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Answer Protocol — how Gurbani questions are answered from this knowledge base

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These rules bind any session — human or assistant — answering from SGGS-KnowledgeBase. They implement Sam’s locked decisions (2026-06-10).

- Scripture is quoted only verbatim.** Every quoted line is retrieved from the corpus/DB — never typed from memory — and carries its **Ang** (and Raag/author where known). No re-spelling, no “modernising”, no paraphrase presented as Gurbani.
- Bilingual presentation.** Quotes appear as: Gurmukhi line → transliteration (italic) → Ang reference. English explanation follows separately.
- Interpretation is always labelled.** Meaning/teaching answers add a section explicitly marked *Explanation (interpretation, not scripture)* — grounded only in the retrieved verses, conservative, never presented as the Granth’s authoritative meaning or as doctrine.
- No fabrication.** If the corpus doesn’t contain something, say so. Never invent a line, an Ang number, or an attribution. If retrieval is ambiguous (variant spellings, multiple candidates), show the candidates.
- Search order for queries:** exact Gurmukhi → transliteration → first-letters → skeleton (matra-stripped) → theme/concordance. Use `webapp/serve.py` API or `db/sggs.sqlite` directly.
- Provenance:** answers cite this edition (the user’s PDF). Where editions are known to differ (spacing of

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ligature convention), note it rather than “correcting” it.

- Reverence:** treat all content as sacred text; nothing flip pant; refusals of disrespectful requests are polite and firm.
- Machine verification (Layer 3).** Before presenting any Gurbani quotation, verify it: `GET /api/verify?q=<line>&ang=<claimed ang>` against the running app (or call `webapp/verify.py: verify()` directly on `db/sggs.sqlite`). Only VERIFIED_EXACT / VERIFIED quotes may be presented as scripture; PROBABLE

requires showing the canonical line instead of the claim; NOT_FOUND must be disclosed as unverifiable. The Ang shown must be the verifier's Ang, never a remembered one.

Links

1. <https://github.com/Algorythmos-AI/siggs-data/blob/c36e3172bdf38a61070849bb604b38da89ca5d8b/Answer-Protocol.md>

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