

## Divine



"God should be worshipped by becoming God."  
Shri Sadguru Siddharameshwar Maharaj

"It is when you have tried and failed that you are truly able to surrender. Though you fail time and again, you continue to try until, finally, there comes a point when you accept your failure; you fully experience and understand your incapacity to move forward. It is at that point that you surrender. So keep trying. That ultimate sense of failure must come to everyone, either today or tomorrow.  
Amma

### Carrying God

No one can keep us from carrying God  
Wherever we go.

No one can rob His Name  
From our heart as we try to relinquish our fears  
And at last stand - Victorious.

We do not have to leave him in the mosque  
Or church alone at night;

We do not have to be jealous of tales of saints  
Or glorious masts, those intoxicated souls  
Who can make outrageous love with the Friend.

We do not have to be envious of our spirit's ability  
Which can sometimes touch God in a dream.

Our yearning eyes, our warm-needing bodies,  
Can all be drenched in contentment  
And Light.

No one anywhere can keep us  
From carrying the Beloved wherever we go.

No one can rob His precious Name  
From the rhythm of my heart -  
Steps and breath.

Hafiz

One who does what the Friend wants done  
will never need a friend.  
There is a bankruptcy that is pure gain.  
The moon stays bright  
when it does not avoid the night.  
A rose's rarest essence  
lives in the thorn.  
Rumi

Keep living in a way so that you catch the eye of the sages.  
Swami Rama

I Follow Barefoot

I long for You so much  
I follow barefoot Your frozen tracks

That are high in the mountains  
That I know are years old.

I long for You so much  
I have even begun to travel  
Where I have never been before.

Hafiz, there is no one in this world

Who is not looking for God.

Everyone is trudging along  
With as much dignity, courage  
And style

As they possibly  
Can.

Hafiz

In the beginning, the Guru will tell the disciple: "The world is an illusion. Reject it and become established in the Self." This is to speed up the sadhana. But at last, when the disciple reaches Realization, he will understand that this whole world is part of God. Then there will be nothing to reject. The world will be there for him to love and serve.

Amma

God is in all men  
But all men are not in God  
That is why we suffer.  
Sri Ramakrishna

Very little grows on jagged rock. Be grounded.  
Be crumbled so wildflowers will come up where you are.

Rumi

If you are running away in hope of some relief,  
in that direction, too, a calamity comes to meet you.  
No corner is without wild beasts;  
There is no rest but in the place where you are alone with God.

Rumi

Oh lord , if i worship you out of the fear of hell, cast me into hell.  
If i worship you for the desire of paradise, please deny me paradise.  
But if i worship you for yourself alone, please grant me the beauty of your  
face.

Rabya

In the game of chess  
With the Lord  
Pray to loose!  
So, practice  
With anyone.  
We never know  
Under what guise  
He comes!  
Hafiz

The divine and the world are not two things.  
The divine that comes within the grasp of our sense organs we call the  
"world", and the divine that doesn't come within the grasp of the sense  
organs we call the "divine".  
Osho

When i don't know who i am, I serve you. When I know who i am, I am  
you  
Ramayana Hanuman

Learn to live in such a way that those who know you, but don't know God,  
will come to know God because they know you.  
Mother Teresa

Would you become a pilgrim on the road of love?  
The first condition is that you make yourself humble as dust and ashes.  
Rumi

I looked in temples, churches and mosques, but I found the divine within  
my heart.  
Rumi

I didn't come here of my own accord, and I can't leave that way. Whoever  
brought me here will have to take me home.  
Rumi

## A Divine Invitation

You have been invited to meet  
The Friend.  
No one can resist a Divine Invitation.  
That narrows down all our choices  
To just two:  
We can come to God  
Dressed for Dancing,  
Or,  
Be carried on a stretcher  
To God's Ward.  
Hafiz

The heart is right to cry  
Even when the smallest drop of light,  
Of Love,  
Is taken away.  
Perhaps you may kick, moan, scream  
In a dignified  
Silence,  
But you are so right  
To do so in any fashion  
Until God returns  
To  
You.  
Hafiz

Nothing I say can explain to you Divine Love, yet all of creation cannot  
seem to stop talking about it.  
Rumi

"Bhakti, love of God, is the only essential thing. One kind of bhakti has a motive behind it. Again, there is a motiveless love, pure devotion, a love of God that seeks no return. In this love there is no desire; it is nothing but pure love of the Lotus Feet of God."

"There is another kind of love, known as 'urjhita bhakti', an ecstatic love of God that overflows, as it were. When it is awakened, the devotee 'laughs and weeps and dances and sings.' Chaitanya deva is an example of this love. Rama said to Lakshmana, 'Brother, if anywhere you see the manifestation of 'urjhita bhakti', know for certain that I am there.'  
Sri Ramakrishna

What you seek is seeking you.  
Rumi

Until

I think we are frightened  
Every moment of our lives

Untill  
We know  
Him  
Hafiz

Absolutely Clear

Don't surrender your loneliness  
So quickly.  
Let it cut more deep.  
Let it ferment and season you  
As few human  
Or even divine ingredients can.  
Something missing in my heart tonight  
Has made my eyes so soft,  
My voice  
So tender,  
My need of God  
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### The Suburbs

Complaint  
Is only possible  
While living in the suburbs  
Of God  
Hafiz

You are Water and we are the thirsty plants. You are the King and we are  
the beggars at the gate. You are the Speaker and we are Your voice. How  
could we not answer Your call.

