

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The main purpose of UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM- The Research Journal.

I was happy to watch your image appearing on the Vision TV on Saturday the 11th March, 2000 as the guest with another Sardar ji (Ragbir Singh) as the show host, I wish to congratulate you for projecting the main purpose of UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM-The Research Journal.

I have briefly jotted down my own views (See "Gurbani" Vision TV). We are often enthusiastic about tying Sikhism in the limitations of religion and are satisfied. But when we see confusion and chaos in the followers of this religion, it sets some self-conscious followers thinking, as to what is wrong.

I may be excused to suggest that the research work initiated by you should be broadened to give the universal Gurbani the correct image, as the source of emancipation for all human beings.

The very comprehensive and illuminating article appearing in the inaugural issue of your journal about definition of Sikhism by Dr Bikram Singh Dhillon, when perceived correctly, proves the real meaning of being a Sikh. But only when freed from the religious bindings, then this word "SIKH" becomes universally applicable to all lovers and seekers of God.

The journal should also undertake the crusade of freeing the existing Sikh religion from the shackles of rites, rituals and superfluous ceremonies, the ones that are unconsciously added by gross conscious self seekers, now working as the custodians of divine heritage and occupying the seats of authority, holding the entire lovers and seekers of divine love in their swayed belief.

The momentum of spiritual progress is continuous, as such I feel that some of the enclosed bunch of spiritual papers will be found helpful in assisting in your research of spiritual subjects. Hope this reaches you, I wish you all the best, with lots of love and regards. In His Love and service.

*Haim Narain Singh
Kamloops, BC*

Editorial Note: A large number of telephone calls (starting from 11 AM, immediately after show was

over till 8 PM) of appreciation for initiating The Research Journal and presentation of Gurbani and Sikhism in their real perspective were received by the guest speaker, Prof Devinder Singh Chahal, PhD, Editor-in-Chief.

Your concern, to undertake the crusade of freeing the existing Sikh religion from the shackles of rites, rituals and superfluous ceremonies, is already being taken care of. This has been mentioned in the "INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AUTHOURS" at the back-cover of the Journal.

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From: Avtar Singh <anhad1@home.com>

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Dear Dr Chahal,

I would like to applaud you for your great paper* at the Sikh conference in Mississauga (held on June 3 & 4, 2000). My children were very deeply impressed and above all understood everything that was all "mysterious" before. We are all looking forward you compiling a book - which could sit on the shelves at the bookstores - along with Zen, Buddhism etc. - that actually make sense to the reader. In this endeavor your presenters at the conference - Sukhmani and Ajay Sandhu would like to volunteer their services. Please keep up the good work - we look forward to more inspiring writings from you!

Ravinder and Avtar Sandhu

* Title of Paper: *Causes of Misinterpretation of Gurbani and Misrepresentation of Sikhism and the Solution.*
