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Introduction to 'Nijanand' Path

Words of Wisdom

Auspicious Affirmations by Shri Prannath ji

1. After all, Why One Really Needs a Guru or a Sadguru?

Welcome spiritual friends! Guru literally means 'teacher.' In Eastern religious and spiritual traditions, however, Guru has far more significance than a teacher. A teacher just teaches or imparts knowledge. But a Guru also helps the disciple molding values and practice experiential spiritual wisdom in life.

If we contemplate deeply, we find that - from parents to teachers, friends, family, people, and spiritual path-pavers - all have contributed in one or more ways to our successful and happy life. In essence, they are all our Guru. Thus, everyone requires a Guru or a master or a mentor as a guide since birth.

While in modern era, the term Guru is used for teachers of any area of expertise, we will discuss it in context of spirituality. Hindu traditions emphasizes that self realization can be attained by gaining knowledge and practicing it in life under the guidance of a qualified Guru.

As we grow, with our changing needs for worldly and spiritual knowledge, finding a qualified mentor or Guru becomes an absolute necessity to pave the path of ever-growing happiness. This is even more important on the spiritual path. One must keep seeking for a qualified master (explained later) until found, contrary to the practice of limiting oneself to one Guru for the entire life span.

Dattatreya, known as an incarnation of Lord Shiva, had sought guidance from 24 Gurus. In actuality, the entire creation was akin to a master to him. In his view, *meeting of a master and a disciple is not of physical, mental or intellectual planes. It is essentially a convergence of the flow of two consciousness wanting to go to their origin or Source; just like two rivers flowing towards their final destination - the ocean.*

Friends! Now, we know the fact that as we live our life, we may come across many Gurus or masters in the world who can be instrumental in providing varieties of knowledge.

Rigveda:4.5.6 describes Guru as "the source and inspirer of the knowledge of the Self, the essence of reality," for one who seeks.

Guru Gita: 1/33,34 defines Guru as the cause for elimination of darkness of ignorance by the enlightenment of Brahm Gyaan.

Paramhansa and philosophers like Adi Shankaracharya have described Guru as a raft and the student (seeker) of truth as a rower: *Satguru satya jahaaj.*

However, over the period of time, the tradition (parampara) of Guru (teacher) and Shishya (student) has got corrupted. As a result, modern philosophers often cautions against the traps of so-called Gurus. Today, more Gurus have turned into hypocrites because, if they don't present themselves as purer than or superior to ordinary people or their competitors, they risk losing their followers.

Such behavior is encouraged by disciples who forget distinction between the person who he has regarded as Guru and that which he symbolizes.

Shri Prannathji's Tartam Wani introduces a progressive, well balanced and unique approach for identifying, maintaining and evolving relationship between a Guru and a disciple. While Tartam Wani emphasizes the need for a seeker to identify a Guru, it also asks one to be vigilant against corrupt Gurus.

It says, a rigorous 'quality control' of Gurus is essential in the worldly drama. On one hand, it asks us to avoid blind faith in any Guru and even blind criticism of Gurus on the other! It teaches us the way to derive inspiration from all things and all beings in the world, as they all possess virtues and vices alike. It emphasizes on sense of deep gratitude to be able to attract both knowledge and love from all directions.

Tartam Wani also highlights importance of companionship of a living Guru or Sundarsath devotees holding spiritual knowledge. It acknowledges Guru and Sadguru in the form of: (1) a person with knowledge, (2) Brahm Gyan itself, (3) Bliss-part Shyamaji and (4) ParBrahmn Lord Himself. These forms may vary for each individual depending on one's level of awakening.

2. Encounter with God is possible only through Sadguru

Shri Prannath ji's Spiritual Wisdom encourages all spiritual seekers to search for Sadguru to attain ultimate God reality. Let's ponder upon the following chopais (a four-legged verse):

Khoj badi sansār re toom khojo sādho, खोज बड़ी संसार रे तुम खोजो साधो,
khoj badi sansār | खोज बड़ी संसार ।
Khojat khojat satguru pā' eae, खोजत खोजत सतगुरु पाइए,
satguru sang kartār || सतगुरु संग करतार ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 2

"O' seekers of truth! Search for Parbrahmn (Supreme Brahmn) is of utmost significance as you live in this world. Encounter with Sadguru shall become possible with your persistent devotion in search. Guaranteed, Sadguru's company and his affectionate wisdom shall lead you to God, your Beloved Lord, who is perfect embodiment of truth, consciousness and bliss."

Yamen satgur mile toh sanse bhāne, यामें सतगुर मिले तो संसे भाने,
painda dekhāve pār | पैँडा देखावे पार ।
Tab sakal sabad ko arth hupaje, तब सकल सबद को अर्थ उपजे,
sab gam pade sansār || सब गम पड़े संसार ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 22/7

"If you find Sadguru in this dream world, then he can resolve all your ignorance-based incongruities and show the path to Supreme Abode Abode that is beyond the formless void (nirākār) and the eternal boundless Yogmayic domain (behad). Once your path to Supreme Abode Paramdham is illuminated, mystic secrets of all scriptures start becoming clear. As a result, you can know the reality of this world."

