

# **SPIRITUAL SPARKS**

**(SAYINGS OF BABA AVTAR SINGH JI)**

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## "A"

### **ABODE**

The soul mistakes the human body for its real abode. It can be liberated from this illusion only by realizing God-its real abode.

### **ACCURSED**

Those, who commit sins, are accursed. So are those who have not attained God-knowledge.

### **ACTS**

Only those acts, which are approved by the Lord, are graceful.

### **ALIVE, DEAD**

One is deemed alive or dead, depending on whether one has realized God or not.

### **ARROGANCE**

Arrogance is eliminated by bowing to the saints.

### **AUSPICIOUS MOMENT**

The most auspicious moment dawns when a True Master unites one with God.

## "B"

### **BELIEVER, SELF-WILLED**

Spiritually, the believer succeeds, but the self-willed fails. The former saves, but the latter sinks.

### **BLESSED**

Blessed are those who perceive God in all.

Blessed are those who have realized God and are God-conscious.

Blessed are the diet and dress of those who glorify God.

### **BLESSING**

Master's blessing dispels fear and enables one to accomplish any task.

### **BLIND**

One, who does not perceive the Great God, is deemed blind, even though having eyes.

### **BLIND AND DEAF**

An intuitively deaf and blind person churns water as if it were milk. He is engaged in useless rituals in search of God.

### **BLISS**

O aspirants of bliss, first be enlightened what bliss is, its import and source by the grace of a True Master.

**BLISSFUL**

Those, who identify themselves with God, are ever blissful.

Blissful is the one who is humble and loving.

**BURDEN**

Those who do not realized God, the prime purpose of human life, are a burden on the earth.

**"C"****CASTE, CREED**

Man has no caste, creed or egoism at birth.

Castes and creeds were not created by God; these are man made. Our real caste is humanity; our real creed, love.

By assuming a variety of castes and creeds, man has simply multiplied his tangles and wrangles.

**CHILDREN**

Children of God-realized parents are brought up in a devotional environment right since their birth. As such, they march on the path of devotion.

**COMPANY**

One should keep company of men of faith, not of the rolling stones.

**CONGREGATION**

A congregation of saints is an assembly of the devotees having faith in their True Master.

Even the mind of God-realized person can waver. Hence the need for congregation.

We should attend the congregation regularly, because no one knows when a word of a saint may transform our life.

The congregation serves as a ship for the crossing the sea of worldliness.

Congregation guides us how we can tread the path of righteousness.

One, who attends the congregation regularly, does not fall a prey to doubts and delusions.

Congregation of saints transports the mind into ecstasy besides imparting steadfastness to it.

Congregation of saints is a blessing: it drives away sorrow, suffering and egoism; it stabilizes the fluctuating and vagrant mind, and illumines and purifies it. It is an elixir by taking, which the aspirant blooms and blossoms.

### **CONTEMPLATION**

Contemplation of God alone is beneficial, while other practices are empty rituals.

## **"D"**

### **DEATH**

Forgetfulness of God is 'death'.

Death is inevitable even for saints and sages. It can, however, be conquered by the Word of God, attainable by the grace of True Master.

### **DEEDS**

Ultimately, one's deeds alone stand by one.

Both pious and evil deeds are shackles, if these are not selfless.

### **DEVOTEE**

The one, who has firm faith in the True Master, is a true devotee.

To realize God and to be ever God-conscious makes one a true devotee.

A devotee's yearning for a glimpse of the True Master should be as intense as that of a person dying of thirst for water.

Just as a Pepphia (sparrow hawk) pines for a Swati Boond\*, a devotee yearns for a holy glimpse of the True Master.

Even in agony, the devotees do not moan and groan. They endure all agonies as the will of God.

A devotee should beg not for material gains but for the grace of the True Master and God.

How nice if a devotee were conscious that his words matched his deeds!

The devotee, who loves God, is loved by the True Master. A glimpse of such a devotee is as good as the glimpse of the True Master.

The devotees, too, have to suffer if they play fast and loose.

One, who serves the devotees, serves the True Master. However, the one who demands service, is not a devotee.

If a devotee does his own will, he cannot escape the nemesis for long.

The devotees of God love and respect everyone. They do not hurt the feelings of anyone.

Even in the Kal Yuga (Iron Age), the devotee should present the image of a man of the Sat Yuga (Golden Age).

An unworthy devotee brings discredit even to the worthiest True Master.

When we boil milk mixed with water, the latter first immolates itself as a token of gratitude to the former for giving it (water) its (milk's) form. Similarly, a devotee sacrifices his all for the True Master for diminishing him.

Those, who remember God day and night and seek His support in every venture, are the real devotees of God.

The devotees remember God, preach God and submit to the will of God.

The devotees precedence to the word of their True Master over any other knowledge.

