



English translation of Holy Guru Granth Sahib (Part 02)

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So Dar – Part 001

8 : 1

In the realm of humility, the Word is Beauty.

8 : 2

Forms of incomparable beauty are fashioned there.

8 : 3

These things cannot be described.

8 : 4

One who tries to speak of these shall regret the attempt.

8 : 5

The intuitive consciousness, intellect and understanding of the mind are shaped there.

8 : 6

The consciousness of the spiritual warriors and the Siddhas, the beings of spiritual perfection, are shaped there. ||36||

8 : 7

In the realm of karma, the Word is Power.

8 : 8

No one else dwells there,

8 : 9

except the warriors of great power, the spiritual heroes.

8 : 10

They are totally fulfilled, imbued with the Lord's Essence.

8 : 11

Myriads of Sitas are there, cool and calm in their majestic glory.

8 : 12

Their beauty cannot be described.

8 : 13

Neither death nor deception comes to those,

8 : 14

within whose minds the Lord abides.

8 : 15

The devotees of many worlds dwell there.

8 : 16

They celebrate; their minds are imbued with the True Lord.

8 : 17

In the realm of Truth, the Formless Lord abides.

8 : 18

Having created the creation, He watches over it. By His Glance of Grace, He bestows happiness.

8 : 19

There are planets, solar systems and galaxies.

8 : 20

If one speaks of them, there is no limit, no end.

8 : 21

There are worlds upon worlds of His Creation.

8 : 22

As He commands, so they exist.

8 : 23

He watches over all, and contemplating the creation, He rejoices.

8 : 24

O Nanak, to describe this is as hard as steel! ||37||

8 : 25

Let self-control be the furnace, and patience the goldsmith.

8 : 26

Let understanding be the anvil, and spiritual wisdom the tools.

8 : 27

With the Fear of God as the bellows, fan the flames of tapa, the body's inner heat.

8 : 28

In the crucible of love, melt the Nectar of the Name,

8 : 29

and mint the True Coin of the Shabad, the Word of God.

8 : 30

Such is the karma of those upon whom He has cast His Glance of Grace.

8 : 31

O Nanak, the Merciful Lord, by His Grace, uplifts and exalts them. ||38||

8 : 32

Shalok:

8 : 33

Air is the Guru, Water is the Father, and Earth is the Great Mother of all.

8 : 34

Day and night are the two nurses, in whose lap all the world is at play.

8 : 35

Good deeds and bad deeds—the record is read out in the Presence of the Lord of Dharma.

8 : 36

According to their own actions, some are drawn closer, and some are driven farther away.

8 : 37

Those who have meditated on the Naam, the Name of the Lord, and departed after having worked by the sweat of their brows

8 : 38

—O Nanak, their faces are radiant in the Court of the Lord, and many are saved along with them! ||1||

8 : 39

So Dar ~ That Door. Raag Aasaa, First Mehl:

8 : 40

One Universal Creator God. By The Grace Of The True Guru:

8 : 41

Where is That Door of Yours, and where is That Home, in which You sit and take care of all?

8 : 42

The Sound–current of the Naad vibrates there for You, and countless musicians play all sorts of instruments there for You.

8 : 43

There are so many Ragas and musical harmonies to You; so many minstrels sing hymns of You.

8 : 44

Wind, water and fire sing of You. The Righteous Judge of Dharma sings at Your Door.

8 : 45

Chitr and Gupt, the angels of the conscious and the subconscious who keep the record of actions, and the Righteous Judge of Dharma who reads this record, sing of You.

8 : 46

Shiva, Brahma and the Goddess of Beauty, ever adorned by You, sing of You.

8 : 47

Indra, seated on His Throne, sings of You, with the deities at Your Door.

8 : 48

The Siddhas in Samaadhi sing of You; the Saadhus sing of You in contemplation.

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So Dar – Part 002

9 : 49

The celibates, the fanatics, and the peacefully accepting sing of You; the fearless warriors sing of You.

9 : 50

The Pandits, the religious scholars who recite the Vedas, with the supreme sages of all the ages, sing of You.

9 : 51

The Mohinis, the enchanting heavenly beauties who entice hearts in paradise, in this world, and in the underworld of the subconscious, sing of You.

9 : 52

The celestial jewels created by You, and the sixty–eight sacred shrines of pilgrimage, sing of You.

9 : 53

The brave and mighty warriors sing of You. The spiritual heroes and the four sources of creation sing of You.

9 : 54

The worlds, solar systems and galaxies, created and arranged by Your Hand, sing of You.

9 : 55

They alone sing of You, who are pleasing to Your Will. Your devotees are imbued with Your Sublime Essence.

9 : 56

So many others sing of You, they do not come to mind. O Nanak, how can I think of them all?

9 : 57

That True Lord is True, forever True, and True is His Name.

9 : 58

He is, and shall always be. He shall not depart, even when this Universe which He has created departs.

9 : 59

He created the world, with its various colors, species of beings, and the variety of Maya.

9 : 60

Having created the creation, He watches over it Himself, by His Greatness.

9 : 61

He does whatever He pleases. No one can issue any order to Him.

9 : 62

He is the King, the King of kings, the Supreme Lord and Master of kings. Nanak remains subject to His Will. ||1||

9 : 63

Aasaa, First Mehl:

9 : 64

Hearing of His Greatness, everyone calls Him Great.

9 : 65

But just how Great His Greatness is—this is known only to those who have seen Him.

9 : 66

His Value cannot be estimated; He cannot be described.

9 : 67

Those who describe You, Lord, remain immersed and absorbed in You. ||1||

9 : 68

O my Great Lord and Master of Unfathomable Depth, You are the Ocean of Excellence.

9 : 69

No one knows the extent or the vastness of Your Expanse. ||1||Pause||

9 : 70

All the intuitives met and practiced intuitive meditation.

9 : 71

All the appraisers met and made the appraisal.

9 : 72

The spiritual teachers, the teachers of meditation, and the teachers of teachers

9 : 73

–they cannot describe even an iota of Your Greatness. ||2||

9 : 74

All Truth, all austere discipline, all goodness,

9 : 75

all the great miraculous spiritual powers of the Siddhas

9 : 76

–without You, no one has attained such powers.

9 : 77

They are received only by Your Grace. No one can block them or stop their flow. ||3||

9 : 78

What can the poor helpless creatures do?

9 : 79

Your Praises are overflowing with Your Treasures.

9 : 80

Those, unto whom You give–how can they think of any other?

9 : 81

O Nanak, the True One embellishes and exalts. ||4||2||

9 : 82

Aasaa, First Mehl:

9 : 83

Chanting it, I live; forgetting it, I die.

9 : 84

It is so difficult to chant the True Name.

9 : 85

If someone feels hunger for the True Name,

9 : 86

that hunger shall consume his pain. ||1||

9 : 87

How can I forget Him, O my mother?

9 : 88

True is the Master, True is His Name. ||1||Pause||

9 : 89

Trying to describe even an iota of the Greatness of the True Name,

9 : 90

people have grown weary, but they have not been able to evaluate it.

9 : 91

Even if everyone were to gather together and speak of Him,

9 : 92

He would not become any greater or any lesser. ||2||

9 : 93

That Lord does not die; there is no reason to mourn.

9 : 94

He continues to give, and His Provisions never run short.

9 : 95

This Virtue is His alone; there is no other like Him.

9 : 96

There never has been, and there never will be. ||3||

9 : 97

As Great as You Yourself are, O Lord, so Great are Your Gifts.

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