Friends, so what we learn here is that meeting with a Sadguru becomes possible only by the grace of the Supreme Lord, and by the mercy of the Sadguru, Supreme Lord becomes ensconced within our soul.

3. Challenges faced by today's Seekers

It is a fact that in the present times, Gurus in many colorful attires and pompous practices have distorted the true spiritual path of detachment. Due to over-emphasis on irrelevant ritualism, the field of religion and spirituality has been corrupted. Thus, it has become difficult to find an honest and authentic master.

Moreover, it has become common practice in every religious or spiritual group to project and address their Guru as Sadguru - a true enlightened one. Personality cult and personality worship have taken such centre place in the realm of religion and spirituality that today there has been an ongoing tug-of-war among people, sects, and religions.

Therefore, modern philosophers often interject that one is one's own teacher. This explanation of the word 'GURU' in English is also popular: G (Guru) U (You) R (Are) U (You); meaning, You and only you are your Guru. Therefore, just seek your Guru within yourself.

The essence of such an understanding is that first listen to your own inner voice, listen to that inner inspiration which is not arising from one's ego but is emanating from one's true divine nature, i.e., love - the

ultimate Source. Emphasizing the importance of it, Shri Pran-nathji says -

Jolon ātam na deve sākh, जोलों आतम ना देवे साख,
toh lon prabodh bhale dije dash lakh | तोलों प्रबोध भले दीजे दस लाख ।
Par so kyon'e na lage vachan, पर सो क्योए ना लगे वचन,
jolon na samze atam budh man | | जोलों ना समझे आतम बुध मन ।।

Shri Prannath Wani: Prakash 35/3

"Till such time, the spark of inspiration that emanates from the root source of consciousness does not find acceptance in one's own heart, or does not get self-attestation about its truth; any external input (sermon of knowledge or the words of a master) is meaningless. It does not mean that we do not need help of higher inspirational source or consciousness or a Sadguru."

Today's individual is often frustrated with the outer pomposity of religious and spiritual leaders, and therefore, wants to keep away from any Guru and even avoid conversation on this matter. As a result, the very need to recognize a Sadguru itself, is under a question mark.

Being possessed of illusory attachment only, people generally tend to limit the form of Sadguru to one particular body and remains expectant of manifestation of worldly miracles. Being oblivious of the true divine splendid form within the Sadguru, people fail to enter the field of non-dual love.

4. The Path of Nijanand - The Sure Way Out!

Friends! Various spiritual and religious traditions emphasize the need for a present human-bodied Guru or

Sadguru as a helpful guide, and this is fine. However, at the end, one must invite and evolve the divine form of Sadguru within his heart.

To be able to do this, Shri Prannathji stresses an urgent need to get involved in acquiring Tartam knowledge and disciplined Nijanand meditational practices (*chitwani*).

On the path of Nijanand, the soul, who is identified as 'Sundarsath', tries to live life as guided by the Brahm Gyan - the Tartam Wani.

As one internalizes the divine wisdom more and more, he needs less and less guidance from outside. He then comes to realize Brahm Gyan itself as a Sadguru.

Life on earth can become as blissful as in the Supreme Abode with more souls coming to such a realization.

It is hoped that after reading and pondering upon Shri Prannathji's words of wisdom, you will be able to give a new direction to your life. Hopefully, by expressing sincere gratitude towards all those teachers and Gurus who educated us at different stages of our life and by searching out the Sadguru, who would help us swim in the ocean of eternal bliss. This is the way, we would be able to reap optimal benefit of our human existence.

5. *It is very difficult to find Saguru in Kaliyug*

Satguru kyon pā' eae kulī me'n, सतगुर क्यो पाइए कुली में,
bhekhen bigādyo vairāg | भेखें बिगारयो वैराग ।
Dimbhakā' eae duniyān le dabo' ee, डिंभकाइए दुनियां ले डबोई,
bāher shital mānhen āg | बाहेर सीतल मांहे आग ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 26/3

"Friends! Be cautious and careful! Finding a Sadguru is very difficult in this dreadful Kali Age. Pretentious people in the garb of true saints have disgraced the path of detachment and asceticism. Because of the lack of dissemination and spread of Supreme Wisdom, imposters have pushed the world into utter darkness of ignorance. Outwardly, they appear calm and all-knowing, but the fire of worldly attachments and material desires rages in their hearts."

Govind ke gun gā' ae ke, गोविंद के गुन गाए के,
tā par māngāt dān | ता पर मांग दान
Dhik dhik pado t' e manavi, धिक धिक पडो ते मानवी,
jo bechat hai bhagawan | जो बेचत है भगवान ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 26/4

"Such impostor saints demand charity from the devotees in the name of God, singing His praises for meeting their selfish and familial interests. Damned are such people who strive to serve their personal ends by selling the name of God."

Baithat satguru hoae ke, बैठत सतगुरु होए के,
ās karen shishy kerī | आस करें शिश्य केरी ।
So duben āp shishyan sahit, सो डूबें आप शिष्यन सहित,
jā' ae pade koop andheri | जाए पड़े कूप अंधेरी ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 26/6

"Such virtuous looking saintly people self-crowned as Sadguru, occupy great spiritual thrones and expect to be served with wealth from their disciples. Such pompous people ultimately sink in the dark bottomless pit along with their disciples. Apparently, they keep wandering in the darkness of ignorance - they are forever deviated from the path of enlightenment."