Unlike the worldly folk, who consider themselves as masters of their body, mind and wealth, the devotees regards themselves as mere trustees of thereof.

If need be, the job of devotees are done by God Himself, because they rely on Him alone.

Instead of indulging in groupism or sectarianism, the devotees foster unity and harmony.

For the devotees, God stands face to face and guards them.

The Lord protects His devotees in all calamities.

The devotees of God are not accountable even to the God of Death.

Having surrendered of God, the devotees transcend the duality and shun double-dealing.

Undeterred by criticism, the devotees pursue their mission.

The devotees are ever cheerful like a blossoming flower.

There is an eternally on-going war between Truth and falsehood. The devotees are the warriors of Truth. God-knowledge is their ammunition for destroying the citadel of Falsehood.

The devotees should have faith in themselves, as their word has the potential of fulfillment.

## **DEVOTION**

Enlightenment by a True Master is a must for true devotion.

Popular notion of devotion embraces meditation, holding of breath, retreating to forests, pilgrimage, chanting of God's Name and melodies and beating of drums and cymbals. True devotion, however, consists in God-realization.

### **DISASSOCIATION**

If we disassociate ourselves from the True Master or the congregation, we may lose all that we had gained.

### **DIVINE BEINGS**

Most Divine Beings, even though of humble origin, are revered, while nobody talks of the contemporary kings and emperors.

### **DIVINE LAW**

It is a divine law that God can be realized by the grace of a True Master.

### **DONATION**

To the True Master what matters is not the amount of money donated but how it was acquired.

Donation of money earned by unfair means has no merit. The devotees earn by fair means and donate.

One should donate according to one's capacity.

### **DUALITY**

The sense of duality alienates man from God and degrades him; it blocks his vision and deprives him of the divine bliss.

### **DUST OF FEET**

'Dust of feet' of the saints is a boon, elixir and blessing. It enlightens the mind, purifies the heart and redeems the soul.

Even the 'dust of feet' of the one, who knows and loves the Lord, can redeem.

The 'dust of feet' of the True Master purges the human mind of its dross.

## **"E"**

### **EGOISM**

Elimination of egoism and surrender of the True Master are imperative for propitiating God.

The True Master does not stand by the disciple who suffers from egoism.

### **EGOIST**

An egoist does not relish spiritual bliss.

**EGOLESS**

The weight-loaded pan of a scale hangs lower, while the empty one hangs higher. However, an ego-loaded person is lower, while an ego less one is higher.

**ENLIGHTENED**

Enlightened souls view all with equal vision. Spiritual enlightenment keeps their mind clean and bright. Such ones, thought based in the world, are detached from it.

**ENLIGHTENMENT**

Even after attaining Enlightenment, one should strive for spiritual heights.

**ENRICHED**

Even a hapless and penniless person is (spiritually) enriched by a True Master in a moment.

**"F"****FAITH**

What really matters is one's faith. One, who regards the True Master as the real giver, is never in want.

Faith in the True Master and deprivation cannot co-exist.

**FAITHFULL, FAITHLESS**

The faithful and the faithless stay apart like oil and water.

The faithless know no peace and bliss.

God does not exist for the faithless.

**FINITE, INFINITE**

What a wonder, a huge banyan tree emerges from a tiny seed. Conversely, infinite formless God manifests Himself in a finite human body!

**FIVE PLEDGES**

We should regard our body, mind and belongings as a trust of God.

We should not be vain of our religion, race and caste.

We should not despise anyone for his diet or dress.

We should lead a household life, discharging our worldly responsibilities and not become a parasite or a fake saint.

We should not reveal God until permitted by the True Master.

**FORCES**

All the forces of nature stand in awe of God, who is their real master.

**FORTUNATE, UNFORTUNATE**

Fortunate indeed are those who take refuge in the True Master. Here fortunate means the spiritually fortunate.

How unfortunate is the louse, which sucks the blood of a cow instead of her milk. Similarly, those, who are lured by flesh and blood, are unfortunate. Conversely, how fortunate are those who attain God-knowledge and lead a life of the spirit.

**FORTUNE**

Fortune comes in two rounds: firstly, through human birth; secondly through God-realization.

**"G"****GOD**

God is not just a term but an omnipresent entity, not a figment of imagination but a living reality.

God is not the phenomenal world, but the transcendental reality.

In this whole world, God alone is true. The one, who reveals God, is the True Master, who deserves our gratitude.

An unenlightened person cannot perceive God, who is nearer than the jugular vein. Befriending God means befriending all.

One, whose heart is the abode of God, is transmuted into a God. He crosses the whirlpool of the world and is saved.

God abides in the hearts and on the tongues of saints.

God is the companion even of those who are forsaken by all.

God is our boat, oar as well as boatman.

