

What is Sikhism?



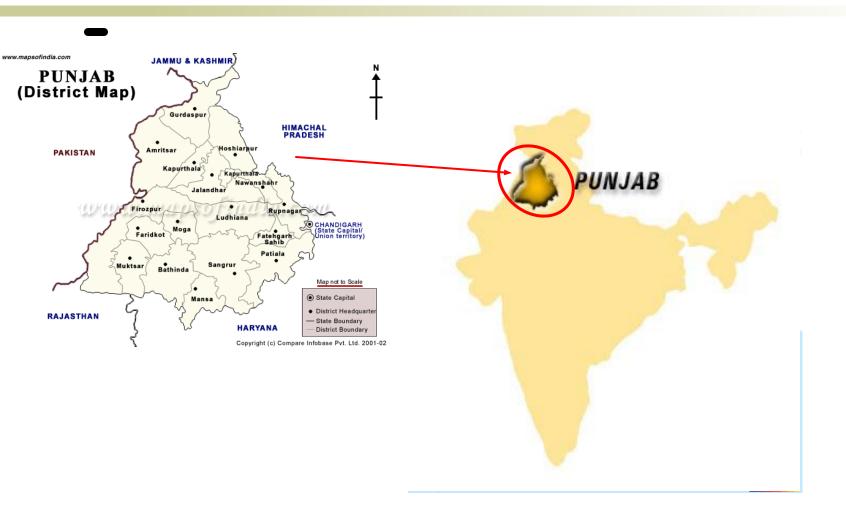
Overview

- A Sikh (pronounced "seek" or "sik") is an adherent of Sikhism
- •5th largest major religion in the world
- Over 30 million Sikhs
- Sikhism is only about 500 years old





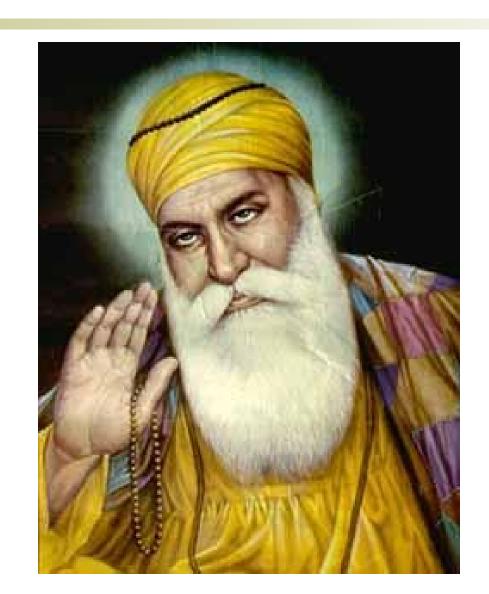
Sikhism's Homeland



Brief Historical Overview

- .1469: Birth of Guru Nanak: Apostle for Human Rights
- .15th 18th Century Struggle against the Caste System and Mughal Emperors
- •17th Century Guru Gobind Singh : The Khalsa
- .18th Century Sikhs : Masters of the Punjab & Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- •20th century Sikhs in the Republic of India and Manmohan Singh: First Sikh Prime Minister

Guru Nanak (1469-1539) The Founder of Sikhism



The Ten Gurus



The Khalsa

 The Khalsa – a spiritual brotherhood and sisterhood dedicated to thinking and acting with purity



The Five K's



kesh - Unshorn hair.



kara – bracelet.



kanga – comb.



kachera – underwear.



kirpan – sword.

Sri Guru Granth Sahib

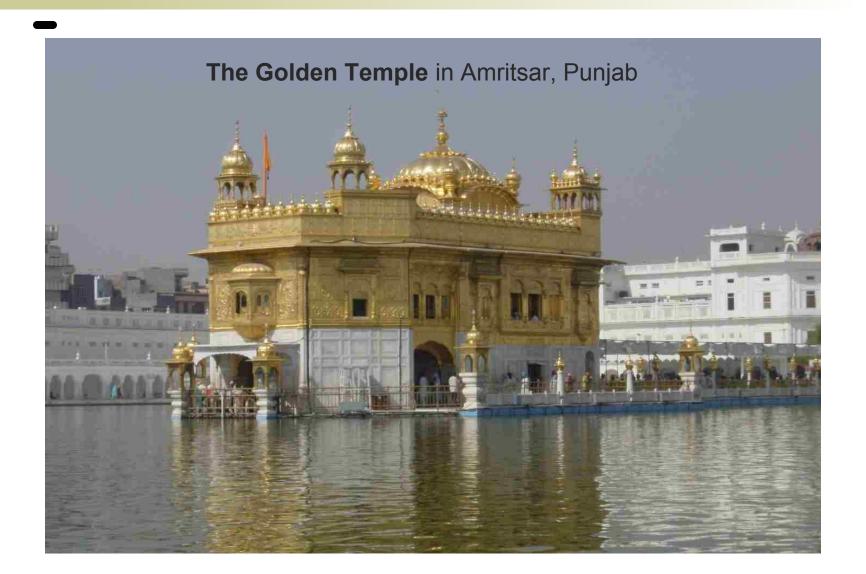




Basic Tenets of Sikhism

- ·Kirt karni, nap japna, wand chhakna.
 - 1. Earn an Honest Living
 - 2. Remembrance of One God
 - 3. Share
- •Five Vices: Kam (lust), krodh (anger), lobh (greed), moh (worldly attachment), ahankar (pride).

Gurdwara: The Sikh Temple



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Langar: The Communal Kitchen





Death in Sikhism

- •Transmigration
- The ultimate goal is to achieve salvation and end this cycle
- Sikhs are cremated instead of buried

Sikhs in America

SIKHS



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