

Guru Gobind Singh: The Birth of the Khalsa: One in Many

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Abstract: Guru gobind singh ,the tenth guru of the Sikhs. Tenth guru was the founder of a community of saint warriors –the khalsa ,and gave to the Sikhs identify by introducing the five articles of faith that khalsa Sikhs wear at all time.my research paper main topic is guru gobind singh: the birth of the khalsa: one in many.

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INTRODUCTION

Guru Gobind Singh was the last of the ten Sikh Gurus. A spiritual master, warrior and a philosopher, he was the only son of the ninth Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur who was executed by the Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb. Aged just nine at the time of his father’s death, he succeeded him as the leader of the Sikhs at this tender age. The events surrounding the torture and execution of his father affected the young boy deeply. Becoming the guru at such a young age placed immense responsibilities on his young shoulders which he fulfilled with a maturity uncommon for someone who was still a child. The tensions between the Mughals and the Sikhs continued even after the

death of Guru Tegh Bahadur and the Sikhs were called on again and again to fight Aurangzeb's forces in order to protect the people from religious persecution. Gobind Singh was a very brave warrior who motivated his followers to fight and lay down their lives to protect themselves and others from injustice and tyranny. He is also credited with the founding of the Khalsa and the introduction of the concept of the Five Ks to Sikhism. He dictated the Guru Granth Sahib to Bhai Mani Singh and at the time of his death, passed the mantle of the Guruship to the holy text. Now we explain about **THE BIRTH OF THE KHALSA AND ONE IN MANY.**



1. THE BIRTH OF THE KHALSA

Guru gobind singh was a man of great intelligence attainments. He was a linguist familiar with Persian, Arabic and Sanskrit as well as his native Punjabi. He further codified sikh law, wrote material poetry and music, and was the reputed author of the the sikh work called the dasam granth.

“Baisakhi, the first day of the month of baisakhi, has always been a very special day for the Sikhs.

For the festival in 1699 he sent out a hukamnama to his followers very early in the year,asking them to make every effort to be present in anandpur on baisakhi day. As baisakhi day visitore started powring in everyone knew that there was something very special about his baisakhi.”¹

The birth of the khalsa brought into being guru gobind singh scheme for the uplift of his people. Through this one act he made a great change in the minds of his men. They had been weak and

passive before but now their energies were aroused and directed towards positive goals. They were now aware of their own weakness and they gained strength to stand on their feet and fight against tyranny and oppression. They were able to get rid of the superstitions and divisions which had made them weak and kept their spirits in slavery for many centuries. They were given self –confidence and a belief that they could make their own destinies. The birth of the khalsa led to many acts of courage and sacrifice which set an example to others and gave a new turn to Indian history. 2

The khalsa can be seen even now with the eyes of faith in a trance. Heaven Rolls aside its veils to show the sikh sangat in its divine ,hero,to the eyes of intense devotion that hunger to see the great group of this guru gobind singh in myriad forms ,that is the khalsa. guru gobind singh sings passionately of the khalsa again -

“he in whose heart burns unflicking the lamp of nam,day and night know him the khalsa ,the pure!” such an individual is a million in himself , and has the strength of millions. 3

guru gobind singh blessed the Sikhs with a unique tradition of saintly soldering ,where on cannot relinquish ,compassion ,even while defending oneself. finally, the khalsa is like the meeting of a thousand rivers ,mingling their currents of the ambrosia of nam. Here is the great sacred

confluence for the word to bathe in the water of sinlessness. 5

2. One in many: The initiate sees in the heart of the khalsa the guru himself enthroned. It so happened that I once sat in the midst of the select few that gathered round in apostle of simran and we all glowing in dumb ecstasy as the flowery bushes wave in the morning air,when I saw ,in a vanishing flash ,the figure of the master reosing in the little transparent bosoms of the new initiates. and now I saw how one could be so many ! the brothers ,the khalsa are dear not for their physical relics, for all bodies are clay ,but for the holy image of the guru they carry in their being ! for a moment when the guru visits the heart –mansions of the initiates ,the latter are transformed into the glorious khalsa. 6

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