

GEMS OF TRUTH

(SAYINGS OF BABA HARDEV SINGH JI MAHARAJ)

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ABODE, BLISS

Surcharged with divinity, sublimity and piety, the abode of a saint exudes bliss and happiness.

ACCELERATION, PROPAGATION

In the plains, a vehicle runs fast. However, while crossing mountains, it slows down. Lest it should come to a halt, we accelerate the speed. Similarly, knowing well that ours is the Dark Age (Kali Yuga), there is a need for accelerating the pace of propagation of Truth to cross the mountains of Ignorance.

ADORATION, FOUNDATION

The edifice of divine adoration can stand only on the foundation of God-knowledge, which must be imbibed by everyone.

ADORATION, NON-DISCRIMINATORY

Divine adoration has no place for discrimination between the high and the low.

ADORATION, OWNING

Adoration of God means owning God, imbibing His love and sharing it with others.

ADORATION, SURRENDER

Divine adoration means total surrender to God. Only a person, who surrenders himself totally to God, imbibes the true spirit of adoration and then merges in Him.

ASSETS, TRUTH

The First Pledge of our Mission is that all our assets – physical, mental and material –, belong to God and have been given to us only as a trust. We must not, therefore be proud of them.

ATTITUDE, HAPPINESS

Happiness or unhappiness depends on one's attitude.

ATTITUDE, HELL OR HEAVEN

It is one's attitude that makes life a heaven or a hell. One may be consumed by the hellish fire of hatred and hostility, or extinguish it by spraying coolness and calmness.

AUSPICIOUS OR INAUSPICIOUS

When God has created everything, the question of time and place being auspicious or inauspicious does not arise.

AWAKE, NOT ROBBED

One, who slumbers, is robbed. Being ever 'awake', saints and seers cannot be 'robbed'.

AWAKENING, SELF-REALIZATION

In the spiritual diction, awakening means self-realization or God-realization.

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BARRIERS, WORLD

If we demolish man-made walls and barriers, the world would become a better place to live in.

BASENESS, MAN

Baseness makes man a base being – an animal.

BELIEF, FAITH

Belief can be fickle but faith is firm.

There is a world of difference between belief and faith. The former means faith in the unknown God, while the latter, faith in the known God.

Personal experience transforms belief into faith.

Our belief in God turns into faith in God when we realize God.

BIRTHDAY, JESUS CHRIST

If today Lord Jesus Christ's birthday is celebrated with jubilation, it is because he lived and died for humanity.

BLAME, OTHERS

We blame others but turn a blind eye to our own omissions and lapses. It is behaving like a drunkard who stumbles and strikes against an electric pole but blames the municipal authorities.

BLESSED, HUMILITY

Blessed are those who serve in a spirit of humility and selflessness.

BLESSFULNESS, STATE

Blissfulness is not a phase but a state of mind.

BOAT, HOLES

Human life is a boat having many holes and extraneous loads to wreck it. Those, who carry no load of ego and matter, will, however, cross over safely.

BOAT, LOAD

Nobody can save us if we go on loading the boat of life with ego.

BOAT, SINK

O man, your life is just like a boat having thousands of holes. Nobody knows when it may sink. Awake and realize God to plug the 'holes' lest it should sink.

BOAT, WATER

Whether water is within or without a boat, makes all the difference. The former means death, while the latter, life for the passengers.

BOWING, HUMILITY

Bowing signifies humility. If once is not humble at heart, one's bowing is of little avail.

BROTHERHOOD, REAL

Can human brotherhood be real when nothing but discrimination and discord reigns supreme; when instead of making any sacrifice for others, we are out to sacrifice our brethren?

BOUNDARY-LINES, ADMINISTRATIVE

For saints and sages, the boundary-lines between the countries and provinces had no significance other than administrative. As such, they never treated these lines as barriers nor those living across such lines as aliens. They treated all humans as God's children and their brethren.

BOUNDARY-LINE, JOINING –LINE

The boundary-line between two States or countries is regarded as the dividing-line. Why cannot we regard it as the joining-line? The latter ushers in peace, harmony and happiness, while the former, alienation, conflict and clash.

"C"**CASTEISM, CONFLICT**

Castes and sub-castes foment false pride and consequent conflict, because people consider theirs superior to that of others.

CHANGE, ESSENCE

Change is the essence of the creation and eternity of the Creator.

CO-EXISTENCE, GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Co-existence is our guiding principle; none is an alien.

COMPANY, SANDALWOOD

Those, who keep company of the saints and live up to the teachings of the Great Masters, perfume their lives like the plants growing near sandalwood.

COMPANY, TYPE

At times, the wind brings clouds and with it rain and coolness. At other times, it drives away the clouds, making the weather hotter. Thus, in one case the wind brings relief and in the other, suffering. Similarly, the company of the saints and devotees bestows peace and bliss, while that of the world-lings and self-willed deprives one of peace and happiness.

COMMUNALISM, FIRE

Certain people ignite fire, while others put it out. Likewise, the fire of communalism is kindled by some, but quelled by others.

COMMUNALISM, IRRELIGION

Those who fill the fire-tender of religion with the petrol of communalism instead of water, set off a conflagration, causing untold loss and misery. Such people are certainly irreligious.

COMMUNITY MEAL, ESSENCE

Imbued with love, the devotees contribute rations to the community kitchen, cook, distribute and partake meals. The entire operation is surcharged with and reverence. That is the essence of the community meal or "Guru Ka Langar".

CONDUCT, PROOF

Our values, our conduct and our words, are proof of our ignorance or enlightenment.

CONFLICT, CAUSE

The root cause of conflicts and clashes is neither language nor region, but alienation between man and man.

CONGREGATION, DEVOTION

Congregation strengthens our devotion to and faith in God. It brings about a change in our life and behaviour.

CONGREGATION, ECSTASY

A spiritual congregation transports us into a spiritual ecstasy.

CONTENTMENT, BLISS

Contentment confers bliss and happiness.

CORPSE, MOVING

If one has not realize God, one is like a moving corpse.

CREATION SERVES

If we love and own the Creator, the creation serves us.

CREATION, TOY

Material creation is a toy. We cannot afford to play with it for whole of our life. We should pay attention to the prime purpose of life i.e. God- realization.

"D"**DARK AGE, LIGHT**

Light is indispensable to dispel the darkness. Similarly, the Divine Light is a must to dispel the darkness of the current Dark Age.

DARKNESS, LIGHT

With the darkness of ignorance, selfishness and greed looming large in human mind, man is unable to radiate the indwelling light of love, compassion and brotherhood.

DEATH, FEAR

We daily see day following night and winter following summer. Accepting the same as natural, we do not feel perturbed. Similarly, if we accept that one who is born is bound to die, we will be free from the fear of death.

DEATH, PERCEPTION

The correct perception of death and its inevitability frees one from the haunting fear of death.

DEFEAT, KEY

In the spiritual realm, defeat is the key to victory.

DESIRES ENTICE

Worldly glamour entices man into a web of desires that do not permit him even a moment of true happiness.

DESIRE, SATISFACTION

Satisfaction of a desire is like a night's sleep. When we wake up, a new desire crops up.

DETACHMENT, ATTACHMENT

Detachment means living in the world and yet being free from the worldly attachment, like the lotus growing in the mire but not being soiled by it.

DEVOTEES, ALTRUISM

One may not live to see the sapling planted by him blooming into a tree. Yet the planting is done so that others may benefit from its shade and fruit. Similarly, the devotees are always imbued with the spirit of altruism.

DEVOTEES, ALTRUISTS

The devotees (of God) are altruists.

DEVOTEE, APPROACH

It is the approach towards a person or problem that distinguishes a devotee from a layman.

DEVOTEES, ATTRIBUTES

Physically, all humans are alike. God-consciousness and God-devotion are the outstanding attributes of the devotees.

DEVOTEES, AWAKE

Despite a lamp in one's hand, one must keep one's eyes open lest one should stumble and tumble. Similarly, blessed with the Divine Light, a devotee must also be awake and alert in his worldly life.

