

Sant Kirpal Singh

India 1964 - 1972

Chapter 7

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The Word-personified
Master blesses the whole
world, He is the abode of
truth, the Word resides in
His heart.

Harbhajan Singh





Welcome In India

On 29 January, 1964, Sant Kirpal Singh left New York. After a short stop in Germany He departed for India on 30 January, 1964.

Delhi Airport on 31 January, 1964, was pulsating with an atmosphere of tension and excitement. Worried officials and security-guards endeavored to control a throng of ten thousand people, who had been gathering at the airport since the previous evening. At 5 a.m. Sant Kirpal Singh's plane landed.

Arriving at Sawan Ashram, Sant Kirpal Singh was greeted by thousands of rejoicing people. Disciples came from Pakistan, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Pondicherry, Kashmir, and all parts of India. Without pausing to rest, Sant Kirpal Singh sat upon the raised platform for four hours to hold Satsang.

Many religious leaders and civic heads began to arrive at Sawan Ashram on the following day. A press conference was held on 2 February, and reporters were given details of the Second World Tour.

Arrangements had been made for a great ceremony where Kirpal Singh would be honoured before the public by fifty-two religious organizations. The ceremony

– known as Sant Samagam, “Grand convention of the Saints” – took place on 9 February, in the vast Gandhi grounds in the centre of Delhi. A huge stage had been built for the two hundred dignitaries who were to sit with the Master. The audience, estimated at sixty thousand in number, was filled with immense joy at the Master's return to India.

Sant Kirpal Singh received many invitations from religious and civic leaders to visit cities and towns throughout India. Prime Minister Nehru invited the Master to confer with him on the world tour upon the following Wednesday, 12 February.

Sant Kirpal Singh had returned to India ...

S. Kirpal Singh Ji's Indian Tour

ALL PARTIES UNITE TO GREET THE LIVING MASTER

Ever since returning to India, S. Kirpal Singh Ji has been touring the country with a view to marshalling spiritual forces for his great mission of world peace and unity of man. His Indian tour, which in fact is a continuation of his Western tour, has met with a tremendous response from people of all classes as it did in the west resulting in the formation of inter-religions groups consisting of holymen of different faiths to fight the forces of disruption and discord in India and elsewhere.

Apart from his usual crowded programme of receiving callers at the Ashram, attending to the voluminous correspondence from spiritual aspirants from India and abroad, attending the various functions to which he is invariably invited, holding Satsangs and prayer meetings, the Master has been busy supervising the preparations that are underway for the forthcoming session of the W. F. R. expected to be held in Delhi early next year. It is likely to be the greatest gathering of religious leaders in world history. Among the local leaders who paid a personal visit to the Master and Baron von Blomberg at Sawan Ashram was His Honour, the Mayor of Delhi, who promised all possible help and support to make the forthcoming congress of the W. F. R. a success. The Mayor was presented with copies of books written by the Master. The Mayor performed his Namaz prayer at the Ashram in the holy company of Pir Makhdoom Sayyad Fazal Shah of Pakistan.

Spiritual Leaders Launch movement for Unity.

The formation of the Sant Samagam (congregation of the holy men of different faiths) under the inspiration and guidance of His Holiness Muni Sushil Kumar Ji Maharaj provided the impetus for the formation of another similar organisation. The initiative came from Pir Sayyad Zamin Nizami, the Head of one of the holiest Muslim shrines, Dargah Khwaja Nizamuddin Aulia in Delhi. The new formation was named 'Sant Soofi Samaj' (society of the Sant and Soofi orders) and included the Heads of the holy Muslim Shrines in India and Pakistan and religious and spiritual leaders of Hindus, Sikhs and other religious formations. The Master (Sant Kirpal Singh) was unanimously

elected president of both the 'Sant Samagam' and the 'Sant Soofi Samaj' besides continuing as President W. F. R. for third successive term. In his address to the spiritual leaders on the occasion of the formation of the 'Sant Soofi Samaj' the Master said,—

"At this critical period of history the primary need is for all of us, who are

a conscious move to end discords everywhere. This awakening is none of man's working, it has come from God. All we have to do is to set our shoulders to the wheel. Help will come from Him. Let us all join the Army of God. Let us consider ourselves as members of the family of God, which

Gonda, Gorakhpur and Bareilly. He left for the great Industrial city of Kanpur on 15th March, reaching there on the 16th morning. He was received by Sardar Inder Singh, Mayor of Kanpur. A small reception was given by the Mayor who also presided at one of the evening Satsangs. During their stay at Kanpur the Master and his entourage



H.H. Kushok Bakula, Head Lama of Ladakh who has accepted Vice presidency of World Fellowship of Religions. Seated alongside him are Dr. Pandey, Secretary and Baron von Blomberg, Co-President W.F.R.

brothers and sisters in God, to sit together. Those who have had the awakening through the grace of God should get together and set their shoulders to the wheel to end rifts and discords that have poisoned human relations. We should all work to bring the Kingdom of God on earth. During my world tour I found a ready response everywhere to the call of unity. There was

in reality we are. It is through His special grace that there is move for unity from all quarters and people of different faiths are coming together. The work is already being done by Him. All that is required of us is to line up under His will."

The Master's Tour of U.P.

