



KABIR KE DOHE

# Kabir means Great

**Six hundred years ago Kabir was born in India**

**in 1398 AD . He lived for 120 years and is said**

**to have relinquished his body in 1518. This period is also said to be the beginning of Bhakti Movement in India. Kabir contributed to the Bhakti Movement and is considered a pioneer of Bhakti along with Ravidas, Farid, and Namdev.**

**To Hindus Kabir was a Vaisnava bhakta, to Muslims a pir and to Sikhs a bhagat He is revered by Muslims,Hindus,and Sikhs alike. Kabir means 'great' in Arabic.**



# KABIRS HOME

His birth itself is shrouded in mystery. Some say, he was the son of a Brahmin widow who abandoned him and was found by a Muslim weaver named Niru and his wife Nima. They adopted the boy and taught him the weaver's trade.



# KABIR- A WEAVER

He lived a life of a common man as a weaver and also wrote subtle poetries of spirituality.

Kabir tried very hard to bring the clashing religious cultures of Islam and Hinduism together. This earned him the hatred and persecution of the religious authorities in Varanasi. Nearing age 60, he was denounced and he lived a life of exile, traveling through northern India with a group of disciples. In 1518, he died at Maghar near Gorakhpur.



# GURU RAMANAND SWAMI

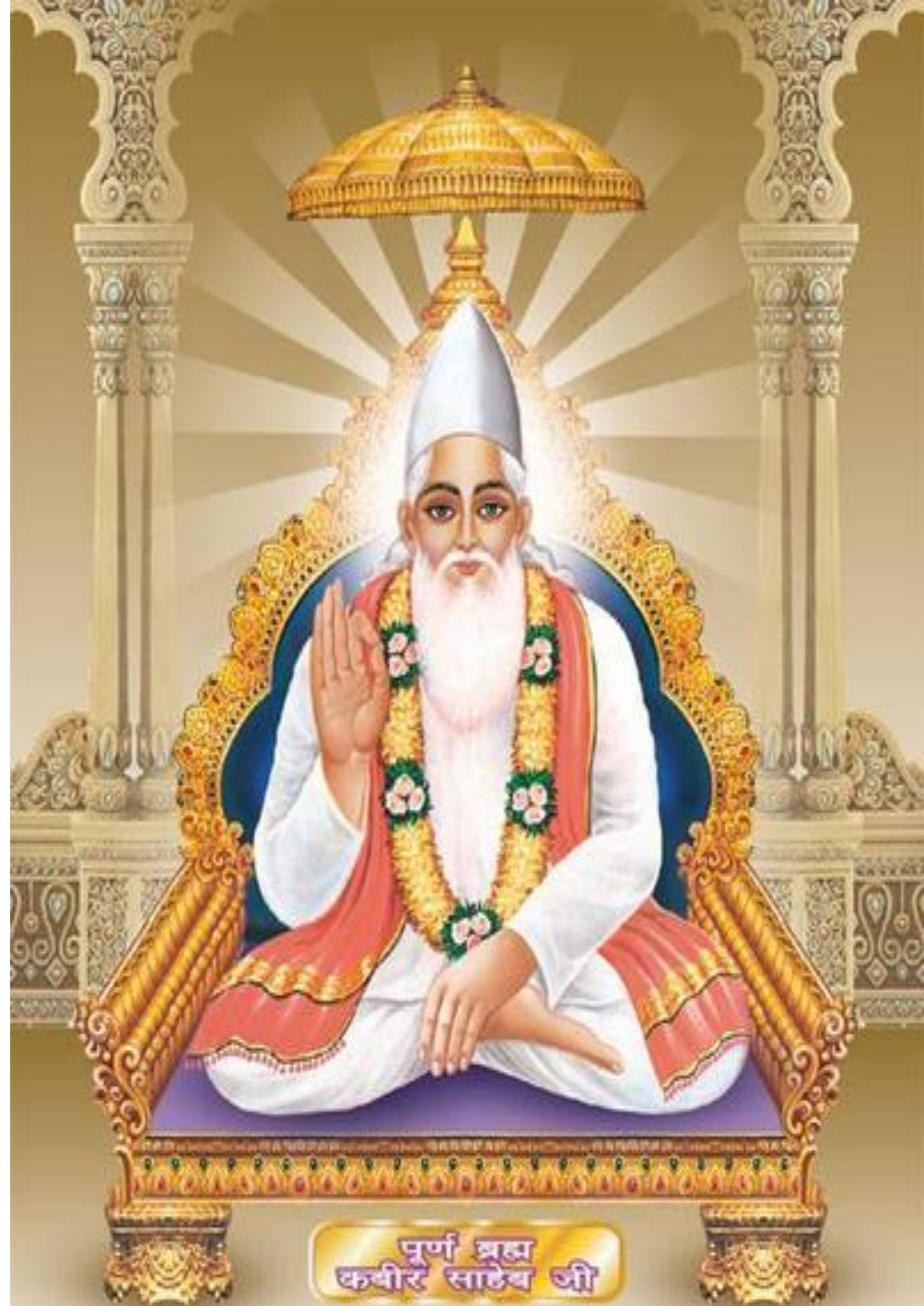
Kabir longed for spiritual training and was taught by Ramanand swami who became his guru.