Kete āp kahāven parameshwar, केते आप कहावें परमेश्वर,
kete karat hai pooja | केते करत हैं पूजा ।
Sādḥsevak hoae āge baithe, साध सेवक होए आगे बैठे,
kahen ya bin ko' ee nahin dooja | कहें या बिन कोई नहीं दूजा ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 6/10

"There are also some others, who are self-proclaimed Gods. Others then start worshipping them taking to be the form of Supreme Lord and many devotees remain in their service and listen to their gospels with earnest interest. Then praising their masters, they propagate the idea that they are their Supreme Lord and there is none equal to their master saint!"

Ko' ee āp badā' ee apne mukh th' en, कोई आप बड़ाई अपने मुख थें,
karo so lakh hajār | करो सो लाख हजार ।
Parameshwar hoae ke āp pujā' o, परमेश्वर होए के आप पुजाओ,
par pā' o nahin bhav pār | पर पाओ नहीं भव पार ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 10/5

"One may praise one-self a million times and even declare oneself as Supreme Lord and get worshipped, but still, without the understanding of Spiritual knowledge, one will not be able to break free of the worldly cycles."

Jāko tum satgur kar sevon, जाको तुम सतगुर कर सेवों,
tako itni poocho khabar | ताको इतनी पूछो खबर ।
Ae sansār chhod chalenge āpan, ए संसार छोड़ चलेंगे आपन,
tab kahān hai apno ghar || तब कहाँ है अपनो घर ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 10/3

"O' devotees! You just ask the one whom you take as a Sadguru and serve as to - where would our original abode be when we leave our body and this world?"

Pārbrahm kyon pā'iae, पारब्रहम क्यों पाँए,
tatkhin keeje upā'ae | ततखिन कीजे उपाए ।
Ka'ee ḍoondhe mānhen bāher, कईँ ढूँढे माँहे बाहेर,
binā satguru na lakhā'ae" || बिना सतगुरु

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 34/16

"Countless spiritual endeavorers (sages and yogis) and scholars have searched for the Supreme Lord of truth, consciousness and bliss in the body and in this world by means of meditation, deeds, worship etc. But alas! How is it possible to behold the Supreme Lord without the help of a Sadguru?"

Who am I? Where is my true home? Where have I strayed from? These are the few questions many sages of all religions and their disciples have tried to answer from the beginning of the time, but they lacked the intellect to process the wisdom hidden beyond these questions and their scripture-authenticated answers.

Friends! As we begin our search, let's first understand distinction between Gurus of different kinds

and Sadguru (an enlightened master).

6. Different Kinds of Gurus, But One Sadguru

One of Shri Prannathji's companion souls beautifully draws four distinctions in the following verse of the prayer:

Guru kanchan guru pāras, गुरु कंचन गुरु पारस,
guru chandan parmān | गुरु चंदन परमान ।
Tum satguru Deepak bhaye, तुम सतगुरु दीपक भये,
kiyo jo āp samān|| कियो जो आप समान ॥

Seva Puja: Sandhya Prayer

Meaning,

Guru Kanchan: "Some masters free of any blemish are like pure gold. But they are not able to make all those who come in their contact also like them."

Guru Paras: "Some masters are like the touchstone (a special stone which can change anything rubbed with it into gold) who can take even the stupidest of stupid person under their shelter and make them highly knowledgeable by removing all their blemishes."

Guru Chandan: "Some masters are like sandal wood - pure and filled with fragrant knowledge and can make those who come in contact with them fragrant with their knowledge but are not able to free their disciples from the effects of vices such as lust, anger, greed, false attachments and jealousy."

Sadguru Deepak: The main difference is that while a Guru makes his own disciples, a Sadguru, being enlightened (*Deepak, a lamp*), by his prowess drawn from

the Supreme Abode, makes others also *like him* by imparting the knowledge of soul realization.

In other words, a Sadguru or an enlightened master is an exceptional one, who can guide us towards our ultimate spiritual pursuit. He is always connected to the original bliss (Anand) source of the Supreme Lord.

Only by getting connected with this original source, we can find true happiness, one, which can never be snatched away from us.

Please remember that a Sadguru's aim can neither be to increase the number of disciples nor to keep people trapped in false traditions and their bizarre ideologies by enslaving people, moving from place to place. The aim of a Sadguru is only to widen the expanse of soul and help her in spiritual evolution.

7. Qualifications of a Sadguru

Hindu mythological text of 'Skandh Puran' and 'Guru Gitayam' beautifully clarifies these attributes of a Sadguru in these slokas:

Brahmānandam param sukhadam, ब्रह्मानन्दम् परम सुखदम्,

kevalam jnān moortimam | केवलम् ज्ञान मूर्तिमम् |

Dvandāteetam gagana shad'shama, द्वन्दातीतम् गगन शद्रशम्,

tatvamasyādi lakshyam”|| तत्त्वमस्यादि लक्ष्यम् ||

Aeko nityam vimalam-chalam, एको नित्यम् विमलम्-चलम्,

sarvadā sākshī roopam | सर्वदा साक्षी रूपम् |

Bhāvāteetam triguna rahitam, भावातीतम् त्रिगुण रहितम्,

satgurum tam namāmi|| सदगुरुम् तम नमामि ||

"I offer salutation to a Sadguru (enlightened master), who is:

- The bliss-form of Supreme Lord,
- The benefactor of supreme joy,
- The embodiment of divine wisdom,
- Beyond the tussle of dual contradictions,
- Having heart with the vastness of the sky,
- Ever pure and unblemished,
- One, steadfast, perfectly aligned with Beloved Par-Brahmn,
- Ever living as mere 'witness' to all things,
- Compassionate but still in pure awareness, and beyond emotional planes, and
- Ever free of the shackles of the three attributes (gunas).