The Master, accompanied by Baron von Blomberg, proceeded on a tour of U. P. districts of Kanpur, Lucknow,

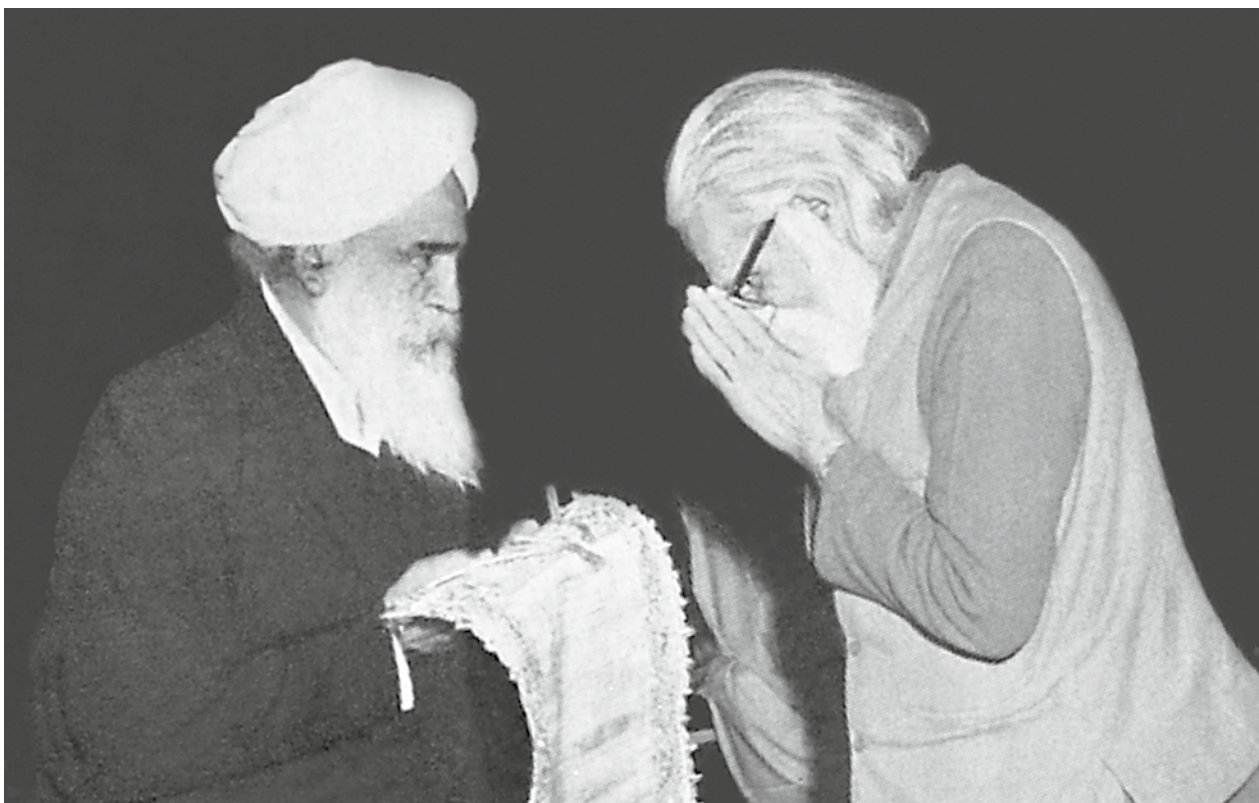
were the guests of Shri Ram Lal Khetarpal. During his four days' stay at Kanpur and a similar period at Lucknow as well as in other stations, daily morning meditation sittings and initiation on the last day were the regular features of the schedule.

Roman Catholic priests and nuns, headed by Rev. Fr. Currier received the two World Fellowship leaders and throughout the areas of the tour many signified their

Activities

Diamond Jubilee, 6 – 7 February, 1969

Celebration Ceremony on the occasion of Sant Kirpal Singh's seventy-fifth birthday



Union Minister Jaganath Rao giving his presidential speech

On 6 February, 1969, Sant Kirpal Singh's seventy-fifth birthday was celebrated in Delhi. A Citizens Committee under the chairmanship of Delhi's Mayor, Mr. Hansraj Gupta, organized an elaborate three-day programme of Diamond Jubilee celebrations, beginning with a congregation at a specially erected Pandal near Sawan Ashram, headquarter of Ruhani Satsang, and ending with a unique function on 7 February, at New Delhi's vast Vigyan Bhavan.

Presenting the Abhinandan Patra (Welcome Address) Kaka Sahib Kalelkar, a noted Gandhian philosopher, on behalf of different religions and societies, said,

"We are all gathered here today to perform a very important task, that is, to pay our tribute to a living Saint for the gift of Light He has given and is giving to the world. As a follower of Gandhiji and one who like Him, had equal respect for the teachings of

Sant Kirpal Singh had set an example by practising what He preached and inspired thousands all over the world to take to the path of righteousness and spirituality.

Union Minister Jaganath Rao

all the great religions, I have been chosen to present the Abhinandan Patra to Santji on behalf of all religions. Sant Kirpal Singh has been doing the great work of bringing followers of different religions together most effectively and with untiring zeal. I pay my tribute to Him on behalf of Gandhiji, on behalf of the heart of India and on behalf of all present here and pray for His long life.”

Replying to the Welcome Address, Sant Kirpal Singh said, “The Abhinandan Patra was a homage to Truth, which is in all of us and Truth is one. Saints and seers who came from time to time realised that Truth and gave a practical experience of it to those who came to them. They came in all countries, in all societies and gave out the same Truth in the language and idiom of the countries where they came.

From childhood on I was intrigued by the mystery of life. I searched in books and finished three whole libraries one after another. My extensive study let me to believe that there was some controlling power behind the entire creation. After finishing my studies when I entered life I had to decide what was to be my aim in life. I took eight to ten days carefully deliberating the questions from all possible angles and finally decided that my aim in life was ‘God first and world next’.

My whole life became one long search for Truth. And then, through divine grace I met my Master, Hazur

Baba Sawan Singh, at Beas. He gave me a practical demonstration of Reality. In the very first sitting, he brought me above body-consciousness and gave me a first-hand experience of Reality. The mystery of life which could not be solved by studying three libraries was solved in a moment. From Him I got right understanding. And what was that right understanding? First, that all mankind is one. And man is the highest in creation for he is endowed with the sense of discrimination and can discriminate between the real and the unreal which other creatures lacked. The highest purpose of man was to realise the self, the indweller of the man body and to know the Overself which was the basic teaching of all religions. We have to rise above body consciousness to get first-hand experience of that Power. It is a practical science which can be learnt at the feet of a competent Master.