DEVOTEE CAUTIONS

Just as the person at the wheel has to be alert not to stray from the path, a devotee should be ever cautious not go off the rails of righteousness.

DEVOTEES, COMPANY

The devotees seek the company of those whose presence inspires them to remember God, unceasingly.

DEVOTEE, CONDUCT

A true devotee conducts himself as a devotee in all situations, secular as well as spiritual.

An actor may boast of his performance, but the audience is the best judge. Similarly, a devotee will be judge by his conduct.

Even a small blot on a clean dress is quite conspicuous. Therefore, a devotee's conduct must be ever spotless.

DEVOTEE, CRITICISM

Criticism, censure or casting aspersions on others do not behoove a devotee.

DEVOTEE, EMBODIMENT

A true devotee is an embodiment of self-surrender, self-abnegation, self-effacement and selfless service.

DEVOTEES, EQUIPOISED

The devotees are ever equipoise. They are not swayed by their own praise, because they attribute it to the grace of God.

DEVOTEE, FLOWER

A devotee is a flower in full bloom whose devotion is his fragrance.

DEVOTEE, GOD

A devotee asks only of God and none else.

DEVOTEES, GOD-KNOWLEDGE

We are praised for distributing fruit, though it is originally yielded by a tree. Similarly, the devotees are glorified for spreading God-knowledge, which, in fact, has been bestowed upon them by the True Master.

DEVOTEE, GOD-REMEMBRANCE

Just as a mother always remembers her child while working in the kitchen or anywhere, a devotee ever remembers God while performing his worldly duties.

DEVOTEES, HUMANISM

Imbibing pious sentiments, the devotees practise humanism and strive for human integration.

DEVOTEE, IDENTITY

A devotee dissolves his identity in the divine love.

DEVOTEES, ILLUMINED

The sun ever shines, whether it is day or night. However, in the part of the earth, which faces the sun, it is bright day, while rest of the earth is immersed in darkness. The saints and devotees always face the ever-shining Sun i.e. God. Therefore, they are ever luminous.

DEVOTEES, LIGHT

The darkness of ignorance has engulfed the whole world. In the true saintly tradition, the devotees are striving to diffuse the light of Truth by lighting the 'extinguished' souls.

DEVOTEE, MARK

It is the distinct mark of a devotee that he offers even his head for the sake of God. Love of mankind is the distinguishing mark of devotee.

Noble feelings, lofty thoughts and total surrender to God constitute the hallmark of a devotee.

DEVOTEE, MISSION

Universal welfare is the principal mission of a true devotee.

DEVOTEE, NOT TRUE

One, who looks at others' failings and humiliates them, is not a true devotee.

DEVOTEES, SERVE

A cloud is formed out of the sea-water; it rains and again flows into the sea. Similarly, the devotees serve others with whatever is bestowed on them by the saints and the True Master.

DEVOTEES, TOLERANCE

The devotees are imbued with the spirit of tolerance and accommodation in all walks of life.

DEVOTEES, TRAITS

To learn, to understand and to assimilate, are the salient traits of a devotee.

A true devotee or saint never barter his saintly traits for material gains.

DEVOTEE, TRUE MASTER

A devotee sees with the eyes and hears with the ears of his True Master and picks 'pearls' from the sea of God-knowledge.

DEVOTEE, SWAN

Good and evil both exist in the world. It is for us to choose. With the divine vision bestowed by the True Master, a devotee chooses the good as a swan picks up pearls.

DEVOTION, BOND

Devotion is the bond between God and His devotees.

DEVOTION, CRUSADE

Devotion dispels fear and inaction and inspires us to join the 'crusade' for the moral and spiritual evolution of mankind.

DEVOTION, DIVINE

The divine devotion makes our lives blissful and instills pristine attributes such as love and faith.

DEVOTION, IMPRESSIVE

A song or a speech may be impressive, but more impressive are one's devotion and deed.

DEVOTION, LACED

Devotion laced with love is alike, within and without. Such devotion speaks from the heart.

DEVOTION, MARK

Humility is the essence of devotion and tolerance its distinguishing mark.

DEVOTION, POTENCY

Selfishness dilutes the potency of devotion.

DISCIPLINE, TRANSFORMS

Spiritual discipline transforms God-knowledge into God-realization and God-consciousness.

DIVERSITY, HARMONY

We find diversity in whole of the creation. So is the case with the humans, who differ in the appearance and many other aspects. But when we realize One, we perceive One in all and all in One. Thus we live in harmony with all.

DIVINE LAWS

The divine laws are eternal and hold good in every Yuga (Age). Redemption in the Sat Yuga (Golden Age) could be attained by realizing God by the grace of a True Master. So is the case today i.e. in the Kal Yuga (Iron Age).

"E"**EGO, BLINDING**

Ego turns one blind to the reality.

EGO, DEATH

Physical death is universal and inevitable. But surrender of one's ego i.e. dying to oneself is better.

EGO, FIRE

The fire of ego destroys everyone, whether one is spiritually enlightened or ignorant, scholar and illiterate.

EGO, HOSTILITY

Wherever there is ego, there is hostility, which does not spare even saints and sages.

EGO, LOAD

The ego is the load, which does not allow one to swim across the ocean of worldliness.

EGO, LOVE

As we cannot keep two swords in the same scabbard, we cannot imbibe both, ego, and love, at the same time.

EGO, PINCHES

Like a pebble in the shoe, ego pinches an egoist at every step. But those who shed their ego are always happy.

EGO, SUICIDAL

Ego, whether in an enlightened or ignorant person, is distressing. But in an enlightened person, it is suicidal.

EGO, THORN

Ego is like the thorn of a berry that pierces the leaves of a banana, growing nearby.

EGOISM, HATRED

A person suffering from egoism is always fretting and fuming and evokes hatred and contempt.

EGOISM, POISON

The poison inside a bottle does not affect the bottle, but egoism destroys the egoist himself.

EGOIST BLAMES

An egoist himself falls from the high horse but blames its owner.

ENCHANTMENT, LOVE

The one, who is enchanted with the divine love, needs no other enchantment.

ENERGY, WASTED

If we waste our energy in hatred, arrogance and egoism, we will be left with none for human service.

ENLIGHTENED, ACT

Every act of an enlightened person shows the Path.

ENLIGHTENED, GOD'S WILL

An enlightened person does not do his own will but the will of God. All his actions fulfill the will of God.

ENLIGHTENED, MIND

The enlightened detach their mind from the world and attach it to God.

ENLIGHTENED, WORLDLY

An enlightened person loves even those who hate him, while a worldly person loves only those who love him.

ENVIRONMENT, WORSHIP

Environment does have its impact on humans but the devotees worship God with faith and conviction, unmindful of the environment. This is just like a lotus which grows in muddy water but is unaffected by it.

EPIDEMIC, ANTIDOTE

The world is in the grip of the epidemic of enmity, jealousy and hatred. It can be controlled only with the antidote of love and affection.

EQUALITY, DUTY

All are equally entitled to love and honour, irrespective of the duties performed by them.

EVIL, BURY

Like filth, evil should be buried, not spread.

EXPOSURE, PRACTICE

We can take a photograph only if we load a camera with a film and expose it. Similarly, a human can be redeemed only when he is loaded with God-knowledge and exposed to practice.

"F"**FAITH, GOD**

The material world cannot entice and harm us provided we have faith in God.

FAITH SUSTAINS

It is not belief but faith that sustains one.

FATHER, ALIENS

When the Father is one and the same, how can the family members be aliens?

FATHER, ONE

The need of the hour is to foster brotherhood among humans of different temperaments and cultures. They should bear in mind that they are all children of one and the same Father i.e. God.

FATHER, SAME

The moment we realize that we are children of the same Father; we can live together as brothers and sisters.

FAVOUR, GREATEST

We feel grateful even for a little favour. The saints and sages, however, regard integration of the soul with the Supreme Soul as the greatest favour, worthy of the highest gratitude.