He did not become a sadhu or reneunciate but instead choose to live the balanced life of a householder and mystic, tradesman and a contemplative. Kabir is said to have had a wife and children.



# KABIRS POETRY/DOHE

The beauty of Kabir's poetry is in its simplicity. Kabir's poetry is in the form of two lines or Doha which picks up situations that surround our daily lives. Thus, even today, Kabir's poetry is relevant and helpful in guiding and regulating our lives, in both social and spiritual context. His poems are purely devotional and teach humility.



We present to you a few Dohas of the famous Saint Kabir.



कबीरा गर्व ना कीजिये,  
कबहूँ ना हंसिये कोय  
अज ये नाव समुद्र में ना  
जाने क्या होय.

Kabira Garva Naa Kijiye Kabahu  
Naa Hasiye

Koye

Aja Ye Naav Samudra Me  
Naa Jane Kya Hoye

Dont feel proud. Dont mock at anybody. Your life is like a boat in the sea. Who can say what may happen at any time.



चलती चक्की देख के,  
दिया कबीरा रोय  
दो पाटन के बीच में  
बाकी बचा ना कोय

Chalti chakki dekh re  
Diya kabira roye  
Do paatan ke beech  
mein  
Baaki bacha na koyi

Between the grinding  
stones of cravings  
and aversions the  
whole world is being  
crushed. Kabir  
weeps at the plight  
of the world as none  
is able to see the  
truth.

कबीरा तेरी झोंपडी, गल  
कटियां के पास  
जैसी करणी वैसी भरणी,  
तू क्यू भया उदास

One reaps what one sows

Kabira Teri Jhopadi  
Gal Katiyan Ke Paas  
Jaisi Karani Vaisi Bharani  
Tu Kyu Hua Udaas

कबीरा ते नर अंध है, जो गुरु  
कहते और  
हरी रूठे गुरु ठौर है, गुरु  
रूठे नहीं ठौर

Kabira Te Nar Andh Hai  
Jo Guru Kahate Aur  
Hari Ruthe Guru Thor Hai  
Guru Ruthe Nahi Thor

Kabir says that the people  
who do not understand  
Guru are blind. If God is  
displeased with us then  
Guru is there for  
salvation. If he is  
displeased there can be  
no salvation

माटी कहे कुम्हार को तू  
क्या रौंदें मोय  
एक दिन ऐसा आयेगा,  
मैं रौंदूंगी तोय

Maati kahe kumbhar ko Tu  
kya roondhe mohe  
Ek din aisaa aayega Mai  
roondhoo gi tohe.

