun na dasa!!

Gunin jog jagya kashoo na janun tan thae rahoun udasa!!

Tek!!

Guru Ravidass Ji explains the supreme position of eternal ecstasy that “O revered God! I have become indistinguishable part of Thee after Thy devoted meditation. O God! I am neither Thy slave nor I am fond of being called a devotee. I am also not a servant deployed in Thy service. O God! I don’t even have suitable qualities to be a yogi or to perform yajnas. I remain detached from these rituals.”

Bhagat hooa to charhae barhai jog karoun jag manae!!

Gun hua to guni jan kahae guni aap ko tanae!! 1!!

O God! If one pursues Thy devoted worship, he will become renowned and if one practices yoga he will be known as a yogi. If one is knowledgeable, people will respect him as a learned scholar and he will take pride in considering himself to be superior to all.

Na mae mamta moh na mohiya ye sab jahi bilaie!!

Dojakh bhist doou sam kar janae duhun tarak hae bhai!!2!!

I am also not enamoured of futile affection and longing for worldly pleasures. I reckon heaven and hell to be equal. Hence I have discarded both.

Maen taen taen maen dekh sakal jag maen taen mool ganwaie!!

Jab man samta ek ek man tabhin ek hae bhai!!3!!

Human beings are oblivious of God because of ego, arrogance & attachment and they have forgotten about God on account of their false pride. However when one sheds his arrogance and cultivates deep devotion to God then he ultimately becomes one with God.

Krisan Karim Ram Har Raghav jab lag ek na pekha!!

Ved Ktaib Kuran Puranin sahaj ek nahin dekha!!4!!

Krishna, Kareem, Ram, Har and Raghava etc. are amongst the myriad names of omnipresent God. One does not appreciate this reality until he treats all living beings as equal. Even

if one acquires deep knowledge of Vedas, Koran and other scriptures, he can achieve the stage of eternal ecstasy only through devoted meditation of God.

Joi joi kar poojiy soi soi kanchi sahaj bhav satt hoie!!

Kahi Ravidass maen taahi ko poojoon jake ganv thanv nahin koie!!5!!

Worship of anyone other than supreme God is futile and unfruitful. One can realize God through devoted meditation of God in a stage of eternal bliss and true worship. Guru Ravidass Ji states that he worships only that one God who is not confined to any particular place but is manifest everywhere throughout the universe.

Shabad 68

Ab meri boorhi re bhai tatae charhi lok barhaie!!Tek!!

Ati ahankar ur me sat-raj-tam ta maen rahiou urjhaie!!

Kram bas pariyo kashoo na soojhae swami Naam bhulaie!!1!!

Ham manou guni jog sunn jugta ham maha purakh re bhai!!

Ham manou soor sakal bidh tiyagi ye mamta nahin mitaie!!2!!

Ham manae akhil shunn man sodhyo sab chetan sudh paie!!

Gyan dhyan sab hi ham janyo boojhae kaoun son jaie!!3!!

Ham manae param prem ras janyo nau-bidh bhagti karaie!!

Swang dekh sab hi jag dahkyo phir aapan por bandhaie!!4!!

Saang dhe sanch na janyo logan yah bharmaie!!

Syangh roop meshi jab pahiri boli tab sudh paie!!5!!

Aesi bhagti hamari santo prabhuta eh barhaie!!

Aapan annan aur nahin manat tatae mool ganwaie!!6!!

Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi taen ab kashu mopae karyo na jaie!!

Aapo khoiya bhagti hot hae tab rahae antar urjhaie!!7!!

Through this hymn, Shri Guru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings to abandon false pride and concentrate on devout meditation of God.

Ab meri boorhi re bhai tatae charhi lok barhaie!!Tek!!

O brother! When pride vanishes from one's mind, then he is praised in the world.

Ati ahankar ur me sat-raj-tam ta maen rahiou urjhaie!!

Kram bas pariyo kashoo na soojhae swami Naam bhulaie!!1!!

In the absence of devotion to God, living beings remain entangled in web of their satvik, passionate or ignorant intellect because of their arrogance. Human beings are subservient to their conduct and oblivious of God. They forget the sacred boat, represented by devoted meditation of God the Almighty, which is necessary to cross the ocean of worldly attachments for achieving eternal salvation.

Ham manou guni jog sunn jugta ham maha purakh re bhai!!

Ham manou soor sakal bidh tiyagi ye mamta nahin mitaie!!2!!

Dictated by one's false pride, human being considers himself to be learned, intellectual, yogi, tactful and sage. He also deems himself to be valiant and generous. He cannot get rid of his lust.

Ham manae akhil shunn man sodhyo sab chetan sudh paie!!

Gyan dhyan sab hi ham janyo boojhae kaoun son jaie!!3!!

Human being considers himself to be intellectual, extremely intelligent and greatest of all. However he has not acquired the wisdom to remember God. He deems himself to be a great scholar and sage. But he does not comprehend God.

Ham manae param prem ras janyo nau-bidh bhagti karaie!!

Swang dekhi sab hi jag dahkyo phir aapan por bandhaie!!4!!

Human being considers himself to be an exponent of allegiance and boasts of performing nine types of meditation. He does not comprehend true God but remains enamoured with the illusory & perishable world. Moreover he relentlessly promotes his own importance.

Saang dhe sanch na janyo logan yah bharmaie!!

Syangh roop meshi jab pahiri boli tab sudh paie!!5!!

People don't understand eternal God but they remain preoccupied with futile pursuit of worldly pleasures which are illusory. If a sheep wears the cloak of a lion, people will easily

recognize the disguised sheep after hearing its bleat. Likewise, despite varied postures and attires, one cannot realize God until he dedicates himself to devoted meditation of God.

Aesi bhagti hamari santo prabhuta eh barhaie!!

Aapan annan aur nahin manat tatae mool ganwaie!!6!!

O revered saints! Meditation of God is so pious that I have become one with God and indistinguishable from Him because of devoted and eternally true worship. This is all because of magnanimity of God. However any one, who boasts of being supreme himself and cares little for others, ultimately perishes because of his own false pride.

Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi taen ab kashu mopae karyo na jaie!!

Aapo khoiya bhagti hot hae tab rahae antar urjhaie!!7!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “I am not enamoured with the world. What can I say in praise of God as His Glory is beyond description? One can truly worship God only after shedding his own ego and thereafter become indistinguishable from God. Human being becomes part of God.”

Shabad 69

Bhaie re! Bhram bhagti sujan!!

Jo lon sanch nahin pahichan!!Tek!!

Bhram nachan bhram gayian bhram jap tap daan!!

Bhram seva bhram pooja bhram saun pahichan!!1!!

Bhram khat karam sanhita bhram grah ban jan !!

Bhram kar kar karam kio bhram ki yah ban!!2!!

Bhram indri nigras kiya bhram gufa me baas!!

Bhram tau lau janiye kare sunn ki aas!!3!!

Bhram shudh sarir jau lau bhram nanv binanv!!

Bhram bhani Ravidass tau lau jau lau chahae thanv!!4!!

In this sacred hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches living beings of this world to worship God with devotion. In the absence of devoted meditation of God, all human beings

are roaming under ignorance.

Bhaie re! Bhram bhagti sujan!!

Jo lon sanch nahin pahichan!!Tek!!

O brother! This universe is a futile illusion. Therefore, understand divinity of God through devoted meditation. Until one has true devotion to God in his heart, he cannot comprehend God.

Bhram nachan bhram gayian bhram jap tap daan!!

Bhram seva bhram pooja bhram saun pahichan!!1!!

In the absence of true affection for God, dancing, singing, recitation of scriptures, penance and giving of alms are all illusory. Serving or worshipping without devotion to God are erroneous. Therefore o brother! You should learn to understand delusion as this universe too is an illusion.

Bhram khat karam sanhita bhram grah ban jan!!

Bhram kar kar karam kio bhram ki yah ban!!2!!

Performances of six types of sacraments in accordance with the prescriptions of vedic scriptures or abandoning home to live in forests are all illusions. Any deeds performed because of ignorance are all illusory.

Bhram indri nigras kiya bhram gufa me baas!!

Bhram tau lau janiye kare sunn ki aas!!3!!

Exercising control over one's physical and mental desires and living in caves are also misleading. When one attains the stage of eternal tranquillity with deep longing for God, then he is able to understand the futile illusions of this world.

Bhram shudh sarir jau lau bhram nanv binanv!!

Bhram bhani Ravidass tau lau jau lau chahae thanv!!4!!

Adorning one's body, without true devotion to God, is also illusory. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji says that until one attains true eternal realization of God, his ignorance and myths will not vanish even if he wanders all over the globe.

Shabad 70

Jayo tum karan Kesave antar liv lagi!!

Ek anupam anubhavi kim hoie bibhagi!!Tek!!

Ek abhimani chatriga bichrat jag mahin!!

Jadpi jal pooran mahi kahun va ruchi nahin!!1!!

Jaise kami dekh kamini hirdae sool upjaie!!

Kot ved bidh uchrae baki bitha na jaie!!2!!

Jo jehi chahae so milae aarat gat hoie!!

Kahi Ravidass yah gop nahi janae sabh koie!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji describes his abiding devotion to God in this hymn and says that when a living being is bonded with God in devoted meditation, he becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him.

Jayo tum karan Kesave antar liv lagi!!

Ek anupam anubhavi kim hoie bibhagi!!Tek!!

O revered God! As soon as I got enlightened with Thy deep affection within my mind, I was absorbed within Thee. Only the love for Thee is a unique experience that can neither be shared nor described.

Ek abhimani chatriga bichrat jag mahin!!

Jadpi jal pooran mahi kahun va ruchi nahin!!1!!

Just as the bird *Chatriga*, proud of his affection for *swati* or scarce nectar like rain drop, roams all over the world in search of that legendary drop of nectar *swati*. Even if earth may have plenty of water but he has no interest in water other than that mythical drop of *swati*. Likewise true devotee of God is only interested in His dedicated meditation.

Jaise kami dekh kamini hirdae sool upjaie!!

Kot ved bidh uchrae baki bitha na jaie!!2!!

As a man overtaken by passionate sexual desire feels extreme suffering on seeing a woman and his intense longing for sex does not end despite varied treatments by thousands of doctors. Similarly a true devotee of God endures unbearable pain if he is separated from God even for a moment.

Jo jehi chahae so milae aarat gat hoie!!

Kahi Ravidass yah gop nahi janae sabh koie!!3!!

Only some one, who has abiding love for God, comprehends Him after complete surrender at the sacred feet of God. Guru Ravidass Ji says that this is a universal truth and everyone knows it. Anyone with profound devotion to God ultimately realizes God.

Shabad 71

Aayaun ho aayaun dev tum sarna!!

Jani kripa kijae aapno jana!!Tek!!

Tribidh jon baas jam di agam tras tumhare bhajan bin bhramat phiryo!!

Mamita ahm bikhae mad maton ih sukh kabhoon na dootur tiraun!!1!!

Tumhare nanv bisas shadi hae aan ki aas sansar dharm mere man na dhijae!!

Ravidass dass ki seva mani ho Devadhidev patit pavan Naam pragat kijae!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys sacred sermon through this hymn that anyone who surrenders himself at the lotus feet of God achieves eternal bliss with the grace of God during his lifetime.

Aayaun ho aayaun dev tum sarna!!

Jani kripa kijae aapno jana!!Tek!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji prays to God with deep humility that “O supreme God of the deities! I surrender before Thee. Take pity on Thy devotee and bless me with Thy eternal sight.”

Tribidh jon baas jam di agam tras tumhare bhajan bin bhramat phiryo!!

O God! Anyone devoid of Thy meditation wanders through endless life cycles of lowly creatures enduring intense suffering.

Mamita ahm bikhae mad maton ih sukh kabhoon na dootur tiraun!!1!!

In the absence of devotion to God, living being remains

engrossed in lust, pride and illusory worldly pleasures. Drowned in relentless pursuit of worldly pleasures, one cannot vanquish the five foes.

Tumhare nanv bisas shadi hae aan ki aas sansar dharm mere man na dhijae!!

O God! I have abandoned all desires barring practice of Thy devout meditation. I relish only Thy worship but have no liking for pursuit of futile worldly rituals.

Ravidass dass ki seva mani ho Devadhidev patit pavan Naam pragat kijae!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji prays to God with deep humility that “O revered God! Kindly accept my dedicated devotion and bless me with Thy devout meditation that purifies even the sinners.”

Shabad 72

Bhai re Ram kahan hae mohi batavo!!

Satt Ram ta ke nikat na aavo!!Tek!!

Ram kahat sab jagat bhulana!! So yah Ram na hoie!!

Karam akarm karunamay Keso!!Karta nanv su koie!!1!!

Ja Ramhi sab jag janaen!!Bhram bhoolau re bhai!!

Aap aap thae koi na janae!!Kahae kon so jaie!!2!!

Satt tan lobh pars jia tan man!!Gun parsat nahin jaie!!

Alikh naam ja ko thaur na kathun!!Kyon na kahau samujhaie!!3!!

Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi tae!!Karta kau hae bhai!!

Kewal Karta ek sahi kar!!Satt Ram tihi thaien!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings of the world through this hymn to worship omnipresent God.

Bhai re Ram kahan hae mohi batavo!!

Satt Ram ta ke nikat na aavo!!Tek!!

O brothers! You worship Ram but can you tell me where is that Ram? You never come anywhere close to the all pervading Ram because you are steeped in ignorance.

Ram kahat sab jagat bhulana!! So yah Ram na hoie!!

Karam akarm karunamay Keso!!Karta nanv su koie!!1!!

Ignoring the true omnipresent Ram the God, the entire

world is lost in chanting Ram- Ram but he is not the universal divine God. All pervading Ram is the extremely kind God-the creator & supreme administrator of all affairs of the entire universe.

Ja Ramhi sab jag janaen!!Bhram bhoolau re bhai!!

Aap aap thae koi na janae!!Kahae kon so jaie!!2!!

O brother! Under the influence of false illusion, you have forgotten the omnipresent Ram known to the entire universe. O dear! No one can realize God on one’s own self but who will explain this truth to you?

Satt tan lobh pars jia tan man!!Gun parsat nahin jaie!!

Alikh naam ja ko thaur na kathun!!Kyon na kahau samujhaie!!3!!

Real God is unaffected by the influence of three traits of human personality i.e. satvik, passionate and ignorant personality, devoid of any bodily form, mind or greed and His supreme qualities are beyond description. God is all-pervading & without any specific abode. O brother! Why don’t you comprehend this truth?

Bhanae Ravidass udas tahi tae!!Karta kau hae bhai!!

Kewal Karta ek sahi kar!!Satt Ram tihi thaien!!4!!

Guru Ravidass Ji explains that “My mind is beyond influence of worldly pleasures and it is completely devoted to meditation of God. There is only one all-pervading supreme God.”

Shabad 73

Aiso kush anubhau kahat na aavae!!

Sahib milae to ko bigravae!!Tek!!

Sab me Har hae Har me sab hae Har apno jin jana!!

Saakhi nahi aur koi doosar jananhara syana!!1!!

Bajigar saun rach rahiye baji ka maram na jana!!

Baji jhooth sanch Bajigar jana man patiyana!!2!!

Man thir hoi ton koi na soojhae janae jananhara!!

Kahae Ravidass bimal vivek sukh sahij saroop sambhara!!3!!

In this hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches people to worship God with dedicated devotion. He further explains that divine experience of God is beyond description and that human

beings should have deep and abiding affection for God the juggler.
Aiso kush anubhau kahat na aavae!!
Sahib milae to ko bigravae!!Tek!!

The experience of eternal bliss of God can not be described. Once a human being realizes God, no one can separate him from God thereafter.

Sab me Har hae Har me sab hae Har apno jin jana!!
Saakhi nahi aur koi doosar jananhara syana!!1!!

Hari God is manifest in all living beings and all living beings are part of Hari. Only person who understands this truth is the one who has actually realized God. There is no one who can match God. One who comprehends God is blessed in this world.

Bajigar saun rach rahiye baji ka maram na jana!!
Baji jhooth sanch Bajigar jana man patiyana!!2!!

As one gets engrossed in the performance of a juggler but he can not comprehend truth behind the jugglery. Likewise God is akin to a juggler who is creator of this perishable universe but God is real and eternal. One who is able to understand that Maya is an illusion and God is true and timeless, his mind is always absorbed in devoted meditation of God.

Man thir hoi ton koi na soojhae janae jananhara!!
Kahae Ravidass bimal vivek sukh sahij saroop sambhara!!3!!

One whose mind is immersed in meditation of God does not think of anything else. He is then able to comprehend omniscient God. He is able to realize divine God and eternal tranquillity.

Shabad 74

Pundat! Akhil khilae nahi ka kahi gaoun koi na kahae samujhaie!!

Abaran baran roop nahi ja ke so kahan layo layi samaie!!
Tek!!

Chand soor nahin raat divas nahin dharan aakas na bhai!!
Karam akaram nahin subh asubh nahin ka kahi dehu badaie!!1!!

Sit na oosan vayoo nahi sarvat kaam kutil nahi hoie!!
Jog na bhog rog nahi ja kae kahon nanv satt soie!!2!!
Niranjan Nirakar nirlepahi nirbikar nirasi!!

Kaam kutilta ta hi kahi gavae Har Har aavae hansii!!3!!
Gagan dhoor dhoop nahin ja ke pavan poor nahi pani!!
Gun bigun kahiyat nahi ja ke kaho tum baat syani!!4!!
Yahi sau tum jog kahat hau jab lag aas ki pasi!!
Shoote tabhi jab milae ek hi bhanae Ravidass udasi!!5!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains through this hymn that God is one and all-pervading God does not discriminate against any one. Hence all human beings of the world should free themselves of caste & class based discrimination, ignorance, superstitions & rituals and devote themselves to dedicated meditation of God.

Pundat! Akhil khilae nahi ka kahi gaoun koi na kahae samujhaie!!

Abaran baran roop nahi ja ke so kahan layo layi samaie!!
Tek!!

O brother! None of the pundits explains the eternal truth that all-pervading God is one and can not be separate for different people. God is one and same God is manifest in all living beings in myriad forms all over the universe. God has no form and affiliation to any class or individual and He is not confined to any specific place.

Chand soor nahin raat divas nahin dharan aakas na bhai!!
Karam akaram nahin subh asubh nahin ka kahi dehu badaie!!1!!

That God is neither moon or sun nor day or night. He is neither earth nor space. He is neither active or inactive nor good or evil. How do I eulogize God?

Sit na oosan vayoo nahi sarvat kaam kutil nahi hoie!!
Jog na bhog rog nahi ja kae kahon nanv satt soie!!2!!

That God is not hot or cold breeze and He is not misdemeanor. God is beyond yoga or pursuit of worldly pleasures and God is eternal truth.

Niranjan Nirakar nirlepahi nirbikar nirasi!!
Kaam kutilta ta hi kahi gavae Har Har aavae hansii!!3!!

God is beyond Maya, any definite form, need for normal

breathing, vices and uninfluenced by worldly distractions. Human beings who are cunning and crave for sex keep singing paeans of God without any true & real devotion. This makes me burst into laughter time & again because such people only indulge in external exhibitionism.

Gagan dhoor dhoop nahin ja ke pavan poor nahi pani!!

Gun bigun kahiyat nahi ja ke kaho tum baat syani!!4!!

God can not be reckoned to be space, dust, sunlight, water or air. That God cannot be termed as having any specific form or being absolutely formless. This fact is the ultimate truth.

Yahi sau tum jog kahat hau jab lag aas ki pasi!!

Shoote tabhi jab milae ek hi bhanae Ravidass udasi!!5!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O Pundit! You are nurturing futile hope and you term those exterior rituals as yoga. That is why you are unable to comprehend the divinity of God. Human being gets relieved of these external rituals when he practices meditation of God with deep devotion and shuns all attachments while living in this world.”

Shabad 75

Narhari chnachal hae mat mori kaise bhagti karoon mae tori!!Tek!!

Toon mohi dekhae maen tohin dekhoon preet paraspar hoie!!1!!

Toon mohi dekhae haou tohi na dekhoon ehu mat sabh budhi khoie!!2!!

Sabh ghat antar ramas nirantar maen dekhat hoon nahin jana!!

Gun sabh tor mor sabh augun krit upkar na mana!!3!!

Mae to tor mori asamjhis kaise kar nistara!!

Kahi Ravidass Madho karunamay jae jae jagat adhara!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji conveys his pious preaching to all human beings that if one abandons ignorance and practices true meditation of God with devotion, he becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him.

Narhari chnachal hae mat mori kaise bhagti karoon mae tori!!Tek!!

O revered God! Any one oblivious of Thee is unintelligent, then how can he worship Thee? As long as I thought myself to be clever, I could not focus on Thy meditation.

Toon mohi dekhae maen tohin dekhoon preet paraspar hoie!!1!!

Toon mohi dekhae haou tohi na dekhoon ehu mat sabh budhi khoie!!2!!

O God! I have now shunned astuteness and I am absorbed in Thy true worship. Therefore, I now visualize that Thou are seeing me and I am also having your divine view. We now truly love each other. I have abandoned the thought that Thou are watching me but I am not able to comprehend Thee. Both of us have abiding eternal love for one another.

Sabh ghat antar ramas nirantar maen dekhat hoon nahin jana!!

Gun sabh tor mor sabh augun krit upkar na mana!!3!!

O God! Thou are manifest all the time in every living being. Even though I am aware of this fact, yet I have not been able to understand this eternal truth. O God! Thou are perfect in all respects and I have all the vices because I have not respected Thy magnanimity.

Mae to tor mori asamjhis kaise kar nistara!!

Kahi Ravidass Madho karunamay jae jae jagat adhara!!4!!

O God! So long as I was unable to comprehend Thee, how could I achieve salvation? Shri Guru Ravidass Ji says that “O omnipresent God! Thou are extremely kind and the very basis of this universe. Living beings attain eternal salvation by singing paeans in Thy praise.”

Shabad 76

Tab Ram Naam kahi gavaega!!

Rarankar rahit sabhhin me antar mel milavaega!!Tek!!

***Loha kanchan sam kar dekhae bhed abhed samavaega!!
Jo sukh hovae paras ke parse so sukh va ko aavaega!!1!!
Gur parsad bhayie anubhae mati bish amrit sam
dhyavaega!!2!!***

Kahi Ravidass met aapa par tab va thaurahi pavaega!!3!!
Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches to all living beings through this hymn that if one worships God with true devotion, he will become indistinguishable from God.

***Tab Ram Naam kahi gavaega!!
Rarankar rahit sabhhin me antar mel milavaega!!Tek!!***

When a human being concentrates on devout meditation of God with firm mind, then he will realize all-pervading God within himself.

***Loha kanchan sam kar dekhae bhed abhed samavaega!!
Jo sukh hovae paras ke parse so sukh va ko aavaega!!1!!***

Just as iron gets supreme pleasure on contact with *Paras*-the philosopher's stone i.e. iron gets transformed into gold, same way the joy of that supreme eternal bliss, one gets after realization of God, is beyond description through singing.

***Gur parsad bhayie anubhae mati bish amrit sam
dhyavaega!!2!!***

With the blessings of Guru, mind of living being becomes fearless and as a result thereof poison and amrit become one and the same.

Kahi Ravidass met aapa par tab va thaurahi pavaega!!3!!
Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that when one sheds false pride, then he secures a place in divine God's realm and becomes indistinguishable from God.

Shabad 77

***Santo anin bhagti yah nahin!
Jab lag sat-raj-tam tino gun biyapat hae ya mahin!!Tek!!
Soi aan antar karae Har son apmarg ko aanae!
Kaam krodh mad lobh moh ki pal pal pooja thanae!!1!!
Sakat saneh isht ang lavae asthal asthal khela!
Jo kashu milae aan akhat jiyo sut dara sir melae!!2!!***

***Harijan Har bin aur na janae tajaee aan sabh tiagi!
Kahi Ravidass soi jan nirmal nisdin nij anuragi!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches living beings through this hymn to surrender before God and practice truly devoted meditation.

***Santo anin bhagti yah nahin!
Jab lag sat-raj-tam tino gun biyapat hae ya mahin!!Tek!!***

O saints! This is not devout meditation of God as long as one's mind is beset with the three traits i.e. satvik, passionate & ignorant and the five senses of vision, taste, aroma, touch and sound.

***Soi aan antar karae Har son apmarg ko aanae!
Kaam krodh mad lobh moh ki pal pal pooja thanae!!1!!***

Illusory Maya of this universe is taking living beings on the wrong path away from God. Therefore, human being is moving away from God every moment blinded by evils like libido, anger, arrogance, greed and worldly attachments.

***Sakat saneh isht ang lavae asthal asthal khela!
Jo kashu milae aan akhat jiyo sut dara sir melae!!2!!***

A devout devotee of God adorns Almighty divine God in his heart and rejoices himself traversing over all regions of universe. Barring devout meditation of God, whatever one acquires in this world is used by his family members including sons and wife. At the end of one's life only worship of God accompanies the departed soul.

***Harijan Har bin aur na janae tajaee aan sabh tiagi!
Kahi Ravidass soi jan nirmal nisdin nij anuragi!!3!!***

A true devotee of God never accepts anyone else as equal to God. He treats all other worldly treasures as futile and abandons them. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that only such living being is uninfluenced by Maya who remembers God every moment and remains immersed in His devoted meditation.

Shabad 78

Bhagti aisi sunhu re bhai!

Aaie bhagti tou gaie barhaie!!Tek!!

Kaha bhayo nache ar gaye kaha bhayo tap kinhe!

Kaha bhayo jo charan pakhare jau lo tatt nahin chinhen!!1!!

Kaha bhayo je moond mundayo bahu tirath brat kinhe!

Swami dass bhagt ar sevak kahu param tatt nahin chinhen!!2!!

Kahae ‘Ravidass’ teri bhagti door hae bhag barhae so pavae!

Taj abhiman met aapa par piplak hvae chun khavae!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches people to worship God.
Devotion to God adorns one’s life when he banishes lust for praise and false pride from his mind.

Bhagti aisi sunhu re bhai!

Aaie bhagti tou gaie barhaie!!Tek!!

O brother listen! Meditation of God is so pious that it annihilates arrogance of human mind.

Kaha bhayo nache ar gaye kaha bhayo tap kinhe!

Kaha bhayo jo charan pakhare jau lo tatt nahin chinhen!!1!!

Nothing tangible can be achieved through external rituals.
Even if one dances, sings, worships or washes the feet of deities and goddesses, he will not benefit from these ceremonies until he comprehends divinity of God.

Kaha bhayo je moond mundayo bahu tirath brat kinhe!

Swami dass bhagt ar sevak kahu param tatt nahin chinhen!!2!!

Even if one gets his head shaved or one may bathe at all places of pilgrimage and fast, he cannot realize God through these rituals. Even worship of the master by his servant or devotion to Guru by his disciple will be of little use until one really understands God.

Kahae ‘Ravidass’ teri bhagti door hae bhag barhae so pavae!

Taj abhiman met aapa par piplak hvae chun khavae!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O revered God! Thy devout meditation is beyond one’s reach. Only the blessed one really worships Thee. Just as an ant abandons her false pride to

pick and eat sugar from its mixture with sand, likewise any living being of this world, who sheds his fake arrogance and devotes himself to dedicated meditation of God with humility, attains supreme eternal bliss.”

Shabad 79

Ab kashu maram bichara ho Har!

Aadi ant ausan Ram bin koi na karae nistara ho Har!!Tek!!

Jal te pank pank te amrit jal jalhi sudh hoi jaise!!

Aese bharam karam jia bandhio shootaen tum bin kaise ho Har!!1!!

Jap tap bidh nishedh Naam karunamaen paap punn doou Maya!!

Aese mohit man gat bimukh dhan janam janam danhkaya ho Har!!2!!

Tarhan shedan trashan khedan bahu bidh kar le upai!

Lunkharhi sanjog binan jaise kanik kalank na jaie ho Har!!3!!

Kahi Ravidass udas tahi taen kaha upay ab kijae!

Bhae burhat bhaebhit bhagti jan kar avlamban dijae ho Har!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this hymn that one cannot achieve eternal salvation without dedicated meditation of God. Blessed with devout meditation of God, human being is able to cross over this ocean like universe and secure eternal salvation.

Ab kashu maram bichara ho Har!

Aadi ant ausan Ram bin koi na karae nistara ho Har!!Tek!!

“O revered God! I have understood the unknown eternal truth or the sacred divine knowledge through Thy devout meditation that none except Thee, from beginning to end of the universe, can bless any one with eternal salvation.”

Jal te pank pank te amrit jal jalhi sudhi hoi jaise!!

Aese bharam karam jia bandhio shootaen tum bin kaise ho Har!!1!!

Just as the mud in water sustains lotus flower and amrit

like lotus adores water without itself getting soiled by mud and only water gives solace to water. Likewise human being is bonded with the rituals and superstitions. O God! How can the human being get freedom from these futile shackles and achieve eternal salvation without Thy blessings? Only Thy benevolence can relieve human beings of their false & illusory attachments.

Jap tap bidh nishedh Naam karunamaen paap punn doou Maya!!

Aese mohit man gat bimukh dhan janam janam danhkaya ho Har!!2!!

O God! Ritualistic recital of scriptures, worship and both prohibited misdeeds or noble actions are reflections of Maya in the absence of Thy devout meditation. One forgets Thee and keeps suffering from endless cycles of birth and death because of preoccupation with these futile rituals.

Tarhan shedan trashan khedan bahu bidh kar le upai!

Lunkharhi sanjog binan jaise kanik kalank na jaie ho Har!!3!!

Just as any amount of heating, piercing or dispersion cannot remove smudge from gold that can be eliminated by ammonium chloride only. Likewise, one cannot get rid of blemishes of misdeeds through practice of any amount of yoga and meditation devoid of truthful devotion to God.

Kahi Ravidass udas tahi taen kaha upay ab kijae!

Bhae burhat bhaebhit bhagti jan kar avlamban dijae ho Har!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji asks what measures should one take to escape the ill effects of Kaliyug? O revered Hari God! Be kind enough to help scared people drowning in the ocean like universe to cross over same safely with Thy generous support.

Shabad 80

Narhari pragatas na ho pragatas na ho! Dina nath dayal!!Tek!!

Janmat hi te ho bigran! Ab kashoo boojat bahur siyan!!1!!

Parivar bimukh mohi laag! Kashu samujh parat nahin jan!!2!!

Yah bhau bides kali kaal! Ham aan pariyo jamjal!!3!!

Kabhuk tor bharos! Jo maen na kahun to mor dos!!4!!

As kahiyat hoo maen ajan! Aho Prabhu tum sarvagay sayan!!5!!

Sut sevak sada asoch! Thakar pitahin sabh soch!!6!!

Ravidass binvae kar jor! Aho suami tum mohin na shor!!7!!

Sutau purbala akaram mor! Bal jaoun karau nij kor!!8!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains to all living beings of the universe, through this hymn, the correct way to pray to God with humility and how does one, with intense longing for realizing God, prays to God to grant him a glimpse of His divine vision.

Narhari pragatas na ho pragatas na ho! Dina nath dayal!!Tek!!

O revered God! Thou are not appearing to grant me Thy eternal divine view. Thou are not visible. O merciful God -the saviour of the destitute! Kindly take pity on me and bless me with Thy divine sight.

Janmat hi te ho bigran! Ab kashoo boojat bahur siyan!!1!!

O God! Human being gets separated from Thee after arrival in this universe. Only knowledgeable persons are able to recognize this truth.

Parivar bimukh mohi laag! Kashu samujh parat nahin jan!!2!!

This family like universe appears to be futile to a person engrossed in devout meditation of God. But a human being does not appreciate this eternal truth until he wakes up from deep slumber of ignorance.

Yah bhau bides kali kaal! Ham aan pariyo jamjal!!3!!

Human being forgets his real home and indulges in misdeeds in this foreign land of earth under the influence of Kaliyug. Therefore he gets entangled in the web of messengers of death.

Kabhuk tor bharos! Jo maen na kahun to mor dos!!4!!

O God! I always have abiding faith in Thee. However if one does not practice Thy devout meditation, then he is himself to blame.

As kahiyat hoo maen ajan! Aho Prabhu tum sarvagay sayan!!5!!

O God! Human being can neither sing Thy paeans nor comprehend Thy divine greatness under the evil influence of Maya.

O God! Thou are all-pervading, omniscient and greatest of all.
Sut sevak sada asoch! Thakar pitahin sabh soch!!6!!
 Just as a son supported by father and a servant looked
 after by his master remain free of worries because a father is always
 concerned with his son and the master is anxious about his servant.
 Likewise, dedicated devotees of God are always free of worries
 as God is always by their side to look after them.
Ravidass binvae kar jor! Aho suami tum mohin na shor!!7!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj pleads humbly with folded
 hands before God that “O God! Please ignore weaknesses of
 human beings and be merciful to them.”
Sutau purbala akaram mor! Bal jaoun karau nij kor!!8!!
 O God! Living being was alienated from Thee because of
 misdeeds of past births. I am captivated by Thee. Kindly forgive
 me for my shortcomings and bless me with Thy profound devotion.

Shabad 81

Jio tum karan Kesave lalach jiv laga!
Nikat nath prapat nahin mati mand abhaga!! Tek!!
Sagar salil sarodika jal bal adhikaie!
Swati boond ki aas hae piou pias na jaie!!1!!
Jo re sanehi chahiae chitvat ho doori!
Pangul phal na pahunchahi kashu sadh na poori!!2!!
Kahae Ravidass akath katha upnishad sunijae!
Jas toon tas toon hi kas upma dijae!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes in this hymn the
 stage of a living being in which he is fully absorbed in devotion to
 God. A devotee of God finds true solace only in realization of
 God. Supernatural qualities of God are beyond description.

Jio tum karan Kesave lalach jiv laga!
Nikat nath prapat nahin mati mand abhaga!! Tek!!

O revered God! One gets the rare human life for realization
 of Thee but he remains busy in pursuit of futile material wealth &
 worldly pleasures. Because of that any one, with such an unfortunate

mind, cannot comprehend God manifest within himself.
Sagar salil sarodika jal bal adhikaie!
Swati boond ki aas hae piou pias na jaie!!1!!
 There are oceans, lakes, water bodies and many other
 sources of water in this world. However, *Papiha* (a small lbird)
 always longs for that elusive drop of nectar like *Swati*- the mytical
 raindrop. Without *Swati* nectar, *Papiha* cannot quench his thirst
 with any other form of water. Likewise, a true devotee of God
 does not get satisfied with anything but realization of God.
Jo re sanehi chahiae chitvat ho doori!
Pangul phal na pahunchahi kashu sadh na poori!!2!!
 Human being should only have true and abiding love for
 God. However such real love is far away from his mind meaning
 that such affection is absent from his mind. Therefore, human being
 is unable to realize God. As a physically challenged person without
 legs cannot climb a tree to pluck fruits but he can only see them,
 similarly one cannot comprehend God without everlasting true
 devotion and his desire for same remains unfulfilled.
Kahae Ravidass akath katha upnishad sunijae!
Jas toon tas toon hi kas upma dijae!!3!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji says that mysticism of God is beyond
 description even if one listens to innumerable Upanishads. O God!
 Though shall always be unique. Living beings can hardly eulogize
 Thee or they cannot describe Thy divine virtues.

Shabad 82

Gobinde bhoulal biadh apara!
Ta te kashu soojhat var na para!!Tek!!
Agam greh door doorantar bol bharos dijae!
Teri bhagti prohan sant arohan mohin charhaie kin
lijae!!1!!
Loh ki naav pakhanan bojhi sukirit bhav bihina!
Lobh tarang moh bhayon galau man meen bhayo jan
lina!!2!!

Tum Dina Nath dyal Damodar kinae het bilamb kijae!
Ravidass dass sant charan ki mohi avlamban dijae!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious preaching that this world is replete with suffering and misery. Only saints can help human beings to cross over this ocean like universe or attain eternal salvation through deep meditation of God.

Gobinde bhoujal biadh apara!
Ta te kashu sohat var na para!!Tek!!

O God! This universe is full of pain and agony. Therefore people are ignorant of ways to achieve everlasting bliss and salvation.

Agam greh door doorantar bol bharos dijae!
Teri bhagti prohan sant arohan mohin charhaie kin lijae!!1!!

Human being has come far away from the abode of God to this world. However no one, except devout meditation of God, guarantees any assurance of returning back to one's real eternal abode. Thy dedicated worship only ensures salvation. Sages help people to come on board the boat of meditation and achieve divine bliss through devout meditation of God. O God! Why don't You take me on board the boat of Your devout worship?

Loh ki naav pakhanan bojhi sukirit bhav bihina!
Lobh tarang moh bhayon galau man meen bhayo jan lina!!2!!

Because of ignorance, the human being has rendered his precious human life like a steel boat, laden with heavy stones represented by his misdeeds & devoid of gracious conduct, being tossed in the ocean like universe. Life like boat is sinking because of strong waves of greed and attachment. Just as a fish gets hooked in pursuit of greed in the form of a bait and loses her life, similarly human mind gets entangled in futile worldly attractions and rare human life is wasted.

Tum Dina Nath dyal Damodar kinae het bilamb kijae!
Ravidass dass sant charan ki mohi avlamban dijae!!3!!

O God saviour of the poor! Kindly listen to my prayers

and bless me with the glimpse of Thy eternal view. For what reason are You causing the delay? Guru Ravidass Ji says that "I am a devotee at the sacred feet of sages. Kindly bless me with Thy eternal glimpse and provide me succour."

Shabad 83

Aagae manda havae rahya parkirat na jaie!!
Kookar chauki chahodiyae phir bahe su bhai!!Tek!!
Sursari mae jo sura paryau ko karae na bichar!!
Ram Naam hirdae basae sabh sukh nidh sar!!1!!
Kahae Ravidass sunn Kesave antah karan bichar!!
Tumhari bhagti kae karnae phir havae ho chamar!!2!!

In this hymn, Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches people to cultivate the habit of being devout to God for fulfilling the real goal of this human life.

Aagae manda havae rahya parkirat na jaie!!
Kookar chauki chahodiyae phir bahe su bhai!!Tek!!

In the absence of devotion to God, one suffers immensely later. But human being does not change his habit. If one gives his dog a nice bath and makes him sit on a podium, the dog cannot keep sitting there because of his habit. Likewise one may perform any number of futile rituals, but he cannot get rid of his ugly habits.

Sursari mae jo sura paryau ko karae na bichar!!
Ram Naam hirdae basae sabh sukh nidh sar!!1!!

Even if wine gets mixed with water in Ganges, it becomes part of sacred Ganges. There is no doubt in that. Likewise when one's mind is immersed in devotion of God, then he becomes part of God and achieve supreme bliss.

Kahae Ravidass sunn Kesave antah karan bichar!!
Tumhari bhagti kae karnae phir havae ho chamar!!2!!

Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O God! Kindly listen to my prayer and consider it favourably. I, hailing from chamar community, have become indistinguishable from Thee through Thy devout meditation."

Raag Ramkali (Choupada)

Shabad 84

Dhrig dhrig jivan raje Ram bina!!Tek!!

Dehi naen bin, chand raen bin, jioun meena gahr jale bina!!

Hasti sund bin, pankhi pankh bin, jaisoy mandir deep bina!!1!!

Jaise brahmin ved vihoona, taeso prani tujh Naam bina!!

Beswa koon sut kakau kahiye, taeso bhagti jan Ram bina!!2!!

Mantar surat bin, nari kant bin, jaeso dharti Indar bina!!

Jioun brisha phalhi vihoona, tioun prani tujh prem bina!!3!!

Kaam krodh hanker nibaraou, trishna tiagahu sant jana!!

Kahi Ravidass bhayie sital kaya, jioun houn lago Gur charna!!4!!

Through this sacred hymn, Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that human life is futile without devout meditation of God.

Dhrig dhrig jivan raje Ram bina!!Tek!!

In the absence of emperor God, this human life is like a curse.

Dehi naen bin, chand raen bin, jioun meena gahr jale bina!!

Hasti sund bin, pankhi pankh bin, jaisoy mandir deep bina!!1!!

Human being without two eyes, moon in the absence of night, fish without deep water, an elephant without snout, bird without feathers and a temple without a lamp are worthless.

Jaise brahmin ved vihoona, taeso prani tujh Naam bina!!

Beswa koon sut kakau kahiye, taeso bhagti jan Ram bina!!2!!

Just as a brahmin without knowledge of Vedas is worthless, similarly this rare human life of a living being is futile without dedicated devotion to God. As father of a son born to a prostitute cannot be named, likewise this devotee cannot be given any name other than the name of God.

Mantar surat bin, nari kant bin, jaeso dharti Indar bina!!

Jioun brisha phalhi vihoona, tioun prani tujh prem bina!!3!!

Just as a mantra devoid of devout concentration, lady without her husband, earth without rain, and trees without fruit are imperfect, likewise human being devoid of true love for God is incomplete.

Kaam krodh hanker nibaraou, trishna tiagahu sant jana!!

Kahi Ravidass bhayie sital kaya, jioun houn lago Gur charna!!4!!

O brother! Seek the shelter of saints and get rid of your lust, anger, ego and futile wishes. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that human soul becomes pious when one surrenders at the sacred feet of Guru.

Raag Maru

Shabad 85

Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae!!

Garib Nivaj Gusaiya mera mathae chhatar dharae!!1!!Rahaao!!

Ja ki chhot jagat kau lagae ta par tuhi dharae!!

Nichah ooch karae mera Govind kahu te na darae!!1!

Namdev Kabir Tilochan Sadhna Sain tarae!!

Kahi Ravidass sunahu re santahu Har Jiu te sabhae sarae!!2!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji, who brought revolutionary social changes in society, was born in a community deprived of basic human rights like education, listening to religious discourses and dressing well etc. With a view to inculcating unity, equality and establishment of social affinity in the world, empowerment of deprived & depressed communities and ridding those communities of false pride who considered themselves to belong to higher castes; he had to make stones float on water and river Ganges to flow in reverse direction. He had to show four types of sacred threads borne during the four different Yugas or eternal time periods and challenge the misuse of authority by kings and extremists. Ultimately people from all the four communities had devout respect for Shri Guru Ravidass Ji because of his revolutionary human qualities and spiritual accomplishments and he was taken in a procession seated in a gold palanquin on an elephant. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji sang this sacred hymn at that time.

***Aesi lal tujh bin kaun karae!!
Garib Nivaj Gusaiya mera mathae chhatar
dharae!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O charming God! Who else except Thee can perform such miracles? O God the saviour of the poor! Thou have bestowed me with great honour today.

***Ja ki chhot jagat kau lagae ta par tuhi dharae!!
Nichah ooch karae mera Govind kahu te na darae!!1!***

I, who was considered untouchable so far, am now being showered with paeans of praise all around because of Thy benevolence. My God Govind transforms lowly into high and mighty and He is not afraid of anyone while doing so.

***Namdev Kabir Tilochan Sadhna Sain tarae!!
Kahi Ravidass sunahu re santahu Har Jiu te sabhae
sarae!!2!!1!!***

Satguru Namdev Ji, Satguru Kabir Ji, Satguru Trilochan Ji, Satguru Sadhna Ji and Satguru Sain Ji attained eternal salvation through deep devotion to God. They strived to create a united world with universal brotherhood and many kings and religious extremists bowed their heads with reverence before them. Following the sacred path shown by them, innumerable number of people attained salvation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj in his address to the holy saints says “Listen o saints! God is omnipotent and He can accomplish whatever He envisages.”

Shabad 86

***Sukh sagar suritar chintamani kamdhen bas ja ke re!!
Char padarath ast maha sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta kae!!1!!
Har Har Har na japas rasna!!
Avar sabh chhad bachan rachna!!1!! Rahaao!!
Nana khiyan puran ved bidh chautis achhar mahi!!
Bias bichar kahio parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!
Sahaj samadh upadhi rahat hoi bade bhag liv lagi!!
Kahi Ravidass udas dass mati janam maran bhae bhagi!!3!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the entire humanity that devotion to God is a great treasure of eternal bliss. Therefore,

human beings should worship only God leaving aside the rituals, illusions and praying to various deities and goddesses.

***Sukh sagar suritar chintamani kamdhen bas ja ke re!!
Char padarath ast maha sidhi nav nidhi kar tal ta kae!!1!!***

O people of this world! Be devoted to God the ultimate treasure of all happiness. Heavenly tree Kalapvriksha, Kamdhenu cow that fulfils all desires, the precious stone Chintamani that gives one all desired treasures and four desires sex, riches, religious pursuits and salvation, eight supernatural powers and nine super treasures are all under the command of God. Whosoever worships God with dedicated devotion gets control over all of these easily.

***Har Har Har na japas rasna!!
Avar sabh chhad bachan rachna!!1!! Rahaao!!***

O man! Why don't you worship Hari Naam of God that is treasure of eternal bliss. Leave chanting the voice of futile world and devote yourself to worship of God.

***Nana khiyan puran ved bidh chautis achhar mahi!!
Bias bichar kahio parmarath Ram Naam sar nahi!!2!!***

Innumerable varieties of mythological chronicles and vedic scriptures are written with thirty four alphabets. Sage Ved Vyas Ji has declared, after detailed and careful perusal of various mythological chronicles and vedic scriptures, that there is nothing more precious in this universe than the sacred worship of God.

***Sahaj samadh upadhi rahat hoi bade bhag liv lagi!!
Kahi Ravidass udas dass mati janam maran bhae
bhagi!!3!!2!!***

Eternal devotion and surrender to God is possible only after getting rid of futile pursuit of worldly pleasures. And it is with blessings of extremely good fortune that one can achieve this stage of eternal tranquillity in worship of God. Thereafter, the devotee of God no longer cherishes any worldly pleasures and his mind becomes free of the fear of recurring cycle of life and death.