God Himself is the cause of all causes and towers above all.

God is the guide and guardian of the truthful.

Though dwelling in whole of the creation, God transcends it.

First and last, God is all in all.

God alone is true, eternal and worthy of glorification.

God is nectar; whoso drinks it, attains immortality.

God is an ocean, which dissolves all dirt. To cleanse the mind of its 'dirt', it must be immersed in God.



God likened to a tree because it shelters all beings.

One should be as sure of God as of one's name.

Though the creator of all, God is bypassed almost by all.

Only the rare few can understand the mystery of God, the creator, the sustainer and the master of the universe.

God is Truth and can be realized by the grace of True Master alone.

God is the most powerful lighthouse of which man is just a ray; God is also the ocean of which man is just a drop.

### **GOD, EGO**

God and ego cannot co-exist. When a tree bears fruits, it bends downward. Similarly, if God dwells in one's heart, one must be humble, loving and egoless.

### **GOD FORGIVES**

God is omniscient. He forgives if one sincerely repents and pledges to be cautious in future.

### **GOD IN HEART**

Imbibe God in the heart to make it tranquil.

### **GOD PLEASED**

God being formless cannot be served. We can, however, serve the True Master and the devotees. If they are pleased, God is pleased, automatically.

### **GOD'S ABODE**

God's abode is full of bliss and free from all suffering.

### **GOD'S BOONS**

Priceless are the boons and blessings of God. They can be valued only by His devotees.

### **GOD'S DWELLING**

Where God-men dwell and God is glorified, is the dwelling of God.

### **GOD'S GLORY**

None can behold God's glory until God Himself displays it. Nor can God be realized without His grace.

### **GOD'S GRACE**

God's grace is the healing balm.

Without God's grace, man is helpless; his ventures miscarry.

Even a grain of God's grace redeems loads of sins.

We cannot glorify God save by His grace and will.

The grace of God and the True Master is not only a penances for all suffering but also bestow peace and tranquility.

### **GOD'S MERCY**

We should always pray for God's mercy, because how so cautious we may be, we can err.

### **GOD'S NAME**

Having identified God, go on uttering, chanting and remembering the Holy Name of God every moment, so that it is entrenched firmly in your heart.

### **GOD'S WILL**

Everyone gets what God wills.

### **GOD-CONSCIOUS**

For the Godless, even a little trouble seems great. However for the God-conscious, even a great trouble is small.

### **GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS**

Friends, let us imbibe God-consciousness from the True Master and cut short the cycle of births and rebirths.

We suffer when we forget God and are blissful when we are God-conscious. Let us ponder for how long we forget God and for how long we remember God.

God-consciousness is God-remembrance.

### **GOD-DEVOTION**

God-devotion is not possible without God-knowledge. How can one love someone without knowing him?

Without God-devotion, one is not entitled to be classed a human.

### **GOD-INCARNATE**

One, in whose mind God abides, is God-incarnate.

### **GOD-KNOWLEDGE**

Some persons consider God's creations like the sun, the moon, the stars, etc. as God. But as recorded in the scriptures, God is formless and all pervading. This concept is God-knowledge or Brahma Gyan.

Even after hearing about the Path, the blind cannot trace it. Likewise, simply by hearing the scriptures, one cannot know God. One can know God only by the grace and guidance of a True Master – God-knowledge.

God-knowledge is a rare gift for the suffering.

We can know the taste of a thing only on partaking of it. Similarly, we can experience the bliss of God-knowledge only on attaining it.

In no time, a True Master burns down the sins of ages with the 'fire' of God-knowledge.

Even animals and birds would be superior to man if he fails to achieve the real aim of human life i.e. God-realization. It is God-knowledge, which distinguishes a man from an animal.

God-knowledge is invaluable. It can be attained not by all the material wealth but by love and humility.

An ornament embellishes the body and also serves as an umbrella for a rainy day. That is why god-knowledge has been compared to an ornament.

Without God-knowledge, one falls a prey to repeated births and deaths. All one's worldly know-ledge, enterprises, status and riches go in vain.

Fie on the one who does not achieve the prime purpose of human life i.e. God-knowledge.

God-knowledge is the key to the Kingdom of God.

To inspire people for attaining God-knowledge, is doing a good turn to them.

God-knowledge enables one to realize the true meaning of life.

Fortunate are those, who have been blessed with the diamond of God-knowledge. They should keep it safe in the safe of live and humility.

The collyrium of God-knowledge bestowed by the True Master has dispelled the darkness of ignorance and now there is Light all around.

Love and humility is the price of God-knowledge.

Attainment of God-knowledge, one cannot truly imbibe the spirit of love, humility and reverence.

God-knowledge is holy and whoso imbibes it, turns holy.

God-knowledge is the fountain of all happiness.

