

THE MASTER SPEAKS

(Excerpts from Discourses of Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji)

God-knowledge is self awakened by which an enlightened person can differentiate between the right and the wrong, between the true and the false. This knowledge is very noble and virtuous, but it is only useful if we utilize it in life, leaving aside the worldly pleasures and merge with the Divine Truth. Even if in spite of it, we still are engrossed in worldly pleasures, take refuge in falsehood, God-knowledge cannot be blamed for it. In the presence of light if we close our eyes, we will not be able to see. If we want to see, we shall have to keep our eyes open. We have to find our way in the light of this knowledge. We shall have to steer through the obstacles of life by it. Only then, we shall be able to advance further, be able to enjoy the bliss of devotion.

From the fragrance around, we realize that there is garden nearby, where the flowers are blooming. From the light we find there is the sun. Likewise, from the fragrance of saints, from their humility, love, affection and sense of brotherhood people feel their presence and enjoy the bliss.

One cannot be called a saint, merely by his saffron robes. In fact, only his actions and behaviour can put him in the category of saints.

Who is a Gurmukh (God loving person)? Who can be called a Gurmukh? This word 'Gurmukh' is composed of 'Guru' and 'Mukh'. It means one who has his face towards Guru, who is not deceitful, hypocrite, robber, or plunderer, is a 'Gurmukh'.

'Gurmukh' is the one, who by the grace of his Master (Guru) has fear of God in his heart, has faith in Guru's word, attends congregation regularly, sheds his ego and seeks the company of saints. He, who does not deceive, never lies, does not speak ill of others and keeps the 'word' of his Guru (God) in his heart is a true disciple (Gurmukh).

If having the God-knowledge one doesn't use it, doesn't live with it, is not humble but arrogant, he will not enjoy the bliss of it. Contrarily, even if one had it recently, but is totally transformed, will be the real gainer.

Mere knowledge of God is not going to be of any use to us. Unless we make it a part of our life, it is not going to help us in any way. We cannot be successful in our lives.

God realization lays some responsibilities on ourselves. When the doctor precautions any medicine to a patient, he counsels some precautions. Just the same, when one is bestowed 'God-knowledge' one is told to be courteous to others, to wish well of everybody, not to hurt others in any way. If we act upon these, only then it is going to be of some use to us. If we are not humble and courteous, still hurt others, we will not benefit from it. It is important that after attaining this Divine Knowledge, you are humble, helpful and courteous. That is the essence of it.

While traveling on a train, if one hasn't got a proper ticket, he will always be afraid of the ticket checker. He may have entertained his fellow passengers, but when the checker comes, he will

definitely ask him for a ticket. Even if he pleads that he has entertained the passengers, the checker is not going to accept his plea and will say, "I have nothing to do with anything else. I am to check your ticket." Accordingly one may pretend any thing, unless he has God-knowledge there is no way forward for him in life.

On the other hand if one has the ticket, but has been troubling other passengers, people will say he is not a nice person. They will be happy if he drops at the next station. He will not enjoy the journey even if he has the ticket. That is not enough even. If he does not obey the law, he could end up in jail. It is the same with virtues, you may have God-knowledge, if it does not tally with your behaviour, it could even be more harmful. Noble is the one who has the ticket, is courteous, helpful, loves and respects people. After having God-knowledge (Gyan) it behoves him to be like this.

Disciple (Gursikh) is the one, who is always ready to learn, wants to learn. He is the person who has the eagerness to learn, to know. One who thinks himself to be perfect and is not receptive to learning cannot be a true disciple. The quality of a disciple is to be humble, lowly and submitting. He wants to attain the good qualities of other people. The one who attains this is considered noble and virtuous in the eyes of his Master. He is elevated in Kingdom of God. In the words of Baba Avtar Singh, "When a devotee sees another devotee, he feels ecstatic." If we have not got that noble feeling in us, we do not act on the words of our Satguru.

If we indulge in thinking ill of others, we cannot be happy ourselves. One who always looks at others' failings, finds faults in others to disgrace them in the eyes of other people, cannot be called a Gursikh (devotee). He can not be happy and prosperous person. If on the other hands one points out failings and weaknesses of a person with an earnest desire to help him, then we should all pray that nothing untoward happens to him. We should also make sure that what has disgraced anybody, should not happen to us. One who has such feelings in him, is never disgraced or dishonored. In reality he is a true disciple.

After enlightenment, it benefits to be united with the Sangat (congregation). In Sangat we develop an outlook of love, affection and respect. We are changed and transformed what we experience, we talk among other people. The people who don't come to Sangat, do not believe it, say, "that is not possible, it cannot happen."

If one is standing in scorching heat, and somebody comes out of a room, where a fan has been running, giving cool air inside, the person standing outside will say, "it is not possible. If it is not cool in the wide open space, how can it be cool inside a small room." He cannot believe that a fan can give cool air. Just the same who has attended the Sangat can feel the joy of it, the one who hasn't cannot. The one who has shared the joy, has a dip in the ocean of saints can feel and understand that pearls are found in the ocean, not near the earth.

Coming to Sangat does not mean to sit like a statue. It means to listen very carefully to what is said, go home as ponder over seriously, If somebody has said something to grind his own axe, forget it, but if somebody has said something for the benefit of the listeners, then mould your life according to it.

A devotee's life is the life of fearlessness, He is not afraid of anybody, because he has achieved his object of life. His only object then is to serve humanity. Many Nirankari saints have sacrificed their lives for this. I pray to God that everybody's ideal should be like this, everybody should be like them.

The saints who have sacrificed their lives for the propagation of the Divine Truth, we are inspired by their steadfastness, by their resolve, their solid determination, their fearlessness.

We are to imbibe in ourselves courage and steadfastness. We are absolutely sure that no power on earth can harm us. When we are determined to do good to all, nobody can do anything to us.

Everybody, irrespective of whether a Seva Dal member, an organizer, or a manager, is to respect each other. He has to keep the flag of humanity, truth flying higher and higher, bearing in mind he doesn't hurt anybody, is rude to no one, and is not fearful of anybody.

Saints have never submitted to any coercion. If ever they have, it is to the Almighty. If ever they think of doing anything, is not to hurt anybody. Only the pretenders are afraid, Saints are not because they are the true ones. They have attained the Divine Truth.

Saints are not afraid of carrying the banner forward, because they are not fake. As the soldier in uniform has the authority, he is not afraid of anybody. If anybody wants to check his credentials, he is not scared, because he is a true soldier, On the other hand a fake one is always afraid of being caught, In the same way, the true saints, who have the Real Truth, the divine Truth, are never afraid. Saints! You have known the Truth, Never be afraid of anything; march fearlessly in the world, nothing is going to happen to you.

What you hear in Sangat, think and ponder over it; once you accept it, have full faith in it. One who breaks away from Truth cannot live in peace.

The worldly people want to amass the material possessions which are short-lived. Happiness can only be attained from God. This is our message which we are to carry forward to the world.

You are not to worry about anything. You are to console others; you are to inspire others, as you have dedicated your lives for the good of all the mankind. Fearlessly, take this message to the people.

You might have sacrificed certain lives for the noble cause. But you have chosen the path of Truth. You have been wishing well for everybody earnestly. This is the path of saints. Under no circumstances you are to deviate from this path of Truth. Saints are never perturbed, are never afraid of any circumstances, They remain composed, because they have merged themselves with God. We are to march forward on the path of Truth. Our duty is to love.

It has always been the feelings of devotees to admire their Satguru's teachings and blessings. This can only be done if we act and mould our lives according to the Guru's 'word'. Whatever he expects us to do, go on doing it. His teachings should become our way of life because it is the teachings of Satguru which guide us through difficult situations.

People worship the Guru but do not care for his words. This is not right enough. We must adore Guru's words. Simply believing in Guru won't achieve anything. We have to mould our lives according to the teachings of the Guru, which will lead us to happiness and prosperity in life.

We are to keep in mind that what has been taught to us becomes part of our life. We are to adopt ourselves according to the teachings and traditions of our saints and sages. What we preach, we should act on it. Not by the lure of worldly pleasure we should get deviated from the teachings of saints and sages, lest somebody should point out 'he does not do what he preaches.'

Saints do not feel satisfied by being happy in themselves. They want to share their happiness with others. Because the unhappiness and bitterness in their life have gone, they want the bitterness in the world to end. Those who are still wandering in the wilderness of the world, should end their wilderness and drink the cup of eternal bliss.

If somebody puts a candle in the container it will light the inside of the container only, but when the candle is put on top of the container, the whole room will be filled with light. The lives of saints are a candle put on top of a container, which illuminates the whole world. It is their eternal wish that everybody should be enlightened.

A devotee who is linked with God, wants everybody to be linked with Him (Supreme), so that every human being after knowing Him, should believe in Him, accepting that every thing belongs to Him and he is only a trustee. In this way all differentiation between man and man, high and low, will be eliminated. He will then pray for the greatest good of all. Because all the obstacles in the path of the devotee are cleared, he would pray all obstacles be cleared from the path of the rest of the people also.

If somebody goes the wrong way, does something wrong, hurts or harms somebody, we say that is what his teacher has taught him. So we shall have to be very careful and should always remember the teachings of our Master, Pray for the lost one to come home. This is the benevolent intention they relish. If the world treats them harshly, they don't get upset, because they are dedicated to end the sufferings of all the people. They have this divine emotion in them, that the eternal bliss which they experienced, may become the possession of everybody, by which they will also become happy.

Those beings who love other human beings, being them closer to each other, are elevated in the eyes of God. The rotten fruit is always put aside and nobody wants it. Only the good one is wanted. In the same way those who love God, become the wanted fruits, everybody wants to have them.

Every moment of saints' life is spent in the name of God. Their sacrifices are beneficial to the world. This they do to show the world the way. They put their trust in God and stay with Him to the end of their life.

