

Vaisakhi

The creation of Khalsa Panth

In 1469, a great soul with a great mission arrived on Earth with a mission directly from Akaal Purakh, the true, ultimate being. This soul was Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who shared the Divine words of world harmony and equality amongst all human beings. He brought a message of universal understanding of God as one. Guru Nanak Dev Ji was followed by nine other Gurus who also shared the same message. The fifth Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji compiled this message into Guru Granth Sahib Ji.



Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth guru, created the Khalsa Panth, a spiritual community devoted to purity of thoughts and action. Guru Ji gave the Khalsa a distinctive external form to remind them of their commitment and to help them maintain an elevated state of consciousness. Every Sikh committed as Khalsa vows to wear the five "K's." Guru Sahib added the baani of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji in Aad Granth and ordered us to follow Guru Granth Sahib Ji our living Guru. Khalsa Panth is the living example of practicing Guru's message. The word Khalsa means "pure" and the Panth means "continuum or the path."

It was 1699 when 80,000 Sikhs gathered in the city of Anandpur Sahib in northern India. They were there because Guru Ji was going to make history.

Guru Gobind Singh Ji asked someone to come forward and offer his head. Everyone was spellbound. Yet a devotee sprang up and offered his head saying that his life had already been pledged to the Guru. The Guru took the man into a tent and returned alone with a blood-dripping sword. He called for another head. Another brave heart came forth. He was taken to the tent as well. Guru repeated the call three more times in the same manner. Every time someone offered his head. After a while, the Guru brought back all the five devotees



They were dressed in dazzling robes as the Guru himself. The Guru then prepared Amrit (Holy Nectar) and offered it to the five devotees with 5 gifts now commonly known as 5 K's. The Guru then declared these five as His Five Beloved Ones (the Panj Piarey). They were the first five members of the Panth. Then the Guru set an example and took the Amrit from the Panj Piarey. This was a perfect example of practice before preach.

Khalsa Panth is a fully defined path started by Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Lifestyle of Khalsa

Khalsa is the one who nourishes the poor
Khalsa is the one who destroys oppressors
Khalsa is the one who recites Naam
Khalsa is the one who rises above the evil
Khalsa is the one who is blessed with God's presence.

Foundation Of Khalsa

Dharam Di Kirat Karni - To work and earn by the sweat of the brow and to practice truthfulness and honesty in all dealings.

Naam Japna - To get up each day before sunrise , to clean the body, meditate on God's name and recite the Guru's hymns to clean the mind. Throughout the day, the Khalsa should continuously remember God's name with every breath.

Vand Ke Chakna - To share the fruits of one's labor with others before considering oneself. Thus, to live as an inspiration and a support to the entire community.

The Uniform of a Sikh (the five "K's") "A gift of the Guru"

Kesh - uncut hair as given by God, accepting His Will.

Kangha - a wooden comb to properly groom the hair as a symbol of cleanliness.

Kachhehra - specially made cotton drawstring underwear as a reminder of the commitment to purity.

Kara - a iron circular bracelet, worn on the wrist, signifying bondage to Truth and freedom from every other entanglement.

Kirpaan - the sword, with which the Khalsa is committed to righteously defend the fine line of the truth



The Sikhs are creations of the Guru's universal love.
They are by their very birth of His spirit citizens of the World.

In selfless service to the
Community

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