Rumi

The feather flew, not because of anything in itself but because the air  
bore it along. Thus am I, a feather on the breath of God.  
Hildegard of Bingen

God blooms from the shoulder of the elephant,  
Who becomes courteous to the ant.  
Hafiz

Wherever water flows, life flourishes: wherever tears fall, Divine mercy is  
shown.  
Rumi

To climb the ladder of divine experience, first you must subdue the animal tendencies. Then you will become fully human. The human within you will pull the divine towards you. Then you will not need to run after divinity. Unfoldment of the divinity within you will lead to contentment.

Swami Rama

The grace of God is always pouring in, but generally people have holes in their heads. Sealing the hole caused by fear, doubt, hatred, anger, jealousy, greed, desire and attachment is an integral part of spirituality.

Swami Rama

Self realization is a matter of revelation, that comes through God's grace. However relying on God's grace and abandoning Self effort, especially in the early stages of sadhana is a big mistake. God's grace is like a gentle rain that falls over a vast area without any regard for the particular spot that will benefit it. It rains on the the unjust and the just alike. And even after it rains, the land that does not have good soil or soil that can hold te water, will remain barren. Only when we are fully prepared can we receive, assimilate and benefit from divine grace.

Swami Rama

Divine grace often dawns in the heart in a mysterious way. When it happens we are awestruck, we are pulled into a state of wonder. Freedom from fear and doubt is the surest sign that we have received the grace of the divine.

Swami Rama

Don't seek,  
don't search,  
don't ask,  
don't knock,  
don't demand -  
relax.

If you relax, it comes.

If you relax, it is there.

If you relax,  
you start vibrating with it.

Osho



First you have to do all that you can do, and then you have to learn non-doing. The doing of the non-doing is the greatest doing, and the effort of effortlessness is the greatest effort.

Osho

But where is this gathering?  
I don't know, my little angel  
But do the others know?  
No, they don't know either  
How can you go to a gathering  
without knowing where it is?  
It suffices to walk, just walk.  
Those who are invited will find the way  
Baba Aziz

Although I may try to describe Love,  
When I experience it, I am speechless.  
Rumi

Mohammedan prayers

"Our divine source, our God, do not be harsh upon us if we forget or make mistakes,

Our divine source, do not carry grudges of revenge upon us as you have done and devastated nations before us.

Our divine belovedness or divine source do not burden us,  
do not let us carry a load that we don't have the energy for.

Have mercy upon us, forgive us, forgive our sins, have mercy upon us.  
Bathe us in divine compassion."

This constant yearning

We are like lutes once held by God.  
Being away from His warm body,  
Fully explains this constant yearning.

Hafiz

We should make all spiritual talk simple today.  
God is trying to sell you something,  
But you don't want to buy.  
That is what your suffering is:

Your fantastic haggling,  
Your manic screaming over the price!  
Hafiz

Love drives you mad  
from revelation to revelation  
through ordeal after ordeal  
until humble and broken  
you are carried tenderly into the heart of the Rose  
Rumi

I sat long enough in the fire.  
Now I am up to my neck in the water of union.  
You say: Up to the neck is not enough.  
Make your head your foot and descend into love.  
There is no up to the neck union.  
I say: But for the sake of your garden I sat up to my neck in blood.  
You say: Yes you escaped the alluring world , but not yourself.  
**You are the magician caught in his own trickery.**  
Cut the breath of self and be silent.  
Language cannot come from your throat as you choke and go under.  
Rumi

If you make love with the divine now, in the next life  
you will have the face of satisfied desire.  
Kabir

Give up to grace.  
The ocean takes care of each wave 'til it gets to shore.  
You need more help than you know.  
Rumi

When the world pushes you to your knees,  
you are in the perfect position to pray.  
Rumi

When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.  
Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D.

When the soul first put on the body's shirt,  
the ocean lifted up all its gifts and that union took place  
When love first tasted the lips of human beings it started singing  
when the divine united with the flesh.  
You are in my eyes, how else could I see light  
You are in my brain, this wild joy  
If love did not live in matter,  
how would any place have any hold on anyone.  
Rumi

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I can be without anyone  
but not without You.  
Rumi

Like a pair of mismatched newlyweds,  
One of them whom still feels very insecure,  
I keep turning to God, saying:  
"Kiss me"  
Hafiz

Be silent, Only the Hand of God Can remove The burdens of your heart.  
Rumi

Whenever you are alone, remind yourself that God has sent everybody  
else away so that there is only you and Him.  
Rumi

Why is the sea king of a hundred streams?  
Because it lies below them.  
Lao Tzu

Pray to be humble  
So that God does not have to appear to be so stingy.  
Oh, pray to be honest, strong and kind and pure.  
So that the Beloved is never miscast as a cruel great miser.  
I know you have a hundred complex cases against God in court,  
But never mind, wayfarer,  
Let us just get out of this mess  
And pray to be loving and humble  
So that the Friend will be forced to reveal Himself  
So near!!  
Hafiz

Nothing should stand between yourself and God. Not imims, priests, rabbis, or any other custodians of moral or religious leadership. Not spiritual masters, not even your faith. Believe in your values and your rules, but never lord them over others. If you keep breaking other people's hearts, whatever religious duty you perform is no good. Stay away from all sorts of idolatry, for they will blur your vision. Let God and only God be your guide. Learn the Truth, my friend, but be careful not to make a fetish out of your truths.

