

Please Consider These Words of Love My CHRISTIAN Friend

The Guru Granth Sahib teaches ਆਦਿ ਸਚੁ ਜੁਗਾਦਿ ਸਚੁ “*True in the primal beginning, true throughout the ages*”. ਹੈ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਹੋਸੀ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ “*True Here And Now. O Nanak, Forever And Ever True*”. Before anything there was stability of God, stability truth in all ages, oh Nanak, it is forever and ever true (Pg 1). Can the Guru Granth Sahib and the Bible, your book, contradict when they promote truthfulness? The Bible says, “*The truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32) and Jesus preached, “*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, then all these things will be added unto you.*”(Matthew 6:33) The Bible also teaches, “*Hear oh Israel, Yahwey, (the Lord) our God, Yahwey is one.*” (Deuteronomy 6:4). Jesus Christ said “*I am the way, the truth, and the life...*” (John 14:6) On learning deeply the meanings in the Guru Granth Sahib, as well as the Bible, one will come to the conclusion that there is no contradiction of what “true and truth” are, and how to benefit from it.

What are truth and the Kingdom of God? Truth is infinitely undefeated, pure and unadulterated. It cannot be overcome by darkness. “*and light shineth in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not*” (John Ch. 1) The Guru Granth Sahib show us, ਅਵਲਿ ਅਲਹ ਨੂਰੁ ਉਪਾਇਆ, ਕੁਦਰਤਿ ਕੇ ਸਭ ਬੰਦੇ “*First God created the Light; by His power He created all people equal.*” ਏਕ ਨੂਰ ਤੇ ਸਭੁ ਜਗੁ ਉਪਜਿਆ, ਕਉਨ ਭਲੇ ਕੇ ਮੰਦੇ “*From One Light came the entire universe. So who is good, and who is bad?*” (Pg 1349) Guru Granth Sahib teaches, ਕਿਵ ਸਚਿਆਰਾ ਹੋਈਐ ਕਿਵ ਕੂੜੈ ਤੁਟੈ ਪਾਲਿ “*How can one exist in stability truth, and how can he remove the veil of blindness?*” ਹੁਕਮਿ ਰਜਾਈ ਚਲਣਾ ਨਾਨਕ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਨਾਲਿ “*O Nanak, it is written that you shall go by the Hukam (will of the Kingdom of God) of His Command, and walk in the Way of His Will.*” (Pg 1) What is the Kingdom of God? It is the natural laws of reality that apply to everything that exists in the universe. Since there is no other God, there cannot be any other reality. Something is either real or counterfeit. The universe is the reaction of the power, love, and righteousness of God. To know God personally involves removing the blindness from our eyes

caused by our ignorance, ego, over attachment, lust, anger, and hunger for power. Instead of getting a realistic perception of what is going on in and around us, we tend to misjudge reality for an illusion or only a partial understanding of everything. The only way to remove the blindness is to turn from our old ways and to humble ourselves to be willing to fill our minds with reality-not as we understand it, but as it really is. No matter how much we understand, we will still only perceive a limited part of it, due to our limited minds and senses. But God has shown infinite unconditional love and mercy and has been, educating man. Observe the beautiful universe perfectly created “*and God said it was good.*” (Genesis Ch 1). The universe in its own way obeys the kingdom of God. Jesus said “*My kingdom is not of this world...*” (John 18:36), and He meant not of man’s perception blinded by his ego. The “*Prince of this world*” is the ego essence Satan, and the universe viewed with a wrong perception. It is the philosophy of denying reality in place of a foolish, selfish illusion. It’s a wonder that the name Yahwey has its roots in ancient Sanskrit as well as Hebrew. The meanings are identical (past, present, future, causing to be). ਹੈ ਤੂਹੈ ਤੂ ਹੋਵਨਹਾਰ, Hain, Tu Hain Tu Hovenhar “*Existing, You are, and You shall ever be.*” (Pg 724) ਹੋਯੋ ਹੈ ਹੋਵੰਤੋ ਹਰਣ ਭਰਣ ਸੰਪੂਰਣਃ Hoyo hai hovanto, haran paran sanpureneh “*God was, is, and shall always be. He sustains and destroys all.*” Pg 1361) There are many names for God, and believe it or not, the Name Yahweh is recorded in the Guru Granth Sahib. “*And the Yahweh shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name.*” (Zechariah 14:9) Getting back to the Mool Mantar, ਹੈ ਭੀ ਸਚੁ ਨਾਨਕ ਹੋਸੀ ਭੀ ਸਚ HAI BHEE sach Nanak HOSE BHE sach. The words in all caps are also ancient Hebrew words with the same meaning. The diversity of languages of the Guru Granth Sahib were chosen for beauty and poetic, and there are over 70 languages which denote universality of the wisdom how to be happy, healthy, and successful. The Gurus included all of the human race to have free access to the grace of God. Reality was created for all to benefit, regardless of one’s race or creed. Although Sikhism does not accept idol worship and rituals in the attempt to bribe God, Sikhism believes all should be respected and treated equally. There are no conversions into Sikhism, as Sikhism just the science of reality. God is the home for all things to exist. Hell starts in this life. Hell is the condition of the soul. When we become

