



## Baba Siri Chand's Birthday

Thousands gathered in Gobind Sadan on a rain-soaked weekend in early September and danced, sang, and prayed to honour their beloved Baba Siri Chand, the great mystic saint and elder son of Guru Nanak Dev, First Guru of Sikhs. Baba Virsa Singh (who has been known to negotiate with the rain to wait until after a celebration), told the throngs, "None of you should think of asking God to stop the rain. God is pouring blessings on everyone. The whole cosmos is celebrating this great day."

Eight Akhand Paths (continuous reading of the Guru Granth Sahib) concluded together at 2 a.m., while at a special havan Jaap Sahib echoed throughout the area. Tons of flowers of many varieties and colours turned Gobind Sadan into a living work of art, and lights illuminated every surface, in a continuous tribute to the one whom Baba Virsa Singh regards as his Guru. Babaji encouraged everyone to take Baba Siri Chand's blessings, saying, "I am one of you. As a youth I grazed buffalo, I plowed the fields, and I danced and played just like you. But I meditated on Baba Siri Chand Ji and now I have a surplus in both worldly and spiritual accounts."

Babaji had harsh words for those who have perpetuated untruths about Baba Siri Chand: "I have no time for those who stand in gurdwaras and repeat the misperception that Baba Siri Chand did not follow the hukam of his father, Guru Nanak. If he did not follow the hukam, why would all the Gurus, who were the embodiment of Guru Nanak, go to him with such love and even offer their sons to serve him? Now is a good time to beg forgiveness for this curse that has come upon us for showing him such disrespect.

Even if you do not go to places of worship, practice the teachings in your daily life. Follow Baba Siri Chand's example and the virtues and spiritual power will come to you. Baba Siri Chand has so much power that not only will your crops and animals flourish, but also the wars and conflicts in the world will end today if we revere Baba Siri Chand. Peace will come wherever Baba Siri Chand is remembered."

To help educate people of all ages about the blessed life of Baba Siri Chand, Baba Virsa Singh released a new picture book on the occasion: The Miraculous Life of Baba Siri Chand. The book chronicles Baba Siri Chand's key contributions to peace during his 149-year life from 1494 to 1643. One story provides a beautiful illustration: "As Baba Siri Chand ji was sitting in Srinagar, Kashmir, with his sacred fire burning before him, Nawab Yakub Khan came to him, filled with great anger. Out of anger he was creating conflict between the Hindus and Muslims of the area. Babaji took a burning stick from the fire and stuck it in the ground. Immediately the flames vanished and the stick sprouted leaves of a beautiful Chinar tree. Seeing this miracle, the Nawab's anger was cooled. Baba Siri Chand ji showed that God's tree is broad enough to give shade to all people, Hindus and Muslims alike. This Chinar tree still stands today in Srinagar as a monument to peace."

## Mother Mary's Appearance

Gobind Sadan's beloved Jesus' Place is now blessed by a beautiful statue of Mary, Mother of Jesus. On May 13, She was presented by the family of Stephen Gordon, who had been led to Gobind Sadan by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity. The Sisters, the Gordon family, children waving gold flags in honour of Guru Gobind Singh, Gobind Sadan's imam, and many other members of the Gobind Sadan family carried Her in loving procession, strewing rose petals, carrying candles, and singing sacred songs to welcome Her.

On the happy occasion, Baba Virsa Singh Ji explained, "I am not a Christian but Jesus came to me. I want to stress that you don't have to be Christian to love Jesus. People have made these boundaries. Where there is love and faith, Jesus is alive. Here people are always kissing him, touching his feet, waving the Chaur Sahib over Him. Why not? Jesus has no enmity. Jesus is love. He is faith. He is a very great Power. And wherever there is love, Jesus' power is present."

Speaking directly to the priest present, Babaji cautioned, "Don't restrict Jesus to Christians. He will not be happy walled up in church all the time. See Him as the Light He is. Jesus cannot be limited to a set of human-made rules. If we see Jesus as love, then He will love Lord Krishna and the Prophet Muhammad, and link people to them as well. He will never wish to change people's faith.

We do not try to change people's religion. Such things are not good—they bring conflict in the world. It was boundary-makers who crucified Jesus. Break the boundaries! Celebrate all holy days!

Many people here meet Jesus because they have love and faith. Cancer is healed. The blindness of a Hindu boy was healed by splashing water from Jesus' feet in his eyes. Love whatever prophet has come, and Jesus will be very happy.