Without God-knowledge, one cannot truly imbibe virtues such as love, humility and regards.

As a can is valued for its content, a devotee is valued for his God-knowledge.

There is nothing as valuable as God-knowledge. The lucky ones alone attain it.

God-knowledge is a unique and imperishable possession.

Whatever the age, there is only one way to realize God i.e. by the grace of a True Master.

Paradoxically, the treasure of God-knowledge increases as it is spent.

God-knowledge transforms the state of mind from autumn to spring.

Those, who drink the elixir of God-knowledge, satiate their spiritual thirst of ages and become immortal.

When wood is burnt, even rusty nail tightly jammed in it, get extricated, automatically. Similarly, all our accumulated sins are burnt down in the fire of God-knowledge.

God-knowledge can be attained only by love and humility, not by might and force.

God-knowledge ensures salvation. However, the devotees must shun evil company to be happy in this world.

So long as a bird is on its claws, it remains on the earth. But when it is on its wings, it soars high up in the sky. Similarly, blessed with the wings of God-knowledge, the devotee soars high up in the spiritual sky.

A Swati Boond (A drop falling from the fifteenth planet) is originally clean and pure. If it falls into a shell, it turns it into a pearl. Falling on a banana, it turns it into camphor. On hot iron, it perishes and on filth, it turns filthy. Similarly, those who attain God-knowledge, turn Godly and those who do not, stay worldly.

All the nine manifestations of nature constituting the creation i.e. the earth, the water, the fire, the sun, the moon, the stars, the ether, the air and the Jiva (embodied soul) are transitory. The tenth i.e. the Creator alone is eternal and immanent in them. Know this tenth, the unique and mystic entity i.e. God (Brahma). This knowledge is God-knowledge (Brahma Gyan.).

### **GOD-KNOWLEDGE, RITUALS**

Compared to God-knowledge, rites and rituals are worthless.

### **GOD REALIZATION**

One, who wishes to realize God by repeating God's Name, performing rituals and undergoing tortures, is misguided. God can be realized only by the grace of a True master.

Identification of the destination enables one to reach it. Similarly, identification of God can lead to God-realization.

Without love for God, one cannot realize God merely by chanting God's Name.

One can realize God only when one sheds one's egoism and takes refuge in the True Master.

One must realize God, the source of bliss and eternal life.

God-realization is the highest state of being.

God-realization is the fulfillment of the prime aim of life; it bestows supernal bliss and happiness.

God-realization is the second birth, which comes about through the Word of the True Master.

A job done without the direction of the master is not recognized. Similarly, without God-realization, performance of religious deeds cannot bear fruit.

God-realization guarantees honourable acquittal in the court of God. Do not miss, therefore, to realize god in this very life.

### **GOD-REALIZED**

A God-realized person does not criticize any religion.

The word of a God-realized person rends the veil of Ignorance.

It is the bounden duty of the God-realized to lead laymen on the path of Truth and thus make them happy and blissful.

God-realized beings worship the living instead of the dead.

Whatever a God-realized being contemplates, comes to pass. Therefore, he always thinks of good.

Only those, who have realized God, actually live; others are dead.

Only those, who realize God, are awake. The rest slumber under the spell of materialism.

A God-realized person knows the warp and woof of the cosmos.

A God-realized person in the King of Kings.

The one, who realizes god, abides in eternity i.e. liberation from birth and death, here and hereafter.

God-realized persons are like the military personnel, while the rest are like the civilians. It is the bounden duty of the former to save and serve the latter.

### **GOD-REALIZED, UNREALIZED**

As darkness and light cannot co-exist, the God-realized and the unrealized cannot consent.

### **GOD-REALIZED, WORLDLINGS**

The anger of a God-realized person is like a line drawn on water, while that of a worldling is like the one etched on a stone. Reverse is the case of their respective love.

### **GOD-REALIZED, WORLDLY**

Unlike the worldly people, a God-realized being is not swayed by lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego, rather he makes a judicious use of these instincts.

**GOD- REMEMBRANCE**

Always remember to one, revealed by the True Master.

God being omnipresent, no particular time or place is needed to remember Him. We can remember Him anytime, anywhere.

God-remembrance imparts divine glow to one's countenance and drives away one's distress.

The Word of the True Master if fully imbibed, would, automatically, enable one to remember God and banish evil thoughts.

God-remembrance demolishes the edifice of egoism.

God-remembrance is an elixir for the body and mind.

The devotees, whose heart ever pulsates with God-remembrance and every breath of whom is steeped in God-consciousness, deserve all adoration.

**GOD-REVELATION**

Fire is latent in wood, but it can be manifested only when ignited. Similarly, God is latent in every creature and object, but can be revealed and realized only by the Word of a True Master.

**GOD-VISION**

Man, without God-vision, slumbers in delusion and is not aware of his true self.

