

Peace Prayer Day

The following is a narrative about the beginning of Ram Das Puri. It was written in a letter to Sardarni Sahiba Nirinjan Kaur Khalsa and Sardarni Sahiba Sat Simran Kaur Khalsa from Mukhia Singh Sahib Gurujot Singh Khalsa. It was a letter to help with the Peace Prayer Day, to be held on June 22, 1986 at Ram Das Puri. Sardarni Sahiba Nirinjan Kaur has asked me to send it to each of you so that you will have an understanding of the spirit behind this day.

“This is the story told to us at the first Summer Solstice in New Mexico in 1970 by a delegation of Hopi Indian spiritual guides. They were very old men, with long white hair, and they came to tell us of huge gatherings of spiritual people that had been taking place for a hundred thousand years. At those times, the tribal leaders, the religious leaders, the greatest warriors, and the most inspirational women, would gather together to celebrate, observe, and protect the One Unified Supreme Spirit. Their gatherings would stretch from south of New Mexico into Mexico, and into Missouri and beyond. People would come from India and Asia, across the Bering Straight, and from all over South America up through Central America. Their belief was that the spark of the spirit lived in everyone, and by gathering together with others the One Unified Supreme Spirit could manifest more clearly.

Gatherings would happen once every 108 years. This was so that the people who came to each gathering had heard about it first-hand from someone who had actually experienced the last meeting. The last major gathering of this kind was over two thousand years ago. At that time it was determined that the forces of destruction, violence, disharmony, perversion, and anti-nature, were increasing at such a force that the Spirit needed to be protected and kept from the onslaught of the forces of darkness. The Hopi Tribe was chosen to be the keepers of the One Unified Supreme Spirit. Since that time the Hopi Tribe became a very mystical, spiritual limb of the Great Tree, as they called it. Their interests were in matters of the spirit.

As they told their story they said that just before the darkness would come to its height, a white-clad warrior from the East would come and create an army of white-clad warriors who would rise up and protect the Unified Supreme Spirit. At that time the final battle between good and evil would be waged. The delegation then stated that they were giving the duty of keeping and protecting the One Unified Supreme Spirit to the Siri Singh Sahib for they had determined that he was the white-clad warrior that had been spoken of. Although many of us didn't know what to think of this, the Siri Singh Sahib took it very seriously. Most of us filed it away as significant but not very relevant for what we had to do for the future, and forgot about the meeting.

A few years later several representatives of the Hopi Indians came to us, took us up on a mountain in New Mexico, and showed us the vast lands that stretched further than the eye could see, where the tribes had met and where millions of people had gathered. Then they pointed to the place where the holy men of all the tribes had gathered to sit and bring about a focus. This was so that the Light of the Unified Supreme Spirit could be realized

and consciously experienced by them and through them to the great tribes and through them, to the whole world. As they pointed to the spot, they said we must prepare this place so that the Unified Supreme Spirit can once again be experienced by the great tribes and spread through all the people of the world. Then they turned and pointed over the mountain and said that from over there the great force of darkness will come and once again try to destroy the light of the people and the people themselves. At the time we did not realize that it is very likely that instead of pointing afar as we had initially thought, they may have been speaking of Los Alamos, which is directly on the other side of the mountain. It was there that the first atomic bomb had been developed and which very likely could be the force of darkness, in its manifested state, which could destroy all the people of the world. As they once again drew our attention to the spot where they were pointing, they reiterated our responsibility to prepare this place in order to give this planet a hope and a chance.

As we researched how we could buy this land, we discovered that the land for thousands and thousands of acres in all directions was either a part of the Indian reservation, and therefore not likely to be sold to us, or owned by the Bureau of Land Management and could not be sold to any private person. The amazing thing, which some may call a coincidence, was that the exact parcel of land to which they had pointed, was in fact the only land anywhere around that was privately owned and which was available to be purchased by us.

We immediately purchased it and have been preparing this land for ten years. It is the land we call Ram Das Puri, which means Village of the servants of God or the One Unified Spirit. After these ten years of preparation, the Siri Singh Sahib has now called on all believers of the One God, and all those leaders and people of faith and hope, to come together on June 22, 1986 in order to humbly meditate, pray, and experience the peace and consciousness that we must grow and grow and grow at this time in order to uplift and enlighten this planet. It is time for the forces of light and righteousness to peacefully, and with love as the driving force, begin to turn the destiny of all the people of this world toward harmony. We understand it will be hard work and a lot of effort, and it may even appear that the darkness will become darker before the light is seen to any great extent, but the time is now and now is the time to begin. Is it now we must set the course, it is now we must participate, and it is now we must serve.

This is the story that the Siri Singh Sahib has spoken to me about the gathering for June 22, 1986. I feel that it would be a good basis for getting the kinds of people we want to come to this gathering. I think the story should be told and retold, printed and reprinted. I'm sure others can add to this story with maybe more clarity and inspiration than I can tell it. I was there for both meetings and I remember them vividly.

In order to help with the Peace Prayer Day on June 22, 1986, there are several tasks that have to be completed soon. Sardarni Shiba Nirinjan Kaur has asked me to coordinate the initial phase for the eastern half of North America and Europe, and to report back to her by March 1st with certain information.

We need to gather names and addresses of people and organizations in your local area (or from each ashram in your region if you are a regional center) who you suggest receive a mailing about this, who you feel would be important people or organizations to have included in the effort represented by the Peace Prayer Day. There are a few different ways for people to be involved. Of course, people can be involved as participants, but there will also be people who feel that it is a worthy cause and wish to support it, but who will not be able to attend. These people might wish to make a financial contribution to the expenses of the day, or, if they are people who are known to the public at large through their work, they may wish to lend their name in public endorsement of this Peace Prayer Day. There will also be people who you wish to have sent an invitation, such as local religious leaders, political leaders, local peace activist groups or conservation groups, or other friends of the ashram who have an interest in our activities, and who you have worked with in some capacity.

Please take the time to discuss this with each person in your ashram (or ashram in your region) so that they can think carefully about who it is that they might know, or know of through a friend or relative, who should be included on this mailing list. By March 1st I need to report to Sardarni Sahiba Nirinjan Kaur with this information, so please contact me about it (through SikhNet if you wish) by Wednesday, February 26th.

As many of you remember from last Summer Solstice, the Siri Singh Sahib told us to come to this Summer Solstice 1986 with a friend, relative or enemy, and meditate together to promote peace in the world, and fight the forces of darkness. He has also talked on many occasions about the souls that gather at Ram Das Puri because of the purity and sanctity of the land. This Summer Solstice Peace Prayer Day will be the beginning of many years of gatherings like this, which will preserve, protect and replenish the One Unified Supreme Spirit. It will not be forgotten by those who experience this day.

This will be only the beginning of information about the Peace Prayer Day. Many details are being finalized now, and will be conveyed to you as soon as they are available. Please call me if you have any questions.

In the name of the Cosmos which prevails through everyday and the Holy Nam which holds the world.

Humbly yours,
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