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GURU GOBIND SINGH SAHIB

The tradition of Gurus (from Guru Nanak Dev Sahib to Guru Gobind Singh Sahib) in Sikh history spanned a period of around 239 years. The ideal that was there for all to see and learn from, right since the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib in 1469 till the time Guru Gobind Singh Sahib left human form in 1708 throughout remained the same. i.e.:

"Awwal Allah noor upaya Kudrat ke sabh bande"

God created light of which all the beings were born

This ideal passed through different phases. Guru Nanak Sahib perceived the true principles of reform, and laid those broad foundations which enabled his successor Guru Gobind Singh Sahib to enlighten the minds of a common man with a practical effect, that the lowest is equal with the highest, in race as in creed, political rights as in religious practices.

"It is just and holy to wield the sword, if and when and where all other human devices have failed." - Zafarnama by Guru Gobind Singh Sahib

The whole life of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib was full of prayer and sacrifices. During this period of around two and a half decades there was complete harmony between his Dharma and Deeds. His mission can also be termed the mission of unity, equality, compassion, love and of virtuous deeds.

The Tenth Guru (teacher) of the Sikh faith, was named Gobind Rai at birth. The **genius** and **sensitivity** with which Guru Gobind Singh Sahib uplifted the common people to the distinct order of the **Khalsa**, with uncommon form and articles of faith (**known as the 5 K's**) that gave Sikhs a unique identity in a crowd of millions. This bond still holds the Sikhs together today. One more uniqueness of creation of Khalsa is that after administering Amrit to **Panj Pyaras** (5 beloved ones's) Guru Gobind Singh Sahib requested them to administer the same to him, thus creating an unique example of where Guru himself became the disciple (**Guru - Chela**).

Guru Gobind Singh Sahib infused the spirit of **Saint-Solider** (Sant - Sipahi:- a person who has the wisdom of a Saint and is Strong as a Soldier - who is wise enough to distinguish right from wrong and strong enough to fight aggression and restore justice, peace, righteousness (Dharma)) in the minds and hearts of everybody.

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Unlike many other prophets Guru Sahib never called himself God or 'The only Son of God.' Instead he called all people the Sons of God sharing His Kingdom equally ("**MANAS KI JAAT SABHE EKE PEHCHANBO**").

For himself Guru Sahib used the word 'Slave' or servant of God. Before Guru Sahib left the Human form he adorned the Guruship, to Guru Granth Sahib (Shabad Guru), the written teachings of the Gurus as the everlasting Guru of the Sikhs.

Some of the Guru Sahib's achievements which were remarkable...

- ❖ Guru Sahib was a **great scholar** and wrote in Panjabi, Sanskrit, Braj Bhasa and Persian.
- ❖ Some of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib's devotional compositions include Jaap Sahib, Akal Ustat, Tav Prasad Swayie, Benti Chaupai and heroic compositions Zafarnama.
- ❖ Creation of the Khalsa brotherhood through the ceremony of Amrit Sanchar.
- ❖ The vesting of secular sovereignty in the Khalsa panth and their authority to pass resolutions (Gurmatta) binding to all Sikhs.
- ❖ Passing on the Succession of Guruship to Guru Granth Sahib the Sikh scriptures.

"If we consider the work which (Guru) Gobind (Singh) accomplished, both in reforming his religion and instituting a new code of law for his followers, his personal bravery under all circumstances; his persevering endurance amidst difficulties, which would have disheartened others and overwhelmed them in inextricable distress, and lastly his final victory over his powerful enemies by the very men who had previously forsaken him, we need not be surprised that the Sikhs venerate his memory. He was undoubtedly a great man."

- (W. L. McGregor)

We as **GurmatStudy Team**, request each and every Sikh to follow the path shown by Guru Gobind Singh Sahib and Only accept Guru Granth Sahib as our Guru to whom Guru Gobind Singh Sahib has adorned with Guruship himself and leave away those so called human (deh-dhari) persons who impersonate as Guru...

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