We are all children of the same Father - God and as such are all brothers to each other. Unity is already there but we have forgotten it. I thank you for all the Abhinandan Patra that you have presented me with all your love ... I have the same love for you all. This Abhinandan Patra is not for me but for the Truth which is in all of you. The credit goes to God or my Satguru, Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj, at whose feet I had the good fortune to sit. With these words I thank you all. Be good, do good and be one with God, with all humanity, first in your country and then in this world.

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Invitations

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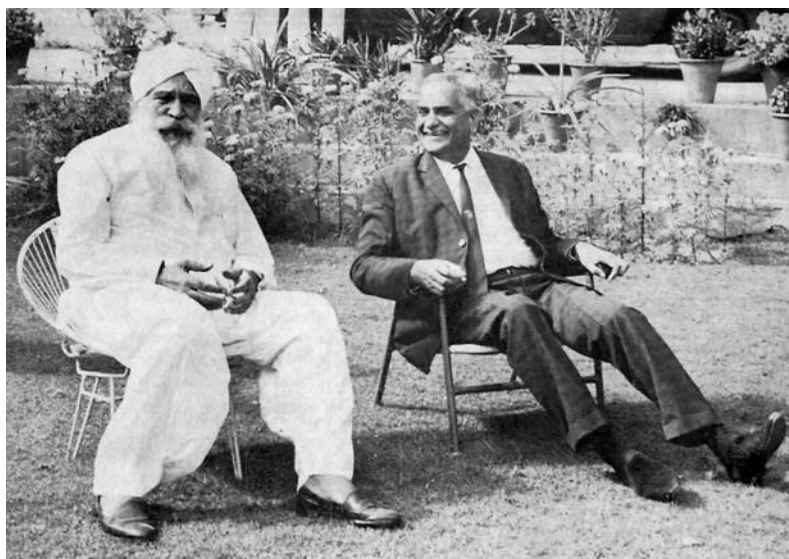


Sant Kirpal Singh with Jawaharlal Nehru (seated far left), the first Prime Minister of India, 16 February, 1964



Sant Kirpal Singh with Dr. Radhakrishnan, the second President of India, 20 February, 1964

Sant Kirpal Singh visited the Kurukshetra University in 1970 by a special invitation, being guest of honour of the Vice-Chancellor. Sant Kirpal Singh gave a series of three well-attended talks in the university auditorium.



Sant Kirpal Singh with the Vice-Chancellor of the Kurukshetra University, 1970

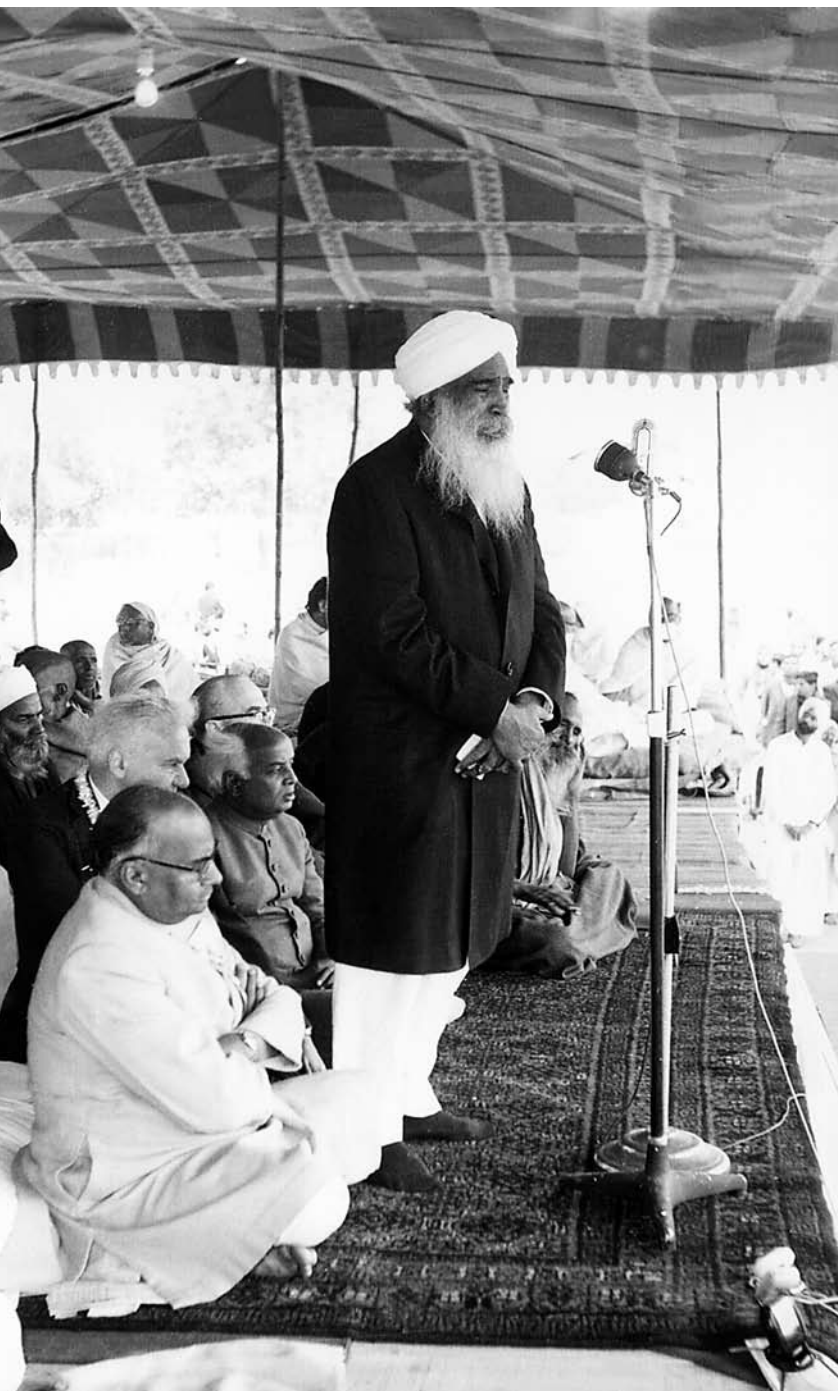
There was the usual practice of tasting by the chief security officer before the drink was offered to the President. When the tray was placed before the principals on the dais, Sant Kirpal Singh handed one glass of juice to Dr. Giri. The officials excitedly exclaimed that the glass Sant Kirpal Singh had given was the wrong one - the untasted one - but Dr. Giri declared that as Sant Kirpal Singh had given it with His own hands, then he was going to accept and drink it.



