

NANAK NAAM CHARDI KALA TERE BHANE SARBAT DA BHALA



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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of our Co-ordination Committee, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you personally to this Convention. We hope you will take this opportunity to consider carefully the views and convictions expounded by the panel speakers. Each Speaker may approach the subject from a different direction, but they are all committed to the call for 'PEACE ON EARTH'.

Sachkhand Nanak Dham have already discovered Peace and contentment through the teachings of our founder, Maharaj Darshan Das. We naturally would like to share this Peace and contentment with you, your family and friends. Please enjoy your day with us, and we hope you will go away with a firm resolve to work for Peace and Harmony, not only in the UK, but throughout the world.

Das Tarsem Singh
Chairman
Peace on Earth Co-ordination
Committee



His Holiness Maharaj Darshan Das

MAHARAJ DARSHAN DAS

The founder of our movement was born in the village of Batala, Punjab, India on the 7th of December 1953. His father, Pandit Jagan Nath, and mother Chaynan Dei, were extremely poor, and he experienced at first hand the deprivations of hunger and poverty.

Maharaj Jee was born with small locks of hair on his head, that on closer inspection looked like a seven headed snake. This remarkable feature attracted the attention of many yogis and saints. They paid homage to the small boy whilst on their way to visit the Kandh Sahib Temple.

As a small boy Maharaj Jee attended the local school to receive his basic education. During this time he suffered a severe head wound and lost a lot of blood. Aware of the financial burden medical costs would place on his parents, he merely bandaged the wound. Inevitably, he fainted and when asked by the local doctor, "Why did you endure so much pain?" he replied "I did not want to impose further hardship on my parents".

In spite of his mother's urgings, Maharaj Jee refused to attend any of the local temples. He did however pay great attention to his father's teachings. In particular, his love of the Motherland and nationalistic ideals, stem from his fathers' brief but memorable childhood encounter with Freedom Fighters prior to India becoming independent.

At the tender age of 13 years, Maharaj Jee had his first spiritual revelation. He chose to reject the call because he felt he lacked both age and knowledge. When 17 years old, and working in the city of Jullundar, he received another visitation. This time Maharaj Jee accepted his calling, and on the 15th August 1971 performed his first discourse and healing.

On the 15th June, 1973 he established a permanent centre in Batala, Punjab. This was followed in June 1977 by the establishment of a settlement in Delhi. He continued to heal the sick and profess his divine message of love, peace, unity and sacrifice.

During the solar eclipse on 16th February 1980, the whole of India was in a state of distress and stayed indoors. The exceptions were the Maharaj Jee and his devotees, who continued with their duties. During this auspicious event he inaugurated Das Dharam, the order of service to humanity. He also established the slogan, "NANAK NAAM CHARDI KALA ~~CHARDI KALA~~ TERE BHANE SARBAT DA BHALA", which means, "Do something for somebody in your life".

Later the same year Maharaj Jee made his second visit to England and commenced holding small meetings with devotees in a small house. Following further frequent visits he established his first permanent centre in the UK, which he officially opened on September 1st, 1982. During the last three years the congregation at this centre has increased at a tremendous rate. During the absence of Maharaj Jee his work is continued through his appointed disciples.

The power and guiding force of Maharaj Jee works through his appointed disciples and devotees, for the service of humanity. He has achieved great things in just a few years, but this is just the beginning. With love, peace, unity and sacrifice, his mission is simply to help the world achieve "Peace on Earth".

PROGRAMME

Opening Ceremony 11.00 a.m.

Speakers:

Mr. Tersam Singh
Chairman

Mr. K. V. Panikar
MP India

Mr. Talvinder Singh
India

Mr. Man Singh
Advocate, India

Mr. Richard Meyrick
Evangelical Christian

Christine Perry
Quaker Peace Service

Dr. Fergus McPherson
British Council of Churches, Sec. of World Mission

Irene Brennan
Christian CND

Mr. Tishi Kholi
CND Anti Racist Working Group
His Holiness Maharaj Darshan Das

WHY?

We put the following questions to Maharaj Jee as a representative selection of the most generally asked questions. Following each question is the Maharaj Jee's answer.

Q) Why did Sachkhand Nanak Dham feel the need to hold a "Peace on Earth" convention when other countries and organisations are already engaged in a similar task?

A) Sachkhand Nanak Dham is committed to establishing peace. Whilst other countries and organisations plan and call for peace. They do not practice peace or work in a practical way that will achieve peace.

Q) Can countries bring about peace through political means?

A) NO! Politics does not depend on peace. Neither is it founded on peace. The foundation of peace is religion — (Dharam) — "Promise". This is the only path leading to peace. When a rich country helps a poor country, it only does so for self glory, prestige and other selfish returns. Our own religious teachings are quite different. If we have to lower ourselves in order to raise the standard of life of other people, then we do so willingly because we are not interested in personal honour and prestige.

