

**CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
INSTITUTE FOR UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM
TOWARDS PROMULGATION
OF
INTEGRATED AND COMPREHENSIVE PHILOSOPHY OF SIKHISM**

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Keeping in view the misinterpretation of Gurbani and misrepresentation of Sikhism by various scholars, Sikh organizations and institutions, and the so-called Sikh authorities and the *Sant Samaj* the **Institute for Understanding Sikhism (IUS)** has been working to interpret Gurbani and represent Sikhism in their real perspective through well-researched articles and through discussion in its Annual Seminars on specific topics. Well-researched articles have been published in its biannual periodical, *UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM - The Research Journal*. During the last five years of its existing the IUS has been able to make the academic world to understand the following topics in their real perspective.

The contributions of IUS are enlisted here as a stepping stone or guide towards promulgation of “Integrated and Comprehensive Philosophy of Sikhism” as discussed in the Editorial of this issue:

1. System of referencing Bani from the Granth: The Sikh Holy Scriptures.
2. How to Address the Holy Granth of the Sikhs.
3. Language and Script of the Aad Guru Granth Sahib.
4. The Commencing Verse of the Aad Guru Granth Sahib, commonly called as Mool Mantra, has been interpreted in the light of Gurbani, science and logic.
5. Meanings and Functions of Gurdwara.
6. Crusade against rituals of *Akhand Paath* and other such rituals.
7. Who is a Sikh?
8. Some terms commonly misunderstood have been defined specifically as the term should be: Gurbani, Nanakian Philosophy, Sikh, etc. A Glossary of such terms is being prepared.
9. Guru, Sabd, Sabd Guru, and Granth Guru.
10. Sikh Perspective of Bioethics. (It is in the Annals of Bioethics, in press.)
11. JAP: Scientific and Logical Interpretation (in a final draft stage).
12. Aad Guru Granth Sahib: Nanakian Philosophy (Next book)

Complete information on most of the above topics is available in the UNDERSTANDING SIKHISM – The Research Journal from 1999 to 2003.

APPEAL

All the Sikh scholars expert in the following fields: Physical Science, Natural Sciences, Astronomy, Psychology, Philosophy, Law, Administration, Languages, etc. and having very good knowledge of Gurbani and Punjabi are invited to join IUS to work together to promulgate “Integrated and Comprehensive Philosophy of Sikhism” for the humanity of the Science Age.

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