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Vaheguru jee kaa Khaalsaa. Vaheguru jee kee Fateh.

Akhand Keertanee Jathaa realizes that there has been an intense debate on and around the issues of Dasam Granth. These issues concern the contents, the authorship, the history, and more, and for the most part the discussions have created a major rift within Khaalsaa Panth by creating confusion, heated arguments, even violence among different factions to the point that some events have caused embarrassment to Khaalsaa Panth.

In the spirit of GurBanee of Sri Guru Granth Saheb Jee, in general, and, specifically, Siri Akaal Takhat Saheb Hukamnaamaas issued in 2004 and 2006, Akhand Keertanee Jathaa has sought NOT to publicize these issues. Scholars from the Jathaa will definitely involve themselves in any Panthic gathering that the Akal Takhat leadership convenes.

We commit to the fact that The Dasam Granth does contain Baanee of Guru Gobind Singh Jee, our Tenth Guru Saheb. Many have raised doubts about some parts of The Dasam Granth that, they say, are not the Rachanaa of our Guru Saheb. We are eager to see the researchers prove the facts, and whatever the facts turn out to be, and are agreeable to Khaalsaa Panth, Akhand Keertanee Jathaa will abide by the decisions of Khaalsaa Panth.

In the mean time, however, Akhand Keertanee Jathaa fully regards the Baanees quite prevalent in the Nitnem of Gursikhs, including Jaap Sahib, Swaieeyay, and Choupayee Sahib, as Dashmesh Pittaa, Guru Gobind Singh jee's Baanee. However, we do not support the "Parkaash" of The Dasam Granth at a level equal to that of Sri Guru Granth Saheb Jee as has become prevalent in some circles.

Akhand Keertanee Jathaa humbly requests all of the Khaalsaa brothers and sisters to please tone down the rhetoric for the sake of the unity of one Khaalsaa Panth, our past, our present, and our future. We further request all of the members of Khaalsaa Panth to not slander each other, to not come under the influences of the ultra-extremist thinkers within our Panth because these internal divisions harm our Panthic links to each other as well our spiritual links to Guru Saheb. These internal rifts also give an opportunity to outsiders, our enemies of many centuries, to further do us harm.

Khaalsaa Jee, we should study our history without bias, and we should reach conclusions and decisions in amicable and Panthic ways as ascribed in our Panthic Reht Maryada.

We pray for the Chardee Kalaa of all Khaalsaa Panth members.

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