The one who thinks himself the master of the world, and hankers after the worldly possessions is not honored in the Kingdom of God. History is witness that those who made people to bow

before their own faith by force, like Aurangzeb had been branded tyrants, but the saints who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of worship are honored and remembered, like Guru Teg Bahadur. It cannot be changed by the passage of time. The greatness bestowed upon them will stay with them till eternity. No force has or can alter that.

When a worldly man becomes happy, he wants to contain it in himself, or at the most extend it to his own family only, but the saints (Godly people) are not like this, they want to share their happiness and bliss with whole of mankind.

Saints! Keep on making humility an integral part of your life. Be on the watch that you do not offend or hurt anybody. If somebody has left the fold for some reason, persuade him to come back home.

One of Jesus' parables has come to my mind. A man had two sons. One asked his father to give him his share of the property. The father gave him half of his money. His son left home and went away. He wasted all his money on bad things and came home penniless. His father received him with open arms and lavished a grand party in honour of his coming back. His other son, who stayed with father all the time, helped him, got upset and said to his father, "The one who wasted all your money, you have welcomed him so lavishly. I have always helped you, but you never did anything like this for me." The father said to him, "He was misled and indulged in bad things, now he has realized, that is why I am so happy."

Likewise, if some one loses a coin, he does his utmost to find the one lost, though he has got the rest of them. So if a shepherd has lost one sheep, he goes to find the lost one, though he has got the rest of the flock. The saints do their best to bring the lost one to the fold, even though they still have got the rest of them. Saints have always done that and they will go on doing it.

Saints should not simply wish well for others, rather prove by their practical deeds and actions. As fire gives light, water coolness, saints should naturally strive for the greatest good of humanity.

Saints! Wherever you have been, you have been showering love and affection all the year round. Keep on doing this dauntlessly, because you know success of every thing depends upon the Divine Will, and that is with you. That is why you should go on doing it fearlessly.

By our dedicated lives we can easily bring other people nearer to us. The dedicated person receives all the blessings and becomes vehicle for other to get that. Who-so-ever comes in contact with him feels the coolness of his heart.

Suppose a man draws the outline of his house on a piece of paper with all the amenities. If he brings his family to live under the outline, he will be mistaken. If he wants a real home, he will have to build one. Like-wise if we build a real house on the plans of the saints, only then we will be able to live under the Divine building of life comfortably.

The way of life which you saints have adopted, you are to stick to it, you are to keep on that track. Whatever you are doing in the Mission, whether an active worker or a quiet sitter in the

congregation, you are to go ahead. Humility is a part of your behavior and if you are kind and courteous to other, It adds another dimension to it.

A disciple doesn't finish at realizing the Ultimate Truth, he makes it a part of his life, gives it a practical shape. He is not to renounce life, but lead a practical saintly life. If someone has hurt you, and you have forgiven him, don't think God has not seen it. He has and He will do the justice.

If a man after perceiving Nirankar, doesn't feel Him around, doesn't associate with Him and is not prevented from doing wrong things, then he too will experience pains and sufferings as anybody else. A devotee always does the right things, since he is conscious that God is omnipresent.

Our character should be such that nobody should be able to point a finger at us. When children misbehave people usually say, "This is what their parents have taught them." In the same way, a finger can be pointed at us and our Guru if we are not behaving right. We are to be on the guard all the time. Our Satguru has taught us to love and respect. We are to do it all the time.

Our life should be spotless, nobody should dare to point a finger at us, rather should learn from a Gurmukh. A little blot on the otherwise clean dress becomes apparent straightway. What I mean is that 'whatever good qualities we have, a little slip can spoil it.' So the saints always pray to God that they should not get any blot on their life.

We are to do the same deeds by which our forefather saints attained saintliness. Mere singing praise of them will not beautify our lives. We are to become like them. Only deeds make one higher or low. While doing good deeds if we have a slight element of arrogance in us, the nobleness of our deeds will be fruitless.

A true devotee does not shirk his social obligations of life, rather performs them with dedication. One who cannot make his life beautiful, cannot make others' lives beautiful. We are to strive for the greatest happiness of life. We are to become virtuous. Only the virtuous person can be a good citizen and good religious man.

The world is to judge you from your dedication and reputation, as to what were the principles for which your Nirankari Saints sacrificed their lives. It is the duty of both young and old to strictly follow and abide by those principles. While broadening your outlook and vision, you are destined to enjoy the bliss of true devotion. As you have been the well wishers of the humanity, so you are to be.

Whenever the devotees meet, they sing the praise of Nirankar. In reality they are no different from Him because they are completely merged with Him. The devotees feel the presence of the Lord every where. They are not attracted towards the worldly possessions.

Devotee being capable and powerful, submits to God. It is his belief that whatever happens, is the will of God. He wishes well for others, he has no enmity for any one.

Saints live by the will of God. When we read history, we find that on whom we had put our faith were all like this. If Moughals had seen perfect Messiah, a perfect saint in Guru Arjan, they should not have persecuted him. Surely if they had seen in Guru Teg Bahadur, a perfect saint, they should not have treated him the way they did. It becomes apparent that some people in arrogance and selfishness try to create the impression that this person is misleading the people. Saints have always preached love and humility. On the other hand the vested interests spread the falseness that this saint is very dangerous for the humanity. In spite of this, they do not give in. They do not budge. They say, "If bringing souls together is a sin, let it be. If preaching fraternity and equality is a crime, so be it." This is the only way to bring people together, to bind them in a single thread. They never changed their direction in the past, they will not change in the future.

Prophets have never been accepted and recognized as such in their own life time. It has never happened that what the Prophets said, people accepted and made their lives worthwhile. Actually people put all sorts of obstacles in the path of saints and Prophets.

Generally, saints were never well off. They could not even make both ends meet, but they never accepted defeat in their life, because they had become one with God. The traits of God became their own traits. We cannot match them, we make mistakes, we are weaklings. If we go on repeating the same rut and do not reform ourselves, we will never be able to achieve anything. If we are determined to lead a life of a saint only then we could be able to do anything, only then we can transform ourselves.

We can only be successful if our words are noble, our actions are virtuous. It should become our nature to love Gursikhs and thus the whole world. When we take this word of eternal truth to the people we should express the same love and affection towards them. If our words do not match our actions, it will have no effect on them. Whatever high ideals we may profess it will make no effect on other people, if we don't act on them ourselves. As you usually say that repeating the word 'water' will not quench our thirst, so repeating tunes again and again will not unite people with God. Unless it becomes our way of life, we cannot enjoy the real bliss of devotion.

One who has merged his Self with God, has tuned his soul with the Supreme Soul, feels His presence all around, and also believes whatever happens, happens in His presence, will not be rude to anybody. Blessed is the soul that has reached that stage.

Our Satguru (Master) has given us enlightenment, has linked us with the supreme. We are to take advantage of it. It is possible only if we follow our Master's teachings wholeheartedly. When we accept that whatever we do, where ever we go, He is seeing us every where, then nothing wrong can be done. In fact nothing is hidden from Him. We can do wrong if we think God is somewhere far away in the skies. Then we will have no fear of Him. We can do some wrong in that situation. The person with an iota of faith in Him, will not condone it.

A devotee is happy in all circumstances. Ups and downs do not affect him. He remains satisfied and happy. His outlooks broadens. Everybody is equal in his eyes. Wealth has no importance in his life. It is the devotion, which is important for him. For a saint the material world is not real, the true reality is God. Saints accept that this world is also His own creation, but in his eyes Creator is greater then creation.

Saints know that physical body is not eternal. It has to finish one day, nobody has lived for ever. Even then they did so much for mankind, showed them the way. For them life is more important from which others can get inspiration, get fragrance of bliss.

The one who thinks himself to be a great speaker, a great preacher gets respect from people only temporarily. Mere skill without the content can't give any one anything worthwhile.

The devotee gives up his pride, his ego and arrogance. Whatever message comes from his Master, he submits to it unhesitatingly. There is an old story. Once the Master ordered his two disciples to make pots. Both started. When they had finished, he ordered them to destroy and start again. One of the two questioned Master's decision, the other one accepted his Master's order and started again. The Master was very pleased with him. Such a devotee is blessed who has this sort of feelings in him.

Master (Guru) collects different flowers (devotees) from the garden of the world. They bloom and the world gets the fragrance. Thorns don't give any fragrance, it is the flowers that do. We, according to the teachings of our Satguru, are only to spread fragrance, happiness. The tree with flowers gives shade and fragrance to the passers by. The Bamboo tree does not even give shade, not to speak of fragrance. We are not to be like a bamboo tree, but a tree with fragrance, to give world happiness and pleasure.

He who is one in action and word is a true devotee. He can give inspiration to others. Only he can enjoy the true bliss. He is noble.

We are only to praise the Lord, and not to mention anything else. We should surge ahead from the bliss of the Lord. A saint is always the same from inside and outside. He is not double faced like the worldly people. A saint is dedicated to his cause. If one's actions don't match his words, he will become unhappy.

A saint, a devotee is one in word and deed. He means what he says. Why do we respect and think the old saints great? Is it because they wrote great classics and holy books? No, what they wrote they acted on them. If they wished well, they did well. Bhai Kanhaiya's example is before us. In the battle field he would give water to wounded soldiers irrespective of friends or foes. People complained to the Guru. The Guru asked him, "Why are you giving water to the wounded enemy soldiers?" Bhai Kanhaiya said, "I see 'You' in everybody. Nobody is my enemy or friend. Everybody is 'you'." Guru patted on his shoulder and asked him to carry it on. Such are the great deeds of saints.

THE MASTER SPEAKS - Part II

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Gyan (enlightenment) is not a miracle. It is an understanding. When it comes to anyone, there is no enemy on him, everybody is his friend. The whole world shines and sparks with his radiance. At that stage, the stratification, classification, division or designation, has no meaning for him. Then he knows that there is only one religion and that is Humanity. He treats the whole humanity as one. Caste, creed or dress have no value for him. He sees the whole creation belonging to Him. That is why there is no enemy for him.