suckered by our evil vices, then we experience the destruction of Hell. Birth and Death are beyond what we can perceive. These are natural occurrences of no escape, not to be judged as good or bad. The same God that provides in this life is the same God that provides in the next life. We stimulate our own Heaven or Hell. It is the condition of our mind and soul. ਚੰਗਿਆਈਆ ਬੁਰਿਆਈਆ ਵਾਚੈ ਧਰਮੁ ਹਦੂਰਿ “*Good deeds and bad deeds-the record is read out in the Presence of the Lord of Dharma (figure of speech for cause and reaction, what you sow is what your reap)*” ਕਰਮੀ ਆਪੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਕੇ ਨੇੜੇ ਕੇ ਦੂਰਿ “*According to their own actions, some are drawn closer (to reality realization), and some are driven farther away (spiritual blindness denying reality).*” (Pg 8) The very life of this blindness is to deny reality – the Kingdom of God, which is everywhere. Just as God rules the earth, water, and sky, so one must realize He rules in us, whether we acknowledge Him or not. His ruling in us sustains our lives. Jesus preached that we should seek from within, that we cannot separate from God to escape, although many people cut God out of their lives. The Bible teaches “*The kingdom of God is within you*” (Luke 17:21) The value of human life, regardless of one’s faith is valuable and worthy of God’s unconditional love. God offered His entire essence to home us in His glorious universe. For this reason we cannot judge others, but we can condemn foolish and evil actions people do. Only God is the true judge. Jesus taught, “*..inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.*” (Matthew 25:40) ਹਰਿ ਮੰਦਰੁ ਏਹੁ ਸਰੀਰੁ ਹੈ ਗਿਆਨਿ ਰਤਨਿ ਪਰਗਟੁ ਹੋਇ “*This body is the Temple of the Lord, in which the jewel of spiritual wisdom is revealed.*”(Pg. 1246) *And they shall make for Me a sanctuary; and I will dwell among them.*” (Exodus 25:8) This is why Sikhs and Christians respect all people, regardless of one’s faith.

Saint Paul became enlightened and described his awakening into reality, “*And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.* (Acts 9:18). Historians have written countless texts about the sacrifice of many Jewish, Christian, and Sikh devotees who gave up their lives for the benefit of the human race (unconditional love). They devoted their lives to encourage everyone to seek the truth, to learn the truth, and to live by the truth, regardless of race or status. The Bible and the Guru Granth Sahib teach

against the Caste system and against bribing God with rituals and good works. “For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.” (Romans 10:12)...”for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” (I Sam 16:7) Salvation is a free gift from God, and cannot be acquired by good works, lest any man should boast. “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8) “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Salvation comes from faith, it gets processed in the mind, the person understands, accepts, then one reacts proactively in life. One’s sins cease because he becomes “born again” and changes his negative habits. ਸੁਣਿਐ ਦੁਖ ਪਾਪ ਕਾ ਨਾਸੁ “Listening-pain and sin are erased. (Pg 8)

Every teacher has students. The word *Sikh* means “student”. When a person enters the realm of reality, when he puts aside his ego, and humbles himself to study, craving wisdom as King Solomon did, then he automatically becomes a Sikh. The word Sikh existed before the 10 Gurus were born. A true Sikh learns from God and from all the natural laws of the universe in order to function. In fact, all are born with an instinctive curiosity to explore and to self improve-the cravings to meet God. Sikhism does not demand Christians to abandon their church or to deny the Bible which has been preserved at the cost of blood of thousands of worthy, faithful martyrs. Likewise, the Guru Granth Sahib was composed and presented in a way to find a common means of multi-cultural appreciation to encourage people to study about God, make an honest living, and share some of their extra profit with others. Some of the hymns in the Guru Granth Sahib were composed over 1,000 years ago. A Gursikh is one that learns from the Guru Granth Sahib and applies its teachings in one’s life. Janamsaki stories (magic stories about the Gurus composed by Brahman Pandits that teach good morals) are not regarded as historical accounts. Guru Nanak did not stay under water for three days, nor needed to do this to receive a revelation and calling to preach. He received his revelation when he responded to the wisdom he acquired through his experiences in life. God, nature and his experiences have taught him well.