**GOAL**

To realize God and not to eat, drink and sleep, is the goal of human life.

**GRACE**

Even a little grace redeems one from all one's sins, just as a single spark reduces reduces a pile of wood to ashes in no time.

**GUIDE**

The blind cannot lead the blind. Likewise, a guide without God-vision cannot unravel the Divine Mystery.

**"H"****HUMILITY**

Humility is the ornament of saints.



### **ILLUMINED, IGNORANT**

Apparently, the ignorant and illumined are alike. However, God is a closed book for the former but an open one for the latter.

### **ILLUSIONS, DELUSIONS**

Man seeks Light, in vain, in hills, caves, holy places, holy rivers, woods, graveyards, etc. it is nothing but an illusion.

As one departs, riches shall part. Without the Light of the Lord, one's possessions are only illusions.

Human mind has been clouded by delusions. That is why man dances to the discordant tunes of different castes and religions.

Delusion devours its own devotees just as a she-snake devours her offspring.

Our youthful bloom and form are mere moonshine (delusion), not things to be proud of. If we are enamoured of these, we shall miss gold for dust.

### **IMMORTAL**

One can become immortal by identifying oneself with the immortal.

### **IRONY**

What an irony that those, who claim themselves to be the followers of the Great Master, do not live up to their teachings.

Ironically enough, those, who dedicated themselves to human redemption, were maligned and persecuted.



### **JAPA**

“Japa” means to know and to know (God) one needs a knower or a True Master.



### **KNOWN**

God-knowledge makes the unknown, known.

## "L"

### **LIBERATION**

Even a sinner is liberated forthwith by surrendering himself to the True Master.

### **LIGHT**

As light is essential to see in the darkness, light of God-knowledge, bestowed by a True Master, is a must to see God.

### **LORD**

The Lord Protects His devotees in all calamities.

### **LOTUS FEET**

'Lotus Feet' signifies humility and sanctity.

'Lotus Feet' connotes humility and enlightenment.

### **LOVE**

A Chakor (the Indian partridge) swallows fire in its passionate love for the moon; a Bhawan (black bee) loses its life in the lap of a flower out of its mad love for its essence; a Parvana (moth) immolates itself in its intense love for a flame; a Pappyhia (sparrow hawk) dies thirsting for a Swati Boond (A droop falling from the fifteenth planet). All this is one-sided love. The love between the devotee and the True Master is, however, mutual.

## "M"

### **MAMMON**

The glamour of Mammon may entice one, but it is not abiding.

### **MAN**

Before acquiring any religion or caste label, one is just a man.

Though in human form, man acts like an animal and devil. Even with a sensual mind, he poses to be pious.

### **MAN OF FAITH**

A man of faith transcends duality and leans on God alone.

### **MAN OF GOD**

The one, who has realized god, is a man of God.

### **MASTER, DISCIPLE**

The word is the master; consciousness, the disciple. Few, however, know this secret.

### **MASTER-SCIENTIST**

Scientists have invented many a deadly weapon, even one of which can wipe out whole of the humanity. The master-scientist (True Master), however, dispenses the elixir of God-knowledge that regenerates even the dead spirits.



**MASTER'S WORD**

The Master's Word spells the doom of the birth-death Cycle, leading one to immortality.

**MERIT**

Practices such as holy baths, pilgrimages, recitation of scriptures and renunciation may carry some merit. Real merit, however, consists in identification of God.

**MIND**

Mind connotes belief and faith.

Human mind is chained by mammon and attachment.

Smearing the body with ashes cannot pacify the lusty mind.

Mind sparkles with the glow of God-devotion.

People say God cannot be realized without purifying the mind. They however, fail to realize that mind can be purified only by God-realization.

Engrossed in the muck of the worldliness, the mind is soiled and oblivious of God. But as soon as it is cleansed with God-knowledge, it is again purified and enlightened.

O mind, shed your ignorance and be enlightened by the grace of the Master.

The mind can be enlightened spiritually by the grace of saints.

In fire, coal glows like fire, but out of it, it turns jet black. Its blackness can be removed not by any amount of washing but only by putting it back into fire. Similarly, oblivious of God, The Mind is wrapped in the darkness of ignorance. It can be enlightened not by rites and rituals, but by the light of God-knowledge.

**MOVING CORPSE**

Without God-knowledge, one is a moving corpse.

**"N"****NAAM**

"Naam" (Word) denotes God Himself. It is not just a name to be chanted.

The "Naam" (Name) and the "Naami" (named) are one.

"Naam" means God-knowledge, bestowed by a True Master.

**NAME**

At the time of initiation, the True Master reveals God and tells the devotee to invoke Him by a particular name; other names may evoke the images of other divine beings or gods, but not of God.