Everyone is responsible for his actions, whatever he does he will have to bear the consequences of them. Once a man said to a Gurmukh, "If God does everything, then I am going to steal, God will be responsible for this, not me." The saint replied, "O.K. If you are caught and beaten up don't blame others, blame yourself; because if God makes you steal, he gets you beaten up as well."

In case of an epidemic, doctors don't sit at home, they go to the spot and help people to get well. While working they are conscious of the epidemic, and get vaccinated before going there, lest they might be infected. Exactly the same way, there is an epidemic of enmity, jealousy and hatred in the world. You saints can cure this by love and affection, but you will have to be vaccinated before you go to cure the epidemic, and that vaccination is the vaccination of enlightenment. Then only you could be able to go to the world undaunted of the epidemic and won't catch the disease yourself. The humblest in me prays to God that neither you get the disease of arrogance, jealousy nor you spread it, you rather help in curing it.

One who runs away from the battle field is not considered brave. We know that the soldier who absconds from the army is not honored. The one who fights in the field is honored with medals and becomes famous. Who runs away from the Godly struggle is not honored. The one, while living in the world is not lost in the whirlwind of temptations, is honored.

If anybody has feelings of enmity about us we are to change it, not by hatred and arrogance but by love and affection. Hatred begets hatred. If we put something inflammable on the fire, it will not put off the fire rather it will inflame it, although the inflammable material looks like water, which can put off the fire, but it will not.

We are to give respect to others. If we give respect we will be reciprocated in the same way. It is true that after having Gyan (enlightenment) we are saved from pangs of births and deaths but as long as we are in human body, we will be subjected to the worldly laws. I pray to the Almighty God, the way you have put your unwavering faith on Him in the past, you march ahead with the same vigour, intensity and strength.

The true believer cannot do any wrong thing. When a police-man is standing at the crossing the drivers stop at the red lights, when he is not there, the drivers looking around jump the red lights even, because they think nobody is watching them. Just the same, one who realizes God to be Omnipresent, where ever he is, whatever he does, he knows God is watching him, so he doesn't do anything wrong. Only God can give us strength and would not let us do any wrong.

When we are respecting a devotee, we are respecting our Guru in fact. One is respected when one's deeds are noble, his actions are good. The talkers only are left behind, It is of no use to have noble intentions, if it is not backed by noble deeds.

Gurmukh earns honour by his noble actions, but loses by arrogance. He earns bit by bit, but loses is one go. One who stays away from evil, God blessed him immensely.

A saint lives under the will of God. He is always grateful for the bounties bestowed upon him,

does not complain. He loves God. Bounties he accepts only as a gift from Him (God). If ever he has to chose between the bounties and Bountiful, he will without hesitation choose the Bountiful.

As a wife looks to her husband for her needs, but when her husband cannot provide her with a new saree, she doesn't say, "You will be my husband only if you get me a new saree, otherwise not." Saints love God for loving sake, Devotee never complains.

Whatever you have got, is a gift from God. You can use it for your genuine needs. You don't become arrogant and selfish for the wealth you have got, and use it to harm other. While enjoying the material comforts, we should appreciate the provider. Saints know it, so they don't get upset if they don't have it. They are like a cashier of a bank. Their job is to manage and look after the cash, and not to misuse it. The saints know that wealth, body and soul are the gift from god, it belongs to Him. He can take it back if and when He likes.

God is the sole Creator. All belong to Him, neither we nor anybody else can claim any credit. That is why saints always live in His bliss, always praise Him. Even in adversity, they don't complain to Him.

Contentment gives us pleasure and happiness, discontentment is a recipe for disaster. If saints abandon the path of nobleness, they could be affected by the adverse circumstances in the world and can get upset.

At the altar of devotion, the devotee offers his total submission, and sacrifices his complete self.

Sometimes we are not prepared to accommodate, we insist on our own argument to be accepted. We quarrel over very petty thing. This way we cannot enjoy the bliss of devotion.

When we come into the Mission, we take oath, that whatever we have got belongs to Him, we are only the trustees. God has given us wealth only for our maintenance. He can take it whenever He wants. In that case we are neither to be upset nor become thankless.

The Saints are to understand that the more they are courteous and humble, the more they will be respected. That is why they remain humble and modest. They don't criticize anybody, they believe everybody is His glimmer, that is why they love everybody, respect everybody.

Devotee, when performing any task, believes he is not the doer, the doer is God. He is making him do. As Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji used to say, "When somebody offers a gift of food for the congregation, someone is given the job of distributing it. If the distributor is thinking, he is the provider, he is mistaken, he is the only the distributor. Provider is somebody else." Saints know the Provider is God.

Nobody in the family hurts each other, but when someone from outside tries to do it, they defend each other. so if we think the whole humanity belongs to us, we won't hurt anybody, we will wish well of everybody.

We call him a saint/ devotee, who has known God, who is linked with Him. Such a person will

have no ill will for anybody, he owns the whole of humanity, considers human being a human being, To have such sentiments is true devotion. Now a days man thinks devotion is to hurt others, make them fight each other, sometimes in the name of language, sometimes in the name of religion. But the saints always try to unite people, bring them together. Because man has started on the path of destruction, he quotes the scriptures to justify himself. he will tell them, people took arms to face the aggressor, but forgets under what circumstances they did that, what forced them to do it. Fighting is not man's basic instinct. godly people know it, they take the weapon of love and affection to defend humanity.

Never a Prophet, or Guru has taken up arms to destroy the world. Only savages of that, due to their ignorance and arrogance. When saints oppose anybody, they don't do it through malice.

When stuck in the marsh, the more we try to get out the more we are submerged into it, but if somebody from outside gives us a little support, we are able to get out. This world is like a marsh. At every step there are worldly temptations to lure us in. Bu ourselves if we try to steer through, it becomes next to impossible, but by taking the Divine Hand one can easily sail through.

May God bless you to sustain your enthusiasm. acting on the principles of your faith, you have achieved miracles. Take the torch of divine Truth to every corner of the world, so that everybody unites with the Supreme and is blessed. that is my wish. In the past your have shown rare courage and unflinching determination. I, very humbly pray to God to keep the flame of your determination burning to spread the message of Truth.

Saints always praise the Lord. What we consider suffering and sorrow, they had experienced them too. they accepted them as blessing from Nirankar. They always said, "If I am praised, glory is Yours, if condemned, forgive me."

Those who submit to the will of God and leave everything in His hands, are great. they are the true disciples.

God had given man hands to do good deeds, help and serve the needy, but today he is using them to destroy His creation. God gave him tongue to speak kind and sweet words, he is spreading/speaking hatred and animosity. If anybody can calm the flames of hatred and animosity, Saints! it is you, and only you. Eyes of the world are at you, because you are the chosen ones. On fact, it is the task of the saints to soothe the world. their path is the path of love. those who are ignorant of this become inhuman.

Saints live under the divine will of God. they are not perturbed by the events. They are not swayed by the glitter of honors. In humility they show their sincere gratitude to the Lord.

One who has earnestly submitted to God, never goes the wrong way. Whenever one does, he is not with god. he will have to reap the fruits of his actions, both good and bad.

Having known the Truth, one acquires its virtues. he is always keen to learn, As long as he is ready to learn as a disciple, he progresses and benefits from it. the moment the intention to learn

stops, ego over-powers him. he then starts thinking other low, the progress stops, and he starts going down. Humility is the key to success.

Saints mention others' virtues only, that is how their life becomes virtuous. If there is a heap of dirt and you start scattering it the foul smell spreads all around. the air around becomes polluted. So, we start scattering foulness. Saints don't do that. they always spread fragrance only.'

When we go to the congregations to do some service, if we waste our time in gossiping, all the time will be wasted, nothing will be left for which we come for.

If we are really somebody's well wisher, if we see any failings in him, we will pray to God to forgive. It is just possible we may have some failings, we can pray to be corrected.

We usually notice others' bad points. They might have good qualities as well. We don't notice them, we don't want to know them. We exaggerate others; weaknesses. The saints only look at the good qualities.

If one sees a piece of gold in the dirt, he will pick it up, irrespective of it being in the dirt. He might say, "I will wash my hands." What is meant is that if there is a good thing in the muck go and pick it up. Even if a person has one quality, go and get it. Worldly people accept this argument for worldly possessions. It may be good for them but it is good for us as well. We should try to pick up everybody's good qualities.

If some body has fallen into the pit and warns us not to come near him, there is no harm in listening to him. Though he is fallen, he is at least warning us. But if we think, he has fallen himself, how can he warn us, it is a wrong attitude. so if there is any good thing anywhere, go and get it.

A saint is conscientious, has nobleness in his heart. He is humanity's well wisher. Who-so-ever comes into contact with him, he unites him with God. Saints have always done that.

Those who cherish Truth, adore it to the last. Truth is engrained in them. If we are truth lovers only for a short while, then we are only pretenders, we are not the true ones.

Though pain and pleasures are part of life, saints don't get bogged down by them, they steer through the whirlwind of life.

As lotus flower does not get submerged in the muddy water while growing in it, it keeps its beauty while there, the saints, while living in the world don't run away from it, rather battle with it. Only people like this can salvage the world.

Saints do not celebrate their occasions like the worldly people; they don't conform to the worldly customs. They try to get inspiration from great masters and make themselves virtuous. Unless their qualities become part of our life, it is not going to lead us anywhere.

Saints stay away from backbiting and bickering, beseech the support of the Almighty and pin

their hopes on Him, meditate his 'Name' and dedicate their lives for the cause of humanity. The greatest virtue of a devotee is his belief that everything belongs to Him. He lives by it, obeys his Master with dedication.

Man should pray all the time to be blessed. The hands given to him for the kind deeds be used for them, the feet should take him to holy places. Wherever any help is needed he should be there, his eyes should see good things and not bad things.