Rumi

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our divine source, do not carry grudges of revenge upon us as you have done and devastated nations before us.  
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do not let us carry a load that we don't have the energy for.  
Have mercy upon us, forgive us, forgive our sins, have mercy upon us.  
Bathe us in divine compassion.

Please forgive me i have sinned.

Our God, our divine source, open up my chest, expand my chest, make easy my path as I journey in life and untie a knot in my tongue that I can speak the truth.  
Both Prayers from the Christ

I have learnt so much from God,  
that I can no longer call myself a Christian, a Hindu, a Muslim, a  
Buddhist, a Jew.

The truth has shared so much of itself with me  
that I can no longer call myself a man, a woman, an angel or even a pure  
soul.

Love has befriended Hafiz so completely,  
it has turned to ash and freed me of every concept and image my mind  
has ever known.

Hafiz

Rejuvenate the heart, rejoice the heart hour after hour because if the  
heart gets tired it becomes blind. If it becomes blind meaning is lost.

Mohammed

You must work, but let God work through you; this is the best part of  
devotion. If you are constantly thinking that He is walking through your  
feet, working through your hands, accomplishing through your will, you  
will know Him.

Paramahansa Yogananda

Rabya

Was seen in the market with a flaming torch in one hand and a bucket of  
water in the other. Everyone thought her to be mad.

When asked she said: I want to drown your hell and put your heaven on  
fire.

"O God! If I worship You for fear of Hell, burn me in Hell,  
and if I worship You in hope of Paradise, exclude me from Paradise.

But if I worship You for Your Own sake,  
Grand me Your everlasting Beauty."

I am your defiant servant, where is **your** forgiveness and satisfaction with  
me?

Darkness has filled my heart, Where is **your** light?

If you give us paradise by us obeying you, this is selling and buying.

where is your **giving**?

Omar Kayam

Man's desire is to jump out of the world,  
and God's desire is to plunge into the world

Man's desire is to be God,  
and God's desire is to be man.  
Osho

I tried to find Him on the Christian cross, but He was not there;  
I went to the temple of the Hindus and to the old pagodas,  
but I could not find a trace of Him anywhere...  
I searched on the mountains and in the valleys  
but neither in the heights nor in the depths was I able to find Him.  
I went to the Ka'bah in Mecca, but He was not there either...  
I questioned the scholars and philosophers but He was beyond their  
understanding...

Then I looked into my heart and it was there  
where He dwelled that I saw Him,  
He was nowhere else to be found.

Rumi

My worst habit is I get so tired of winter  
I become a torture to those I'm with.  
If you're not here, nothing grows.  
I lack clarity. My words  
tangle and knot up.

Rumi

How to cure bad water? Send it back to the river.  
How to cure bad habits? Send me back to you.  
When water gets caught in habitual whirlpool it digs a way out through  
the bottom  
to the ocean. There is a secret medicine  
given only to those who hurt so hard  
they can't hope.

Rumi

The hoppers would feel slighted if they knew.

Asleep or awake, writing or  
reading, whatever you do,  
you must never be without  
the remembrance of God.

Rumi

There is a path from me to you  
that I am constantly looking for,  
so I try to keep clear and still  
as water does with the moon.

Rumi

Lead me from dreaming to waking.  
Lead me from opacity to clarity.  
Lead me from the complicated to the simple.  
Lead me from the obscure to the obvious.  
Lead me from intention to attention.  
Lead me from what I'm told I am to what I see I am.  
Lead me from confrontation to wide openness.  
Lead me to the place I never left,  
Where there is peace, and peace  
The Upanishads

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Being away from His warm body,  
Fully explains this constant yearning.

Hafiz

What matters is how quickly you do what your soul wants.

Rumi

To become humble is the very goal of spiritual life. Humility alone is the  
way to God.

Amma

Listen to the reed,  
it is complaining.  
It tells of separation saying:  
"Ever since they tore me from the reed bed  
my lament has moved men and women to tears.  
Everyone who is lifted from his source  
wishes back to the time of union".

Rumi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen  
Prayer of St Francis

Be silent,  
Only the Hand of God Can remove  
The burdens of your heart.  
Rumi

Learn the Alchemy true human beings know  
The moment you accept the troubles  
you've been given, the door will open.  
Welcome difficulty, as a familiar comrade.  
Joke with torment brought by the Friend.  
Sorrows are the rags of old clothes  
and jackets that serve to cover,  
and then are taken off.  
That undressing  
and the naked body underneath,  
Is the sweetness that comes after grief.  
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