Our 'church' is of a different type. Jesus was actually standing here. Thus we built this site to remember that day. Jesus can never stay within your boundaries. While you are in church, He may be out with the poor, standing under the trees or on a river bank. He enjoys being free.

We're very happy that Mary has come. From now on, here where we have been worshipping Jesus we will also be worshipping Mary."

Babaji asked Ralph Singh, long-time member of Gobind Sadan and Babaji's first foreign devotee, to speak about Gobind Sadan's mission. In his remarks to the gathering, Ralph referred to the many holy places that have been built by Babaji's guidance in Gobind Sadan, explaining, "Babaji emphasizes that the most important teaching is to 'recognize all people as one human race,' in the words of Guru Gobind Singh. We are also to understand that the prayers offered in the mosque go to the same God as the prayers offered through Jesus and the prayers offered 24 hours a day at the sacred fire, which has been burning continuously for almost 40 years. What goes on here is not a matter of ritual or of show. It is something that comes through Babaji's blessings, a vision of how God would like us to live. We are not to leave our own religions and say that we all have to be the same, but to learn to glorify God. However we see God, however we love God, the important thing is for us to share that love with everyone and not see anyone as different. We are to work to bring down those barriers, and the path to peace will emerge. That Light is present; it has not gone anywhere. It is just that we humans have somehow closed our eyes. Let us all pray that the darkness that has fallen over our eyes, the soot that has damaged our vision be washed away by everyone's love, by God's blessings, and by gatherings like this. Then wherever we look we will be able to see that Light, and through that Light the path to peace will automatically emerge, and suddenly out of all this conflict we will have nothing to share but peace."

## Everyday Miracles



Healings of all sorts continue at Gobind Sadan, where prayers are offered around the clock by Hardeep at the havan and by Mary at Jesus' Place, under the blessings of Baba Virsa Singh.

### Blessed Babies

Babaji has often helped childless couples to have children by blessing fruit for the husband and wife. A surprising story developed with the daughter of long-time devotees. Her 20-year-old son had been killed in a traffic accident, and she and her husband did not want their daughter to be an only child. Yet perhaps because of their age, they were unable to conceive again. They came to Baba Virsa Singh, who blessed fruit for them to eat. They wanted a son, but a year passed without their becoming pregnant, so they came back to Gobind Sadan to take blessings again. Babaji sent Mary to pray for them at Jesus' Place. Jesus didn't mention gender but simply said, "You will have a very beautiful child." Soon after, the woman became pregnant, with twins! She delivered a healthy boy and a beautiful girl. They feel that Babaji gave them the boy and Jesus gave them the girl.

Cearing the Path  
After trying for two years to conceive a child, an Australian woman was told by her doctor that her ovarian tubes were totally blocked and could not be cleared. He told them the only possibility was a test-tube baby, but the couple refused that option. They came to see Babaji when they were in India, told him their problem, and then ate the fruit he blessed for them. He said to them, "Nobody can stop the child. It will come." When they returned to Australia and consulted a doctor, he was surprised to learn that one tube had become totally clear.

Twice she became pregnant, but twice miscarried. They felt that this happened because her husband had started drinking. Again they came back to Babaji when they visited India for a family wedding. He told them that there would be no more miscarriages, but that when she became pregnant again, she should distribute rot (sweet hard bread) and kacchi pinini (sweet balls made with rice flour) to the poor. Her husband voluntarily committed himself not to drink or eat meat for two years. She is now pregnant again, and there has been no miscarriage. This family has great faith in Babaji's ability to bless them with a child, for he also blessed her older sister with a child after five years of her childless marriage.

### Remote Blessings

Now this special boon has even been conferred over long distance via Internet! A Canadian couple gave birth to a baby boy in August. They had previously been unable to conceive, but after following the directions given by Jesus and by Babaji which were conveyed by email, they were blessed with a child.

### Blessings for New Job

In the meantime, the baby's father was about to cut his long hair (sacred to Sikhs). He was afraid he could not get a new job in Canada wearing a turban. He was very worried because he was supporting his whole family. When this issue was placed before Jesus, Jesus advised that Guru Gobind Singh would bless him with a job and that he should tie a very beautiful turban before going for the interview. Soon he emailed back, "I have been offered an excellent dream-come-true job opportunity."

## Havan Blessings

### Hodgkin's Disease in Remission

A doctor writes that he was a known case of Hodgkin's lymphoma and after regular treatments was declared disease-free last year. On a recent checkup he received the devastating news that the cancer had reappeared and he would have to resume treatment.

A friend brought him to Maharaj ji who blessed him saying that his life would be free of cancer. Accordingly, prayers and parshad were offered at the havan. The doctor wrote: "The day of the final test, my wife and I recited Jaap Sahib with full faith and the results were normal."