Divine friends! A Sadguru is able to do all of the above by living a life of unique singular love and total surrender. As a result, he is empowered by the grace of Beloved Lord.

One must also understand it clearly that it is not necessary to relinquish family duties or responsibilities either to attain or become a Sadguru. Most of the Rishies and saints of the Indian subcontinent were family men.

The founder of the school of Nijānand, Shri Devchandrajī (1581-1654 AD) was married. Also, Shri Mihir-raj Thakur (1618-1694 AD) lived a family life, through whose persona the Revealed Supreme Wisdom (Tārtam Vani) manifested in this world.

In essence, a Sadguru is such an unworldly personality, who though enters a human body by mere pure will, is not confined by the limitations of a mortal body. His true form can be realized only by the recognition

of the power of consciousness that enacts the sport through his personality.

8. Beloved Lord has sent His Bliss-principal as Sadguru

Dear True Self-seeking friends! As we know, Supreme Lord is the embodiment of Truth (existence), Consciousness (awareness) and Bliss (anand). Scriptures identifies Him as Aksharāteet Par-Brahm, who is the Lord of the Supreme Heaven, and is beyond the Lord of the Upper Heaven (Akshar Brahm). Multitudes of universes appear and collapse by the resolve and thinking of the mind of the Truth aspect (Akshar) of Par-Brahm.

All souls, i.e., we all, are part of the Bliss aspect of Par-Brahm, like the countless ripples of waves in an ocean. What has happened is that we have forgotten our true identity and our original eternal (Noori) form having been so entangled in the affairs of this illusory world. We have got so deluded here that we have forgotten the nature of our relationship with our Beloved Lord and are not able to enjoy the divine sport of our eternal abode, Paramdham.

That is why, to awaken us, Beloved Supreme Lord has sent His Bliss-principal, 'Shri Shyamaji' as Sadguru. Since the Supreme Wisdom has manifested through the Bliss-principal of Supreme Lord, Shri Shyamaji is mentioned as Sadguru, according to the traditions of Nijanand order.

Thus, it is clear that only a knower of Supreme Wisdom (Bharm Gyani) attains this status of a Sadguru. The holy Kuljam Swaroop is in fact the wisdom of Supreme Lord, brought to the world through His Bliss aspect Shri Shyamaji. Therefore, it is in itself the form of a Sadguru that serves as the timeless guiding force in the present times.

9. Identify Your Sadguru

Satguru so'ee jo āp chinhāve, सतगुरु सोई जो आप चिन्हावे,
māya dhani aur ghar | माया धनी और घर ।
Sab cheenh pare ākhir ki, सब चीन्ह परे आखिर की,
gyon bhooliae nahin avasar|| ज्यों भूलिए नहीं अवसर ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 14/11

"Sadguru is one who makes us realize the true essential nature of our inner self and one who makes aware of the nature of illusory entity (Maya), the reality of the eternal Beloved Lord (Supreme Soul - Paramatma) and the Supreme eternal Abode. Through his grace, Sadguru **helps realize the signs of the End Time** (soul awakening), **so one may never lose this golden opportunity of attaining eternal salvation in vein**. It is he who plants the seeds of firm faith in the Supreme Lord."

Satguru soi jo vatan bataave, सतगुरु सोई जो वतन बतावे,
moh maya aur aap | मोह माया और आप ।
Paar purukh jo parkhaave, पार पुरूख जो परखावे,
mahamat taason kije milaap | | महामत तासों कीजे मिलाप ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 20/6

"A Sadguru is one who, makes you aware of your soul's eternal abode, liberates you from the claws of material illusions

and acquaints you to the true nature of the soul and the almighty Supreme Lord, the Absolute Principle. Shri Mahāmāti says that one should seek the company of such a Sadguru and should be totally dedicated to him."

Accordingly, a Sadguru is one who:

- has realized God, the Supreme Lord, who is having a pure divine form;
- is capable to help us understand the pure divine nature of Supreme Lord;
- can show us the simplest path to attain Beloved Lord;
- helps us realize and remind us of our true divine nature, which is separate from our mind;
- teaches us the way to view the worldly drama with steady intellect and merely as a 'witness' even while living life of an ordinary person;
- remains ever in a blissful state and harbors no fear or anxiety or worry;
- can experience the divine play of the Beloved Lord's Will in this world; and
- can generate ripples of love and bliss within his companion souls (disciples) by his kind gesture, touch and knowledge.

