



# GURGADHI (INAUGURATION) OF SRI GURU ARJAN DEV JI

*The Embodiment of Peace*



SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY

# BIBI BHANI JI'S SELFLESSNESS



Bibi Bhani ji (Guru Amar Ji's daughter, Guru Ram Das Ji's wife & Guru Arjan Dev Ji's mother) used to serve Guru Amar Das Ji all the time. One day, Guru Ji seated Himself on a wooden platform. As soon as He closed His eyes and focused His concentration on His inner-self, one of the legs of the platform gave way.

Bibi Bhani ji quickly placed her hand to substitute the broken leg so that her father would not feel any shock. A sharp end of the broken pillar penetrates through her palm and blood started flowing.

Guru Amar Ji was pleased with her selflessness and blessed her with boon that made her the greatest woman in Sikh History;

# THE BLESSINGS ON BIBI BHANI JI & THE SODHI'S

ਸੰਤਤਿ ਤੇਰੀ ਬਧੈ ਮਹਾਂਨਾ। ਸਕਲ ਜਗਤ ਕੀ ਹੋਵਹਿ ਪੂਜ। .....

Your generation shall flourish greatly and shall be worshipped by the whole world

ਤੀਨੋਂ ਕਾਲ ਬਿਖੈ ਤੁਝ ਜੈਸੀ। ਹੋਈ, ਨ ਹੈ, ਹੋਵਹਿਗੀ ਐਸੀ।

There was none as great as you in the past, there is none in the present and there shall be no one in the future.

ਪਿਤਾ ਗੁਰੁ, ਜਗ ਗੁਰ ਹੁਇ ਕੰਤ। ਪੁਤ੍ਰ ਗੁਰੁ, ਹੋਇ ਪੌਤ੍ਰ ਮਹੰਤ॥੮੩॥

Your father is a Guru, Your husband will be the next Guru, Your Son will be the Guru followed by your grandson, great-grandson and great great grandson.

ਕਯਾ ਅਬਿ ਕਹੈ ਤੋਰ ਬਡਿਆਈ। ਜਿਸ ਕੀ ਸਮ ਕੋ ਹਵੈ ਨ ਸਕਾਈ॥ (ਰਾਸ ੧ ਅੰਸੂ ੬੫)

How much more can I utter your greatness and there is none like you ever.

(Gurupertap Suraj Granth Raas 1, Ansu 65)



# BLESSINGS FROM GURU AMAR DAS JI



When Bibi Bhani saw her son near Guru Ji, she ran towards him. Smeared with sand, Arjan Dev Ji was holding one side of the bed. When Bibi Bhani came close to him, he continued to hold the bed and stood there. Seeing this, Guru Ji said, “Do not take him, let him stand here.” Guru Ji then held the child in his hands and feeling his heavy weight, Guru Ji said, “This will be a Great Guru of the world, my grandson is a huge ship of bani who will liberate millions of sinners”.

At that point, Arjan Dev Ji lifted his feet and placed them on the bed. Seeing this, Guru Ji said, “You are impatient to sit on the throne now itself. You will attain this from your father, be patient.”

Bibi Bhani was extremely pleased to listen to her father's uttered words of blessings. She placed her child at Guru Ji's feet and then carried him to her room. She took care of all her three sons and performed the sewa for her father. Similarly, the blessed, Ram Das Ji also performed his service day and night.

# FAMILY OBLIGATION

Bhai Sanhari Mal was the elder Paternal uncle (Taya Ji) of Guru Arjan Dev Ji who came to invite Guru Ram Das Ji to attend his son's wedding in Lahore.

Guru Ram Das Ji politely said that He has to be in Goindwal Sahib to attend the Sangat.

Baba Prithi Chand was asked to represent Guru Ji but he cunningly refused that he has to stay to manage the sanggat and their offerings

Baba Mahadev refuse as he has no interest in worldly ties.

(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji agreed immediately although separation from Guru Ji was unbearable pain but Guru's orders takes precedence.

Guru Ram Das Ji told (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji to stay in Lahore and preach until he is asked to return



# (GURU) ARJAN DEV JI IN LAHORE



(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji assisted Sanhari Mal in solemnising the marriage of his son.