Truth is not propagated by words, it is done by actions. Our words should be supported by actions. If we dedicate ourselves to the Truth, people will automatically be drawn towards us.

Today, lot of responsibilities have fallen on your shoulders. You saints have proved that the blame put on the Sant Nirankari Mission was totally baseless, there was no truth in that. Now if somebody comes into contact with you, he will become the harbinger of peace and truth.

We spent so much time for the Truth, gave our lives for it. If we want to benefit from it we shall have to treat the Gursikhs with courtesy and respect. Perceiving the Almighty Omnipresent we are to be on the path of service, we are not to do any injustice to anybody. By swindling or by pilfering, if anybody has amassed the wealth it will cost him much more. So Saints! Live by the fear of God, don't rob others, don't do any injustice, rather sacrifice your life for the cause of justice. Saints are never short of anything, they have always plenty of everything.

Never think or do evil. Don't maltreat even your servant. You are the blessed ones, unite people with the Truth and make your lives sublime.

If someone is to please God, he should love His people. If one is to please the mother, he shall have to please her children. Hurting her children, if somebody thinks, he can please the mother, he is mistaken. Yes! only by the kind sentiments and behaviour you can please them. This is the message, which the Mission is to carry forward to the people.

The one who believes God only after realizing Him, lives a pious life. He feels happy, and tries to make others happy.

A saint lives by the will of God, perceives His presence every where, is grateful to Him, sees His reflection in His creation. No vice, ego or arrogance can come near him. Saints rise above shabby sentiments, because they are dyed in His colour, all earthly colors fade away in front of Him. We get this sentiment from the company of saints.

True disciple is the one whose actions and words speak the same language. If one says, "I am your servant," he will have to be his servant. There is a well known parable. There was a person, who one moment will say, "I am your servant, I am at your disposal." Next, he would threaten to teach him a lesson. The disciple is not to teach people lesson, he is to learn lesson. Servant is the one who is filled with humility. He is happiest and the blessed. He is elevated in the eyes of God. Only his prayers are accepted.

Devotee is a work oriented saint. He earns his living by the sweat of his hands. He is not a

parasite on the society. He is not repugnant to other people's food and dress. He accepts unity in diversity. He has no vanity.

When you are initiated into the Mission, you make some promises to fulfill. You don't go back on your promises. You stick to them. Serve the Lord with devotion and dedication.

The disciple accepts his Master's word as a command. He forgets his own honour and status, submits to his Master. One who becomes like that is transformed. He becomes great and noble. He is worshipped like his 'Master'.

Once a Master said to his disciple, "It is morning, go and fetch water." The disciple went to fetch water. When he came back the Master said, "It was too early, why did you go to fetch water?" The disciple said to his Master, "I have nothing to do with morning or evening, I am to obey you, allow me to do that." This is the true submission.

If your Gyan (God-knowledge) does not match with your words and vice-versa, you are not salvaged. As you have heard a parable: Parrots had learnt to say, "The hunter will come, spread his net to catch us. We won't be trapped in the net." When the hunter heard this he was very upset. But he said, "Let me try and see what happens." He put up his net and some grains on it. The parrots came down from the tree and started nibbling the grains. The hunter caught them. The parrots were still repeating the same meaningless words.

So even if you have Gyan, and still go on reciting the words without understanding anything, it is of no use.

There was a businessman who used to rent utensils. Once a man hired some utensils from him. He paid him the rent, but when he returned them he gave some extra ones. The businessman asked him why he is giving some extra. The man said, "The extra ones are the children of utensils I hired." The businessman kept quiet, but thought him to be a good customer. Next time the man came and asked the businessman to lend him some silver utensils and crockery, because he had to entertain some very important friends. The businessman first hesitated, but then lent him some silver ones. The man took them home, but did not come to return them. The businessman went to the man's house and asked him to return the silver utensils. The man said, "I am sorry, the utensils have died." The Businessman said, "How can utensils die?" The man said, "If they could have children, they could die as well."

The world is like this. For greed we become blind and cannot see right or wrong. Saints warn the world not to be greedy, listen to the voice of fairness and honesty. Do not forsake the truth or you will have to repent.

We have known the Truth by the grace of God. Now it becomes our duty to live by it. We are not to be entangled in the world of vices. We are to live by love and stay away from enmity and malice.

Where we are to give due respect and love to saints, we are also to treat the rest of world the same way, because God lives in everybody.

When we come to the congregation, we should meet those who strengthen our faith and bring us nearer to God. We should not stay in the company of those who take us away from God and make us waver. We should pray that we be kept on the path of truth and love, and mould our lives like that.

Saints do not simply talk, they behave. They don't only give sermons, they act.

When we have compassion for society, we are in true devotion and accepted in the Kingdom of God. Contrarily if we hate people, may be we have done some good deeds, we cannot be called saints.

To love His creation is to love Him. To please mother you will have to love her children. We cannot get blessings from the mother if we hate her children.

Everybody is to leave this world sooner or later. We are to see who is praised. It doesn't matter whether we have lived longer or shorter. That one will be praised who loved people.

We see during a journey, the one who has been courteous is remembered even after he has left the train. He leaves his impression upon us. Conversely if some one had been rude and offensive we don't want to know about him.

The one who is nice and kind is really acting on his Master's teachings. But if somebody is only quoting and reciting the Master's teachings, he is not acting on his Master's teachings and the scriptures.

The great masters were not only preachers, they were men of action. Their deeds inspired people. Their life became a model for other. Saints are always on the look out to serve the mankind. They think if they have missed the opportunity, they have missed everything, everything is wasted.

Great is the one who moulds his life according to the teachings of great men. Just narrating their tales won't make anybody great. The great men will not feel flattered by the praise. We are to become great by doing great deeds.

Keeping God in their heart, saints pray for the welfare of the people. They don't parrot the phrases of the greatest good of the greatest number, they say it from the core of their heart and do it. This is act of devotion. People think doing something for somebody is devotion. If you have some malice in your hearts, even good deeds are of no use. We say we adore the teachings of Gurus. If we don't follow their directions, it does not mean anything. If you adore somebody, you will have to listen to what he tells you to do.

A man was going to put a new drain to his house. His neighbor told him not to put it there, as it would damage their house. He did not listen. They took him to the village council, which forbade him to do that. But he still did that. When the neighbor asked him, "Don't you obey the council?" The man said, "I do, but the drain will stay there." Are we too doing like him?

The meaning of respecting is to obey and follow. We are taught to love and respect each other. We are to dismantle the walls of status, caste, creed and colour. If we have done that our lives will be worthwhile. If we really want to follow the great man. We will have to put into practice what they preached.

As the lotus flower is not affected in the mud it grows, so the saints do not get tanned by the worldly vices. They stay aloof of them. That is the test of the true saints.

If we look at the life of saints, men of God, or Prophets, they all had to face oppression, cruelty, brutality and atrocities in the world. To undo that they did not resort to the same ways and methods which the world did. They rather responded with love and affection. History is witness to the life of Prophet Mohammed. Due to his teachings of Truth, the people of Mecca became hostile to him. He had to leave Mecca, But when he returned to Mecca victorious, he did not treat the Meccans the way they had treated him. He forgave them, and told them to live in peace, because they were all brothers.

Every single word of Prophets and sages should be a word of command for us. By leading noble lives, they taught us what devotion is. It is my earnest intention that the way of life you have adopted, should become a model for the rest of the world. It is my sincere intention and I hope the people of the world adopt the ways of peace and make the world lovable and livable.

Love, affection and respect is the greatest treasure of saints. Those who respect others get the respect in return. The one who feels jubilant at exposing others' faults and failings is mistaken. If we think by doing that he has achieved greatness, we are mistaken. Worldly people try to find weaknesses in others, though they themselves might have more than others. Saints don't indulge in that sort of things. They rise above those petty things. That makes them noble and loving. Saint is spotless, simple, pure and sublime.

Mere preaching won't achieve anything. Somebody may be a good speaker, a nice singer, if he does not practice what he says, or what he sings, is useless. If somebody gives a very impressive lecture in the harms of tea drinking, but drinks tea himself, he will have no impact. Contrary to it if someone is not a good orator, but practices what he says, he will impress the people more. Such a person is the real missionary.

In whatever field a Gurmukh works, his prime object of life is to preach Guru's gospel of love for humanity. He is to motivate people to serve humanity. One who dedicates oneself to the service of humanity enjoys real happiness.

Service can only be done under discipline, under direction. Those who serve under discipline, experience the bliss of happiness. One who thinks that to do service is to give orders to others, is mistaken. It is not the right way. Now-a-days if somebody gets a little position, he starts commanding others, although he may not be worth a pinch of salt himself. When a saint gets position he knows it is to serve. It is for him to do the job himself and not pass the buck on to others.

Service polishes devotion. He who serves lives in bliss all the time, but the service must be selfless. Pride destroys the bliss of service. History remembers only those, who served selflessly.

THE MASTER SPEAKS - Part III

(Excerpts from Discourses of Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji)

Everybody wants to be a boss, to be served, honored and exalted, but has he ever thought what does he do for others? He only gives pain and suffering to others and makes others feel inferior and little. He only wants to satisfy his ego. Such a person is not accepted in the Kingdom of God. Only the virtuous, noble and humble is the accepted one.

Without total devotion nobody becomes virtuous. Happiness is the crown of virtuousness.

In devotion you will have to invest money, mind and body. Without this you cannot be happy. In business also you will have to put the above three things. Without capital, if you have put other things, your business will not be successful, It is the same with mind and body. As in the business so in the service of God, you will have to invest all the three.

You do whatever your Master says. Whatever job you are assigned, you do it with total devotion. The devotee always wants jobs to be assigned by his Master. There is a story that a devotee was working in a Guru's stable. He was made the commander. The devotee accepted the new assignment, but begged not to be deprived of the job of working in the stable.

