

THE INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE IN SIKHISM AND WORLD PEACE

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ABSTRACT

In the present day world, people belonging to various religions are reluctant to show the respect towards religious beliefs and practices of other religious communities. The growing religious extremism, religious violence and religious antagonism have created the strained environment which is bound to create the clash among various socio-religious and cultural groups. Sikhism provides the only solution to this problem i. e. interfaith dialogue and art of living together. Sikh Gurus criticised the contemporary rulers because the rulers were obsessed with religious fanaticism. They gave unprecedented sacrifices in their fight against religious bigotry. They emphasised on spirit of Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Mankind and repudiated all superficial religious divisions. They gave due regard to the eternal and universal teachings of all religions and persuaded the humankind to purge the biased understanding of religious dogmas. They advocated the interfaith dialogue among Semitic and Vedic religions to promote the spirit of mutual respect and tolerance.

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