He went back to the *dharamsala*, which used to be his ancestors' house and the birth place of Sri Guru Ram Das Ji, there all the people who lived in Lahore and nearby areas visited him. There was a large gathering during the early morning and evening as all the participants of the true congregation experienced peace and bliss.

(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji's mind was always focussed on His father's *charan* (feet) as He waited for the arrival of the order for him to return.

The entire day and night passed in Guru Ram Das Ji's remembrance. (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji preached about the kindness of a Guru to all the sanggat. The love increased and He became very eager to meet Guru Ji. He was no more interested in eating, drinking or sleeping anymore. (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji had never disobeyed any orders given to him by His Father but separation from Guru Ram Das Ji was not easy to endure. Months passed without news from Guru Ram Das Ji.

# BABA PRITHI CHAND'S DESIRE



Baba Prithi Chand was with Guru Ji at all times and began to think highly of himself. He thought to himself – “I will become the Guru after my father and will get all the wealth, respect and happiness that I want. I am very fortunate to have all the greatness inherited from my family where all the people will touch our feet.”

Prithi Chand took advantage of his position to hide all the money for himself and his heart was always filled with pride. The Sikhs and the Masands (Guru's Representatives) respected him as the son of the Guru and a pious person. The Masands who were assigned to different districts and region handed over the collection from the Sikhs to him.

Guru Ji continued to bless everyone and fulfil his or her wishes. Although Guru Ji knew Prithi Chand's abusive character He never said anything against him neither did he said anything good about him..

Prithi Chand stayed with Guru Ji and yet never realised His greatness. Just as someone stays close to a pilgrimage shrine and develops ego that the place is only precious because of his presence.

# (GURU) ARJAN DEV JI'S LOVE



At the same time, (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji lived in Lahore but Guru Ji never called him. He had a lot of love for Guru Ji and it kept on increasing just like rivers get filled when it rains. He remembered Guru Ji with each of his breath and thought.

He would always talk to himself, "When will I be able to see my beloved Guru Ji and obtain the bliss." He sang His praises in Raag and had a lot of love for Guru Ji in his heart. Tears would start to flow as a result of the pain of separation, sometimes he would get goose bumps and his heart beat anxiously. Due to the pain of separation his body turned yellow and would start aching.

Whenever he dips into the ocean of separation, he would ponder, "Guru Ji has forgotten me and does not remember me. I can't even go there on my own, as that will be against my Guru's command. I am only allowed to return upon receiving a formal letter."

Sometimes in congregation (sangat) when he sang the praises of Guru Ji, there would be tears in his eyes. He continued to stay in Lahore and remembered Guru Ram Das Ji consistently. However, at times his passion to be with Guru Ji becomes uncontrollable and he would cry and his heart became extremely anxious. He knew of the importance of a Guru to stay contented and obtain happiness.

(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji decided to write letters appealing for the Darshan of Sri Guru Ran Das Ji.

# FIRST LETTER

ਮਾਝ , ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ; ਚਉਪਦੇ , ਘਰੁ ੧ ॥ (੯੬-੧੪)

Maajh, Fifth Guru, Chau-Padas, First House:

ਮੇਰਾ ਮਨੁ ਲੋਚੈ ; ਗੁਰ ਦਰਸਨ ਤਾਈ ॥

My mind longs for the Blessed Vision of the Guru's Darshan.

ਬਿਲਪ ਕਰੇ ; ਚਾਤ੍ਰਿਕ ਕੀ ਨਿਆਈ ॥

It cries out like the thirsty song-bird.

ਤ੍ਰਿਖਾ ਨ ਉਤਰੈ , ਸਾਂਤਿ ਨ ਆਵੈ ; ਬਿਨੁ ਦਰਸਨ ਸੰਤ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਜਿਉ ॥੧॥

My thirst is not quenched, and I can find no peace, without the Blessed Vision of the Beloved Saint. ||1||

ਹਉ ਘੋਲੀ ਜਿਉ ਘੋਲਿ , ਘੁਮਾਈ ; ਗੁਰ ਦਰਸਨ ਸੰਤ ਪਿਆਰੇ ਜਿਉ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

I am a sacrifice; my soul is a sacrifice, to the Blessed Vision of the Beloved Saint Guru. ||1||Pause||