Our life gets polished in the company of saints, by devotion and service, by praising the Lord. Whenever the devotees meet, they sing praise of their Guru and the Lord. As in the army everybody is geared collectively for the victory, so in the business also, every one there thinks how can we make more profits. So the company of saints gathers for the performance of act of devotion together.

Simran (remembrance) forms the major part of devotees' life. We are to adopt it and remember the Formless (God).

We are to make simran (remembrance) a distinct act of our life, we are to remember the Formless (God) all the time. When the saints become one with God, no misfortune fails on them.

Real devotion starts after realization of God. You saints have merged with God Nirankar, love has become your life blood. Outlook broadens only after realizing the Formless (God). The link meeting is called congregation. One who joins the company of saints, his life becomes the words of God. To attain that status, attending congregation is very important. One who comes into such company of saints does service and remembrance as well.

Saints (Gursikhs) feel happy and pleased in the congregations because they are linked as a family and share their sufferings and sorrows, pleasures and pains together. They respect and love everybody as children of God. Congregation inculcates Sewa (service), Simran (remembrance), and devotion.

To attain God-knowledge is not enough. It is more important to act according to it. In fact good deeds are saints' wings by which they fly higher and higher. One without the other is incomplete.

In the world there are two sides to everything. When people cross river by boat, in case of a storm some start blaming other, putting blame for the disaster on others. Due to their bickering they cannot give due attention to the boat. The result will be that they will remain in trouble. They won't be able to save the boat. This is one side of the coin. The other side is that in case of trouble we all join hands to steer through. In this way we will be able to be out of trouble. This is the other side of the coin. Rather than blaming each other if we join together in service of God, we can easily attain our goal of happiness.

Saint is not the name of any figure of form. Saint is the one who, perceiving God, remembers Him all the time. Though leading life of a householder, he does not accept the attributes of passion and pride of the world.

Saints help other at the cost of their own. As I usually say that inspite of lots of snakes coiling round the sandal tree, when chopped down by an axe, gives its fragrance to its chopping axe. So it will be saints nature to wish well of those who even hurt them.

We are to increase and expand our congregation of saints. Once Baba Avtar Singh asked the congregation as to who is your best friend, and worst enemy. One Gurmukh said, "The one who helps us, shares our grief is our best friend." In this way many others told different things and expressed their opinion. But at the end of it Baba Avtar Singh told the congregation and "He who links you with congregation/God is your best friend. The one who takes you away from congregation and God is your worst enemy." Staying away does not mean staying away physically, staying away means not to listen to the word of God, to what is said in the congregation. So we will have to be very attentive.

Now-a-days discipline is forced from outside. Discipline exerted from outside doesn't work. It should be from within. Leaders resort to the pressure and force to keep discipline. It will not work. It will work through love and compassion.

The Saints don't look different from outside, but from inside they are linked with God. They eat, drink and sleep like anybody else but whatever they do, they do under the will of God. Therefore, it is accepted.

Guru loves all the devotees. Everybody is his favourite. Nobody is more, nobody is less. One who loves all loves his Guru and is favourite of his Satguru. One who does not, remains incomplete. That is why we should love all, respect all. That should be the motto of our life.

To lift the fallen is the most difficult task. It is easy to hurt than to heal. If somebody is ill, you will have to find a doctor. If you can't find him nearby, you will have to travel long. If you can't find him in the village, you will have to go to the city. It is not difficult to give somebody a wound. It is very difficult to heal it. This difficult task is given to the saints. This is what we are to understand. The Prophets and Gurus are given the task of healing the wounds, to submit to the will of God. If you keep yourself in the company of God all the time, only then you can lift somebody. Only those can lift who have lifted themselves.

To love somebody who loves you is not enough. Even thieves and robbers love their fellow comrades. Then what is the difference between them and you? Your greatness lies in loving those who do not love you. If we don't love ourselves, our neighbours, we can't love all.

Whether saints lived thousands of years ago, they still give us inspiration. May be their lives were dedicated to the Satguru, they spent their lives in the service of God, that is why they are source of inspiration to us even today, and we quote them. I will tell you a little story. Some dry wood was needed for Guru's Langar (community kitchen). As it was rainy season, nobody could find the dry one. A saint was lying on his bed thinking about the problem. Suddenly he looked at the ceiling and saw some dry timber. He straightway got up, dismantled the roof of his house and took the dry timber to Guru's Langar. Saints simply don't talk about good intentions, they put them into practice.

When God's word (Nam) takes abode in somebody's heart, he feels happy and makes others happy. A worldly man might feel happy in himself or at the most in his family. But because whole world is saint's family, he feels happy when the whole world is happy.

Human life is not given to behave like animals. If man has not helped anybody, he does not deserve to be called a human being.

An ordinary person can say, "How can you love an aggressor, the persecutor?" But that is being an ordinary man. You are not, you are God's men. God does not take revenge on anybody. So are you. A writer has said, "Don't rejoice at enemy's death, a friend is also to die one day."

We are to stop selfishness, baseness, because it shakes our faith. It is the baseness which makes man an animal. We are to become human beings, virtuous and help everybody, respect everybody.

Farmers put manure in the field to get a good crop, but we see that weeds start growing in the field. the farmer hoes the field and removes the weeds. If he does not, the weeds will eat away all his manure and nothing will be left for the real crop. In the same way we are to take weeds out of our Mission's crop to get a nice and beautiful crop of our Satguru's teachings. If our energies are wasted on hatred, arrogance and egoism, we will have no energy left for our constructive work. Wherever you are, wherever you go, you should serve the humanity, only then your life will be worth while.

True definition of a 'Gurmukh' is that he is our real friend, helps us, keeps our confidence and reminds us of our weaknesses honestly, to help us to be nice persons. When we waste our energy in finding faults in others, trying to make them feel low and inferior, we are at the lowest ebb. In contrast if we sit in the company of saints, praise the Lord, help each other to root out our weaknesses, then we are real Gurmukhs.

A Gurmukh says, " Perhaps I am greedy, naughty and vain, that is why I am not so happy." One who reminds us of our weaknesses is our true friend.

A worldly man is full of ego, arrogance, a saint is full of humility and modesty. We are to finish

ego and arrogance completely. Saints adopt fairness and modesty. Wherever they live, they shower love and Godly fragrance.

The difference between a saint and a villain is that one is noble and pious, the other is wicked and arrogant. We see that when one's mind is in insolence, he is stormed with bad ideas. He has fear in him. In that state of mind he resorts to cruelty, because he is so obsessed with himself that he feels nobody is seeing him. In contrast where there is enlightenment, every act becomes noble. This enlightenment shows us the way. Due to our Guru's teachings we are kept on the right path. If we shut our eyes to light, it is not going to help us in any way. Small obstacles can topple us. The saints always pray to be kept away from bad feelings of enmity and selfishness.

The villain in man gets engrossed in worldly vices, passions and arrogance, with a little bit of power and authority, he becomes aggressive and arrogant and indulges in oppressive acts. Outwardly he may not shun people away from God but inwardly he will. Therefore, saints tell us to stay away from such persons, lest he may weaken our faith. In contrast saints strengthen our faith in our Satguru, that is why they are our greatest friends.

The sign of a saint is that he is a man of action. That is why he is called a soldier saint. He is imbued with saintly virtues. He is never hateful. Being a man of action, he does perform acts in the world, but never thinks to be himself the doer. If he is given the job, he thanks the Lord for the opportunity. He does it with a spiritual discipline.

'Gurmukh' gives preference to the company of saints, while a villain to the wayward (bad people). It is due to the good company that saints spread fragrance. In fact it is the feelings of the person which make him good or bad. Fire, on the one hand can cook for us, on the other hand it can destroy our property as well. Also strong wind can carry away clouds and can make us sit in heat, the same wind can bring clouds for rain, which will help in the growth of vegetation. The company of good people will give us peace and prosperity while the company of bad people will give us nothing but pain and sufferings.

Blissfulness is not a phase, it is a state of mind, a way of life. Submitted is the blessed one. Dedication does not mean to donate money and material, it is to sacrifice ego. It does not behoove saints to have ego and arrogance. This is the greatest sacrifice of the saints.

Recognition of a saint is that he loves humanity. His actions match his humility and sweetness. Real saint is one whose words match his actions.

On many occasions we make different types of sweets. Some make sugar horse, monkey or a camel. When we eat them, all are sweet. Now if somebody says horse is sweet and starts arguing about it, this is the mistake. Their attribute is not sweetness. If you want to test the quality of sweet you can do it only by the measure of sweetness. So a saint can only be measured by his sweetness, not by his appearance.

Once a devotee/disciple asked his Master as to who is a real devotee. The Master told his disciple that he will find it in due course. One day a man brought some fruits for the Master. The Master asked his disciple to throw the fruits in the gutter, but Master talked nicely to man. When the

man went away the Master asked the disciple whether the man went happy. “NO”, said the disciple, “He was rather very angry.” Then someone brought some sweets for the Master. The Master turned his back at the person and ate some sweets. When the man had gone, the Master asked his disciple, “Whether this man went away happy?” The disciple said, “No, Sir, he was very angry.” Next day another man brought some offerings. The master ate some and distributed the rest to other people, and talked praise of God with the man. The disciple said to his Master, “This man went away happy.”

The Master told his disciple, “You must have got your answer. The devotee should be like this. I threw away first’s offering but talked nicely, he was not happy. To the second I turned my back, but ate some of his offerings. He was not very happy. To the third man I did accept his offering, but talked about the Provider rather than the product. Like this, the one who forgets about the Provider, cannot be happy. So the one who remembers the Giver and the given, is a real devotee.”

A saint serves with devotion and dedication. His life becomes model for others. He does not say one thing and do another.

Saint is the one who has the qualities of a saint. He should have love, patience, and dedication. He should mould his life according to the teachings of Great Masters. We should lead life like this. We should bring people near to us by service and devotion, love and affection. People are already full of hatred, with a little bit more they will perish. We are to make this world full of love and affection.