## "O"

### **ONE**

The devotees behold the One in all – beautiful or ugly.

Without knowing the One, the world cannot be one. The True Master alone can reveal the One.

One creator, one creation – this is the clincher.

It is no goog preaching the One without knowing the One.

The True master is ordained by the One to preach and 'deal' in the One.

God and True Master are one.

## "P"

### **PEACE**

One, who disregards saints and the True Master, knows no peace.

### **PERSONS**

There are three categories of persons. Through, outwardly, they look alike, inwardly, they are entirely different entities like the sugar-candy, cotton and stone. When immersed in the nectar of divine discourse, those in the first category are 'dissolved'; those in the second category are 'drenched' and those in the third category are not affected, at all.

### **PILGRIMAGE**

Surprisingly enough, people undertake pilgrimage to holy places to seek God, not realizing that they already dwell in Him.

Association with a saint is a pilgrimage.

### **PLACE OF WORSHIP**

The place of worship are meant to realize and glorify God.

### **POWER AND PELF**

Bloom, power and pelf shall not stay. Grandeur of mammon shall also pass away.

### **PRAISE**

One is, automatically, praised when one no longer hankers after praise.

### **PRAYER**

One may pray for others welfare but never for causing them harm, because thereby one may harm one's own self.

Our prayer can be fulfilled if we pray in all humility and have firm faith in God.

**PRIDE**

The pride of power, self and skill is vain. A devotee is proud of his Guru alone.

**REAL HOME**

A soul knocks about and faces countless births and deaths until it recognizes and realizes its real home.

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**REALITY**

There is hardly any difference between God, His Messenger and His devotee. They are but different manifestations of the same REALITY.

**REAP**

On enlightenment, one's past sins are forgiven. However, one has to be cautious in future, because then one shall have to reap what one sows.

**REDEMPTION**

Without seeing (God), faith does not develop; without faith, love does not sprout; without love, devotion does not evolve and without devotion, redemption can not be attained.

**RELIGION**

True religion means seeing God in and around everyone.  
To realize and preach God, is the true religion.

**RELIGIOUS**

The so-called religious folk meditate, tell beads and take holy baths, yet the greedy dog lurks in their heart.

**RELIGIOUS DEEDS**

If one does not behold the Lord, face to face, all one's religious deeds are an empty show.

**RICH**

One is truly rich if one possesses spiritual wealth, which can neither be stolen nor exhausted.

**RITUALS**

Penances, fasts, trances, holy dips, yogic feats, self-immolation, memorizing hymns, are all rituals and cannot by themselves lead to God-realization and redemption.

When a student joins a college, school books are of little use to him. Similarly, having realized God, rites and rituals are of little use.

**"S"****SAINT**

The popular notion of a saint is that of one, who renounces home, retires into woods, dons saffron robes, sits near fire, etc. the real hallmark of a saint, however, is that living in his worldly home, he discovers his eternal home.

A saint is free from births and deaths and enjoys perpetual bliss, beyond the reach of pain and fear.

A saint is boundless and fathomless like God Himself.

A saint 'deals', only in the Holy Word and cures all suffering with it.

Sandalwood does not shed its scent, even when snakes coil themselves around it. Similarly, a saint does not shed his saintliness, even when surrounded by the unsaintly.

Saints are gentle even to the lowliest. Simplicity, humility and truthfulness are the ornaments of a saint.

Even the stone-hearted and sinners are transformed into saints by saints.

The praise of saints and sages is the praise of God. They are not apart from God. What they say, turns out true.

No one should bear enmity towards the saints, who pray and work for the welfare of the whole humanity.

Saints even remember God, love all, esteem all and redeem all.

Saints stay serene even in dire adversity.

Fake saints cannot unravel God. If they are requested to do so by a God-seeker, they put him off.

Saints and seers are the mouthpieces of the Lord. They deserve to be revered and hailed.

Saints are occasionally tortured and even hanged by the world. Yet they endure such sufferings as the will of God and own the whole world.

**SAINTS' COMPANY**

Company of saints is an elixir, which dissolves egoism and imparts enlightenment and bliss.

Saint's company washes all sins, enabling us to rise above worldliness.

**SAINTS' GRACE**

Without saints' grace, none can change his lot.

One is rid of one's base feelings by the grace of saints.

**SALVATION**

Salvation can be attained only by the grace of a True Master.

**SCRIPTURES**

The scriptures describe God, but cannot reveal Him. This can be done only by a True Master.

The scriptures alone are not the Bani (Holy Word); whatever the holy ones utter, is also the Bani.

The essence of all the scriptures is that without God-realization, one has to suffer the birth-death cycle.

Living up to the teachings enshrined in the scriptures is their true reverence.

The scriptures are a mirror in which one can perceive one's state of mind.