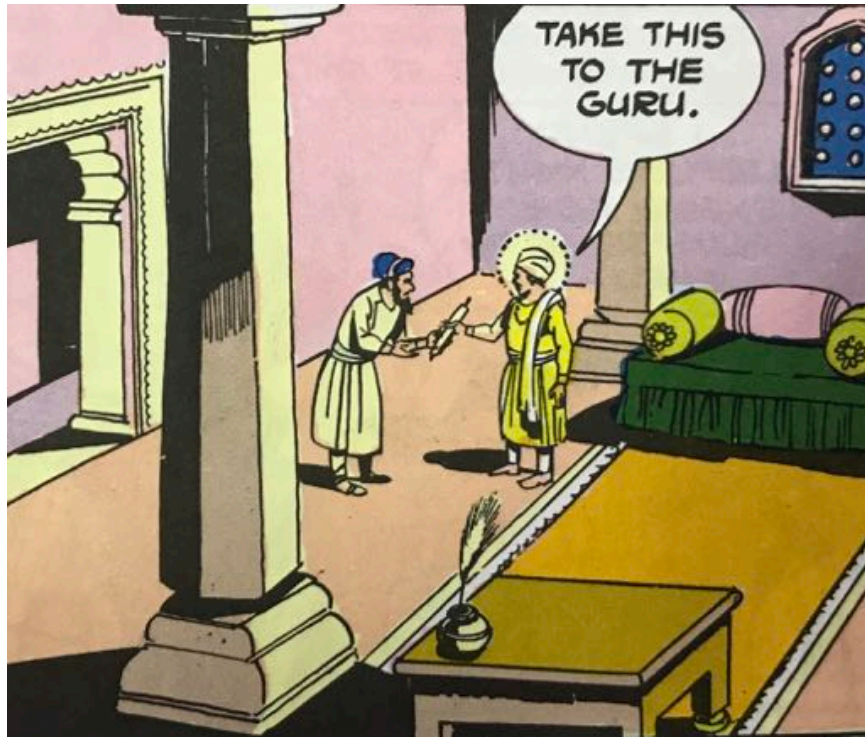
▪ (Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Ang 96)

After writing this Shabad, Guru Ji gave this to a Sikh and told him “This letter that I have given you, please deliver and present it humbly before Guru Ji. When Guru Ji had read the letter, listen to his response and then you shall come back to Lahore”

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# DELIVERING 1<sup>ST</sup> LETTER



After a day's traveling, the Sikh reached where Guru Ji resided. With so much of hope and love to meet Guru Ji the Sikh went forward and met Baba Prithi Chand. Baba Prithi Chand : "Where do you come from?" Who gave you this letter and sent you here?"

The Sikh replied politely : "I have come from Lahore, this letter is sent by your younger brother, I have come here to present it to Guru Ji. When Guru Ji has read it, I will deliver Guru Ji's reply accordingly to your brother in Lahore."

Baba Prithi Chand immediately spoke : "Give me the letter and I will pass it to Guru Ji. Guru Ji has no time to meet anyone now. Go back to your village."

Baba Prithi Chand opened and read the Shabad. He thought that this was very similar to Gurbani and it is written perfectly just like the Gurbani uttered by the four Gurus'. (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji had shown lots of love to meet Guru Ji. If Guru Ji read this letter then he may issue instruction to (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji to come back and inaugurate him as the next Guru. I should not give this letter, thinking this in his mind he kept the letter in his pocket and never did deliver it to Guru Ji.

# BABA PRITHI CHAND'S DECEIT



Baba Prithi Chand did not give the letter to Guru Ji, he hid it from all. The Sikh messenger spent the night there and the next morning he went forward to meet Guru Ji, Baba Prithi Chand saw the Sikh and called him and said “ Satguru Ji had read your letter and he is very happy, inform (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji that everyone is fine and very happy here. Guru Ji wants (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji to stay in Lahore and serve the local people with divine knowledge. Now you go back, there is no work for you here” said Baba Prithi Chand to the Sikh. The Sikh then left for Lahore.

Upon reaching Lahore the Sikh went to (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji folded his hands and said “I met Baba Prithi Chand at the doorstep of Guru Ji’s darbar, he took the letter to Guru Ji, Guru Ji has read the letter and everyone is fine and very happy.”