FEELINGS CALMED

As a body is cooled by cold water or cool breeze, frayed feelings can be calmed by the soothing words of a True Master.

FLAME, AGLOW

Selfless service, God-remembrance and congregation keep aglow the divine light lit by the True Master.

FESTIVALS, OCCASIONS

Festivals are apt occasions to remember and imbibe the teachings of the Great Masters.

FILTH, GRASS

Lest filth should spread stink and pollute the environment, it is dumped under the earth. In course of time, lush green grass grows at the site. Similarly, saints and devotees 'dump' the base feelings and grow the 'grass' of fragrant feelings to perfume the environment.

FREEDOM, BONDAGE

A prisoner longs to be free even if he gets only one loaf outside as against four in the prison. Similarly, a person in spiritual bondage cannot be truly happy even if he is provided with all the material amenities.

FREEDOM, CONSEQUENCES

The Supreme Energy (God) does not apparently act itself, although every act is ultimately done by it through its gadgets i.e. humans. These human gadgets have been given the freedom of action. But, ultimately, they have to face the consequences of their actions.

FRIEND, ENEMY

Your worst enemy is the one who weakens your faith in God, while your best friend is the one who strengthens your faith in God.

FORM, FORMLESS

The Formless (God) is Absolute. Yet, so much emphasis is laid on the form i.e. the embodied True Master, because the Formless cannot be realized without the grace of the one with form.

"G"**GEM, GLASS**

Man runs after glass (matter) instead of Gem (Truth).

GIFTS, USE

God has gifted everything to man, but the happiness imparted by these depends on how he uses them: whether as a trustee or as a master.

GLORIFICATION, GREAT MASTER

No Great Master can be glorified by merely tape-recording his sermons and hymns.

GOD, ABSENCE OF

Apparent absence or distance of God from you is due to the absence of God from your mind.

GOD, ALL-PERVADING

Like a deer who roams from bush to bush in search of musk (actually embedded in his own head), a bewildered man knocks about from pillar to post in search of God who is within as well as without.

GOD, CREATION

The sun, the moon, the stars, the earth and fire are the creations and powers of God; they are not God. As such, they should not be worshipped as God.

GOD, EGOISM

God and egoism cannot co-exist.

GOD ENTERS

If God enters one's life, the feelings of hatred, jealousy and pride quit.

GOD, EVERYTHING

We realize everything when we realize God. We are in distress because we do not care to realize God, the most precious 'thing'.

GOD, FAMILY

If we 'include' God in our family, happiness shall surely abide in our homes.

GOD, GREAT

People hear and say that God is great. However, only on realizing God, one realizes how great He actually is!

GOD, IN HEART

If God dwells in our heart, we are happy and peaceful, wherever we may be.

GOD, KNOW

Would that the people cared to know God instead of fighting in His name!

GOD, LIFE

If we imbibe God in our life, all goes well.

GOD, LIFE-BREATH

One truly breathes only when one imbibes the life-breather i.e. God and conducts oneself as a man of God.

GOD, LINK

A devotee linked with the God wishes others to be so linked.

GOD, LOVE

God is love and love is God. To love God means we must love fellow-humans.

GOD-MISSING

We commit misdeeds when God is missing from our mind.

GOD, NAMES

Though God is one, He is known by many names, which only signify His different attributes.

GOD, NEAR

God is not far but we have gone far from Him: He is ever near and dear to protect us. We have only to realize and be conscious of Him.

GOD, NEEDED

Some of us seek God to get material comforts, others to overcome the sorrow of losing them. In fact, we do need God, anyway and always.

GOD, NOT KNOW

Since our very childhood we have been reading and reciting that God pervades the entire universe and is nearer than the jugular vein. Yet, ironically, we still know Him not, nor care to know Him.

GOD, PEACE

God's Name bestows peace and bliss.

GOD, PLEASED

To please God, one has to stake oneself i.e. one has to sacrifice one's ego.

God cannot be pleased by rituals, penance or alms, but by loving and owning fellow men.

GOD, POLICEMAN

People often contend that it matters little whether one knows God or not. We well know that traffic signals are often ignored by some in the absence of a policeman, but not in his presence. Similarly, when we know and perceive the all-pervading God, we refrain from committing wrongs.

GOD, ROOT

We should hold fast to the root i.e. God, the creator, the sustainer and the prime mover, as our main stay.

GOD, SEEN

Generally, it is asked: Can God be seen? Does this question not negate the experience and teaching of the Great Masters who have said in no uncertain terms that God can be seen and realized?

GOD, SUSTAINS

Some people curse God, nay even deny His existence. Others are dedicated to Him and ever chant His glory. However, God sustains both, those who curse Him and those who praise Him. So do the saints and devotees, who identify themselves with God.

GOD, WATCHING

God is the supreme power the vital life force, invariably watching us. To Him we are answerable for all our actions.

GOD-COMMUNION, SECRET

God-communion is the secret of saints' happiness.

GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS, BLISS

God-consciousness bestows bliss.

GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS, CLEANSSES

God-consciousness cleanses and purifies one's mind.

GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS, ECLIPSED

Worldly involvements eclipse God-consciousness.

GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS, IMMERSION

A bath in pure and clean water makes one clean and fresh. Similarly, immersion in God-consciousness makes one pure and pious.

GOD-DEVOTION, GOD-KNOWLEDGE

Mere singing the praises of God is no God-devotion, as is generally believed. It is not fruitful as it lacks God-knowledge, a prerequisite for God-devotion.

GOD-DEVOTION, GOD-UNKNOWN

God-devotion means God-realization and God remembrance. How can one be devoted to God whom one does not know?

GOD-DEVOTION, LOVE

Bereft of love and faith, God-devotion is meaningless.

GOD-DEVOTION, TRAIN

God-knowledge and action are like the two rails for the train of God-devotion to move on.

GOD-GLORIFICATION SOOTHES

God's glorification and sermons of the saints and devotees soothe our simmering minds.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, ACTION

Without God-knowledge action is blind and without action God-knowledge is lame.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, ASSIMILATION

God-knowledge is the same, but its assimilation varies from person to person.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE AWAKES

Even the healthy and wealthy people are discontented, while a devotee who lacks both health and wealth, is ever smiling, because God-knowledge has awakened him to the harsh realities of life and made him even-minded.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, BELIEF

Sans God-knowledge, belief in God has no meaning.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, CONDUCT

One who is blessed with God-knowledge, should also possess a noble conduct to inspire others.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE CONTAINS

Just as devastating fire is extinguished by a shower of rain, the fire of hatred and jealousy, engulfing the world, can be contained by God-knowledge, love and humanism.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE DISPELS

God-knowledge dispels all our misgivings and misunderstandings.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE ENLIGHTENS

God-knowledge enlightens and tranquillizes the mind.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, DOG-CONSCIOUSNESS

God-knowledge can be sustained by God-consciousness alone.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, MIRROR

The human eye can see everything except itself. To see it, one needs a mirror. Similarly, one can 'see' one's real self only in the mirror of God-knowledge.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, NON DISCRIMINATOR

Discrimination of any type is incompatible with God-knowledge.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, PERFECTION

God-knowledge though perfect in itself, has to be supplemented by practice to attain perfection in everyday life.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICE

Mere attainment of God-knowledge is not enough. It has got to be practiced.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICE

A threaded needle can stitch cloth and yet remain secure. Similarly, God-knowledge is secure and beneficial if 'threaded' with practice.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, PRIDE

One should not be egoistic or proud even of God-knowledge, because pride is after all an evil.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, RAFT

With the raft of God-knowledge, saints and sages rescue man caught up in the whirlpool of worldliness.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, SEED

Unless we sow a seed, there can neither be a plant nor flower nor fruit. God-knowledge is the seed, which sprouts into the plant of love, blooms into the tree of faith and bears the coveted fruit of Salvation.

