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**‘GURU MANEO GRANTH’**

**\*Global Sikh Council greets Sikhs on the occasion of First Parkash Purab of Guru Granth Sahib\***

Global Sikh Council -the apex body of representative members from 30 countries across the globe greets the Sikh people and humanity at large on the auspicious and solemn occasion of the First Parkash -First Revelation to the Sangat -religious gathering in 1604. We are happy to extend these greetings to the whole Sikh world on the first of September, the anniversary of the event as per the Mool Nanakshahi Calendar -the calendar of the Sikh people.

While the Sikhs are facing challenges from some forces within the Sikh fold and from external forces, for the Sikhs -Guru Gobind Singh’s command “Guru Maneo Granth” - ‘Believe and Follow Guru Granth Sahib’ still stands universally true. Unquestionably, Guru Granth Sahib is our Guru for all times, at all times, under all circumstances. No individual, no organisation, no government authority and no political leader has the privilege or power to change or dilute this stand in any manner whatsoever.

Contemporary writings of Sikh, Muslim and Hindu chroniclers, during the Guru period, are not authentic religious records. They are mostly not in sync with the tenets of Sikhism and hence cannot become basis for explaining the fundamentals of Sikhism. The Sikh leadership, unfortunately, has not pruned and purged the Brahmanical additions to these historical writings and therefore sometimes forces outside Sikhism use these writings to cast aspersions on the uniqueness of the Sikh religion and its scriptures. These excursions are unacceptable and unfortunate.

The idea of The Word as the Guru was an extraordinary concept introduced by the Gurus; unique to the history of humankind and a clear departure from worshipping a plethora of gods and goddesses, widely prevalent in those times. The founder of the faith -Guru Nanak Sahib was categorical:

**\*ਜੈਸੀ ਮੈ ਆਵੈ ਖਸਮ ਕੀ ਬਾਣੀ ਤੈਸੜਾ ਕਰੀ ਗਿਆਨੁ ਵੇ ਲਾਲੇ ॥\***

**\*As the word of the Lord comes to me, so do I utter, O Lalo.\***

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Guru Nanak declared to the world that this Word -the Bani - enshrined in Guru Granth Sahib, is a revealed way of life for all Sikhs.

Global Sikh Council reminds the Sikh Panth that forces against the Sikh religion, especially the Brahmanical forces, started propagating and working against our concepts, right from the times of Guru Nanak. **As long as we remain steadfast in our faith and beliefs and continue to intelligently challenge the distractors, no one will be able to wean us away from 'Shabad Guru.'**

Global Sikh Council, in no uncertain terms, reiterates that Sikh philosophy flows from Guru Granth Sahib and anyone attempting to reorient it otherwise, is doing injustice to the Sikh Panth and is indulging in blasphemy against the Gurus.

**Global Sikh Council, on this august occasion, appeals to Akal Takht Jathedar - Giani Harpreet Singh, to take effective steps to:**

- **remove misconceptions regarding the Sikh religion,**
- **boldly challenge the anti-Sikh utterances of the political leadership of India,**
- **take up the task of editing historical chronicles,**
- **direct the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee to accept the Real Nanakshahi Calendar**
- **democratise the dispute resolution procedure at Akal Takht Sahib.**

Waheguru ji ka Khalsa; Waheguru ji ki Fateh

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*Global Sikh Council is a confederation of National Level Sikh Organisations worldwide, working together for the advancement of the Sikh religion guided by the Guru Granth Sahib and the socioeconomic development of the Sikh community.*

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