Some people claim their scripture to be higher than others. Such a claim is misconceived, because the teachings of all the scriptures are basically identical.

**SELF**

Realize your real self (God) today. Don't put it off till tomorrow.

**SELF-WILLED**

The self-willed cannot drink the elixir of God's Name, nor can they chant the glory of God.

The self-willed suffer, but the devotees enjoy bliss and happiness.

**SENSUOUS**

Steeped in sensuous pleasures of touch, taste, smell, sound and beauty, one forgets God.

**SERVICE**

Service of saints with body, mind and wealth purges one's mind of evil designs.

Service of saints is most rewarding, maybe even is this very life.

Service approved by the Master is the highest.

One can serve saints and sages only by the grace of God.

Selfless service is ever unconditional.

The devotees of God serve one and all.

Serve the saints selflessly to full fill your wishes.

If a devotee serves the True Master, he enjoys abiding bliss.

Without selfless service, God-knowledge does not bloom. Selfless service guards us against suffering.

### **SINNER**

One, who does not shed his egoism and realize God, is the greatest sinner.

### **SLANDERER**

A slanderer, surely, suffers.

### **SOUL**

God is Truth, Consciousness and Bliss, while the soul is Truth and Consciousness. On realizing God, the soul attain Bliss, as well.

### **SOURCE**

Know the supreme source of Light, of whom your soul is a ray.

### **SPIRIT**

An illumined spirit will, ultimately, rest in the lap of the Lord.

It is the spirit, symbolizing the Supreme Spirit or God, which activates our biological frame.

### **SURRENDER**

Surrender to the True Master changes one's destiny and liberates one from the cycle of births and deaths.

One, who has surrendered himself totally to the True Master, becomes an image of the True Master and is exalted.

Those, who surrender themselves to the True Master, strengthen strengthen their faith.

## **"T"**

### **TEACHINGS**

For a devotee, the teachings of the saints and sages are blessings and assets.

### **TOLERANCE**

Tolerance, ultimately, triumphs.

**TONGUE**

A bitter tongue makes life bitter.

**TRUE**

To win over the Lord, one must be true, within and without.

**TRUE MASTER**

The True Master awakens man from the slumber of ignorance by blessing him with God-knowledge.

A True Master is kind, especially to the humble; he is also their stay and refuge.

Prostration at the feet of the True Master bestows the fruit of holy dips at all the places of pilgrimage.

One, who chants the glory of God in the company of a True Master, attains the abode of God.

We should ever remember and contemplate the True Master, who has endowed us with a new life and spiritual wealth i.e. God-knowledge.

A self-styled True master is just a pond of mire, while a genuine one is an ocean of elixir.

The True Master is God-incarnate. Not his body but his knowledge is God, omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent. As such, one should pray to him for the fulfillment of one's wishes, wherever one may be.

It is a divine law that whenever God manifests Himself as a True Master, He does so in a human body. However, the latter must not be mistaken for the body.

God dispenses divine justice and stays unconcerned while awarding punishment or reward. The True master, however, shares the joys and sorrows of his devotees. As a reservoir of mercy and compassion, he forgives the sinners in the name of God.

A wayfarer feels bewildered and helpless without the knowledge of the route and destination. A hint from the guide, however, dispels his delusion. Similarly, a hint from the True master dispels the spiritual delusion and bewilderment of a God-seeker.

A True Master is the master of the world. He does not need anything. However, he accepts even the smallest offering, because he is like the soil which yields fruit of the seed sown therein.

The True Master, who is God-incarnate, overlooks our shortcomings and ferries us across the worldly ocean.

None except the True Master can foster concord in the all-pervading discord.

True Master and congregation are one. The one forgiven by the congregation, is forgiven by the True Master.

Whoso equates himself with the True Master, suffers.

A True master honours the wishes of the devotees.

As water, air and sun are for the whole humanity, so is a True Master.

The True Master pulls down all dividing walls of castes and creeds, so that the people may sit and worship together.

God is Truth. One, who 'deals' in Truth, is a True Master.

A True Master removes man's veil of Ignorance, unites him with God and thereby strengthens his faith in God.

The True Master is not the body and never dies. He is the God-knowledge, which is immortal. Those, who regard the body as the True Master, are sadly mistaken.

A True Master is formless as well as of form.

A True Master cleanses in a moment the aspirant's mind of all 'dross' accumulated in the past and the present.

The True Master is God incarnate. One should devote oneself heart and soul to his service.

Life, without the True Master, is no life.

A living True Master is indispensable to correctly interpret the scriptures and reveal God. On one's own, none can either truly comprehend nor realize God by merely reading them.

The key to the Kingdom of God is with the True Master. Pray to him in all humility and faith to dwell therein.

The True Master is fathomless. None can fathom his greatness.

The puzzle of good and evil can be solved only by a True Master.