After a while (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji decided to write again to His Father, Sri Guru Ram Das Ji.

## SECOND LETTER

ਤੇਰਾ ਮੁਖੁ ਸੁਹਾਵਾ ਜਿਉ ; ਸਹਜ ਧੁਨਿ ਬਾਣੀ ॥

Your Face is so beautiful, and the Sound of Your Words imparts intuitive wisdom.

ਚਿਰੁ ਹੋਆ ; ਦੇਖੇ ਸਾਰਿੰਗਪਾਣੀ ॥

It is so long since this rainbird has had even a glimpse of water.

ਧੰਨੁ ਸੁ ਦੇਸੁ , ਜਹਾ ਤੂੰ ਵਸਿਆ ; ਮੇਰੇ ਸਜਣ ਮੀਤ ਮੁਰਾਰੇ ਜਿਉ ॥੨॥

Blessed is that land where You dwell, O my Friend and Intimate Divine Guru.  
||2||

ਹਉ ਘੋਲੀ ਹਉ ਘੋਲਿ , ਘੁਮਾਈ ; ਗੁਰ ਸਜਣ ਮੀਤ ਮੁਰਾਰੇ ਜਿਉ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ  
॥

I am a sacrifice; I am forever a sacrifice, to my Friend and Intimate Divine Guru.  
||1||Pause|| (Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Ang 96)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> LETTER DELIVERY



(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji assign the same Sikh to deliver the letter to Amritsar

Again Baba Prithi Chand did not allow the Sikh to meet Guru Ji to pass the letter personally. He kept the letter with in his pocket and told the Sikh that he will pass it to Guru Ji himself.

Lodging arrangement was made for the Sikh for the night stay.

The next day he told the Sikh that Guru Ji had read the letter and Guru Ji is very happy, please go back to Lahore and inform (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji to continue serving the local people persistently. The Sikh then left for Lahore.

Baba Prithi Chand really hoped that his younger brother (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji would not come back to Amritsar. He wished to be the next Guru and everyone had to obey his instructions including (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji.

# THIRD LETTER

Upon waiting for sometime, (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji decided to write again to His Beloved Guru.

ਇਕ ਘੜੀ ਨ ਮਿਲਤੇ ; ਤਾ ਕਲਿਜੁਗੁ ਹੋਤਾ ॥

When I could not be with You for just one moment, the Dark Age of Kali Yuga dawned for me.

ਹੁਣਿ ਕਦਿ ਮਿਲੀਐ ; ਪ੍ਰਿਅ ਤੁਧੁ ਭਗਵੰਤਾ ॥

When will I meet You, O my Beloved Almighty?

ਮੋਹਿ ਰੈਣਿ ਨ ਵਿਹਾਵੈ , ਨੀਦ ਨ ਆਵੈ ; ਬਿਨੁ ਦੇਖੇ ਗੁਰ ਦਰਬਾਰੇ ਜਿਉ ॥੩॥

I cannot endure the night, and sleep does not come, without the Sight of the Beloved Guru's Court. ||3||

ਹਉ ਘੋਲੀ , ਜਿਉ ਘੋਲਿ ਘੁਮਾਈ ; ਤਿਸੁ ਸਚੇ ਗੁਰ ਦਰਬਾਰੇ ਜਿਉ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

I am a sacrifice; my soul is a sacrifice, to that True Court of the Beloved Guru. ||1||Pause||

(Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Ang 96)

# A HUMBLE PRAYER



Now (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji sent the Sikh again and said “Go and meet Guru Ji personally when Guru Ji sits in the Sangat, and do not give this letter to Baba Prithi Chand. Do bandna for me and place your head on Guru Ji’s feet”

(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji bowed his head while remembering Guru Ram Das Ji and gave the letter to the Sikh messenger. (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji focussed his concentration on Guru Ji’s feet and bowed before Guru Ji and said “I have a great yearning for you Guru Ji, why have you not been merciful unto me?”

Dear Guru Ji, you are always merciful to the poor, dear bestower of blessings and giver of happiness; I don’t feel like eating or drinking anything during the day or night, I can’t sleep. You have forsaken me because I am useless and without any abilities. I am always thirsty for your glimpse even if it is only for a split second.