After sowing a seed, we have nurtured it, hoe the soil and root out the weeds. When it grow into a plant, we set up a fence around it so that it is not damaged or destroyed. Similarly, there is need to tend the seed of God-knowledge by association with the saints, God-consciousness and the spirit of selfless service and self-effacement. In this way the seed of God-knowledge can bloom into a sprawling fruitful tree.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, SEED

God-knowledge is a seed, which has to be nurtured by faith in God, manure by God-devotion and watered by God-glorification.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, SPRING

Love, compassion and reverence spring from God-knowledge.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, THREAD

The devotees are closely knit by the thread of God-knowledge and love.

It is not possible to knit mankind together without the thread of God-knowledge.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, TRANSFORMS

God-knowledge transformed Sajjan, the thug, into a devotee and he is now revered as such.

GOD-KNOWLEDGE, SWORD

Man should arm himself with the sword of God-knowledge to cut asunder the chains of the mind.

GOD-MEN GUARD

God men guard humanity with love and affection.

GOD-REALIZATION, ATTAINMENT

The presumption that God-realization is a time-consuming job is not correct. Actually, it takes no time to realize God if the mediator is God-realized.

GOD-REALIZATION, BLISS

For a peaceful and blissful life, here and hereafter, God-realisation is a must.

GOD-REALISATION, BROTHERHOOD

Those, who realize God, realize that none is an alien; all are children of one and the same Father i.e. God. But those, who do not, divide themselves and others.

GOD-REALIZATION, DEVOTION

God-realisation is, in fact, true devotion.

GOD-REALISATION, EASY

A true spiritual guide makes God-realisation a matter of moments, so simple and easy.

GOD-REALIZATION, GUIDE

The study of scriptures may sharpen the urge for God-realisation, but it can be bestowed only by a Spiritual Guide.

GOD-REALISATION, HUMAN-INCARNATION

Bamboo is necessary to make a flute. Likewise, human incarnation is a must for God-realisation.

GOD-REALISATION, HUMILITY

On realizing God, we regard none as inferior. Rather, we consider ourselves humblest of the humble.

GOD-REALISATION LIBERATES

God-realisation enables us to rise above the worldly desires and liberates us from the cycle of births and deaths.

GOD-REALIZATION, NEVER LATE

It is never too late to shed our attachments and realize God.

GOD-REALISATION, PRICE

Total surrender to the True Master is the price of God-realization.

GOD-REALISATION, PURIFICATION

A washer-man never asks his clients to bring clean clothes for washing. Similarly, for God-realisation, a true saint does not ask the seeker to purify his mind first.

GOD-REALIZATION, RIDDANCE

On realizing God, one realizes one's real self by ridding oneself of all illusions and delusions.

GOD-REALISATION STRENGTHENS

The spirit of understanding, accommodation, tolerance and brotherhood, can be imbibed and strengthened by God-realisation.

GOD-REALISATION, SUFFERING

If after God-realisation, one does not perceive and feel His presence all around and does not refrain from doing wrong, one has to face pain and suffering like anybody else.

GOD-REALIZED, ALTRUIST

Primal passions of lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego, cannot overpower a God-realization person. They are under his control. If, at all, he is impassioned, it is for an altruistic purpose.

GOD-REALIZED, BLISSFUL

A God-realized person makes every place blissful.

GOD-REALIZED, GOD-LIKE

A God-realized devotee is God-like, because God dwells in his heart.

GOD-REALIZED, GOOD

Every virtuous and good person is not necessarily a God-realized being, but every God-realized being is essentially good and virtuous.

GOD-REALIZED, GOOD

Strictly speaking, there is nothing good or bad for a God-realized person. Yet, he always is and does good to inspire others to do so.

GOD-REALIZED, INSPIRED

History testifies that those, who realized God, exhorted and inspired others to do likewise. This holds good even today.

GOD-REALIZED, PERCEPTION

A God-realized person has no enemy. Everyone is his friend, because he perceives God in all.

GOD-REMEMBRANCE, DUTY

We can remember God even while performing our worldly duties.

GOD-REMEMBRANCE ENLIGHTENS

God-remembrance enlightens our mind and puts an end to tension and discord.

GOD-REMEMBRANCE, LACKING

God-remembrance by the unenlightened lacks God-consciousness.

GOD-REMEMBRANCE, RIGHTEOUSNESS

God-remembrance is the oil that keeps the lamp of God-knowledge aglow to guide us on the path of righteousness.

GOD-REMEMBRANCE, SHIELD

The path of life is riddled with thorns, which can be trodden over with the shield of God-remembrance, selfless service and congregation.

GOD-REMEMBRANCE, TONGUE AND HEART

God-remembrance (Simran) means recital of God's Name by tongue as well as by heart.

GOD-SEEKER, FISH

A true seeker of God feels restless like a fish out of water.

GOOD ACT

Even a single good act of ours can benefit us as well as others.

GOD-ECHO

The last syllable of word echoes in a cupola or valley. If one calls oneself good and others bad, "bad" would echo. One should therefore, call oneself "bad" first and others "good" thereafter, so that "Good" may continue to echo.

GREAT, ADVERSITY

Truly great are those who 'bloom' even in the autumn of adversity.

GREAT, BELITTLING

No one can become great by belittling others.

GREAT MASTERS, COMPARISON

It is wrong to make a comparison between the Great Masters. Their message and mission being identical, their teachings complement and supplement each other.

GREATNESS, DEEDS

Greatness lies in deeds, not in birth in a particular family, community or race.

GREATNESS, LIFE

Greatness lies not in merely attaining Light, but in leading an enlightened life.

GREED BLINDS

Greed blinds man and consequently he is incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

"GURMUKH" AND "MANMUKH"

There is a clear difference between "Gurmukh" i.e. devotee and a "Manmukh" i.e. self-willed person. The former follows the teachings of the Guru (Master), while the latter, the vagaries of his own mind.

"H"**HAPPINESS, ABIDING**

What worth is the happiness, which is short-lived and borrowed? We should strive for abiding happiness, bestowed by a True Master.

HAPPINESS, LASTING

For lasting happiness, we shall have to make God our only refuge.

HAPPINESS, MATERIAL OBJECTS

Man is unhappy because he seeks happiness in material objects. Even those living in palaces are not really happy.

HEART, HANDS

God should be in our heart even when our hands are at work.

HEART, LOVING

A loving heart alone can make the earth a heaven, while a malicious one can turn it into a hell. We should, therefore, embellish our heart with the feelings and sentiments of love.

HEIGHTS, DIVINE

We can reach the divine heights only when we realize the Divine and repose firm faith in Him.

HELL, MAN-MADE

Man created a hell for himself when he raised around him the walls of caste, creed, colour, country and religion.

HOLY ONES, HUMNITY

The holy ones manifest themselves for the entire humanity. Their teachings, too, are for the entire humanity.

HOLY PERSONAGES, REVERENCE

Holy personages never belittle their counterparts and compeers. Rather, they have the highest reverence and regard for one another.

HUE, DIVINE

Today, man is dyed in the worldly hue and is self-centred. If he dyes himself in the divine hue, he can sublimate and elevate himself to divinity.

HUMAN, CONDUCT

Having been born as humans, we must conduct ourselves as such.

HUMAN, HUMANISM

It is not enough to be born a human; one must conduct oneself as such. Hence the ancient exhortation "Be human", showing that man has always been deviating from the path of humanism.

A child, who forgets his lesson, cannot become a scholar. Likewise, one who forgers the message of humanism, is not even a human, much less an angel.

HUMAN, IDENTITY

Nobody calls himself a human. Everyone relates his identity to some caste, community, religion or race.

HUMAN, INTRINSIC

A child is intrinsically born simply as a human, carrying no stamp of religion or caste. He is so stamped by the society, afterward.

HUMAN, MAN

It is very easy to carve out God out of a stone, but it is extremely difficult to 'carve out' a human out of a man.

HUMAN, NOTION

A true human emerges when the notion of superiority is shed.

HUMAN, SUPERIOR

A human being is superior to other creatures only if he attains the real goal of life i.e. God-realization.