One, who cannot unveil the Creator and Sustainer of the universe in His infinite and all pervading dimensions, is not a True Master.

In 'dealing' with the True Master, one should dissolve one's egoism. This will save one from the consequences of one's actions.

One, who has pleased the True master, crosses the whirlpool of the world and attains his true abode, even at his home.

A True Master is a 'place of pilgrimage', where one is rid of one's sins.

The True Master is an ocean of nectar. Only the fortunate take a dip in it and enjoy solace and bliss.



The True Master provides the matchstick, which ignites the fire of God-knowledge that blasts all one's doubts and delusions.

Like a watchman, the True Master awakens those, who having forgotten God, slumber in ignorance. If they doze off again and forget God, they are themselves to blame for their doom.

By revealing God standing beside ourselves, the True Master liberates us from the birth-death cycle.

The water in a tank is warm on the surface but cool underneath. A thirsty person pushes the surface-water aside and drinks the cool water. Similarly, pushing the creation aside, the True Master reveals the Creator, enabling the thirsty soul to satiate its age-long thirst for re-union with God.

### **TRUE MASTER'S BLESSINGS**

Grace and blessings of a True Master make even a wretched sinner worthy of worship by all.

### **TRUE MASTER'S "DARSHAN"**

"Darshan" (glimpse) of a True Master means not "Darshan" of his body, but of God in him.

### **TRUE MASTER'S FEET**

A touch of the True Master's feet cuts asunder all fetters.

### **TRUE MASTER'S GRACE**

The grace of a True Master is potent enough to make an outcast of yesterday worthy of worship today.

To be worthy of True Master's grace, one should shed the pride of one's body, mind and riches.

The grace of the True Master overcomes all crisis. It also elevates and liberates.

The grace of a True Master can do even the impossible in a moment i.e. manifest God. God-vision is not attainable by craft, scholarship, artifices and loud calls.

### **TRUE MASTER'S GUIDANCE**

Guidance of a True master is a must for God-knowledge and God-realisation.

### **TRUE MASTER'S HALLMARK**

The hallmark of a True Master is that he establishes an instant communion between God and God-seeker.

### **TRUE MASTER'S HINT**

A True Master drops a hint. Whoso catches it, is redeemed.

### **TRUE MASTER'S REFUGE**

To take refuge in the True Master Means to repose faith in him.

Taking refuge in the True Master means to be spiritually enlightened by him.

### **TRUE MASTER'S SHELTER**

Shelter of a True Master makes one indifferent to the world and drives away the notion of 'I and mine'.

### **TRUE MASTER'S TEACHINGS**

Life is a course of spiritual living with the True Master as the teacher. Those, who understand and assimilate his teachings, pass out with flying colours.

### **TRUE MASTER'S WORD**

The Word of the True Master reveals God and grants liberation i.e. life eternal.

The Word of the True Master thrills the mind and relieves it of all delusions.

The Word of the True Master is the Word of God.

True Master's Word is Truth and bestows perennial peace of mind.

The Word is one and eternally the same. So is the True Master.

Just as darkness is dispelled by a lighted lamp, the ignorance of a soul is dispelled by the Word of a True Master, enabling one to see God all around.

### **TRUST**

Trust in God bestows peace of mind.

### **TRUTH**

The Gita, the Bible, the Quran, the Adi Granth, all unfold and uphold one and the same Truth.

Those, who 'deal' in truth, should first know what truth (Reality) is.

When the sun rise, the darkness, automatically, vanishes. We should unfold Truth, Falsehood would vanish, automatically.

### **TRUTHFUL**

The truthful identify themselves with and live up to Truth.



### **VEIL**

We cannot see God due to the veil of ignorance.

### **VISION**

A True Master blesses one with the divine vision i.e. the divine eye or the third eye, which alone enables one to perceive the formless God, face to face.

**"W"****WILL**

The ignorant do their own will, but the enlightened do the will of God.

**WORD**

The True Word and the True Master are one, but the ignorant regard them different.

The Word of a True Master is God-knowledge. It is as essential for God-devotion as breath is for life.

The Word is the True Master, though it comes from the mouth of a human (Truth Master).

**WORDS, DEEDS**

In the spiritual realm, what is valued are deeds, not words, howsoever impressive and melodious.

**WORLD**

The world is said to be a dark cellar, wherein the spiritually ignorant are the blind prisoners.

The world is a shadow and illusion. So are its manifold pursuits and attainments.

**WORLDLINGS**

As in the past, world lings worship the past but ignore the present True Master.

Ironically enough, instead of begging forgiveness, worldings blame God for their wrongs.

Worldlings worship power and are proud of their wit and wisdom.

Even a slight contact with a blackened vessel soils white clothing. Similarly, even a little association with worldings taints one.

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