Raag Maru (Choupada)

Shabad 87

Pia Ram ras piya re!!Tek!!

Bhar bhar devae surat kalali, dariya dariya pina re!!

Pivat pivatu aapa jag bhula, Har ras manhi baurana re!!

Dar ghar visar gaiyo Ravidasa, unman sad matwari re!!

Pal pal prem piala chalaе, shoote nanhi khumari re!!1!!1!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human beings through this pious hymn to seek company of Guru Ji and savour the pot full of amrit at his hands after which one achieves the position of eternal tranquillity and remains soaked in serenity of God's Naam.

Pia Ram ras piya re!!Tek!!

I have tasted the amrit of God's Name.

Bhar bhar devae surat kalali, dariya dariya pina re!!

Pivat pivatu aapa jag bhula, Har ras manhi baurana re!!

Revered Guru in the guise of a bartender helps one to concentrate his self conscience inside the tenth aperture and serves bowls full of amrit. Human being savours infinite number of bowls of nectar like a river. Having tasted such amrit, human being forgets about the worldly pleasures and remains immersed in God's Naam.

Dar ghar visar gaiyo Ravidasa, unman sad matwari re!!

Pal pal prem piala chalaе, shoote nanhi khumari re!!1!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that "Having disregarded the abode of human body, the soul becomes ecstatic after reaching the stage of eternal tranquillity. The bowl of amrit is being served there constantly every moment inside the tenth aperture and the eternal pleasure of that never diminishes."

Shabad 88

Man mora Maya mahi laptano!!Tek!!

Bisasakat rahio nisvasar, ajhoun nahin aghano!

Kami kutil labar kuchali, samjhayi nahin samujhano!!1!!

Sat sangat pal nahin kinahin, man mourakh bahu garvano!

Sot khat din raen bitayi, tahi maen rasna sukh mano!!2!!

Maya manhi hil mil rahio, fokat sate janam ganvano!

Kahi Ravidass kashu chet babre, Ram Naam vin nahi ubrano!!3!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious sermon to all human beings through this hymn to get rid of the influence of Maya and seek eternal salvation.

Man mora Maya mahi laptano!!Tek!!

Oblivious of God, the human mind remains preoccupied with the influence of Maya.

Bisasakat rahio nisvasar, ajhoun nahin aghano!

Kami kutil labar kuchali, samjhayi nahin samujhano!!1!!

Human being keeps losing confidence failing to comprehend the reality. He remains preoccupied with sex, misdeeds and cunningness and fails to reform himself despite counselling.

Sat sangat pal nahin kinahin, man mourakh bahu garvano!

Sot khat din raen bitayi, tahi maen rasna sukh mano!!2!!

Human being does not keep company of sages and the foolish idiot remains arrogant. He wastes his entire day and night in sleeping and eating and yet his tongue never feels contented.

Maya manhi hil mil rahio, fokat sate janam ganvano!

Kahi Ravidass kashu chet babre, Ram Naam vin nahi ubrano!!3!!2!!

Human being wastes his life engrossed in futile tasks enticed by Maya. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that "O mad man! You must remember God. Your life is getting wasted in the absence of God's Naam,"

Shabad 89

Biti aayu bhajan nahin kinha!!Tek!!

Set bhayo tan thar thar kampahi, Har simran nahin kinha!!

Sat sangat nahin Gur pad seo, prabh kirati nahin gaie!

***Nahi man ramiyo prabh charnan mahin, tan siou preet
drirhaie!***

Kahi Ravidass chalan ki baria, kou na hoi sahaie!!1!!

In this virtuous hymn, Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches the entire humanity that human beings keep wasting their lives sans meditation of God's Naam. Body keeps trembling with the onset of old age. None comes to the rescue of human being at the end of his life. Therefore, one must follow the preaching of his Guru and realize the goal of human life through devout and truthful love for God.

Biti aayu bhajan nahin kinha!!Tek!!

O dear! You are nearing the end of your precious human life but you have never bothered to keep God in mind.

Set bhayo tan thar thar kampahi, Har simran nahin kinha!!

With the advent of old age, the body keeps trembling and it is difficult to worship God at that time.

Sat sangat nahin Gur pad seo, prabh kirati nahin gaie!

You did not abide by the preaching of Guru, never kept company of sages and you never sang the glory of God.

***Nahi man ramiyo prabh charnan mahin, tan siou preet
drirhaie!***

You did not connect your mind with the lotus feet of God and remained busy adorning your own body.

Kahi Ravidass chalan ki baria, kou na hoi sahaie!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that in the end, none except God's Naam will be of help to you. Therefore you must worship God with devotion.

Shabad 90

Prabhu Ji tum augan bakhshanhar!

***Haoun bahu neech udhrau patki, moorakh nipat
ganvar!!Tek!!***

Mo sam patit adham nahin kou, khien dukhi visiar!

Naam sunahi narak bhajae hvae, tum bin kavan hamar!!1!!

Patit pavan birhad tiharau, aai paraun tohi duaar!!

Kahi Ravidass ih man aasa, nij kar lehu ubhar!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji prays to God with humility that "O revered God! Please pardon people of the world for their shortcomings and be extremely merciful to condone their sins."

Prabhu Ji tum augan bakhshanhar!

***Haoun bahu neech udhrau patki, moorakh nipat
ganvar!!Tek!!***

O revered God! You condone faults of human beings. We living beings of the world, being oblivious of Thee, are very mean. Kindly take pity on us who are foolish & covetous and pardon us for our sins.

Mo sam patit adham nahin kou, khien dukhi visiar!

Naam sunahi narak bhajae hvae, tum bin kavan hamar!!1!!

O revered Lord! There is no greater sinner than me as I have ignored Thee. But You are always very kind to tormented people. The fear of hell vanishes with chanting of Thy Naam with devotion. O revered God! There is none to support us except Thee.

Patit pavan birhad tiharau, aai paraun tohi duaar!!

Kahi Ravidass ih man aasa, nij kar lehu ubhar!!2!!

O revered God! Thy Naam purifies the sinners. I seek Thy shelter; kindly bestow me with Thy blessings. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj further says that "O dear Lord! That the only longing I have in my mind is to seek Thy blessings. Kindly pardon for my sins and grant me eternal salvation."

Raag Kedara

Shabad 91

Khat karam kul sanjugat hae Har bhagti hirdae nahi!!

Charnarbind na katha bhavae supach tul samaan!!1!!

Re chit cheti chet achet!! Kahe na Balmikahi dekh!!

Kis jaat te kih padahi amario Ram bhagti bisekh!!1!!

Rahaao!!

Suan satr ajat sabh te Krisan lavae het!!
Log bapura kiya sarahae teen lok praves!!2!!
Ajamal Pingula Lubhat Kunchar gaiye Har kae pas!!
Aese durmati nistarae tu kiyon na tarahi Ravidass!!3!! 1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advises human beings through his pious preaching to worship God and that one who is devoted to God is superior. Guru Ji preaches all living beings to emulate Brahmgyani (who has knowledge and understating of God), omniscient, Maharishi Balmik Ji in respect of devoted meditation of God and make this rare human life a real success. Even though he was born in a community treated as untouchables, he achieved supreme position and became one with eternal God. People sing paeans in his praise in all of the three worlds and the entire universe.

Khat karam kul sanjugat hae Har bhagti hirdae nahi!!
Charnarbind na katha bhavae supach tul samaan!!1!!

Even if one hails from a respected upper caste and is perfect in the six virtues like scholarly education and teaching, performance of yajnas and helping others perform yajnas, charity and to give alms etc; he is equivalent to an evil person in the absence of devotion to God and disinterest in spiritual discourses dedicated to lotus feet of God.

Re chit cheti chet achet!! Kahe na Balmikahi dekh!!
Kis jaat te kih padahi amario Ram bhagti bisekh!!1!! Rahaao!!

O ignorant mind! I remind you to always remember God and immerse your heart in deep devotion to God. O dear friend! Why don't you look at learned Brahmgyani Maharishi Balmik Ji? Why don't you get inspiration from his life? He was born in a community considered as untouchables. However he attained supreme position because of his devoted meditation of God and he immortalized himself achieving unity and oneness with God.

Suan satr ajat sabh te Krisan lavae het!!
Log bapura kiya sarahae teen lok praves!!2!!

Atagonist of the evil greed, Maharishi Balmik Ji had overpowered all evil distractions and the Yagya performed by the

Pandavas was complete only after his arrival and participation. On that occasion, Shri Krishna Ji and everybody else worshipped Maharishi Balmik, washed his feet with devotion and savoured the pious nectar. What paeans can the innocent people sing in praise of Maharishi Balmik Ji? He is being praised and paid rich tributes by every one in all the three words i.e. earth, oceans and space. People sing paeans in his praise in every part of the entire universe.

Ajamal Pingula Lubhat Kunchar gaiye Har kae pas!!

Ajamal the great sinner, Pingula the prostitute of Janakpuri, Lubhatu hunter and the elephant – all of them got united with God and became one with the Almighty after their devout meditation of God.

Legend of Ajamal

Ajamal was son of a Brahmin and he was resident of Kannauj city. His father was the local king's priest. Ajamal used to visit the city daily for studies at his Guru Ji's ashram. Ajamal was adept at remembering every word he read or heard. He learnt everything in ten years that normally takes twenty years for other people. He was about to complete his studies. Ajamal's Guru Ji often used to advise him to bye-pass the city while visiting the ashram. One day he ignored his Guru Ji's advice and wandered through the bazaar inhabited by prostitutes in the city. He was stunned by the beauty of the prostitutes and he went home glaring at those lovely women. He could not concentrate on his study and learning of the lessons while at home. Even then he continued passing through the bazaar of prostitutes for the next few days.

One day, while he was passing through the bazaar, Kalavathi, who was extremely beautiful, escorted her to her room and persuaded him to engage in evil deeds. Thereafter, Ajamal could never focus on his studies. His Guru Ji sent for his father and advised him to arrange Ajamal's marriage quickly as it was not in his interest to remain unmarried any longer. Ajamal's father

was king's priest and he made immediate arrangements for Ajamal's marriage within a few days.

Ajamal's wife was very learned and pretty but he did not end his relationship with the prostitute. Ajamal's father left for his heavenly abode. Thereafter the king anointed Ajamal as his kingdom's priest. He had onerous responsibilities as king's priest because he had to be a religious, social and political leader. However despite getting such coveted position, Ajamal did not refrain from visiting the prostitute. The news of king's priest frequenting the prostitute spread throughout the city and ultimately reached the king. The king summoned Ajamal and admonished him that such misdeeds do not behove a king's priest and he was strongly advised to stop visiting the prostitute. Ajamal confessed before the king about his profound love for Kalavathi and further said that he cannot abandon her. Thereafter the king sent both Ajamal and Kalavathi outside his kingdom to live in exile. Ajamal and Kalavathi started living in a hut outside the kingdom. Ajamal started visiting the forest daily to return with his prey after hunting. They had six sons and Kalavathi was expecting the seventh child.

Because of their good luck, one day a group of saints visited their home. However, Kalavathi had no food to offer them. When Ajamal returned home after hunting, Kalavathi did not agree to cook the meat. She said that they are getting punished for some of their misdeeds leading to such a miserable condition. Let us not roast the meat today and hope and pray that saints may tell us something for our salvation. Both of them served roasted grain and jaggery for saints to eat and prayed before them for forgiveness for their sins and pleaded for sane advice for their emancipation. The saints told them that soon you will be blessed with the seventh son and advised them to name him Narayan. If you have deep affection and profound love for him then you will have God's blessings. With this preaching, the saints left for their onwards journey. When God blessed them with a son, Ajamal named him Narayan as advised by the saints and he had profound affection for him. He kept on calling his son Narayan all the time while resting, standing or walking.

As Ajamal approached last moment of his life the messengers of Dharmaraj (Angel of Death) came to take his soul away. He was too scared to see frightening images of deities of death and he started calling for his son Narayan for his help. The deities of death thought that Ajamal was a devotee of God because he is calling Narayan (God) at his last moment. Therefore, messengers of Dharmaraj got away and deities of God Narayan escorted Ajamal's soul to the heavenly abode. This is how even great sinner Ajamal attained salvation because of kindness and blessings of saints.

Story of Pingula

Pingula, an extremely beautiful and pretty prostitute, was a resident of Janakpuri town. One day she decorated her bedroom with flowers, bedecked herself with ornaments and perfumes and waited anxiously for arrival of a friendly client. However no one turned up since early morning till late in the evening. After waiting till one fourth of the night was over, she went inside and wanted to rest on the flower laden bed. However because of her lust for money and longing for sexual gratification, she could not sleep. Therefore she went out again. She kept on repeating her short visits inside and wait outside at her door till it was midnight but none of her friends turned up.

Miraculously at that time Pingula got enlightened so brightly that it was far beyond the fruits of meditation for more than ten thousand years. She pondered over deeply and told herself "O foolish mind! You are indeed very evil as you long for humans who are mortal and under the adverse influence of anger and sexual desires. You expect true love from such people ignoring God the Almighty who is omnipresent and close to every one's heart. He fulfils noble desires of all and feeds every living being throughout the universe without claiming any credit. On the contrary, if any human being does anything good one day, he starts boasting and

that he would capture such a bird and return back with it that very day. Having promised that, the hunter released those seven birds and spread his net in the forest with determination to capture the bird as described by the sage. Visualising the bird as described by the sage he spread his net at several locations one after the other but did not come across any bird with given description. He kept releasing whatever other birds he caught in the net. Almost 3/4th of the day was over wandering in the forest like that. Lodhia was feeling extremely hungry and thirsty by now.

At that time Lodhia's wife came to the forest in search of him. He was very surprised to see his wife deep in the forest. He narrated the entire story to her and pledged not to eat or drink anything till he is able to capture the described bird. Having listened to him, the lady told Lodhia that she had never seen such a bird and no one could ever capture such a bird in the past, nor any one will be able to capture it now or ever in future. You should also think carefully and try to recall whether you have ever seen or heard of such a bird. O dear! Has some one misguided you or have you lost your mental balance? It is getting dark and you must get back home in your own interest. Lodhia got extremely annoyed after hearing all that and seething with anger he picked up his knife and axe threatening to sever off her neck. The lady then realized that he was full of rage and may indeed kill her. With these thoughts she hurried back home.

Lodhia did not come across the desired bird even till late in the evening. With deep thoughts about the bird as described by the sage in his mind, he spread the net once again with the hope of capturing the bird before sunrise to achieve his life's mission. He continued search of the bird in all directions despite being extremely hungry and thirsty with the fond hope of sighting the bird matching the given description. He could not sight the bird even on the second day. He continued his search for the unique bird in the forest on third day as well. Having failed to see the bird even at the end of third day he collected wood and thought of self immolation at the funeral pyre. As he lit the fire and was about to

jump into the funeral pyre, the ever merciful God saviour of His devotees and sinners, overwhelmed by his devotion and determination, appeared before him in the guise of the described bird. As soon as he saw the unique bird, he was overjoyed and ran after the bird to capture it. He thought that he would surely catch the bird but the bird proved elusive. Sages and devotees meditate for thousands of years and worship God to have a glimpse of that form of the Almighty. Lodhia got tired and exhausted chasing that bird without success. His knees and bones gave up and he was bleeding profusely. Feeling totally frustrated, he took out his knife to slit his throat. Just as he readied to cut his throat with his knife, God, moved by his deep devotion and faith, got entangled in his net in the guise of described bird. Lodhia was then overjoyed and he caught hold of the unique bird and took it to the sage.

When the sage saw God in front of him, he immediately got up and offered his profound respect with folded hands at Lord's feet and with deep devotion he offered his seat to God in the guise of bird. He also respectfully offered a seat to the hunter. He fetched flowers and fruits from the forest and fondly offered to merciful God then seen by both the sage and the hunter with conch shell, mace, Sudarshanchakra and lotus in each of the four hands and wearing the beautiful divine garland. Beholding Lodhia close to the chest with one hand and blessing him with another hand, God showered his benevolence on him with great affection and consoled him for the extreme hardships endured because of hunger and thirst for many days while searching for Him. Simultaneously God gave His blessings to the sage. God blessed both of them with divine benevolence for their salvation and being one with Him. This way the hunter achieved eternal peace and salvation.

Chronicle of another Hunter
Emancipation of the Hunter and Protection of
the Doe

Once upon a time, Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj was absorbed in deep meditation of God at a secluded place in the forest. This place is now famous as Lehar Tara located in Varanasi. Natural beauty all around the place, where Shri Guru Ravidass Ji was praying, was indeed bountiful and pleasantly attractive. A doe came running that way closely followed by a hunter. The hunter overpowered the doe and was about to kill it. The doe thought that she cannot save her life and the hunter would kill her any moment. She concluded that leave aside feeding her fawns, she cannot even meet them. She was deeply grieved with these thoughts and because of her deep affection for her fawns, tears started rolling down from her eyes. Looking at her condition, the hunter asked her why was she crying with tears flowing from the eyes? The doe said that she was overwhelmed with the sweet memories and deep affection for her young ones and that is why she was in that pitiable condition. The doe pleaded with the hunter to let her off and promised to get back to him soon after feeding her fawns. The hunter said that he would leave her only if some one could stand guarantee for her return.

As Shri Guru Ravidass Ji was close by, he asked the hunter to let the doe go and he guaranteed to stay with the hunter till the doe returns back. The hunter let the doe off with directive to return within a limited period of 15 minutes. The doe darted towards her fawns. On her arrival the fawns were overjoyed with delight, embraced her fondly and got ready to suckle her. When the fawns saw their mother to be extremely sad, they inquired about the reason for her distress. Then the doe narrated the entire story to them. The fawns refused to feed at this point of time and insisted on accompanying her to the hunter with the firm resolve to sacrifice their lives before their mother is slaughtered.

After a short while, the doe accompanied with her fawns

returned to the place where Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and the hunter were resting. The doe told the hunter to let Shri Guru Ravidass Ji move on as she had returned to him within 15 minutes. When the hunter raised his hand holding a sword to kill her then his hand with the sword became immobile and won't come down. The hunter was stunned and felt listless like a stone. He could visualize the deities of death dancing before him. Apprehending that he may die very soon, he felt extremely repentant and ashamed. He prostrated before Shri Guru Ravidass Ji and prayed for mercy. Guru Ji advised him to refrain from such evil deeds in future and blessed him with holy preaching. The disciple hunter, doe and her fawns paid their obeisance bowing before Guru Ji and then took leave and moved to the forest. This is how Shri Guru Ravidass Ji emancipated the hunter, doe and the fawns.

Story of Gajinder – The Elephant

Hota and Brahma were real brothers. They used to stay together in worship of God. One day both of them went together to a king to get some alms. Because of some unknown reason or unintentionally, Hota received larger portion of alms compared to Brahma. Brahma pondered over this inequality and thought of making both shares uniform. He quickly mixed both lots of alms into one, made two equal parts and asked Hota to pick up any one. Hota said no to this and insisted on having his original share and he questioned Brahma as to why did he mix up what each one of them received?

Brahma- “Why do you feel jealous?”

Hota- “Actually, you are jealous and greedy. When you got smaller quantity of alms, you mixed your and my shares and made two equal parts. How bad! O greedy! You must give me my full original share.”

Brahma- “If you are calling me greedy, then you are like a crocodile. O greedy! I curse you to be reborn as a crocodile to live in river Gandaki.”

Hota was not to be left behind. He was also a devotee of God. He also retorted with a curse – “If I take rebirth as a crocodile then remember, you will also be reborn as an elephant. When you will visit that river for drinking water, then I will catch you and kill you by drowning in the river. Then you will remember your greed. You rascal! You are bent upon destruction of our own generation.”

With these words, Hota left behind his share and left for his home. After some time, both brothers died and were reincarnated. Hota was reborn as a crocodile and Brahma as an elephant and both of them lived around river Gandaki that was very deep.

Look! How bad the greed is. Greed led both brothers to fight amongst themselves. Both contributed to destruction of their own generation. In fact, false pride and greed make us most unreasonable and foolish. People suffer immensely because of greed and hence no one should be greedy.

Yes! Brahma was reborn as an elephant. He was a huge elephant with tusks and he was the head of his flock. No one dared to challenge him. He was like a king of the forest in control of a large flock of female elephants. As if that old curse was to come true, he once went to river Gandaki to quench his thirst. As he advanced into the river, his brother reborn as a crocodile was waiting for his prey. He caught hold of the leg of the elephant and started dragging it into deep water. Crocodile continued moving forward and the elephant trumpeted very loudly as he was nearly drowning. Only his head and snout were out of water. Other elephants were perplexed to see this but they were not capable of rescuing the drowning elephant. Crocodile was determined to take revenge and he kept holding the elephant’s leg very firmly. The elephant was also very powerful and he realized that scores of the previous life are being settled. He tried hard to escape and successfully prevented submergence of his head under water. Meanwhile the crocodile continued making efforts to see that the elephant drowns in river water.

The tussle between the crocodile and the elephant continued for a long time and the elephant felt extremely hungry as there was nothing in the water for him to eat while crocodile feeds on aquatic fauna. Elephant became very feeble and was about to drown when he looked towards sky with deep prayers before God and offered a lotus flower in veneration praying for his rescue. He prayed for mercy of God and pleaded that he should not die in water lest he is reborn once again in a lower order of species like elephant in the present birth. He begged for God’s mercy and continued praying to God to respond urgently to his devoted prayers.

As the elephant was praying with a pious heart, God was very kind to appear at the river bank acceding to his prayers. God severed the neck of the crocodile with His Sudarshanchakra and emancipated the elephant. Being extremely fortunate to have a rare glimpse of God the elephant was reborn as a devout human devotee of God and he practiced meditation of God with dedication and achieved eternal salvation. Likewise the crocodile was also liberated singing paeans of God’s glory.

Aese durmati nistarae tu kiyon na tarahi Ravidass!!3!! 1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that if such unwise living beings can attain salvation through devoted meditation of God then you are sure to be emancipated by God if you worship Him with true devotion.

Shabad 92

Re man Ram Naam sambhar!!
Maya kae bhram kaha bhouliyo jahige kar jhar!!Tek!!
Dekh dhaun ihan kaun tero saga sut nahin sar!!
Tor tang sab door karihae daehinge tan jar!!1!!
Pran gaiye kaho kaun tera dekh soch bichar!!
Bahur yeh Kali kaal mahie jeet bhavae haar!!2!!
Yah Maya sab thothari re bhagti ko pritipar!!
Kahi Ravidass satt bachan Gur kae so na jia tae bisar!!3!!

Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his virtuous preaching to human beings to worship and always remember God

in the mind. Living beings should adore teachings of revered Guru, who helps comprehension of God, in their hearts. They should shun futile worldly Maya and make their rare human lives fruitful by realization of God through His true and devout meditation.

Re man Ram Naam sambhar!!

Maya kae bhram kaha bhouliyo jahige kar jhar!!Tek!!

O dear brother! Always remember God in your heart. If you don't worship God's Naam, you will get entangled in the illusory Maya wasting precious life and leave this world empty handed in the end.

Dekh dhaun ihan kaun tero saga sut nahin sar!!

Tor tang sab door karihae daehinge tan jar!!1!!

Look carefully! Who is your own in this world? So much so that even your own son and wife will not be able to help you at the end. All of your near and dear ones will sever their relationship with you on your death and they will consign your dead body to the flames.

Pran gaiye kaho kaun tera dekh soch bichar!!

Bahur yeh Kali kaal mahie jeet bhavae haar!!2!!

O brother! Contemplate this reality in mind that who will accompany you when you breathe your last? In reality, none except God's Naam will go together with you. You have been advised in many ways in this Kaliyug to strive for making this rare human life fruitful. Now it is up to you to win over the battle of this world through devout meditation of God or remain oblivious to the Lord and waste the opportunity. The choice is entirely with you.

Yah Maya sab thothari re bhagti ko pritipar!!

Kahi Ravidass satt bachan Gur kae so na jia tae bisar!!3!!

O dear brother! Maya of this world is futile unlike God's devout Naam. And therefore you should have devout meditation of God uppermost in your mind. Guru Ravidass Ji says "O dear! Never forget the preaching of your revered Guru that will help you in realization of God. Instead, follow the sermons scrupulously and make this human life really fruitful."

Shabad 93

Haun banjaro Ram ko Har jou ko tando lado jai re!!

Ram Naam dhan paiyo ta te sahaj karoon biopar re!!Tek!!

Aughat ghaat ghano ghana re nirgun bael hamar re!!

Ram Naam ham ladio tathae vish ladio sansar re!!1!!

Antahin dhan dhario re antahin dhoondan jai re!!

Anat ko dharyo na paiye tathae chalio mool gamai re!!2!!

Raen ganvai soi kar divas ganvayo khai re!!

Hira yah tan paye kar kauri badle jai re!!3!!

Sadh sangat poonji bhayie re basut laie nirmol re!!

Sahjae baldiya lad kar chahun dis tando mel re!!4!!

Jaisa rang kusambh ka taisa yah sansar re!!

Ramayia rang majith ka bhanae Ravidass bichar re!!6!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches entire humanity that the passage to realization of God is extremely tough and dangerous because of ignorance and attachment with futile worldly pleasures. Human soul, akin to an ox, can successfully traverse this difficult path with the blessings of God and get drenched in fast maroon colour of Lord's blessings to make this life truly fruitful.

Haun banjaro Ram ko Har jou ko tando lado jai re!!

Ram Naam dhan paiyo ta te sahaj karoon biopar re!!Tek!!

If there is anyone wishing to trade in Ram's Naam, he can come to me and do fruitful business of dealing in Ram's Naam. My cart is laden with Ram's Naam. I deal in trading of eternal stage of ecstasy which is accessible only if one shuns discrimination and goes beyond the realm of nine apertures of human body to stay focussed in the tenth aperture.

Aughat ghaat ghano ghana re nirgun bael hamar re!!

Ram Naam ham ladio tathae vish ladio sansar re!!1!!

Just as it is tough for a stupid ox to traverse tough and perilous hill track to reach the destination; likewise even after having this extremely scarce human life, one finds the path leading to realization of God to be extremely treacherous and difficult like a thickly forested hill track because of his ignorance and lust for futile worldly pleasures. The human mind, treading such path, is

very fragile like a weak ox. I have laden riches of God's Naam on my ox like human body whereas people of this world load themselves with the poisons of futile distractions.

Antahin dhan dhario re antahin dhoondan jai re!!

Anat ko dharyo na paiye tathae chalio mool gamai re!!2!!

One has to realize God from within to have limitless treasures of His blessings. However if one does not comprehend God, he loses even his principal capital.

Raen ganvai soi kar divas ganvayo khai re!!

Hira yah tan paye kar kauri badle jai re!!3!!

Oblivious of God, human being wastes his precious life sleeping during the night and eating during the day time thus squandering away his diamond like scarce life in pursuit of worthless shells.

Sadh sangat poonji bhayie re basut laie nirmol re!!

Sahjae baldiya lad kar chahun dis tando mel re!!4!!

The wealth of Lord' Naam is inherent in the company of sages and that priceless treasure of God's Naam can be obtained only from true saints. Laden with the treasure of God's Naam on one's body akin to an ox; human being trades in Lord's Naam travelling in all the four directions.

Jaisa rang kusambh ka taisa yah sansar re!!

Ramaya rang majith ka bhanae Ravidass bichar re!!6!!

Just as the colour of safflower (*Carthamus tinctorius*) is short lived, likewise this universe is also fragile and perishable. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji further states that the colour of my Lord is eternal and everlasting maroon. I say this after serious deliberation.

Shabad 94

Preet sudhamin aav!

Tej saroupi sakal siromani alakh Niranjan rav!!Tek!!

Piev sang prem kabhun nahi payo karni kavan bisari!

Chak ko dhian dadhi sut son hot hae yon tum tae maen niarie!!1!!

Bhor bhaiyau mohin ik tak jovat talfal rajni jaie!

Piev bin sejai ka sukh sooun birah bitha tan khaie!!2!!

Met duhag suhagni kijae apne ang lagaie!

Kahae Ravidass Prabhu tumhre bishohe ek palak jug jaie!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preached all human beings through this pious sermon to develop true love with their Lord God and become His blessed beloved brides so as to amalgamate with God and make their scarce human lives truly fruitful.

Preet sudhamin aav!

Tej saroupi sakal siromani alakh Niranjan rav!!Tek!!

O dear! You must enrich your life through abiding true love for God who is omnipotent, supreme, and unassuming sovereign.

Piev sang prem kabhun nahi payo karni kavan bisari!

Chak ko dhian dadhi sut son hot hae yon tum tae maen niarie!!1!!

When any human bride does not have true love for her dear husband Lord, then oblivious of God, she wastes her scarce human life in futility. However just as the partridge has abiding love for the moon, same way human being should have unique and devout affection for God.

Bhor bhaiyau mohin ik tak jovat talfal rajni jaie!

Piev bin sejai ka sukh sooun birah bitha tan khaie!!2!!

Human bride spends her life akin to a night in extreme suffering longing to meet her Lord God. However she has not been able to realize God yet. How can the human bride sleep peacefully on the bedecked bed without union with husband God? Agony of separation is unbearable for her.

Met duhag suhagni kijae apne ang lagaie!

Kahae Ravidass Prabhu tumrhe bishohe ek palak jug jaie!!3!!

O revered God! Bless this human soul separated from Thee with Thy kind glimpse and embrace her as Thy beloved bride. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji says "O revered Lord of the universe! How can this human bride live in isolation from Thee? Separation from Thee, even for a blinking of the eye, is agonizing like separation for yugas (astronomically long periods) for this human bride. Agony and suffering because of separation are unbearable."

Raag Bhairo

Shabad 95

***Bin dekhe upjae nahi aasa!! Jo disae so hoi binasa!!
Baran sahit jo japae Naam!! So jogi kewal nihkam!!1!!
Parchae Ram ravae jao koi!! Paras parsae dubidha na
hoi!!1!! Rahaao!!
So muni man ki dubidha khai!! Bin duare trae lok samai!!
Man ka subhaou sabh koi karae!! Karta hoi so anbhae
rahae!!2!!
Phal karan phoolii banrai!!Phal laga tab phool bilai!!
Gianae karan karam abhiyas!! Gian bhaiya tah karmah
nas!!3!!
Ghrit karan dadh mathae saiyan!!Jiwat mukat sada nirban!!
Kahi Ravidass param baerag!! Ridae Ram ki na japas
abhag!!4!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching that the mind of any one, who follows the path shown by Guru the transformer and worships God with extreme devotion, gets rid of all doubts and vacillation and he achieves oneness with God omnipresent in all the three worlds. After attaining self enlightenment, he becomes immortal in this life and achieves permanent eternal peace and tranquillity.

Bin dekhe upjae nahi aasa!! Jo disae so hoi binasa!!

Without realizing God, mind of a living being has no longing to achieve oneness with God. However, everything visible to eye in this world is perishable.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji Maharaj says- *Nainah dekhat ih jag jaie!!* i.e. This world perishes before our own eyes.)

Baran sahit jo japae Naam!! So jogi kewal nihkam!!1!!

Any one, who worships God with dedicated devotion, is a true ascetic sage who does not want anything in return.

***Parchae Ram ravae jao koi!! Paras parsae dubidha na
hoi!!1!! Rahaao!!***

Any living being, who worships God as guided by Guru Ji, gets rid of all doubts and vacillation in life. Just as iron is

transformed into gold after coming into contact with divine *Paras* the philosopher's stone, same way such individual gets transformed like pure gold with the blessings of his Guru Ji.

So muni man ki dubidha khai!! Bin duare trae lok samai!!

The true saint in this world is one who banishes all doubts from mind and becomes one with God who is omnipresent in all the three worlds, i.e. earth, space and oceans, sans the ten apertures.

***Man ka subhaou sabh koi karae!! Karta hoi so anbhae
rahae!!2!!***

All living beings in this world act according to the nature of their minds. However any one, who is able to exercise complete control over one's mind, leads a fearless life being one with God.

Phal karan phooli banrai!!Phal laga tab phool bilai!!

Just as various species of plants bear flowers for the production of fruit and the flowers whither away after formation of fruits.

***Gianae karan karam abhiyas!! Gian bhaiya tah karmah
nas!!3!!***

Likewise, seeker of truthful knowledge performs superior deeds for his enlightenment. Once he is blessed with the fruit of divine enlightenment, he is no longer accountable for his deeds like withering of flowers.

Ghrit karan dadh mathae saiyan!!Jiwat mukat sada nirban!!

As a wise lady churns curd for getting butter and she stops churning after taking out the butter. Similarly, seeker of divine knowledge performs good deeds for seeking divine enlightenment. When he attains self enlightenment, he achieves eternal tranquillity during his life time and attains a permanent eternal status of oneness with God.

***Kahi Ravidass param baerag!! Ridae Ram ki na japas
abhag!!4!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji asks "O unlucky man! Why don't you worship God with utmost devotion for achieving eternal tranquillity that will bless you with permanent status of divine salvation?"

Shabad 96

Aisa dhian dharaun Banwari! Man pawan dirh sukhman narhi!! Tek!!

Soi jap japaun jo bahur na japna! Soi tap tapaun jo bahur na tapna!!1!!

Soi Guru karaun jo bahur na karna! Aesi maraun jo bahur na marna!!2!!

Ulati Gang Jamun me lyavau! Binhi jal majan hvae aavaun!!3!!

Lochan bhar bhar biyamb niharaun! Joti bichar na aur bicharaun!!4!!

Pind pare jeev jis ghar jata! Shabad atit anahad rata!!5!!

Ja par kirpa soi bhal janae! Goongo sakar kaha bakhanae!!6!!

Sunn mandal men tera basa! Tathae jav me rahaun udasa!!7!!

Kahi Ravidass Niranjana dhiao! Jis ghari jao haun bahur na aao!!8!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings to focus the concentration on God within the tenth aperture to reach the stage of eternal tranquillity and secure salvation while one is still alive.

Aisa dhian dharaun Banwari! Man pawan dirh sukhman narhi!! Tek!!

O human being! You should concentrate on devout meditation of God in such a way that your breath should reach the confluence of both Irha and Pingula with Sukhmana artery or the tenth aperture.

Soi jap japaun jo bahur na japna! Soi tap tapaun jo bahur na tapna!!1!!

O dear! Surrender at the sacred feet of enlightened Guru. If you worship God with devotion after reaching that stage, then you don't need to meditate time and again. Likewise if you perform such a profound meditation, you will have no need to repeat same.

Soi Guru karaun jo bahur na karna! Aesi maraun jo bahur na marna!!2!!

Only true enlightenment with blessings of Guru can get one rid of ignorance and nothing else is then required. When any one secures eternal salvation through devout meditation of God while still alive, then he does not have to endure death again.

Ulati Gang Jamun me lyavau! Binhi jal majan hvae aavaun!!3!!

When any one abhors this futile world and practices meditation of God with devotion, then he attains eternal salvation through a holy dip at the tenth aperture akin to the confluence of Ganges or Irha and Yamuna or Pingula with Sukhmana that is without water.

Lochan bhar bhar biyamb niharaun! Joti bichar na aur bicharaun!!4!!

Thereafter human being perceives God within through the vision of his mind and feels elated with ecstasy. Then he comprehends true form of God and gets amalgamated with Him.

Pind pare jeev jis ghar jata! Shabad atit anahad rata!!5!!

The soul, duly merged with God within this body, then moves to its own real home Begampura –the seat of eternal tranquillity. Then the soul gets truly dyed with the uniform elixir of God's Naam.

Ja par kirpa soi bhal janae! Goongo sakar kaha bakhanae!!6!!

Only one, who is blessed by God, really appreciates supreme bliss of realization of God. As a dumb person enjoys the sweet but cannot describe its taste, likewise one who comprehends God is ecstatic with supreme pleasure which is beyond description.

Sunn mandal me tera basa! Tathae jav me rahaun udasa!!7!!

O God! Thou are omnipresent all over throughout the universe that is Thy own abode. Therefore, I abhor this world even though this is my domicile.

Kahi Ravidass Niranjana dhiao! Jis ghari jao haun bahur na aao!!8!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “I worship God who is beyond Maya and I will not go anywhere other than God's own abode i.e. I have got merged with God through His devout meditation. I will never be borne again in this universe.”

Shabad 97

**Abigat nath Niranjan deva! Maen ka janoun tumhari
seva!!Tek!!**

**Bandhoo na bandhan shaoon na shaya! Tumhin seoun
Niranjan raya!!1!!**

Charan patal sis asmana! So thakur kaise samput smana!!2!!

**Siva Sankadik ant na payia! Brahma khojat janam
ganvaya!!3!!**

**Toroon na pati poojoon na deva! Sahaj samadhi karoon Har
seva!!4!!**

Nakh prased ja ke Sursari dhara! Romavali atharah bhara!!5!!

Chare ved ja ke sumirat sansa! Bhagti het gavae Ravidasa!!6!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches us through this
hymn to shun arrogance and futile rituals and concentrate on devout
meditation of omnipresent God.

**Abigat nath Niranjan deva! Maen ka janoun tumhari
seva!!Tek!!**

O eternal God beyond Maya! I do not know how really
to serve Thee.

**Bandhoo na bandhan shaoon na shaya! Tumhin seoun
Niranjan raya!!1!!**

I will not get embroiled in bonds of deeds and I will not
be under the influence of illusory Maya. O Lord beyond Maya! I
shall serve only Thee.

Charan patal sis asmana! So thakur kaise samput smana!!2!!

Can that Almighty God, whose feet are reckoned as ocean
bed and head as space, ever be confined? No never! God is
omnipresent.

**Siva Sanakadik ant na payia! Brahma khojat janam
ganvaya!!3!!**

Even Shiva and Sanak brothers (four sons of Brahma)
have not been able to fathom the vastness of God. Brahma,
oblivious of God, wasted his precious life engrossed in
interpretation of the Vedas.

**Toroon na pati poojoon na deva! Sahaj samadhi karoon
Har seva!!4!!**

O God! I do not pluck leaves of vegetation to offer Thee
in worship. I only serve Thee after reaching the stage of eternal
ecstasy. I am always ready in Thy service.

Nakh prased ja ke Sursari dhara! Romavali atharah bhara!!5!!

O God! The pious stream of Ganges originates from the
sweat of Thy sacred feet and the pores of Thy skin constitute the
entire plant kingdom.

**Chare ved ja ke sumirat sansa! Bhagti het gavae
Ravidasa!!6!!**

Even the writer of the four Vedas is devoted to Thy
meditation with every breath. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj
says that he sings paeans in praise of God out of true love and
devotion to the Lord.

Shabad 98

**Bhesh liyo pae bhed na janiyo! Amrit leyi bishae so
maniyo!!Tek!!**

**Kaam krodh me janam ganvayo! Sadh sangat mil Ram na
gayo!!1!!**

Tilak diyo pae tapan na jaie!! Mala pahir ghaneri laie!!2!!

**Kahae Ravidass maram jo paoun! Dev Niranjan satt kar
dhiaoun!!3!!**

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings
the pious sermon to abandon arrogance and seek company of
saints and worship God with true devotion.

**Bhesh liyo pae bhed na janiyo! Amrit leyi bishae so
maniyo!!Tek!!**

O arrogant human! You have donned the robes of saints
but you do not understand the significance of God. You have not
been able to comprehend the Brahmgyan of God. Instead, you
have treated the futile worldly pleasures as amrit.

**Kaam krodh me janam ganvayo! Sadh sangat mil Ram na
gayo!!1!!**

O dear human! You are wasting your precious life in the futile pursuit of worldly pleasures like sex and false pride oblivious of God. However you have never worshipped God under the guidance of saints.

Tilak diyo pae tapan na jaie!! Mala pahir ghaneri laie!!2!!

You cannot get rid of the immense heat of your lust for futile worldly pleasures within you by application of sandal paste at your forehead. You can adorn yourself with innumerable garlands and yet you cannot get rid of the delusion from your mind.

Kahae Ravidass maram jo paoun! Dev Niranjan satt kar dhiaoun!!3!!

Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that any human being, who abandons futile rituals and understands the meaning of Brahmgyan, comprehends true God beyond Maya and worships Him with devotion.

Shabad 99

Guru sabh rahas agmahi janaen!

Dhoondhe kou shat sastran mahin, kidhoon ko ved vashanae!! Tek!!

Sans usans chadhavae bahu bidh, baethahin sunn samadhi!

Fantio kaan bhabhut tan laie, anik bharmat vaeragi!!1!!

Tirath barat karayi bahutere, katha basat bahu sanae!

Kahi Ravidass miliyo Gur poore, jih antar Har milanae!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches this pious sermon to all human beings that they should abandon futile rituals and seek shelter at Guru's lotus feet to realize God.

Guru sabh rahas agmahi janaen!

Guru understands the intricate mysteries of God.

Dhoondhe kou shat sastran mahin, kidhoon ko ved vashanae!! Tek!!

Some people keep searching for God in reading of Vedas and six Shastras because of their ignorance.

Sans usans chadhavae bahu bidh, baethahin sunn samadhi!

Some living beings practice varied forms of yogic breathing and others sit in quiet meditation to realize God.

Fantio kaan bhabhut tan laie, anik bharmat vaeragi!!1!!

Some people get their ears pierced and smear their bodies with ash and many ascetics wander from place to place.

Tirath barat karayi bahutere, katha basat bahu sanae!

Many take holy dip at places of pilgrimage and explain religious scriptures.

Kahi Ravidass miliyo Gur poore, jih antar Har milanae!!2!!

Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that when one finds a perfect Guru, the master enables him to realize God from within.

Raag Basant

Sahabd 100

Tujheh sujhanta kashoo nahi!! Pahirawa dekhe oobh jahi!!

Garbvati ka nahi thaou!! Teri gardan oopar lavae kaou!!1!!

Tu kaye garbahi bavali!!Jaise bhadou khumbraj tu tis te khari utavali!!1!!Rahaa!!

Jaise kurank nahi payio bhed!!Tan sugandh dhundhae prades!!

Ap tan ka jo kare bichar!! Tis nahi jamkankar kare khuar!!2!!

Putar kalatar ka karhi ahankar!! Thakur lekha maganhar!!

Pherhe ka dukh sahale jiyo!!Pachhe kisahi pukarahi pio pio!!3!!

Sadhu ki jou lehi ot!! Tere mitahi paap sabh kot kot!!

Kahi Ravidass jo japae naam!! Tis jaat na janam na jon kaam!!4!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advocates to human beings through his pious preaching to shed false pride and seek solace at the feet of sages during this precious human life so as to get rid of one's misdeeds and discrimination based on caste, birth and species. One can thus achieve the ultimate goal of securing eternal salvation through dedicated devotion and worship of God.

Tujeh sujhanta kashoo nahi!! Pahirawa dekhe oobh jahi!!

O man! You are unable to think right because of your false pride. You always feel proud of displaying your dress.

Garbvati ka nahi thaou!! Teri gardan oopar lavae kaou!!1!!

There is no place for any proud person in the kingdom of God. Death looms large at your neck in the form of a nasty crow. Cruel death may strike any moment.

(Satguru Kabir Ji says – *Pachae kashoo na hoiyga jou sir par aavae kaal!!* You will have nothing at the end of your life.)

Tu kaye garbahi bavalii!!Jaise bhadou khumbraj tu tis te khari utavali!!1!!Rahaa!!

O dear! Why do you indulge in false pride? Just as mushrooms grow naturally for a short period during the month of *Bhadron* (August- September), your life is more uncertain and short lived even compared to the little life mushroom.

Jaise kurank nahi payio bhed!!Tan sugandh dhundhae prades!!

Just as the musk deer has musk in its stomach and he keeps roaming in forests and hills in search of that perfume, similarly God is present within every living being. However because of sheer ignorance, we keep searching for God all over beyond our inner selves.

Ap tan ka jo kare bichar!! Tis nahi jamkankar kare khuar!!2!!

Angles of death never bother anyone who respects this rare human form and devotes himself to dedicated search of God within.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib says- *Dil mah khoj dilae dil khojahu dehi thaour mukama!!* O man! Look within your heart in search of God. That is the real abode of God.)

(Satguru Pipa Ji says- *Jo Brahmande soi pinde jo khoje so pavae!!* God, who is omnipresent throughout the universe, is also present in your human body. Anyone, who earnestly searches for God within, becomes one with the Almighty ultimately.)

Putar kalatar ka karhi ahankar!! Thakur lekha maganhar!!

Every one who feels proud of his son and wife ignoring God is held accountable by Divinity.

Pherhe ka dukh sahae jiyo!!Pachhe kisahi pukarahi pio pio!!3!!

O dear! When you will be held accountable and awarded punishment for your misdeeds, who will you look upto and pray for your defence and plead for saving your soul? No one can come to your rescue and help you at that time.

(Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Janam maran dukh pher karam sukh jia janam te shootae!!1!!Rahaa!!* The pain of recurring cycle of birth and death is the fruit of one's deeds and the living beings lose their peace and tranquillity.)

Sadhu ki jou lehi ot !! Tere mitahi paap sabh kot kot!!

O dear! If you secure blessings of saints, then you will get rid of billions of your past misdeeds.

Kahi Ravidass jo japae naam!! Tis jaat na janam na joni kam!!4!!1!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “Any one, who worships God with devotion, has nothing to do with caste, birth or species, meaning that he gets rid of repeated cycle of birth and death and becomes one with God.”

Raag Malar

Shabad 101

Nagar janan meri jaat bikhiyat chammarag!!

Ridae Ram Gobind gun sarag!!1!!Rahaa!!

Sursari salal krit baruni re sant jan karat nahi panag!!

Sura apvitar nat avar jal re Sursari milat nahi hoi aanag!!1!!

Tar tar apvitar kar maniae re jaise kagra karat bicharag!!