HUMAN VALUES

Man becomes human only if he imbibes human values such as love, humility and compassion.

HUMANISM, FRAGRANCE

Those, who are imbued with the spirit of humanism, are like the flowers, which diffuse fragrance and enhance the beauty of the garden.

HUMANISM, HARMONY

When everyone conducts himself as a human, surely, love and harmony prevails.

HUMANISM, HEAVEN

Humanism establishes a heaven on the earth.

HUMANISM RIDS

Once we adopt the religion of humanism, we will be rid of the perverse passions and impulses.

HUMANISM, SENTIMENT

If by merely listening to the sentiment of humanism we feel blissful, how much more so we would be if we live up to it?

HUMANITY, DIVIDED

Humanity is divided by man himself through dismemberment into various divisions. Thus, man has created a hell for himself.

HUMBLE DRINKS

The one who bends drinks to his fill, but the one who stands erect stays thirsty. In other words, the egoist remains 'thirsty', while the humble drinks the 'elixir' and experiences bliss and happiness.

HUMILITY, ARROGANCE

Arrogance drives one out of one's wits. Hence, saints and seers give the pride of place to humility.

HUMILITY, KEY

Humility is the key to peace and harmony.

HUMILITY, LOVE

Humility ushers in love and banishes bitterness.

**"I" TO "THOU"**

When a person realizes God, takes refuge in and aligns himself with Him, his "I" gives way to "Thou".

IDEALS, SAME

All the prophets and messengers, who manifested themselves from time to time, worked for the benefit of the whole humanity. Of course, they adopted the diet, dress, language and culture of the place of their birth. Their basic ideals did not, however, differ despite the aforesaid variable factors.

IGNORANCE, EGO

Ignorance gives birth to ego, ego to hatred, and hatred to violence.

IGNORANCE, VEIL

The evil of ignorance clouds our vision and deludes us to regard others as aliens.

IMMORTALITY, FREEDOM

Immortality means freedom from death, the fear of which haunts the entire humanity.

INTOXICATION, PROP

The God-intoxication are branded as crazy by the common man, not knowing that God-intoxication serves as a prop for self-sublimation and self-elevation.

"J"**"JIVA" FREE**

The "Jiva" or the individual soul acts as impelled by the subtle qualities of its mind, intellect, conscience and ego. It derives its energy from the Supreme Soul but is free to act.

"K"**KNOWLEDGE, GOD-KNOWLEDGE**

If knowledge is wealth, God-knowledge is a treasure trove.

"L"**LANGUAGE, GREAT**

We fight over language. In fact, that language is great, which adores God, pleases humans and spells love, humility, sweetness, peace and harmony.

LANGUAGE, UNIVERSAL

The language of love is universal.

LEARNING, PRIDE

Not learning but the pride of learning brings one's downfall.

LIFE, EBBING

Man should realize God forthwith. The time when the end may come is a mystery; life is ebbing each moment.

LIFE, FLEETING

Like lightening, human life is fleeting. The holy personages, therefore, sound the caution that one should not put off achieving its prime purpose.

LIFE, PURPOSE

Strangely enough, man leads a life without caring to know its real purpose and import.

LIGHT, GOD-KNOWLEDGE

Spiritual darkness enveloped the world. Man should usher in the Light of God-knowledge to make life smooth.

LIGHT, KNOWLEDGE

Darkness of ignorance has always been there; so is the perpetual necessity of Divine Light to dispel it.

LIGHT, PATH

As light illumines our path, the Spiritual Light invariably illumines the path of eternal life.

LIGHT, WITHIN AND WITHOUT

In darkness we feel greatly perturbed and bewildered. Even beautiful faces appear ugly and useful objects prove stumbling blocks. Again, in darkness many sins are committed. Hence the emphasis on light, within and without.

LIVING, DEAD

Ironically, we disregard the living but revere and worship the dead.

LIVING FOR OTHERS

Those, who live for themselves, possess impulses, which are destructive for the society, while those, who live for others, imbibe constructive traits and exalt the society.

LOST FOREVER

The goose lost at night may be found in the morning. However, a man 'lost' to God is lost forever, because he has failed to avail himself of the opportunity of life to realize God.

LOVE, GATEWAY

Love and devotion is the gateway to God and eternal bliss.

LOVE, HATRED

As hatred surges in the mind, love recedes and man is alienated from man.

LOVE, IDENTITY

In divine love, there is no room for duality and discrimination, because one loses one's identity.

LOVE, MUTUAL

The love of the partridge for the moon is well known. Similarly, a moth is enamored of a flame. However, theirs is one-sided love. On the contrary, love between God and His devotee is mutual; God too loves His devotee; they are in a living communion with each other.

LOVE, PURE

The love of a mother for her child is pure and selfless. So should be our love for God.

LOVE REFLECTS

Love is a quality of the heart. If there is love in our heart, it is reflected in our word and deed.

LOVE, SACRIFICE

Love is a rare acquisition. One, who is not prepared to make a sacrifice, cannot love.

LOVE, SANS

Sans love, devotion is meaningless; sans love, man is a beast.

LOVE, TRUE

Love that wavers is not true love. True love is ever steady and steadfast.

LOW, INHUMAN

Low is the one who is inhuman.

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MAMMON, BACKWARD

In case we push mammon and ego backward, we shall move forward and vice versa.

MAN, ANIMAL

Though a human by appearance, man is an animal by conduct. Like animals, he attacks and tears fellow men.

MAN, BULLOCK

Without God- realization, man is wasting away his precious life in the round of daily chores, just as the bullock of oil milk keeps going round the same spot.

MAN ENAMOURED

Man is so enamoured of the creation that he fails to appreciate the greatness of the Creator.

MAN, IDEAL

Practical life based on the teachings of the Great Masters makes an ideal man.

MAN LEARNS

When man learns, he learns that there is so much more to learn.

MAN, PRIDE

Man is proud of his body and intellect. He thinks that his achievements are due to his physical strength, abundant wealth and high education and skill. He should know that these sources of pride may be withdrawn by the Creator or drained off, any moment.

One a globe, the large estate of a man does not appear even as a dot. Hence, all his pride of power and pelf is vain.

MAN, WARNED

A spider should be restrained well before it weaves its web and gets entangled in it. Likewise, man needs to be repeatedly warned before the bondage of matter overwhelms him.

MATTER, SHADOW

A spiritually enlightened person knows that matter is a mere shadow and therefore he does not chase it.

MIND, ATTACHMENT

A black bee can make a hole in the hardest wood but not in the softest flower. It gets so much intoxicated but the essences of a flower, that in the evening it is entombed by its petals and by the morning it is dead. Similarly, a strong mind can overcome the heaviest odds but under the impact of greed and attachment, it falls a helpless prey to worldly allurements.

MINDS, BLISS

When a person makes his mind the dwelling of God, he is all bliss.

MIND, DISCONTENTED

A discontented mind is like a vessel with a hole at the bottom and hence incapable of being filled.

MIND, DISTURBED

A disturbed mind cannot but create problems.

MIND, ENLIGHTENED

The world is a deep and dark ocean. But, if the mind is enlightened by the light of God-knowledge, one can cross it safely.

MIND, EVIL

Human mind is prone to evil. But if it is enlightened with God-knowledge, it becomes immune to evil.

MIND, PEACE

A mind caught in duality knows no peace.

MIND, SENTIMENTS

As water cleans the body, noble sentiments 'cleanse' the mind and soul.

MIND, STATE

Certain people feel alone even in a crowd, while others feel besieged by a crowd even when alone. All depends on one's own state of mind.

MIND, VILLAIN

Mind, the villain, drags down man in passions and vices.

MODERATION, GOLDEN

Moderation or the golden mean is the ideal way to enjoy worldly happiness as also spiritual bliss.

MOMENT, AUSPICIOUS

The devotees regard every moment and occasion auspicious enough for disbursement of God's grace.