### **Industrial machine "fixes itself"**

A devotee who owned a machine shop was deeply distressed that one of his major machines was not working properly. Before he closed shop that night he called Hardeep, and was instructed to do Ardas near the machine. When he called his machine operator the next morning to tell him to dismantle the machine, he was told that the machine was working perfectly.

Opening a previously closed course

The son of an Indian devotee had received admission in a very competitive graduate program in the U.S. to study finance. But after the long flight he arrived at school only to find that the course was full and he would have to take a different subject. He was obviously dejected, and called his parents to ask advice. His mother rushed to Gobind Sadan, did Ardas and received the order to do Chaur Sahib and offer one rot. Within 2 days, her son called saying someone had dropped the course, and the seat became available to him.

## **Special Audiences**

On September 22, Anatoli Kim of Kazakhstan came for Babaji's darshan. A famous writer whose books and stories are so uplifting and touching that people who read them have come out of suicidal depression or lost their fear of death, Anatoli was a guest of the Indian government. After days of official meetings, when he met Babaji he said, "This is the real reason I came to India. I feel I have wanted to meet you all my life." He asked many questions out of a deep longing for truth and a longing for good times to return in his country.

At one point during their exchange, Anatoli asked, "Which will ultimately win—darkness or light?" Babaji answered, "I am speaking from that Power which is only One. and whatever I say you will see with your own eyes." Anatoli asked, "If things become good, will it be good only for Russia or India, or for everyone?" Babaji replied, "It will spread throughout the world but it will take time. Slowly goodness will come to everyone, for good people everywhere. When bad people come to power, hatred spreads among the people. Then they have to become good. When the supply finishes, the shop will close. Right now there is still plenty of hatred to run their shops. Now there is conflict because conflict is being supplied. When the sun rises, it gives light to everyone. Its rays reach even those who don't want it. When truth comes, it will spread throughout the world."

Anatoli asked, "You speak of truth. Is it the same for everyone?" Babaji replied, "Truth means it is the same for everyone. Where there are boundaries, there is no truth."

Anatoli confided, "I am always thinking about my country, wondering when these things will come." Babaji responded, "Your country and its buildings are beautiful, but people have moved away from truth. When truth dawns, that beauty will emerge again.. Your ideas will surely influence people. There are no boundaries around truth or around ideas. It is only a concept that Russia and India are separate. In truth, there is only One."

Anatoli persisted, "Do you think there is more power with good or evil? When Jesus was forty days in the wilderness, Satan tempted him." Babaji answered, "Goodness is very powerful. It will uproot evil. The battle between good and evil will continue, but truth will be victorious. Right now there is darkness."

Anatoli asked, "How will we know that truth is coming?" Babaji explained, "It will rise before your eyes. It will start as an inner feeling, then spread throughout the world. A philosopher is very firm in his thoughts. You need a very strong crane to move him. By that I mean that only one with truth and great ideas can change his mind. Only that person asks me questions who really wants to learn. We are both students. When you ask me, I ask from There, and we both receive enlightenment." Anatoli responded, "But you are the one who hears the answers." Babaji acknowledged, "There is no effort required, it is all His choice. It is just a matter of love. It is from the place of Love."

As Anatoli had first heard of Babaji when he visited Russia in 2004, but did not meet him then, he then said, "Whoever met you in Russia wants you to come again and again. They feel you are like our own saints." Babaji laughingly replied, "Even if I'm not planning to go, they will catch me and pull me there."

Anatoli wished, "May the thought of you bring great light to Russians. My whole life I was waiting for today. These questions were never answered until today. It is such a happy day for me. I am so glad to hear your divine voice." Babaji assured him, "It was your time to come. It has nothing to do with you or me. Even if you don't feel like it, dance and laugh. May God bless you."

After the audience, Anatoli and his wife lit 1000 candles at Jesus' Place, showered Jesus with rose petals, and lay there blissfully looking up at the starry sky. Anatoli said, "I always knew I had a teacher, but I never knew who it was. Now I know I am Maharaj ji's disciple. Babaji has greatly increased our love and we will give that love to others."

The young man had also learned from Gobind Sadan's website that Babaji had given the boon that anyone with unsolvable problems could light seven candles at Jesus' Place for seven days, and their problems would be solved. Not being in India, he went to a nearby church and faithfully lit his candles there. Now, with blessings from Babaji, Jesus, and Guru Gobind Singh, this man of great faith has both a healthy baby boy and a wonderful job.

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