

CONCLUSIONS

In order to expand Sikh religion it is imperative that the definition of a Sikh be not restrictive. The universality of Sikh religion can best be served by having very generalized definition. Our ten Gurus did not define a Sikh why should we? However our Gurus clearly defined how we should lead our day to day life as written in the Aad Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of the Sikhs and of the whole world. Any definition should recognize the distinction between becoming a member of a religious organization and being a Sikh.

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BOOK REVIEW

MAAS MAAS KAR MOORKH JHAGRE (Punjabi)

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Published by Kulbir Singh, Ranjitpura, P.O. Khalsa College, Amritsar 1996.

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The book contains the most commendable information available on this controversial subject which has divided the Sikh Sangat vertically into two camps. The author has reviewed, dissected and analyzed the material published in the books of Sri JP Sangat Singh, Bhai Randhir Singh and Bhai Joginder Singh Talwara by using the touchstone of Gurbani from the Aad Guru Granth Sahib. He has pinpointed the deliberate omissions of evidence from Gurbani by these authors to falsehood and to mislead the Sikh Sangat for a long time. The author discusses historical and scriptural evidence to show that Gurbani neither promotes nor prohibits eating of meat by Gursikhs.

This book is full of copious quotes from the Aad Guru Granth Sahib in order to substantiate the view that Gurbani does not interfere with the free will of the individual to eat whatever satisfies his/her needs to stay alive and serve the purpose for which God has created this universe with man as His chief agent. This book is recommended to those who are interested to see this question settled once for all. It is available from Singh Brothers, Amritsar and The Sikh Center Roseville, 201 Berkeley Ave, Roseville, CA 95678.