

Spirit of Guru Gobind

Guru Gobind, the Tenth Sikh Master was multi-dimensional personality that is impossible to be cast into any specific mould. Literature is abound with descriptions of his talents, traits and feats. Can we call him God? He himself prohibited it in his autobiographical depiction. So, if he was not God then who he was? Was he Dusht-Daman, who came on Earth as a Divine Being to vanquish all enemies, as he had been supposedly doing in his previous births? Which enemy did he vanquish actually in Kalyug? What was purpose of his life? What can we learn from him? Should we emulate him and start sacrificing our all for some unknown Higher cause? Is that what he inspires us to do? Or, as the favourite pick of his Zafarnama, we should pick up Guns and Swords and start a world-war with all our perceived enemies. What can we learn from his immediate direct disciples, such as Banda Singh Bahadur? Why Guruji withdrew his hand from Banda at the crucial juncture? What mistake did Banda did? Why would be Khalsas and Nihangis continue to

become like Banda? Why can't we learn simple lessons from the Dasam Pita?

Teachings of Dasam Pita

As a child he used to break pitchers of women-folk going to village wells, much like Sri Krishna's adventures with milk maids.

Guru Gobind defied all logic from the beginning and was a born revolutionist. But we have to look at him as a Provider and ourselves as a seeker. We can't emulate any Guru. We can become sons of Gurus. We can follow their teachings. So, did he teach non-violence, which was unacceptable to father of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi?

Did Jesus's and Guru Gobind's teachings don't match?

Jesus was paragon of Spirit of Father. Guru Gobind advocated non-cooperation with Evil. Guru Gobind picked up Sword, Jesus came with a Sword. Both sacrificed their all in one way or the other, just to awaken discrimination of mankind. As a first step, both identified what was Evil and both acknowledged the Source of Evil. Then both left it

to Higher Power to do what God wants to do with Evil. They themselves took the burden of playing most ghastly play of merciless self-sacrifice, but didn't go about eradicating Evil. That was not their job. No Divine Incarnation has ever been able to do that completely. Because Evil is a necessary part of play of God. Without shadows, the light show can not go on.

So, what Mahatma Gandhi did with non-violence movement to free India just happened to be the right thing under the circumstances of meagre strength of Indian masses to do any other thing. But what was the result, millions in any case died in the most violent partition of India. So, all the hoopla of non-violence movement led to killings of millions in any case.

But Gandhi didn't understand the ways of past Indian Masters, in his attempt to follow Christ.

Guru Gobind just hissed with bolt of lightening of Shiva. That is all we can and should do, under as trying conditions as were there in his time. Attempting to become Gods ourselves with limited thinking faculties will result in suicidal results, as we have already seen in modern disastrous history of Punjab.

Jaap Sahib
(prologue to Dasam Granth)

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Pannaa 1

ਚੱਕ੍ਰ ਚਿਹਨ ਅਰੁ ਬਰਨ ਜਾਤਿ ਅਰੁ ਪਾਤਿ ਨਹਿਨ ਜਿਹ ॥

cha'kr chihan ar baran jaat ar paat nahin jeh ॥

My symbol was Sudarshan Chakar, my siblings
were destined to die, and I was not born of human
father

ਰੂਪ ਰੰਗ ਅਰੁ ਰੇਖ ਭੇਖ ਕੋਊ ਕਹਿ ਨ ਸਕਤਿ ਕਿਹ ॥

roop ra(n)g ar rekh bhekh kouoo keh na sakat keh ॥

From my present appearance, colour and form no
one can identify who I am

ਅਚਲ ਮੂਰਤਿ ਅਨਭਉ ਪ੍ਰਕਾਸ ਅਮਿਤੋਜਿ ਕਹਿੱਜੈ ॥

achal moorat anabhau prakaas amitoj kahi'jai ॥

Be still and experience inner illumination and be
called an awakened being

ਕੋਟਿ ਇੰਦ੍ਰ ਇੰਦ੍ਰਾਣ ਸਾਹੁ ਸਾਹਾਣਿ ਗਣਿਜੈ ॥

koT i(n)dhr i(n)dhraan saahu saahaan ganijai ॥

Why keep your mind continuously disturbed by
senses and breath

ਤ੍ਰਿਭਵਣ ਮਹੀਪ ਸੁਰ ਨਰ ਅਸੁਰ ਨੇਤ ਨੇਤ ਬਨ ਤ੍ਰਿਣ ਕਹਤ ॥

tirabhavan maheep sur nar asur net net ban tiran
kahat ॥

In three worlds, kings, deities, humans, demons,
listen all, the way to divinity

ਤਵ ਸਰਬ ਨਾਮ ਕਥੈ ਕਵਨ ਕਰਮ ਨਾਮ ਬਰਨਤ ਸੁਮਤਿ ॥ 1 ॥

tav sarab naam kathai kavan karam naam baranat
sumat ॥1॥

Seeking God's Grace, such should be your 'karam',
and so earn your name in the world