Even if you have chopped a sandal tree, it does not stop giving fragrance. In the same way we should love those who even hate us. In fact this is the true test of saintliness.

People who were ridiculing you until yesterday, now acknowledge that your way is the right way, your principles are right. You have to stick to it. That is the best measure of your righteousness.

One who wants everything for himself and nothing for any one else is not great. I have just recalled a story. Once a man borrowed a large sum of money from the King. He could not pay. The man pleaded for mercy and the King forgave him. But the man had lent a little amount to someone else. When he could not pay, the lender went to his house and resorted to force and violence. The police produced the man for violence in front of the King. The King recognized the man to be the same whom he had forgiven for so big an amount. The King put him to the hardest of labour till he had paid the last penny back.

Likewise, man wants everything for his family, his tribe, for his class, but he is not prepared to give anything to other people. Saints are not like this. They are everybody’s well wishers.

There is modesty and sweetness in devotee’s life. His doings are pious. His vision is divine. His life becomes an example. He has faith in God. He only asks from God and nobody else. He knows God is the supreme Giver. Streams may be different but the source is the same (God).

Devotee's vision is always fixed on God. He is always in the company of saints. He deals only with pious people. When a saint sees another saint, his face shines, his heart is overjoyed. Why is it so? It is due to enlightenment. Their Guru has linked them with Nirankar (God). They feel one, they respect each other. If the respected one thinks it is due to something he has done, quoted lot of scriptures to impress, he is mistaken. All the respect he is getting is due to his Satguru. One who lives such a life, sustains his prestige.

Saint keeps Him(God) in his mind all the time, wherever he goes, whatever he does. He feels God with him that is why his life keeps going ahead.

In fact a saint is not judged by the worldly possessions he has got. If we think, he has been coming to Sangat for so many years, he must have become a rich man(in the worldly sense), this is ignorance. In fact it is his perception, his devotion, his way of life which is the measure of prosperity. His tranquillity, his submissiveness are his achievements.

If a saint lives in society, then the pains and sufferings of the society will affect him as a nature of fact. His greatness is that he keeps aloof of worldly attractions. He tells others to submit to the will of God.

From times immemorial sages have been trying to teach man not to be proud of worldly possessions. He should get rid of worldly attachments, money, mind and body, arrogance of his power and position. He should respect man as a human being. If you do this, you will become happy.

God provided man the worldly material (wealth and power) to serve and help his fellow beings, but in arrogance and ignorance he has been hurting and oppressing them, whereas saints have been using them for the service of the humanity, for the welfare of others. Their feet take them to the place of need, or to spread the message of Truth. Their tongue only sings the praise of the Lord, their actions are devoted to Him. In fact the energy is the same, it depends on how and where you apply it. As one makes a weapon from the bamboo tree, another a flute to sing praise of God. Difference is not of kind, but of quality. That is why saints' greatness lives or ever.

Man's egoism and arrogance is the cause of his degeneration. Man boasts of being God lover, worshipper of the Almighty, follower of Gurus and Prophets, but if he has ego and arrogance, how is he pleasing God? God doesn't like ego and arrogance. How can God reside where there is ego and arrogance, the two cannot live together.

Saints are always salvaged. They are beyond death. They are higher than Iness. Believing God in everything, they are the humblest of all. This humbleness comes through the knowledge of God. Those who are haughty with attainment of power are far away from the teachings of Gurus.

If in a pot filled with water we ask the milkman to put some milk, he would not be able to do it, it will spill. If we want milk to be poured in the pot, we will have to throw away the water before we can put any milk into it. Those who have ego and arrogance in them, they cannot imbibe humbleness and modesty, unless they throw away the ego and arrogance first. The two cannot be contained in the same pot.

One who remains humble and modest, is great in the real sense of the word. In doing so, we will be respecting and rendering honour to our Gurus and Prophets. One who has attained that state is a real saint. Then he will neither be proud of his wealth and power, nor of his wisdom. He will believe that everything is given by God. If he has got power or fame, he will give credit to God. He will say, "I don't possess anything, it all belongs to Him. I am only the executor of His will".

Standing on the ground if we look at a high building, it will look massive to us, but if we look at the same building from an aeroplane, it will look small to us. Likewise, if we look at wealth from the worldly point of view, it will seem to be the most important thing, but if we look from Godly point, it will be insignificant for us.

Saints don't attach much importance to it, but simply thank God who has provided them for existence.

Egoism has no place in the tenets of Gurus. They only teach us humility, humbleness and modesty. If we engrain them in ourselves, we will be exalted, but if we hanker after worldly possessions, we will never be happy. Saints consider God their only support, and put faith in Him only.

A saint is always humble, so he has an unwavering faith in Guru and God. He is never proud of his being a good orator, a poet or a singer. He believes everything is God's gift. His belief is that it is He who is making him to do these things. If He had not given him the voice, how could he speak or sing?

Saints say, "The humblest is the highest, the lowest is exalted." He is not arrogant, because everybody hates arrogance. Whenever a man gets a position of power, he brags of it. 'I can do this, I can do that,' is always on his lips. As long as he is arrogant, he is not loved in the real sense. Saints are humble by nature of course, that is why they are loved and respected.

As long as man stays away from egoism, he rises higher and higher, the moment he starts learning the language of egoism, he starts going down. If someone doing service, starts thinking he is something, and he is doing everything and the man sitting on the stage is doing nothing, the fruit of his service goes waste. In fact service is very noble, whether one is doing a little job or a big one. When Egoism comes in him, all goes in vain.

As long as one is proud, whether of money, mind or body, he goes down and done; it leads to denigration. He might be thinking that it is his achievement which has given him honour and positions. He might say, "I can make anything happen when I want." Ravana (mythological King of Sri Lanka who in his proudness lost a Kingdom of gold), after millions of years, we know how he is remembered. On the other hand saints preach love and affection, are humble and modest. How much regard we have for them, everybody knows fully well.

If we want to be happy, we will have to be humble and modest. To portray humbleness as a sign of weakness is wrong and mistaken. If a strong person is humble, it is a jewel in his crown. Modesty is a tool for the development of one's true personality.

One who had renounced ego and arrogance is never villainous, he is never acrimonious. On the other hand a man of ego will try to do villainous acts to satisfy his ego, to prove his worth. The arrogant and egoist never live in peace.

The poison in a bottle does not harm the bottle, but ego in one's mind destroys the person in himself. If you have 'Nam' (God's word) fragrance in your heart, not only your own life will be fragrant, others will also enjoy fragrance.

This morning when we were coming down the hill from Mussoorie, there were thick clouds and dense fog. There was no visibility outside the car. Inside the car we could see each other well. As we came down everything became clear.

As long as we are under the spell of ignorance and arrogance, we are unable to see anything around us. We don't care about anybody else. We think we are the greatest. When the veil of ignorance is removed, we start seeing other people's greatness.

At that time, another thought came into the mind. While sitting inside the car we could not see anything outside. It did not mean that there was nothing outside. Everything was there behind the fog, only we could not see. If we believe that there doesn't exist anything beyond our vision, it does not mean that things don't exist there. It is an illusion. It can create problems for us. So long as there is a veil of ignorance in front of us, we can't see anything else, resulting in problems.

God sees the seen and the unseen, knows the hidden and visible. He (God) is capable of seeing everything. The problem for the ignorant is that he cannot see the Truth. He blames others for his problems. He cannot understand that it is all due to his ignorance. There is a saying, "Fallen from the donkey, blames the owner." The same is true of man. He blames others for his own failures. The saint, when having a problem, begs Lord to forgive and bless. He thinks that perhaps, it is due to some of his failings, that something has happened. He prays for mercy.

Devotion helps when Iness tries to over-power us, mind wavers, ego overtakes. When Iness is there God cannot be there, when God appears ego disappears.

Vanity not only hinders spiritual progress, it hinders worldly progress as well. So the devotees are told to stay away from vanity. We bear the responsibility for our actions, both good and bad, what we do selflessly does not become fetter on us.

When we do actions selflessly not only our personal life becomes peaceful, our social life becomes virtuous as well. Vanity is the root cause of our unhappiness. Saints live in modesty. That is why their life becomes prosperous and sublime.

When a river flows down, it broadens and becomes one with the ocean. Who the water gets stuck at the top, it stagnates. Same way, we can only merge with the Supreme, if we bow down, and be modest.

Not only does egoist feel miserable, he makes others miserable as well. A virtuous person enjoys

the bliss of virtuousness, and gives fragrance to others. He is honored in this world and next as well.

When you climb up a hill, you have to bend forward, when you are going down you have to straighten yourself. So when you are modest you are going up, when you are arrogant, you are going down.

THE MASTER SPEAKS - Part IV

(Excerpts from Discourses of Nirankari Baba Hardev Singh Ji)

Saints are never arrogant and vain. They are always humble and modest. They know: 'Nothing is mine, everything is Yours. I lose nothing by giving away, what is not mine.' They lead a life of dedication and devotion, that is why they have no ups and downs in their life. They are peaceful, blissful and contented.

Saints are never proud, if ever they are proud of anything it is the Master, because he is the bestower of everything.

Once a saint was to see somebody. He was late. The man asked him as to why he was late. The saint told him that some people were quarreling. They were shouting Me-Me. If they had been saying to each other 'you are very nice', there won't have been any quarrel.

When one gets some honour, his deeds become great. When he does something wrong, he becomes miserable.

If a man falls from the first step he does not get hurt so much, but when he falls from the top, you know very well what will happen to him. So if a saint's behaviour becomes malignant, we can well imagine, what will be his situation. That is why saints always pray to be blessed, so that nothing untoward is done by them.

An arrow made from bamboo tree can hurt, a flute made from the same bamboo tree can sing melodies, but the condition is that it must be prepared to be hold through. This is the same with man. If he wants to sing nice melodies he will have to be modest and humble through and through.