10. Fine distinction between Sadguru and Par-Brahmn Lord

Divine friends! Having understood our journey from Gurus of different kinds to Sadguru, one has to know even finer distinction between Sadguru and Par-Brahmn Lord also, as there has been wide-spread

misunderstanding on this matter.

Paramhans Shri Jugaldasji, a companion of Shri Pran-nathji, beautifully clarifies the fine distinction between Sadguru and Par-Brahm (Absolute Supreme Lord). In his inspirational composition titled 'Prem Pāti', he suggests the practical approach that a wise person should take:

"The distinction between Sadguru and Par-Brahmn Lord (Absolute Divine) is finer than even the thread of a spider's web. Know it well that, in this worldly sport, a Sadguru is NOT the Absolute Supreme Lord. But his soul is the eternal beloved of the Supreme Lord. The inspirational exalted powers (Josh or Aavesh) and the Will (Hukam) of Beloved Supreme Lord are perfectly established within him. Therefore, a Sadguru is the definitive gateway leading to the Beloved Lord and is simply the sheer reflection of Supreme Lord. None can encounter Absolute Supreme Lord unless through him."

"Just as awareness of sun can be gained by looking at its reflection in a pot full of water, so can Supreme Lord be seen by looking within Sadguru's heart. Within him reside the Beloved Lord and even all companion souls. That is why Sadguru is worthy of greatness in all respects."

"Friends! Just as a binocular makes things far off look closer, so does the Sadguru, by imparting Brahm Gyan, help behold the Aksharateet Supreme Lord who is beyond the Lords of Lower an Upper Heavens, who are Kshar Purusha and Akshar Brahm respectively."

"Just like the heat of the sun and the coolness of the moon

can be brought down to earth through the use of a mirror, so it is possible to attain true happiness (Eternal Bliss) in the lotus feet of Beloved Pran-nath by totally surrendering oneself to the Supreme Wisdom imparted by Sadguru with the sentiment of sublime love.

"Friends, the foolish and the ignorant cannot see the latent fire in rocks and woods. Nor do they know the art to kindle a fire from them. But the innovative wise individuals manage to generate fire from them skillfully. By the same tactic, honest and virtuous persons also manifest Supreme Lord out of their relationship with the Sadguru. This way, they keep receiving heavenly blissful pleasures every moment even in this life."

"Expressions of pure service (Seva) remain a mere dream as long as the power of the Supreme Lord is not recognized within the Sadguru while he is in this world. Therefore, the recognition of the Sadguru and fulfillment of our dutiful obligations towards his ideals has been said to be the greatest sign of conduct at the level of soul."

"Therefore, it is essential that we know Sadguru as the form of Supreme Lord by our mind, speech and deeds. Then, as a bride remains engrossed in singular faithful love for her beloved by mind, consciousness, intellect and soul, so should we devote ourselves to Sadguru."

11. Fellowship of Sadguru and Servitude!

Ab sang keeje tin gur ki, अब संग कीजे तिन गुर की,
khoj ke purukh pooran | खोज के पुरुख पूरन ।
Seva keeje sab ang so'n, सेवा कीजे सब अंग सों,
ma'n kar karam vachan|| मन कर करम वचन ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 34/17

"Colleagues! Now you search for that competent Sadguru who can give you knowledge about the Absolute Principle Aksharateeet who is beyond perishable Kshar and eternal Akshar, and stay in his constant fellowship. Invest in his servitude with your speech, deeds and heart and follow the path he has shown with full faith and determination."

Thus, a spiritual aspirant should dedicate to fulfill the requirements of such a Sadguru and support in the endeavors propagated by him. It must always be remembered that the true service to Sadguru is to keep our actions and behavior devoid of any vices.

So sang kaise chhodiye, सो संग कैसे छोड़िए,
jo sancha hai satgur | जो सांचे हैं सतगुर ।
Udaye sabe antar, उड़ाए सबे अंतर,
bataye diyo nijghar|| बताए दियो निज घर ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 34/18

"One should not forego the company of such a Sadguru who has given the true recognition of the Supreme Lord clearing all lingering doubts and also given true awareness of the Supreme Abode (Paramdham)."

Jo manhen nirml baher de na dikhāyi, जो मांहेँ निरमल बाहेर दे न देखाई,
vāko pārbrāhm so'n pehechan | वाको पारब्रह्म सों पेहेचान ।
Mahāmat kahe sangat kar vākī, महामत कहे संगत कर वाकी,
kar vāhi so'n gosht gyan|| कर वाही सों गोश्ट ग्यान ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 26/7

"The One who is pure and transparent from within, and doesn't engage in external showcasing, is the one who has

realized Supreme Lord in reality. Mahamati says, O' seekers of truth! Associate with such a Brahm Gyaani, and imbibe from him the mystic secrets of spirituality."

12. The fruits of Sadguru's Grace

Mahāmat ae sanmandhe pā' e' ae, महामत ए सनमंघे पाइए,
aīsa akhand sukh apār | ऐसा अखण्ड सुख अपार ।
Gur prasāden nātak pekhyā, गुर प्रसादे नटक पेख्या,
pāyā ma'n ma'n ka prakār|| पाया मन का प्रकार ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 6/17

"Shri Mahāmatiji endowed with the five divine powers of Supreme Lord says that, it is only with original connection the eternal bliss of Supreme Abode beyond the transient and momentary happiness of this illusory world can be attained. It is only with the grace of the Sadguru that this worldly sport can be witnessed as a mere spectator. And again it is only with the grace of the Sadguru that one can truly know the mental (Avyakrit) form of the eternal Lord of the Upper Heaven (Akshar Brahm), the mind of Avyakrit's dreamy form (Ādi Narayan), and the minds of the lesser souls (jeevas) of this world."