"N"**NAME, NAMED**

Everything in the world carries a name. But mere name does not serve any purpose. Simply by repeating "light", we cannot light the room. There is nothing wrong in repeating God's Name. But we must know the named i.e. God in order to attain the primary goal of life as also to experience bliss.

NIRANKARI MISSION

The Nirankari Mission does not preach any new religion. It reiterates the ancient teachings of the Great Masters.

"O"**OCEAN, WAVES**

Waves are not oceans. Ocean is one, while the waves are many, emerging from and merging into it. Similarly, a soul is not God. God is an ocean and like the waves, souls arise from and merge into it.

OMENS, FEAR

Those, who have no faith in God, fall a prey to fear of stars and superstitions, which block their progress. Saints and devotees do not believe in such omens and carry on with their mission.

ONE, ONENESS

Know the One to be one.

ONE, MANY

Out of One have emerged many. Obviously, One is more important than many.

ONE, UNDIVIDED

The sense of 'mine and thine' has shackled and divided the humanity. But those, who reply on the One, can neither be shackled nor divided.

"P"**PASSIONS, DISASTER**

Reckless indulgence in sensuous passions drags one towards disaster.

PASSIONS, USE

The five primal passions-lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego-are not good or bad in themselves. It is their use that makes them good or bad.

PATH, SAINTS

The path we are blazing is not a new one; it is the same as shown by the prophet's messengers, saints and sages, since ages.

PEACE, OBSTACLE

The sense of "I-ness" and "My-ness" is an obstacle in attaining peace and bliss.

PEACE, SELFLESSNESS

Paradoxically, we fight for peace, but peace can be established only by shedding selfishness and narrow-mindedness.

PILGRIMAGE, BELOVED

Having known the Beloved, one is bound to Him. How can then one leave Him and go on a pilgrimage?

PILGRIMAGE, NEED

Having realized the All-pervading God, one perceives Him here, there and everywhere. Then one does not feel the need of undertaking pilgrimage to holy places.

PLACE, HOLY

A place becomes holy when a holy personage sets his foot on it.

PLACE, HOLY

A place, where the holy ones express holy thoughts and sentiments, is holy.

PLACE, SANCTITY

The sanctity of a place depends on the purity and piety of the devotees.

PLEDGES, GODLY LIFE

The Five Pledges of the Nirankari Mission are the path of godly life.

PRACTICE BENEFITS

We can benefit only by practicing the teachings of the Great Masters, and not by merely singing their praises.

PRACTICE, PREACH

The people have set up numerous platforms to preach universal brotherhood. Yet, it remains a pious wish, because those who preach brotherhood actually divide instead of uniting the people. The need of the hour is that we should not only preach but also practise.

PRACTICE SAVES

Practice of the saintly ideals alone can save the humanity from rock and ruin.

PRAYER, REALITY

All the scriptures teach us to pray for universal welfare. Generally, the people pray for the welfare of all, but act contrary to it. The devotees, however, sincerely strive to make such a prayer a concrete reality.

PRESENT, ATTENTION

Certain persons think that those who were born in the times of the past Great Masters were lucky and emancipated. There are others who look to the future for their redemption. Such persons simply waste the precious present. They had better pay attention to the present and not the past or the future, though there is no harm in learning from the past.

PRESENT, OPPORTUNITY

The present offers an opportunity to learn from the past and to brighten the future.

PRESENT, PAST

We cannot change the past but can, certainly, make the best of the present.

PRIDE, ANNIHILATING

A person, country or nation afflicted with pride of his or its power considers himself or itself superior and may stoop so low as to think of annihilation others, even the whole of humanity.

PRIDE DEHUMANISES

Pride dehumanizes and brutalizes man.

PRIDE DESTROYS

Pride destroys the merit of selfless service.

PRIDE, DOWNFALL

Pride and egoism drag us down and down.

PRIDE, FIRE

Pride is a fire, which reduces to ashes anyone dwelling in a castle or a cottage.

PRIDE, PROGRESS

When one considers oneself perfect and is proud, one cannot make progress.

PRIDE, RIDDANCE

It is said that pride has a fall. Why not fall at the feet of the saints to be rid of pride?

PROVIDER, PROVISIONS

One, who forgets the Provider but remembers only the provisions, cannot be truly happy.

"R"**REALITY, GLORY**

All see, but only some understand the Reality. Among them, a few adopt, and fewer still live up to it; they win glory.

REDEMPTION, CHALLENGE

The holy ones did not rest content with their own redemption. They knew well that with the pitch dark around, the task of redeeming others was a challenge. Yet, they redeem others, enduring the tyranny of the orthodox and the fanatics.

REDEMPTION, GOD-REALISATION

We must realize and identify ourselves with the God we worship, without which redemption is not possible.

REDEMPTION, INTEGRATION

Only by integration with God one can be redeemed.

REDEMPTION, LIFE

A human being can attain redemption only in his life. Hence, the importance of human life.

REDEMPTION, TRUE MASTER

Redemption or Salvation does not depend on place and time. It comes by the grace of a True Master.

RELIGION, ALIENS

True religion and divine vision bring even aliens close.

RELIGION, ALIVE

The need of the hour is to keep the true religion alive by following it in letter and spirit.

RELIGION, BASIS

Compassion is the basis of religion as pride is of sin.

RELIGION, BLOODSHED

Much blood is shed by man in the name of God and religion, which is not advocated by any religion.

RELIGION BLOWS HOT

When we switch off the pump of an air cooler, the water stops flowing and the air inside the room becomes hot and foul. Similarly, when we stop the 'flow' of coolness, compassion and tolerance of religion, it blows hot and spits fire.

RELIGION, CONDUCT

Religion consists not in outer trappings but in actual conduct.

RELIGION, COMMUNION

Today what is required is that man should know the essence of religion i.e. to establish communion with God.

RELIGION, FANATICISM

Religious fanaticism is the major cause of keeping many people away from religion and God.

RELIGION, FIGHT

What an irony, people professing different religions fight over religion without knowing what true religion is!

RELIGION, FOUNDATION

Without compassion, the foundation of religion, its edifice cannot stand.

RELIGION, GOD-REALISATION

Religion essentially means God-realization and love for every human being.

RELIGION, GOOD

There is no greater religion than doing well to others, and no greater meanness than causing suffering to others.

RELIGION, GOODWILL

Religion teaches us to bear goodwill for all.

RELIGION, GREAT

That religion is great, which brings man closer to man, inculcates love and humility and erases all distinctions and discriminations.

RELIGION, GREAT

The number of followers is not the measure of the greatness of a religion. Even if their number is small but they tread the path of righteousness, their religion is great.

RELIGION, HUMANISM

Religion inspires man to be a human before being anything else such as a Hindu, Muslim or a Christian.

RELIGION, HUMANISM

In reality, there is only one religion - the religion of humanism and love.

RELIGION, IGNORANCE

Ignorance of the true religion is the cause of the increasing human alienation and anguish and religious disputes.

RELIGION, INTOLERANCE

Ironically, religion, which should refine man and generate in him a sense of equality and tolerance, is today fomenting the sense of inequality and intolerance, is today fomenting the sense of inequality and intolerance.

RELIGION, NOT TRUE

The function of a fire-brigade is to extinguish fire. However, if it sprinkles oil, the fire will flare up. Similarly, if a religion, instead of extinguishing stokes the fire of communalism and hatred, it is not a true religion.

RELIGION, ROOT

In case we do not safeguard its root, a plant cannot grow. Similarly, if we do not develop love and compassion, the roots of religion, it will not bloom and blossom.

RELIGION, SOUL

The true religion is not concerned with one's language, dress or diet but with one's soul.

RELIGION, SWORD

Religion can neither be defended nor destroyed by a sword but only by following or violating its teachings.

RELIGION, THREAT

Religion faces a threat, if any, from within and not from without.

RELIGION, TRUE

True religion does away with all bondages and barriers.

RELIGION, TRUTH

Religion is Truth, One, who realizes Truth, is truly religious.

