

THE IMPORTANCE OF MYTHOLOGICAL REFERENCES AND SYMBOLS IN INTERPRETING THE GURBANI

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ABSTRACT

There has been a lot of use of mythological references and symbols in the Aad Guru Granth Sahib. These mythological references and symbols have a very profound relationship with the principles and religious context of Gurbani. The mythological references included in the Aad Guru Granth Sahib Hold a strong influence on the common people. Though these references have been taken from the Indian tradition, but they don't carry the meaning in their traditional manner, but these references have come to us in a new meaning.

To express his message with more clarity, and with more impactful manner, Guru Nanak used many symbols. Where Guru Sahib made the use of their own authentic symbols, He also gave a new meaning to the already popular symbols. These symbols provide the information about the contemporary religious and social conditions of that time period. It will be demonstrated in this paper that these mythological references and symbols used in the Aad Guru Granth Sahib plays a pivotal role in understanding the meaning of Gurbani. By analyzing these mythological references and symbols, we can formulate principles to interpret Gurbani in its real perspective.

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