O' my beloved Lord! By your grace you have made us aware of the form of the illusory entity (maya) through the Revealed Wisdom (Tārtam Gyan) and also gave us testimonies from scriptures. You have shown us the sport of the illusory entity, which we had desired to see. Now, you have made us fully aware of its true nature.

13. The Supreme Lord - My Ultimate Sadguru

Friends! At the peak of your spiritual evolution, ultimately, you start recognizing the Supreme Lord as your Sadguru. It is so because such a soul has realized the fact that the affectionate wisdom and all heavenly delights arise from her Beloved Lord's opportune heart.

Satguru mera shyamji, सद्गुरु मेरे श्याम जी,
mein ahnīsh charne rahu | मैं अहिंस चरने रहूँ ।
Sanmandh mera yahi so, संबंघ मेरा यही सो,
mein tāthe sadā sukh le'un|| मैं ताथें सदा सुख लेऊँ ॥

Shri Prannath Wani: Kirantan 52/12

"The Supreme Lord of pure love, awareness and bliss alone is my Sadguru. I shall now remain ever subjugated at His lotus feet. My root connection and eternal attachment are with Him, that is why I am savoring Nijanand – eternal bliss. I am fully affirmed of the fact that Supreme Wisdom and the happiness of all kinds ultimately flow out from the graceful heart of Beloved Lord only."

O' My Beloved Lord! Here is my humble prayer at your lotus feet:

"Dear Lord! Before coming to this worldly drama, we (Souls) have been in adamant insistence of wanting to see this worldly sport. You have shown us that in full by coming down here. For that, You had come to this world even before sending us here. Lord! Without you, who else can satisfy us with pampering love? Who else can come again for our sake into this illusory world in a human

form?"

"O' Lord! You have showered upon us great grace and all of that is well imprinted in my heart. Now, I am ready to lay down my body and soul for you as you have graced me with much love and bliss. I am ready to sacrifice myself for you again and again. How can I ever be free of your debts?"

14. Prayer to Sadguru

So, let's first invite the divine spirit of our original guide, our mentor, our Sadguru so our hearts may become the abode of God, our Beloved Lord Prannath - the perfect embodiment of supreme truth, awareness and bliss.

*Vando Sadguru charan ko, karun so prem pranam |
Asubh haran mangal karan, dhani Shri dev-
chandra-ji naam | |*

"O Sadguru, my True Master! I offer salutation at your lotus feet. I bow before you with love-filled greeting. You dissipate all misfortunes and bring about infinite abundance to me. I thank you for being my spiritual guide in the person of Shri Devchandraji."

*Shri Prannath nij mool pati, Shri Meheraj su-naam |
Tej-kuvvari shyama yugal ko, pal pal karun pranam | |*

"I affirm that Shri Prān-nāth is the Ultimate Beloved of all Souls, who manifested in the person of Shri Mihir-rāj. And, Bliss-principal Shri Shyamaji, who manifested as Tej Kunwari. I bow with total reverence and greet the Divine Couple every moment."

*Shri Prannath toom satya ho, toom se chalat jahaj |
Mein aadhin karni nahin, baanh grahey ki laaj | |*

"O Shri Prānnāth! You are the eternal supreme truth. You are the sole steerer of the ship of my life. Having totally surrendered to your Will, now my destiny is not bound even by the best of my Karmas. Here, I stand at your feet with my hands wide open. Now, it is up to you to hold my hands and protect my honor of being your beloved Soul."

Affectionate greetings...SaPrem Pranam

Introduction to 'Nijanand' Path

Dear spiritual friends! There is **only one Ultimate Reality**, the One Supreme God, who is the basis of infinite worlds, who is the master of all souls, and the sole source of all powers, including pure love.

We call that supreme source of everything as our Beloved Lord Prannath, the Sachchidanand Par-Brahm, who is the perfect embodiment of truth, consciousness and bliss. 'Pran' signifies life and 'nath' signifies master. Thus, **Prannath essentially means the ultimate source and the original inspirer of all levels of existence.**

Friends! Essentially, we all are spiritual beings on the human journey. You can imagine our true relationship with One God, our Beloved Lord Prannath, like that of **an ocean and its waves**. You can also imagine our Supreme Beloved as the sun and all Souls as its rays. In other words, **we are inseparable from our Source and reflect our Source's qualities.** Scriptures validate this by saying, "*Atma so Parmatma.*" In this worldly drama, we have just forgotten our true identity and regard the false one as real. This is the **root cause for all sufferings.**

So, it is important to remember the fact that **the key to true happiness lies in the awareness of who we really are spiritually, and how well we connect with our Source** as we live each moment on this earth. The more we are aligned (one) with the Beloved Lord's heart and mind, the more ever-lasting joy of intimate relationship we can feel here and now. And, that is the true purpose of a religion or

Dharma - to cause spiritual awakening and unite humanity with the strings of divine love.