RELIGION, UNDERSTANDING

The need of the hour is to understand the real import of religion, otherwise we would simply get entangled in rites and rituals and delusions.

RELIGION, WALLS

Those, who raise walls in the name of religion, are ignorant of God. Those, who know Him, demolish such walls and foster unity.

RELIGIOUS SURRENDER

Those, who surrender to God, are truly religious.

RENUNCIATION, ATTACHMENT

Even after renouncing the world, if one is mentally attached to it, it is no renunciation.

RENUNCIATION, TRUE

To live without attachment and not to renounce hearth and home is the true renunciation.

REPETITION, FUTILE

If a person repeats the Name of God with his tongue and his heart is not in tune with God, his worship is futile.

"S"**SACRIFICE, GREATEST**

Self-sacrifice is the greatest sacrifice.

SAINTS, ALERT

Contrary to the common belief, the saints and devotees are ever alert and active.

SAINTS AWAKEN

If a driver feels sleepy, the person next to him has to engage him in conversation to keep him awake and alert. Similarly, 'saints' and sages awaken man with their exhortations lest he should become oblivious of the real goal of life.

SAINTS BEAR

A tree bears the scorching sun the whole day long, but provides cool shade to others. Similarly, saints coolly bear indignities, but shower 'calm and cool' upon the smoldering souls.

SAINTS, BOON

Saints and devotees are boon for the mankind on account of their spirit of service and sacrifice.

SAINTS, CHARACTER

Not saffron robe but character and conduct make one a saint.

SAINTS, COMPANY

Regular company of saints acts like the philosopher's stone, which transforms the base metal of life into gold.

SAINTS, EQUIPOISED

Saints and devotees are equipoise in happiness and sorrow, affection and disaffection, praise and slander, prosperity and adversity.

SAINTS ERASE

In the world, the people are divided in the name of religion, language or province. The saints and sages erase all such divides and divisions.

SAINTS, FREE

Saints and devotees live in the world but they are not body-conscious; they are free from the attachment.

SAINTS, GOODWILL

Saints never consider anyone as alien; rather they bear goodwill for one and all.

SAINT, HARM

A saint is ever in tune with God and cannot think of harming others.

SAINTS, IDENTIFICATION WITH

Saints identify themselves not with the visible body but the invisible self i.e. soul.

SAINTS INTOXICATED

Intoxicated with wine, the people fall unconscious and have to be lifted bodily by others. The saints and sages, intoxicated with the divine wine, uplift others.

SAINT, ONE

A saint is not doubled-faced. He is one in word and deed.

SAINT, OPTIMISTIC

A worldling perceives a day between two nights, while a saint perceives one night between two days. The latter being optimistic perceives the bright side of life, while the former, the dark one.

SAINTS OVERLOOK

The saints and devotees overlook the misdeeds of others and afford them a change to reform themselves.

SAINT, PATH

A saint does not deviate from the path of service even if he has to face the wicked, just as sandalwood does not withhold its fragrance even though the snakes coil themselves around it.

SAINTS, REDEMPTION

The worldly people may forgive their adversaries, but the saints not only forgive but also work for their redemption.

SAINT REVEALS

Self-styled saints only promise to but a true saint actually reveals, God.

SAINTS, RITUALS

Saints and devotees have no need for rituals, popularly presumed to be the route to God-realization. Having realized God, God is all for them, not the rituals.

SAINT SERVES

A saint renders great service to the humanity by combining God-knowledge with noble deeds.

SAINTS, SHELTER

Saints and devotees are like the trees, which face the sun, wind and storm, but provide cool shade and shelter to others.

SAINT- SOLDIER

A saint is a man of action. That is why he is also called a saint-soldier.

SAINT, STEADFAST

A saint or a devotee is steadfast to Truth. Despite opposition and hostility, he does not bear malice or ill-will for anyone, rather he prays for the welfare of all.

SAINT, SUFFERINGS

A saint patiently bears his own sufferings and willingly share others'.

SAINT, TASK

It does not require much effort and time to tear cloth into pieces. However, lot of time and labour is required in stitching together the pieces. The tough but noble task of stitching together i.e. forging unity among the alienated humanity and healing the wounds is undertaken by the saints alone.

SAINTS UPLIFT

Saints bow down to uplift others.

SAINTS, VIRTUOUS

Saints are virtuous because they are always aligned with God, the reservoir of virtues.

SAINTS, WISDOM

Wisdom dawns in the company of saints.

SAINTS, WORLD

Saints live in the world like a boat sailing on the surface of water. They do not get engrossed in the world.

SAINTHOOD, MARK

Tolerance and humility is the mark of sainthood.

SALVATION, KEY

The key to Salvation (Mukti) is God-knowledge (Brahm Gian), not performance of "Havan" (sacrificial fire), "Yagna" (a religious sacrifice) or "Pooja" (worship).

SALVATION, TRIO

Selfless manual service sanctifies the body, charity, the wealth and God-glorification, the mind. The trio leads to Salvation.

SANDALWOOD, FRAGRANCE

Sandalwood imparts its fragrance even to the axe that chops it.

SCIENCE, SPIRITUALITY

Unbridled scientific progress is leading to suffering and destruction and needs to be tempered with spirituality.

SCRIPTURES, KNOWLEDGE

Apart from their role in self-sublimation and self-elevation of man, the knowledge of the scriptures is useful in preaching because people repose faith in them.

SCRIPTURES, MASTER

An objective study of the scriptures gives an insight into the lives and through of the divine personages, but the divine vision can be bestowed by a Divine Master alone.

SCRIPTURES, MEANINGS

Scriptures have been composed by God-realized personages. Thus, their real meanings can be understood and interpreted only by God-realized persons.

SCRIPTURES, QUOTING

Scriptures should not be quoted inaccurately because besides being a sacrilegious act, it also hurts the religious sentiments of the people.

SCRIPTURES, UNDERSTANDING

The scriptures enshrine the divine experiences of the God-realized personages. Obviously, the one, who is God-realized, can understand and truly interpret the scriptures. Hence, the need of a contemporary True Master.

SEARCH KNOWER

One need not wander in remote and lonely places in search of God. God is omnipresent and all pervading. One should search for a knower of God; he will reveal God, at any place, at any time.

SEED CHANGES

When a seed grows into a fruit-tree, it does not vanish. It is very much there; it has simply changed its form into that of the fruit.

SEED, FRUIT

God-knowledge is a seed, while peace and detachment are its fruits.

SELF-REALIZED, TENDER-HEARTED

The faith of a self-realized person is like a rock, but he is also imbued with the tenderness of heart, love and compassion.

SENTIMENTS, WORTH

The value of a container depends on its content. Similarly, if we imbibe noble sentiments, we enhance our own worth and also benefit the society.

SERVE, BEST

They serve best who serve silently like the sun, the moon, air and water.

SERVICE, COMPULSION

Volitional service is rewarding. Service rendered under some compulsion is no service.

SERVICE, CREDIT

To allow credit to others, to bring others to the fore, while keeping oneself in the background, also amounts to selfless service.

SERVICE, DEVOTION

Selfless service embellishes devotion.

The great devotee Hanuman served Lord Rama with utmost devotion. That is why we find more shrines named after Hanuman than those after Lord Rama.

SERVICE, DISCIPLINED

Disciplined service is most useful.

SERVICE, NICHE

A person, who devotes himself to the service of others, creates for himself a niche in their hearts.

SERVICE, SHOW

Selfless service is no show business: it is self-sacrifice, self-surrender and self-effacement.

SICK, TREATMENT

If one does not feel the need to know God, one is 'sick' and should get oneself treated spiritually.

SIN, GOD ABSENT

We commit sins when God is absent from our mind.

SOUL, ABODE

Whatever be our vocation, we have the assurance that, ultimately, we shall return home. Should we not know and attain the true and final abode of our soul?

SOUL, DIVINE

It is said that human soul is potentially divine. Let us realize Divine and make it truly divine.

