

A Parent's Lament

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WHEN SAT GURUJI BLESSED us with a daughter and son, I had been lucky, to enjoy a trip to Sri Darbar Sahib.

Feeling the importance of *Amrit, Khande di Pahul*, on J&K borders as a Captain, I had felt very strongly that since I, as father of the children, and being responsible to Guru Gobind Singh Ji's orders for *Amrit*, both the children and my wife, were lucky to get *Amrit*, at Sri akal Takht Sahib. My son was only 6 months old and daughter was 2 years old. My son, now Sardar Prabhjeet Singh, at that time was so much happy to taste the drops of *Amrit* as if he knew and was waiting, for the divine gift of Sat Guru Ji, on his arrival on this planet.

This event could have been captured on video. The aim is to show that how much eagerly is a newborn child in the family of a Sikh, a flower in Guru Nanak's garden, awaiting to be initiated to *Amrit*. He desired that he should get this blessing of *Amrit* at the earliest.

Today, with Guruji's blessings of love and grace, Prabhjeet Singh, was ready to fly to USA [in November 2004,] as a software engineer. He is proud of the family of Khalsa Panth.

S. Prabhjeet Singh is by choice a vegetarian and with Sat Guru's love, he shuns alcoholic drinks. He is also particular in doing his *Nitname*. The same is the case with my daughter, Ravjot Kaur.

Aim of above event of early "*Amrit-Pan*" ceremony, being so important and vital, that I never had to care or bother about my children, since Guru Guru Gobind Singh Ji, acts as their father and Mata Sahib Devan, as their mother. This is crux of the ethos of the Khalsa Peace Corps.

Since SGPC leadership, as also other eminent people and many genuine Gursikhs vouch their concern on the present day state of affairs of the Sikh youth of Punjab and rest of the globe, that our children are losing faith in *Sikhi* and do not feel the importance of keeping of kesh/hair, or respect for Khalsa way of life, the solution is that it will be wise on the part of parents/elders to, follow the orders of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj and all children should get this gift of *Amrit*, from Panj Piaras, wherever, they may be on the globe. This will relieve the elders, of their concern, about the future of Khalsa Panth. They will restore the glory of Khalsa Panth, under direct love of the *Sahibe Kamal, Sarbansdani Pita*, Guru Gobind Singhji Maharaj.

In fact I will go to the extent of suggesting that since Khalsa TV channel, is going to start soon, as announced by ETC Channel, MD, Rev. Sardar M S Kohli Ji, it should be decided to issue an identity card to every child, after *Amrit* ceremony, so as to give him a sense of belonging to Sri Akal Takht Sahib, Sri Amritsar Sahib. This is a very important issue for them, since in the struggle of live, sometimes the young Khalsa, specially, if he is in army, has to face, many such adverse environments, of drinks/smoke/derogatory language, etc. He can always feel emotionally safe and remain engrossed in love of Guru Ji.

The Sikh Review, under present directions, has undergone tremendous improvement. During the last 15 years commendable service has been rendered to Khalsa Panth specially 'young' people like me [55 years], who have yet to enter the service platform, beyond the limits of Indore town.

The global scenario, specially the war against terrorism, by USA has entered a difficult phase. Is Iran and Saudi Arabia, next on the list of USA invasion in 2005-06? 2007 may be the year of third World War. Khalsa has to get ready at SGPC level, to face, the coming challenges, or else, one day, we will find that similar to the situation in USA, where Akal Security was created under the patronage of Singh Sahiban, Bhai Harbhajan Singh Jogi Ji, to protect USA's internal establishments. Yogi ji could have been a competent and able contender for heading the SGPC leadership but fate had decided otherwise by taking his life away. A severe loss to the Sikh society. When Akalis took over historic shrines from Mahants, though under aegis of British Govt., it was forecast that a more powerful beloved group, of Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaj, will take over from, the present controllers. Though today it sounds impossible, since Akalis as also SGPC is well organised and the most vital service of Guru Granth Sahib Ji, in Sri Harmandir Sahib is being done most competently, as telecast on ETC Channel, daily from 0400 hrs to 0800 hrs.

I have received the commitment in writing from our present chair-person, of SGPC, Bibi Jagir Kaur Ji Sahiban, that she will do everything to protect the glory of Khalsa Panth and I wish that SGPC continues to spread the love of Charan Kamal of Sat Guru Nanak Ji Maharaj. Through the powers of service, to Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Maharaj, the carrier of Infinite bliss powers not available anywhere else on the globe. The USA leadership accordingly welcomed Khalsa Panth as also Adi Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, in the White House complex. Credit goes to senate member - Mr. Thompson, on behalf of President George W. Bush.

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