Bhagti bhagaout likhiae tih oopare poojiae kar namaskarag!!2!!

Meri jaat kut bandhla dhor dhovanta nitahi Banarasi aas pasa!!

***Ab bipar pardhan tihi karah dandout tere Naam sarnai
Ravidass dasa!!3!!1!!***

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches entire humanity that any one, who worships God with deep devotion, becomes one with God and his virtues are praised all over the world.

***Nagar janan meri jaat bikhiyat chammaraag!!
Ridaa Ram Gobind gun saram!!1!!Rahaao!!***

O Nagar Mall and learned citizens of the city and people of Nagar community! My caste obviously is Chamar. I have absorbed all virtues of God in my heart.

Sursari salal krit baruni re sant jan karat nahi panag!!

If wine is brewed with water from the sacred Ganges, sages won't savour that wine because that sacred water, separated from the flow of holy Ganges, is no longer pious. Likewise even if one is borne in a so called high caste but he does not worship God with devotion, he is never accepted in the kingdom of God.

Sura apvitar nat avar jal re Sursari milat nahi hoi aanag!!1!!

Contrary to this, when wine or water from any other streams and rivers joins the Ganges, then that water is nothing else but pure and sacred water of Ganges. Likewise even those, who are treated as untouchables because of birth in low castes by ignorant people of the world, become one with God through deep devotion and meditation of God.

Tar tar apvitar kar maniae re jaise kagra karat bicharaag!!

As the Palmyra palm tree is considered not virtuous because it contains intoxicating juice in it and many thinkers treat even paper made of leaves of this palm as irreverent.

Bhagt bhagaout likhiae tih oopare poojiae kar namaskaraag!!2!!

However, when the same leaves have holy scriptures and God's paeans written on them, people hold them in very high esteem and worship same. Likewise even those, who are treated by ignorant people of the world as untouchables, command every one's salutations and are highly revered when they achieve oneness with God through deep devotion and meditation.

***Meri jaat kut bandhla dhor dhovanta nitahi Banarasi aas
pasa!!***

People of my caste living around Banaras are engaged in carting away and skinning of dead animals, tanning of leather and making leather goods.

***Ab bipar pardhan tihi karah dandout tere Naam sarnai
Ravidass dasa!!3!!1!!***

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji says that O God! As I have taken shelter under Thy sacred feet, now even the head of the Brahmins bows before Thy devotee with reverence. This entire glory is because of Thy worship and kind blessings.

Shabad 102

***Har japat teou jana padam kawlaspat tas sam tul nahi aan
kouoo!!***

Ek hi ek anek hoi bisthariyo aan re aan bharpoor souoo!!

Rahaao!!

***Ja kae bhagwat lekhiae avar nahi pekhiae tas ki jaat ashop
shipa!!***

***Bias mah lekhiae Sanak mah pekhiae Naam ki namna sapat
dipa!!1!!***

***Ja kae eid bakreid kul gaou re badh karahi maniah sekh
sahid pira!!***

***Ja kae baap vaesi kari poot aisi kari tihu re lok parsidh
Kabira!!2!!***

***Ja ke kutamb ke dhedh sabh dhor dhovant phirhi ajhun
Banarsi aas pasa!!***

***Aachar sahit bipar karah dandout tin tanae Ravidass dasan
dasa!!3!!2!!***

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys through his pious preaching that one God is omnipresent throughout the universe in myriad forms. No one can be comparable to a human being who becomes one with God through devoted meditation and worship of God. Satguru Namdev Ji and Satguru Kabir Ji are so well

known because of their dedicated devotion to God. Bed Bias Ji and Sank Ji also sang paeans of same God.

Har japat teou jana padam kawlaspat tas sam tul nahi aan kouoo!!

Ek hi ek anek hoi bisthariyo aan re aan bharpoor souoo!!

Rahaao!!

Vishnu, Shiva and none else can match those human beings who worship God with devotion. One God is manifest in many forms throughout the universe. O dear! You must focus on dedicated devotion and meditation of that omnipresent perfect God.

(Satguru Namdev Ji says- *Ek anek biyapak pooran jaat dekhaou tatt soie!!* One perfect God is omnipresent in myriad forms throughout the universe. Wherever I look, I see but the same one God.)

Ja kae bhagwat lekhaie avar nahi pekhaie tas ki jaat ashop shipa!!

We see nothing else but only unmatched devotion to God in the life of Satguru Namdev Ji. He hailed from so called low caste of calico printers, but he became one with God through dedicated devotion and profound meditation of God.

(Satguru Arjan Dev Ji says- *Ooch te ooch Namdeo samdarsi Ravidass thakur ban aayi!!* Greatest of the greats Namdev Ji treated one and all with equality and Ravidass Ji was God incarnate in this world.)

(Satguru Dhanna Ji says- *Gobind Gobind Gobind sang Namdeo man lina!! i.e.* Namdev has become one with God through profound worship of God.)

Bias mahi lekhaie Sanak mah pekhaie Naam ki namna sapat dipa!!1!!

The great scholar Ved Viyas Ji only sings paeans of God in his religious scriptures and even Sanak, son of Brahma, extolled God's glory throughout his life meaning that both of them were perfect devotees of God. God's glory is manifest all over the seven continents. Paeans in praise of Almighty God are being sung in the seven continents all over the world and the entire universe.

Ja kae eid bakreid kul gaou re badh karahi maniah sekh sahid pira!!

Ja kae baap vaesi kari poot aisi kari tihu re lok parsidh Kabira!!2!!

The people of Kabir Ji's community used to sacrifice cows and goats on the occasion of Eid and Bakrid and they revered their ancestors, martyrs, sheikhs and sages. However the son of these ancestors created such an environment, through deep meditation of God, that his elders stopped sacrifice of cows and goats, got rid of their rampant ignorance and started practicing profound meditation of God. Because of such philosophical thoughts, preaching fraternity and welfare of one and all; Kabir Sahib is extremely well known in all the three worlds.

(Satguru Dhanna Ji says- *Bunana Tanana tiayg kae preet charan Kabira!! Neech kula jolahara bhayo guni gahira!!1!!* Kabir Ji abandoned weaving of cloth and devoted himself to meditation and devotion at God's sacred feet. Kabir, whom people ridiculed as weaver hailing from a low caste, became a repository of great wisdom.)

Ja ke kutamb ke dhedh sabh dhor dhovant phirhi ajhun Banarsi aas pasa!!

Aachar sahit bipar karah dandout tin tanae Ravidass dasan dasa!!3!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that "People from my community even now engage in carting away carcasses of dead animals in the vicinity of Banaras. I am born in that community and a follower of devotees of God. Now learned Brahmins respect me and bow before me with complete deference."

Shabad 103

Milat piaro pran nath kavan bhagti te!!

Sadhsangat paaie param gate!! Rahaao!!

Maile kapre kaha lou dhovou!! Aavaegi neend kaha lag sovou!!1!!

***Joi joi joriyo soi soi phatiyo!! Jhutha banaj uth hi gayi
 hatiyo!!2!!***
***Kahu Ravidass bhayo jab lekho!! Joi joi kino soi soi
 dekhiyo!!3!!3!!***
 Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching
 to all living beings of the universe that virtuous company of saints
 awakens us from slumber of ignorance and leads to destruction of
 ill effects of our misdeeds.
Milat piaro pran nath kavan bhagti te!!
Sadhsangat paaie param gate!! Rahaao!!
 Through what type of meditation, can I achieve oneness
 with God who is dearer than my own life? One achieves highest
 stage of eternal salvation and divine unity with God through pious
 company of saints.
 (Baba Farid Ji says- *Kari kirpa Prabh sadhsang meli!!*
Ja phir dekha ta Allahu beli!! God has very kindly blessed me
 with the company of saints and I see divine God every where by
 virtue of that.)
 (Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Kahu Kabir ih kahiae
 kahi! Sadhsangat Baikunthe aahi!!* Why should we say that
 heaven does not exist? Sacred company of saints is itself the
 heaven.)
***Maile kapre kaha lou dhovou!! Aavaegi neend kaha lag
 sovou!!1!!***
 In the absence of pious company of saints, where will any
 one cleanse his sinful heart akin to washing of dirty clothes? And
 how long will one keep suffering from slumber of ignorance?
***Joi joi joriyo soi soi phatiyo!! Jhutha banaj uth hi gayi
 hatiyo!!2!!***
 Because of virtuous company of saints, all accounts of
 good and bad deeds of human beings get written off. The shop
 dealing with trade in false pleasures of this world gets destroyed
 with the pious company of saints.
 (Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Santahu banjiya Naam
 Gobind ka aisi khep hamari!!* Saints trade in devout meditation

of God in this world and I have also invested every thing in that
 trade only.)
***Kahu Ravidass bhayo jab lekho!! Joi joi kino soi soi
 dekhiyo!!3!!3!!***
 Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that when any
 human being is held accountable for his deeds, then he recalls all
 what exactly he did. And his accountability for such deeds ends
 only through sacred company of saints and dedicated meditation
 of God.
 (Satguru Kabir Sahib Ji says- *Dharam Rai jab lekha
 mangae kiya mukh laeke jahinga!! Kahit Kabir sunahu re
 santahu sadhsangat tar jahinga!!* O dear! When Dharam Rai,
 angel of death, will hold you accountable for your deeds, then
 how will you face him except with your past meditation of God?
 Therefore, Kabir Sahib Ji says that “Listen O devout sages! Living
 beings attain eternal salvation in only the pious company of saints.”)

Raag Aasawari
Shabad 104
Kesave vikat Maya tor tate bikal gat mor!!Tek!!
Subish dasan karal ahimukh grasit sudrirh su mesh!!
Nirukh makhi bakhat biakul lobh kaal na dekh!!1!!
Indriyadik dukh daran asankhyadik paap!!
Tohi bhajat Raghunath antar tahi tras na tap!!2!!
Pratigia pratipal chahun jug bhagti purvan kaam!!
Aas mohi bharos hae Ravidass jae jae Ram!!3!!
 Jagatguru Ravidass Ji explains through this hymn that the
 meditation of God is the only way to escape from the influence of
 Maya.
Kesave vikat Maya tor tate bikal gat mor!!Tek!!
 O God! In the absence of thy meditation, Maya afflicts
 severe pain. Therefore, human being feels extremely miserable
 and confused.

***Subish dasan karal ahimukh grasit sudrirh su mesh!!
Nirukh makhi bakhat biakul lobh kaal na dekh!!1!!***

The Maya strikes human beings with the charms of worldly pleasures like a deadly snake bite. This wonderful Maya devours even the most indomitable person. Just as a fly loses composure at the sight of sweets, a greedy person cannot evaluate the occasion and always feels restless driven by his insatiable greed.

Indriyadik dukh daran asankhyadik paap!!

Tohi bhajat Raghunath antar tahi tras na tap!!2!!

Human beings commit serious sins guided by their lust for worldly pleasures. O God! Human being will be free of any suffering if he worships Thee with devotion.

Pratigia pratipal chahun jug bhagti purvan kaam!!

Aas mohi bharos hae Ravidass jae jae Ram!!3!!

O God the provider of all living beings throughout the four Yugas! Thou fulfil all of the desires of Thy devotee. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji proclaims that O God! “I have complete faith in Thee. Thou all pervading God shall always be victorious.”

Shabad 105

***Ramahi pooja kaha charhaoun!! Phal aur phool anupam
na paoun!!Tek!!***

***Thanhar doodh jo bashroo joothario!! Puhap bhanvar jal
meen bitario!!1!!***

***Maliyagir berhiyo bhuanga!! Bish amrit doou ekae
sanga!!2!!***

Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!! Kaise pooj karhi teri dasa!!

Manhi pooja manhi dhoop!! Manhi seoun sahaj saroop!!3!!

***Pooja archa na janoo teri!! Kahae Ravidass kavan gat
meri!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches all living beings to rise above the rituals, doubts and misgivings for dedicated devotion and meditation of God.

***Ramahi pooja kaha charhaoun!! Phal aur phool anupam
na paoun!!Tek!!***

O God! What should I offer Thee in worship out of perishable articles of this world? From where can I fetch the unique and pious fruits and flowers?

***Thanhar doodh jo bashroo joothario!! Puhap bhanvar jal
meen bitario!!1!!***

Even milk is unsuitable for offering to Thee as it is rendered unfit having been tasted by the calf from the cow's teats. The bumble bee and fish render the flower and water respectively impure and therefore unfit for offering to Thee.

***Maliyagir berhiyo bhuanga!! Bish amrit doou ekae
sanga!!2!!***

O God! Even sandalwood is not fit for Thy worship because poisonous snakes live together with sandalwood trees which are full of aroma.

Dhoop deep naibedahi basa!! Kaise pooj karhi teri dasa!!

O God! How can I offer, incense, lamp, sweets and stale food in worship to Thee because all of these are impure?

Manhi pooja manhi dhoop!! Manhi seoun sahaj saroop!!3!!

O God! One can worship Thee with pure mind and only pious mind is the true incense. One can comprehend Thee only when his mind has achieved the state of tranquillity.

***Pooja archa na janoo teri!! Kahae Ravidass kavan gat
meri!!4!!***

O God! I do not know how to worship Thee with the offering of material articles of this world and hence what shall be my destiny? I always worship Thee with a pure mind and deep devotion.

Shabad 106

Baraj ho baraj Bithule Maya jag khaya!!

Mahaprabal sabh hi bas kiye, sur nar muni bharmaya!!Tek!!

Balak biradh tarun ati sunder, nana bhes banavae!!

Jogi jati tapi sanyasi, pundit rahan na pavae!!1!!

Bajigar ki baji karan, sabh ko kautig aavae!!
Jo dekhae so bhul rahae vaka chela maram jo pavae!!2!!
Khand Brahimand lok sabh jeete, ih bidh tej janavae!!
Siambhu ka chit chaur lio hae, vaka pashae laga dhavae!!3!!
In batan sukhchaen mariat hae, sabh ko rahe ujhari!!
Nek drishat kin rakho Kaeso, meto bipat hamari!!4!!
Kahae Ravidass udas bhayo man, bhaaj kahan ab jaiye!!
It ut tum Gobind Gusaien, tumhi manhi samaiee!!5!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj teaches human beings the correct way to escape the influence of fake Maya. Maya influences everyone in this universe but anyone, who worships God with devotion, gets rid of Maya and gets amalgamated with God.

Baraj ho baraj Bithule Maya jag khaya!!
Mahaprabal sabh hi bas kiye, sur nar muni bharmaya!!Tek!!

O God the saviour from illusory Maya! Kindly control Thy Maya as this powerful Maya has subjugated entire universe and overwhelmed deities, human beings and sages.

Balak biradh tarun ati sunder, nana bhes banavae!!
Jogi jati tapi sanyasi, pundit rahan na pavae!!1!!

This Maya, in myriad fascinating forms, has disillusioned the children, adolescents, aged and wise people alike. Even the yogis, learned, sages and those practicing celibacy and penance cannot escape the all pervading influences of Maya.

Bajigar ki baji karan, sabh ko kautig aavae!!
Jo dekhae so bhul rahae, vaka chela maram jo pavae!!2!!

Because of amazing stunts of God the juggler, all living beings of this universe are performing drama having forgotten God under the sway of Maya. However one, who is able to grasp the secrets of Maya, is the true devotee of God.

Khand Brahimand lok sabh jeete, ih bidh tej janavae!!
Siambhu ka chit chaur lio hae, vaka pashae laga dhavae!!3!!

Except for devout worshippers of God, Maya has subjugated all living beings of the entire world and the whole universe. Maya demonstrates its awesome power this way. This Maya has attracted all living beings to its fold and in reality Maya pursues and subjugates every one.

In batan sukhchaen mariat hae, sabh ko rahe ujhari!!
Nek drishat kin rakho Kaeso, meto bipat hamari!!4!!

Human being perishes while talking of and acting as per dictats of this illusory Maya. Maya tells every one that it belongs to him. O God! Kindly end the evil influence of Maya and protect us.

Kahae Ravidass udas bhayo man, bhaaj kahan ab jaiye!!
It ut tum Gobind Gusaien, tumhi manhi samaeeye!!5!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji says that “O God! Because of Thy devoted meditation, my mind has got rid of the influence of Maya (the materialistic greed). There is no way to escape from the evil influence of Maya except through Thy devout meditation? O God! Thou are all pervading and omnipresent all over this world and the entire universe. Human beings get rid of the influence of Maya through Thy true worship and ultimately get amalgamated with Thee.”

Shabad 107

Tujihi charan arbind bhavan man,
Paan karat payo payo Ramaiya dhan!! Tek!!
Sampat vipat patal Maya dhan,
Ta mahin magan na hot tero jan!!1!!
Kaha bhayo je gat tan shin shin!!
Prem jaye to darpaee tero nij jan!!2!!
Prem raj lae rakho ridae dhar,
Kahae Ravidass shootibo kavan par!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches the need for devout meditation of God to entire humanity. Those who truly love God show no fear even if their bodies are cut into pieces.

Tujihi charan arbind bhavan man,
Paan karat payo payo Ramaiya dhan!! Tek!!

O God! Thy feet are like lotus flower and my mind is akin to a nectar seeking bumble bee. My mind has secured a place to live at Thy sacred feet. O God! I have savoured the sacred nectar in the form of Thy meditation and I have secured the treasure of Thy eternal worship.

***Sampat vipat patal Maya dhan,
Ta mahin magan na hot tero jan!!1!!***

O revered God! One, who is devoted to Thee and rejoices
in Thy true meditation, never gets influenced by pleasure or pain,
universal Maya and worldly treasures.

***Kaha bhayo je gat tan shin shin!!
Prem jaye to darpae tero nij jan!!2!!***

O God! I have no fear even if my body is severed into
pieces. The only fear your devotee has is that there should be no
dilution of devotion to Thee in his mind.

***Prem raj lae rakho ridae dhar,
Kahae Ravidass shootibo kavan par!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “O God! Thy
devotee has adorned Thee in his heart with great devotion. Now
how will you get free? i.e. Thou cannot get rid of the strong bonds
of my true devotion”

Shabad 108

***Bande jan sahib gani!!
Samajh ved kataib bolae Kabe me kiya mani !!Tek!!
Javaani duni jamal soorat dekhiye thir nahin ve!!
Dam chha sae sahans ikkis har din khajane thaen jahin ve!!1!!
Mani maare garab ‘gafil’ bemihar bepir ve!!
Dari khane parat choba hot nahi taksir ve!!2!!
Siahi sapedi turangi nana rang bisal ve!!
Napaed taen paeda kiya paemal karat na bar ve!!3!!
Kush ganth kharchi mihar tosa khair khoobi hath ve!!
Dhani ka furman aaya tab keeya chalaе sath ve!!4!!
Taji badjavan badnazar kamdilan kar khasam ki kan ve!!
Ravidass ki ardas sun kashu hak halal pachhan ve!!5!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to
secure precious treasure of meditation through devout worship of
God that will be helpful to them during this world and life thereafter.

***Bande jan sahib gani!!
Samajh ved kataib bolae Kabe me kiya mani !!Tek!!***

O man! You must realize the eternal truth about God’s
supreme riches. Vedas and other scriptures endorse that there is
no special gem other than God in Kaba.

***Javaani duni jamal soorat dekhiye thir nahin ve!!
Dam chha sae sahans ikkis har din khajane thaen jahin
ve!!1!!***

The valour and beauty of youth are never stable and
everlasting. You are losing in vain twenty-one thousand six hundred
breaths every day out of your precious life span.

***Mani maare garab ‘gafil’ bemihar bepir ve!!
Dari khanai parat choba hot nahi taksir ve!!2!!***

O foolish man! You - cruel living being without Guru, are
getting ruined because of your false pride. Having been blessed
with a human body with ten apertures, you should tread a holy
path so that you don’t make any mistake.

***Siahi sapedi turangi nana rang bisal ve!!
Napaed taen paeda kiya paemal karat na bar ve!!3!!***

God has created many colours like black, white and yellow.
That self illuminated radiant God has created this universe and it
takes Him no time to annihilate it.

***Kush ganth kharchi mihar tosa khair khoobi hath ve!!
Dhani ka furman aaya tab keeya chalaе sath ve!!4!!***

O man! You should carry with you devotion to God and
His blessings along with alms of good deeds that will help you
during this human life and journey thereafter and you will be blessed
with supreme eternal tranquillity. When God will send for you,
your devotion to God will be the only wealth to accompany you.

***Taji badjavan badnazar kamdilan kar khasam ki kan ve!!
Ravidass ki ardas sun kashu hak halal pachhan ve!!5!!***

O blind and timid hearted man! You should stop talking
harsh language and surrender yourself to God. Satguru Ravidass
Ji Maharaj advises human beings to comprehend true God.

Shabad 109

Su kashu bichariyo tathe mero man thir havae rahiyo!!

Har rang lago tathae mero baran palt bhayo!! Tek!!

Dhann so panthi panth chalava!!

Agam gavan me gam dikhlava!!1!!

Abaran baran kathae jin koie!!

Ghat ghat biyap rahiyo Har soie!!

Jihi pad sur nar prem piase!!

So pad rami rahiyo Ravidasa!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to concentrate on devout meditation of God. Human being becomes indistinguishable from God through such devoted worship.

Su kashu bichariyo tathe mero man thir havae rahiyo!!

Har rang lago tathae mero baran palt bhayo!! Tek!!

When I focussed even a little bit on devotion to God, my mind became stable. When I got soaked in maroon colour of worship of Hari or God, then the fake colour vanished.

Dhann so panthi panth chalava!!

Agam gavan me gam dikhlava!!1!!

Blessed are those saints and devotees who have promoted Bhakti movement that teaches us to get amalgamated with distress free God and ends the cycle of birth and death.

Abaran baran kathae jin koie!!

Ghat ghat biyap rahiyo Har soie!!

Guru Ji preaches not to discriminate because all human beings are equal and Hari or God is omnipresent in every particle throughout this universe.

Jihi pad sur nar prem piase!!

So pad rami rahiyo Ravidasa!!2!!

While deities and all human beings are desperate even to comprehend God, Guru Ravidass Ji proclaims that, having realized same supreme God, he has got amalgamated with Him.

Shabad 110

Bhai re sahaj bando soie bin sahaj sidh na hoie!!

Nayaulin man jo janiye jab keet bhringi hoie!!Tek!!

Aapa par chinahe nahin re aur ko updesh!!

Kahan te tum aayo re bhai jahooge kit des!!1!!

Kahiye to kahiye ka kahi kahiae kahan na ko patiyai!!

Ravidass dass ajaan hvae kar rahiyo sahaj samayi!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji conveys pious sermon that living beings having secured rare human life must pray to God for attainment of eternal salvation. Having secured freedom from external rituals, human being can achieve a stage of eternal tranquillity and get amalgamated with God.

Bhai re sahaj bando soie bin sahaj sidh na hoie!!

Nayaulin man jo janiye jab keet bhringi hoie!!Tek!!

O dear! Pray to God to achieve self enlightenment because one cannot achieve salvation without reaching the stage of eternal ecstasy. Just as a normal wingless insect transforms and develops wings to fly, similar is the stage of a person who gets absorbed into God after devout meditation. When a wingless insect becomes a “bhring” or develops wings after transformation and adopts another wingless insect, the former keeps encircling the later which also becomes a “bhring” or gets transformed into a winged flying insect. Thus one, who secures God’s blessings and seeks realization of God, ultimately gets amalgamated into God and becomes indistinguishable from Him.

Aapa par chinahe nahin re aur ko updesh!!

Kahan te tum aayo re bhai jahooge kit des!!1!!

O man! You have not distinguished your self from others but you keep preaching every one else. O dear! You should search within to understand from where did you come and where would you go after your inevitable death.

Kahiye to kahiye ka kahi kahiae kahan na ko patiyai!!

Ravidass dass ajaan hvae kar rahiyo sahaj samayi!!2!!

If anyone, without realization of God, tries to preach others by narrating religious scriptures, no body will have trust and faith

in such preaching. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that “I Thy devotee, having shunned worldly rituals, have attained the stage of eternal tranquillity and got amalgamated with Thee.”

Shabad 111

***Dehu kalali ek piala!! Aisa avdhoo hoie matwala!!Tek!!
Kahae kalali piala deo!! Peevanhare ka sir leo!!1!!
Aeri kalali taen kia keea!!Sir ke satae piala deea!!
Sir kae satae mahinga bharee!! Peevega apna sir daree!!2!!
Chand soor doou sanmukh hoie!! Peevae piala marae na
koie!!3!!***

***Sahaj sunn me bhathi sravae!! Peevae Ravidass gurmukh
dravae!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to seek a perfect Guru who guides them in devout meditation of God to savour the pot full of nectar like mantra or “Naam Daan” given by the revered Guru. One can get such a pot of amrit or nectar only after surrendering himself before the Guru.

Dehu kalali ek piala!! Aisa avdhoo hoie matwala!!Tek!!

O revered saints! You bless people with pots full of “Naam” or amrit. Kindly give one such pot to me too. I am desperate to have such a pot of nectar and then get soaked in devout meditation of God.

Kahae kalali piala deo!! Peevanhare ka sir leo!!1!!

The revered Guru Ji, who grants such pots full of amrit, says that “I can give you such a pot of nectar only if you offer your head to me i.e. you must abandon your ego and self-esteem completely.”

Aeri kalali taen kia keea!!Sir ke satae piala deea!!

O revered Guru Ji –the distributor of amrit like God’s Bhakti! What have you done? You have given me pot of Amrit in lieu of my head.

Sir kae satae mahinga bharee!! Peevega apna sir daree!!2!!

One gets such a priceless pot of amrit in lieu of one’s head. Human being can savour such a pot of amrit only after sacrificing one’s head.

***Chand soor doou sanmukh hoie!! Peevae piala marae na
koie!!3!!***

At the confluence of “Irha” and “Pingla”, they join “Sukhmana” artery. Then human being enters the tenth aperture and can savour the pot of amrit in the form of devout meditation of God. Thereafter one attains eternal salvation during his human life itself.

***Sahaj sunn me bhathi sravae!! Peevae Ravidass gurmukh
dravae!!4!!***

Having entered the tenth aperture through devout worship of God, one can savour the amrit like nectar prepared under the state of eternal tranquillity. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that true devotees savour unique divine bliss after attaining such a state of ecstasy in meditation of God.

Shabad 112

Aesi meri jaat vikhiat chamarag!!

Hirde Ram Gobind gun sarag!!Tek!!

***Sursari jal liya krit baruni re jaise sant jan nahin karat
panag!!***

***Sura apvitar nit gangjal maniye sursari milat nahin hot
aanag!!1!!***

Tar tar apvitar kar maniye jaise kagra karat bicharag!!

***Bhagwat Bhagwant jab oopare likhiye tab poojiye kar
namaskarag!!2!!***

***Anek adham jib Naam sun udhare patit pavan bhaye pars
sarag!!***

***Bhanat Ravidass rarankar gun gabant sant sadhu bhaye
sahajparag!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches entire humanity that one, who worships God with devotion, becomes one with God and his pious virtues become known all over the world.

Aesi meri jaat vikhiat chamarag!!

Hirde Ram Gobind gun sarag!!Tek!!

I hale from famous Chamar caste. I have adorned my heart with eternal virtues of God.

***Sursari jal liya krit baruni re jaise sant jan nahin karat
panag!!***

Even if we distil wine using sacred water of Ganges,

saints do not savour that wine because after separation from natural flow of Ganges that holy water becomes polluted. Likewise even if one is born in a high caste, he will not be accepted in the kingdom of God if he does not worship God with devotion.

Sura apvitar nit gangjal mnaiye sursari milat nahin hot aanag!!1!!

Contrary to this, if unholy wine or water from other streams and rivers joins the sacred Ganges; thereafter that wine or water do not remain anything but sacred water of holy Ganges. Same way even those, who are considered as untouchables because of caste by ignorant people of this world, can realize God through their devout meditation and become indistinguishable from God.

Tar tar apvitar kar maniye jaise kagra karat bicharag!!

As the Palmira palm tree is considered to be unholy because it has an intoxicating juice, some intellectuals deem paper made out of leaves of that palm also to be impure.

Bhagwat Bhagwant jab oopare likhiye tab poojiai kar namaskarag!!2!!

However when holy scriptures are written on the palm leaves or paper made from palm leaves, same are revered and worshipped by all. Similarly even those, treated as down trodden because of ignorance of people, are held in high esteem and worshipped in this world when they pursue meditation of God with profound devotion.

Anek adham jib Naam sun udhare patit pavan bhaye pars sarag!!

Innumerable number of persons, who were considered as low caste by other people because of delusion, attained eternal salvation through devout meditation of God.

Bhanat Ravidass rarankar gun gabant sant sadhu bhaye sahajparag!!3!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that saints attain a stage of eternal tranquillity through devout meditation and become amalgamated with God who is beyond colour and form.

Shabad 113

Paar gaya chahe sabh koie dohu urvar paar nahi hoie!!1!!Tek!!

Paar kahae urvar so para bin pad parche bhramae ganvara!!1!!

Paar parampad manjh Murari ta maen aap ramaen

Banwari!!2!!

Pooran Brahm basae sabh thaien kahae Ravidass milae sukh saien!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches all human beings that even though everyone in this world wants to attain salvation, but no one can secure deliverance without knowing and comprehending eternal God.

Paar gaya chahe sabh koie dohu urvar paar nahi hoie!!1!!Tek!!

Every living being of this world wants to achieve eternal tranquillity. However, no one can attain salvation or secure everlasting bliss in this world or life thereafter without devout meditation of God.

Paar kahae urvar so para bin pad parche bhramae ganvara!!1!!

Getting rid of repeated cycle of birth and death through devoted worship of God is known as eternal salvation. However in the absence of comprehension of eternal God, irrational man remains steeped in superstitions.

Paar parampad manjh Murari ta maen aap ramaen

Banwari!!2!!

The stage of supreme eternal tranquillity is the phase of achieving everlasting salvation in the eternal abode of God.

Pooran Brahm basae sabh thaien kahae Ravidass milae sukh saien!!3!!

One comprehends God all over in each particle after realizing the stage of eternal tranquillity. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji says that only realization of God is truly the supreme bliss.

Shabad 114

Satgur hamhu lakhaie baat!!

Janam pashlo paap nasane mitogo sabh santap!!Tek!!

Bahar khojat janam ganvaye unman dhian rahe ghat aap!!
Shabad anahad bajat ghat mahin agam gian bhau Gur pratap!!1!!

Dhan dara mahin rahiyo magan nit guniyo na mich kau chap!!
Kahi Ravidass Gur rah dikhavae trisha bujh miti man santap!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys pious preaching to all human beings to realize God from within and fulfil the real purpose of this life.

Satgur hamhu lakhaie baat!!
Janam pashlo paap nasane mitogo sabh santap!!Tek!!

Satguru shows the path of devout meditation to human beings for attaining eternal salvation. One gets rid of all past sins and sufferings by adhering to that path.

Bahar khojat janam ganvaye unman dhian rahe ghat aap!!

One often wastes his life searching for God in the external world. However, one can realize God from within after reaching the stage of eternal tranquillity through devout meditation of God with focussed concentration.

Shabad anahad bajat ghat mahin agam gian bhau Gur pratap!!1!!

A divine reverberation echoes constantly within human mind. Such enlightenment is possible only with the blessings of perfect Guru.

Dhan dara mahin rahiyo magan nit guniyo na mich kau chap!!

Human being is all the time busy in pursuit of riches and pleasing his wife oblivious of the supreme virtues of God.

Kahi Ravidass Gur rah dikhavae trisha bujh miti man santap!!2!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji explains that when a true Guru shows human being the path for realization of God, then one gets his mind rid of all sorrows & longings for worldly pleasures and secures a firm attachment with God.

Shabad 115

Bapuro satt Ravidass kahae re!!

Gian bichar charan chit lavae Har ki sarani rahae re!!Tek!!

Pati torhe pooj rachavae taran tiran kahae re!!

Moorat mahin basae Parmeshar tau pani mahin tirae re!!1!!

Tribidh sansar kavan bidh tirbau je drirh naav na gahe re!!

Naam shadije dande baese tau doona dukh sahe re!!2!!

Guru ko sabad ar surat kudali khodat koie lahe re!!

Ram kahahu kae batae na aayio so nek labahae re!!3!!

Jhoothi Maya jag dahkaya tou tin tap dahae re!!

Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna Maya kahu ke sang na rahae re!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj, preaches human beings through this sacred hymn to achieve ultimate divine bliss through deep meditation as guided by the Guru and escape from the influences of illusory Maya.

Bapuro satt Ravidass kahae re!!

Gian bichar charan chit lavae Har ki sarani rahae re!!Tek!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that he is telling the real truth that human beings should contemplate to seek true knowledge, be devoted to the sacred feet of God and remain dedicated to the Almighty.

Pati torhe pooj rachavae taran tiran kahae re!!

Moorat mahin basae Parmeshar tau pani mahin tirae re!!1!!

Human beings offer leaves and flowers in prayers before the idol of God without true devotion and hope that God will grant them eternal salvation. If God is manifest in the idol then the idol should itself float on water.

Tribidh sansar kavan bidh tirbau je drirh naav na gahe re!!

Naam shadije dande baese tau doona dukh sahe re!!2!!

How can one rise above the influence of the three personality traits of satvik, passionate and ignorant qualities and attain eternal salvation until he secures a strong boat in the form of devoted meditation of God to cross over this futile ocean like universe? If one abandons the strong boat of devotion to God

and holds an ore akin to worship of deities and goddesses, then he has to endure immense suffering.

Guru ko sabad ar surat kudali khodat koie lahe re!!

Ram kahahu kae batae na aayio so nek labahae re!!3!!

There are very rare human beings who really accomplish successful search of God from within to realize eternal bliss and communion of sound and soul through devoted meditation of God under the guidance of the perfect Guru. Supreme God is not partial to any living beings and one, who seeks God with pure heart and devotion, is able to realize God.

Jhoothi Maya jag dahkaya tou tin tap dahae re!!3!!

Kahae Ravidass Ram jap rasna Maya kahu ke sang na rahae re!!4!!

Fake Maya keeps the entire universe under an illusion and human beings have to endure three types of sufferings i.e. pains because of birth, disease and death. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings to worship God with dedicated devotion so that their minds are always related to true God. Maya never belongs to any one ever.

Shabad 116

Eh andes soch yih mere!

Nisvasar gun gaoun tere!! Tek!!

Tum chintat meri chintahu jaie!

Tum chintamani hoi ki naie!!1!!

Bhagat het tum kaha kaha nahin kinha!

Hamri ber bhaye balhina!!2!!

Kahae Ravidass dass apradhi!

Jehi tum dravau maen bhagti na sadhi!!3!!

Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches pious sermons to the human beings that every one must have a keen desire day and night to sing paeans of God.

Eh andes soch yih mere!

Nisvasar gun gaoun tere!! Tek!!

O God! I am always anxious with the thoughts that I should remain busy singing your paeans.

Tum chintat meri chintahu jaie!

Tum chintamani hoi ki naie!!1!!

O God! I have been able to get rid of my worries through worship of Thy sacred Naam. Thy Naam or drvout meditation is the priceless gem that fulfils all human desires.

Bhagat het tum kaha kaha nahin kinha!

Hamri ber bhaye balhina!!2!!

O God! You help Thy devotees in myriad ways. But how have you become powerless in my case? Why don't you come to my aid?

Kahae Ravidass dass apradhi!

Jehi tum dravau maen bhagti na sadhi!!3!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that O God! I am Thy culprit because I am unable to practice Thy true worship even though I am known as Thy servant.

Shabad 117

Bauri karilae Ram saneha!!

Sang saheli viah chali sab, chhad naehar ra geha!! Tek!!

Khel khilar bais sabh biti, man chit bhaj na piyu partiti!!

Maen maen jau laun garbh baurani, tau laun piara man nahi aani!!1!!

Aapa met maen meri khohi, garb tiyagi arpahi nij dehi!!

Piyu kau nari ouhi man aaie, jih abh antar avar nahin kaie!!2!!

Jau laun piara man nahin aaie, ka sorahi shingar banaie!!

Soie satt Ravidass bakhani, tan man sioun piyo rang samanie!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human bride through this hymn to secure her husband God and realize successfully the ultimate goal of human life to achieve salvation.

Bauri karilae Ram saneha!!

Sang saheli viah chali sab, chhad naehar ra geha!! Tek!!

O foolish lady! You have forgotten about your lord God.

You should have abiding love for God. Other human brides and your friends, who have deep affection for God, have already got married to Him and become one with God. Therefore O dear! You should always worship God with devotion leaving aside your other preoccupations.

Khel khilar bais sabh biti, man chit bhaj na piyu partiti!!

O human bride! Your life is getting wasted in pursuit of worldly pleasures oblivious of Almighty God. Why don't you have abiding faith in God with mind and soul?

Maen maen jau laun garbh baurani, tau laun piara man nahi aani!!1!!

As long as this human bride remains mad with false pride, she cannot win the heart of her dear lord God.

Aapa met maen meri khohi, garb tiyagi arpahi nij dehi!!

I have abandoned my ego and pride and surrendered myself at the sacred feet of my lord God.

Piyu kau nari ouhi man aaie, jih abh antar avar nahin kaie!!2!!

Lord God likes that human bride, who has none in her heart except the Almighty God.

Jau laun piara man nahin aaie, ka sorahi shingar banaie!!

If lord God has no liking for this human bride, then all of her ornaments and make up are futile.

Soie satt Ravidass bakhani, tan man sioun piyo rang samanie!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that only that human bride is blessed who surrenders her soul and body before lord God and gets amalgamated in His hues to become one with the God.

Shabad 118

Re man manshla sansar samunde, toon chitar bachitar bichar re!

Jihin gale galiyahin mariye, so sang door nivar re!!Tek!!

Yam hae diggan dor hae kankan, par tiya galau jani re!!

Havae ras lubudh ramai yaun moorakh, man pashitavae niani re!!1!!

Paap gunio shae dharm nibauli, toon dekh dekh phal chakh re!!!

Partiriya sang bhalau jaun hovae, to ranau Ravan dekh re!!2!!

Kahae Ravidass rattan phal kaaran, Gobind kae gun gayi re!!

Kanchau kumbh bhariyo jal jaise, din din ghatatou jayi re!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji preaches that human mind, which is akin to a fish, should worship God with devotion so as to cross this unfathomable ocean like universe or Bhavsagar.

Re man manshla sansar samunde, toon chitar bachitar bichar re!

Jihin gale galiyahin mariye, so sang door nivar re!!Tek!!

O mind! You are like a fish and this universe is like an ocean filled with variety of colours. You should ponder over these facts. You are getting rotten and dying entangled in these futile worldly attachments. You must get rid of the attachments.

Yam hae diggan dor hae kankan, par tiya galau jani re!!

Havae ras lubudh ramai yaun moorakh, man pashitavae niani re!!1!!

You can be struck by the deadly mace of Yama or the messenger of death any moment and yet you are entangled in futile bonds of worldly pleasures. You will rot in the company of other ladies. O foolish man! You are engrossed in the pursuit of futile worldly pleasures and later you will have to repent like other ignorant persons.

Paap gunio shae dharm nibauli, toon dekh dekh phal chakh re!!!

Partiriya sang bhalau jaun hovae, to ranau Ravan dekh re!!2!!

For a sinful person, following of six commandments of religion is tough like eating of bitter fruits of neem (*Azadirachta indica*) tree. You must learn from experience of bitter fruits of sin. Look at the miserable end of king Ravana and learn whether company of other's wife is really beneficial.

Kahae Ravidass rattan phal kaaran, Gobind kae gun gayi re!!

Kanchau kumbh bhariyo jal jaise, din din ghatatau jayi re!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human beings to worship God with devotion and sing His paeans to secure the

priceless jewel of Naam or devotion to God. As an unbaked pitcher of clay filled with water will slowly and surely get disintegrated, same way your precious human life will end in futility in the absence of devout worship of God.

Shabad 119

Rath ko chatur chalavnharo!

Khin hankae khin ubho rakhae nahin aan kau saro!!Tek!!

Jab rath rahae sarathi thakae tabko rathahi chalavae!

Naad bind sabae hi thakae man mangal nahin gavae!!1!!

Panch tatt ko yahoo rath sajiyo ardhae uradh nivasa!

Charan kamal liyo lai rahio hae gun gavae Ravidasa!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human mind, which drives human body made up of five elements, to be a devotee of God. Human being becomes one with God and indistinguishable from Him through devoted worship of God.

Rath ko chatur chalavnharo!

Khin hankae khin ubho rakhae nahin aan kau saro!!Tek!!

Human mind, that drives chariot like human being made of five elements, is extremely wise and clever. Within the twinkle of an eye, mind makes one's body run and prevents him from losing his way within the fraction of a second. No one else ever understands this fact.

Jab rath rahae sarathi thakae tabko rathahi chalavae!

Naad bind sabae hi thakae man mangal nahin gavae!!1!!

Even if human body, akin to a chariot, is physically present; who will run it if the driver in the form of mind is tired. Mind is not able to sing soothing songs in praise of God at such time and human being cannot experience eternal ecstasy oblivious of God and human mind cannot sing paeans of God.

Panch tatt ko yahoo rath sajiyo ardhae uradh nivasa!

Charan kamal liyo lai rahio hae gun gavae Ravidasa!!2!!

God has created human body, akin to a chariot, from five elements i.e. water, air, soil, fire and space that inhabit this world and the entire universe. Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says, while reciting hymns in praise of God, that he has become amalgamated with God through devout meditation at the feet of Almighty God.

Shabad 120

Jo tum toro Ram maen nahin toraun!

Tum son tor kavan sau joraun!!Tek!!

Tirath barat na karou andesa!

Tumhare charan kamal ka bharosa!!1!!

Jahan jahan jaoun tumhari pooja!

Tumsa dev avar nahin dooja!!2!!

Maen apno man Har so joriyo!

Har so jor saban se toriyo!!3!!

Sab par Har tumhari aasa!

Man kram bachan kahae Ravidasa!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human beings to get rid of rituals and become true devotees of God.

Jo tum toro Ram maen nahin toran!

Tum son tor kavan sau joraun!!Tek!!

O revered God! I have truthful devotion to Thee. Even if Thou severe Thy friendship with me, I will never abandon my abiding devotion to Thee because there is no one I can befriend after leaving Thee.

Tirath barat na karou andesa!

Tumhare charan kamal ka bharosa!!1!!

I am not concerned with external rituals like taking a holy dip at places of pilgrimage and fasting, because I have abiding faith in true devotion to Thy lotus like feet.

Jahan jahan jaoun tumhari pooja!

Tumsa dev avar nahin dooja!!2!!

O Almighty God! I worship only Thee wherever I may go. There is no other deity as great as Thee.

Maen apno man Har so joriyo!

Har so jor saban se toriyo!!3!!

O Lord! I have dedicated my mind to Thee and having established firm bonds with Thee, I have severed my connection with everyone else.

Sab par Har tumhari aasa!

Man kram bachan kahae Ravidasa!!4!!

Guru Ravidass Ji prays to God “I long for Thy glimpse all the time. I say this with complete involvement of my mind, words and deeds.”

Shabad 121

Kehi bidh ab sumiro re ati dulabh deen dyal!!

Maen maha bishaie adhik aatur kamna ki jhal!!Tek!!

Kahan dimb bahar kiye Har kanak kasauti haar!!

Bahar bhitar sakh toon hau kiyo su sau andhiyar!!1!!

Kaha bhayo bahut pakhand kiye Har hirdae sapne na jaan!!

Jo dara bibhicharni mukh patibarta jiy aan!!2!!

Maen hirdae Har baethiyo Har mo pae saryo na eko kaaj!!

Bhav bhagti Ravidass de pritipal karo mohi aaj!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji conveys sacred preaching that no one can realize God through futile rituals. Therefore, human beings should worship God with devotion leaving aside rituals and showmanship.

Kehi bidh ab sumiro re ati dulabh deen dyal!!

Maen maha bishaie adhik aatur kamna ki jhal!!Tek!!

O revered God! How should human beings meditate to realize Thee? O merciful Lord! Realizing Thee is extremely difficult because human beings remain engrossed in pursuit of worldly pleasures, lust and fulfilment of their myriad desires.

Kahan dimb bahar kiye Har kanak kasauti haar!!

Bahar bhitar sakh toon hau kiyo su sau andhiyar!!1!!

Human beings indulge in showmanship to realize God. However only a rare human being, who is pure like gold, passes

the litmus test of omniscient God and is considered as pious. O

God! Everything within and around any human being is always well known to Thee. However, mind of a human being, oblivious of Thee, is steeped in darkness of ignorance.

Kaha bhayo bahut pakhand kiye Har hirdae sapne na jaan!!

Jo dara bibhicharni mukh patibarta jiy aan!!2!!

What use are all those rituals when one does not have true remembrance of God even in his dreams. Even as a characterless lady may talk about virtues of a faithful & pious bride, but she will always have an eye and longing for another person. Such a lady will never win over her husband. Likewise if any human being, akin to a bride, talks about realization of God without cultivating abiding true devotion from her heart, such human being will never realize her husband God.

Maen hirdae Har baethiyo Har mo pae saryo na eko kaaj!!

Bhav bhagti Ravidass de pritipal karo mohi aaj!!3!!

O God! I have failed to achieve the real purpose of this life in the absence of Thy meditation and I have not accomplished any goal. Satguru Ravidass Ji prays “O revered God! Bless me with Thy devoted eternal meditation right now and be my saviour.”

Shabad 122

Ab kaise shootae Naam rat lagie!!Tek!!

Prabhu Ji tum chandan ham pani! Jaki ang ang bas samani!!1!!

Prabhu Ji tum ghan ban ham mora! Jaise chitvat chand chakora!!2!!

Prabhu Ji tum deepak ham bati! Ja ki joti barae din rati!!3!!