Guru Ram Das Ji knew the yearnings and love of (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji. Guru Ji was appraising his youngest son on his ability to stay within the command (Hukam), obey undoubtfully the will as uttered by a Guru.

# REACHING SRI GURU RAM DAS JI



The Sikh with the letter from Lahore left with the thoughts of when he could meet Guru Ji and on the way to Amritsar he started planning on how to meet Guru Ji without having to go through Baba Prithi Chand.

The Sikh planned his arrival by stopping over at an adjacent village for the day and when it was 3 hours before dusk, the Sikh headed towards Amritsar.

He proceeded very carefully to avoid being seen by Baba Prithi Chand. The Sikh headed towards the darbar where Guru Ji was seated.

He folded his hands and bowed his head before Guru Ji. Then he gave his salutation to Guru Ji from the Sangat of Lahore. Then he took out (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji's letter and placed it before Guru Ji and delivered the message and plea on behalf of (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji. After listening to the Sikh, Guru Ji took the letter and opened it.

# BLESSING OF GURU



As Guru Ram Das Ji was reading the letter, He acknowledged (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji's love and thirst for His glimpse due to the unbearable separation.

After reading the letter and understanding (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji's pain of separation, Guru Ram Das Ji's eyes had tears and He could not even speak.

Guru Ji knew that from his three (3) sons, (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji earned the understanding and characteristics required for Sikhi. He will be able to sit on the throne of Guruship. He will be able to tolerate what is intolerable. He does not have any ego. Now, I will not allow him to go anywhere else. The poetry in his letter is so beautiful. He will narrate Gurbani for the salvation of mankind. Although the separation was intolerable for him he still obeyed my orders and stayed in Lahore. He did not go against my will.

Guru Ram Das Ji, then called upon Baba Buddha Ji and said, "Dear Bhai Buddha, Arjan my son has wrote a letter which is filled with utmost love in every word. He has delivered this letter through a Sikh, who I have thoroughly read through. He has written it in a beautiful poem. It has been a long time since he was assigned to go Lahore and I did not even ask for him. Now he is yearning to come back, please go to Lahore to bring (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji back with love."

# RETURN TO AMRITSAR



The next morning Baba Buddha Ji started his journey to Lahore and stopped over for the night at a midway town before reaching Dharamsala the next day.

Upon learning that Baba Buddha Ji was coming, (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji accompanied by several Sikhs walked barefooted to receive Baba Buddha Ji. (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji bowed before Baba Buddha Ji in reverence and met each other with lots of love. Baba Buddha then told (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji that he had come to fetch him and go along with him to Amritsar. These words were like nectar that (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji drank with his ears and his state of bliss was beyond description.

The next day (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji met Bhai Sanhari Mal and the other relatives to wish them farewell. The Sikhs in Lahore were very sad that (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji was leaving Lahore and they gathered in a big group to get his glimpse. Looking at the Sikhs in Lahore (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji said, "May Almighty bless all of you with happiness. Please do come to the "pool of nectar" at Amritsar and enjoy Guru Ji's glimpse and remain in bliss." (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji together with Baba Buddha Ji and other Sikhs travelled continuously for nine (9) hours before reaching Amritsar. Baba Prithi Chand was very upset with the return of Guru Arjan Dev Ji

# REUNION OF TRUE LOVE

Upon arriving in Amritsar, (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji bowed his head and he was overjoyed to meet his beloved father. His eyes were full of tears, which then started to flow down his cheeks. As the group was approaching nearer to Guru Ji's court, (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji saw Guru Ram Das Ji from a distance and fixed his eyes on Guru Ji. (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji walked slowly towards Guru Ji and he held Guru Ji's feet tightly with both hands. With the utmost love for Guru Ji, tears were flowing down from his eyes, which washed Guru Ji's feet.

Recognising his son's love, Guru Ram Das Ji held his arm and raised him before hugging him. Guru Ji then said, "Dear Son, you have retained the honour of the Sodhi clan and now you are ready to carry the responsibility of a Guru. You shall be the epitome of patience to serve the entire world."



# THE SHABAD



Guru Ram Das Ji then asked a Sikh to bring the letter sent by (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji, which reached Guru Ji (the third letter).