Sant Kirpal Singh with the President of India, Dr. V.V. Giri, on 14 March, 1972

Third Conference Of World Religions

16 – 28 February, 1965, Delhi



We must sit together as members of the one great Family of Man so that we may understand each other. We are, above everything else, one – from the level of God as our Father, from the level of man as His children, and from the level of worshippers of the same Truth or Power of God called by so many names.

In this august assembly of spiritually awakened, we can learn the great Truth of Oneness of Life vibrating in the universe. If we do this, then surely this world with so many forms and colours will appear a veritable handiwork of God and we shall verify and perceive the same life-impulse enlivening all of us.

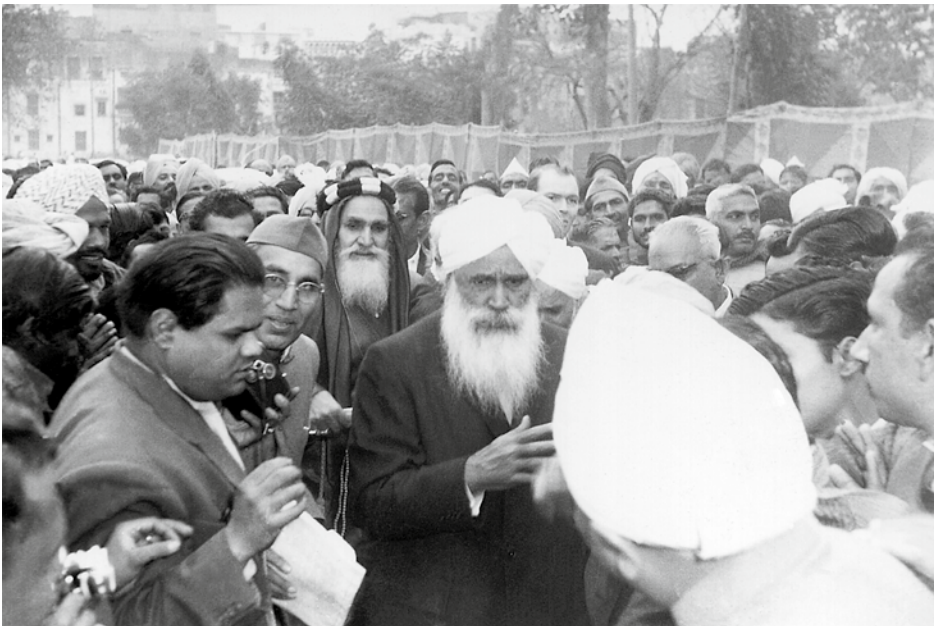
As His own dear children embedded in Him, like so many roses in His rose bed, let us join together in sweet remembrance of God and pray to Him for the well-being of the world in this hour of imminent danger of annihilation that stares us in the face.

May God, in His infinite mercy, save us all, whether we deserve it or not.

(Extract from the presidential address given by Sant Kirpal Singh on 26 February, 1965 at the Third Conference of World Religions in New Delhi.)

Left: Sant Kirpal Singh giving His presidential speech, 26 February, 1965

Right above and below: During the Third Conference of World Religions, 26 February, 1965, Delhi