A person who makes earthen pots from the earth beats the earth under his feet to facilitate fine moulding work. See how the destiny works. His body is decomposed in the same earth after his death.

आये है सो जायेंगे, राजा रंक  
फकीर  
एक सिंहासन चढी चले,  
दूजा बंधे जंजीर।

Aaye hai jo jaayenge Raaja  
rank fakir  
Ek sinhaansan chadhi chale  
Dooja bandhe janjeer.

He who comes to this world  
has to depart. He may be  
a king or a fakir. He who  
departs also comes back  
due to his effects of past  
actions.

बूरा जो देखन मैं चला ,बूरा न  
मीलिया कोय,  
जो मन देखा आपणा,तो मूझ से  
बूरा ना कोय

Bura Jo Dekhan Main Chala, Bura Naa  
Milya Koye  
Jo Munn Khoja Apnaa, To Mujhse  
Bura Naa Koye

I searched for the crooked  
man, met not a single one  
Then searched myself, "I"  
found the crooked one.

काल करे सो आज कर, आज करे  
सो अब,  
पल मे प्रलय होयेगी बहूरी करोगे  
कब

Kaal Kare So Aaj Kar, Aaj Kare So  
Ub  
Pal Mein Pralaya Hoyegi,  
Bahuri Karoge Kub

Tomorrow's work do today,  
today's work now  
if the moment is lost, the  
work be done how

ऐसी वाणी बोलिये, मन का आपा  
खोय,  
आपणा तन शीतल करे, औरन  
को सुख होय

Aisee Vani Boliye, Mun Ka Aapa  
Khoye  
Apna Tan Sheetal Kare, Auran  
Ko Sukh Hoye

Speak such words, sans ego's  
ploy  
Body remains composed,  
giving the listener joy



पोथी पढ पढ जग मुआ,पंडीत  
भयो न कोय,  
ढाई अक्षर प्रेम के, पढे तो  
पंडीत होय

Pothi Padh Padh Kar Jag Mua,  
Pandit Bhayo Na Koye  
Dhai Aakhar Prem Ke, Jo  
Padhe so Pandit Hoye

Reading books where  
everyone died, none  
became anymore wise  
One who reads the word of  
Love, only becomes wise

दुखमें सिमरन सब करे, सुख  
में करे न कोय,  
जो सुख में सिमरन करे, तो  
दुख काहे होय

Dukh Mein Simran Sab Kare,  
Sukh Mein Kare Na Koye  
Jo Sukh Mein Simran Kare,  
Tau Dukh Kahe Ko Hoye

In anguish everyone prays to  
Him, in joy does none  
To One who prays in  
happiness, how sorrow can  
come

माया मरी न मन मरा, मरमर  
गये शरीर,  
आशा त्रिष्णा न मरी, कह  
गये दास कबीर

Neither Maya Died, Nor the Mind  
Died, Die and die again  
People/Bodies  
Hope and delusion have not  
died, so said Das Kabir and left

One of Kabir most meaningful  
doha's for me. Kabir  
observes the world from  
within, and sees the world  
as Maya - illusion.

जब तू आया जगत में, लोग  
हँसते तू रोय,  
ऐसी करनी न करो, पाछे हँसे  
सब कोय

Jab Tun Aaya Jagat Mein, Log  
Hanse Tu Roye  
Aise Karni Na Kari, Pache  
Hanse Sab Koye

When you came in to this  
world , Everyone laughed  
while you cried  
Don't do such work, That  
they laugh when you are  
gone Do good work.

मांगन मरन समान हैं, मत कोई  
मांगो भीख,  
मांगन से मरना भला, ये  
सतगुरू की सीख

Mangan Maran Saman Hai, Mat  
Koi Mange Beekh  
Mangan Se Marna Bhala, Yeh  
Satguru Ki Seekh

Begging is like dying, Let no  
one Beg  
It is better to die than beg,  
this is the SatGuru's  
Message Don't beg - give  
that you may receive. Give  
time, give some service,  
give friendship, give love -  
don't beg.