Q) Is there any other way to establish peace other than through love, unity and sacrifice?

A) Yes, there is another way. It is through God's grace. But only if one has complete faith in his grace.

Q) In order to achieve God's grace and faith what do we need to do?

A) We have to perform deeds of action in order to achieve both grace and faith. In the same way that God has assigned particular duties to each and every limb of our body, we are required to perform deeds of action in accordance with the nature and requirements of our times.

Q) Is it necessary to have universal brotherhood in order to establish peace.?

A) NO. However, we must achieve national brotherhood where a person irrespective of colour, class creed or origin, has an honest patriotic love for the country in which they live.

Our body can be likened to a country. Any injury or problem can be cured or resolved with love and good intention. In the same way, national problems must be cured without malice but with love and good will.

Whilst each limb can operate independently, total co-ordination is only achieved by the body when all limbs operate in unison. So it is with a nation, that all communities within the country must work in harmony in order to achieve a peaceful existence.

PEACE THROUGH UNITY

We believe that all the people of the world can combine to create a sense of oneness, and as a united human race, achieve peace.

There will always be differences in interpretation over political, religious, cultural and social issues.

These should not, and **MUST NOT**, be allowed to prevent world peace. Everyone, irrespective of creed, colour, or race, is a member of our human society and should share in the rewards of human achievement.

Sachkhand Nanak Dham, is totally committed to the principle of Peace through Unity. We are prepared and ready to lead the way to peace throughout the world. Only when this is achieved, can mankind live a life that can be considered to be worth living. Only then can we achieve true advancement, both morally and spiritually.

PEACE THROUGH SACRIFICE

We do not believe in the sacrifice of life on fanatically religious grounds. Sacrifice on the whole takes the form of selfless, devotion, and service for the well being of humanity.

Uniting the human race, will enable all the worlds resources to be shared with those who have the least. We can minimise poverty, unemployment, disease, and the worst ravages of old age. By removing the fear of starvation and financial burden, we can release more people to help the human race to achieve physical and spiritual peace. This Peace On Earth Convention will help people to learn the joys of loving, giving and sharing with fellow human beings who are suffering pain and deprivation.

Love, Unity and Sacrifice constitute the road to World Peace.

PEACE THROUGH LOVE

For centuries, the wise man has been aware of a very simple fact of life, Love begets Love. Man is born out of love and needs love in order to flourish. Love is the food of life that enables a human being to develop cheerful and deeply satisfying relationships, on the planes of friendship, patriotism, and spiritualism. Love is a noble gift from God, which, can be given in abundance by everyone. It is a gift, that, generally produces a spontaneous response from recipients. Love can conquer all receptive minds, and can be used to eradicate suspicion, hatred and animosity. Within society, there has been a marked deterioration in toleration, patience, goodwill, and charitable conduct. These ills can all be cured with generous helpings of love. An everlasting bond between citizens of all countries and cultures, can be established with love.

Sachkhand Nanak Dham, is an exponent of this noble and divine gift from Almighty God. We believe that all the worldly problems, both social and political, can be solved, if, we all open our hearts and minds towards people, with an abundance of love.

The Peace On Earth Convention implores people of all faiths, colours, views, and persuasions, to unite. In doing so, is to propogate love and a regard for human life, that will inevitably create world peace. The strong bonds created by the gift of love, must be used to encompass our world with links of love.

WELCOME TO THE PEACE ON EARTH CONVENTION

Sachkhand Nanak Dham, who are sponsoring this Convention, have great pleasure in welcoming you here today. We are today living in a world that is beset with violence, fear, and the spectre of a nuclear holocaust. It is a horrifying thought that at the mere pressing of a button, can destroy our civilisation. The objectives of this Convention, can be expressed as follows:-

1. We firmly believe that all major Religious Groups have in common, a belief in one God.
2. We firmly believe that the troubles and conflicts throughout the world, are caused by the greed and bigotry of certain Political and Religious Leaders.
3. We firmly believe that money, currently spent on arms and conflict, must be directed towards the service of humanity, in the form of food, economic growth, and medical research.
4. People throughout the world are seeking a common platform that can herald an era for Peace and Harmony.
5. Other Peace Organisations are striving to satisfy their own particular needs, but we offer to unite all nations of the world in the service of humanity.

To achieve these objectives, we have invited speakers who represent a broad range of cultures, religions and beliefs. The one thing they have in common, is a desire for peace.

Your presence and co-operation represents one more step forward on the road towards peace and contentment throughout the world. Lastly, we would welcome your views on the subject of, "Peace On Earth".