Prabhu Ji tum moti ham dhaga! Jaise sonahi milat suhaga!!4!!

Prabhu Ji tum suami ham dasa! Aesi bhagti karae Ravidasa!!5!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj describes his abiding true love for God in this hymn.

Ab kaise shootae Naam rat lagie!!Tek!!

O God! My heart is imbued with true love and devotion to Thee. Now, tell me how this continuous chant of Ram Naam (Devout meditation) can stop? It can never stop.

Prabhu Ji tum chandan ham pani! Jaki ang ang bas samani!!1!!

O dear God! Thou are like sandalwood and I am like water. Just as water becomes a paste of sandal after mixing with sandal, similarly every part of my body is imbued with the scent of Thy Naam. O revered God! I have also got amalgamated with Thee and become indistinguishable from Thee.

Prabhu Ji tum ghan ban ham mora! Jaise chitvat chand chakora!!2!!

O dear God! Thou are like clouds and I am akin to a wild peacock. Just as a peacock gets overjoyed to see the dark clouds, likewise I become ecstatic on seeing Thee. Just as *Chakor* or partridge has abiding love for the moon, I have similar love and devotion to Thee. Just as the *Chakor* keeps looking at the moon without a blink, I am also always anxiously looking forwards to have Thy eternal glimpse.

Prabhu Ji tum deepak ham bati! Ja ki joti barae din rati!!3!!

O God! My love for Thee is like the wick of a lamp. Thou are like an eternal lamp and I am thy wick. O revered God! Eternal flame of Thy Naam is blazing in every corner of the universe continuously.

Prabhu Ji tum moti ham dhaga! Jaise sonahi milat suhaga!!4!!

O God! Thou are analogous to a pearl and I am akin to the thread. My love for Thee is like the union of pearl and thread. Just as borax blends with gold, I have got amalgamated with Thee.

Prabhu Ji tum suami ham dasa! Aesi bhagti karae Ravidasa!!5!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says “O God! Thou are the Lord of the entire universe. I am Thy devotee. O God! I always practice Thy true worship.”

Shabad 123

Madho bhram kaise na bilaie!!Tathaen duti darsae aaie!! Tek!!

Kanak kutak soot pat juda raj bhuang bhram jaisa!!

Jal tarang pahan pratima jioun, Brahm jeev duti aisa!!1!!

Bimal ek ras upjae na binsae, uday asat doou nanhi!!

Bigta bigat ghatae nahin kabhoon, basat basae sabh manhi!!2!!

Nischal nirakar aj anupam, nirbhay gat Gobinda!!

Agam agochar achhar atarak, nirgun ant ananda!!3!!

Sada atit gian ghan barjit, nirbikar abinasi!!

Kahae Ravidass sahaj sunn satt, jivan mukti nidhi kasi!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches through this hymn that human being gets rid of illusions and realizes the ultimate state of eternal tranquillity with the blessings of God.

Madho bhram kaise na bilaie!!Tathaen duti darsae aaie!! Tek!!

O revered God! Why does human being suffer from illusion?

This is because he continues to harbour the feelings of duality.

Kanak kutak soot pat juda raju bhuang bhram jaisa!!

Jal tarang pahan pratima jioun, Brahm jeev duti aisa!!1!!

Just as the gold and gold ornaments and thread and cloth look to be different from each other, same way a rope looks like a snake in darkness only because of ignorance.

Bimal ek ras upjae na binsae, uday asat doou nanhi!!

Bigta bigat ghatae nahin kabhoon, basat basae sabh manhi!!2!!

Virtuous God is eternal. God is beyond birth and death and God neither rises nor ever sets like sun. Omniscient God neither shrinks nor expands. God is omnipresent.

Nischal nirakar aj anupam, nirbhay gat Gobinda!!

Agam agochar achhar atarak, nirgun ant ananda!!3!!

God is always firm, formless, beyond birth, unique, fearless, divine and invisible. God is beyond time as well as argument. God is embodiment of eternal ecstasy.

Sada atit gian ghan barjit, nirbikar abinasi!!

Kahae Ravidass sahaj sunn satt, jivan mukti nidhi kasi!!4!!

God is eternal. God cannot be realized through worldly knowledge. God is timeless and beyond the influence of futile

distractions. Guru Ravidass Ji states that eternal ecstatic stage of God is the truth. This stage of eternal ecstasy blesses human beings with the priceless treasure of everlasting salvation during the human life itself.

Shabad 124

Man mero satt saroop bicharag!!

Aadi ant anant param pad sansa sakal nivarag!!Tek!!

Jas Har kahiye tas Har nanhi hae as jas kashu taisa!!

Janat janat jaan rahyo man maram kaho nij kaisa!!1!!

Kahiat aan anubhavat aan ras milae na bigar hoie!!

Bahar bhitar pragat gupt ghat-ghat prati avar na koie!!2!!

Adahu ek ant funi soie madhay upadh su kaise!!

Ahae ek pae bhram se dooja kanak alankrit jaise!!3!!

Kahae Ravidass prakash param pad ka jap tap brat pooja!!

Ek anek anek ek Har kahau kaun bidh dooja!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings through this hymn to focus on true form of God who is the eternal foundation of the entire universe. Human mind gets enlightened with illumination of God's Naam through His devout meditation and then one comprehends God all over and everywhere.

Man mero satt saroop bicharag!!

Aadi ant anant param pad sansa sakal nivarag!!Tek!!

O my dear mind! Think of the true form of God who is profound and eternal from the very beginning & without any end and who blesses human beings with the supreme status of eternal salvation.

Jas Har kahiye tas Har nanhi hae as jas kashu taisa!!

Janat janat jaan rahyo man maram kaho nij kaisa!!1!!

God is not like what people of this world describe. What description can be given about form of God? However, human beings feel that they know about God but they fail to comprehend the secret of true God.

Kahiat aan anubhavat aan ras milae na bigar hoie!!

Bahar bhitar pragat gupt ghat-ghat prati avar na koie!!2!!

Human being says something different about God that is

absolutely unlike understanding God. Any one who is blessed with the nectar of God's Naam becomes amalgamated with God. Thereafter he never gets separated from God. God is manifest within and outside in every particle all over the universe. None other than same Almighty God is present within each living being.

Adahu ek ant funi soie madhay upadh su kaise!!

Ahae ek pae bhram se dooja kanak alankrit jaise!!3!!

There was but one God at the beginning of the universe and God is present now and shall remain so for ever in future. God is truly one, but human being thinks Him to be separate because of ignorance just as he thinks gold and ornaments made of gold to be different whereas both are gold in reality. Similarly, human being is distinct from God only because of illusion and he gets amalgamated with God the moment his delusion vanishes.

Kahae Ravidass prakash param pad ka jap tap brat pooja!!

Ek anek anek ek Har kahau kaun bidh dooja!!4!!

Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that "When a human being gets enlightenment of God within, then he realizes the ultimate supreme state of eternal tranquillity. Then one has no need to perform the rituals of meditation and penance. God is omnipresent and manifest throughout the universe in myriad forms. None is as precious as God."

Shabad 125

Thotho jan soie pashoro re koie!

Pashoro ja me nij kan hoie!!Tek!!

Thothi kaya thothi Maya!

Thotha Har bin janam ganvaya!!1!!

Thotha pundit thothi banie!

Thothi Har bin sabae kahani!!2!!

Thotha mandir bhog bilasa!

Thothi aan dev ki aasa!!3!!

Sacha sumiran Naam bisasa!

Man bach karam kahae Ravidasa!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to human beings for devoted meditation of God. Every thing other than God's virtuous Naam is futile.

Thotho jan soie pashoro re koie!

Pashoro ja me nij kan hoie!!Tek!!

O brother! God's Naam is the truth. No one should forget Him thinking that to be false. Why should anyone forget that God who is manifest everywhere all over the universe providing spiritual tranquillity?

Thothi kaya thothi Maya!

Thotha Har bin janam ganvaya!!1!!

This human body is also sham without God's Naam and even Maya is fake. Human being is wasting his life devoid of devotion to God.

Thotha pundit thothi banie!

Thothi Har bin sabae kahani!!2!!

Even a learned scholar is also charade and his preaching is also false without God's Naam. All stories sans God's Naam are false.

Thotha mandir bhog bilasa!

Thothi aan dev ki aasa!!3!!

Pursuit of worldly pleasures in beautiful palaces is futile and dependence on any deity or goddess is in vain.

Sacha sumiran Naam bisasa!

Man bach karam kahae Ravidasa!!4!!

Devoted meditation of God is the true faith in God's Naam. Guru Ravidass Ji says that "O brother! Worship God and meditate His true Naam with devoted mind, words and deeds."

Shabad 126

Madho! Mohi ek saharo tora!!Tek!!

Tumhi maat pita prabh mero, haun maskin ati bhora!!

Tum jou tajo kavan mohi rakhe, sahihae konu nihora!!1!!

Bahadambar haun kabhun na janiyo, tum charnan chit mora!!

Agun sagun dau samkari aaniyo, chahun dis darsan tora!!2!!

Paras mani mohi ratu nahin, jag janjaar na thora!!

Kahi Ravidass taj sabh trishna, ik Ram charan chit mora!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching through this hymn to all human beings to seek blessings of God and achieve the true goal of this human life.

Madho! Mohi ek saharo tora!!Tek!!

O revered God! I am solely dependent upon Thee.

Tumhi maat pita prabh mero, haun maskin ati bhora!!

Tum jou tajo kavan mohi rakhe, sahihae konu nihora!!1!!

O God! Though are my revered mother and father. I am an humble devotee at Thy lotus feet. O God! If Thou abandon me, then who will provide me shelter? I cannot express my inner feelings before any one except Thee.

Bahadambar haun kabhun na janiyo, tum charnan chit mora!!

Agun sagun doou samkar aaniyo, chahun dis darsan tora!!2!!

I do not know how to perform futile rituals and my mind is always focussed at Thy lotus feet. Kindly have a balanced view of my qualities and shortcomings. I visualize Thee all over and in all directions.

Paras mani mohi ratu nahin, jag janjaar na thora!!

Kahi Ravidass taj sabh trishna, ik Ram charan chit mora!!3!!

I have no need for *Paras* or philosopher's stone. All worldly pleasures are futile compared to God's Naam. Guru Ravidass Ji says that human beings should get rid of greed for riches and worldly pleasures and devote wholeheartedly to true worship of God.

Raag Todi

Shabad 127

Paavan jas Madho tora tum darun aghmochan mora!! Tek!!

Kirat teri paap binase lok baid yon gavae!

Jaun ham paap karat nahin bhoodhar ton toon kaha nasavae!!1!!

Jab lag ang pank nahin parsae tau jal kaha pakhalae!

Man malin vishiya ras lampat ton Har Naam sambhalae!!2!!

***Jo ham bimal hirdae chit antar dos kaun par dharihau!
Kahi Ravidass Prabhu tum dayal hau abandh mukti ka
karihau!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji, through this pious sermon, urges human beings for devout meditation of God's Naam that purifies human souls. One, who worships God with true love and devotion in heart, gets amalgamated with the Lord.

Paavan jas Madho tora tum darun aghmochan mora!! Tek!!

O respected God! Thy glory is pious. You will pardon my worst sins.

Kirati teri paap binase lok baid yon gavae!

***Jaun ham paap karat nahin bhoodhar ton toon kaha
nasavae!!1!!***

O Lord! Your glory banishes all sins but ignorant people consider chanting of vedic hymns only to be superior. O Lord! If we human beings of this mortal world were not sinners, then who would You absolve of their misdeeds?

Jab lag ang pank nahin parsae tau jal kaha pakhalae!

Man malin vishiya ras lampat ton Har Naam sambhalae!!2!!

As long as the limbs are not soiled by slush, where is the need to cleanse them with pure water? Likewise, when human mind is soiled with the lust of futile worldly pleasures and attractions then it gets purified only through devoted meditation of God.

Jo ham bimal hirdae chit antar dos kaun par dharihau!

***Kahi Ravidass Prabhu tum dayal hau abandh mukti ka
karihau!!3!!***

O respected Lord! If our minds were pious then whose sins would You cleanse? Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says "O esteemed God! You are extremely merciful. I have been blessed with Thy eternal realization and hence I do not require any other salvation."

Raag Sarang Shabad 128

Jag me ved baid manijae!

In me avar agam kashu aure kaho kavan par kijae!!Tek!!

***Bhaujal biyadh asadhi prabal ati param panth na
gahijae!!1!!***

***Parhae sunae kashu samujh na parayie anubhae pad na
lahijae!!2!!***

Chakh bihun katar chalat hae tinhu ans bhuj dijae!!3!!

Kahae Ravidass bamek tatt bin sabh mil garat parijae!!4!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious preaching that only devout meditation of God can help end all miseries of this universe and enable one to cross over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean of this perishable world. Therefore human beings must grasp the magnitude of supreme force of God's Naam and realize human life's real goal of attaining eternal salvation.

Jag me ved baid manijae!

In me avar agam kashu aure kaho kavan par kijae!!Tek!!

Vedas are reckoned as repositories of knowledge for curing all ills of this world. But the contents of Vedas are different and supreme reality of God that is beyond description is something else. Which of these is really trustworthy?

***Bhaujal biyadh asadh prabal ati param panth na
gahijae!!1!!***

This unfathomable ocean like universe is full of agonizing suffering and pain. However human beings, because of their extreme ignorance, never comprehend the supreme truth that only devout meditation of God's Naam can cure us of anguish and all ills.

***Parhae sunae kashu samujh na parayie anubhae pad na
lahijae!!2!!***

One can understand nothing through ritualistic reading of Vedas or listening to hymns. Therefore one is unable to achieve

the supreme ecstasy that is possible only through realization of God.

Chakh bihun katar chalat hae tinhu ans bhuj dijae!!3!!

Devoid of enlightened eyes, human being remains ignorant of God and treads a wrong path. No one can ever help such a person.

Kahae Ravidass bamek tatt bin sabh mil garat parijae!!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that living beings of this world never comprehend the supreme reality of God and therefore they suffer in the hell.

Shabad 129

Tum karhu kirpa mohi sanyie!!Tek!!

Swas swas tujh Naam sambharoun, tumhi bhaint mam man harsaie!!

Tumhu dayal kripal karunanidh tumhahi Dinbandh Raghurai!!1!!

Tumhari saran rahon nisvasar, bharmat phiraun na haun Har raie!!

Tumhari anukamap maan mad shutae, Ram rasayin amrit paie!!2!!

Aiso budh jachihun karunamaen tujh charan taj kithu na jaie!!

Charan-saran Ravidass rabri, apno Jani lehu ur laie!!3!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching to human beings through this hymn to worship God with devotion all the time with each breath.

Tum karhu kirpa mohi Sanyie!!Tek!!

O Lord! Be kind and bless me with Thy benevolence.

Swas swas tujh Naam sambharoun, tumhi bhaint mam man harsaie!!

Tumhu dayal kripal karunanidh tumhahi Dinbandh Raghurai!!1!!

I meditate Thy Naam with veneration each moment. My mind is overjoyed to have Thy sight. O revered God! You are always very kind, benevolent, compassionate and saviour of the underprivileged.

Tumhari saran rahon nisvasar, bharmat phiraun na haun Har raie!!

Tumhari anukamap maan mad shutae, Ram rasayin amrit paie!!2!!

O God! I am always under Thy protection and I don't get disillusioned in this world. I worship only Thee with true devotion. Because of Your blessings, I am free of futile arrogance and pride and I have been blessed with the amrit of Thy Naam.

Aiso budh jachihun karunamaen tujh charan taj kithu na jaie!!

Charan-saran Ravidass rabri, apno Jani lehu ur laie!!3!!

O revered God! I cherish only Thy lotus feet as I cannot go anywhere else leaving the same. Satguru Ravidass Ji prays that "O God! I am Thy staunch devotee. Kindly accept me as Your devout follower and hold me close to Your heart."

Shabad 130

Chal man Har chatsal parhaoun!!Tek!!

Gur ki sati gian ka achhar bisarae ton sahaj samadh lagaoun!!1!!

Prem pati surti lekhni karihau rara mama likh aank dikhaoun!!2!!

Yeh bidh mukti bhaye Sankadik ridae bidar prakash dikhaoun!!3!!

Kagad kanval mat mas kar nirmal bin rasna nis din gun gaoun!!4!!

Kahae Ravidass Ram jap bhai sant sakh de bahur na aaoun!!5!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings vide this hymn to study in the school dedicated for worship of Hari Naam or devout meditation of God and attain eternal salvation through realization of God.

Chal man Har chatsal parhaoun!!Tek!!

O my mind! Let me educate you in the school devoted to worship of God.

***Gur ki sati gian ka achhar bisarae ton sahaj samadh
lagaoun!!1!!***

That school holds the stick of revered Guru to prevent one from deviating from the virtuous path and teaches the script of knowledge leading to realization of God. Even if one loses awareness of learning, one can achieve the stage of eternal ecstasy in meditation of God with the blessings of the Lord.

***Prem pati surti lekhni karihau rara mama likh aank
dikhaoun!!2!!***

This institution of God has board of love to write on with the pen of devout concentration to engrave the alphabets R and M representing all pervading Ram or God and write down the glory of God's Naam.

***Yeh bidh mukti bhaye Sankadik ridae bidar prakash
dikhaoun!!3!!***

This is how Sanak and his three brothers attained eternal salvation through learning in God's school and one could see their souls enlightened with the brilliance of devout meditation of God.

***Kagad kanval mat mas kar nirmal bin rasna nis din gun
gaoun!!4!!***

One needs to sing glory of God with one's heart as a pen and intellect as pure ink unaided by the tongue.

***Kahae Ravidass Ram jap bhai sant sakh de bahur na
aaoun!!5!!***

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that 'O dear brother! Saints are proof of the reality that human being achieves eternal salvation through devout meditation of God and gets rid of the cycle of repeated birth and death.'

Shabad 131

Har simrae soie sant bicharo!

Avar janam bekaam Ram bin,

koti janam saun upar barau!!Tek!!

Har pad vimukh kutil mayarat,

Ram charan chitahu na sanae!

Jin man maan houmaen basahi,

tih jan sant kahau kim manae!!1!!

***Kapat dambh par ninda boorhau,
sant janam bhau kilvish karie!***

***Jioun baria rut boond udadh mahin aaie,
milae soie jal kharau!!2!!***

***Ta parsang seep Swati nachhatar,
moti nipjat neer tae niarau!***

***Kahi Ravidass moh mad tiago,
Ram charan man sant bicharau!!3!!***

In this pious hymn, Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches sacred sermon to all human beings to seek blessings of the company of sages.

Har simrae soie sant bicharo!

Avar janam bekaam Ram bin,

koti janam saun upar barau!!Tek!!

Saints, who practice devout meditation of God, have enlightened thoughts because human life is fruitless in the absence of worship of God and His Naam.

Har pad vimukh kutil mayarat,

Ram charan chitahu na sanae!

Jin man maan houmaen basahi,

tih jan sant kahau kim manae!!1!!

Oblivious of the supreme eternal authority of God, human being becomes atheist, lustful and tyrant and he does not focus his mind at the lotus feet of God. Anyone, whose mind is preoccupied with arrogance and pride, will have no respect for the saints.

***Kapat dambh par ninda boorhau,
sant janam bhau kilvish karie!***

Deception, cheating and unfounded criticism of others are very grave sins. Human being gets rid of his grave sins in the blessed company of learned sages.

***Jioun baria rut boond udadh mahin aaie,
milae soie jal kharau!!2!!***

During the rainy season, most of the rain water gets flows into the saline ocean and becomes highly saline.

***Ta parsang seep Swati nachhatar,
moti nipjat neer tae niarau!***

When a rain drop pours into a clam shell during the Swati Nakshatra, that drop of water gets transformed into a pearl.

***Kahi Ravidass moh mad tiago,
Ram charan man sant bicharau!!3!!***
Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “O dear brother!
Shun attachment and arrogance, keep sacred company of saints
and focus your mind at the lotus feet of God under their guidance.”

Raag Jaisri Shabad 132

***Sab kush karat na kahaun kush kaise!
Gun nidhi bahut rahat sam jaise!!Tek!!
Darpan gagan aneel alep jas!
Gang jaldhi pratibimb dekh tas!!1!!
Sab aarambh akam ane ha!
Bidhi nikhedh kiyo anekeha!!2!!
The pad kahat sunat nahin aavae!
Kahae Ravidass sukriti kae pavae!!3!!***
Jagatguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings
through this pious sermon to worship God with devotion.
***Sab kush karat na kahaun kush kaise!
Gun nidhi bahut rahat sam jaise!!Tek!!***
O revered God! Everything happens in this universe as
per Thy wishes. What can I say in Your glory? Just as the moon
has many virtues and yet it is always calm, cool and dispassionate,
same way You are manifest throughout the universe directing every
event and yet You are always detached and composed.

***Darpan gagan aneel alep jas!
Gang jaldhi pratibimb dekh tas!!1!!***
Just as the mirror, space, air and water are unbiased e.g.
mirror reflects true image of human being, everyone lives in space
and space does not discriminate against any one and air affects
everyone uniformly; likewise, God is manifest in all living beings
and every one has equal rights to worship the Lord. Just as the
water in Ganges reflects everything candidly, same way the true
believers and devout human beings visualize God to be manifest
all over and everywhere.

***Sab aarambh akam ane ha!
Bidhi nikhedh kiyo anekeha!!2!!***
God, the creator of this universe is free of longing and

attachment. God is perceived and described in many different
ways but that Lord is truly the ultimate reality.

***The pad kahat sunat nahin aavae!
Kahae Ravidass sukriti kae pavae!!3!!***
The stage of eternal salvation and unity with God can be
realized only with His blessings. Jagatguru Ravidass Ji says that
human beings of this universe realize the supreme status of eternal
ecstasy and stable tranquillity only through good deeds and devout
meditation of supreme Naam of God.

Raag Kanrha (Dopaad) Shabad 133

***Ja kae Ram Ji dhani ta kae kahi ki kami hae!!
Mansa ko nath manorath purbae sukh nidhan ki kaha gani
hae!!1!!
Kavan kaaj kirpan ki Maya karat firat apni apni hae!!
Khaie na sakae kharach nahi javae jayon bhuyang sir rahat
mani hae!!2!!
Ja ki ras thavar nahi aavae raha ketaki mukat ani hae!!
Rakhvare ko Chakar Sudarshan bighan na biapae rok shini
hae!!3!!
Siv Sankadik paar na pavae maen bapure ki kaun gini hae!!
Ja ki preet nirantar Har so kahae Ravidass taki sada bani
hae!!4!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his virtuous
sermon that one, who is blessed with the precious riches of God's
Naam, never feels scarcity of anything. Extremely rich God is the
treasure of all pleasures. He fulfils all desires of human beings and
protects everyone all the time. Therefore, one should have devout
love for God.

***Ja kae Ram Ji dhani ta kae kahi ki kami hae!!
Mansa ko nath manorath purbae sukh nidhan ki kaha gani
hae!!1!!***

One, who is bestowed with riches of Lord's Naam, never
feels shortage of anything else. Lord fulfils all wishes of human
beings and He has boundless treasures of comforts.

***Kavan kaaj kirpan ki Maya karat firat apni apni hae!!
Khaie na sakae kharach nahi javae jayon bhuyang sir rahat
mani hae!!2!!***

What is the use of wealth of a miser who feels happy day and night boasting of his riches? Just as a serpent guards his gemstone, likewise a miser protects his wealth. However that miser is neither able to spend his wealth nor enjoy fruits of his riches just as the gemstone of a serpent is of no use to the reptile. Likewise if one does not accumulate God's Naam through devout meditation then he does not benefit anyway.

***Ja ki ras thavar nahi aavae raha ketaki mukat ani hae!!
Rakhvare ko Chakar Sudarshan bighan na biapae rok shini
hae!!3!!***

One, who does not spend his wealth in God's name, loses his riches because of the evil effects of planets. However unfavourable position of planets cannot diminish in anyway the supreme treasure of God's Naam owned by sages. God beholds Sudarshan Chakra to protect his devotees and no one can create hindrances in the path of saints.

***Siv Sankadik paar na pavae maen bapure ki kaun gini hae!!
Ja ki preet nirantar Har so kahae Ravidass taki sada bani
hae!!4!!***

Shiva and the four Sanak brothers cannot fathom the glory of God; then how a poor vulnerable person like me can comprehend greatness of the Lord? Guru Ravidass Ji says that one who is a true devotee of God is always actively engrossed in staunch meditation of the Lord.

Shabad 134

***Bhagti na hoi re na hoie, jab lag tan sudh na hoi!!Tek!!
Bhagti nahin nachae ar gavae, bhagti na bahu tap kinha!
Bhagti nahin swami ar sebag, jab lag param tatt nahin
chinha!!1!!
Bhagti na gian jog baeragae, bhagti na kahae kahavaen!!
Bhagti na sun mandal ghar sodhae, bhagti na kashu
dikhavaen!!2!!***

***Jahan jahan jayi tahan tahan bandhan, trividh taap na jaie!
Kahae Ravidass tabae sach pavae, aapa ulat samaie!!3!!***

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys pious preaching to all human beings to shun futile rituals and devote themselves to true meditation of God.

Bhagti na hoi re na hoie, jab lag tan sudh na hoi!!Tek!!

One cannot practice devout meditation of God as long as his body is impure.

***Bhagti nahin nachae ar gavae, bhagti na bahu tap kinha!
Bhagti nahin swami ar sebag, jab lag param tatt nahin
chinha!!1!!***

Until one comprehends the real eternal truth, he will not benefit from futile dancing, singing, ritualistic worship or servitude. ***Bhagti na gian jog baeragae, bhagti na kahae kahavaen!!
Bhagti na sun mandal ghar sodhae, bhagti na kashu
dikhavaen!!2!!***

Knowledge, yoga and detachment are not true worship sans devout love for God. Likewise showmanship and aspiration for achieving state of tranquillity without devotion are not true meditation of God.

***Jahan jahan jayi tahan tahan bandhan, trividh taap na jaie!
Kahae Ravidass tabae sach pavae, aapa ulat samaie!!3!!***

Whatever one does, sans true love for God, leads to attachment and one cannot get rid of three types of sufferings i.e. deprivation, illness and discord. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that when one shuns worldly distractions and concentrates on true worship of God, then he succeeds in realization of God.

Shabad 135

***Re paiyo re Ram aami ras!!Tek!!
Ras jin magan hvae rahiya, rarankar rashe nit rasna!
Ih ras peeb Ram ras boorhau, aap magan rahi hvae din
raena!!1!!
Lok ras lagi vishae vish dehi, bhanau Ram bhaujal nahin
bahna!
Abhi antar bhajau nij avigat, ih upay antir bhau tarna!!2!!***

Chintamani lal hathae jae charhiya, huvau ujam timir nahin rahna!

Bhajae Ravidass Ram nit rasna, dulabh janam birath nahin gavna!!3!!

In this pious hymn, Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his virtuous sermon to human beings to make their rare human lives truly fruitful through devout meditation of God and remaining soaked in His nectar like supreme Naam.

Re paiyo re Ram aami ras!!Tek!!

O dear brother! I have been blessed with the amrit of all pervading God's Naam.

Ras jin magan hvae rahiya, rarankar rashe nit rasna!

Ih ras peeb Ram ras boorhau, aap magan rahi hvae din raena!!1!!

One, who remains soaked in the supreme nectar of God's Naam, has his tongue as the eternal abode of God who is beyond colour and form. When one remains drenched in this nectar of Naam, the same keeps increasing. The human being remains immersed in that nectar day and night.

Lok ras lagi vishae vish dehi, bhanau Ram bhaujal nahin bahna!

Abhi antar bhajau nij avigat, ih upay antir bhau tarna!!2!!

People of this world are oblivious of the nectar of God's Naam and they keep their body engaged in the useless pursuit of futile worldly pleasures and hence cannot cross over the vast ocean like mortal universe. Human beings should shun the chase of worldly pleasures and infuse devout worship of God in their hearts. In this way human being, having lit the lamp of devout worship of God within, is able to cross over the mortal oceanic cosmos.

Chintamani lal hathae jae charhiya, huvau ujam timir nahin rahna!

Bhajae Ravidass Ram nit rasna, dulabh janam birath nahin gavna!!3!!

Anyone, who possesses the priceless Chintamani diamond of Gods Naam that fulfils all wishes, easily crosses over this mortal oceanic cosmos. Satguru Ravidass Ji advises human beings to pursue devout meditation of God every day and night so that this rare human life does not get wasted.

Shabad 136

Dekh moorakhta yah man ki!

Ram Naam ko shadi adharau, gahi ot shud trin ki!!Tek!!

Abhi antar Ram nahin janiyo, shanahun dhoor ban ban ki!!

Ja din ih hansa ur jayi hae, shor thathariya tan ki!!1!!

Dhan dara mahi rahahu laptano, aapahu nahin sudhi va shan ki !!

Jan Ravidass tiyagi jag aasa, lahahu ot Har charnan ki!!2!!

Jagatguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human beings through this virtuous hymn to seek shelter of the Lord and cross over this mortal ocean like universe.

Dekh moorakhta yah man ki!

Ram Naam ko shadi adharau, gahi ot shud trin ki!!Tek!!

O brother! Look at the foolishness of the mind that shuns the protection of Almighty God and seeks petty shelters elsewhere.

Abhi antar Ram nahin janiyo, shanahun dhoor ban ban ki!!

Ja din ih hansa ur jayi hae, shri thathariya tan ki!!1!!

One does not comprehend the God within and keeps wandering from place to place in forests. One day this swan like soul will surely leave this utensil like human body and fly away.

Dhan dara mahi rahahu laptano, aapahu nahin sudhi va shan ki!!

Jan Ravidass tiyagi jag aasa, lahahu ot Har charnan ki!!2!!

Human being remains immersed in futile pleasures like wife, wealth and worldly delights. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "O human being! You should shun futile expectations from this world and make your life truly fruitful by seeking shelter at the lotus feet of God."

Shabad 137

Ath Aarti

Aarti kahan laen kar jovae!

Sevak dass achambho hovae!!Tek!!

Bavan kanchan deep dharavae!

Jarh baerag re dristi na aavae!!1!!

***Koti bhanu jaki sobha romae!
Kaha aarti agni homae!!2!!
Panch tatt yah triguni Maya!
Jo dekhae so sakal upaya!!3!!
Kahae Ravidass dekha ham mahin!
Sakal jot rom sam nahin!!4!!***

Jagat Guru Ravidass Ji sings paeans of true worship of the Lord God that even the brilliance of millions of suns can not match the brightness of one ray of light of God.

***Aarti kahan laen kar jovae!
Sevak dass achambho hovae!!Tek!!***

O revered God! I do not recognize any other true worship of God in this universe except Thy truthful and devoted meditation. Except Thy true Naam, all other rituals are very strange and futile for Thy devotee.

***Bavan kanchan deep dharavae!
Jarh baerag re dristi na aavae!!1!!***

Even if one lights up many small lamps of gold for Thy worship, no one can realize God without true detachment

***Koti bhanu jaki sobha romae!
Kaha aarti agni homae!!2!!***

The brilliance of true worship of God far exceeds the brightness of millions of suns. Therefore, where is the need for fire and yajnas for such true worship? There is no such requirement.

***Panch tatt yah triguni Maya!
Jo dekhae so sakal upaya!!3!!***

This universe is made of five elements- water, air, fire, earth and space and three types of principal human nature i.e. satvik, passionate and ignorant. God is manifest in everything that we can see.

***Kahae Ravidass dekha ham mahin!
Sakal jot rom sam nahin!!4!!***

Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “I have realized God from within myself. Total brightness of this entire universe can never equal the brilliance of even one ray of God.”

Shabad 138

Aarti

***Sant utarae aarti dev siromaniye!
Urr antar tahan paesi bin rasna bhaniye!!Tek!!
Mansa mandir mahin dhoop dhoopaiye!!
Prem preet ki maal Ram charhaiye!!1!!
Chahun disi dibla baal jagmag hvae rahiyo re!!
Jot jot sam jot jot mil rahiyo re!!2!!
Tan man atam bar sada Har gaiye!!
Bhanat jan Ravidass tum sarana aaiye!!3!!***

Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches pious sermon to all human beings to worship God with true devotion. Sages sing paeans of God through devout meditation of His Naam.

***Sant utarae aarti dev siromaniye!
Urr antar tahan paesi bin rasna bhaniye!!Tek!!***

O revered God-the greatest of all! Saints perform Thy true worship through devout meditation of Thy Naam. Without talking with the tongue, sages chant the Naam of God manifest within in their hearts continuously.

***Mansa mandir mahin dhoop dhoopaiye!!
Prem preet ki maal Ram charhaiye!!1!!***

They burn only the incense of keen longing to meet God in the temple of their beautiful hearts. They offer the rosary of true abiding love to God.

***Chahun disi dibla baal jagmag hvae rahiyo re!!
Joti jot sam jot jot mil rahiyo re!!2!!***

All the four directions or the entire universe is shining brilliantly because of lamp of God's Naam. By lighting the lamp of God's Naam within and through amalgamation with that light; the human soul, in the form of light that is part of the Almighty, becomes one with Him and indistinguishable from God.

***Tan man atam bar sada Har gaiye!!
Bhanat jan Ravidass tum sarana aaiye!!3!!***

O dear human being! You must surrender your body and mind before God and always sing His paeans with devotion. Guru Ravidass Ji says that “O revered God! I, Thy devotee, have surrendered completely at Thy lotus feet.”

Shabad 139

Aarti

*Gagan mandal me aarti kijae, naad bind ike mek karijae!
Susman indu amrit kumbh dharavae, mansa mala phool
charhavae!!1!!*

Ghiv akhanda sohae bati, trikuti jot jalae din rati!

*Pavan sadhna thal sajijae, tamen chaumukh man dhar
lijae!!2!!*

*Ravi sas hath gahaun tinh mahin, khin dahine khin bamaen
lahin!*

Sahas kanval sighasan rajae, anhad jhanjan nit hi bajae!!3!!

Ih bidh aarti sanchi seva, param purikh alakh abheva!

*Kahae Ravidass Gurdev batavae, aisi aarti paar
langhavae!!4!!*

Through this sacred hymn Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj
Ji preaches human beings to perform true worship of God by
following the path shown by revered Guru. Focus the concentration
with devotion at the tenth aperture, listen to the eternal melodies
and experience the brilliance of timeless illumination.

*Gagan mandal me aarti kijae, naad bind ike mek karijae!
Susman indu amrit kumbh dharavae, mansa mala phool
charhavae!!1!!*

O dear brother! Perform true worship of God through
concentrating on space inside the tenth aperture where eternal
melodies of God and soul of human being intermingle to become
one and indistinguishable. Sukhmana artery has a vessel full of
amrit of God there inside the tenth aperture where the rosaries of
flowers of union with God are offered in prayer.

Ghiv akhanda sohae bati, trikuti jot jalae din rati!

*Pavan sadhna thal sajijae, tamen chaumukh man dhar
lijae!!2!!*

Where the lamp is made of God's Naam, fat and wick
also comprise of God's Naam and the eternal light of His Naam
keeps glowing brilliantly at the confluence of the three arteries on
continuous basis. A plate full of devout meditation is decorated

for concentrating the breathing at the tenth aperture where mind is
totally focussed after shutting off all other distractions.

*Ravi sas hath gahaun tinh mahin, khin dahine khin bamaen
lahin!*

Sahas kanval sighasan rajae, anhad jhanjan nit hi bajae!!3!!

There is intense brilliance inside that is infinite times brighter
than light of sun and moon. Eternal ecstatic melodies can be heard
there without presence of conch shell etc. Lord God has His throne
in Sahansdal Kamal (the centre of thousand lotus flowers) where
God's eternal melodies enthrall all the time.

Ih bidh aarti sanchi seva, param purikh alakh abheva!

*Kahae Ravidass Gurdev batavae, aisi aarti paar
langhavae!!4!!*

Devout worship of God in this manner is the true service
of God. Sincere and devout worship of supreme invisible and
impartial God is true service to Him. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji
says that only perfect Guru can enlighten one about such true
worship of God. Human being crosses over Bhavsagar or the
unfathomable ocean like universe through such devout worship.

Shabad 140

Aarti

*Aarti karat harshae man mero, aavat chit tuv roop ghanero!!
Tek!!*

Ajar amar adol abhes, nirgun rahit roop nahin rekha!!

Chetan satt chit ghan ananda, nirvikar tej amit abheda!!1!!

*Anubh ajanma sarbagya ananta, abhed adaesh abigat
sushanda!*

Naam ki bati ghiv akhanda, ik hi jot jalae Brahmanda!!2!!

Anat bar tohi dhian lagava, muni jan pae paar nahin pava!

*Man bach kram Ravidass dhiava, ghanta jhalar manhi
bajava!!3!!*

Jagat Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches all living beings
of the universe through this hymn to practice truly devoted worship
of God through.

***Aarti karat harshae man mero, aavat chit tuv roop ghanero!!
Tek!!***

O revered God! Because of Thy true worship through chanting of Thy Naam, my mind is becoming ecstatic with overwhelming joy. Because of that, I am experiencing Thy revelation in my heart in several manifestations.

Ajar amar adol abhes, nirgun rahit roop nahin rekha!!

God is beyond influence of age. He is eternal and never vacillating. God has no colour or complexion and He is beyond the influence of three qualities of human nature i.e. satvik, passionate or ignorant.

Chetan satt chit ghan ananda, nirvikar tej amit abheda!!1!!

O revered God! You are extremely vigilant, truly majestic, embodiment of joy & ecstasy, flawless, eternal and absolutely impartial.

***Anubh ajanama sarbagya ananta abhed adaesh avigat
sushanda!***

O venerated God! You are unique, beyond birth, omnipotent, boundless, impartial, invisible, eternal and most pious.
Naam ki bati ghiv akhanda, ik hi jot jalae Brahmanda!!2!!

O respected God! I have lighted the lamp of thy Naam containing fat and wick of Thy Naam for performing Thy truly devout worship. That is brightening the entire universe with profound brilliance.

Anat bar tohi dhian lagava muni jan pae paar nahin pava!

Sages can not fathom Thy beginning or end despite trying infinite times with deep concentration.

***Manbach kram Ravidass dhiava ghanta jhalar manhi
bajava!!3!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O revered God! I perform Thy true worship with utmost devotion of mind, language and deeds having totally focussed concentration. I hear eternal melodies within myself because of that.”

Padai

1.

Sohang Oankar nirvikar anadi, akhand dhian saroop!!

Ajar amar aadi karna, purash atal anoop!!

Kripa karte dayal ji , kate bandhan karoop!!

Sahib bakhshish satt sun, dass kar nij roop!!

Sach Naam ko simar kar, jeev bhaye tatt roop!!

Ravidass kahe bhaj Naam ko, pave shudh swaroop!!1!!

God is one. He is beyond any vice. He is eternal since the beginning of the universe and absolutely perfect. One should practice devout meditation of His benevolent icon. God is eternal, ceaseless and unique reality. He is extremely kind who banishes all futile bonds of human beings. O dear! Please listen. When God showers one with His blessings, God transforms that individual into His own self. Human being becomes one with God through His devout meditation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that those who worship God with devout love ultimately realise God's pious divinity to become one with Him.

2.

Gur ki moorat man vikhe, dharo so haar dam dhian!!

Naam daan ishnan kar, dware pave maan!!

Mantar jap Gur hirday me, mile so nihchal gian!!

Bhookh pias na uttare, Naam bina Bhagwan!!

Satgur so nahin pavaie, jo dil manhe suan!!

Man sacha kit bidh bhayo, kar hae kia bian!!

Jhootha palan palte, kaho kaise kaliyan!!

Aagya Gur ki chitt dhar, kahe Ravidass bikhan!!2!!

One should always adorn his mind with the divine image of Guru. One, who regularly practices devout meditation of God's Naam in his mind, gives alms and takes bath; is honoured in the abode of God. Anyone, who chants Guru Mantra in his mind with devotion, is blessed with eternal enlightenment. No one can be free of hunger and thirst sans God's Naam. One, who does not

have blessings of Guru, harbours intense greed, akin to a dog, in his mind. How can one's mind be truthful sans God's Naam? How does one explain this? How can one seek deliverance while concealing falsehood in mind? This cannot happen. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "One, who always adorns his mind with the directions of Guru and practices devout meditation of God's Naam, is certainly blessed."

3.

***Kar ekagar brit ko, simare nit Kartar!!
Sahib ki sab riti ka, kaun kathe bisthar!!
Tis ki kudrat ati barhi, janae kaun vichar!!
Sadgun nit hirde base, milsi thaur aapar!!
Gur ki lakho dialat, Satgur kiyo pasar!!
Kahe Ravidass Bhagwan ne, dass diye jag tar!!3!!***

O dear brother! You must enlighten your Atmann and pursue devout meditation of God regularly day and night. Who can fathom and describe the glory of God? None can accomplish that. Who can comprehend the nature of God that is vast and immeasurable? One, who adorns his mind with the noble quality of dedicated meditation of God's Naam, secures an eternal place in the durbar of God. When anyone secures the blessings of Guru, then he is able to realize God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj states that God enables His devotees to cross over the Bhavsagar or unfathomable ocean of the universe and attain eternal salvation.

4.

***Prathme satt swaroop tha, vah avinashi aap!!
Madya viyapak ho raha, tis ko toon man jaap!!
Antt samay bhi rahoge, Nirankar pratap!!
Man bani karke bhaje, munchit kil vish paap!!
Daata karta aap hae, dhart aakash viyap!!
Mahima bahut beant hae, Satgur te hoye thap!!
Sohang Naam ki dhun lagi, dil ke andar aap!!
Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, jano Gur pratap!!4!!***

God, the true eternal divinity beyond any ending, existed even before anything else came into reality. God is omnipresent

everywhere all over the universe. O dear! You must worship Him with devotion in your mind. The brilliance of divine God shall always be all over eternally. All of the distorted thoughts and sins of those, who always sing paeans of God's glory in their mind, vanish completely. Supreme God is manifest in every particle throughout the universe and provides everything to one and all Himself. God's glory is beyond description and one can realize God only with the blessings of Satguru. When any one develops extremely strong longing for God in one's mind; then God appears in His devotee's mind of His own accord. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that one realizes God with the glory and blessings of his revered Guru.

5.

***Jaap japo tum Naam ka, kar Satgur ki sev!!
Gavat hirde Naam ke, boojhat nij Gurdev!!
Naam satya sansar me, padarath jhooth sa nev!!
Dubdha antar ki taje, nit satsang karev!!
Aachar dharo Gur reet ke, mangal nitya badhev!!
Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, sahib devan dev!!***

O human being! You must worship God with devotion. This is the real service to Satguru. You should always eulogise glory of God's Naam in your mind with devotion and then you will surely experience Gurudev in your mind all the time. Only God's Naam is true and real in this universe and everything else is illusory. The sins of anyone, who sings paeans of God, surely vanish. One, who adorns his mind with dignified traditions respecting directions of revered Guru, will experience ever growing ecstasy in his mind. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that God blesses us with everything we need.

6.

***Antar kar gave sada, hriday kar bharpoor!!
Khote karam tiagsi, paap bhaye sabh door!!
Kag roop taj hans ho, vikar na karho bhoor!!
Dev deh tujh ko dayie, pratash hash jaan jaroor!!
Kathna kathe na Har mile, pave khojan noor!!
Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, raho Bhagwan hajoor!!6!!***

O dear! You must keep your mind always ecstatic eulogising

glory of God. That will banish all of your futile misdeeds and your sins will vanish. You should shun the cunning nature of a crow and adopt the dignified nature of a swan of Mansarovar lake. That will put an end to your felony. God has blessed you with the rare human life and therefore you must experience God within your body. One cannot realize God just through talking but one can experience the true divinity of God through devout meditation and dedicated search within. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “O dear brother! You should always feel presence of God close to you.”

7.

*Devan wala det hae, tis ki kar man aas!!
Sarv yugi pratipaliya, teri miti na khahas!!
Antaryami janata, lekhe sas gras!!
Agya Gur ki chit dhar, sadhan ko rakh pas!!
Bakhshanhara bakhshasi, Prabhu ka hoye dass!!
Bhashan kar Gur Naam ko, antar rakh pias!!
Amrit vela Naam satt, char yugon me bhas!!
Satt santosh dharan dharo, kahat bhave Ravidass!!7!!*

God alone provides everything to one and all. Therefore human being should cultivate an intense longing for benevolent God only. God nourishes every one throughout all the astronomical times but human beings remain ignorant of God and keep themselves busy in pursuit of futile worldly pleasures. There is no end to one’s desires. Omniscient God knows everything. One should remember Him all the time even while breathing and eating. Abide by Guru’s preaching and adorn your mind with fruitful option of God’s Naam. God is ever merciful and therefore one must always be His profound devotee. O dear friend! Worship God with profound devotion and cultivate an intense desire in your mind to have His glimpse. Throughout the four mythological yugas or celestial times, human beings must have passionate anticipation of God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “O dear friend! You must always bear absolute truth and total satisfaction in your mind.”

8.

*Tan man dhan arpan karo, bani jap Har meet!!
Satsangat kar sant ki, dushat tiago reet!!
Swas swas simran karo, janam amolak jeet!!
Sohang Naam ke bhajan se, door hoye bhram bheet!!
Toonhi toonhi ratata rahe, aur na lave cheet!!
Man paye jin sewiya, Prabh so paye preet!!
Naam nishan prapte, jo gavat Har ke geet!!
Ravidass kahe satsang me, avay pad Satgur deet!!8!!*

O dear friend! You should dedicate your body, mind and riches to your revered Guru and devote yourself to devout meditation of benevolent God. Sacred company of sages helps one to get rid of ignoble behaviour. Rare human life becomes fruitful through devout worship of God every moment. All illusions vanish from one’s inner self with profound meditation of God. Human being should treat Almighty God alone as supreme and keep chanting of God’s sacred Naam in his mind with devotion. He should not divert his attention elsewhere. One commands respect with devout meditation of God. Those who sing paeans of God and chant His Naam with dedication will be honoured in the durbar of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that those who keep sacred company of saints are blessed by revered Guru with the supreme eternal status.