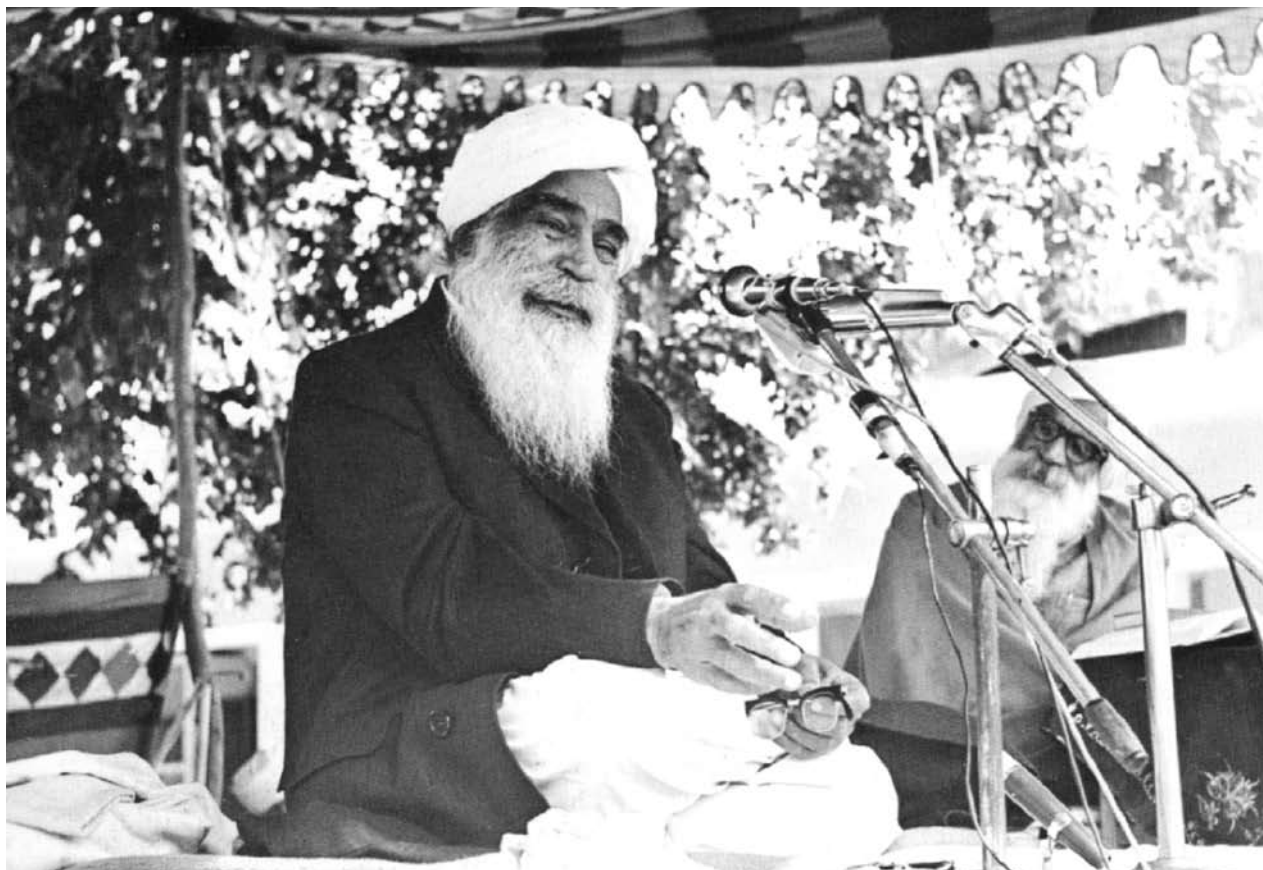




Just as a father is moved by the pitiable condition of his son and advises him out of sheer compassion, similar is the case with our heavenly Father. He assumes the garb of a Saint and awakens the sleeping humanity out of the deep slumber.

Sant Kirpal Singh

Holding Satsang



Sant Kirpal Singh, Sawan Ashram Delhi; August 1972

The Master comes for the sinners. He takes those who come to Him, up for a while. But to stay up there requires purity. So to even the most sinful, the Master gives a boost and takes him above body consciousness, gives him a peep through the Door; and he sees Light. Whether good or bad, sinful or virtuous, the Master gives them all first a boost to come up. Then, if they are not attached to the world too much, they will be able to remain there. For that reason they must become purer. So He gives His hand to everybody, even the most sinful. He loves the sinner but hates the sin. He gives all who come to Him

a boost and something to start with. Unless a man is raised, taken up, how can he see the Light? So when he reaches It, it is just like a man who had gone onto the roof by going up the stairs. When he gets near the roof he sees light. When he is withdrawn from outside and rises above body consciousness, he comes nearer to the place where that Door is, the tenth Door, and only then is he able to see the Light. This the Master gives to everybody. But the point is, if a man is attached too much to the world, naturally he must be changed; for that reason he is asked to lead a very virtuous life.



Satsang held by Sant Kirpal Singh in Sawan Ashram Delhi

In Sawan Ashram, Delhi, people came together from all over the world. From Dr. Harbhajan Singh (seated far right, near tent pole) we came to know about the Satsang shown in the picture above:

Master was holding a Satsang in Hindi. He had told me to sit with the foreigners and to translate for them. Obeying the order of the Master I sat with

them, but I had no practice in translating. Only every few minutes I was able to tell them something. First Master would look at me off and on, but then one time Master looked very minutely and attentively at me. Thereafter I was able to translate more. That was a wonderful thing.

Master often called Dr. Harbhajan Singh to come on the stage and to speak in the Satsang about incidences which happened in the Amritsar area. This is one of those incidences showing the Grace of the Master:

A woman named Harjit Kaur from the Verka District near Amritsar, who was my relative, came to my house. When she saw Master's picture there, she told that she was also initiated (by a so-called master). There was another person whom I was telling the theoretical aspect of life, and she listened carefully, too. After I had finished she said that it was right that this is a Master who gives the first-hand experience above the senses and the shackles of the mind, whereas she had not had that experience from her master. "My Master tells to all that he is responsible for all of them. He stresses to put in many, many hours, some put in 8 hours for meditation, but still they don't get that very experience which you are speaking of, and which is also in accordance with the teaching of the Guru Granth Sahib."

She asked me, "Am I also such a fortunate to have this initiation?" I said, "Yes, you can have it."

After about one month later Master visited Amritsar. She had told about the Master to some persons during this time, and all came to listen to Master, but her husband did not allow her to hear the Satsang.

At that time it was extreme hot weather. She fell sick with acute meningitis, and the attending doctor referred the case to the Government hospital, whereas she insisted on her husband to visit my hospital at Nag Kalan. When she was brought, her condition had alarmingly deteriorated. She was given a glucose infusion with which she was able to talk, but I asked her husband to shift her immediately to the Government Hospital. Her husband went to get leave from his office, but he did not return until evening.

She told me that she had come to get the promise fulfilled. I asked her, "Why did you not come to see the Master?" She answered that it was not her fault, but her husband had not allowed her to go. After every 10 to 15 minutes she repeated her question. In the evening she asked me for a glass of cold water. After she

had taken one glass, she asked my wife for another one. After taking both the glasses, she closed her eyes and in a moment she left the body.

Seeing this we got very much worried, and we prayed to the Master as why she had left her body in our house, she should have died among her children and her husband.

"All those who yearn and want the Grace from the Masterpower would be forgiven that day."

We were sitting beside her and after an hour she came back into the body and opened her eyes. We felt very happy and put her questions. She replied that she had left her body, and the way her soul found was burning like fire. She saw her previous master sitting on the hot sand and a lot of his disciples were crying with him. She told further that she felt, that was not her way and the same moment one old person caught hold of her shoulder and told her, "Your way has been changed now." She said, "Thereafter he had taken me to a place where I felt comfortable, and I enjoyed my stay there. But He told me that my decision would be taken on the birthday of His Master Baba Sawan Singh Ji on 27 July." It was then the 22 July. I told this incidence on the celebration of Baba Sawan Singh Ji's birthday with due permission of the Master. Master said that all those who yearn and want the Grace from the Masterpower would be forgiven that day.