Guru Ji read through the letter again and said, “Listen Son, the recent letter, which I have received, has a stanza denoting number three (3) at the end? If this is the first stanza then it should be denoted as one (1)?”

(Guru) Arjan Dev Ji with folded hand said humbly, “Dear Guru Ji, although it is not appropriate to speak before you as you are the knower of all hearts and there is nothing which is hidden from you, however, obeying your orders I shall attempt to narrate the incident that took place. Actually there were two (2) letters delivered earlier to you containing the first two stanzas of this Hymn (Shabad). The third stanza has reached you therefore the number three is denoted as the third stanza.”

Upon listening to his son, Guru Ji said, “The two (2) letters did not reach me”. The Sikh who delivered the earlier letters narrated the whole incident to Guru Ji.

# THE DENIAL



Guru Ji call upon Baba Prithi Chand immediately, He looked at his elder son and said, "Hey wise Prithi Chand listen, before this there were two letters sent by (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji, they were written in poetry form. A Sikh gave the letters to you. The letters must be with you. Why didn't you show it to me? Why did you hide them from me? Bring the letters to me now."

After listening to Guru Ji, Baba Prithi Chand said harshly, "When the letters were sent, how should I know whom they were for? I was not aware. Why should I hide them? What can I do with those letters? I am not going to convert them into a kite and fly it."

Guru Ram Das Ji then said calmly, "Try to remember, you must have kept them somewhere, find and bring the letters to me. You complete all your chores well, usually you never forget. Don't lie, you have those letters with you." Prithi Chand kept denying

# THE REFUSAL



Knower of all, Guru Ram Das Ji instructed a Sikh to go immediately to Baba Prithi Chand's house and bring along his pajamas hanging in the cupboard.

The Sikh requested the pajamas for Prithi Chand's wife Karmo and brought to Guru Ji's court.

Guru called his second son Baba Mahadev to witness the court proceedings

Guru Ji said to Baba Prithi Chand, "Try to understand what I am saying, hand over the letter. If you give now you will not lose anything, by refusing you will not gain anything. Sometime small issues cause big problems. Why are you doing this without pondering the consequences?"

Baba Prithi Chand still did not understand. He kept on defending his fraud by speaking arrogantly, "by keeping those letters with me which kingdom will I conquer, what can I attain from it?"

After listening to him Guru Ji uttered, "you are not worth any praise, you are of no use".

# THE DISCOVERY



Guru Ji then said, "Son, look at this pajamas carefully, do they belong to you".

Prithi Chand looked at them and said, "Yes they're mine, who brought them from my house?"

Guru Ji then while looking at Baba Buddha Ji and other Sikhs instructed Baba Prithi Chand, "Search the pajamas pockets. Now with your hands pull out the letters."

Prithi Chand tried to explain, "I did not put the letters there, where did they come from?" Guru Ji again asked him to pull out the letters from the pajamas pocket. Being embarrassed and fed up he put his hands into the pockets, there were a lot of papers.

He took all the papers out and handed them over to Guru Ji. Seeing the two letter the Sanggat was very surprised. Holding the letters in his hand Guru Ji said, "The elder is very stubborn and useless. I disown you and your children. You have embarrassed yourself."

# THE PERFECTION



Guru Ram Das Ji then took both the letters and read them with lots of love. The letters were full of love and the poem was worded very beautifully. Reading the letters Guru Ji was very happy.

Guru Ji handed over the letter to Baba Buddha Ji and told him, "read these letters and see how perfectly they are written."

Baba Buddha Ji read the letters to all. After listening to the letters everyone was in so much bliss and said, "Dhan Dhan (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji".

Baba Prithi Chand became unhappy listening to the praises, but he could not do anything. He wanted the Guruship throne through evil means but never served his father selflessly as a Sikh. Being arrogant he never listened to his father. He was very intelligent in carrying out the worldly duties but to attain the Guruship he did not have any good qualities.

# THE SELECTION

Guru Ji said to Baba Buddha Ji, "You are the beloved of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, you have also served Guru Angad Dev Ji and Guru Amar Das Ji. Has (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji reached the level of tolerating the intolerable? If you feel right, after me may I give the Guruship to (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji? There is nobody like him. I want to do this with your agreement, tell me truthfully what you think."