There is no mention of Jesus or Bible in the Guru Granth Sahib, as murderers did not allow the Christians to preach in India 2,000 years ago. We agree with Christianity that God did not have to be born to exist, and He is not limited by birth and death. Idolaters believe in gods being born, subject to the laws of nature. To a Gursikh, the suffering of Jesus on behalf of the world is understood as a very dramatic way of communicating to the world that God offers His own essence 24 hours a day. One cannot bribe salvation from God by trying to please Him with a blood sacrifice crucifixion ritual. God was waiting not for the death of Jesus to happen to make Him happy. God is always pleased and satisfied even without us. The meaning of Jesus’ sacrifice was His way of imitating God sacrifices of infinite mercy. God has forgiven and provided for us before we even ask. It is man that needs to realize this forgiveness and to claim it. “...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” To the Sikh, this lamb represents the constant flow of nature, governed by the grace of God, which none of us deserve (we have no self righteousness). Some of the Sikh Gurus were willingly brutally tortured for the sake of all people, as well, to protect them from wicked Mogul Islamic forced conversions. The Gospel is good news, not a story to brainwash and scare people into Christian salvation. One should be afraid of life in this world, as well. Don’t think an emotional human sacrifice bribing ritual will save your soul. Sikhism does not teach that prayer and good works saves one’s soul. Chanting Naam does not exclusively mean to say God’s name over and over again; it means staying focus on the Kingdom of God, *hukam*. They body becomes disciplined to live a proactive life. Praising God is an instinctive reaction when one realizes His greatness and goodness. Praising God is not what saves. But praising God involves realizing that we are nothing but the product of God grace and power, we are a part of His excellent creation. We focus off our ego and see Him alone. Our sins are removed means that we have made a turn in life to obey reality and life truthfully so that we can be productive members in society, sharing and caring brotherly love of all.

Sikhs do not focus on God as human, because He is inside and outside of everything.” *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.*” (Isaiah 6:3) ਬਾਨ ਬਨੰਤਰਿ ਏਕੈ ਸੋਇ In the spaces and interspaces, He is the One. ਸਤਿ ਸਤਿ ਸਤਿ ਪੁਛੁ ਸੁਆਮੀ “True, True, True is God,

our Lord and Master”. ਪਵਿਤ੍ਰ ਪਵਿਤ੍ਰ ਪਵਿਤ੍ਰੁ ਪੁਨੀਤ “*Holy, Holy, Holy and Sublimely Pure.*” (Pg 279) I said, “*You are gods, and all of you are children of the Most High.*” (Psalm 82: 5-7) How can a human be God? When one loses his ego, he realizes that he is nothing outside of God and outside of reality. Many have come to this realization: Moses, Abraham, Jesus, Guru Nanak, and the true Gursikhs and committed Christians and Jews.

The Guru Granth Sahib is not a book of prophecy in the sense that the Bible is identified as a foreteller of the future. Sikh scripture is a prophetic word of inspiration to encourage people to change their destructive ways and attitudes. Guru (God and His wisdom which enlightens those in darkness) word of God is the very information one needs to be happy, healthy, and successful. The Guru Granth Sahib does not compete with the Bible, for there is no reason to do so, but agrees on the need to spread truthfulness to the world. The Guru Granth Sahib is written to inspire all people to live truthful. Although modern Anti Sikh scholars claim Guru Nanak was a reformed Hindu, he, including all the composers of the hymns in the Guru Granth Sahib renounced idolatry and polytheism. Everyone should take time to study the Guru Granth Sahib, as the contents give a fresh new insight in the study of the Bible. “*How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings (the gospel) good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation...*” (Isaiah 52:7) ਹਲੇ ਯਾਰਾ ਹਲੇ ਯਾਰਾ ਖੁਸਿਖਬਰੀ “*Hello, my friend, hello my friend. Is there any good news?*” (Pg 727) Let us cooperate and inspire each other to live truthful and encourage one another to better care for ourselves and others towards salvation, tranquility and success.

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