Therefore, the **first step** for each one of us on spiritual path is to **know our Beloved Lord and His divine nature**, the ultimate truth about our core being, our Atma (Soul) and Par-Atma (Super Soul), and the divine sports (leela) with our Beloved Lord.

Friends! Amid this illusory world, Beloved Prannath has descended with Supreme Wisdom (Brahm Gyan) to unite the entire humanity by making us realize the clear distinction between the truth and falsities. **Shri Prannathji's Brahm Gyan is also known as Tārtam Vāni.** It is that transcendental wisdom which leads the seeker towards the divine enlightenment by shredding down the darkness of illusory ignorance. It emanated from the persona of Shri Prannath (Shri Ji), and has been compiled under the name 'Kuljam Swaroop' or Tārtam Wani.

It is a priceless spiritual wealth available to the present day world. It encompasses all the spiritual knowledge found in various world scriptures and shows the ultimate Supreme Abode - Paramdham. Tārtam Vani is presented as beads threaded together as a chain of '**Tārtam, the mother of all wisdoms.**

Friends, Tārtam provide clear answers to **profound spiritual inquiries** which had been challenging mankind for endless times: **Who am I? Where have I come from? Who is my Beloved Lord? Why am I here in this**

world? What is the ultimate purpose of life?

Shrimad Bhagvad Geeta mentions only briefly about God's three major realms, namely Kshar, Akshar and Uttam Purush beyond Akshar (Aksharateet). Shri Prannathji's **Tartam Brahm Gyan is the only scripture on this earth that explains how the same God (Aksharateet) governs these three domains via three levels of His power of consciousness.** It offers unprecedented Tartam knowledge concerning Aksharateet ParBrahmn's swaroop (divine form), leela (divine play) and the highest Abode (Paramdham).

In order to make each one of us enjoy the taste of ultimate bliss or Nij-Anand, Shri Prannathji invites every soul to enter into a **relationship as a consort (Aatm-angna) with the Beloved Lord.** According to Tartam, it is imperative that a human soul enters into this most mature and intimate form of relationship and practice it in life to reap the fullest benefit.

Tartam Brahm Gyan **first manifested** in this world in 1621 AD when the Supreme Lord in His Exalted Form endowed with all his divine powers appeared in vision before Shri Devchandra ji (1581-1654 AD). After that, Shri Devchandra ji came to be known as Shri Nijanand Swami.

This seed form of wisdom **later grew and evolved** in the form of a giant tree, the Holy Kuljam Swaroop (Tartam Vani), when Devchandraji's disciple Mihir-raj Thakur (AD 1618-1694) received divine powers after his passing away. Mihir-raj earned the title of Mahamati.

Kuljam Swaroop is now providing peace and joy to the whole world. It's inherent Supreme Wisdom **manifested in a span of 33 years at different places** during the course of spiritual awakening journey or the Atma-Jagruti crusade.

The journey started from Jamnagar (Gujarat) in 1659 and ended at Panna (Madhya Pradesh) in 1692. This consists of 18,758 verses organized in the form of **17 jewels of ultimate spiritual texts.** For those on the path of inner search for Eternal Bliss (Nij-Anand), it essentially represents the divine Knowledge form of the Supreme Lord Aksharateet.

The title of '**Mahamati**' finding mention in Kuljam Swaroop represents the **collective form of divine powers of Beloved Supreme Lord** - Exalted Inspirational Power (*Josh or Avesh*), Bliss (*Anand*), Tartam Knowledge (*Noor*), Will (*Hukum*) and Awakened Intellect (*Jagrut Buddhi and Nij Buddhi*). Known to the world as Mihir-raj Thakur (AD 1618-1694), he received the exalted title of '*Mahamati*' by the grace of Beloved Supreme Lord.

His companions, the community of devotee '**Sundarsath**' venerated him as '**Prannath**' when they recognized the sport of Supreme Lord being enacted through Mihir-raj. However, the Supreme Lord (*Aksharateet*) Himself is Prannath in reality, who is the one beyond the Lord of lower heaven (*Kshar or Adi Narayan*) and even beyond the Lord of upper heaven (*Akshar*).

Inspired by his enlightened master Sadguru Nijanandacharya Shri Devchandra ji (1581-1654 AD), **Mihir-raj** resolved to relinquish his position as the minister at Jamnagar (Gujarat), renounced the physical fulfillment of life and its delights. He set out on a grand mission which is called **Ātma Jagruti Abhiyaan or Mission to cause Awakening of the Souls**. At the tender age of 12, he came at the feet of Sadguru to seek spiritual knowledge. By gaining awareness of the true form of non-dual bliss (*Adwait Prem*), he became the sheer idol of soul-centered service, dedication, and love.

Keeping spirituality in the centre at all times, **Mihir-raj fulfilled his duties towards the family, society, country and the whole humanity.**

With the application of a humane approach, he linked the inherent soul consciousness (*Ātm-Chetna*) of all with Supreme Soul consciousness (*Par-Ātm Chetna*). He connected individuals, societies, religions and global platforms with one common spiritual link. Hence, to derive the true meaning out of his **Unitarian efforts** and true evaluation of his divine revelations, one must break free from the confines of narrow sectarian views.