Listening to this Baba Buddha Ji said loudly, "I have seen all the qualities of a Guru in (Guru) Arjan Dev Ji, he is of that level. Who can be a greater servant (sewak) than him, who lives in your will without an iota of doubt? For two years he suffered so much pain being away from you, now he has come with love to have your darshan.



# THE INAUGURATION



Upon listening to Baba Buddha Ji's agreement Guru Ram Das Ji asked for a coconut and five-paisa coin. All the Sikhs were called to the Darbar Sahib (Guru's Court) and crowds were surrounding Guru Ji from all directions.

Guru Ram Das Ji stood up and while holding the coconut and five-paisa coin, He walked around Guru Arjan Dev Ji three (3) times and bowed till His forehead touched Guru Arjan Dev Ji's feet.

Then with Guru Ram Das Ji's permission, Baba Buddha Ji got up and inaugurated Guru Arjan Dev Ji as the Fifth Guru Nanak by placing the tilak (mark made of sandal wood) on Guru Arjan Dev Ji's forehead.

**18<sup>th</sup> September 1581 A.D.**  
**Bhadron Sudhi 2, 1638 (Bikermi)**  
**at Amritsar Sahib**

# THE SERMONS



Guru Ram Das Ji then made an announcement, “Dear Sikhs, you are my most beloved, Guru Arjan Dev Ji has been inaugurated as the Fifth Guru. He is the saviour of both the worlds and the liberator from all pains. He will accomplish great tasks for the benefit of the entire world without any discrimination of caste and creed. Raise everyone and prostrate before him.”

Upon listening to Guru Ram Das Ji everyone who was present came forward with folded hands and prostrated before Guru Arjan Dev Ji.

Mata Bhani Ji was very delighted to hear that her youngest son has been inaugurated as the Fifth Guru.

# THE FOURTH — CONCLUDING STANZA

Guru Ram Das Ji then said to Guru Arjan Dev Ji, “Please compose the fourth stanza of the shabad in order to complete the shabad, by reading which millions shall fill their lives with happiness.” Baba Buddha Ji with folded hands said, “It is very appropriate to complete the shabad for benefit of all.” Guru Arjan Dev Ji then composed the fourth pauri of the shabad;



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**ਭਾਗੁ ਹੋਆ ; ਗੁਰਿ ਸੰਤੁ ਮਿਲਾਇਆ ॥** (੯੭-੨, ਮਾਝ, ਮਃ ੫)

By good fortune, I have met the Saint Guru.

**ਪ੍ਰਭੁ ਅਬਿਨਾਸੀ ; ਘਰ ਮਹਿ ਪਾਇਆ ॥**

I have found the Immortal Almighty within the home of my own self.

**ਸੇਵ ਕਰੀ , ਪਲੁ ਚਸਾ ਨ ਵਿਛੁੜਾ ; ਜਨ ਨਾਨਕ ਦਾਸ ਤੁਮਾਰੇ ਜੀਉ ॥੪॥**

I will now serve You forever, and I shall never be separated from You, even for an instant. Servant Guru Nanak is Your slave, O Beloved Master. ||4||

**ਹਉ ਘੋਲੀ ਜੀਉ ਘੋਲਿ , ਘੁਮਾਈ ; ਜਨ ਨਾਨਕ ਦਾਸ ਤੁਮਾਰੇ ਜੀਉ ॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥੧॥੮॥**

I am a sacrifice, my soul is a sacrifice; servant Guru Nanak is Your slave, Almighty. ||Pause||1||8||

(Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Ang 96)

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB JI ACADEMY



# THE BLESSINGS

Guru Ram Das Ji was very pleased and said, “You have instantly composed perfectly and during your Guruship, you will compose enormous hymns which will be the one of the greatest composition ever composed. You have composed in utmost humbleness therefore, whosoever read and contemplates shall get rid of his/her ego and evil desires.”

Guru Arjan Dev Ji with folded hands, in utmost humbleness bowed before Guru Ram Das Ji and said, “You are the cause of all causes and the one who does everything. I am always in your command.” As soon as the inauguration ceremony was over everyone bowed before Guru Arjan Dev Ji and started to leave the Darbar Sahib.