SOUL, FISH

Human soul cannot do without God just as fish, without water.

SOUL, LIFE-FORCE

Man must know his real self. He is, actually, the soul, the life-force, that activates and adorns his body.

SOUL, MERGENCE

After one's death, the soul does not merge with God, automatically, as is generally believed. Only that soul, which has realized God during the human life, so merges and is spared the cycle of births and deaths.

SOUL, PURE

Human soul, being the constituent of the Over Soul, is innately pure. When tainted with the dross of materialism, it can be cleansed by the elixir of Divine Knowledge to restore its pristine divine purity and shine.

SOUL, RE-UNION

Re-union of the soul with the Over Soul even after separation of many lives takes practically no time if one meets a True Master.

SOUL, STIRRING

Many realize that though they have reached the summit of material progress, they have not attained the real goal. They have become conscious of the stirrings of the soil and are anxious to know its ultimate abode-the prime purpose of human life.

SOUL, THIRST

No doubt, there is water under the earth but unless it is provided, we cannot quench our thirst. Similarly, God is all pervading but unless the soul realizes Him, it cannot satiate its thirst of ages.

SOUL TRAPPED

If a soul does not realize God, it cannot attain peace here or hereafter, and remains trapped in the birth-death cycle.

SOUL, VALUE

Soul, the life-force, imparts all value to the body.

SPIRITUALITY, RELIGION

Spirituality unites, while religion divides.

SPIRITUALITY, TRUTH

Spirituality is the route to realize and live up to Truth.

SPIRITUALITY UNITES

Spirituality ever unites; it never divides or creates fissures. It teaches us to perceive God, dwelling in all.

STUFF, SAME

The colours of our skins may be different, but all of us are made up of the same stuff, i.e. the five basic elements.

SWEETNESS WINS

A crow does not take away and a "Koel" (the Indian cuckoo) does not give anything to anyone. Yet, the latter wins the hearts by sheer melody. Like a "Koel", humans too should speak melodiously and diffuse sweetness.

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TEACHER, GUIDANCE

The guidance of a teacher transforms different forms and lines into coherent alphabet and the student a scholar.

TEACHINGS, TRANSGRESSED

In order to escape a lion, a deer hides in a thicket but starts eating away its leaves, thus exposing himself to the lion. Consequently, the lion pounces upon and kills him. Similarly, the teachings of the Great Masters, which are a means of human uplift and redemption, are being transgressed by man himself and thereby inviting his own doom.

TOLERANCE, BRIDGES

Tolerance builds bridges of peace and goodwill over the divides of divergence and dissidence.

TOLERANCE, COWARDICE

It is negative thinking to consider tolerance and non-violence as cowardice.

TOLERANCE, JOY

Tolerance mitigates frictions and fissures in human relations and enhances joy and peace.

TOLERANCE TRIUMPHS

Tolerance prevents atrocities and triumphs in the long run.

TOP, HUMBLE

A fall from the first rung does not hurt so much as one from the top. Those at the top should, therefore, be more cautious and humble.

TRADITIONS, SIGNIFICANCE

We are not against traditions but only wish that the people should realize their true significance before adopting them.

TRUE MASTER, HUMBLE

A True Master is egoless; he regards himself humblest of the humble.

TRUE MASTER, KNOWLEDGE

Since ages, man had been committing the folly of regarding the body as a True Master. In fact, a True Master is the knowledge and not the body.

TRUE MASTER, MARK

The true mark of a True Master is that he himself knows God and reveals Him to the God-seekers, then and there.

TRUE MASTER, OMNIPRESENT

The True Master is ever with you, whether he is beside you or thousands of miles away. You can see and speak to him through your mind, anytime, anywhere.

TRUE MASTER, TEACHER

To learn a particular subject, we send our children to a teacher of that subject. Similarly, to know God or true religion, we must approach a True Master or Satguru.

TRUE MASTER, TEST

The acid test of a True Master is that he can bestow God-realization on the seeker without delay.

TRUE MASTER TURNS

A True Master turns 'nothing' into everything.

TRUE MASTER, UNIVERSAL

A True Master belongs to the entire humanity, because he preaches truth, which is universal.

TRUTH, MESSAGE

When seeds are sown, it is not sure that all of them would sprout. Yet, a farmer sows, knowing that some would. Similarly, saints and sages have been spreading the message of Truth in the hope that some would heed.

TRUTH, SELF-SACRIFICE

One imbibes the spirit of self-sacrifice when one dedicates oneself to Truth and sheds one's ego. Consequently, bliss abides for him even in adversity.

TRUTH, SUFFERING

Only those who have realized Truth can bear suffering smilingly.

TRUTH, TRANSFORMED

Wherever the Message of Truth and Sages of Truth were deprecated, darkness descended. Consequently, the people faced doom and destruction. On the other hand, wherever it (the Message of Truth) was heeded, the people were enlightened and transformed into angels.

"U"**UNITY, BLISS**

When our fingers of different sizes function in unison, even a difficult task becomes easy. Similarly, we can lead an easy and blissful life when we imbibe the spirit of unity.

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Unity in diversity is the golden rule for both, humans and flowers. Instead of forming a colourful bouquet of human brotherhood, humans fight over the diversity of faith, colour, culture, race and nationality. They should emulate the flowers of different hues, which exist together in all amity.

URGE, GOD-REALISATION

If a person has a strong urge for God-realization, he will find a True Master to bless him with God- knowledge.

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VIRTUE, GOLD

A virtue is gold, which must be picked up even from dirt.

VISION, DIVINE

In the absence of the divine vision, discrimination and alienation cannot be eliminated. With the divine vision, even aliens become kinsmen.

One who is blessed with the divine vision perceives Divinity in all, while a common man look upon all as mere physical entities.

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WAYWARD IMPULSES

Scriptures do not teach us to 'kill' wayward impulses but to control them.

WEALTH, SPIRITUAL

Material wealth is bound to depart but spiritual wealth is abiding; it abides by us, here and hereafter.

One, who does not possess spiritual wealth (God-knowledge), is a pauper in spite of all his material riches. One the other hand, one, who lacks material riches but possesses the spiritual wealth, is an emperor.

WEALTH, SWAMP

Material wealth is a swamp. Once we are caught in it, we sink deeper and deeper.

WINE, DIVINE

A devotee is always intoxicated with the divine wine and hence ever drenched in the divine love.

The devotees drink the divine wine of God-consciousness.

WORD, COMMANDMENT

The word of a prophet or a sage is a commandment.

WORDS, DEEDS

We should solder our words with virtuous deeds.

WORD, WORLD

Word is mightier than the world.

WORLD ABLAZE

In this world ablaze with hatred and hostility, the one, who, identifies oneself with the tranquil Entity, stays calm and cool.

WORLD, COAL-CELLAR

The world is just like a coal-cellar. Whose passes through it, has his clothes soiled. All praise to the saints and devotees who come out of it unsoiled, by the grace of the True Master.

WORLD, DOOM

When man submerges himself in materialism, he meets his doom.

WORLD, GOD

The material world is colourful and fascinating, but has no worth in comparison to God.

WORLD, PROBLEM

With God in mind, dealing with the world is no problem. But if the world overshadows the mind, life becomes a problem.

WORLD, SELF

Man, who knows so much about the world, does not know his own self. What an irony!

WORLD, TORN

Today the world is just like a torn garment, which can be mended only with the thread of love and devotion.

WORLDLING, DEVOTEE

While rendering voluntary service, in the beginning, a worldly person makes tall claims of his capability. During the course of service, he boasts of his performance. And, in the end, he blames others for shortcomings and failures. A devotee, however, stays serene and humble all through and, ultimately, gives the entire credit of his service to God.

WORRY, FIRE

Fire burns the dead, but worry burns the living.

WORSHIP, IN MEASURES

They who worship in measures, do not worship, truly.

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YEARNING, MERGER

The intense yearning of a drowning man is to come out of water to save his life. One should have similar yearning to 'come out' of the material existence and merge with his Maker.

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