9.

*Gurmukh seti preet rakh, kukarm se man band!!
Satt Govind Gopal Gur, aur aavan jan sanbandh!!
Andher machiyo sarb jagat me, parkash na bin Gur chand!!
Nitya parhan gurmukh satt, janat bhave sarb sand!!
Gur hi dhare roop sab, khele khel aanand!!
Jan Ravidass pukarte, japo oang kar band!!9!!*

Love for Guru’s devotees helps one to get rid of misdeeds and ignoble thoughts from his mind. Eternal God alone provides sustenance to the entire universe. God frees human beings from the repeated cycle of birth and death because of Guru’s blessings. The entire universe is engulfed with the darkness of ignorance and

there cannot be any enlightenment sans a moon like Guru. Devotees eulogise God everyday regularly and comprehend manifestation of God all over. Guru adopts myriad forms to bless his devotees with profound eternal ecstasy. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advocates strongly that “You must stop wavering in all directions and just concentrate on devout meditation of God.”

10.

*Sarb hi sahib ek hae, doosar kaun kahaye!!
Mukti na pavae bhajan bin, jo uttam aap sadaye!!
Thakar nadar na aavahi, kabhoon na lekhae laye!!
Jo chahe kaliyan ko, Satgur laye manaye!!
Gun-vantian sang gun base, jo toon dhian lagaye!!
Ravidass kahe sansar me, batur na janme dhaye!!10!!*

None else but only one God is manifest all over in all directions. Howsoever dignified one may consider him; none can attain salvation without devout meditation of God. Until one dedicates his life to the Almighty, he cannot experience God. If one longs for salvation, he must secure blessings of his Guru. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “Human being becomes enlightened by keeping sacred company of his Guru and devout meditation of God and gets rid of the cycle of birth and death.”

11.

*Naam dhiave dev muni, karta purash agamm!!
Sis daan kar Har mile, toon na Jan sahamm!!
Thakar sada sameep hae, tis bin nihfal aur!!
Gur Gopal dhiyay toon, man aapna man kar bhaur!!
Bandhan kaun shudavasi, kiye bina man dharm!!
Kate Gobind janam maran, door hoye sabh bharam!!
Sahib deen diyal sada, soi mano pukar!!
Kahe Ravidass preet Har, man me rakh vichar!!11!!*

All deities, goddesses, sages and saints chant God’s Naam with devotion. God is the creator of the universe and He never suffers from any grief. Dedication of one’s head to Almighty is fruitful for realization of God but human being never appreciates the importance of that. God is manifest close to everyone at all

times. Everything is futile sans God’s Naam. O dear friend! You must concentrate at the lotus feet of God as per directions of revered Guru just as a *bhanvara* or bumble bee hovers around flowers. One cannot get rid of worldly bonds without firm devotion to God in his mind. Profound meditation of God leads one to liberation from all ignorance and pangs of repeated cycle of birth and death. Lord God is always extremely kind. O dear! You must adorn your mind with His devout meditation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “O dear human being! You must adorn your mind with dignified thoughts and have truly devout love for God.”

12.

*Tis jevad daata nanhi ko, Gur aprampar soye!!
Gur bin surat na satya hae, bhram thakke sab loye!!
Dev nath aur sidh sarb, Gur mane te hoye!!
Dharti viyom vichariya, tis te bhinn na koye!!
Patalpuri jaykar dhun, kash machh bhi joye!!
Dana daata sheelvant, upkari jag hoye!!
Indar Brahma Mahesh gan, pavan basantar toye!!
Yah sabh bapure keet sam, lakhe na sahib joye!!
Kahe Ravidass pukar kar, bharam bhut man khoye!!12!!*

There is no other philanthropist comparable to God. One can realize the supreme God with the blessings of his Guru. One cannot concentrate and establish firm communion with God and everyone gets tired entangled in the web of ignorance sans Guru’s blessings. Angels, Naths and Sidhas or individuals with supernatural powers became superlative because of their faith in Guru. God is manifest all over this earth and throughout the entire universe. There is no place without God and He is evident everywhere in nature, under the sea and throughout the universe. Crocodiles, fish and everyone else is under His control. Meditation of God leads one to be extremely knowledgeable, dignified and well wisher of all others in the world. All of the deities like Indra, Brahma, Shiva, Vayu and Agni or Fire etc. are under complete command of God. All living beings are very humble like ants sans God’s Naam and

no one can comprehend the magnitude of glory of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that everyone can get rid of all the illusions of one's mind through devout meditation of God.

13.

***Ath sath tirath punn phal, hovat jo sach jaag!!
Dhiyandharo Prabhu bhajan me, to hovae bad bhag!!
Man ka manka fer laye, virti ka kar taag!!
Sharvan karke hi bhayo, ae jag sagro baag!!
Sahib ke satsang me, raho man sad hi laag!!
Jan Ravidass Sohang gun, bhaj manmat apni tiag!!13!!***

Anyone, who wakes up shedding the slumber of ignorance and abides by truth, is blessed with the fruits of pilgrimage to the sixty-eight holy places of pilgrimage. Only the fortunate and blessed human beings worship God and practice meditation of God's Naam with devotion. Human being rotates the rosary of devout meditation of God and the thread of his focussed concentration for bonding with the Lord. One, who listens carefully to the glory of God, finds this entire world like a beautiful garden. Human being must always concentrate his mind at the lotus feet of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that "O dear brother! You must shun your own perceptions and arrogance and practice dedicated meditation of God's sacred Naam."

14.

***Guno ka hove sagra, dhiay Niranjan Naam!!
Naam Gur ka vohitha, tere aavae kaam!!
Karta chitt na avahi, bhool gaya toon Naam!!
Prabhu ka simran shod ke, khote karta kaam!!
Augun tere door ho, par toon Gur ki sham!!
Aath pahir Bhagvan bhaj, nikat na aave jam!!
Swas swas man bhajn karo, simro shri Gur Naam!!
Ravidass kahe Gur sharan me, pave sukh vishram!!14!!***

O dear! If you like to be an ocean of noble virtues, you must concentrate on meditation of God who is beyond Maya. Guru's sacred Naam is the ship that helps one to sail across the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe. O dear

brother! You do not adorn your mind with divine God and you remain busy in pursuit of misdeeds having forgotten God's Naam. However, all of your sins and shortcomings will vanish when you seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru with devotion. Messengers of death do not venture anywhere near anyone who worships God day and night all the time. Secure blessings of Naam from Guru and practice devout meditation every moment. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that "Anyone, who seeks shelter at the lotus feet of perfect Guru, experiences supreme eternal pleasure and jubilation."

15.

***Gurdev dovare tera maan ho, nidhyasan kare nihal!!
Jahan baethe tahan sobh ho , kabhoon na hoye bihal!!
Gurmukh ki reeti dharo, gurmukh ki chalo chal!!
Ek dhyana ek me, kar toon yah sambhal!!
Kaaran karte ant na, tis ki preet nihal!!
Poora Satgur milat hae, prapt hove ghal!!
Vastu Naam prapte, hriday kar lae thal!!
Shobha pave deh me, kahe Ravidass vishal!!15!!***

One feels truly honoured while visiting Guru's abode and he feels intense pleasure with the blessings of Guru. Thereafter wherever one may sit, he becomes more dignified and never suffers any set back. O dear friend! You must adorn your mind with noble virtues of true devotees of Guru who always chant God's Naam with profound devotion. O human being! You must worship God with utmost concentration of mind and fully secure God's Naam. No one can fathom the divinity of God who is the creator and who also feeds the entire universe. Anyone with devout love for God experiences eternal ecstasy. With the realization of a perfect Guru, devout meditation of the disciple becomes absolute & fruitful. O dear friend! Adorn your mind, akin to a plate, with the wealth of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that "One should realize God from within one's own body and feel dignified and ecstatic."

16.

*Kudrat kaun vichar hae, koi na jane bhet!!
Sarv hi shaktiman Gur , bhoole man laye chet!!
Gur bin aadi viaydi me, tino tap jaret!!
Guru Gobind pratap se, hot jaat sarv set!!
Naam liye agh jayenge, paapan mool haret!!
Jan Ravidass adhin ho, karo swami het!!16!!*

Who can deliberate about divinity of God? No one can unveil His mysteries. Guru is all powerful and even wavering individuals worship God. Human beings, sans Guru, suffer from many ills like poverty, sickness and discord. All shackles of human beings vanish with the blessings of Guru and God. Grave sins and the very root cause of felony disappear with dedicated chanting of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that "Human beings should love God with devout dedication."

17.

*This bin doosar avar na, Nirankar ko dekh!!
Amar ajar bharpoor Gur, ghat ghat manhi sulekh!!
Nirankar sad sadiv soye, sahib sarv vishesh!!
Shardha se Pritam mile, pavat sarv hi bhekh!!
Taap tape man mar ke, hot jaat hae sheev!!
Udas rahe sansar me, bahu biant hi jeev!!
Aatam der basaya, hriday me kar vas!!
Jag me aaya sufal hae, kahat bhayo Ravidass!!17!!*

O dear friend! Nothing except invisible formless God is real. Practice devout meditation of that God. God is eternal, ageless and manifest in every particle all over the universe. Invisible God is eternal, supreme and unique. All kinds of distinctions from the Lord God disappear through devout love. Human being benefits immensely through devout meditation exercising complete control over his mind. One, who remains detached from the world and worships God with devotion, is certainly blessed with realisation of God. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "Anyone, who succeeds in comprehending God within himself, makes his rare human birth in this world really fruitful."

18.

*Naam dhani ka satt sada, Gurdev rakh man tek!!
Antar dharin dhian toon, briti ko kar ek!!
Ant karan sudhar ke, Sohang man karo path!!
Satgur ki dargah me, sundar hove thath!!
Gur ki kiya upma katho, adbhut lila reet!!
Prem bishora na jare, meen samaan hae preet!!
Oang oam dhian dhar, Sohang bhed vichar!!
Tatt roop hoye janmana, kahe Ravidass aachar!!18!!*

O human being! You must always practice devout meditation of supreme God the Lord of all treasures and bear revered Guru in your mind for ever. Focus your concentration and visualise presence of God within yourself. One who worships God with profound devotion commands respect in the durbar of God and his mind gets purified. How can a human being fathom the glory of Guru? His splendour is unique. A true devotee of God cannot bear with separation from God. Human being should have devout love for God just like a fish cannot live without water. O dear! You must focus your entire concentration on Oankar or God and strive for amalgamation with Him. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that "One should endeavour to connect himself with the element of God and make his life truly fruitful."

19.

*Durmati ka tyagan karo, leho gurmat khoj!!
Khotan ki sangat tajo, kiun sir par uthao boj!!
Gur sharan me man lage, shoote Maya bandh!!
Aage mushkil na bane, hoye Naam sanbandh!!
Jhooth bol jhootha bane, jhooth tiago gael !!
Jan Ravidass vichariya gali gali kar sael!!19!!*

O dear! You must abandon cunningness and abide by noble counsel of Guru. Get yourself rid of the burden of company of bad people. All shackles of Maya vanish when one focuses his mind at the lotus feet of Guru with devotion. When God's Naam becomes the saviour, then human being will not face any difficulty. One who tells a lie becomes a liar. Therefore, one must shun telling

lies. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that “Those who worship God with devotion walk the lanes of “Begampura” or God’s abode where there cannot be any sadness.”

20.

***Bhagwan atam dev ka, karo man apne jaap!!
Naam badai manan kar, sabh tapan sir tap!!
Gati riti na kah sako, jo mane Gur vak!!
Kagaz mile na prem ko, kalam likhe nahin sakh!!
Baith vicharo man vikhe, Satgur dhian lagaye!!
Sangat ka phal pav hae, paap na ranchak laye!!
Bani rato Gur, Gur sada, antar laiye sukh bhas!!
Marang pavat labh ho, kahat satya Ravidass!!20!!***

O human being! You must practice devout meditation of God manifest within yourself. All vices vanish when one eulogises glory of God’s Naam. Glory of anyone, who abides by the directions of Guru, is beyond description. Love cannot be expressed just by writing that word on paper. One should sit in a posture of meditation and focus his mind on Satguru with devotion. One, who keeps sacred company of Satguru, is blessed with fulfilment of all desires and condoning of sins. One, who abides by the path shown by revered Guru, is blessed with all comforts. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that “One, who is able to find the path that leads to realization of God, will be blessed with everlasting bliss.”

21.

***Jibha kanti man karo, saan charhavo tej!!
Sach khand me ja mile, Satgur deve bhej!!
Dharam sath sambhandh jo, kul taran ki chal!!
Prat kamai apni, paye mushakkat ghal!!
Mukti dvara pav hae, chintan Naam hamesh!!
Gur sewak ki riti lakh, Satgur Jani naresh!!
Jon, jon bharmat nahin, manan ke sang sath!!
Jan Ravidass pukarte, sahib kini daat!!21!!***

One should chant God’s Naam with his tongue just like a scissor works fast. Dignity and glory of human being grow when

he focuses his mind on God with devotion. Satguru leads his devotee to *Sachkhand* or realm of God very kindly. One, who abides by dharma, follows the tradition of emancipation of his ancestors and future generations and makes his endeavours fruitful. Devout meditation of God’s Naam always leads one to the door of eternal salvation. A true devotee of Guru follows the tradition of revering his Satguru as the supreme emperor or God. One who adorns his mind with God’s Naam does not suffer the pangs of repeated cycle of birth and death. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji declares forcefully that “God is the supreme benevolent Lord who blesses human being with eternal tranquillity.”

22.

***Verag vivek tatikhsha, sam dam aadi le khoj!!
Momokash ban satsang me, leh Parmatam mauj!!
Tatt tavan sadhan bhane, munivar mati sudhir!!
Kathne matar na mile, sodhan karo sarir!!
Man indriya malkar bhare, tatav masi kahe aap!!
Antashkaran bhi shudh nahin, lagat sarv hi paap!!
Papi karam kmavana, so satsang me nas!!
Kali ko dosh sabh door ho, kathan kare Ravidass!!22!!***

Keen search of God within, supported by detachment, analytical mind, intense longing for a glimpse of God and keeping sacred company of saints, leads one to eternal salvation and experience of profound bliss of realization of God. Sages direct their intellect towards noble pursuits and search for God within. One cannot realize God just by saying or longing but one must control his body and purify the mind. Because one’s mind is fully preoccupied with lust for worldly pleasures, he feels himself to be supreme. That is why human mind becomes impure and one suffers for his sins. Sacred company of sages prevents one from committing sins. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji articulates that “Devout meditation of God gets one rid of all evils.”

23.

Aapna beej toon aap hi, khavat hae bahu bar!!

Tera hi tujhe saumpta, vah daata Kartar!!

Jo Gur sharni parat hae, til bhar bhi beant!!

Shobha pave lok me, kahit muni jan sant!!

Narkan ke adhikar ko, sheeghar man de tiag!!

Bhajan karo Bhagwan ka, mile Ravidass berag!!23!!

Human being reaps the fruit of his deeds time and again i.e. one reaps only what he sows. God awards human being fruit according to one's deeds. However if any one seeks shelter at the lotus feet of Guru and God is little kind to him then he commands respect in the world. This is the conclusion of sages and saints. O dear human being! You must banish the thought about hell from your mind quickly. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that "One who is detached from the world and worships God with devotion is sure to realize God."

24.

Gun aave gun uchare, gun me rahe samaye!!

Govind Guru, Gopal Guru, Karta Purash basaye!!

Bhagwan bhajan me sukh sada, hor hae sukh na kaye!!

Kar vishwas man aapne, Satgur charni dhaye!!

Satt sundar ati, agamm apara!! Khel sahib ka, sabh se niyara!!

Nirmal atam swaroop, lakh sarir hoye paveet!!

Sachkhand me ja base, Kahe Ravidass toon meet!!24!!

When God blesses any human being with the understanding of His divine qualities, he eulogises glory of the Lord and ultimately gets amalgamated with God. *Govind* is the Guru, *Gopal* is the Guru i.e. God Himself is the Guru and the creator is manifest in everything all over the universe. One always experiences peace and harmony through devout meditation of God. There is no solace in anything else anywhere. O dear friend! You must devote yourself to the lotus feet of Guru with firm belief and dedication. God is most beautiful of all, free of any grief and His splendour is beyond description. God is unique, supreme and beyond any comparison. God is pure and infinite number of living beings, who experienced

the sparkling divine form of God, have been purified and blessed with an eternal place in *Sachkhand* or abode of God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji declares that "Those, who adorn their minds with memory of God every moment all the time with devotion, are my real friends."

25.

Narayan rang kare jag, dhare roop ajaeb!!

Deen diyal kripal Prabhu, dhan Sirjanhar susahib!!

Sun sun ke upma bhane, kavi granth Kuran!!

Kaji mulla kahit hae, ap apni sabh man!!

Bhesh, panth, yogi, yati, lakhe na so anajan!!

Aap ho utpat prapanch kar, aap karat bhay han!!

Ghari mahoorat jante, vah aprampar dev!!

Dev, danuj, manush sabhi, lage tis ki sev!!

Amar pahichane Guru ka, so dass jane nij bhev!!

Jan Ravidass vichariya, sukh pavat nit sev!!25!!

Nirankar – the omnipresent formless God has created this universe of many hues and adopted myriad forms. God, the creator of the universe who is merciful and blesses all living beings, is the Lord of entire universe. God's glory is eulogised in religious scriptures and Puranas after listening from learned sages. Muezzins and mullahs (Muslim priests) eulogise God's glory in their own ways. Yogis, who wear symbolic dresses sans devout love for God, are ignorant of His glory. God Himself is the creator and ultimate destroyer of every living being. The supreme infinite God Himself alone knows the real time & period of His creation. Deities, demons and human beings, who practice devout meditation of God; achieve eternal salvation. Anyone, who is able to recognise the eternal Guru and understand his own mystery, crosses over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe. He is respected in the durbar of God even while he is living in this perishable world. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that "Human beings, who worship God regularly with devotion, enjoy eternal tranquillity and peace."

26.

*Naam dhiave sidh bhaye, japn japo bahu bar!!
Satgur ke sang lag kar, loha hove paar!!
Guru Gopal jahaj jug, Gur mansa pooran haar!!
Sahib ki upma bhano, mukh se lakh lakh var!!
Mittar tera aur nahi ko, toon dekhi nadar pasar!!
Nadri nadar sudhar man, kahe Ravidass vichar!!26!!*

Devout meditation of God leads to eternal salvation. Sacred company of Satguru transforms an iron like human being into gold like devotee leading to eternal salvation. Guru has been helping his devotees since times immemorial to sail across the Bhavsagar or vast ocean-like universe in the ship of Naam and fulfilling their noble desires. One should chant God's glory infinite times. O dear brother! Look around carefully in all directions but you will not find a true friend other than your revered Guru. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that "Human mind gets purified with the blessings of God and one is able to realize Him."

27.

*Varnan kar ke ko kahe, jag palak parshans!!
Antar karo milap Guru, subh gun ki base bans!!
Satgur ke updeshe kar, nirmal hove hans!!
Satgur daata ati barha, Brahm Janiye ans!!
Aisa Naam Niranjani, antar laiye basaye!!
Hath jorh ustati karo, Gur rakhe satt bhaye!!
Brahm vakta, Brahm sotri, Brahm nista Guru asans!!
Satgur sang piar kar, kahe Ravidass badhans!!27!!*

O human being! Who can describe the glory of God who provides sustenance to the entire universe? Revered Guru helps his devotee to become one with God and his descendents are blessed with all noble virtues. Listening to the teachings of revered Satguru with devotion leads to purification of human soul. Satguru is the greatest philanthropist and he enables one to experience the divine God with his blessings. One should adorn his mind with the sacred Naam of God. Revered Guru connects his devotee with God and hence one should eulogise glory of Guru with folded

hands and devotion. Guru himself is the one who contemplates about Brahm or God, creates from Brahm and helps his devotees to realize Brahm. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that "Devout love with God transforms human being into a supreme noble soul who is blessed with eternal ecstasy and tranquillity of Brahm."

28.

*Daata sabh gun barha hae, kirt na mete koi!!
Samundar sagar se ji tare, kirpa karta soi!!
Ved kathe, shastar kathe, tis bin avar na koi!!
Na hua na hoyega, janat hae jag loi!!
Naam japo tis dhani ka, maat garbh nahi pahi!!
Satgur ki kar bandgi, sanshay sakal mitoye!!
Gir, prithvi, chand, soor, sabh, dhaarat hae Bhagwant!!
Ravidass kahe alpag yah, janat hae kia ant!!28!!*

God is supreme and endowed with unique divine virtues. No one can undo anything done by God or created by God against His will. Anyone who is blessed with God's benevolence surely crosses over the Bhavsagar or fathomless ocean like universe. Even if one learns any number of Vedas and scriptures by heart, he cannot attain eternal salvation without devout meditation of God's Naam. The entire world knows this reality well that salvation is not possible in the absence of God's Naam or devout meditation of God. One, who practices devout worship of supreme owner of all treasures the Almighty God, does not have to suffer the pangs of birth again. Devout worship of revered Satguru banishes all illusions. The mountains, the earth, the moon, the sun and the entire universe are creations of inimitable God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji articulates that "Unwise human being cannot fathom the supreme glory of God."

29.

*Gurmukh dwara nad sun, hriday manh le boojh!!
Surat dharo mat oupjae, netrin hovae soojh!!
Mile na Satguru shabad tohi, antar bhari hae doojh!!
Amar hove satsang me, man apne se joojh!!
Shreshat purush ka sang kar, maan karo sabh choor!!*

***Man hasti sakal jaro, papan ko jo moor!!
Sahib seti prem kar, rasatal se ja bach!!
Gur Gur man me rattan kar, mukh se bol toon sach!!
Santan ke dware paro, hove param aanand!!
Kahe Ravidass Bhagwan ke gavo man me shand!!29!!***

Gurmukh - a devotee who abides by Guru's teachings - listens to the eternal sound of Naam and always thinks of God in his mind. One's intellect becomes noble and superior with devout love for God and one gets enlightened after having a glimpse of God with the divine eyes. One does not hear the *Shabad* or mantra of Guru as long as he suffers from duality. Arrogance vanishes with the company of noble persons. One, who banishes false pride of his mind that is the root cause of all evil and cultivates devout love for God, surely escapes the hell of sins. O dear! You must chant Guru's Naam with devout mind all the time and always tell the truth. One can achieve eternal ecstasy through profound devotion to the lotus feet of saints. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches human beings to sing paeans of God's glory in their minds.

30.

***Pataal rasatal aanant hae, khojan hare lok!!
Prabhu Maya ko ant na, dhoondat karte shok!!
Jeev vital hae jeev me, jeev sutal so jeev!!
Jeev talatal, mahatal, sahib lakh lae seev!!
Atal satt patal yah, jeev Ish lakh lev!!
Is vidhi ant na aave hae, khae patala bhev!!
Budhi kitne bal dhare, lagat na koie tan!!
Gurmukh man basaiye, manak Naam nishan!!
Cheenti ke sam bal nahin, chale tera jor!!
Naam bina Bhagwan ke, lakh machave shor!!
Uttre avarn dile ka, man aapan le sadh!!
Kahe Ravidass pukar ke, door karo sabh vyadh!!30!!***

There are infinite number of habitats beneath oceans and myriad planets like earth. Human beings have given up unravelling the mysteries of God. God's Maya is infinite. Creatures inhabit deep seas and ocean floors. Any living being, irrespective of his

living habitat like land, water, air or ocean floor; can achieve eternal salvation only through constant devotion to God. No one can fathom glory of God irrespective of his abode. Howsoever intellectual one may be all of his wisdom is futile sans God's Naam. Gurmukh devotees who abide by Guru's advice adorn their mind with Naam or devout meditation and ultimately they are blessed with supreme treasure of God's Naam. A living being does not have the might of even an ant whereas God's infinite divine powers are manifest all around everywhere. Any amount of struggle by an individual is futile sans God's Naam. All vices vanish when one concentrates his mind on meditation of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that "All of one's sins vanish with devout worship of God."

31.

***Nadian lahirin bas raha, sagar ati gambhir!!
Chaudah rattan upaya Satguru guni gahir!!
Oothat baethat Naam bhaj, so pavat satt dhir!!
Man apne Guru Guru rato, kabhi na hove bhir!!
Mukh pavittar hot hae, gun gavat deen diyal!!
Sarv ghata bharpoor hae, antaryami pal!!
Tujhe bharosa na parhe, is karan kangal!!
Ravidass kahe sansar me, ab bhi kar toon bhal!!31!!***

The roaring rivers and the ocean, that gave rise to fourteen jewels, may be extremely deep but Satguru is the supreme treasure of all virtues. One is blessed with real amrit when he chants God's Naam with devotion all the time. One who chants Guru's Naam regularly is free of any misfortune. One's mouth becomes dignified while chanting Naam of God who is extremely kind to all living beings. God, who provides sustenance to everyone, is manifest in one and all. One, who does not have faith in God, is a pauper. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that "O dear! You must search for God within yourself while living in this world."

32.

*Ek gharhi simran karo, nahin lage kalu kalesh!!
Prabhu ke darbar me, hove ujwal bhes!!
Patit oudhran Parbrahm, Guru avinashi aap!!
Shresht purash ka sang karo, shubh gun man me thap!!
Athah Prabhu Har dhani hae, Gur ka Naam atol!!
Swas amolak sufal kar, jis ka na koie mol!!
Ravidass kahe ashcharya vah, Har milne ki reet!!
Swasa birtha na tajo, man kar karo preet!!*

The vices and discords of Kaliyug- the fourth and the current cosmic era, never affect anyone who worships God with devotion even for a moment and he is respected in the realm of God. God is eternal and vanquisher of all sins. The company of dignified persons helps one to enrich his mind with noble qualities. Infinite God is richest of all and Guru's Naam is beyond any price tag. The precious breaths of rare human life are beyond evaluation and same will be fruitful only with devout meditation of God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that "Once anyone finds the way for communion with God, he attains a unique stage of eternal ecstasy. One should never waste any moment of time or even a breath but cultivate true & devoted love for God with single minded concentration."

33.

*Nihal, nihal, nihal hae, vah Kartar nihal!!
Kalyan tera kaliyan ho, charni paro visal!!
Aesi mano preet kar, jaisi chakvi soor!!
Jan Ravidass Brahm rang rata, augun ho sabh door!!33!!*

Devout meditation of ecstatic God leads one to eternal ecstasy. When one surrenders himself at the lotus feet of God then he is surely emancipated. O dear! You must have such a profound love for God as the *Chakvi* bird has for the sun. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that "All of the sins of anyone, who gets soaked in the permanent maroon dye of God's Naam, vanish away."

34.

*Sahib sachha beant hae, ant na pare aakar!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant na sift shumar!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant na kahe uchar!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant na kare vichar!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant nahin kashu les!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant nahin kashu bhes!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant nahin Kartar!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant na paravar!!
Sahib sachha beant hae, ant na Satgur dham!!
Kahe Ravidass pukar ke , sidh bhaye sabh kaam !!34!!*

Sahib God is eternal, true & infinite and no one can ever fathom His magnitude. Sahib God is eternal, true & infinite and no one can contemplate about His dimensions. Sahib God is eternal true and infinite and there is no end to His divinity. Sahib God is eternal, true and infinite & benevolence of God is beyond description. Sahib God is eternal, true and infinite & no one can understand the limits of His dispersion. Sahib God is eternal, true and infinite & none can comprehend the glory of Satguru's own abode. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that "All of one's endeavours become successful with devout meditation of God."

35.

*Satgur ooncha at barha, satt ooncha vad nao!!
Naam Niranjan Gur sada, man mana phal pao!!
Kitne hi yodhe bhaye, shoor hue aapar!!
Sohang Naam ka mel ho, nauka bane aadhar!!
Kaam, krodh, thag thagat hae, rakho chit sambhal!!
Satt parmatam vedhiya, sabhi kare pritipal!!
Kitne Prabhu ke bhagti bhaye, kitne hue avtar!!
Kitne pundit , jyotishi, vedan kare vichar!!
Kitne he brahimand haen, karta Guru samrath!!
Kitne hi ustati kare, deen dayal akath!!*

***Kitne moorakh jagat me, roop bhaye vikral!!
 Kitne devi, devate, kitne kaal, karal!!
 Yah sabh khel Govind ke, ant na aave koye!!
 Kahe Ravidass vichar ke, Prabhu me raho samoye!!35!!***

Satguru or true master is supreme and greatest of all. His Naam shall always remain above all. Guru always unites his devotee with God's Naam sans Maya and blesses him with fulfilment of his noble desires. There are infinite number of warriors and brave individuals in the world. Human being crosses over the Bhavsagar sailing in the boat of devout Naam of God. Lust for sex, arrogance and greed cheat human beings and one must guard himself against these enemies. God is manifest throughout the universe and He provides sustenance and succour to everyone. God has infinite number of devotees and many incarnations. There have been innumerable numbers of pundits, astrologers and scholars of Vedas. There are infinite numbers of galaxies. Human being must practice devout meditation of the creator God like perfect Guru. There are any numbers of foolish and disguised cheats in this world and there are innumerable deities, goddesses and messengers of death. All of these are the mysteries of God that no one can ever unravel. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advises human beings to strive for amalgamation with God through His devout meditation.

36.

***Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, Satgur sang nivas!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, Gur ka Naam pias!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, Guru Niranjan lal!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, likhat lekh so bhal!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, sadhu mat vichar!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, ant kar lae sar!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, lobh vikar tiag!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, kartavya neech vihag!!***

***Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, garbh na aavae mool!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, vishya ras ja bhool!!
 Satgur ka dhar dhyan toon, keval hove mukat!!
 Kahe Ravidass vivhariya, eho saar hae yukat!!36!!***

One can stay close to Satguru through devout concentration on Satguru. Dedicated concentration on Satguru generates a profound longing for Guru's Naam in disciple's mind. Devout focus on Satguru leads one to the supreme treasure of Guru's Naam. One should search for God's Naam with focussed attention on Satguru in accordance with predetermined fate. One can become dignified intellectual through devout concentration on Satguru and sacred company of saints. With devout concentration on Satguru, one should comprehend divine God within. One is able to get rid of greed and vices through devout love for Satguru. Human being abandons all misdeeds with staunch dedication to Satguru and he is spared from the pangs of rebirth. One, who has dedicated concentration on Satguru, does not get entangled in the web of futile worldly pleasures. One achieves eternal salvation only through devoted concentration on Satguru. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that such approach alone is the noble endeavour.

37.

***Sohang Sohang uchariye, shreshth purash sang piar!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, kabhoon na aave haar!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, Gur ka Naam gahir!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, khoje mat sudhir!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, bhajan karo Gurdev!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, ta jane nij bhev!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, sandhya samay dhian!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, amrit vela gian!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, sakat sang na hoi!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, nirmal hove soi!!
 Sohang Sohang uchariye, karan kaaran alekh!!
 Kahe Ravidass pukar ke, man neevan kar dekh!!37!!***

Dedicated chanting of Sohang (God's Naam) leads one to close friendship with dignified people. One who recites Sohang with devotion never suffers any defeat. One is blessed with the treasure of Guru's Naam through devout chanting of Sohang. Recitation of Sohang leads one to successful search within and dignified intellectual wisdom. One should worship Gurudev with utmost devotion chanting Sohang Naam. Human being is able to understand the divinity of God through devout recitation of Sohang. One should concentrate on devout meditation of God reciting Sohang Naam every moment day and night. Recitation of Sohang Naam with devotion early in the morning leads to eternal enlightenment. Anyone chanting Sohang Naam with dedication will never be in company of rascals. Anyone reciting Sohang Naam with dedication is blessed with the supreme eternal ecstasy of understanding glory of God that is beyond description. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains explicitly that "Human being should adorn his mind with humility and strive to experience God within himself."

38.

Satgur sahib ati barha, pavat na koie paar!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, janat virla sar!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, andhiyare me deep!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, sundar moti seep!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, avar na jane bhet!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, bhoole man toon chet!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, Naam japo man manhe!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, dass udhare tanhe!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, rom rom me vas!!
Satgur sahib ati barha, nische kahe Ravidass!!38!!

Satguru sahib (revered spiritual master and guide) is the greatest of all and no one can ever visualize his glory. Satguru sahib is supreme and a rare individual only can understand his splendour. Satguru Lord is unique who banishes ignorance just as

darkness disappears with lighting of a lamp. Satguru sahib is the greatest of all and the pearl of knowledge about His glory grows only in the pious human soul like a pearl in the clam shell. Satguru sahib is supreme and no one can unravel His mysteries. Satguru sahib is beyond comparison and one must concentrate his mind on meditation of God. O forgetful human being! The supreme Satguru sahib is greatest of all and you must always remember him with devout respect. Satguru sahib is unique and one must chant His Naam with devout mind. Supreme Satguru sahib is saviour of His devotees and He is manifest in every particle. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji articulates that "O human being! Satguru sahib is beyond comparison and you must worship God with firm mind and utmost devotion."

39.

Niranjan Nirankar pratap, man kar jape Guru, Guru aap!!
Niranjan Nirankar sabh daat, guni vicharo man sabh bhat!!
Niranjan Nirankar Bhagwan, aath pahir dhar tanka dhian!!
Niranjan Nirankar avinasi, janam maran ki kate fansi!!
Niranjan Nirankar Kartar, sarv dukhonka uttre bhar!!
Niranjan Nirankar Bhavjyoti, durmat duvidha antar na hoti!!
Niranjan Nirankar Narayan bhaj, sarv sukhon ka hoe aayan!!
Niranjan Nirankar Gopal, jeev jant ki kare pratipal!!
Niranjan Nirankar Narnath, sarv padarath tis ke hath!!
Niranjan Nirankar prakash, bhaj hriday kaho Ravidass!!39!!

God is Almighty and beyond Maya. O dear human being! You must abide by Guru's teachings and practice devout meditation of God. God is the greatest philanthropist and supreme treasure of noble virtues. O dear! You should contemplate God's Naam with a devout mind. Worship Infinite God beyond Maya with devotion every moment day and night. Infinite & eternal God controls Maya and banishes the noose of repeated cycle of birth and death. Almighty perpetual God ends all miseries. Eternal, Almighty radiant God banishes evil thoughts and all discord. Devout worship of *Narayan* or Almighty God blesses one with access to

all the comforts. Almighty infinite God- *Gopal* provides sustenance to all living beings of the universe. Those, who practice devout worship of infinite eternal God controlling everything material in the universe, are blessed with all they want. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that one must always practice devout meditation of infinite and eternal God with devout mind.

40.

*Oang, Oang, oanneet, man dhar sach Bhagwan preet!!
Oang, oang, oang dhyam, sach sach sabh sach hi man!!
Oang, oang, oang pooja, devi deva tis bin dooja!!
Oang, oang, oang satsang, Naam dhiyae man ka rang!!
Oang, oang, oang jap lije, mugadh pathar bhav nar tarije!!
Oang, oang, amar kalyan, antar hriday charhe Har bhan!!
Oang, oang, gun vikhiyan, pavittar gunon ki hove kan!!
Oang, oang, tera adhikar, paap rog sabh outré bhar!!
Oang, oang, oang din raen, Sohang bhaj man hove chaen!!
Kahe Ravidass lakh Gur ki karni, swas, swas par Har ki charni!!40!!*

O human being! You should chant Oankar or God's Naam all the time and have truly devout love for God in your mind. Recitation of Oankar with dedication banishes ignorance and you experience Oankar all around. All deities and goddesses worship Oankar and there is no one without Him. Recitation of Oankar with devotion soaks one's mind with the permanent dye of eternal God's understanding. Even the stupid individuals attain eternal salvation through devout chanting of Oankar Naam. Dedicated recitation of Oankar is capable of leading people to immortality and eternal tranquillity. One's mind is adorned with sacred enlightenment of Naam through devout worship of Oankar Prabhu. Anyone who chants Oankar with dedication every moment day and night experiences eternal thrill. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that "Human being should abide by the teachings of revered Guru, practice devout meditation of God every moment and dedicate himself at the lotus feet of God."

Painti Akkhari **(Thirty five Alphabets)**

O- Oustat karo ik Oankara! Teen lok jin kia pasara!

Sing the glory of only that one God who is manifest in every particle over all continents, the three worlds and all over the universe.

A- Alakh ko lakhae jo bhai! Dehen dhandora sant sipahi!

O dear brother! Saint soldiers say aloud and clear that one should practice devout meditation of invisible God whose virtues are beyond description.

I- Ishvar kaya ghat me! Aakash ramio jaise sab mat me!

God is manifest in the body of each living being as one can see the sky in water contained inside a pitcher.

Sa- Sish mahal me swami darse! Jahan prem amin ras barse!

One can witness God inside the glass palace within the tenth aperture where one can savour the Brahm amrit that rains blissfully.

Ha- Har ka simran kijae! Kahe Ravidass ami ras pijae!

Satguru Ravidass Ji proclaims that living beings savour the Brahm amrit through devout meditation of Hari or God.

Ka- Kaya koti me ram rahio piara! Sis mahal me de didara!

Loving God is manifest in millions or infinite bodies and one can see Him in the glass palace inside the tenth aperture.

Kha- Khial se karo vichara! Sarav viyapi sab se niara!

When human being contemplates about God with deep concentration, then he finds all pervading God to be absolutely unique and different from everyone else.

Ga-Gobind aese giani! Na kush bhoole na kush jani!

Having realized the true knowledge of God, human being has no need to forget anything or know anything more thereafter.

Gha- Ghan nahin ahran sahe chotan! Satguru shabad gharia hae anotha!

Human being attains a unique stage of eternal ecstasy after having endured hammering at the anvil i.e. devout meditation of Shabad or Naam given by the revered Guru Ji.

Gna-Gyanat soi sar! Rahe Ravidass baat vichar!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberation that human beings should abandon ignorance and practice devout meditation of God.

Cha- Cham ka chola bhai! Naam bina kush kaam na aai!

O dear brother! This human body wrapped in skin will be of no use sans God's Naam.

Sha- Shin me bhaiya mamola! Ami sarovar dia jhakola!

O human being! You will vanish in a second. Therefore soak yourself in the pool of nectar of God's Naam.

Ja-Jeev hae, janeou jaat ka! Daya ki dhoti tilak satya ka!

Dear human being! You should adorn yourself with sacred thread of worthy nature, long cloth of mercy and decorate your forehead with truth.

Jha-Jhilmil jot jagaie! Alakh purush tahan pahunche aaie!

O dear! You should enlighten your heart with the celestial brilliance of God so that you can visualize eternal God within.

Yna- Ynyanat soi dhiani! Dass Ravidass kahe Brahm giani!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that one, who is able to comprehend God, is the true worshipper and Brahmgyani enlightened with true knowledge of the eternal God.

Ta- Taeka ter ka ek rakho! Ek bina dooja mat aakho!

O dear human being! Look up to only one God! Never have any hope from anyone other than God.

Tha- Thakur shila tar gaye bhai! Pundit baethe man murjhai!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that "With the blessings of God, my deities of stone remained afloat. However the pundits are extremely sad as their fake deities sank in Ganges."

Da- Dar nahin Har sang preet! Bhagat jan baethe man ko jeet!

One, who has true affection and love for God, has nothing to fear. Devotees of God have subjugated their minds keeping the lust for worldly pleasures at bay.

Dha- Dha dini burji papan! Simran kina ajapa japan!

The edifice of sins vanishes from within with silent and truly devout meditation of God.

Na- Nam ki lai dori! Kahe Ravidass lagi liv mori!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that "I am bonded with God with the strong thread of devout love and I am engrossed in true affection of God."

Ta- Trigun Maya rachdi bhai! Rishi muni line bharmai!!

God has created three types of human nature or personality traits i.e. *Satogun, Rajogun and Tamogun* or satvik, passionate and ignorant qualities which have even mesmerized sages and saints.

Tha- Sthir nahin yah sansara! Rav rank sabh kaal nagara!!

This universe is fragile and not permanent forever. Kings and common men leave this world when death sounds its siren.

Da- Do ik din yahan mandir sara! Fir thath shorh lad jae banjara!!

God has created this human body for a definite time span. Thereafter this trader or soul has to leave the body like temple and disappear.

Dha- Dhani jin dhyan lagayo! Kaal fans ke bich na aayo!!

O brother! The really rich person is one who has devoted himself to devout meditation of God and he is beyond the noose of messengers of death.

Na- Naam ki naav banaie! Kahe Ravidass charho re bhai!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says "O dear brother! God has created the boat of Naam and any human being that rides this boat crosses over to eternal ecstasy."

Pa- Paar Brahm Parmeshvar swami! Sab ghat ghat ke antaryami!

Eternal Brahm God is every one's Lord and He is omniscient.

Fa- Fikar kar shod jagsansa! Ja mil baethe Avinahsi pasa!

O human being! Stop worrying about futile worldly affairs and care about devout meditation of God and realize eternal God manifest within you.

Ba- Brahm so Brahm ka veta! Gagan mandal me rakho cheta!

One who has fully understood God is Brahmgyani - a learned and knowledgeable person who understands God. He visualizes God in all the galaxies of space.

Bha- Bhram mite jo pancham sije! Jai triveni majan kije!

One, who has overpowered the five vices, overcomes his ignorance. Thereafter he is able to reach the *Triveni* the confluence of three streams *Irha*, *Pingula* and *Sukhmana* and get soaked in God's Naam.

Ma- Man ko gagan samao! Kahe Ravidass param pad pao!

Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that one, who is able to stabilize his mind in the space of knowledge, is able to realize the supreme eternal status.

Ya- Yad karo wah ke gun gao! Par - Brahm ke darshan pao!

O brother! Always remember God, eulogize His glory and secure glimpse of the Brahm God.

Ra- Ram ramai so Ram piara! Fir na dekhia Jam ka dwara!

One, who has devout love for God, gets absorbed in Almighty by singing His paeans. Such a liberated soul has nothing to fear from messengers of death.

La- Liv laga le bhai! Jam ka tras nikat na aaie!

O brother! You should concentrate on devout meditation of God. Thereafter you will have no fear of messengers of death.

Va-Vidhibadh simran kijae! Sohang Naam ami ras pijae!

Any living being, who worships God as per guidelines given by Guru Ji, savours the supreme nectar of God's Naam.

Rha-Rharh miti jab hua naberha! Kahe Ravidass kia amar ghar dera!

Human being gets rid of all shackles by savouring the supreme nectar of God's Naam. Then, he gets eternal place in the abode of God.

Sohang Shabad man keea basera! Mait diya chaurasi ka fera!

Any human being, whose heart becomes abode of God's Naam, gets rid of cycle of birth and death through 8.4 million species of living beings.

Oamkar bavan ka paentis me japiyo hae sar!

Sarv dev santan ko karen haen namaskar!

Glory of all pervading God has been described in thirty five alphabets. All deities pay their obeisance at the lotus feet of sages.

Paentis matra prem se simren haen nij dass!

Jin simriyo so mukat haen kahe sad Ravidass!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that one, who chants these thirty five verses with devotion and meditates as a profound devotee of God, attains eternal salvation.

Oamkar paentis matra prem se nisvasar kar jaap!

Ravidass kahe jo simrate, mit gaye tino taap!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that "With the recital of thirty five stanzas eulogizing glory of God, one attains a stage of detachment and he is endowed with supreme blessings."

Oamkar paenti matra prem se simran kiyo man vaerag!

Ravidass kahe jo simrate, tin ke pooran bhag!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that "Anyone, who feels detached after devout chanting of thirty-five verses eulogising glory of God, is dignified and blessed."

Paentis matra prem se simrate Ravi prakash!

Ravidass kahe jo simrate, mit gaye jam ke tras!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that chanting of thirty five verses with devotion enlightens one's mind and he gets free of shackles of messengers of death.

Ravidass simrat ramte Ram me satt shabad prateet!

Amar lok jaye basiyo, kaal kashat ko jeet!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that human being becomes a citizen of the eternal celestial abode of God through meditation of God and chanting of true Shabad with understanding. He overpowers all the sufferings caused by pangs of death.

Oamkar sapat saloki matra, satt kiyo Jagdish!

Amar lok vasa keea, kaal namaven shish!

Anyone, who becomes resident of the eternal celestial abode of God through real understanding of God and chanting of true verses with devotion, commands deep respect of messenger of death.

!!Bani Haftavar!!

Sermons for Weekdays

Sohang Satnam Dhiao!!

Aetwar amrit da bharia bolae amrit baen!!

Guru ka Shabad japo din raat ta aavae sukh chaen!!

Aetwar vi safal hae Har ka simran sar!!

Ravidass jo Naam uchariye paya mokh duar!!1!!Tek!!

Recite the Naam of God. Meditate God's true Naam with devotion. With devout meditation of God, one finds Sunday to be a day full of amrit and one speaks extremely soothing words. With the chanting of Guru's Shabad day and night, one secures peace and truly eternal pleasure. Sunday is really fulfilling day for those who adore God's Naam in their hearts. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that those human beings, who practice devout meditation of God, secure entry to the door leading to eternal ecstasy and salvation.

Somwar sabh thaur me jale thale Bhagwan!!

Mahima Prabhu gaieye tab hove kaliyan!!

Gobind Gobind jaap se aavae sada anand!!

Somwar sukh da japo japo Ravidass Mukand!!2!!Tek!!

