

## LET US PONDER UPON THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE OF GURU NANAK

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### 1. Sikhi

ਸਿਖੀ<sup>੧</sup> ਸਿਖਿਆ<sup>੨</sup> ਗੁਰ ਵੀਚਾਰਿ<sup>੩</sup> ॥ AGGS, M 1, p 465.

*Sikhi<sup>1</sup> is the teachings<sup>2</sup> of the Guru's philosophy<sup>3</sup>.*

### 2. Jap and Tap

ਜਪੁ ਤਪੁ ਕਰਿ ਕਰਿ ਸੰਜਮ ਥਾਕੀ ਹਠਿ ਨਿਗ੍ਰਹਿ ਨਹੀ ਪਾਈਐ ॥

AGGS, M 1, p 436.

*By practicing recitation and self-disciplining, people have grown weary; even after stubbornly practicing these rituals, they still have not been able to control evil wishes.*

### 3. Mantra System and Religious Hypocrisies

ਤੰਤੁ<sup>੧</sup> ਮੰਤੁ<sup>੨</sup> ਪਾਖੰਡੁ<sup>੩</sup> ਨ ਜਾਣਾ ਰਾਮੁ<sup>੪</sup> ਰਿਦੈ<sup>੫</sup> ਮਨੁ<sup>੬</sup> ਮਾਨਿਆ ॥

ਅੰਜਨੁ<sup>੭</sup> ਨਾਮੁ<sup>੮</sup> ਤਿਸੈ ਤੇ ਸੂਝੈ<sup>੯</sup> ਗੁਰ ਸਬਦੀ<sup>੧੦</sup> ਸਚੁ<sup>੧੧</sup> ਜਾਨਿਆ ॥

AGGS, M 1, p 766.

*"I (Nanak) do not believe in magical formulae<sup>1</sup>, magical hymns<sup>2</sup>, (including diagrams of mystical characters-yantar-mantra) and religious hypocrisies<sup>3</sup>,*

*because my mind<sup>6</sup> is imbibed<sup>5</sup> with the Almighty<sup>4</sup>. The collyrium<sup>7</sup> is the teachings of the Guru<sup>8</sup>, that made (me) capable to understand<sup>9</sup> the Almighty<sup>11</sup> through the teachings of the Guru<sup>10</sup>."*

### 4. Use of Wisdom (ਅਕਲਿ):

ਅਕਲਿ ਏਹ ਨ ਆਖੀਐ ਅਕਲਿ ਗਵਾਈਐ ਬਾਦਿ ॥

ਅਕਲੀ ਸਾਹਿਬੁ ਸੇਵੀਐ ਅਕਲੀ ਪਾਈਐ ਮਾਨੁ ॥

ਅਕਲੀ ਪਤਿ ਕੈ ਬੁਝੀਐ ਅਕਲੀ ਕੀਚੈ ਦਾਨੁ ॥

ਨਾਨਕੁ ਆਖੈ ਰਾਹੁ ਏਹੁ ਹੋਰਿ ਗਲਾਂ ਸੈਤਾਨੁ}

AGGS, M 1, P 1245.

*One is not wise who wastes his wisdom in strife. (Because) Through wisdom one realizes the Almighty, through wisdom one attains the honor. Through wisdom one realizes what one reads, through wisdom one decides where to give the charity. Nanak Says: This is the real path, all others leads to devilish actions.*