Right: Photostat of a letter from Sant Kirpal Singh to Dr. Harbhajan Singh
Page 185: Satsang on the roadside between Delhi and Agra, August 1969

Letter to Dr. Harbhajan Singh

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ASHRAM, CHANDIGARH
DELHI
May 27, 1968.

Dear Dr. Harbhajan Singh Ji,

I have received your loving letter without date and noted its contents.

I am glad to note that the local Satsang is going on alright and the attendance is increasing gradually with the grace of the Satguru. Your loving selfless efforts in this behalf are appreciated. Your sacred aspirations for serving the holy cause of the Satguru are equally notable. The harvest is rich and willing labourers are badly wanted. You should try to develop spiritually when there may be better chances for you to help your brethern to benefit spiritually under the protective guidance of the Satguru. Selfless service is a reward in itself.

You need not worry over your personal short comings which can be weeded out gradually by self introspection. It does not matter if you have failed to maintain your self introspection diary. Since you are blessed with the rare right understanding of its special significance for spiritual progress you can attempt again. Just take the start and be firmly established in it, you will succeed. A well regulated and spiritually disciplined life is an asset. My love and blessings are with you.

You are welcome to ^{attend} ~~attend~~ the monthly Satsang on June 2, when I shall be here in the Ashram.

More when we meet.

With all love and best wishes,

Yours affectionately,

Kirpal Singh
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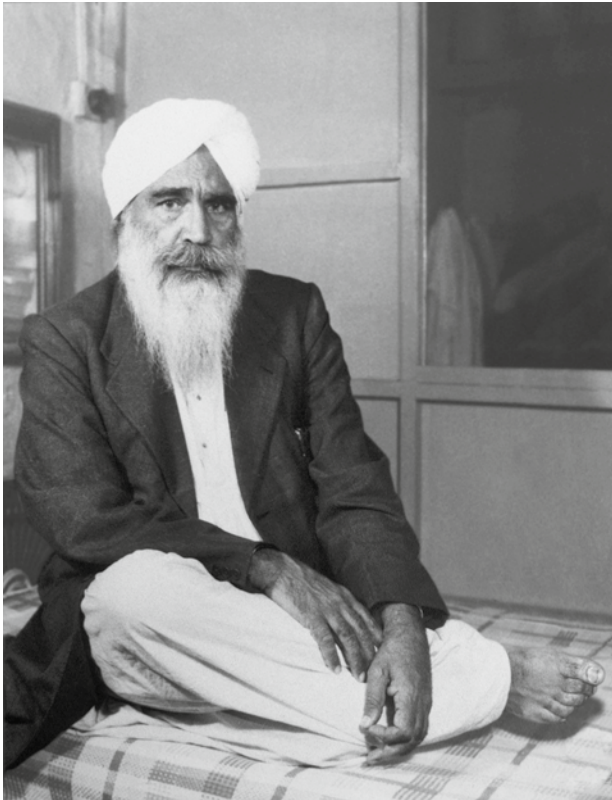
Just sit in the company,
have a Satsang in the
company of such
Saints who are 'Word
made flesh', and be
receptive to them.

Sant Kirpal Singh



Celebration Of Guru Nanak's Birthday

2 November, 1969



Sant Kirpal Singh, 1955

There is One Reality, the Unmanifest-
Manifested;
Ever-Existent, He is Naam
(Conscious Spirit),
The Creator pervading all;
Without fear; without enmity;
The Timeless; the Unborn and the
Self-existent;
Complete within Itself.
Through the favour of His true Servant,
The Guru,
He may be realized.
He was when there was nothing;
He was before all ages began;
He existeth now, o Nanak,
And shall exist forever more.

– Prologue –

Guru Nanak's five-hundredth birthday was celebrated at Sawan Ashram, Delhi, with a six-hour Satsang, attended by religious leaders of all faiths and about 30 000 people.

In 1969, at the request of the Indian Government, Sant Kirpal Singh wrote an article about Guru Nanak which appeared in newspapers and magazines all over India under the title "Guru Nanak and His Teachings".

Sant Kirpal Singh also translated the Jap Ji from Punjabi into English, with an illustrious commentary, which in its deepness creates longing to understand the teach-

ing and to live with it. It was published in 1959. Jap Ji is the beautiful hymn of Guru Nanak which appears as a prologue to the Guru Granth Sahib, the voluminous scriptural treasure of the Sikhs, which comprises over 1400 pages. The Jap Ji lays down the basic principles of His teachings and explains the means to achieve atonement with the One Being, the Creator of all.

It seems impossible to refer to Guru Nanak without reciting some of His supreme stanzas, which we are fortunate to have translated from the original Punjabi text into English by a Master-Saint.

One cannot comprehend Him
 Through reason,
 Even if one reasoned for ages;
 One cannot achieve inner peace
 By outward silence,
 Not though one sat dumb for ages;
 One cannot buy contentment
 With all the riches of the world,
 Not reach Him with all mental ingenuity.
 How may one know the Truth
 And break through the cloud of
 Falsehood?
 There is a way, o Nanak, to make
 His Will our own,
 His Will which is already wrought
 in our existence.

– Stanza 1 –

By practice of the Word,
 One rises into universal consciousness
 And develops right understanding;
 By practice of the Word,
 One develops clairvoyance
 And transvision of the whole creation;
 By practice of the Word,
 One is freed from sorrow and suffering;
 By practice of the Word,
 One shall not go to Yama after his death.
 O, great is the Power of the Word,
 But few there be that know it.

– Stanza 13 –

“Hukam” or Will, itself, is something which no words can describe. It baffles all description. The real understanding of the Divine Will comes only by direct revelation to every soul. But, with a view to bring home some idea of it, the Master indicates the multifarious aspects directed by His Will. He then goes on to indicate the touchstone by which one may know those who have become one with His Will. The knowledge of the Divine Will means the destruction of the ego.