With devout worship of God on Monday, one experiences manifestation of God all over on earth, in water and deep seas i.e. everywhere throughout the universe. One, who worships God with true devotion, is indeed blessed. One secures eternal ecstasy through devoted meditation of God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that everyone, who performs devout meditation of God every Monday, enjoys true happiness.

Mangalwar avae sada hove mangalchar!!

Ralmil sakhian simarlo Har Har Naam adhar!!

Pritam charni lagian kabhi na aavae haar!!

Mangalwar sulakhana kahi Ravidass bichar!!3!!Tek!!

When one worships God on Tuesday, his mind is always adorned with pleasure. O dear companions! God's Hari Naam is the basis of life. Let us always practice devout meditation of God.

Human being, who worships God with devotion, never gets subjugated. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberation that the day of Tuesday is blessed when one concentrates on true worship of God.

Budhwar bodh sada hovae gian prakash!!

Guru prem poore jo milae toote jam ki fas!!

Ant sahaie Prabhu bhaye karam kamai soyie!!

Budhwar budh safal hae Ravidass jo bhagti hoyie!!4!!Tek!!

Meditation of God on Wednesday always enlightens one's inner self. Noose of messengers of death vanishes with true love for a perfect Guru. God blesses human beings at their last moments. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that human life becomes fruitful with the devout meditation of God.

Virwar vidiya barhae punn puna abhiyas!!

Satgur poore milan se hove atam prakash!!

Gur gian ka mool hae dharm mool ka hitkar!!

Virwar bichariae nasae paap hajar!!5!!Tek!!

Through repeated practice of meditation of God on Thursday, one is endowed with greater knowledge. One's inner self gets enlightened when he meets and secures the blessings of a perfect Guru. Satguru is the foundation of enlightenment. Kindness is the base of dharma. Meditation of God's Naam on Thursday banishes thousands of sins.

Shukarwar suhavana shin shin bhajae Kartar!!

Vishae bashna jhoothiyan devae narkan dar!!

Gati karman anusar hae jaisa jaisa hovae!!

Shukarwar suhavana Ravidass Naam japevae!!6!!Tek!!

Praying to God with every breath on a Friday is extremely pleasant. Pursuit of futile worldly pleasures, sans God's Naam, thrusts a human being into hell. One can attain eternal salvation only through devout meditation of God and superior deeds. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that each Friday becomes pious and enjoyable with devout meditation of God.

Shaniwar bhajan shrishat satt satt sabh var!!

Shubh karman se safal hae aavan jani sansar!!

Bin bhajan birtha sabh jante jo jo avatvar!!
Barambar Har simriye kahi Ravidass bichar!!7!!Tek!!

With true meditation of God on Saturday, every day looks blessed. This human life becomes fruitful with noble and pious deeds. Every day should be considered as a sheer waste in the absence of devout meditation of God's Naam. Satguru Ravidass Ji says after careful deliberations that one's human life becomes fruitful through continuous and regular devout meditation of God.

!! Bani Pandra Tithi!!
(Hymns for 15 Days of Lunar Month)

Sohang Satnam Dhiao!!
Amavas jo hae bhakhia jano meet!!
Shrist muni sabh gavde geet!!
Amavas hae shoot sada basae hae jag jeet!!
Birlae birlae pivage Sohang ras surjit!!
Bhagtan seti goshti jai sabhi bihai!!
Aouna uska safal hae jo jate labh uthai!!
Amavas hae jo aoundian aavan javan reet!!
Kahi Ravidass vicharke rakho Har se preet!!2!!1!!Tek!!

Chant God's true Naam always. O dear friend! One should follow the preaching of Guru Ji and practice devout meditation of God on "Amavas" or no moon's day. All sages of this universe eulogize glory of one God. One conquers the whole world through realization of eternal God within himself on no moon's day. Extremely rare individuals are blessed to achieve eternal salvation through savouring of God's Naam. Lives of those human beings are fruitful who benefit from learned discourses in the sacred company of sages always dedicated to meditation of God with devotion. The tradition of recurring celebration of Amavas continues. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that one should always have true love and abiding devotion for God.

Ekam ek Parmatma sansarae hae prakash!!
Swas swas toon simar lae torhe jam ke fas!!1!!
Deen bandhu diyal jo soi hae simran sar!!
Jagat sada jo sukh deve antar hoi aadhar!!2!!
Hasti cheenti aadi lae jivan hukam anusar!!
Bhajan karo jan palka hona jekar paar!!3!!
Ekam ek Parmatma rakhni uski aas!!

Satt satt Prabhu simrate sach kahae Ravidass!!4!!2!!Tek!!

One can comprehend brilliance of God all over the universe when one worships God with devotion on the first day after Amavas - no moon's day. One can escape the noose of messengers of death through devout meditation of God with every breath. Meditation of saviour of the poor and extremely kind God is very virtuous. God is always kind to provide all comforts and eternal salvation to human beings of this universe. All living beings from an elephant to an ant live under His command. If a human being wants to cross over Bhavsagar the unfathomable ocean like universe, then he must pray to God with devotion on the first day after no moon's day and have full confidence in Him. Satguru Ravidass Ji commends the truth that one should always worship the eternal God with devotion.

Dooji durmat door kar rakhna Guru se neoo!!
Safal karam tab honge gat pavae ih dehoo!!1!!
Dooji durmat door kar daya dharm kirpal!!
Satt se kar goshati hirdiya basae Gopal!!2!!
Subh karma phal subh hae karma sandna khet!!
Paap karam de keetik sada haar nahi jeet!!3!!
Dooji durmat tiag kar lila ajab pahichan!!
Kahi Ravidass bicharke bhagti bhajan kaliyan!!4!!3!!Tek!!

On the second day after Amavas, human being should shed his arrogance and have abiding and devout affection for his Guru. That will ensure success of all of his efforts and realization of eternal salvation. One should shun evil towards others and be merciful, virtuous and kind to all. One can comprehend God within one's heart through spiritual discourses for seeking truth in the

sacred company of sages of God. Good deeds beget superior fruit. This world is the stage for noble human deeds. One never wins but always loses through sinful deeds. O human being! Shun ill will and try to comprehend the unique endeavours of God. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says after thoughtful deliberations that devout meditation of God is always harbinger of divine blessings.

Sansari trishna tiag ke tan man dhan Gurudev!!
Mithia sabh ko janke rakh Naam saneh!!1!!
Karmi bhagti karan se hovae jagat adhar!!
Vahi sobha ati ghani age milae bhandar!!2!!
Tirath phal na barat phal nahi jag koie pai!!
Man mahi houmae ahankar joi birtha sabh hi jai!!3!!
Tritiae tiagiye maan ko khote karam hankar!!
Har Har Naam uchariye kahi Ravidass pukar!!4!!4!!Tek!!

O human being! Abandon longing for worldly pleasures and dedicate your body, mind and riches to revered Guru. Understand that this world is illusionary. Devout meditation of God benefits the entire universe and brings glory to the devoted human being. Devotee also secures the supreme treasure of God's Naam. One does not benefit from fruits of pilgrimage to holy places and fasting because of his arrogance. Every effort goes waste because of false pride. During the third day after Amavas, one should shun arrogance, misdeeds and futile pride.

Chauth charo taraf mahi daso disa chaugird!!
Jalae thalae Prabhu aap hae rakho Naam ki virad!!1!!
Chaman jo tujhae dikh raha rahina nahin hamesh!!
Shan bhangur sharir hae badan rahit na kes!!2!!
Sahayta koie na kar sake jin so laya het!!
Ant samen shad jaige mukh sevan prê!!3!!
Chauth chori na karo tiago vishae bikar!!
Gobind simran sar hae kahi Ravidass vichar!!4!!5!!Tek!!

God is omnipresent all over in all the ten directions even on fourth day after Amavas i.e. no moon's night and He is saviour of all living beings. This universe, that we see, is not permanent

and everlasting. Human body vanishes in no time. This human body cannot live forever. One, who has affection for any living beings sans God, does not get their help at the last moment and all of them abandon him. They call him a ghost after his death. Human beings are advised through fourth day after Amavas that one should not delay abandoning pursuit of worldly pleasures. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says after careful deliberations that only devout meditation of God is supreme.

Panchami Pritam jan lou sabhna hae Bhagwant!!
Brahman aadik simarte koie na paiya ant!!1!!
Panch tatav ki rachna hae jo dikhae aakar!!
Tisme hovae leen sabh lila Prabh apar!!2!!
Vishae vashna jhooth hae raah bhala beech neet!!
Bina bhajan sangi nahin sarb sukhan ka meet!!3!!
Panchame pati Parmatma sarb srishti Jani!!
Gur ki saran dhiyavate hovae Ravidass gian!!4!!6!!Tek

Through fifth day after Amavas, we should know God as all pervading. No one, including learned Brahmins, can fathom God's glory through His ritualistic worship. Universe has been created with five elements and ultimately everyone will get absorbed in God. This Maya of God is beyond comprehension. Pursuit of worldly pleasures is futile and one must shun these. There is no true companion except devout meditation of God. God is the true friend and provider of all pleasures. During fifth day after Amavas human bride should comprehend manifestation of husband God all over the universe. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that human being can realize eternal knowledge through complete surrender to Guru & devout meditation of God under his Guru's guidance.

Shishtami thit vikhiyaniae shat ras bhojan aadi!!
Jisne sabh paeda kiye kar toon uski yaad!!1!!
Jo dekhath sabh binsata bapar shahi aadi!!
Simran kar toon Prabhu ka jo hae aadi jugadi!!2!!

Oulte nijma kitia aavat tujhko haar!!
Subh karam ke karan se pavae satt darbar!!3!!
Shishtami shudh karam karavae jovae!!
Guru mil jivan mukat hae sakha Ravidassi
hovae!!4!!7!!Tek!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains through sixth day after Amavas that God has created six varieties of elixirs and cuisine. O human being! You must always remember God. You are witness to the reality that even greatest of kings will vanish ultimately. Only God is eternal since times immemorial. O dear! You should worship God with devotion. O human being! You will only face defeat if you ignore God and indulge in misdeeds. Good deeds will beget you a place in true eternal kingdom of God. Sixth day after Amavas is fruitful only if human being pursues good deeds. Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that Guru is the real saviour whose company ensures eternal tranquillity for the human soul.

Satmi sare ram raha aap Har Sirjanhar!!
Toon na bhooolae praniyan simran barambar!!!!
Har pooran Parmatma nirdhan adhar!!
Sarb viyapi Prabhu hae toon na kabhi bisar!!2!!
Dukhian ke dukh door kar kashat nivaro aap!!
Sada sahai Prabhu hae kare jo uska jaap!!3!!
Nind ka hankari path ka bhagti hae taas!!
Har bhajan sang mukti pavae jan Ravidass!!4!!8!!Tek!!

During the seventh day after Amavas, one should remember all pervading Hari or God the creator. O living beings! Never forget God and always worship Him with utmost devotion. Hari the perfect God is the saviour of the poor. Never forget the all pervading God. God, Himself banishes the pain and miseries of the victims. God is saviour of every living being who worships Him. Devotees of God always teach human beings to shun criticism and arrogance. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that devotees of God achieve eternal salvation through devout mediation of God.

Athmi aatho aam jo simran kar Har Naam!!
Sudh tera parlok jo hovae ant kaliyan!!1!!
Hovae gian ki roshani Guru gian ka mool!!
Guru seva bahi sant ki karam kamay asloo!!2!!
Bhoolan andar sabh ko abhul Prabhu hae aap!!
Bhulla rahae jo paap se mitat sakal santap!!3!!
Athmi atak na hovasi jis ka rida sufai!!
Ravidass atak hae ousko paap potari uthai!!4!!9!!Tek!!

Through the eighth day after Amavas, Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advises that “O living being! You must practice devout meditation of God that will secure eternal salvation and tranquillity for you after death.” When one is blessed with brilliance of knowledge imparted by Guru Ji within himself then he is attached with the prime God. While serving one’s Guru Ji, a human being learns about regular meditation of God. God is the only one who never makes a mistake and all the living beings are bound to err. One, who shuns misdeeds, is able to get rid of all miseries. Shri Guru Ravidass Ji says that anyone with pious heart will have no obstacles in his way to realization of God. However a living being, loaded with a heavy load of sins on his head, will find many impediments.

Naumi naudh bhagti jo hae bhagta manzoor!!
Purash bhala jo karege sabhna pooran poor!! 1!!
Pad sevan kirtan jas chauthe arpan Jani!!
Dass sakha ne archana aatho bandna maan!!2!!
Naumi dandaout kahi jo kahe karaae jai!!
Ravidass bhajan amol hae birla paae koi!!4!!10!! Tek!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “There are nine types of meditation acceptable to devotees of God.” Only one who perceives God to be perfect in every manner is a pious person. Service at the lotus feet of God, singing God’s glory, eulogising God with admiration and the fourth is devout meditation of God. These are followed by devotion to God similar to that of a slave

to his master, worship as a friend and worship of God. Eighth is devout meditation and ninth respect for God with complete prostration like a stick. Human beings worship God through such varied styles.” Shri Guru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares that devout meditation of God is beyond any price tag and only rare human beings are blessed with same.

Dasmi darad nivar lae sache Satgur sang!!
Sama viarth jaiga hankari dushat bhujang!!1!!
Maen meri noon mar lae man mahi shant hovae!!
Krodh bura hae kaal se isko leo samavae!!2!!
Shrisht muni sabh samjhte karde Naam adhar!!
Sarb thor me bas raha sacha Sirjanhar!!3!!
Dasmi disho dihs bas raha sare hae Kartar!!
Har Har tul na pranian kahi Ravidass bichar!!4!!11!!Tek!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings through tenth day after Amavas that they should take shelter at the lotus feet of a true master or perfect Guru Ji and secure an end to their sufferings. Those, who are arrogant & cruel or cheat others, waste their time in futility. Human mind gets peace after shunning arrogance. Anger is worse than death and you must control it. Revered saints reckon God’s Naam as the foundation. God, the real creator, is all pervading. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says, after careful consideration through tenth day past Amavas, that God is omnipresent and all pervading all over in the ten directions. One should practice devout meditation of that Hari or God and Hari Naam or Prabhu bhakti is beyond comparison with anything else.

Ekadasi ek da dass rahu furne tajo anek!!
Bhagat hot tar javge sada maniye tek!!1!!
Amba guvahi ninda baas ih jan!!
Ih sabh johar suman hae shado inka dhian!!2!!
Jooa maas madhar beshia hinsa chori kaar!!
Jih khote karam hae doban narak majhar !!3!!

Manukh joon sulakhani gat karman anusar!!
Bina bhajan birtha janam jaye kahi Ravidass bichar!!4!!12!!Tek!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains through eleventh day after Amavas that human beings must have utmost devotion to the only one God leaving all other thoughts aside. Human beings attain eternal salvation through devout meditation of God. Therefore, one must always have abiding faith in Him. Leading false evidence, unfounded criticism and longing for worldly pleasures are all futile and one should consider these like poison and shun same. Gambling, eating meat, drinking liquor, visiting prostitutes, violence and theft are evil deeds that lead to sinking of human being. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares after careful deliberations that human birth is immensely supreme that is earned after many good deeds. However this rare and precious human life is waste and futile sans God’s Naam.

Duradasi de darbar ditha ajab andh!!
Barhe krodh se paap hae baas khima Mukand!!1!!
Sat sangat mahi dharm hae barhe Naam ka rang!!
Baekunth bhi ouse aakhde jaha hote sant sang!!2!!
Dhan ke bhagi char hae dharm chor narap aag!!
Dharam het jo laega tin kahe badbhag!!3!!
Dharam het na lamde laede tino nayi !!
Chor narap or aag jo kahi Ravidass batayi!!4!!13!! Tek!!

Satguru Ji explains through 12th day after Amavas that human being experiences incredible ecstasy after reaching the true realm of God through devout meditation. Anger boosts misdeeds and forgiveness leads to realization of God. True religion is in company of saints where one gets soaked in permanent dye of Naam or devout meditation of God. A place blessed with company of sages is called heaven. There are four aspirants to claim one’s riches – religion, thief, king and fire. A human being who spends his riches on religion is indeed blessed. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj

says that those human beings, who do not allocate their resources for religion, lose their wealth to thieves, king or fire.

Traedsi taran haar hae sada sada toon dhiaye!!
Lakh churasi joon se uttam diya banaye!!1!!
Bande buraj bana diya aisa ajab banay!!
Aisa bane na or se man tan sis lagaye!!2!!
Usko na toon bhoolna piya pat ke bhaye!!
Tujahae aahar pahunchavta udar maat ke jaey!!!!3!!
Teras tera kalpana jhootha dikhta bhas!!
Jhootha sache pet ka sach kahe Ravidass!!4!!14!!Tek!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings, through thirteenth day after Amavas, to always worship God the saviour through devout meditation. This human life is supreme amongst the 8.4 million living species. God has created a unique human body with mind and brain. None other than God can create such an inimitable body. Never forget such God and do not squander away your precious life. God feeds you even inside your mother's womb. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that, all of your imaginations are futile when you are oblivious of God. Guru Ravidass Ji explains reality regarding falsehood and truth about human body as explained.

Chand chauda bhaye jab dikhta sarb akar!!
Sarb biyapi Prabhu hae sooraj chand ate tar!!1!!
Har se preet karo man mere jaise chand chakor!!
Balak preeti kheer se badal ghata se mor!!2!!
Shish bin sooni raen jo hirdae gian bin maan!!
Guru gian amul hae uttam bhagti Har Jan!!3!!
Chauda chauda rattan sam ichha pooran hovae!!
Ravidass sansae sabh mitae Prabhu prem bas hovae!!4!!15!!Tek!!

Just as the full moon is visible all around on the fourteenth night after Amavas, same way all pervading God, sun and stars

are manifest all over. O human being! Have such an abiding love with God as a partridge has with the moon, a child with milk and a peacock with dense clouds. Just as night is incomplete without moon, likewise mind is empty without enlightenment. Knowledge imparted by Guru is beyond any price tag. Only an enlightened devotee of God knows this. Satguru Ravidass Ji says "One can win over God through devout love. All illusions vanish and human desires like securing fourteen jewels are fulfilled."

Punnia pooran chandrma sare hae parkas!!
Lochan giani taraege hirdae Naam parkash!!1!!
Guru sukh amrit peevge manmukh andh gavar!!
Prem laie larh farhaege milat padarth char!!2!!
Ravidass jih granth hae parhae sunae man laye !!
Sabhhi padarth milege isse sabh bar paye!!3!!
Pandra tithi sampooran hae pooran path karaye!!
Sarb ichhia sampooran hae sabhna Ravidass sahaye!!4!!16!!Tek!!

Through Poornima or the full moon's day, Satguru Ji preaches that just as one can see the brightness of full moon on the night of Poornima, likewise decorating one's eyes with the true divine knowledge will reveal divine brilliance of God's Naam within self leading to eternal salvation. Human being secures blessed amrit of God's Naam from his revered Guru and gets into eternal ecstasy on savouring that amrit. However an arrogant rustic, follower of his own mind, remains perpetually lost in the darkness of ignorance. One, who follows his Guru Ji with utmost devotion, is blessed with all the four assets i.e. sexual gratification, riches, dharma and eternal salvation. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that any human being, who studies these scriptures or listens to same with devotion, will be blessed with all the boons. The spiritual narration of fifteen stages of lunar cycle is complete and one, who chants same fully with devotion, is blessed with fulfilment of his noble wishes.

“Baran Mas Updesh”
(Sermons Regarding Twelve Months)

“Chet” (March- April)

Charhia Chet sulakhna, kar santan sang preet!!
Gur charnan chit laye kar, Ram Naam jap neet!!

O human being! The first month of Chet (First Month of Vikram Samvat Calendar) or this human life is blessed only when one truly loves saints and practices devout meditation of God. O dear! Therefore devote yourself at the lotus feet of Guru and practice dedicated meditation of God.

Gur Gobind jahi gaiye, kar sarvan nit neet!!

Gur ke charnan prem kar, hirde dharo Gur meet!!

Whenever someone eulogizes glory of Guru and God, we should listen to same with utmost devotion every day. O dear friend! Be devoted at Guru’s lotus feet and have abiding love for Guru Ji.

Bachan Guru ke sunat hi, mitat bharam sabh bheet!!

Man mukh sang na kijiye, gurmukh sangat yahr!!

Human being gets rid of all illusions from within after listening to the sermons of Guru Ji. Human being should shun the company of atheists and keep company of devout followers of Guru.

Manmukh sangat bighan hae, gurmukh sangat sar!!

Manmukh sangat doobano, gurmukh sangat paar!!

The company of agnostics is an obstacle in the path leading to Guru Ji and the company of devotees of Guru Ji is helpful in realization of God. One sinks in the company of non believers and the company of sages ensures safe passage across Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like the universe.

Gurmukh ridae pragas hae, manmukh andh guvar!!

Gur ke amrit vachan sun, shardha hirde dhar!!

Company of devoted followers of Guru enlightens one’s mind with eternal knowledge and companionship with atheists

embroils one in the darkness of ignorance. O dear human being! You should carefully listen to amrit like sermons of Guru Ji and adore same in your heart.

Ravidass bhagti ehi hae, hirde khoob vichar!!

Chet suhana tinha nou, jinha Sohang Naam piar!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that this is the true Bhakti or meditation of God and every one must carefully deliberate in one’s mind. The month of *Chet* or this precious human life is blessed for those who have abiding love with and devotion for Guru Ji’s Naam.

“Vaisakh” (April-May)

Vaisakh suhava sarv sukh, Gur ke vachan vichar!!

Antar dhian lagaiae kar, samjho sar aasar!!

The month of “*Vaisakh*” or this precious human life is blessed with all pleasures for those who abide by the preaching of Guru Ji with affection. Comprehend the glory of that limitless God through deep concentration within yourself and devout meditation of God.

Gurdev ko grahan kar, taj sabh jhooth bikar!!

Hirde Har, Har Hari ko, simro varamwar!!

Accept and abide by all preaching of Gurudev or perfect master and shun all vices. Devote yourself to meditation of Hari or God’s Naam within your heart.

Dushta sang tiag kar, santan sang piar!!

Drirh kar Ram dhiaye toon, bhav nidhi uttre paar!!

O human being! You should shun company of wicked and have abiding love for saints. O dear! You should practice devout meditation of God’s Naam and cross over the limitless ocean of universe.

Har, Har Naam japandian, kadi na aavae haar!!

Bhagai bina Gurdev ki, hovat nahi kalyan!!

You will never be a loser while you practice devout meditation of Hari God’s Naam. Human being cannot attain salvation without devout worship of Guru Ji.

Gur bina janam biarth ih, javat sachi maan!!

Gur Har bhagti kahandian, nihchal mil hae gian!!

This human life is futile sans devout worship of Guru. You should accept this fact as a truth. Human being attains eternal enlightenment only through dedicated worship of God.

Kahe Ravidass lag charan Gur, man ka haar abhiman!!

Vaisakh suhava tinhan hae, Har, Har jape sujan!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that devotion to Guru's lotus feet banishes arrogance. The month of *Vaisakh* is blessed for those who attain enlightenment through meditation of Hari or God's Naam.

“Jaith” (May-June)

Jaith tapat bahu gham kar, shant na hovat meet!!

Krodh agni kar tapat man, lobhi lobh preet!!

The month of *Jeth* or this human life is prone to extreme sufferings like heatstroke sans God's Naam. O dear friend! Peace and calm are elusive. Human soul experiences extreme heat because of fire like anger and greedy mind hankers after greed.

Sohang Naam mukh japat, jan kirat karae neet!!

Santan sang nivas kar, shant bhayo nit cheet!!

Devotees of God always sing paeans of God. Human mind remains calm in the company of saints.

Utpat kare aap sabhi, kare palna neet!!

Prabhu bin dooja nahi ko, kar nihche parteet!!

God Himself is the creator of this universe and God is the sole provider for everyone. There is none other like God. Have complete faith in this philosophy and eulogise His glory.

Tis Prabhu ko toon jap sada, hokar mano nacheet!!

Prabhu simran Gur daya te, nasht hot jam bheet!!

O human being! Abandon all worries from your mind and always practice devout meditation of God. Dedicated worship of God and kindness of Guru banish the fear of messengers of death.

Satgur ke pratap te, gavahu Prabhu gun vaad!!

So kirpa netar rasna Naam ka, karan diye suni naad!!

Human being eulogises glory of God with the blessings of

Satguru Ji. With the blessings of God, one's eyes see revered Guru, tongue sings glory of Naam and the ears listen to the divine melodies.

Sundar sajiya jahi Prabh, rakh sada tis yaad!!

Jo jan bhagti bihin hae, janam jaye tis baad!!

God has created this beautiful human body. O human being! Always remember God with devotion. Lives of human beings devoid of Bhakti of God are futile.

Gur charni lag bhagti kar, mitah paap agad!!

Kirtan bhagti tisri, rakho inko yaad!!

All sins of living beings vanish through profound attachment with the lotus feet of Guru Ji and devout meditation of God. O human being! Always remember the third Bhakti- singing glory of God.

Jan Ravidass Guru simriya, jo jan sada aanaad!!

Jeth tapanda na lage, jin chakhia Naam suaad!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj says that those, who meditate Naam given by Guru Ji, always remain in ecstatic happiness. The month of *Jeth* is not hot or tortuous for those who have savoured the amrit of God's Naam.

“Harh” (June- July)

Harh avadh hae gham ki, shant avadh sukh Jani!!

Lobh avadh hae paap ki, kar bhagti milae Har dham!!

The month of *Haarh* is extremely hot but true pleasure is in God's Naam. Greed is a sin. One realizes eternal abode of God through devout meditation.

Gur ke charan su kanval ki, karhi sev sujan!!

Sagal srishat jaise malat, charan kanval Bhagwan!!

Noble people worship the lotus feet of Guru. All living beings of this universe have utmost longing for the lotus feet of God.

Aath pahir Gur charan mal, drirh kar nihche dhian!!

Antash karan kar shudh, tab hot paap ki haan!!

Focussed concentration at the lotus feet of Guru Ji all the time purifies one's heart and banishes the sins.
Paap nashat Gur bhagti te, darshan karho neet!!
Kaaran bhagti hae mukat ka, kar nihche parteet!!
 Guru's bhakti or devout worship banishes one's sins. Therefore, one should see his Guru Ji all the time and practice devout meditation of God that will lead to eternal salvation.
Charan bhagti kar lashmi, shakti bhayie su meet!!
Jagat charan ki shakat tis, bhayie su jano meet!!
 Maya becomes extraordinarily powerful through devout meditation of lotus feet of God. Maya acquires the supreme strength of entire universe because of such dedicated worship of God.
Bhगत su Gur ke charan ki, kar nihche dhar cheet!!
Gur bin aur na dhian dhar, Ih Ravidass ki reet!!
Harh shant sukh tin jana, jin Gur bhagti preet!!
 Therefore O human being! You must devote yourself to Bhakti of God's lotus feet with utmost focus and concentration. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that single minded devotion to none other than one's Guru Ji is the tradition of bhakti. The month of *Harh* (June-July) or this scarce human life is fruitful for those who have devout love for Guru's bhakti.

“Sawan” (July-August)
Sawan shant bhayie jagat me, barish hoi bashes!!
Ghar, ghar manglachar hae, nase sabhi kalesh!!
 The entire world becomes peaceful during the month of *Sawan* because of excellent rainfall. Delightful songs are sung in every house and all sufferings vanish.
Ann dhann bahuta upjia, gaouan ghas hamesh!!
Suhagan sada aanand hae, duhagan maela bhes!!
 There are bumper crops and plenty of grass for cows. A virtuous housewife always enjoys great happiness but a characterless lady soils her mind with evil thoughts like a dirty cloth.

Kar poojan Gur charan ki, shardha sath hamesh!!
Paan, supari, pushapkar, poojan karo hamesh!!
 O dear! Always worship the lotus feet of Guru with devotion. Dedicated service at Guru's feet is in itself like offering of paan or beetle vine leaf, areca nut and flowers etc.
Archana bhagti panchmi, Gur pooja me dhian!!
Bina isht Gurdev te, poojo dev na aan!!
Archana is the fifth type of meditation of God in which, mind is focussed on worship of Guru Ji. One should not worship anyone other than one's learned Guru.
Guru Har me na bhed kujh, kahyo aap sujan!!
Nihche kar Gur charan bhaj, hovat hae kaliyan!!
 There is no difference between Guru and Hari or God. Noble people say that dedicated devotion to Guru's lotus feet is always very fruitful.
Gur samaan nahin aur jag, janat sant sujan!!
Kahi Ravidass Gur charan ko, karat sada hi dhian!!
 Learned sages know that here is none like one's Guru in this world. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that human beings should always focus their concentration at the lotus feet of one's Guru Ji.

“Bhadron” (August-September)
Bhadron bharam bhulaia, Maya sang piar!!
Gur bin shant na pai hae, janam maran me barambar!!
 During the month of *Bhadron* i.e. during this scarce human life, one tends to forget God because of ignorance and instead he adores Maya. Human being does not get peace in the absence of his Guru and he goes through the endless cycle of birth and death.
Jinhan visaria Ram Naam, Gur charni nahin piar!!
Dhrig tina ka jivana, kahoon aaye sansar!!
 The lives of those human beings are condemnable who have forgotten Ram Naam (Prabhu bhakti) and do not love the lotus feet of God. Why do they take birth in this world?

Bhavi jal mahin bhavandian, na urvar na paar!!
Gur charnan ka aasra, jin man lina dhaar!!

One cannot find any shore swimming in Bhavsagar or the ocean like universe meaning that one does not find any comfort during present life in this world or the life thereafter in the other world. Those human beings, who adore lotus feet of Guru in their mind, pay their obeisance at the feet of Guru Ji and cross over this ocean like universe or attain eternal salvation.

Kar dandot Gur charan me, bhavnidh uttre paar!!
Gurdev Guru smajh ke, karin shukar vichar!!

Human being crosses over this ocean like universe with devout prostration at the lotus feet of Guru. Treat your Gurudev as the supreme master and be always grateful to him.

Bandna bhagti shathi eih, kare shish vadbhag!!
Avar karam sabh tiag kar, Gur ki charni laag!!

Sixth worship is meditation which is performed by exceptionally blessed follower. O human being! You should abandon all futile rituals and devote yourself at the lotus feet of Guru.

Gur ke charan bahu prem kar, Maya moh tiag!!
Bin Gur bhagti na thir kashu, jagat pasara baag!!

Shun attachment as well as Maya and dedicate yourself at the lotus feet of Guru. Nothing is permanent except Guru's Bhakti. This universe is a fake garden.

Pooran punn pratap te jagiyo iso baerag!!
Soiyo moh ki neend me, Gur kirpa bhayo sujag!!

As a result of past good deeds, detachment surfaces from within. Human being is under the spell of slumber of attachment, but he can wake up with the blessings of Guru Ji.

Ravidass Guru charan ko, toon kabhi nahin tiag!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advises that "O dear human being! Never abandon the lotus feet of your Guru Ji"

"Assu" (September- October)

Assu aasan pooriyan, jab Gur bhaye diyal!!
Charni lavo dass ko, karo prabhu pratipal!!

All noble wishes of human beings get fulfilled during the month of *Assu*. O God the saviour of all living beings of the universe! Kindly provide shelter to this devotee also at Thy lotus feet.

Prem taar gurnam man, gal pavo maal!!
Darshan kar gurcharn ko, tab hi bhaye nihaal!!

Grace your neck with a rosary of Guru's Naam with thread of abiding devotion. One gets overjoyed with the glimpse of lotus feet of Guru.

Gur charni lag bhagti kar, tiag moh ka jaal!!
Gur bhagti tab paiae, je hove likhiya bhag!!

O human being! Be a true devotee of lotus feet of Guru and get rid of the bonds of attachment. One is blessed with the Bhakti of Guru Ji only if same is preordained by God.

Dasa bhagti ihi hae, saptam jano lal!!
Karo abhi pashtaoge, fir hath na aavae kal!!

This is the seventh *Dasa* Bhakti of God. Try to comprehend same. Worship God with devotion, otherwise you will repent as you will not get this rare human life again.

Ih dasa bhagti kini, virle vir!!
Swas, swas aagiya rakhio dhir!!

Only extremely rare human being performs this *Dasa* Bhakti and he meditates every moment and always abides by God's will.

Rahe sada vich aagia, iho bhagti mahan!!
Dasa bhagti ihi hae, dasan dass bikhian!!

Leading a life as per God's will is great Bhakti. This is the *Dasa* Bhakti when one gets recognition as a follower of true devotees of God.

Budh, sudh tab hoye hae, pavae nirmal gian!!
Assu pooran aas sabh, Gurudev vikhian!!

Human being is blessed with enlightenment, awakening and wisdom when he secures the pure eternal knowledge. Gurudev

Ji says that during the month of *Assu*, (September-October) all noble wishes of human beings are fulfilled through devout meditation of God.

Ravidass Guru charnan ka, sada karat hae dhian!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that human being should always adore the lotus feet of Guru Ji in his mind.

“Kattak” (October-November)

Kattak karam tiag kar, bhagti karo Gurdev!!

Sohang, Sohang japandiyan, kar santan ki sev!!

One should shun rituals and practice dedicated meditation of Gurudev during the month of *Kattak* or this scarce human life. While chanting the mantra of *Sohang, Sohang*; one should be at the service of saints.

Maat, taat aur bhrat te, piray jan Gurdev!!

Aur sakha na jagat maen, jaise hae Gurdev!!

One should treat Gurudev to be the most beloved compared to mother, father and brother. There is none else like Gurudev in this universe.

Sakha bhagti ih ashtami kiti Arjan dev!!

Sakha jaan Gur bhagti kar, tiag karo ahamev!!

Eighth meditation is *Sakha* bhakti which Arjun of Mahabharata fame practiced. Treating Guru as the closest friend, one should practice devout Guru bhakti and abandon all arrogance.

Kaam krodh hankar taj, tab kashu pavae bhev!!

Sakha bhagti subhav yah, jim jal dudh malev!!

Human being comprehends the glory of God through devout meditation after abandoning sexual desires, anger and arrogance. In *Sakha* Bhakti, human being should amalgamate with God just as water and milk mingle to be absolutely one.

Sarb karam ko tiag kar, Har Gur jap din raen!!

Bajh neer jim meen ko, avat nanhi chaen!!

O human being! You must shun all rituals and worship God with devotion day and night. Just as fish cannot survive without water, similarly devotees of God cannot live without God.

Chakvi kare vilam jim, kab ih jave raen!!

Chand chakor ki preet jim, mor mugadh ghan baen!!

Just as *Chakvi* bird waits in agony for the night to be over so that he can see his beloved sun at sunrise, likewise partridge has intense friendship with the moon and peacocks love dense dark clouds. Human being should have similar intense affection for God.

Swas, swas nahi bisre, jion bachhre ko thaen!!

Jim kamani prasann ati, pati ko dekhat naen!!

Human being should never forget God even for a moment as the calf never forgets about milk. Just as a woman is thrilled to meet her husband; likewise the human bride or soul feels overjoyed on having a glimpse of her husband God.

Kattak saver kaam sabh, jab Gur karna aen!!

Ravidass Gurdev charan ko, dhoye dhoye kar paen!!

When Guru Ji showers a human being with divine blessings during the month of *Kattak*, all of his good deeds become fruitful. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that human being should wash the lotus feet of Guru Ji and savour that nectar i.e. one should have complete dedication at the lotus feet of Guru.

“Maghar” (November- December)

Charhia Maghar he sakhi, gavo Prabh ke geet!!

Santan sangat pai kar, Gurdev simro neet!!

O dear friend! This is the beginning of the month of *Maghar*. Let us eulogise glory of God and practice profound meditation of Gurudev everyday in the sacred company of sages.

Tan, man, dhan sabh arap kar, aisi karo preet!!

Tiag lobh, moh ahankar sabh, Gurdev ki karo preet!!

Have abiding true love for God after complete surrender of your body, mind and wealth. Have true devotion for Gurudev and shun greed, attachment and arrogance.

Gaun vak sabh tiag kar, sant vacahan dhar cheet!!

Tan, man, dhann ih hankar, apne kashahu na maan!!

Ignore futile talks and concentrate on the teachings of

saints. Abandon arrogance of your mind and never treat anything as your own.

Garbh karat jo inse, so nar hae anjan!!

Aap kashahu na hot hae, devanhar Har dham!!

A human being, who is proud of his mind and riches, is really ignorant. Human being cannot achieve anything of his own. Everything is provided by God Himself.

Maen kiya maen karat hoon, koorha karhi maan!!

Har ka diya so Gur diya, taen ki diya aan!!

Human being takes pride in declaring that he has achieved this and he is doing that. Whatever God has granted anyone, Guru Ji also bestows same blessings. O human being! What can you offer to God?

Tera ik hankar hae, arpan tis ko maan!!

Nav prakar di bhagti ih, satt Gurdev bikhan!!

O human being! You suffer from this arrogance. What can you give to God as offering? That means that you cannot offer anything. These are the nine types of meditation of God or Bhakti that Gurudev has explained.

Jan Ravidass kare bhagti jo, shudh bhayo tis maan!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that anyone who performs devout Bhakti of God is great and pious.

“Poh” (December-January)

Maghar poora bhaya jab, tab charhia Poh maas!!

Sohang Naam toon simar nit, jag te hoe udas!!

The month of *Poh* commences at the end of the month of *Maghar*. Human being becomes detached from this world through daily prayers with chanting of *Sohang* mantra.

Avar kamna sarv taj, Satguru ki kar aas!!

Satgur sharni lagiyan, paap hot sabh nas!!

All sins vanish if one takes shelter at the lotus feet of Satguru leaving aside all worldly desires except for profound longing for Satguru.

Sarvan karat Guran te, sadhan gian bilas!!

Vachan dhar Gurdev ur, sabh sanse hovan nas!!

Careful listening to Guru’s preaching leads one to enlightenment. All illusions are dispelled with the adornment of sermons of Guru Ji in one’s heart.

Satnam updeshe Gur, kar toon drirh abhiyas!!

Vachan Guru parkash kar, hot bharam sabh nas!!

Listen carefully to the preaching of true Naam from Guru and practice meditation of same with dedicated mind. Following the preaching of Guru and an enlightened path, all illusions vanish because of brilliance of eternal knowledge of Brahm or God.

Sarwan is ka Naam hae, sun satnam vichar!!

Satt saroop Parmatma, mithiya jagat aasar!!

O human being! Please listen to the true Naam of God and think carefully about the same which will help you experience reality of God. You will realize that this entire universe is an illusion and false but not real.

Tis Prabh ko toon simar man, jo hae sarb aadhar!!

Satgur sharni lag kar, samjho sar aasar!!

O human being! You should worship God, who is the basis of entire universe, with devotion. Seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru Ji and comprehend truth about this universe and the realm beyond the world.

Prabh bin avar na jan kashhoo, sabh ik Brahm pasar!!

Asthavar jangam aadi sabh, jia jant nirdhar!!

Nothing is real in this universe except God. Almighty God is manifest all over and omnipresent. Hills, trees, and all living beings are under the command of God.

Jan Ravidass Poh bitia, ab sun Magh vichar!!

Jan Gurdev Har bhetia, bhavjal uttre paar!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that when the month of *Poh* ends, then one should think of the month of *Magh*. Any human being, who is able to establish communion with Gurudev, crosses over Bhavsagar the fathomless ocean of this universe successfully.

Magh mahina dharam ka, drirh kar toon satsang!!
Santan sang preet kar, kadi na hove bhang!!

Therefore, human being should seek pious company of sages and cultivate true and dedicated love with saints as that is everlasting.

Papan ki mal uttare, charhe Naam ka rang!!

Manmukh sang na kijiye, parat bhajan me bhang!!

Dukh binse sukh labh hove, gurmukh jin ke sang!!

Therefore, one should never keep company of non believers.
Company of devotees of Guru banishes all miseries and secures
many comforts.

Toon bhi Prabh te bhin nahin, jioun jal manhi tarang!!

God is always extremely close to those who practice meditation of God in the company of devout followers of Guru. O human being! You are not separate from God just as the waves are not different from water.

Pancho vaeri tiag kar, tab hoae nisang!!

With devout meditation of God, human being experiences God to be manifest within and he is soaked in fast dye of Naam. Then one is able to shun the enemies in the form of five human vices because of positive influence of God's Naam.

Guru premi Gur ki sharan gahi, karat khoob vichar!!

Gurdev ke pratap bin, smjhe na sar asar!!

Devotees of Guru seek shelter of Guru Ji and contemplate about Brahmgyan (Understanding about eternal God). Human being cannot understand the secrets of this universe and the life hereafter without the blessings of Guru.

Mand bhag bin Satguran, dubban bhav nidh dhaar!!

Anyone who follows the preaching of Guru Ji with dedication crosses over the unfathomable ocean of the universe. Human being is cursed sans the sacred company of Satguru and such an individual cannot cross over the ocean of universe - meaning that he will never be able to realize God.

Satgur ke prasad ham, Janiya atam Ram!!

Jaanan jog so Jania, jo atam nij dham!!

I have been able to realize God within myself with the blessings of true Guru or Satguru. Having comprehended God within myself, I have learnt about His celestial abode.

Mitia guman Gur daya te, paya ab visram!!

Punne sagal manorthan, rahio na baki kaam!!

One's arrogance vanishes if he concentrates on devout meditation with the blessings of God. All of his noble wishes are fulfilled and he does not have any further longing.

Anek janam dukh pai kar, aāye Gur ki sām!!

Jihre vichhare tih mile, bhaye abh atam Ram!!

Human being finds shelter at the lotus feet of Guru after immense suffering through cycle of many births. Human soul gets amalgamated with the eternal brilliance from which it got separated.

Satgur ke bhajan bin, nahin avar kush kaam!!

Iko Sohang satnam jiyo, simro aatho jam!!

All other preoccupations are futile sans devout meditation of Satguru. One should always practice devout meditation of true *Sohang* Naam of God every moment.

Sarvan kar Gur vachan ko, nische kar updesh!!

Nisvasar abhiyas kar, taj kar sakal kalesh!!

All suffering and miseries vanish when one listens carefully to preaching of Guru Ji, abides by his sermons and devotes himself to devout meditation day and night.

Budbuda fen tarang ka, jal te bhin na les!!

Sabh bhookhan jinn kanak ke, kanchan bin na shesh!!

Just as bubble of water is not anything else but water.

☐ Ornaments made of gold are not anything else but gold.

Ghat mit mati roop sabh, aur na kashahoo vishesh!!

Anik bhanti pat jô bhayê, sootar tis ka ves!!

God has created every one equal from the five elements

and no one has any separate special element just as many different varieties of cloth are woven from same thread. Likewise, God is manifest uniformly in all living beings of the universe.
Ravidass Guru charan ke, karhoon sada aadesh!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that human beings should always pay obeisance at the lotus feet of Guru.

“Phaggan” (February- March)
Charhia Phaggan mas jab, phooli sabh guljar!!
Dharti sabh hariavli, sundar bag bahar!!
 With the advent of the month of *Phaggan*, all vegetation blooms. Entire earth turns green and gardens in bloom look very pretty.
Bulbul masat bahar par, bhanvra bhaiie guljar!!
Nival phal bahu bag me, galgal, aam, aanar!!
 Bulbul is mesmerized by floral bloom. Beetles hum all around flowers. Gardens are laden with fruits of lime, mango and pomegranate.
Gurmukh Gur ki sharan gahi, karte khoob vichar!!
Satgur ke pratap kar, samjhe sar aasar!!
 Devout followers of Guru take shelter at the lotus feet of Guru and contemplate about God’s Naam. They get enlightened about realities of this world and life hereafter with the blessings of Satguru.
Kar ke drirh updesch Gur, bhav nidh uttare paar!!
Mand bhag bin Satguran, dubban bhav nidh dhar!!
 Human being crosses over the unfathomable ocean of universe by treading the path shown by Guru with dedication. Unfortunate persons drown in the ocean of this universe sans a true master or Satguru.
Satgur ke prasadi ham, jania atam Ram!!
Janan yog so Janiya, jo atam nij dham!!
 I have been able to realize God within myself with the blessings of true Guru or Satguru. Having comprehended God within self, I have learnt about His celestial abode.
Mitiya gaman Gur daya te, paya ab bisram!!
Anek janam dukh pai kar, aae Gur ki sham!!
 The cycle of repeated birth and death ends with the

blessings of Guru and firm focus on God’s Naam. Having endured extreme sufferings throughout many births, human being finds eternal solace on securing shelter at the lotus feet of Guru.
Jihrhe visharhe tih mile, bhaye so atam Ram!!
Jan Ravidass Gur bhajan bin, nahin avar kashhu kaam!!
 One realizes God from whom he had been separated. Guru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that human beings should shun every other preoccupation and concentrate on devout meditation of God as per guidance of Guru.
Guru charno ka dhian kar, sun baranh masak updesch!!
Parhe sune jo prem kar, hove kaliyan hamesh!!
 Human beings should listen to the preaching of sermons for the twelve months with devout attention at the lotus feet of Guru. One who will study or listen to the sermons of twelve months with dedication will always have divine blessings.

“Dohra”
Dharat aakash ko thapiya, raen divas nit paal!!
Sarv jeev ke karam jo sahib kare khial!!
 God has created this earth and space and He feeds the entire universe day and night. God looks after every one with divine benevolence.
Aap apna sabh pavate, kirat dhur parvan!!
Pavan pani svantar ke, rakshshak bhaye Bhagwan!!
 All living beings reap what they sow as per their deeds. Offerings from honest earnings of human beings find acceptance in the divine abode of God. Almighty God protects living beings in air, water and fire i.e. all over and every where.
Ravidass kahe bhaj Naam ko, nirbhae pavae vas!!
Tera phal tujh ko milae, hove band khalas!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “O human being! You will realize the position of fearlessness and eternal ecstasy through devout meditation of God. You will harvest the fruit of your deeds. You will be free of all bonds through dedicated Bhakti of God.”

