

exalted mental state, free from a chaotic state, and a spiritual evolution that will result in Heavenly Bliss.

The Bible teaches that salvation is through believing in Jesus Christ, receiving Him into one's life. **John 3:16**-- *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* **John 3:36**---*He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.* **John 5:24**--*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.* **John 8:24**---*I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.* **John 14:6**---*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

The Bible teaches that we need salvation from sin because we are all sinners. **Romans 3:10**---*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:* **Romans 3:23**---*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

The punishment for sin is separation from God, death, and Hell. **Ephesians 2:1**---*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;* **Romans 6:23**---*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* **Matthew 25:41**---*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: It is not possible for us to be purified through prayer and praise, as God will not even hear us until our sins are removed.* **Psalms 66:18** says, "*If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*"

Because God loves us, Jesus Christ died for our sins, shedding His blood to wash away our sins. **Romans 5:8**---*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,*

*Christ died for us.* **2 Corinthians 5:21**---*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.* **1 Peter 1:18,19**---*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:* **1 Peter 2:24**---*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Nowhere does the Bible say that salvation is through man's works of prayer and praise. The Bible says it is not by man's works at all. **Romans 3:20**---*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.* **Titus 3:5**---*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*

Without believing in Jesus Christ, you, my Sikh friend, will die in your sins, and in so doing, will be condemned to Hell forever. Receive Jesus Christ alone as your Lord and Saviour today, turning from your sin and your religion. 1<sup>st</sup>, admit you are a sinner. 2<sup>nd</sup>, admit you deserve Hell for your sin. 3<sup>rd</sup>, call on the Lord Jesus Christ to save you from your sin while giving your life to Him. If you do, He will save you from sin and reserve a home in heaven for you. Most of all, you will truly praise and glorify God.

If you believe in Jesus Christ, you will leave Sikhism and become a part of the local church that believes and practices the Bible.

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## *Please Consider These Words of Love My SIKH Friend*

Mool-Mantar says, "God is the Eternal Truth." If we were to agree on this, even as in John 14:6, the Lord Jesus Christ said, "I am the truth," then neither of us would be afraid of hearing the truth. Bible Christianity and Sikhism contradict in doctrine. Both could not at the same time be truth. Therefore, I believe we should consider these questions:

### **1. Can the Bible and Granth Sabib, your book, both be true when they contradict?**

First, the Bible is accredited or authenticated by fulfilled prophecy. It is the only body of literature that has this kind of prophetic material, exact, detailed, and specific prophecies that have come true hundreds of years in the future. **Isaiah 42:9** says, "*Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell them of you.*" Then **Isaiah 44:9-11a**, among other places, reads, "*Thus saith...the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it?"* Since God is timeless and sovereign, He can tell us what He will do before it occurs. He does this in the Bible. There is not this same kind of content in the Granth Sabib. When prophecies come true 100% like this, this mathematical probability verifies the Bible as being nothing else but absolutely truth. Granth Sabib has no such authentication. There is no objective evidence to confirm it as authoritative.

Second, the Bible is complete. It tells all of history including the civilizations before the worldwide flood and after that flood. The Bible tells us how mankind fell into sin. The Bible tells how that sin resulted in the devastating curse from God upon mankind. The Bible tells man how that he can be redeemed from that sin by means of a perfect sacrifice, which was provided by the Lord Jesus Christ. Does the Granth Sabib explain the creation of mankind and the beginnings of civilization?

Third, the Bible is the earliest recorded book. The events of the book go back to 4000 B.C. The book was written almost 1500 B.C. The founder of Sikhism, Nanak was not born until 1469 A.D., and the Granth Sabib was not written until 5 generations later. There were thousands of years that people were without Granth Sabib. Why would God wait that long to make sure that people knew His truth?

Fourth, the Bible came to the world in a language that the people understood. When the New Testament was written, it came in the common-language of the then-known world—Greek. The Granth Sabib was written in six different languages and several dialects. It is therefore nearly impossible for even the learned Sikh to study these scriptures in their entirety. There are relatively few people in the entire world capable of reading the volume in its entirety. The average Sikh devotee knows very little about the Granth Sabib.

Fifth, the contents of the Bible are unique to the Bible. The teachings of Sikhism are a syncretism of the doctrines of Islam and Hinduism. Sikhism accepts ideas and rejects ideas from these two other religious systems.

## 2. Who are the founders of Bible Christianity and Sikhism?

Born in 1469 A.D., Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, is said to have received a divine call, where he is said to have been taken in a vision to

God's presence. God is said to have told him among other things: "*Practice the repetition of my Name, charity, ablutions, worship, and meditation. . . My Name is God, the primal Brahma. And thou are the divine Guru.*" Three days later, Nanak returned from the forest and after remaining silent for one day, he pronounced, "There is no Hindu and no Musalman" (in India, Muslims are known as Musalmans). Nanak was able to gather disciples around himself at Punjab until he died at the age of around 70 years, but not until he had appointed a successor to continue his mission, Angad. Before the 10<sup>th</sup> succeeding guru to Nanak, Guru Gobind Singh, died, he proclaimed the book, the Granth Sabib, to be the last guru forever. All of the ten gurus of Sikhism died and stayed dead. *On the other hand*, the Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, the only man to have defeated death. His resurrection, witnessed by over 500 people, sealed the fact that Jesus Christ is God. The Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled over 300 prophecies that were made in the Old Testament of the Bible. He could fulfill these because He was the very Messiah about Whom these were prophesying.

One passage, **Matthew 1:18-23** speaks about the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to this earth, for the purpose of saving mankind from sin. This passage says, "*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was*

*spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."*

The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is **God 1 Timothy 3:16--And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Titus 2:13--Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Colossians 1:16--For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him. Isaiah 9:6 prophecies concerning Jesus Christ, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Sikhism, however, says that any finite form cannot be worshipped as God. They also say that God neither takes birth nor does He die, when Bhairon Mohall 5, p-1136 says, "*Burnt be the tongue that says The Lord takes birth and undergoes death.*" And yet, God, the Lord Jesus Christ, did take birth and did die, after which He rose from the dead.**

**3. With evidence that the Bible is truth and that Jesus Christ truly is God in the flesh, should you not consider what the Bible says about your condition and your salvation?**

Sikhism says that God is everywhere and within us too, but a veil of ego separates us from Him, hiding the Truth from us. The way to God, called NAM in Sikhism, is through cleaning the impure mind. Ramkali Mohalla, 3-Anand, p-917 says, "*Prayer and praise of God, shall give rise to Nam inside.*" In this system impurity in the mind is cleansed through constant prayer and praise to God, leading to an