Devotion means submission, shedding ego, submitting to the Lord. Arrogance is the greatest hindrance in the path of a man. This is the real cause of unhappiness. If we have renounced wealth and kept ego we renounced nothing. By renouncing temptation and allurements we can enjoy the bliss of real devotion.

Whatever span of life a devotee gets, he spends it in praise of God, because he knows, He is the source of all Creation. By linking with the Supreme, his visit widens, his outlook broadens, his deeds become noble, his words become sublime. If we are not linked with Him, we are zero (0), unless accompanied by one (1), it is nothing. It attains it's value only when joined by the One (God). As long as the 'One' does not abide in us, we are like zero.

When we read the biographies of saints and prophets, we find that they fulfilled their family obligations well. when Rama came, he lived in family and fulfilled all family obligations with

propriety. Saint Kabir worked as a weaver to earn his livelihood. Many of the Gurus had to do the same. It is not that God designated some special corner for them to go and live comfortably, without doing anything. They had to experience stress and strain as everybody else, but because they were linked with God, they did not get lost in the whirlwind of worldly life. That is why they lived in contentment, and that is their greatness.

To live under the will of God is to be a real saint. Unattached actions make him great. A saint always does noble deeds and not hideous things. He does not take the credit for any of his deeds, he leaves it to the will of god.

Whatever the circumstances, saints live under the Supreme bliss. There is true happiness in it. In fact devotion is happiness. Everybody is prone to worries, but saints are saved, because they have left everything in His divine hands.

If we are not arrogant, serve the Lord with devotion, we will not be afraid of any worldly power. By the grace of the almighty we will be happy. If ever we are to be afraid of anything, it is Nirankar (God).

We should think that if we have offended anybody we have in fact offended God. We are not to utter any harsh words, lest we get in trouble with the Lord.

People are dividing themselves in the issue of language, caste, creed and religion. It is very dangerous for the society. Not believing in caste, creed or colour, the Nirankaris can save the society from its misfortunes. Nirankari means the one who believes in God and serves all.

Unless we believe in the dignity of labor, the situation in the country is not going to improve. Devotion doesn't mean running away from our responsibilities. To do our duty by devotion is the true service to mankind.

Man's greatness is in that being rich he is not proudish. Renouncement of worldly wealth is not such a great act. When an insect sits on the bulb, its shadow falls on the wall. If we go on scaring the shadow, insect is not going to leave. So, even if, we have renounced the worldly wealth but still have greed in us, we haven't renounced it yet.

Saints are linked to that limitless energy, which is imperishable, indestructible, eternal and changeless. Man can only be happy by putting that in mind.

Saints know that true happiness does not come by the acquisition of worldly assets, i.e., wealth, power, honour and fame, it comes by the acquisition of the wealth of 'Nam' (God's name).

Every action of a saint is to inspire and strengthen his faith. He feels pleased to see the honour and respect given to others, whereas ordinary person becomes jealous, and says, "Why have I not got that?" It never comes into the mind of saints, because they have submitted everything to God.

World does not know that, you saints not only wish well of others in words, but prove it by your actions. This is the true test of a saint. To appear pious, one does penance, goes on pilgrimages,

but if he is jealous, does not like his neighbour, cannot tolerate others praise, what sort of a saint is he? He can deceive the world by his appearance, because the world's eyes can only see the outside. But O man! You will be answerable to the One who knows you from in and out, the hidden and the seen both.

The true measure of our saintliness is our toleration, our submission. If we can remain calm and composed in face of insult and offense, in face of wealth being lost, and can remain steadfast in our belief in God in those circumstances, then we are truly saints.

If we love other Gurmukhs (disciples) only then we will be able to share their love and affection. We are to start this from our home. If we can't love our family; how can we love other people? On the other hand, if we love other people, not our family, we cannot love people. By love and affection we are to spread the Eternal Truth.

To love god is to love His people. By lifting the fallen, by feeling the wounds, we can please Him. But if we hurt others, make plans to divide them; we have not realized Him. He will not be pleased with us.

As long as the wheel revolves round its axle, it goes round, but when it moves away from its centre, it becomes unbalances. so long as a devotee acts like a devotee, he is a devotee. The devotee likes to hear the praise of god. A saint always lives by the traditions of saintliness.

Human is the one who shares others' grief and suffering, is pleased to see others prospering. Those who are jealous of others prosperity are not human beings.

Soul is salvaged linking it to the Supreme. By linking with the Divine, one becomes Divine. He becomes limitless, cannot be enclosed. He rises above the pettiness of the world. He acts as a human being. He doesn't hate anybody, Nobody is his enemy.

A saint lives by linking himself with the Supreme. This is the vehicle of all the pleasures. One who is pleased of his linkage pleases others.

Everybody can understand the language of love. It is not difficult to understand any language, if it is love oriented. You don't need any language, only love is needed.

The world has recognized that your wishes for the well being of humanity are not simply phony words, they are practical and sincere. I pray to the Almighty that you stick to the path of righteousness and go on marching forward with this sentiments in your heart, to make the world know glorious traditions of sacrifice, devotion and dedication. those saints who have sacrificed their loves for the Mission, should receive our gratitude. Their families should get our love and total support. They are part and parcel of our divine community.

I pray again, that the honour and respect, which you have earned by the sacred blood of yours, should stay with you for ever. We should solder our words with virtuous actions, thus marching forward to the Divine goal of taking the banner of Truth to the remotest corner of the world.

Saint's life is a life of bliss and happiness. He can contain the grief of the whole world. The one who only knows the language of violence and hatred is not a saint. From the lives of the saints of the world, from their actions, it does not appear that they ever tried to divide the world. They , rather tried to bring humanity together.

By putting different human flowers in the bunch, you have given it a divine fragrance. May God bless that the whole world becomes a bunch of flowers to give a divine fragrance. All different flowers go on blooming to give their fragrance.

To be a disciple, Kabir, the great Indian saint told man to be like a stone of the road which everybody could trample, and shed the ego. But the stone can hurt somebody. Then he suggested man to be like the dust of people's feet ; but then dust can spoil people's clothes. Then he advised man to be like water, which could be so mobile to take any shape, which ever is wanted by the Master. In the next breath he says, 'No'. Water can be too hot or too cold to burn or freeze anybody. In the end he advised man to be like Him (God) meaning the one who submits and submerges completely into the Lord. Then he becomes a real disciple. He then will have nothing of his own, everything will belong to Him.

Where there is love, there is happiness. It only dawns when one sheds ego completely. If he has ego in him, he will look down upon others. This will develop into arrogance, enmity and jealousy. Where love is ushered, tolerance, forgiveness, sublimity come which make man noble and virtuous.

Today often we hear that religion is in danger, save it. Religion is not in danger from any outside force; it is threatened from within. When we don't obey religiousness, then we disgrace religion.

Politics is used to prop up religion. Religion is pious, lofty and divine. It does not need political support to survive. We will have to use methods worthy of it.

If we want to get something from a high place, we use a ladder, but if the ladder is rotten, we would not be able to get it.

We are not to do anything which will bring a bad name to our Satguru and congregation. We should not do anything which might harm the people.

Our lives should be such as to inspire people as a natural way of life. People should be compelled to say, how sweet we are, how humble we are.

If you make a hole into a bag of sugar, only sugar will come out of it. Saints' lives give sweet fragrance, not foul smell.

Fire burns the dead bodies, but worries kill the living ones. So the saint should not worry. They should develop the super consciousness, which will keep them away from worries.

Consciousness does not mean you save only yourself. It means that whatever we do, whatever we say doesn't harm anybody, does not hurt anybody.

You might have heard that a shopkeeper saint used to charge more from his saint customers than others. When he was asked why he was doing it, he said, "If I don't make profit from saints, from where else do I do". I say unto you: Yes, you are to profit from saints, but not by charging higher prices. What you are to profit from saints is to adopt their good qualities, noble deeds, and kind words.

If somebody finds a piece of gold in the dirt, he will pick that up, without bothering about the dirt. So virtues are the gold, you are to pick them up even if they are lying in the dirt. From the dirt of the society, the saints pick up the gold of virtues leaving the dirt of vices there.

Today the world is like a torn garment. If you try to repair it with rotten thread and needle, it will get worse. By proper needle and cotton it will be mended. So we are to heal the wounds of society by love and dedication, that is the best needle and cotton.

If we want to cut a piece of cloth, we will need only a pair of scissors, and can do it in no time, but if we are to make a garment out of it, it will need a lot of time and lot of things. Saints are destined to do that difficult task of healing the wounds of the society.

To love God's people by knowing Him is the best religion. Everything glitters with His (God's) spark. One who indulges in hatred against man, hates God.

Once the dogs decided not to quarrel among themselves. When a piece of meat fell among them, they forgot their decision and resolution and pounced upon each other. Saints don't put much faith in such resolutions. They think well, and once they have decided, they stick to it whatever may happen. To love, to be humble and honest are our decisions and principles. We are to stick to them, whatever happens.

The dire necessity of the time is to follow the principles of Prophets and Gurus. It is no use simply learning them by heart and repeating. They must be put into practice.

If we do not do that, we cannot march ahead. If we are not integrated into the company of saints, our mind will wander.

It does not behove saints to talk ill of others, to be jealous. The world can only be saved by our dedication, nobody else has the courage and determination to do it.

Renunciation of worldly wealth is not a real renunciation. The real renunciation is the renunciation of ego, hatred, violence, and arrogance. We are to pay homage to the sacrifice of the saints, and mould our lives according to their teachings. To serve and save ourselves from ego and arrogance, we are to join the humanity with the Lord.

I have just remembered an incident of 5/6 years ago. A sister could not bear the insult from another sister saint. She cursed her. Within a few days the same curse fell on herself. She was in great pain. The one who has not moulded his/her life according to the teachings of the Guru, utters only such like words. The devoted one is always humble, does not utter acrimonious

words.