In addition, he resolved many important practical **social issues** as well. He was also instrumental in the revolutionary societal reforms. He relentlessly fought against the prevailing evils of superstitions, untouchability, discrimination due to caste system, use of violence to address issues, indulgence in various types of vices and

addictions, injustice to women, religious intolerance, rigid grip of mundane rituals, and pompous display of religious norms.

He presented a **new spark of conscious awareness** to the society afflicted with sectarianism as early as 400 years back, which is of great relevance and importance in the present day world.

The influence of the Revealed Supreme Wisdom of Shri Prannathji can in fact be seen in the thinking of many leaders of social movement, including **Mahatma Gandhi**, deemed as the Father of the nation, in India. He was inspired by the spiritual wisdom offered by Shri Prannathji through his mother Putlibai. As a result, through the adoption of revolutionary methodologies in the form of **non-violence movement and use of spinning wheel**, he overcame his freedom struggle.

Friends! The quadruplets (divine verses) presented in this floret will render insight to the greatness of the Absolute Wisdom of Shri Prannthji. It is by the power of this Revealed Supreme Wisdom only on the occasion of the Kumbh Mela (assemblage) at Haridwar in 1678 AD (V.S. 1735) that Mahamatiji got revealed as the **awaited Vijayabhinand BudhNishkalank incarnation**.

Not only that, Prannthji even sent twelve of his comrade Sundarsaths to the court of **Mogul Emperor Aurangzeb** with the message of oneness of all religions. The Mughal Empire was presented with the true nature of religion and righteousness and awakened many Hindu

kings with the Supreme Wisdom.

At last, he found the warrior of Bundelkhand, **Chhatrasal** (1649–1731 AD) who, under the protectorate of Prannathji established an exemplary spiritual state and its capital **Panna** (Madhya Pradesh) was made it a world centre for spiritual awakening.

In this floweret, we explore the topic of Guru and Sadguru in light of Shri Prannathji's Tartam Vani. Why one needs a Guru? What is the difference between a Guru and a Sadguru? How does Sadguru relates to Par-Brahmn and souls? How to recognize a Sadguru? What are the benefits of devoting oneself at the feet of a Sadguru?

Friends! **Knowledge and love only grows by sharing.** With this vision, millions of people throughout the world are serving today to benefit the entire humanity with the Soul Awakening Wisdom. Friends! Inspired by Shri Prannath Global Consciousness Mission, we approach you with this floret with selfless feelings.

We pray and extend our sincere wishes so your life may be filled with divine fragrance of this small offering. May the Beloved Lord Prannath inspire you to dedicate yourself towards this mission!

Honoring your divinity,
Billions of heart-felt salutations!
Pranam...Pranam ji.

Key teachings - Words of Wisdom

- Encounter with God is guaranteed with Spiritual Knowledge (Brahm Gyan) and the company and blessings of True Master (Satguru).
- In the guise of saints, the pompous and vain people have disgraced the path of detachment.
- Keep away from the self-proclaimed Gods who wish to be worshiped but possess neither the Bramh Gyan (Spritual Knowledge) nor the sage-like disposition.
- Only the truly immaculate from within and free of any pomposity can realize *Par-Brahm (Ultimate Reality)*. One should be in the fellowship of such an individual and engage in Brahm Gyan related discussions with him.
- A Sadguru is one who helps realize one's true self, the true nature of illusory entity (maya), the Supreme Lord and eternal Supreme Abode.
- Only with the blessings of Sadguru, one can objectively witness the worldly drama as a mere observer.
- Sacchidanand Par-Brahm is the greatest Sadguru of all.

** Auspicious Affirmations by Shri Prannath ji **

- **Parbrahm toh puran aek hai:** Supreme Truth God is one and he is one for all human beings.
- **Soi Khuda soi Brahm:** Supreme Truth God, Par-Brahm and Khuda all refer to the same One almighty God.
- **Bhesh bhasha jin racho, rachiyo maine asal:** All the religious scriptures differ only in language. They all direct towards the same Ultimate Reality.
- **Prem brahm dou aek hai:** Love and God are synonymous. Supreme Truth God and souls (atmans) are forms of love only.
- **Panth hovey kot kalap, prem ponchavey miney palak:** Love is the only potential mean, which can provide, in this life, the ultimate joy (bliss, anand) of being in the company of endearing Supreme Truth God and of divine sports (leela) in the Ultimate Abode.
- **Mankhey deh akhand fal paaiye, so kyon paaike vrutha gavaaiye:** Human form is an invaluable opportunity to attain eternal bliss. Do not ruin it.
- **Anadar nahi nirmal, fer fer nahaavey baaher:** External purity alone is not adequate for a successful spiritual journey. Purity at heart is of extreme importance for union with Supreme Beloved.
- **Sab sath karun mein aap sa, toh mein jagi parmaan:** Awakened soul is one that endows everyone with the same spiritual content who-so-ever comes in his contact.
- **Sukh shital karun sansaar:** With Tārtam Knowledge, human being's illusory vices due to three attributes, internal psychic organs and senses gets vanished. This is how peace and happiness shall be established on the earth.
- **Prem khol devey sab dwar:** Love dissolves all barriers.