“Saand Bani”

Sohang saand solakhia, sarb ghatt!!

Mil Gur Naam lagaiyo ratt!!

Chanting of blessed mantra *Sohang* with devotion leads human beings to comprehension of God all around everywhere. However, achievement of such a stage of devout concentration on Naam is possible only with the blessings of Guru.

Chaunk chatar jagg jaan mahan!!

Pooran haar jagat so pran!!

Manifestation of God all over is itself decoration of place for worship and God Himself is the saviour of entire universe.

Nanke, mape, saak sohele!!

Kar kirpa Satgur Prabh mele!!

When Satguru blesses someone with realization of God, then maternal grand parents, parents and all relatives become his close friends and well wishers.

Hath gana, ganiyo so maal!!

Kiya punn, daan rachan aakal!!

Sacred thread of God’s Naam around the wrist is the supreme treasure with human being. Thereafter having realized God, human being does not need to offer any other valuables in alms.

Kumbh kamaal janam, jan paiyo!!

Surat shabad aanaj milaiyo!!

Immortal soul has been blessed with rare precious human birth. One must focus on confluence of soul and *Shabad* or celestial sound to get connected with the supreme treasure inside within self.

Bhar jal, kumbh karaj me dhariyo!!

Tiv karaj sopooran kariyo!!

Human body, akin to a pitcher, is full of amrit of God’s Naam. It is this supreme effort or meditation of God that helps human being to complete all of his tasks successfully.

Deepak dil, hang tel bithaie!!

Surat mila, outte jot jagaie!!

I have filled God’s Naam as oil in my lamp like mind. My mind is now fully focussed and bonded with God

Gur bhavase so sandhoor!!

Naun dar ton naun grih sabh door!!

Having full trust and faith in Guru is akin to application of vermilion which shuts off the nine bodily apertures and wards off the evil effects of nine planets.

Gurmukh saand, samajh sach soie!!

Sabh karaj, Prabh ot lae hoie!!

O devout follower! This is indeed the true *saand* or meditation of God. All tasks get completed with the blessings of God.

Khopa kaaraj, smaggri ghiyo!!

Ik dar khatam sogandhi bhayo!!

God’s Naam itself is the coconut and butter oil for offering. The only incense in God’s abode is that of Naam or meditation.

Ab amb, patt jagan jag jaag!!

Surat shabad mil mangal raag!!

Singing paeans of God with the confluence of soul and *Shabad* or celestial sound is itself mango leaves and all the offerings for yajnas.

Sabh mil pran praan bithao!!

Sang Gur satt vishvas jamao!!

Let us all resolve together in our minds that we must seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru and have complete faith in him.

Kahe Ravidass bhaj Har Naam!!

Prabh so dhian, safal sabh kaam!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “O human being! You must focus on devout meditation of God and all of your noble objectives will be fulfilled.”

“Anmol Vachan” (Milni de Samain)

“Precious Sermon”

(At the time of ceremonial meeting between the relatives of bride and bridegroom)

Mel milaya Daate, miliya milne ke yog!!

Dil je milave Daata, jande vishorhe wale rog!!

Khushian Satgur bakhshhe, umran de jande ne viyog!!

Tan, man vaaria jave, milni aadar sang hog!!

***Kirpa pagg mastak rakho, Satgur sabar sir yog!!
Prabh ton mil ke maango, pave na vishore wala bhog!!
Kahi Ravidass pukarae, janman de jande sare sog!!***

God has very kindly bestowed His blessings for this companionship and both the parties have come together. When God binds hearts together, then all ills of separation vanish. When one is bestowed with kind blessings of perfect Guru, then lifelong separation comes to an end. With the surrender of body and mind to Guru Ji, ceremony of first meeting and greetings is performed with great mutual respect. With the blessings of God adorned on head as turban, two heads meet together with great satisfaction and patience. Let us together pray at the lotus feet of God that we should never have any separation again. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji addresses human beings to explain that miseries and sufferings of many births vanish with the devout meditation of God.

“Shadi Updesh”

!! Ek Oankar Sohang Satnam Jiyo!!

!!Dvaeya Shand!!

“Pahilrhi Laanv”

“Sermons for Wedding Ceremony”

***There is only One God and His Naam is the
Eternal Truth***

!!Dvaeya Shand!!

“First Sermon”

Pahilrhi laanv Har darshan Guran da, jave door bulaie!!

Diya mel Har daya dhar ke, gujhi ramaj chalaie!!

During the course of first *laanv* or sermon, all sufferings vanish with the visual glimpse of Hari God in the form of Guru. When God bestows His kind blessings for the meeting of soul,

one is able to comprehend the secret hints that time or one is blessed with divine enlightenment.

Anhad shabad sune man thir kar, mit gaye sarb andhese!!

Kirpa sindh Gur miliya poora, liv lagi Har bhese!!

One can listen to the celestial sound or eternal melodies while focussing with devout concentration on God's Naam. That banishes all the doubts of mind. One meets the perfect Guru with the divine blessings of God and he is able to achieve ecstatic composure and profound concentration in meditation.

Poore Gur te shabd sach paya, ratan amolak meeta!

Sundian hi man masat deevana, shabad guaran ne keeta!!

Having been blessed with holy mantra or Naam by Guru, human being is able to have a communion with God and secure the priceless gem in the form of Naam. Immediately on listening to Guru's Naam, human mind becomes ecstatic and overwhelmed in communion with God.

Mahanvak sun, sun ke Gur de, shardha preet man aavae!!

***Kahi Ravidass ih hae laanv pahilrhi, chausath tirath
nhavae!!***

Human mind is blessed with devotion and affection for God on hearing the holy sermon of Guru. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that this is the first *laanv* or sermon. Careful listening to this is akin to bathing in sixty-four holy places of pilgrimage.

“Doojrhi Laanv”

“Second Sermon”

Doojrhi laanv prem preeti, surat shabad milaie!!

Satgur kiti param preeti, dargah me sukh paie!!

During the second *laanv* or sermon, one's devout love for God enables communion of soul and Shabad or Naam. Devotion to Guru Ji helps human soul to enjoy all comforts at the abode of God.

Sarb manorath tis dar te pao, sharan parae ko tarae!!

Hukam andar hae char padarath, tan man jekar varae!!

All noble wishes are fulfilled when one seeks shelter at

the door of God. Human being attains eternal peace and salvation when he seeks shelter at the lotus feet of God. All the four blessings (like sexual gratification, riches, dharma and salvation) are at the command of God that can be secured with complete surrender of body and mind before God.

Satgur sharan rahi vadbhagi, sahinse sagal guaye!!

Satgur daata Prabh sang rata, nis din Har liv laye!!

Having secured shelter at the lotus feet of Guru, a richly blessed human being vanquishes all of his illusions. Satguru, who is fully amalgamated with God, is the source of all blessings and he enables human beings every day to have communion with God through devout meditation.

Bharam bhulava, mitia dava, chaal Guran di chali!!

Kahi Ravidass ih laanv doojarhi, bachan Guran de pali!!

Human being can vanquish all illusions and claims by following the path shown by Guru with devotion. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that this is the second laanv or sermon which is respected by treading the path shown by one's Guru.

“Teejrhi Laanv”

“Third Sermon”

Teejrhi laanv avarn dosh te , rahit bhaiya man mera!!

Har ghat de vich ek samana, so ghar paiya dera!!0

During third laanv or sermon, my mind was cleared of the illusionary curtain. Hari or God is manifest everywhere all over the universe. I have seen His abode within myself. The human being, whose mind longs for having a glimpse of God with devout concentration, is ultimately blessed with His divine benevolence.

Param Prabhu Parmeshvar jana, tan sukh mile uparae!!

Man me sach mangal sukh hoye , jo locha man dharae!!

One is blessed with limitless comforts through the kindness of God. One enjoys real pleasure if he sings paeans of truly benevolent God in his mind.

Mangal de mangal nit gavaan, iho amrit dhara!!

Har, Har sang liv jurhi jurhandi sach ih sansara!!

I always sing paeans with sweetest melodies in glory of God. This is the flowing stream of amrit within me. One secures the real and true support after establishment of communion with Hari –the Almighty God.

Sundar shabad amolak darshan, jo Satgur dar aavae!!

Kahi Ravidass so laanv teesari, surat gagan charh javae!!

Human being is able to listen to the celestial melodious hymn when he seeks shelter at the door of Guru. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that it is the third laanv or sermon in which human soul joins the celestial sound and traverses in space inside the tenth aperture with the blessings of God.

“Chouthrhi Laanv”

“Fourth Sermon”

Chouthrhi laanv ratan Har jana, sukh sampat ghar aaye!!

Aasa mansa Satgur poore, jae, jae shabad alayi!!

During fourth laanv or sermon, human being is able to comprehend the priceless jewel in God's Naam. Then all the treasures and comforts throng his house. All of one's noble wishes and objectives are fulfilled with kind blessings of Guru and he eulogises glory of God practicing devout meditation with deep concentration on Guru's mantra or *Shabad*.

Dhire, dhire gayie pahunch hun, ho Satgur di dasi!!

Na aave na jave kit val, milia purakh avinashi!!

Slowly and steadily, the human bride becomes true devotee of Satguru and she secures eternal salvation at the lotus feet of God through devout meditation of God. Thereafter the soul neither takes birth nor dies as the soul realizes eternal God.

Satt santokh bhaiya man mere, Satguru vachan sunavae!!

Aaiya bairag, miliya avinashi jorhi jurhi suhavae!!

Human mind realizes truth and satisfaction with adherence to preaching of Satguru. Thereafter human mind gets detachment and ultimately realization of eternal God. Then this human bride or soul secures her husband God to be a blessed wife.

Man mandir manhae chao oupjia, preet Prabhu sang laie!!

Kahi Ravidass satt laanv chouthrhi, purkhe purakh milai!!

Human being deeply loves God manifest within the temple of his mind. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that this is the true fourth laanv or sermon that enables human soul to get amalgamated with eternal God.

“Suhag Ustat”
!! Ek Oankar Sohang Satnam Jiyo!!
Praise for the Married

There is only one God and His Naam is the Eternal Truth

Surat suhagan Guru dev piari, Sohang Naam sang kheli!!
Bahuti janam de vichhrhian noon, aan Guran ne meli!!
Jhoothi khed bisar gayie tan te, bajigar sion meli!!
Sacha purakh milaiya Parmeshvar, tis sang lad ladeli!!
Aap samaan aapne kiti, agiyan neend te jagi!!
Bhulli chukki raste pae gayie, atam sion liv lagi!!
Sarb viyapi Satgur mera, sabh da kare sudhar!!
Kahe Ravidass man bhaya diwana, miliya amrit dhar!!

With devout love for Satguru, the soul combines with Shabad or hymn to be a blessed wife and she enjoys immense pleasure through dedicated concentration on God’s Naam. This human bride had been separated from God for many births and perfect Guru has blessed her to be reunited with God. The illusive show of this universe came to an end all over the world when perfect Guru blessed the soul with establishment of communion with God the ultimate showman. Human bride was awakened from slumber of ignorance and given equal status. I had lost my way but now God has very kindly guided me on the right path and blessed me with supreme concentration on meditation within. My true Guru is omnipresent and he reforms all living beings. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “When mind of a human being develops deep abiding love for God, then he finds a stream of amrit flowing within self.”

“Manglachar”

“Manglachar Pehla”
(First Invocatory Hymn)

Har, Har Naam dhiayo, sada man prem kar!!
Lobh, moh, hankar, doot, jamm door har!!

Human being should always chant Hari, Hari or God’s Naam in his mind. Greed, attachment, arrogance and fear of messengers of death vanish with the blessings of Hari or God.

Sach, sheel, santokh, sada drirh kijiye!!
Amrit Har ka Naam prem kar pijiye!!

Human being must adorn his mind with truth, excellent character and satisfaction all the time with determination. Human being should savour the amrit of Hari’s Naam with devout love.

Santan sang nivas, sada chit lorhiye!!
Manmukh dushta sangat, ton man morhiye!!

Human being should have strong longing for seeking pious company of saints. One should prohibit one’s mind from keeping company of atheists and wicked people.

Manmukh chit kathor, pathar sam Janiye!!
Bhijat nahan kabi, rahe vich paniye!!

Mind of an atheist should be reckoned as hard like a stone. Just as a stone remains unaffected even when same is submerged under water, the same way an atheist does not change in the company of sages.

Taji kathor ka sang, sada Gur sharan gahu!!
Gur charnan me dhian, sada mukh Ram kahu!!

Human beings should shun the company of arrogant and always seek shelter at the lotus feet of Guru. One should always focus one’s mind at the lotus feet of Guru and chant God’s Naam with devotion.

Natj pati sath preet, sada man kijiae!!
Tan, man arpe tanh, sada sukh lijiae!!

One should have abiding devout love with the husband God all the time. One is blessed with all comforts when he surrenders his body and mind before God.

Nij pati sath preet, sai sohagani!!

Pati bin aan na here, sa badibhagni!!

Human bride becomes blessed if she has deep affection for her husband God. No human bride can be fortunate sans blessings of her husband God.

Jin dhan pati Parmeshvar, Janiyo hae sahi!!

Sada suhagan naar, paiye dukh na kahi!!

The human bride, who has the supreme treasure of God with her, is always blessed and she never suffers from any agony.

Kahi Ravidass pukare, japiyo Naam doye!!

Har kaaraj so ek, sada sukh mano doye!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says aloud that both husband and wife should practice devout meditation of God. Dedicated worship of God is a blessed deed and both the husband and wife always enjoy all the comforts through devout chanting of God's Naam.

“Manglachar Dooja”

(Second Invocatory Hymn)

Dooja bhao mitao, mangla doosra!!

Ban, trin parbat, poor rahiyo, Prabh hoonsra!!

Vanquishing duality from one's mind is the second *Manglachar* or invocation. God is manifest in all vegetation, holy places of pilgrimage, mountains and every where all over the universe.

Ghat, ghat eko alakh, psara pasriya!!

Gurmukh jane gian, na jane asria!!

God is manifest in every one and all over the universe. A devout follower understands only the Brahmgyan or knowledge of the supreme God and nothing else.

Sabh ghati pooran Brahm, Jani Gur payeke!!

Rahe sada aanand, tas gun gayeke!!

Human being learns after finding a perfect Guru that God is manifest in every heart and all over the universe. One is always cheerful and ecstatic with singing of His paeans with devotion.

Jo Har te be-mukh, sada dukh payi hae!!

Manas janam aamol, biarth guayi hae!!

Those, who have forgotten God, always suffer and waste their precious lives in futile endeavours.

Gur bin lahe na dhir, pir bahu payi hae!!

Lahe anadar sarb, thaour jaha jayi hae!!

Human being cannot have peace and tranquillity sans Guru and he has to endure immense suffering. Where ever one may go, he will not get respect if he ignores God.

Jab Gur bhaiae diyal, so charni laya!!

Satgur kate bandhan, Naam japaya!!

When Guru is kind, he provides his devotee extremely secure shelter and blessings at his lotus feet. Satguru very kindly relieves the devotee from all attachments and guides him on the path of devout meditation of God.

Sadh sang pratap, sada sukh paiae!!

Santan ke pratap, Naam Har dhiaiae!!

Human being always enjoys all comforts because of blessings of sacred company of saints. One is able to practice devout meditation of God also with the blessings of saints.

Santan ke pratap, pati Prabh paiye!!

Milia attal suhag, viyog gavaiye!!

Human bride or soul realizes her husband God with the blessings of saints and that ends her separation after uniting with eternal husband God permanently.

Sangat ton aashirvad, is jorhiye!!

Kahi Ravidass in sang, sada sukh lorhiye!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that any one, who seeks blessings of sacred congregation and practices devout meditation of God, is always blessed with all comforts.

“Manglachar Tisra”

(Third Invocatory Hymn)

Ral mil sakhian, mangal gaya teesra!!

Sada japo Har Naam, na kabhoon beesra!!

All the friendly girls chanted the third manglachar together. A human being, who always worships God with devotion, never forgets God.

Satgur ke lag charan, sada Har gaiye!!
Ridh, Sidh, nau nidh, sabhi kashhoo paiye!!
 Having secured the shelter at the lotus feet of Guru, one always sings paeans of God and he is blessed with all supernatural powers and nine types of precious treasures.
Satgur ke prasad, attal suhag hae!!
Satgur bhaiye diyal, tan jagio bhag hae!!
 One's soul secures eternal husband God with the blessings of Satguru or true master. All of one's sins vanish after meeting the Satguru.
Satgur darshan payi, mite agh sarb hi!!
Paiyo sheel nidhan, mitaye garab hi!!
 All sins vanish after one meets Satguru. Arrogance comes to an end with the realization of supreme treasure of God's Naam.
Rahiya na sansa mool, jinhi Gur paya!!
Hirde bhaiya prakash agiyan mitaya!!
 Illusions of those who have realized Guru also vanish from the roots. With the enlightenment of brilliance of God's Naam within, the darkness of ignorance disappears immediately.
Bin Har Naam na saar, kashhoo sansar hae!!
Har ka Naam dhiavae, bhav nidh paar hae!!
 No one takes care of human being in this world except God's Naam. Human soul crosses over Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe through devout meditation of God.
Mangal mahan so mangal, Har Har Naam hae!!
Aath pahir mukh japo, ihi shubh kaam hae!!
 Out of all manglachars, the greatest manglachar is Hari or God's Naam. The most sacred task is to chant Hari or God's Naam throughout the day or every moment.
Sach Ravidass batave, Naam na shodiye!!
Gur charnan me dhian, sada man jorhiye!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says the truth that "One should never abandon chanting of God's Naam and he should always concentrate complete attention of his mind at the lotus feet of Guru."

“Manglachar Choutha”
(Fourth Invocatory Hymn)
Mangal char aanand, sakhi mukh gaya!!
Kaaraj bhaiya suhela Har, Har dhiaya!!
 One gets immense pleasure on singing of fourth manglachar. Human being is successful in accomplishing the real task i.e. realization of God with devout meditation of Hari or God's Naam.
Dhan aur pir ki preet, bani ik saar hae!!
Ghata, shata sam mili, meen jim vaar hae!!
 Human bride or soul develops such an abiding devotion and love with husband God as a fish loves water. A fish dies without water. Human being comprehends God everywhere after His devout meditation.
Pir sang paye aanand, na dukh ki les hae!!
Pati ki aagya me, jo rahe hamesh hae!!
 The human bride, who always abides by God's will, secures immense pleasure in her husband God's sacred company and all of her sufferings vanish.
Pati Parmeshvar karke, jin dhann Janiya!!
Sada sukhi bahu naar, sarb sukh maniya!!
 When human bride treats her husband God as supreme, then she enjoys every comfort and always remains happy and satisfied.
Jin par Satgur dayal, sukhi bahu gaiye!!
Mahima apar apar, na kimat paiye!!
 The human being, who has blessings of Satguru, always sings paeans of glory of God with great pleasure. God's glory is beyond description and any price tag.
Satgur ke sang, tere avar vi ketrhe!!
Kar ke drirh preet, prem karo jetrhe!!
 When you have sacred company of Satguru, then everyone becomes your friend and well wisher. You must have deep abiding love and devotion for Satguru and also affection for all others.
Kaaraj sabh hi poore, Satguru kar diye!!
Poorab punn anek phal tis ab liye!!
 Satguru has very kindly blessed you with successful completion of all of your tasks and you have been provided with fruits of your past good deeds.

Jan Ravidass pias, sada Gur Naam ki!!
Har sang rahe preet, ot ikk Naam ki!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that Human mind should always have strong longing for Satguru's Naam. One should always have devout love for God and seek shelter of His holy Naam.

“Anmol Vachan”
Precious Sermon

Pranvante pran gharhi, sohaie jiyo!!
Prabh kirpa te aan, milaie jiyo!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O human being!! This is the blessed moment for making solemn promises. Coming together is the result of God's blessings.

Pran pranvante pran, dharan kijiyo!!
Pran me ek Naam, so lijiyo!!

O dear human being! Make such a solemn promise in your mind that you would practice devout meditation of God every moment with every breath.

Pati ghar patni, ek rasayn jiyo!!
Maat barhi, shoti sam bhaen jiyo!!

The house of a husband looks bright and elegant with the presence of a learned wife. One should respect an elder lady like one's mother and have affection with younger ones like sisters.

Pati Parmeshvar, sam nahin dev jiyo!!
Poojan sevan sam, nahin mev jiyo!!

Husband should be respected like God. There is no other deity greater than Him. One gets great blessings through His devout service.

Pavan, agan, jal, jann hamraie jiyo!!
Suraj, dhart, sangat, chann agvaie jiyo!!

The air, fire and water are extremely helpful to human beings. The companionship of the sun, earth and moon guides the human beings.

Bahut janam vishrhat, viyog jiyo!!
Surat shabad viyog, sanjog jiyo!!

Human being has been suffering the pangs of separation from God for cycle of many births. This suffering, because of separation, ends only with the union of soul and Shabad or Naam through devout meditation of God.

Pran karte, pran torh nibhao jiyo!!
Lok kusang fark, nahi pao jiyo!!

O friends with solemn promises! You must fulfil your promises with devout meditation of God. You should not create hindrances to fulfilment of your promises by seeking company of cunning people.

Jan Ravidass nibhou sang, soie jiyo!!
Gur kirpa te, prapat hoye jiyo!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that only God is the eternal benefactor of human being for ever. One can realize God only with the kind blessings of his revered Guru.

Shalok

Har so hira shad ke karhi aan ki aas!!

Te nar dojak jahinge satt bhakhae Ravidass!!

Anyone, who hopes to attain eternal salvation through any means other than diamond like Naam or total devotion and devout meditation of God, will surely go to hell. Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj declares this fact as an absolute & eternal truth.

Sarv-Viapak Ram

All Pervading God

Ravidass hamare Ram Ji Dashrath kari sut nanhi!

Ram hami mahi rami rahiyo bisab kutambah manhi!!1!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that “Ram, who’s Naam I worship, is not the legendary Ram son of king Dashrath. My Ram is omnipresent and all pervading. Such Ram is manifest in my mind as well as the entire fraternity all over the universe.”

Ravidass hamaro Ram to sakal rahiyo bharpoor!

Rom rom me rami rahiyo Ram masook na door!!2!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “My Ram is manifest in each and every particle all over the universe. The husband or God is never away from his bride the devotee or dedicated soul.”

Sarv viapak Ram hae nanh kou ik tham!!

Satguru sahib sakha bhayo Ravidass hamaro Ram!!3!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that God Ram is omnipresent. He does not have any single fixed abode. With the blessings of Satguru, Ram becomes the true benefactor of human beings.

Sarv nivasi Ram joo sabh ghat rahiyo samay!

‘Ravidass’ Naam chakmak bina hak noor adristay !!4!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that Ram is omnipresent and manifest in every heart all over the universe. However the brilliance of His true light cannot be seen or experienced until one purifies and brightens one’s mind with the magnet of God’s devout Naam. Human being cannot appreciate the brilliance of God’s true Naam sans devout meditation of God.

Sab ghat mera sanyian jalva rahiyo dikhaye!

Ravidass nagar manhi ram rahiyo kabhu na it out jaye!!5!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “My lord God is omnipresent and evident in each heart and one can experience God’s eternal divine manifestations every where. My Almighty God resides every where all over the entire universe and He cannot be alone to wander here and there.”

Sab ghat mahin ram rahio Ravidass hamaro Ram!

Soie boojhae Ram koon jo hoi Ram gulam!!6!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “My omnipresent Ram or God is manifest in all living beings of the universe. However only someone, who becomes a devout servant of Almighty, can really understand the all pervading God.”

Ghat ghat viapak Ram hae Ramahi boojhae koye!

Ravidass boojhae soi Ram koon jou Ram sanehi hoye!!7!!

Guru Ravidass Ji articulates that “Even though Ram is all pervading, only some rare blessed human being can comprehend Him. Only very rare individuals, who have true love and devotion for God, really understand Him.”

Ravidass haun Khalik dekhia sakal rahiyo bharpoor!

Sabh disi dekhoun viapia Khalik ka hi noor!!8!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that “I comprehend God to be manifest all over the universe and I see the brilliance of God spreading in all the directions.”

Mukur manh parshai jion puhup madhe jion bas!!

Teasou hi Srihar basae hirdae madhe Ravidass!!9!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that just as one can see own reflection in the mirror and flowers have fragrance, same way God is always manifest within the temple of everyone’s mind.

Ravidass peev ik sakal ghat bahar bhitar soi!

Sabh dis dekhaou peev peev doosar nanhi koi!!10!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that “Only my revered God is evident in every particle all over the universe. God is manifest within and all around every one. I visualize only God in all directions and there is none like God”.

Ekae Brahm hae sakal mahi ar sakal Brahmah manhi!
Ravidass Brahm sab besh mahi, Brahm bina kashoo nanhi!!11!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji states that “Only one God is manifest all over the universe and the entire universe is obvious in God. Whatever exists in this world is nothing but God. There is nothing except one God.”

Gagan mandal pia roop son kot bhan ujiyar!
Ravidass magan manua bhaiya pia nihar nihar!!12!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “The entire universe is illuminated with the cosmic brilliance of God. The brightness of God far exceeds the light of millions of suns. I am ecstatic having seen the glimpse of God and my mind is focussed on His meditation”.

‘Ravidass’ pia bin jagat manh sooni sej na koi!
Jit dekhoon tit pia kar pragat mojra hoi!!13!!

Guru Ravidass Ji explains that there is no space in the universe sans God and that God is manifesting every where all over the universe. Wherever I look, I see only God.

Sabh nooran kar noor jou sabh tejan manh tej!
‘Ravidass’ hamare peev kar sabh son adbhud sej !!14!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that “My God is the brilliance of all sources of light. He brightens all illuminations and His brilliance is supreme. The place of my union with God, i.e. the temple of my soul bedecked with devout love for the Almighty, is the most luminous, unique, extremely comfortable and best of all bedsteads”.

‘Ravidass’ jagat manh Ram sam, kou nanhi udar!
Gani garib navaj Prabh deenan ke rakhvar!!15!!

Guru Ravidass Ji declares that “There is none like my God who is always extremely generous and well wisher of one and all. God is exceptionally merciful, most affluent, as well as liberator and saviour of the poor.”

Man Mandir Me Prabhu Vasda Hae
(Every One’s Mind is God’s Abode)
Kabe ar Kailas manhi jih koon dhoondan janh!
Ravidass piara Ram tou baeth raha man manh!!16!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys sacred preaching that “O

human being! The benevolent God, in search of whom you visit Kaba and Kailas Mountain, is manifest in the temple of your mind. You must search for Him within yourself instead of roaming everywhere outside.”

Bahar khojat ka firye ghat hi bhitar khoj !
Ravidass unman sadhikar dekhahu pia koon oj!!17!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “O dear! Why do you keep searching for God outside? God is manifest within the temple of your mind. Therefore, you must look for God within yourself. When you sit in devout meditation and search for God within, then you will be able to visualize the brilliance of God after reaching the stage of *turia avastha* or eternal ecstasy”

Ban khojai Pia na milahin, ban manh Pritam nanh!
‘Ravidass’ Pia hae bas rahiyo, manav premanhi manh!!18!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that one cannot realize God while searching for Him in the wild because no one can find Him in the forests. God is manifest in every living being and hence one can realize Him through deep affection for His living beings.

Ban khojan ka jaye re, Ram alopa nanh!
Sarv Biapi Ram to, Ravidass sabhan kae manh!!19!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “O human being! Why should you search for God in the forests? God is not concealed in the woods. He is omnipresent and manifest in every one’s mind.”

Ragho Krisan Kareem Har Ram Rahim Khudaye!
Ravidass more man bashin ka khojahoon ban jaye!!20!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “God is remembered by many names as Raghava, Krishna, Kareem, Hari, Ram, Rahim and Khuda etc. However all pervading God is manifest within my mind. There is no need to roam the forests in search of God. One should look for God within himself.”

Oankar Satnam
(God’s Naam is the Eternal Truth)

Oamkar hae Satnam, aadi jugadi sabh satt!
‘Ravidass satt kahi samunhe, tikvae nanhi asatt!!21!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys through this pious sermon that there is only one God and Satnam is the Naam of God that is

eternal and true from the very beginning and throughout times immemorial. Falsehood cannot hold ground in front of the true God and illusory Maya has no effect in presence of Naam or devout meditation of God.

Jau laun ghat manhi pran haen tau laun japou satnam!

Ravidass parampad payehin jinh ghat basiyo Ram!!22!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “O human being! Worship God with devotion chanting Satnam as long as you are alive. By chanting Satnam, you will be able to realize God manifest within yourself and achieve the status of supreme eternal salvation.”

Satt Ish kahun roop hae ta sakti ati apaar!

Ravidass satt koon dharna daiehin paap nibar!!23!!

Truth is one form of God and the truth has infinite power. All the one’s sins vanish if he always adheres to the truth.

Satt sakati son hot hae sabh papan ka nas!

Badhira satt son bodh leyi satt bhakhae Ravidass!! 24!!

Truth is a supreme power that banishes all sins. O deaf atheist! You should comprehend the truth and be always devoted to God for realization of enlightenment. Guru Ravidass Ji emphasizes that what he states is the true fact.

Ravidass satt ik Naam hae, aadi annt sach Naam!

Hanan kareyie sabh paap tap, satt sukhan kar khan!!25!!

Guru Ravidass Ji says that truth is only God’s Naam. This is true Satnam since beginning to end. Truth banishes all vices and the three types of sufferings of human beings and the truth is a great treasure of comforts.

Jinh nar satt tiagyia tinh jivan mirat samaan!

Ravidass soie jivan bhala jahan sabh satt pardhan!!26!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “Whosoever abandons the truth is as good as dead while still living. Life of only such human being is fruitful who visualizes truth to be supreme all over and practices devout meditation of God.”

Ravidass satt mat tiagiye jaun laun ghat manhi pran!

Satt bhrisht kar jagat mahi sada hot apman!!27!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O dear! Never abandon truth as long as you are alive. One, who ditches the truth, always begets only insult in this world.

Kaiym daiym Ram ik doyim satt iman!

Ravidass Ram ar satt bin birtha sabh kashu jaan!!28!!

Only God is eternal forever and the only other permanent entities are truth and dharma. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that everything else should be treated as futile except God and truth.

Ravidass satt kar aasre sada satt sukh paye !

Satt iman kahin shandiae jag jaye to jaye!!29!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that human being always enjoys true peace and tranquillity with the blessings of God. One should never abandon true dharma even if all living beings of the world get annoyed meaning that one should never abandon the path of truth.

Ravidass satt mat shadiyae jaun laun ghat me praan!

Doosar kou dharm nanhi jag manhi satt samaan!! 30!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that one should never abandon truth as long as he is alive. There is no other dharma in the universe that is equal to truth.

Antahkran anbhau karhi tou manhu sabh satt!

Ravidass nij anbhau manhi satt manhi janahin satt!!31!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that when one realizes God within his mind, then he gets enlightened about the supreme eternal truth. Thereafter, one secures that ultimate power manifest in truth with the self realization of God.

Jahn andh vihsvas hae satt parakh tanh nanhi!

Ravidass satt soie Janihae jau anbhau hoi man manhi!!32!!

Whosoever suffers from blind faith, cannot evaluate truth. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that the real test of genuineness is the realization of the truth in one’s mind.

Jo nar satt na bhakhhin ar karahin vishvasghat!

Tinhahoon so kabhun bhulihin Ravidass na kijahi baat!! 33!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that no one should be on talking terms with those who do not adhere to truth and cheat others.

Jou nahin tha srist manhi sou hoyhi nanh!

Ravidass ist sarvat hae rahaie sristihin manh!! 34!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “If anyone assumes that

God was non-existent at the time of beginning of this universe, then God cannot be present even now. However the revered God has been always there since the beginning. God is omnipresent even now and shall always be there eternally for ever.”

Ravidass Madura ka pijiyae jo charhae charhae utraye!

Naam maharas pijiyae jau charhae nanhiutraye!!35!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings to shun the futile intoxicants saying that “O dear! What is the use of drinking wine? Intoxicating effect of wine is short lived despite drinking repeatedly. We should savour the unique supreme amrit of God’s Naam that will lead us to eternal ecstasy for ever that never fades away.”

Antarmukhi bhayi jou karhin satnam kar jaap!

Ravidass tinah saun bhajhuhin bhagahi tinhahu taap!!36!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “If one concentrates within and practices chanting of Satnam with devotion, he will be relieved of the three ills like deprivation, sickness and discord.”

Irha Pingla Sukhmana bidh chakar pranayam!

Ravidass haun sabhahi shandiyon jabahi paihu satnam!!37!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that whosoever shuns the rituals involving *Irha, Pingla & Sukhmana* arteries as well as pranayam or rhythmic breathing and devotes himself to devout meditation chanting Satnam; he will surely realize God.

Ik chinta satnam ki darsihu parm tatt!

Sahaj param bhagti bhayie Ravidass payihi Brahm satt!!38!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “I am concerned with only devout meditation of Satnam that helps in uniting me with supreme God. Having reached such a stage of stable mind and devout concentration in meditation, I have been able to understand *Parbrahm* or eternal God.”

Ravidass aradhahu dev koon ik man hoi dhar dhian!

Aajapa jaap japat rahahu satnam satnam!!39!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O dear! Concentrate with focussed attention only on dedicated meditation of God. You will

attain a stage of comprehension of voluntary and perpetual meditation of Satnam within through devout chanting of God’s Satnam.”

Ja dekhiya ghin upjae narak kund manhi baas!

Prabhu bhagti son udhrae pragtat jan Ravidass. !!40!!

If mere sight of one’s misdeeds provokes disdain, then such person is bound to go to hell. However devoted meditation of God banishes one’s misdeeds and fetches divine blessings. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that such a devotee of God becomes well known throughout the universe.

Har so hira shandi kae karae aan ki aas!

Te nar jampuri janhige satt bhakhae Ravidass!!41!

Whosoever abandons God’s Naam, that is superior to the most precious diamond in the universe, and looks to someone else will go to hell. Guru Ravidass Ji confirms that “What I say is absolutely true.”

Ravidass manukh janam manh haun chintou Guru ek!

Aadi ant jo satguru rakhae sabhan ki tek!!42!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “I worship only one God (Guru) throughout my human life. The eternal God omnipresent right from beginning till eternity is my Satguru and He is the saviour of one and all.

Brahm Boond

(Drop of Brahm Amrit)

Ravidass lorae jis boond koon so boond samund samaan!

Antar khoji koon milayi Brahm boond ko gian!!43!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys pious preaching to human beings that “O dear! The single drop of amrit of God’s Naam, you have been searching for, is equivalent to the vast and limitless ocean that is unfathomable. One can comprehend the knowledge about the drop of such amrit of eternal ecstasy only through dedicated search of God within.”

***Ik boond saun bujh gayie janam janam ki pias!
Janam maran bandhan tootayie bhaye Ravidass khlas!!44!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “Just one drop of Brahm Amrit (Nectar of god’s Naam) banishes thirst of human being since many cycles of birth and death, ends the bonds of repeated birth & death and leads to achievement of eternal salvation.”

***Amrit ras ik boond koon talfat haun din raen!
‘Ravidass’ amiras bin piyae jiya na pavae chaen!!45!!***

My mind has intense longing all the time day and night for a drop of amrit of *Brahm Aanand* or eternal divine ecstasy. Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Until I am blessed with a drop of that Amrit, I can have no peace of mind and my mind will always be restless.”

Ekae Mati Ke Sabh Bbhande (God Created Everyone Equal)

***Ekae mati ke sabh bhande ekau Sirjanhara!
Ravidass viaypae ekau ghat bhitar ekae gharhae kumhara!!46!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Just as a potter makes pots of infinite shapes from same clay, same way God has created all living beings of the universe as equal with same five elements i.e. air, water, earth, fire and space. God is manifest in all living beings. Only one God has created every living being. Therefore all living creatures of the universe are equal like all humanity.”

***Ravidass upjayie ek boond te ka brahman ka sood!
Moorakh jan na janayie sabh manhi Ram majood!! 47!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “All living beings of the universe have their origin in one God even though some ignorant people distinguish them as Brahmins and Shoodra or downtrodden people. However such stupid persons do not understand that the Atman or soul representing the essence of God is manifest equally in each and every one. Therefore all living beings are absolutely equal.”

***Ravidass ek hi boond son sabh hi bhayo visthar!
Moorakh haen jo karat haen baran abaran vichar!!48!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “The entire universe has been created out of one single drop as the entire universe is expansion of same God. Therefore all creatures are truly equal. However those, who differentiate between human beings as superior or inferior on the basis of castes like *Brahmin, Kshatria, Vaesh, Shoodra*, outcaste and ruffians etc; are indeed foolish”

***Ik jot te jou sabh upjaen tou ooch neech kis maan!
Ravidass nam kat dharaen kahun ko naad bind hae samaan!!49!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “As all living beings have their origin in the same brilliance of God. Therefore why some of them should be treated as superior or inferior? Again, why are the human beings discriminated based on alleged superior or inferior race? All creatures are equal having originated from same sound and drop of nectar or God.”

***Ravidass ekae Brahm ka hoye rahiyo sagal pasar!
Ekae mati sabh ghat srijae ekae sabh noon Sirjanhar!!50!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that only one Brahm or God is manifest all over the universe. All pots are made of same clay meaning that all living beings of the universe are made of same five elements. The creator of all living beings is also one and the same God.

***Ravidass ek hi noor te jimi upjiyo sansar!
Ouch-neeck kih bidh bhaye bahman ar chamar!!51!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that the origin of the entire universe is the brilliance of one God and same God is manifest in all living beings. Then how can one differentiate between Brahmins and so called lower castes? In reality, all living beings of the universe are equal.

***Ravidass ek Brahm boond son sagal pasara jaan!
Sabh oupiyo ik boond son sabh hi ek samaan!!52!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O dear! You must understand that the origin of the entire universe is from the

expansion of one particle of God. All living beings have their origin in the same light of God and therefore all creatures are absolutely equal.”

***Brahman ar chandal manhi Ravidass nahin antar jaan!
Sabh manhi ek hi joti hae sabh ghat ek bhagwan!!53!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that no one should think of any difference between a Brahmin and an outcaste. One and the same brilliance of God is manifest in all living beings and God is manifest in every one.

***Ik najir son sabh koon dekhe srisit ka Sirjanhara!
Sabh ghat viapak alakh Niranjan kahi Ravidass chamara!!54!!***

God, the creator of the universe, never favours anyone or discriminates against any one. Glory of God is beyond description and God is never affected by the influence of Maya. Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji declares that “Though I hail from so called chamar low caste, yet the equality of all human beings is the eternal truth that I have stated”

***Sabh Mein Noor Hae Ek Prabhu Ka
(Only One God is Manifest in Everyone)
Sabh mahi Ramahi jot ekahi Sarjanhara!
Ravidass Ramahi sbahan me brahman hui ki chamara!!55!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that only one God is manifest in all living beings and same God has created all living beings. God is evident in all living beings irrespective of high caste like Brahmin or low caste like Shoodra and thus all human beings are absolutely equal

***Ravidass jo karta srisit ka vah to karta ek!
Sabh manhi jot saroop ik kahe kahoon anek!!56!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that there is only one God – the creator of entire universe and He is manifest in everyone. Therefore, how can there be many different divinities. Same one God is manifest in myriad forms throughout the universe.

***Ravidass haun dekhiya sodh kar Sahib bhekh anant!
Ik atam ghat-ghat ramae sabh dis ekou Bhagwant!!57!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “I have come to the conclusion after serious deliberations that God has numerous forms and same one God is manifest in every individual. God is omnipresent all over everywhere in all the ten directions.”

***Ik Prabhu De Nam Anek
(Only One God is known by Myriad Names)
Aadi ant jih kar nahin jih kar nam anant!
Sabh kar palanhar hae Ravidass abigat Bhagwant!!58!!***

No one can ever know about the beginning and end of eternal God and He is known by many names. Same God feeds everyone and His glory is beyond description.

***Ravidass ek Jagdis kar dharae anantah nam!
More man me bas rahiyo adhiman paavan Ram!!59!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “People remember same one God with many names. My mind is the abode of Naam of such God who redeems me of all sins.”

***Ravidass hamaro sayian Raghav Ram Rahim!
Sabh hi Ram ko roop hae Keso Krisan Karim!!60!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that God is our Lord who is also known as Raghava, Ram and Rahim. Same God is also remembered as Keso, Krishna and Karim etc.

***Ravidass kou Allah kahayi kou pukarai Ram!
Keshav Krishan Karim sabh Madhou Mukandahu nam!!61!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that some people address God as Allah and some others as Ram. God is also remembered as Krishna, Karim, Madho and Mukand etc.

***Sami Sirjanhar hae Ram Rahim Khudai!
Ravidass hamaro Mohana paavan Keso Rai!!62!!***

God alone is the creator of entire universe. People know Him by different names like Ram, Rahim and Khuda etc. Satguru

Ravidass Ji explains that our virtuous God banishes sins of sinners to make them pious with His blessings.
Alakh Allah Khalik Khuda Krisan Karim Kartar!
Ramah nam anek haen kahi Ravidass bichar!!63!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “I have learnt after careful deliberations that God is known to people by many names like Alakh, Allah, Krishna, Karim, Kartar and Ram etc. Same one God has myriad names.”

Sankat Me Sahara Prabhu
(Saviour God in Difficult Times)
Jab jab faelayie jagat manhi koor paap andhiyar!
Tab tab rakhae hath deyie Ravidass ik Ram hamar!!64!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “Whenever this world is threatened by evils like falsehood and sins and the dark clouds of such evils threaten mankind, then my all pervading God steps in to save this universe from evils like falsehood, betrayal and sins etc”.
Ravidass aas ik Ram ki ar na karhu kou aas!
Ram sharh auran ramihayin rahayin sada niras!!65!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “I have abiding faith in God and I never depend on anyone other than God. Those, who abandon God and worship other deities or goddesses, will always feel disappointed.”

Prabhu Milan Di Jugati
(Way for Realization of God)
Mathae tilak hath jap mala jag thagne koon swang banaya!
Marg shandi kumarag dhahikae sanchi preet bin Ram na paya!!66!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys his pious preaching while warning against rituals that “If a person decorates his forehead with sandal paste and adorns his hand with a rosary only to disguise himself for cheating people, then he has strayed away from the righteous path to wander on the path of sin. He will never realize God through rituals sans true devotion to God.”

Dehra ar masit manhi Ravidass na sees navanye!
Jih laun sees nivavna so Thakur sabh thanye!!67!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “It is not necessary to bow one’s head either in a temple or mosque for true meditation of God. While people assume presence of God in a temple or mosque and pay their obeisance, in reality that God or Khuda is omnipresent and manifest everywhere in one and all throughout the universe.”
Ravidass na poojayi dehra aur na masjid jaye!
Janh tanh Iss ka baas hae tanh tanh sees nivaye!!68!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “I neither pray for God sitting inside a temple nor I visit a mosque to pay my obeisance. Where ever I find God’s abode, I pay my respects to Him. God is omnipresent and I see Him everywhere in all the directions.”
Hindu poojai dehra musalman maseet!
Ravidass poojaie Ram koon jih nirantar preet!!69!!
 Hindus go to temples to worship God and Muslims chant their *namaz* or prayers inside the mosques. However Guru Ravidass Ji states that “I worship one God with devotion who is manifest all over the universe and cannot be restricted within the confines of a temple or a mosque.”
Prem panth ki palki Ravidass baethiyo aaye!
Sache sami Milan kan aanand kahiyo na jaye!!70!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “I have boarded the palanquin of devotion to God and I cannot describe the supreme pleasure and eternal ecstasy of union with Almighty God.”
Ravidass more man lagiyo Ram prem ko tir!
Ram rasayin jou milhin tou harae hamari pir !!71!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “I have the sharp arrow of God’s devotion in my mind meaning that I have extremely strong desire to meet my Lord. When I get the right medicine in the form of devout love for , then the immense suffering caused by separation vanishes.”
Ka Mathura ka Dwarika ka Kasi Haridwar!
Ravidass khoja dil aapna tou miliya dildar!!72!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that no one can comprehend God without devout affection & meditation even if he may pay obeisance at all sacred places of pilgrimage like Mathura, Dwarika,

Kasi and Haridwar etc. When anyone looks for God within chanting His Naam with utmost devotion, only then he can really realize God.

Turak maseeti Allah dhoondhayie Hindu dehre Ram gusanyie!

Ravidass dhoondhia Ram Rahim koon janh maseet dehra nanhi!!73!!

Muslims look for their Rahim in the mosque and Hindus search for Ram in temples. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “I have realized God from within where neither a mosque nor a temple exists.”

Deta rahe hazar baras mulla chahe azan!

Ravidass Khuda nah mil skayi jau laun man shaetan!!74!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Even if the mullah keeps chanting azan for thousands of years, he will never get divine enlightenment sans devout love for God. He cannot realize God until he banishes the Satan from within.”

Jou Allah basahin masit manh mandir manh Bhagwan!

Ravidass khojiyo dil aapno tinah paiyo Rahman!!75!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “If Khuda’s or God’s abode is mosque then why Bhagwan or God should not be present in a temple? There is only one God and He is omnipresent. God is manifest in all living beings. When any one searches for God within, then he is able to realize Him.”

Jo Khuda pasham basae tau poorab basat hae Ram!

Ravidass sevaun jih tih ka thanv na nam!!76!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “If the abode of Khuda or God of Muslims is towards west direction or in Kaba, then Ram of Hindus resides in the east. However the God revered and worshipped by me does not have either a specific abode in west or east or any one definite name like Ram or Allah. God is omnipresent and manifest everywhere and He is known by infinite names.”