“Yama”: It is known to the men who know of the world beyond, that at the time of shaking off the mortal coil, souls are ushered into the other world by certain messengers who are the angels of death. Sinners are badly treated by them, while the others are invariably led before Yama, the king of death. But one who practises the Word escapes Yama altogether; for he is received at the astral world by the radiant form of the Master and is escorted by Him to the spiritual planes.

Let contentment be your ear-rings,
And endeavour for the Divine
And respect for the Higher Self be your wallet,
And constant meditation on Him be your ashes.
Let preparedness-for-death be your cloak,
And let your body be like unto a chaste virgin.
Let your Master's teachings be your supporting staff.
The highest religion is to rise to Universal Brotherhood,
Aye, to consider all creatures your equals.
Conquer your mind,
For victory over self is victory over the world.
Hail, Hail, to Him alone,
The Primal, Pure, Eternal, Immortal, and Immutable
In all ages!

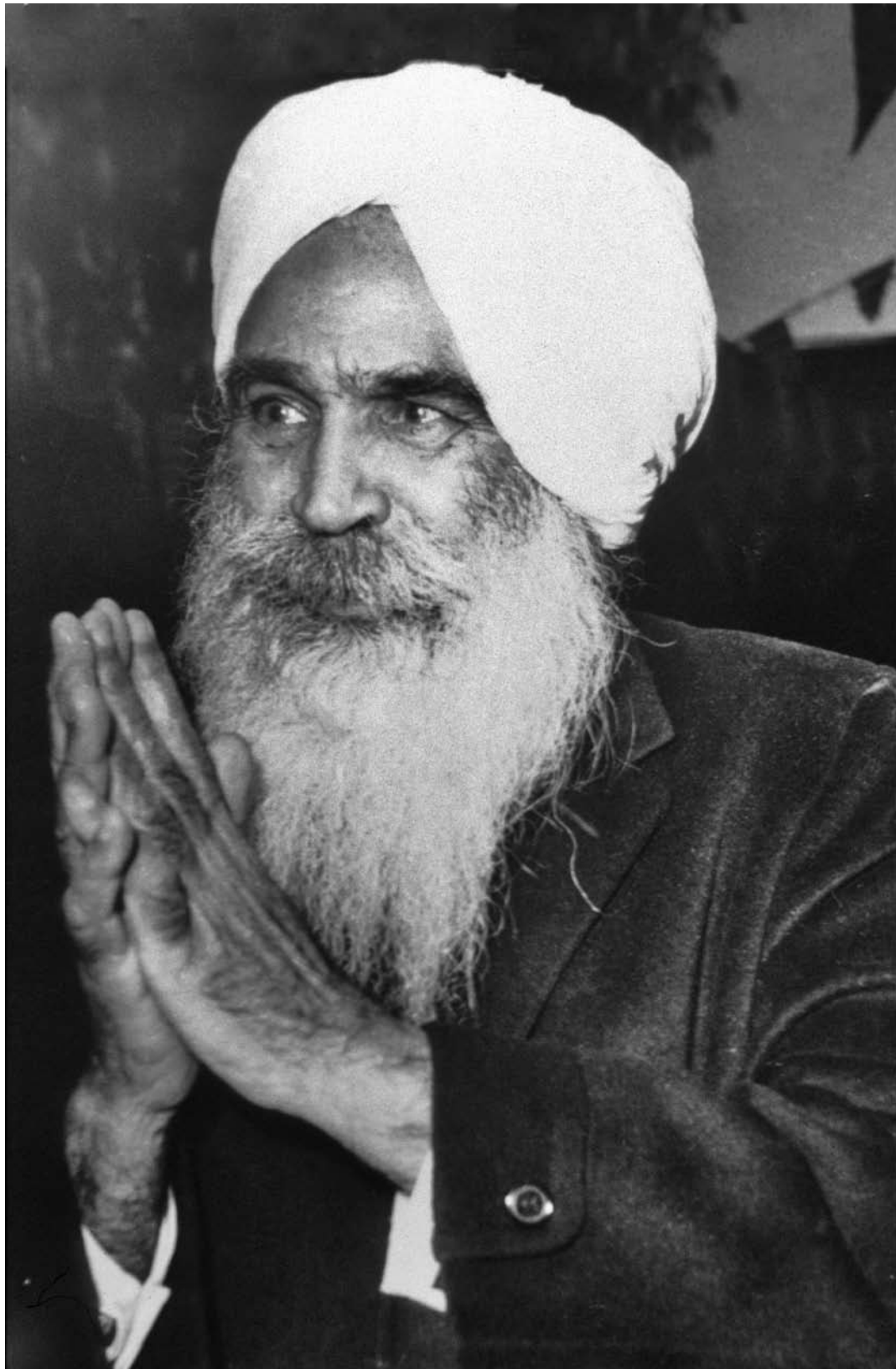
– Stanza 28 –

Carrying on his substitution of the outer practices of the yogins by inner spiritual disciplines, Nanak recommends that we should make Divine knowledge our food (man does not live by bread alone), inculcate charity and mercy, and attune ourselves to the Music of the Divine Word.