If we don't pick the flowers for fear of thorns, we cannot have the flowers. Saints are not put off by hurdles. They pick up the flowers of goodness from anywhere. They know if they get detracted by the fear of worldly thorns, they will not be able to perform the task, which the Lord (Nirankar) has entrusted to them.

People think if they kill a particular Nirankari, they will kill the Mission. They must know, the Mission is not a person. It is a philosophy, it is the principles, it is the voice of God. As long as the principles stay the Mission will stay. The Mission will remain there forever.

As the family grows, its responsibilities grow. As your Mission has grown bigger, its responsibilities have also grown bigger. Keeping that in view, some shape has been given to it. All the Committees are formed according to the needs of the Mission. It does not mean that if someone has been entrusted with some responsibility, he has grown higher than the rest of them. Wherever you are, whatever you are, low or high, you are servant of the saints. If we have such like intention in our mind we will be successful.

Where you are told to love the world, this family of yours needs your love and affection as well. As long as this is not done in this spirit, we will face difficulties. All of you together have to do this. A great responsibility lies on the shoulders of those who have been given jobs of responsibility.

I have come to know that a devotee was admitted to a hospital. No responsible person/office bearer went to see him. This is not the right thing. If we do not share each others' grief, our great divine dream is not going to be true.

The one who has attained some high position or has some extraordinary skill, may be honored any way. The saints have got the loftiest skill of God-knowledge. We should give them due recognition. If we don't honour the saints how can we honour God?

The way you have been respecting and honouring the saints in the past, I want you to keep carrying on in the same way in future. Live your lives according to their teachings. Only saints understand, worldly people simply cram them. Simply repeating will not do.

I am saying it quite clearly that you pray for those who even persecute you. You should be able to understand that saints do not give up their principles. They cannot be deterred from the path of truth and righteousness.

We should help people to get rid of irrational customs and traditions. As social beings we should share their pains and pleasures. We are not to think they are not our people, do not belong to our Mission, we are to share and stay with them.

A person is not a Nirankari, if he mistreats others, only because he has received Gyan (God-knowledge) and the other does not belong to our Mission, he belongs to some other sect or community. We are to rise above these petty and sectarian feelings.

Saints speak with one voice. We don't do things like the worldly people. Whichever place we are, whatever situation we are in, the intention behind our actions should be the same, and that is of saintliness. Who-so-ever adopts this, whichever job he is in, he is always successful. He is loved and honored. But the one who forgets these principles, whatever position he is in, cannot be successful. Therefore, you are all to stick to this principle and work as a single entity. Because where there is unity, no power on the earth can harm them. The greatest of might cannot do any damage to them. Moreover, you did not get organized for any worldly gain. The mission came into existence for a Divine cause. Such an organisation, such a movement never fades, does not fizzle out, does not dismember. It goes from strength to strength. May God bless you to work unitedly, for the lofty teachings of your Satguru, take the divine banner to the last corner of the world.

I am linked with you whether you are here in front of me or thousands of miles away. Nobody should ever think that Babaji cannot be seen. You can see me anytime. I am available to all of you. Any Gursikh or devotee can come any time to speak his mind to me, there is no problem, there is no hindrance at all.

If we want to sweep, we will have to put all the bristles into a brush, only then we will be able to do the job properly. On the other hand if we have only few bristles, it will make the job worse. Everybody belongs to the Mission. Everybody is Guru's beloved. We are to take the voice of the Mission conjointly to the world. Whatever is happening, is happening under the divine will of Nirankar (God). You are not to be afraid of anything.

We are to put ourselves right, then nothing can go wrong. This is Mission of peace. This is for the whole of humanity.

Those who submit to the Lord, Nirankar does their jobs Himself. In the last Camp (34th Annual Believers' Conference) the tents were small and short. Though this year there are more tents than last year, we are still short of accommodation. May God bless that tents go on increasing and accommodation goes on getting shorter. But we are to be careful that our hearts do not get smaller. They should rather get bigger and bigger.

Wherever we are, whether in a city or in a village, wherever we congregate we are to praise God. This is our aim of life. I had said earlier that 'Sangat' (congregation) should do its job, the Sewadars (volunteers), heads and preachers theirs. If we do our own job properly, everything will be all right. If we gossip about, nothing will be accomplished.

If we go on passing the buck to others, nothing will be accomplished. Therefore, we are to do everything together and in cooperation, and not to indulge in extraneous things.

Due to vast expansion of the Mission, sometimes some worldly things come in the way. We are to be very careful. Wherever there is a congregation, we must maintain the atmosphere of love, affection and brotherhood. We are to avoid worldly atmosphere, we do not discriminate between high and low, poor and rich, men and women, young and old. I was pained to hear that at one or two places, people have started saying, "They are of lower caste, we are a higher caste".

I want to say unto you : We have received God-knowledge, we are all one, nobody is high or low in the eyes of God (Nirankar). We are to rise above petty things. We have become one by destroying the walls of inequality. If ever it comes into the fore, it will not be tolerated, because it is against the principle of 'Universal Brotherhood'. Whether it is said in a congregation or by the individual outside, it shall not be tolerated.

It was made quite clear in the Mussoorie Conference as to what sort of life we are to lead. Discrimination on caste, creed or colour basis has no place in our Mission.

Everybody has his/her own opinion, his/her style of life and thinking but everybody's intention is the same that Mission should progress and prosper. Everybody should be respected. Therefore, we can express our opinion, but what has been agreed to is to be adhered to. We are to make the Mission a success. We are not to think that because my suggestion is not accepted, so I have nothing to do with it. We are to keep this in mind that whatever and wherever something has been accepted, we are all to put our efforts to make it a success. I will pray that with this intention you all go forward.

We are not to indulge into pettiness. We are to follow the Mission's principles with dedication and devotion. We are to be positive all the time, and not to indulge into any criticism and argument.

We are to perform simple marriages. We should have simplicity in all our social activities. I had the chance to attend some marriages in the recent past. I was distressed to see the atmosphere there. There was nothing of the Mission. It was completely the worldly atmosphere.

I want to say unto you: If you can't perform the marriage according to the Mission's tenets, I should be excused from attending. We are to have the stamp of the Mission on us, not our own stamp on the Mission.

We should refrain from drugs and alcohol. There is no place in our Mission for intoxicants. We are not to hate those who take them, but try to persuade them not to take them. We are not to start rebuking them. It behoves saints to abide by the Mission's principles. If we do not act on the teachings of the Mission, it is no use organizing big congregations (Samagams). It will have no effect on the people. First we are to accept ourselves. What I want to bring home to you is the need of restraints because when we are under the influence of intoxicants, we lose our sense of judgment. Our faculty of judgment is impaired. We are unable to differentiate between the right and the wrong.

Those who along with Baba Gurbachan Singh Ji, have sacrificed their lives for the great cause and lofty principles of the Sant Nirankari Mission are our greatest divine treasure. It becomes our duty to adopt those principles in our lives. Everybody knows that the blood of saints does not go unrewarded. That reward is not short lived, it lasts till eternity. They are remembered for ever. Their sacrifice and greatness doesn't need the recognition by the worldly power and authority. They are great in their own right. Their sacrifice will be rewarded if we imbibe their teaching in our hearts. If after receiving Gyan (God-knowledge) we still indulge in worldly vices, we will

have to think twice if we have repaid the debt of their sacrifice.

To-day, the world's eyes are directed towards the Sant Nirankari Mission. We are to take the light of the Mission forward with devotion and dedication. People will be attracted to the Nirankari Mission through our exemplary deeds and actions of love, modesty and affection. We are to become the model to the world, to our family, then our neighbour and finally to the whole world.

You will know countless, who will utter lofty words, but keep the villainous and acrimonious feelings in their hearts. In this way we cannot raise ourselves higher. The eagle flies high in the sky but keeps her eyes on the ground, so that she could pounce on a piece of meat if sighted. So the one who does not understand the reality of religion, will talk aloft about the teachings of saints and seers, will refer and quote great leaders. The people will also take him to be a great speaker and preacher, but his lust for worldly pleasures will denigrate him to the lowest ebb.

People are coming nearer to your Mission by the exemplary deeds and extraordinary sacrifices the Nirankari saints have made. To keep that image you are to rise higher and higher in the eyes of the world. You are to keep steadfast on the path of truthfulness. So if you live up to the great ideals, you will keep alive the feelings and sentiments of Godliness in the hearts of the people. If you discard these Godly sentiments from your heart, then these who have already gone astray will continue to move away from us.

For the sake of Eternal Truth many Nirankari saints have sacrificed their lives. It is our duty to make their sacrifice sublime. Our words and manners should be courteous; our actions should be modest. We should not hurt anybody. We should love every single person in the world. We should be modest to the last. When our words, our deeds, our actions become such, then everybody will be attracted towards us.

You know it fully well that in spite of the repression and slander, people could not stay away from us. Then what keeps people away? That is our wrong actions. When we deviate from the saintly actions, then our bad actions will repel people from us. Let us not become the reason of people moving away from us. We should not contribute putting people away from our Mission, we will have to be very careful.

To build a house, we lay the foundation, we put bricks and mortar into it. The house which is built belongs to us. It has never happened that our material will build somebody else's house. Nobody should have any doubt about it that the blood (mortar) of our saints will build somebody else's building. In fact it is the 'Nam' (God's word) which surges us further and further. Whenever this building of 'Nam' has been built, it has always been built on the blood of saints. Many saints have sacrificed their lives to build this glorious building. The day is not far off when you will be hailed victorious.

To keep people away from the divine truth, fanaticism has been the major cause anyway. But the biggest factor to attract people is our own actions. If we make our actions great, then nobody could be kept away from us. Today, at this time, we are to make our actions great and worthy.

God always does the best. We are to be modest in our speech and in our actions.

Baba Avtar Singh Ji has said, "First a saint remains a saint only. His worship starts when he gives himself to the service of the divine. When he realizes that, his life becomes sublime, he is then revered. This is true life of a saint. May God bless everybody to attain that bliss."