Shabad-Surat Jab Mil Gaiye

Amalgamation of Soul and Shabad

Surat Shabad jou ek hon tou paihan param anand!

Ravidass antar deepak jarayie ghat upjadi Brahm anand!!77!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “When one chants God’s Naam with devotion focussing total concentration in the tenth aperture and *Surat* and *Shabad* or soul and celestial sound amalgamate; then human being realizes Brahmanand or celestial ecstasy. The everlasting lamp of Brahmgyan gets enlightened and one attains the eternal status of Brahmanand or supreme ecstasy from within”.

Ravidass sabdah sah jabahi sukhahi ikmik hoie!

Anubhooti Satnam savayam detahin loie!!78!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “When devout chanting of God’s Naam and deep concentration converge, then one experiences Satnam in that stage of profound meditation. Thereafter brilliance of God’s enlightenment shines automatically.”

Oankar ko dhian manhi jau laun surat na hoye!

Tau laun sanche Brahm koon Ravidass na boojhyie koye!!79!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Until one achieves perfect concentration in devout meditation of God, he cannot comprehend the true Brahm or God. Convergence of soul and Shabad leads to realization of God. When one achieves perfect union of soul in meditation of God, then he is able to realize God.”

Ravidass dia jagmag jarayie bin bati bin tel!

Surat sadh kar hiya manhi dekh pia ke khel!!80!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “The lamp of God’s Naam is glowing throughout the universe without any wick or oil. Focus your devout concentration in God’s Naam to understand unique feats of God within yourself and experience the brilliance of light of God.”

***Ravidass surat koon sadhi kar Mohan son kar piar!
Bhaujal kar sankat katanhi shutahi bighan bikar!!81!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “O human being! You should concentrate on devout meditation of God and have true abiding love and devotion to God. Your constant agony, because of repeated cycles of birth and death in this ocean like universe, will be over. All the hindrances hampering your way and your longing for worldly pleasures will be vanquished.”

Jivan- Maran Life and Death

Jivan joti kaise jagahi kaise hoi ant!

Ravidass manukh na janahi janat haen Bhagwant!!82!!

How does the lamp of life lighten up and how is the same blown off or how does one get a human life and how will the same end? Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “No one sans God’s Naam knows about this mystery and only Bhagwan or God is aware of this enigma.”

Ravidass janme kou haras ka marne kou ka sok!

Bajigar ke khel koon samjhat nanhi lok!!83!!

Shri Guru Ravidass Ji articulates that “What is the pleasure on some one’s birth and grief on any one’s death? Life and death is the game that the juggler God plays all the time. However the ignorant people do not understand this truth.”

Soi Sadhu Bhalo A Great Saint

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou jag mahin lipat na hoye!

Gobind son rancha rahayi ar janahi nahin koye!!84!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “The sage, who remains unattached with the worldly pleasures while living in this universe, is indeed very dignified. He always remains engrossed in devout meditation of God’s Naam and he does not recognise anyone

else in this world. He comprehends nothing but God in every one.”

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jiou man abhiman na laye!

Augan shanrhi gun gahayi simrayi Govind Raye!!85!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “A noble saint never harbours arrogance in his mind and he shuns undesirable qualities. He keeps practicing devout meditation of God all the time cultivating virtuous instincts”.

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou rahayi sada nirbaer!

Sukhdai samta gahyi sabhnah mangahi khaer!!86!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “A pious sage never has any enmity with anyone. He always longs for comforts and equality for everyone and he prays to God for welfare of one and all.”

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou apan na jataye!

Sativadi sancha rahayi man Har charnan manh laye!!87!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “A truly noble and truthful saint is one who shuns his own praise and always eulogises God’s glory with devotion. He always keeps his mind focussed at the lotus feet of God.”

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jih man nirmal hoye!

Ram bhajahi vishya tajahi mith bhashi na hoye!!88!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “A sage is dignified if his mind is uninfluenced by Maya. Such a saint shuns human vices and always keeps himself busy in devout meditation of God. He remains aloof from this futile world and never tells a lie.”

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou janahi par pir!

Paar pira kahun pekh ke rahve sad-hi adhir!!89!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “A saint, who understands other’s agony, is really noble. He becomes restless on seeing any one in pain and he is always very keen to end sufferings of others.”

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo par upkar kamaye!

Joi joi kahahi vaisoie karahi aapa nanhi jataye!!90!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “A sage who always helps others is a dignified saint. He practices what he preaches and he never indulges in exhibitionism. He is the true saint.”

Ravid as soi sadhu bhalo jo nihkapat nirpachh!
Shamasil ar saral manah bahar bhitar swachh!!91!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “A saint who does not harbour any guile in his mind and never discriminates, is indeed gracious. He is always forgiving, extremely simple and pure both in internal thoughts and actual deeds.”
Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo nirmal jake baen!
Jih kari daras aau paras son man upjahi sukh chaen!!92!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “A saint who speaks in pious soothing words is noble. One realizes true and lasting pleasure just by having a glimpse and bowing with devotion at the lotus feet of such a sage.”
Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jou hansa gat hoye!
Kaam karam sabh shandi kar Ram bhajan me khoye!!93!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Such a saint is dignified who conducts himself like a swan. Swan feeds on selected pearls and diamonds in Mansarovar and it has the capacity to separate milk from water. Likewise a true saint acquires the supreme pearl in the form of eternal pleasure in meditation of God. He shuns falsehood and always devotes himself to dedicated worship of God.”
Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jih man basayi Jagdis!
Rahai ot Oamkar ki buro bhalo sahayi sees!!94!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Only that saint is gracious who always depends upon only one God. He remains engrossed in devout meditation of God ignoring all scorn even if someone scolds him.”
Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo manah dokh mitaye!
Our manh aap na thapayi trisna aas jalaye!!95!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “A noble sage is one who banishes the lust for worldly pleasures and banishes arrogance from his mind. He is always busy in devout meditation of God after getting rid of all desires.”
Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jo Sahib hath bikaye!
Sahib bhent charhan kou apnah sees kataye!!96!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “A saint who has surrendered everything to God is dignified. He dedicates his head at the lotus feet of God and surrenders himself before God.”

Ravidass soi sadhu bhalo jih man nanhi abhiman!
Haras sok janaie nahin sukh dukh ek samaan!!97!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “A saint, who has no pride in his mind, is gracious. He does not experience any delight or sorrow. He treats pleasure or pain as equal and always remains preoccupied with devout meditation of God.”
Ravidass kahae jake ridae rahae raen din Ram!
So bhagta Bhagvant sam krodh na biyapae kaam!!98!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Such a devotee who adores God in his mind day and night all the time is equivalent to God and he is not bothered by anger and futile worldly pleasures.”

Kirat Kamai Karde Hoye Parmatma Da
Simran Karna
Devout Meditation of God with Honest
Hard Work

Jihva son Oamkar jap hathan son kar kaar!
Ram milanhi ghar aayi kar kahi Ravidass bichar!!99!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings that “They should strive to earn an honest livelihood.” He further preaches them to keep chanting Naam of God with devotion and work hard with their hands. This way one can realize God within the frame of this body. “I am saying this truth after careful thinking.”
Nek kamai jou karahi grih taj ban nahi jaye!
Ravidass hamaro Ram Raye grih manhi milihi aaye!!100!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “One, who does not abandon his house to go to the forests in search of God but keeps searching for God within while pursuing an honest living, is able to meet my Prabhu or God within his house i.e. within himself.”
Grahinh rahahu satt karam karahu hardam chintahu
Oamkar!
Ravidass hamaro bandhla hayi keval Naam aadhar!!101!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Any one, who pursues pious deeds and always remembers God, ultimately realizes the

shun the aspiration for rewards while pursuing noble deeds with enlightenment of dharma.
Raag dvesh koon shandi kar nihkaram karhu re meet!
Sukh dukh sabh manhi thir rahin Ravidass sada man meet!!113!!
 O dear friend! You should shun discrimination and pursue noble deeds without longing for fruit. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “If you practice devout meditation of God with stable mind while pursuing dignified endeavours sans longing for rewards; then your mind shall always be your true friend.”
Jihva bhajae Harinam nit hath karanhi nit kaam!
Ravidass bhaiye nihchint ham mam chint karaenge Ram!!114!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Any living being, who earns his living while working honestly and worships God with utmost devotion all the time, is absolutely free of worries as God takes his complete care.”

Nek Kamai
Honest Livelihood
Ravidass sram kair khayihi jaun lon paar basaye!
Nek kamai jou karayi kabhoon na nihphal jaye!!115!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “One must earn livelihood through honest hard work that is always fruitful. Hard earned riches, obtained by anyone through truthful means, never go waste.”
Sram kou Isar jani kae jo poojahi din raen!
Ravidass tinhahi sansaar manh sada milahi sukh chaen!!116!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “One, who worships God with devotion and works day and night diligently for honest living treating same as veneration of God, always enjoys everlasting peace and tranquillity in this world.”
Ravidass haun nij hathahin rakhon rambi aar!
Sukrit hi mam dharm hae taraega bhav paar!!117!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “I always keep tools for

making leather shoes in my hands for earning gracious livelihood while I practice devout meditation of God all the time. As working honestly is my religion and I have already crossed over the Bhavsagar or vast ocean like universe because of this.”
Prabhu bhagti sram sadhna jag manh jinhahin pas!
Tinhahin jivan safal bhayo satt bhakhae Ravidass!!118!!
 The rare human life of anyone, who is blessed with devout meditation of God and culture of honest hard work, is indeed fruitful. Satguru Ravidass Ji elaborates that he is telling this factual truth.
Dharm karam dui ek haen samajhi lehu man manhi!
Dharm bina jau karam hae Ravidass na sukh tis manhi!!119!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “O dear friend! You must appreciate the fact that the dharma and your actions consistent with dharma are equivalent. However, there cannot be anything to rejoice in your pursuits inconsistent with dharma. Therefore human being should strive to make his rare human life most fruitful through pious deeds and devout meditation of God”.

Jaat - Paat Da Khandan
Critique of Caste System
Janam jaat mat pooshiye ka jaat ar paat!
Ravidass poot sabh Prabhu ke kou nahin jaat- ujat!!120!!
 All living beings of the universe are equal. Therefore no one should ask for the caste of anyone else as the human soul has no relationship with any caste. Satguru Ravidass Ji states that all living beings of the universe have been created equal by God. Hence no one can be deemed to hale from the so called upper or lower caste.
Jaat paat ke fer manhi urajhi rahayi sabh log!
Manukhta koon khaat hayi Ravidass jaat kar rog!!121!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “People are caught in the web of racism because of ignorance. Discrimination based on

caste is a curse for human race and the people of this word are divided on caste considerations”.

Janam jaat koon shandi kar karni jaat pardhan!

Ihiyaun sacha dharm hae kahe Ravidass bakhan!!122!!

The practice of determination because of one’s caste based on birth should be abandoned because human deeds are most important. A human being is superior only because of his noble deeds. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that the true dharma recognises supremacy of an individual based on noble deeds and not on birth related caste.

Bahman khatri baes sood Ravidass janam te nanhi!

Jau chahayi subaran kou pavayie karman manhi!!123!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “No one can be treated as a Brahmin, Kshatria, Vaishya or Trader and Shoodra or low caste based on birth. But dignified is one who always pursues noble deeds”.

Bed parhyie pundit baniyo ganthi panhi tou chamar!

Ravidass manukh ek hai nam dharae hain char!!124!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “One, who studies the Vedas, is known as a pundit and another who stitches shoes is called a chamar or cobbler in this world. In reality, all human beings are absolutely equal in all respects but unfortunately the enemies of humanity have divided people into four categories.”

Neech neech kar marhin janat nanhi nadan!

Sabh ka Sirjanhar hae Ravidass ekae Bhagwan!!125!!

Ignorant individuals torture innocent under-privileged people and insult them. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “Those, who do not understand that the creator of all living beings is only one God, are indeed ignorant.”

Ravidass janam ke karne hot na kou neech!

Nar koon neech kari dari hae oshe karam ki keech!!126!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “No one can be treated as a low caste based on his birth in a so called lower caste. In reality one is ignoble only because of his bad deeds. Anyone who is smeared with the mud of misdeeds is a low caste”.

Ravidass jaat mat pooshayi ka jaat ka paat!

Bahman khatri baes sood sabhan ki ik jaat!!127!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O fellow human beings of this world! Why do you inquire about one’s caste? Because differentiation based on caste is futile as Brahmins, Kshatrias, Vaishyas or Traders and Shoodras belong to one and the same caste of humanity.”

Jaat jaat me jaat hae jayon kelan me paat!

Ravidass na manukh jurh sakaen jaun laun jaat na jaat!!128!!

There are many clans in human race just like multiple layers of leaves in a banana plant. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “Human beings cannot achieve equality till discrimination based on caste and creed does not come to an end. Therefore we must put an end to racism.”

Ravidass brahman mat poojiye jo hovae gunhin!

Poojahin charan chandal ke jou hovae gun parvin!!129!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “A Brahmin sans knowledge deserves no reverence. However even a ruffian with noble qualities should be venerated meaning that anyone with pious noble deeds is worthy of worship.”

Ooncha Kaun Ate Nevan Kaun ?

Who is Superior or Inferior?

Ravidass sukarman karan son neech oonch ho jaye!

Karayi kukarm jaun oonch vi tau maha neech kahilaye!!130!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches through his pious sermon that “No one can be treated as superior or inferior based on caste. It is the quality of one’s endeavours that determines whether he is a dignified or ignoble individual. While people treat someone as a downtrodden based on his birth in a particular community because of ignorance, he emerges as a dignified person because of his noble deeds. If one borne in a so called higher caste lives on misdeeds, then he is indeed an ignoble person.”

Daya dharm jin me nahin hirdae paap ko keech!
Ravidass tinhahin Jani ho maha paatki neech!!131!!

Those who shun virtues like mercy and dharma have their minds full of sin. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that such persons are indeed grave sinners and undignified.

Jinh kari hiradae satt basayi panch dokh tin nanhi!
Ravidass tau nar ooch bhaye samajh lehu man manhi!!132!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji advises that “O dear brother! You must understand the reality that only those people are superior in this world that shun five evil vices and adorn their hearts with truth.”

Panch dokh taji jo rahayi sant charan lav leen!
Ravidass te nar janayie onchah ar kuleen!!133!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Only such a person can be treated as dignified and superior who shuns the five evil human weaknesses and focuses his concentration at the lotus feet of saints or cultivates true love and devotion for saints.”

Brahman Kaun? ***Who is a Brahmin?***

Ouche kul ke kaarne brahman koy na hoye!
Jou janhi Brahm Atma Ravidass brahman soye!!134!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “No one in this world is Brahmin (learned and superior) because of birth or caste and none can claim to be Brahmin simply because of his birth in a so called higher caste. A real Brahmin is one who comprehends the Atman of Brahm or God as manifest in all living beings.”

Kaam krodh mad lobh taji karayi dharm ki kar!
Soie bahman Janihi kahi Ravidass vichar!!135!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “Anyone, who abandons lust for sex, anger, greed and arrogance and pursues his endeavours in accordance with dharma, is respected as a true Brahmin in the world.”

Ravidass jo veta Brahm ka soi brahman jan!
Brahm na jou janahi tou na brahman man!!136!!

One who has succeeded in knowing the Brahm or God is indeed a Brahmin in this world. Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “One, who does not understand Brahm, is not a Brahmin. Therefore no one in this world can be a Brahmin just based on his birth.”

Dharam karam janae nahin man manh jaat abhiman!
Aesou brahman son bhalon Ravidass sramak hun jan!!137!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “One who earns his livelihood through honest hard work must be treated as far superior to anyone who is born in a Brahmin family but does not know how to pursue noble deeds as per dharma and cultivates futile pride in his caste based on birth”.

Kshatri Kaun? ***Who is a Kshatria?***

Deen dukhi ke het jou varae apne pran!
Ravidass uh nar soor kaun sancha shatri jan !!138!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “No one can be a Kshatria or valiant only based on his birth and caste. One has to be a Kshatria based on his brave deeds. Only such a brave and valiant person, who sacrifices his own life in protecting the downtrodden and weaker sections of society, is a true Kshatria”.

Ang ang katvayihi jou dinan kar het!
Ravidass shatri soi Janiyae jo shadae nanhi khet!!139!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “One, who never leaves the battlefield even after loss of his limbs while fighting for the poor and oppressed, should be deemed as a true Kshatria.”

Vaish Kaun? ***Who is a Vaishya or Trader?***

Ravidass vais soi janiye jo satt kaar kamaye!
Punn kamayi sada lahae lorae sarbat sukhaye!!140!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “No one is Vaish

because of birth or caste. One, who pursues truthful trading and earns his living by honest means and prays for everyone's prosperity, should be deemed to be a true Vaish."

Sanchi hati baeth kar sauda sancha deyi!

Takrhi tolae sach ki Ravidass vaes hae soyi!!141!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that "One, who runs his business based on truth, conducts his business honestly and evaluates everything truthfully, is a real Vaish."

Shoodra Kaun?

Who is a Shoodra?

Ravidass jou ati pavit hae soi soodar jan!

Jou kukarmi asudh jan tinhen na shoodar man!!142!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious sermon that "One, who leads an extremely pious life, should be reckoned as Shoodra or pure. One, who indulges in wrong deeds and leads an immoral life should not be treated as Shoodra or pious."

Harijan kari seva lagae man ahankar na rakhae!

Ravidass sood soi dhann hae jo asatt bachan na bhakhae!!143!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that "Such a pious person, who understands God, devotes himself to service of humanity, shuns arrogance and never tells lies, deserves sincere gratitude of every one even if he may hail from so called Shoodra community."

Mandir Masjid Ek Hae

Temple and Mosque are One

Mandir masjid doou ek hae in manh antar nanhi!

Ravidass Ram Rahman ka jhagra kou nanhi!!144!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that "the temple and the mosque are one and the same. There is no difference in them except for names. There is no quarrel whatsoever between Ram and Rahman. Therefore both the temple and mosque are places for God's worship. Both Ram and Rahman are names of same one God."

Ravidass hamaro Ram joie soie hae Rahman!

Kaba Kashi Janiyahi doou ek samaan!!145!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that "My all pervading Ram Himself is Rahman. Kabah is sacred for Muslims and Kashi is revered by Hindus and both are equal. Therefore, there should be no discrimination".

Masjid son kashu ghin nahin mandir son nahi piar!

Dou manh Allah Ram nahin kahi Ravidass chamar!!146!!

I do not have any hatred for a mosque or any liking for a temple and both are equal for me. Satguru Ravidass Ji says that Ram or Allah is not confined within a temple or a mosque as God is omnipresent and all pervading.

Hindu-Musalman Ek Hae

Hindus and Muslims are One

Musalman son dosti hinduan son kar preet!

Ravidass joti sabh Ram ki sabh haen apne meet!!147!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches the holy sermon that "All living beings are equal and hence everyone should live together cordially. One should have friendship with Muslims and love for Hindus. All human beings should live happily together with mutual love and affection because only one God is manifest in all living beings and each and every one is a friend."

Jab sabh kari doou hath pag doou naen doou kan!

Ravidass prathak kaise bhaye Hindu-Musalman!!148!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that "O dear brother! All human beings have same limbs i.e. two hands, two feet, two eyes and two ears. Then how can these human beings with similar limbs be different from one another? Everyone is equal whether one is a Hindu or a Muslim."

Ravidass pekhiya sodh kari aadam sabhi samaan!

Hindu Musalman kou shrishta ek Bhagwan!!149!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that "It is well understood, after very careful analysis, that all living beings are equal as the creator of everyone is same one God irrespective of anyone being a Hindu or Muslim."

***Kahan sunan koon dui kari khalik kiyon tamasa!
Hindu turak doou ek hae satt bhakhae Ravidass!!150!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “Even though people think Hindus and Muslims to be different but in reality the creation of this universe is a unique stage show of God. Therefore all human beings are equal whether any one may be a Hindu or Muslim.”

***Ravidass kangan kanak manhi jimi antar kashu nanhi!
Taesou hi antar nanhi hinduan turkan manhi!!151!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that just as there is no difference between gold and ornaments made of gold, likewise there is no distinction between Hindus and Muslims.

***Hindu turak manhi bhed nanhi sabh me ek ratt ar masa!
Dou ekah dooja ko nanhi pekhiyo sodh Ravidassa!!152!!***

There is no difference between Hindus and Muslims and both have similar blood and flesh. Both are equal and there is no distinction whatsoever. Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “I say this after very careful deliberation.”

***Hindu turak me nahin bhed dui aayhu ik dwar!
Pran pind lohu ikayi kahi Ravidass bichar!!153!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “There is no distinction between a Hindu and a Muslim as both are born the same way. The body, blood and flesh of both are similar.”

***Ravidass upjayi ik noor te brahman mulla sekh!
Sabh ko karta ek hae sabh kun ek hi pekh!!154!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “All of the living beings have originated from the same brilliance of God irrespective of one being Hindu, Mullah or Sheikh. The creator of everyone is same one God. Therefore everyone must see same one God to be manifest in one and all.”

Sacha Soorvir The True Valiant

***Ravidass soi soora bhala jou larae dharam ke het!
Ang ang kat bhuin girae tou na sharhae khet!!155!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “A true valiant is one who fights for the sake of religion. Even if he loses his limbs and falls on the ground, such a brave warrior never abandons the battlefield and keeps fighting till his last breath.”

***Dharam het sangram manh jau kou kataye sis!
So jivan safla bhaya Ravidass milhi Jagdis!!156!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “The life of a warrior, who sacrifices his head while fighting in the battlefield, is truly fruitful. He surely realizes God.”

Satt-Bachan Truthful Discourse

***Bachan gaiyo nah aat hae sees kata fir aaye!
Ravidass bachan koon rakhiye sir jaihi tou jaye!!157!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys his pious sermon that “Human beings must always tell the truth. If the head gets severed once it cannot be rejoined. Likewise, any words once spoken cannot be retracted. Therefore, one should always abide by truth even if he has to sacrifice his head.”

***Ravidass bachan jau de diyau vah na jane paye!
Bachan harae ko jagat manhi kashu na ses rahaye!!158!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “Any human being who makes a promise must certainly fulfil same. However anyone, who does not keep his promise, squanders away all respect & credibility and nothing is left behind with him.”

Vashnawan Da Tiya Discarding Lust

***Satt santokh ar sadachar jivan ko aadhar!
Ravidass bhaye nar devate jin tiyage panch bikar!!159!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “Human being must always adopt truthfulness, satisfaction and dignified behaviour as the basis of his life. Those who adopt these principles and abandon the five human vices become noble souls.”

***Jo bas rakhae indriyan sukh dukh samajhi samaan!
Sou amrit pad paiygo kahi Ravidass bakhan!!160!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Such human beings, who exercise control over their work and sense organs and lead a

regulated life treating pleasure and pain as equal, realize the ultimate supreme stage through devout meditation of God.”

Budhi ar bibekahin jou rakhan chahau pas!

Indriyan sang nirat kau taji dehu Ravidass!!161!!

If anyone wants to be wise and enlightened, he must exercise full control over his body and sense organs. Anyone, who dances to the tune of these organs or obeys their dictates, loses all of his assets.

Ravidass ichhayen aapuni bhogan se rakh door!

Man budh rahanhi shant nit ghat manhi rahivae noor!!162!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji elaborates that “Mind and intellect of anyone, who exercises control over his desires & longings and does not permit his body and sense organs to be engulfed by the lust of futile pursuit of worldly distractions, remain always calm and poised and his body glow remains intact.”

Kurme bhanti jou rahahin man indrian Ravidass!

Shant rahayi nit Atma rahahi atam bisas!!163!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “The soul of any human being, who prevents his mind and work/sense organs from external orientation and keeps them under control & retracted inwards like a tortoise while searching for God within, remains always at peace and his self confidence grows constantly.”

Santokh Ate Tiag

Contentment and Sacrifice

Jo kou lorae param sukh tou rakhae man santokh!

Ravidass jahan santokh hae tahan na lagae dosh!!164!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys his pious sermon to all human beings that “Anyone, who craves for eternal solace, must adorn his mind with contentment. None of the vices can stay with anyone who beautifies his mind with contentment.”

Dhan sanchay dukh det hae dhan tiyage sukh hoye!

Ravidass seekh Gurdev ki dhan mat jore koye!!165!!

One, who remains oblivious of God and preoccupied with

accumulation of wealth, always ends up in misery. Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Gurudev God ordains people not to remain busy with pursuit of riches only.”

Sacha sukh satt dharm manhi dhan sanchay sukh nanhi!

Dhan sanchay dukh khan hae Ravidass samujhi man manhi!!166!!

Human beings must understand that the true pleasure is in adherence to dharma and not in single minded pursuit of riches. Satguru Ravidass Ji advises that “O dear human being! You must bear in mind that preoccupation with accumulation of wealth is a minefield of suffering.”

Sukh-Dukh

Ecstasy and Agony

Sukh sarita manh boorhi kar soojh boojh mat khoye!

Dukh ki badri pekh kae Ravidass na dijiye roye!!167!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings never to be oblivious of God even while enjoying the worldly pleasures. One should not abandon wisdom and discretion steeping in the river of futile worldly pleasures. Likewise one should not give up and start crying in the face of endless diversities because both ecstasy and agony are part of human life.

Sukh dukh sam kar janhu tou dukhah sukh hoye!

Ravidass jo sukhanhi dukh kahae tou sukh bhi dukh hoye!!168!!

When one treats both pleasure and pain as equal, then he experiences delight even in diversity. Satguru Ravidass Ji advises that “One, who pretends to be suffering from agony while leading a joyful life, turns his pleasures also into pain and agony. He experiences pain even in pleasure.”

Sacha Prem

True Love

‘Ravidass’ prem nahi ship sakayie, lakh shipaye koye!

Prem na mukh kholae kabhoun naen det haen roye!!169!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “True love can never be

hidden however hard one may try. The ecstasy of true love is beyond description in words. True love emerges from one's eyes in the form of droplets of nectar of joy."

Shresht Marg **The Superior Path**

Ravidass sada hi rakhiye man manhi sahaj subhao!
Rakhe nahin kupanth pag jau loraun sukh chao!!170!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches human beings to follow the superior path of devout meditation of God and that one must always effortlessly adorn his mind with supreme God's Naam. One, who longs for supreme eternal ecstasy, should never tread the path of sin.

Jo jan dushat kumargi baithahi nahin tinh pas!
Jo jan sant sumargi tin paye lago Ravidass!!171!!

One should never keep company of those who are ill tempered and tread the path of sins. Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that "One should always seek shelter at the lotus feet of such saints who worship God with devotion and prompt fellow humans to practice devout meditation of God"

Begampura Vatan **Begampura - the Celestial Abode**

Ravidass ju hae Begampura ouh pooran sukh dham!
Dukh andoh ar dvesh bhav nanhi basahin tihi tham!!172!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj articulates that "Begampura is the celestial state when human being amalgamates with God through His devout meditation. Having reached there, one enjoys the supreme pleasure of eternal ecstasy of God without any kind of pain, agony or discrimination and everyone is free of grief."

Second explanation

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj has enunciated the pious framework for establishment of one universal country Begampura covering the entire world. All citizens of this Begampura should

be free from grief of discrimination and everyone should live happily together enjoying absolute comfort. No one should suffer from pain of any kind of discrimination or sorrow and none should be treated as a second class citizen.

Ravidass manukh kari basan koon sukh kar hae dui thanv!
Ik sukh hae sav-raj manhi doosar marghat ganv!!173!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj highlights the utmost need for establishment of such a universal democratic republic where everyone enjoys complete human rights. One can enjoy all human comforts in this universe only at two places. First is the democratic republic with complete self governance and equal human rights for each and every citizen. One, living peacefully in such a republic, can make his rare human life fruitful through devout meditation of God. And the second one is an opportunity for a human being to enjoy eternal tranquillity both while living in this world and after death by making his life fruitful through devout meditation of God.

Aisa chahoon raj maen jahan milae sabhan kau ann!
Shot-barhe sabh sam basae Ravidass rahe prasann!!174!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that "I want the establishment of such a republic where all living beings enjoy equal human rights and all basic human needs are fulfilled. Everyone must have adequate nourishing food and no one should ever remain hungry. There should be no distinction whatsoever of high or low and everyone is an equal citizen. I shall be ever delighted to witness such a republic."

Sachi Sewa **True Service**

Man manhi satt santokh rakhahu sabh kari seva lag!
Seva sabh kashu det hae Ravidass sewanhi mat tiag!!175!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches true service to humanity and that one should always remain contented and serve everyone. One is blessed with all comforts because of dedicated service. Therefore no one should ever shun serving the humanity.

***Deen dukhi kar sev manhi lag rahiyo Ravidass!
Nis basar ki seva saun Prabhu milan ki aas!!176!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Human being must remain dedicated to the service of humanity. Because of such service rendered day and night; aspiration of meeting God arises in one’s mind.”

***Dhuan tapan manhi ka dhara dhoom tapan hi tiag!
Ravidass milihae mokh dham seva hi tap aag!!177!!***

There is no use of any penance after lighting a fire sans devout love for God and humanity in one’s mind. Therefore one should abandon such sacrament. Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Human being attains eternal salvation through dignified penance in the form of devoted service to humanity.”

Sacha Updesh True Sermon

***Ravidass raat na soiye divas na kariye swad!
Ah-nis Har Ji sumiriye shandi sakal prativad!!178!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys sacred sermon that “Human being should not waste entire night sleeping and spend day time catering to his tastes. Instead, one must shun all futile debate & preoccupation with worldly affairs and concentrate on devout meditation of God day and night thereby making his rare human life fruitful.”

***Ravidass toon kanvach fali tujhe na shivae koye!
Taen nij Naam na Janiyan bhala kahan te hoye!!179!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “If you do not worship God with devotion, then your life is like the pod of Kaunch (*Mutuna pruriens*) plant. One feels strong burning sensation after getting in touch with pod of Kaunch. Likewise one gets spoilt after overlooking God and no one likes to touch such a person just like avoiding the pod of Kaunch. O dear! You have not been able to comprehend your own self; then how can you expect your liberation? Human life is futile sans dedicated devotion to God’s Naam.”

***Antar gat ranchae nahin bahar karae ujas!
Te nar jampur janhige satt bhakhae Ravidass!!180!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “I enunciate this truth that one, who does not perform profound meditation of God within his mind and resorts to exhibition of affection for God outside; will certainly go to the abode of messengers of death.”

***Sabh sukh pavae jaas te so Har joo ko dass!
Koou dukh pavae jaas te so na dass Ravidass!!181!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “A true devotee is one whose company brings rejoicing and happiness to one and all. If the company of someone causes discomfort to anyone; such a person cannot be close to God.”

***Har Gur sadh samaan chit nit aagam tatt mool!
In bich antar jin parau karvat sahan kabool!!182!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “There is no difference between God, Guru and a saint and all of them should be deemed to be equal. This is the fundamental conclusion of the religious scriptures. Anyone who will discriminate against this basic truth will endure pangs of agony similar to that caused by a saw blade.”

Jeev Hatya Da Khandan Critique of Animal Sacrifice

***Ravidass jeev koon mari kar kaise milnhi Khuday!
Peer paegambar auliya kou na kahayi samujhay!!183!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys his sacred sermon while condemning killing of animals that “A human being should never kill an animal. How can one realize God after sacrificing an animal? None of the seers, prophets or enlightened sages has ever preached that sacrifice of animals will lead to realization of God.

***Ravidass jo poshan het gou bakri nit khaye!
Parhai namajaen raat din tabhoon bhist na paye!!184!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Those, who eat beef or mutton for the nourishment of their bodies, will never reach the abode of God even if they keep chanting *Namaz* prayers throughout the day and night.”

***Ravidass moondah kaat kar moorakh kahat halal!
Gala katavahu aapna tou ka hoyihi haal!!185!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “A foolish person designates slow cutting of throat of an animal as *halal* meat. Let him sever his own throat slowly the same way and experience the pangs of suffering.”

***Ravidass jo aapan het hi par koon maran jaie!
Malak ke dar jai kari bhogahi kari sajaie!!186!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “If anyone kills an animal for his use; then he has to suffer grave punishment on reaching the court of God.”

***Prani badh nahin kijiya jivah Brahm samaan!
Ravidass paap nanh shootayie karor gouan kari daan!!187!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Human beings should never kill any animal because component of God is uniformly manifest as Atman in all living beings. One, who resorts to killing of animals, can never succeed in atonement of his sins even if he may donate millions of cows in alms.”

***Ravidass jibhya swad bas jou maans mashrian khaye!
Nahak jeev maaran badal aapan sees kataye!!188!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches his pious sermon that “Those, who eat meat or fish for the sake of satisfying taste of their tongues, will have to undergo severe punishment for killing animals without any fault and their own heads will get severed one day.”

***Ravidass jeev mat marahin ik sahib sabh manhi!
Sabh manhi eko Atma doosrah kou nanhi!!189!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji states that “Human beings should never kill any animal as only same one God is manifest in all living creatures. As such there is but one Atman manifest in every one and there is no second Atman anywhere.”

Mansahari - Narak Adhikari Vegetarian life style

***Apnah geev kataihin jo maans praya khanye!
Ravidass maans jau khat haen te nar narkahi janye!!190!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches human beings to lead a vegetarian life. Those who eat meat ultimately lose their own necks and go to hell.

***Daya bhav hirdae nahin bhakhahin praya mas!
Te nar narak manh jayihi satt bhakhae Ravidass!!191!!***

Those, who are not kind hearted and eat flesh of animals, are destined to go to hell. Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “What I say is truthful.”

***Jivat koon murda karihan ar khayihin murdar!
Murda sam sabh hoyihin kahi Ravidass bichar!!192!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “I am saying this after careful thinking that those, who kill animals to eat their flesh, are themselves like dead bodies.”

Pradhinta Paap Hae Slavery is a Sin

***Pradhinta paap hae jan lehu re meet!
Ravidass dass pradheen son kaun karae hae preet!!193!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches sacred sermon to all humanity that “Life of a slave is like a sin. Therefore, every human being should free himself of bondage and lead a life of valour. My dear friends! It is absolutely wrong to lead a life of subjugation tolerating grave tyranny. You must understand this fully that the life of slavery is a curse. Everyone hates a subjugated person and no one wants to befriend him.”

***Pradhin kau deen kiya pradhin bedin!
Ravidass dass pradheen kau sabhhi samjhae hin!!194!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji articulates that “One, who is slave of another individual, has no religion of his own. Life of a slave is devoid of any religion and creed. Every one insults such a subjugated person treating him as a downtrodden.”

***Ravidass sansa jeev mahin, sakhi saun bilgaye!
Jivan maran rahis koon, sakhi kahae samujhaye!!195!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji declares that “Only a perfect Guru can banish the illusions in one’s mind and the riddle of repeated birth and death can also be explained only by an ideal Guru.”

***Ravidass raat na soviye, divas na kariye suad!
Ahi nis Har Ji simriye, shadi sakal prativad!!196!!***

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “One should not waste

the night just sleeping or spend the entire day only feeding him.
 One should devote all the time for meditation of God and shun other contentious issues.”
Sadh sangat poonji bhayi, haun vast layie nirmol!
Sahaj baldia ladi kar, chaliyo lahan piv mol!!197!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji conveys his sermon that “The supreme treasure of God’s Naam is manifest in the sacred company of saints. One should reach a stage of eternal ecstasy and load that treasure on his mind akin to an ox and succeed in realization of God.”
Jaisa rang saembaal kari, hvae taisa yah sansar!
Haun rang rango Ram mahin, bhanae Ravidass bichar!!198!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “Just as the colour of Semal (*Salmalia malabaricum*) flowers is not long lasting, likewise this universe is in similar situation i.e. this world is not permanent. However, I have soaked myself in the eternal dye of God’s Naam.”
Bhau sagar ra taran koon, eko Naam adhar!
Ravidass kabhoun nahin shadiye, Ram Naam patvar!!199!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “Only God’s Naam is the sole basis of crossing over the Bhavsagar or the unfathomable ocean like universe. Therefore one should never abandon Naam or devout meditation of God.”
Sumiran koti aghan ki, hovae samaan Ravidass!
Jioun ki agh nirmuliye, param jot pargas!!200!!
 Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “Devout meditation of God banishes millions of sins. All vices and sufferings vanish with the brightness of God’s supreme illumination.”
Ram Naam jih ramiyo, soi tan aap ujas!
Ant shar hvae jaiye, veg chet Ravidass!!201!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his pious sermon that “One, who is completely soaked in the dye of God’s Naam, is indeed dignified. At the end of one’s life, one has to depart leaving everything behind. Therefore, you must devote time for regular devout worship of God with immediate effect.”
Guru gian deepak diya, bati dayi jalayi!
Ravidass Har bhagti karnae, janam maran bilmaye!!202!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “When Guru blesses you with a lamp of enlightenment and lights the wick of

knowledge, then you can get over the pangs of repeated cycle of birth and death through devout meditation of God.”
Andhla jo Guru payihi tau shish bhayo nirankh!
Ravidass gian chashu bina, kimi mitayi bhram phand!!203!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “Even the devotee becomes ignorant if he has an un-enlightened Guru. One cannot get rid of his illusions without the lamp of enlightenment of God.”
Maya deepak pekh kar nar patang andhiaye!
Ravidass Guru ra gian jin, birla ko bach jaye!!204!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his sermon that “A human being akin to a moth gets attracted by the lamp of Maya (Materialistic and illusory greed) and dies. Very rare individual only escapes the ill effects of Maya with the blessings of enlightenment by his Guru.”
Nihchal aanand nidhi mili, bilgau aadhi apar!
Ravidass sumiran saar saun payo daras Murar!!205!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “One can get rid of distractions and realize God through His devout worship. God is always steady, full of joy and owner of all the treasures;”
Pal pal shin shin simriye, jau lorhe Har duar!
Har majanu vin siv nahin, bhanae Ravidass chamar!!206!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “If anyone wants to reach God’s own abode, then he must practise devout meditation of God all the time every moment. No one can attain eternal salvation without a complete holy dip in the Naam of God.”
Bhau sagar dutar ati, kidhun murikh yah jaan!
Ravidass Gur patwar hae, Naam nav kari jaan!!207!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys the sermon that “O foolish human being! Crossing over the Bhavsagar or the vast ocean like universe is impossible without devout meditation of God’s Naam. Only one’s Guru alone can help him cross same seated in the boat of God’s Naam.”
Ravidass tan piyrau paatra, jharat na lagayi bar!
Jara meech jioun aavyi, jaat na lagahin var!!208!!
 Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “The human body is like the season of leaf fall or autumn and it does not take any time for it to disintegrate. Once one gets old, his departure from the world cannot be far away.”

Soi tan kanchan janyi, jih tan Naam pargas!

Ravidass Naam chintamani, chahun dis auj ujas!!209!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that “Only human body is pure like gold that is illuminated with God’s Naam. God’s Naam is like the precious gemstone that fulfils all of one’s noble desires. One who practices devout meditation of God’s Naam is respected everywhere all over the world.”

Nis din Har ju simriye, tiyag jagat kari dhand!

Ravidass sant sahelrha, vichrat hovae nirdand!!210!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “One must shun preoccupation with futile worldly endeavours and concentrate on dedicated worship of God. Saints are saviours of human beings in this world who enable others to realize God.”

Jo loha paras mani , hiran kiran damkaye!

Ravidass Ram paras mani , uh daras manhi bauraye!!211!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji advocates that “Just as iron turns into pure gold after contact with *Paras* or philosopher’s stone and shines brightly; likewise this human being akin to iron gets purified after contact with *Paras* of God’s Naam.”

Smadhi thiti hvae sant jan, apnahu aap mitahin!

Jimi Gang samund mili, Ravidass samundahi bilanhi!!212!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “The saints, who demolish their own selfish egos & surrender to God, get bonded to God in devout meditation. Just as Ganges becomes part of the ocean after confluence with the sea; likewise saints become same as God through devout worship.”

An bhavat niyra basae, man bhaavtan pardes!

An dekhe un daras bin, hovae dukh barht ghanes!!213!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys the sermon that “Surprise and uncertainty are always close to the human beings whereas and developments as per one’s wishes are extremely rare. One suffers from all sorts of miseries and torment sans realization of God.”

Jioun sudhi aabat peev ki, birah outhat tan aag!

Jioun choone ki kankri, jioun shirke tioun aag!!214!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji preaches that “When human being develops passionate longing to unite with God, then his body

suffers intense pangs of separation. Just as a piece of lime gets

burnt quickly, likewise anyone in deep love with God suffers agony of separation from God continuously.”

Jih nit dekhan chahi haun, te naenan te door!

Ravidass kahi anbhavte, rahahin nikat bharpoor!!215!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji sermonizes that “If you wish to experience the invisible God every time within yourself, you must practice dedicated meditation of God. This way you will be able to comprehend perfect God within yourself.”

Kamdheni paras poli, kalap roop ra barhi!

Ravidass Har ra bhagti bin, grih teyn bhal ujarhi!!216!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji conveys his preaching that “Even if one gets a *Kamdheni* cow that provides anything one wants or a *Paras* or philosopher’s stone that turns iron into gold after contact; the same are futile sans God’s Naam. Human desires constitute major stumbling blocks hampering realization of God. This human body is like an infertile wasteland sans devout meditation of God.”

Tuhi muhi ham ek haen, tujh laun mori daur!

Ravidass pankhi jihaj kau, nahin aanat kou thaur!!217!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji says that “O God! Both you and I are one and the same. Where ever I may wander sans Thee, ultimately I will end up at Thy lotus feet just as a bird from a ship flies away but soon returns back to the ship because it does not find any alternative place to rest.”

Ravidass peetam ik tuhi, tumare mit anek!

Sasi kau kamod haen bahu, kumod kau sasi ek!!218!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that “O God! Thou are my only friend but there are infinite numbers of Thy devotees. Just as there are innumerable partridges that love the moon but for all of the partridges there is just only one moon. Likewise O Lord! Thou are just my only beloved God.”

Koti kalap jivan alap, bich Har bhagti bilas!

Har simran safal janam, duh phal lahi Ravidass!!219!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that “One is blessed with this rare precious human life after infinite cycle of cosmic

periods and it becomes fruitful only with devout meditation of God. Intense love for God also helps one secure all the comforts during this human life in this world and life hereafter.”

Anand moorati mittar ki, rahayi sada sada chit poor!
Naenan hi samuhe rahat, Ravidass niyre ka door!!220!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that “One must always adorn one’s mind with the pleasant image of benevolent and dear friend God. One must always keep focussed on God so that He is never out of sight.”

Koily tarsae amb ko chatrik tarsat neer!
Ravidass lochae daras ko, pran parat nahin dhir!!221!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji explains that “Just as the bird *koel* aspires for mango and *Papiha* bird seeks a drop of *Swati* nectar from rain drops, likewise O God! My mind is restless to meet you. My mind has no peace in Thy absence.”

Sasi chakor sooraj kanval, chatrik ghan ki reet!
Ravidass ivi muhi rakhiyo, hit chit pooran preet!!222!!

Satguru Ravidass Maharaj Ji states that “Just as a *Chakor* pheasant is fond of moon, lotus flower has true friendship with the sun and *Papiha* truly loves *Swati* nectar; likewise my lord O God! I have true & everlasting love for Thee.”

Chalat halat baethat outhat, dhari hoon tumro dhian!
Ravidass toon muhi man basayi, charan kanval ki aan!!223!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “O revered God! You are always the focus of my constant attention all the time even though I may be walking, roaming, resting or standing. This way, I adorn my heart with Thy lotus feet every moment constantly”.

Moorakh mukh kamaan hae, katuk vachan bhayo teer!
Sanchri maare kann mahin, gale sagal sareer!!224!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji preaches that “The mouth of a foolish person is like a bow and his absurd utterances hurt like piercing arrows. The entire body suffers intense burning sensations when one hears such foul words with his ears.”

Ravidass moorikh samujhayi nahin bina bichar!
Hane prayi Atma, jibh liyan tarwar!!225!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji explains that “A stupid person leads his life without thinking and he never learns. Just as one’s mouth is useless without the tongue, similarly, human soul has no meaning without God.”

Ram prem haun barj kimi, ab barjat nahin kaaj!
Rom Ram ami ram gaiyo, tahi ma hot ilaj!!226!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji says that “How can I live sans devout love for God as I cannot complete any of my tasks successfully without His blessings? God is manifest in every particle all over the entire universe. God’s Naam is the ultimate panacea for all ills.”

Naam mool hae gian kau, Naam mukti ko dabar!
Ja hirdae Har basae, parhin na jag viopar!!227!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj preaches that “Devout meditation of God’s Naam is the basis of enlightenment and His Naam leads to the door of eternal salvation. One, who adorns his mind with God’s Naam, does not succumb to futile attractions of worldly pleasures.”

Ih jag dukh ki khetri, ih janat sabh koye!
Giani katahi Har Naam son, moorakh katahin roye!!228!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj explains that “This world is like raising a crop of miseries and everyone knows this fact. However, an enlightened person harvests this crop through devout meditation of God while an ignorant foolish person does same crying.”

Katuk bachan nahin boliye, sabh ghat Har ko baas!
Ih gian kau dwar hae, kahe Ravidass vichar!!229!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj conveys the sermon that “One should never speak harsh words because God is manifest in everyone and this awareness leads to eternal enlightenment.”

Satt vidia ko parhe prapat kare sada gian!
Ravidass kahe bin vidiya nar ko jaan ajaan!!230!!

Satguru Ravidass Ji Maharaj advocates that human beings must always pursue truthful learning and seek true enlightenment. Guru Ji says that anyone without good learning and education should be deemed to be absolutely ignorant.

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