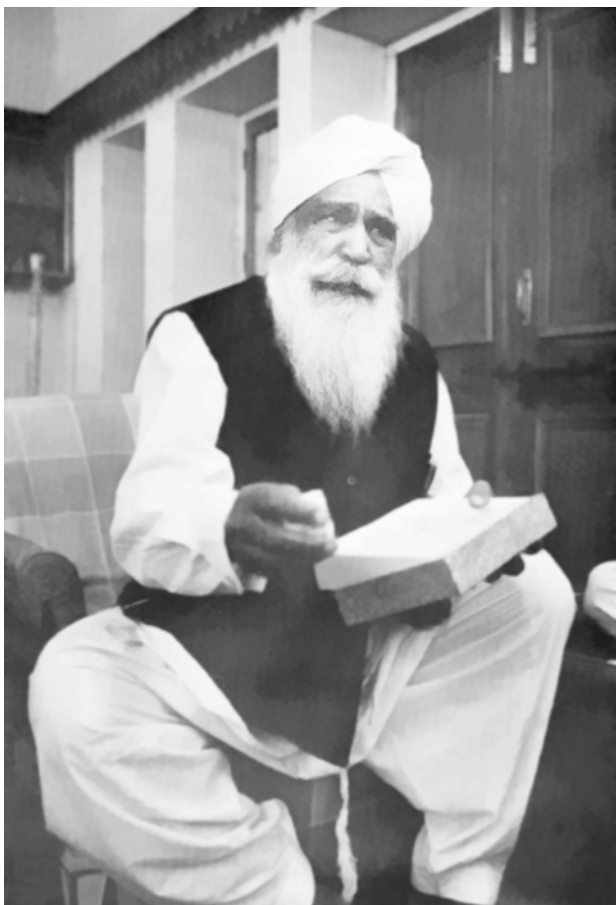
Nanak also forestalls the dangers that lie on the spiritual journey. Not only is wealth a hindrance, but the power one gains through self-discipline and partial

spiritual attainment may itself become an obstacle in the way of fuller realization. One begins to practise these occult powers, and, absorbed in them, one tends to forget the real goal. Nanak, therefore, warns us against this possibility. Once we have begun the journey God-wards, we must not rest, waver or wander on the way.

Right: Sant Kirpal Singh, 1969



Master's Competency



Sant Kirpal Singh distributing parshad

Life And Death Are In His Hand

At the time of Master His competency was shown in many ways. People said, "It was a miracle", but Master said, "No, it is according to the natural law." So this is no miracle, it is in accordance with the laws of nature.

There was one village where Master played many things. There was one man who had been suffering from a heart-disease for twenty-five years. He was

neither able to leave the body nor was he really alive, such a condition he had. But he was a very noble person, very pious – maybe due to this trouble, as he was very cut off from the world. I used to treat him and sometimes I brought him medicine. He was a very good man and I had great sympathy with him. Once I went to the Master. Usually I did not take parshad. People used to bring sweets to get them converted into parshad by the attention of the Master and took them back to their homes. Master mostly objected, "No, parshad is not needed; parshad is already given – initiation is parshad, it is the biggest parshad."

People insisted again and again, so Master used to put some attention on it and said, "Okay, go, but take only a little and put in some more time for meditation; this will work, otherwise it is merely a sweet."

We never wanted parshad from Him, but this time I was taking three packets of sweets to the Master. Master said, "Why not one, why three packets?" I said, "Master, one is for me and my wife, one is for the old disciples, and this third packet is for a new one." Master put His attention on these three packets, and gave them to me.

When I arrived at home, the daughter of this man came to call me there; his condition had deteriorated and he wanted some medicine. When I went there, I took some parshad with me. It was for the new one. I gave it to him, "Take it and you will remember at least what has been given to you." So he took the parshad. He did not know from where it was – it was a sweet and he just took the sweet. But at night-time Master appeared to him. Then, early in the morning, he sent a message to our home, "Bhaji and Bhainji should both come to my house." So I went there with my wife. We took a calendar photo of the Master with us. It was rolled and first we did not give it to him, but held it in our hands. He asked, "Have you any photo of your Master?" We showed it to him. He

said, “It should be just in front of my bed.” So we put it before his bed. Now all the time he was looking at the picture of the Master. I went there every day. As his condition was not good, many persons used to visit him and whenever I came, a lot of people were sitting there, talking on different matters. I myself was also not free; there were many patients in my hospital, and whenever I went there, I came back without having told him anything. Maybe on the tenth or eleventh day, his sister came from a far away district to see him. When she arrived and was standing be-

“...I give you one promise: you only tell the theoretical aspect of life, and it will be practically done within.”

fore his bed, he asked her, “Please, clean the way and go to this side.” She said “Why?” He answered, “My Master has come.” Then he was very happy and asked his wife to come. Pointing to the photo, he said, “I am going back with Him, and your duty is to go to Him also.” So he left his body.

I went to Master. He was distributing parshad. While everyone wanted parshad, I was standing behind. I was having something in my mind – like a thief I was feeling there. But when it was my turn, I asked Master to give me parshad. Master said, “No, I will not give you the parshad. You please, sit with me here, I have to talk with you.” So I was sitting down and all others went away. Master said, “Come near to me.” Then He said, “This man has left his body.” Master did not know it physically, He knew it from within that it had happened like this. Master continued, “You gave the parshad to this man, but what did you give from yourself, tell me?” I replied, “Master, I don’t have anything what I could give from myself. A disciple is a mere disciple – whatever can he give? He has to get everything from his Master. We have rather good wishes for him, otherwise every blessing is from You. I really cannot give anything.” Master said, “Think it over again. You could have given him something.” I started to weep. Master said, “Don’t weep. Why do you weep? At least I have given you some right understanding. He has left the body, but he nev-

er knew where to go. At last, he who has given the parshad, has to take care for him, but what have you given from your own side?” I said, “Master, yes, this is my biggest fault”, and I started to weep.



Sant Kirpal Singh distributing parshad

Master gave me very much love. He said, “Okay, from now onwards you give the theory and I will give the parshad. I give you one promise: you only tell the theoretical aspect of life, and it will be practically done within.”

Harbhajan Singh

Smell Of Roses And Jasmine

Once we could get to know a very big secret in His set-up. It is written everywhere that Master has His own smell, a beautiful smell, just like roses and jasmine. When you have this vibration direct from within, you will sometimes feel that this smell of the Master is within. Master is within and this perfume is also within. This purifies the soul; it develops the soul. That comes only through His Grace, whenever He wishes.

What does He do? He materializes and manifests within and also stands outside. In both ways one is very close to the Master and by this phenomenon one gets a lot of radiation from the Masterpower.

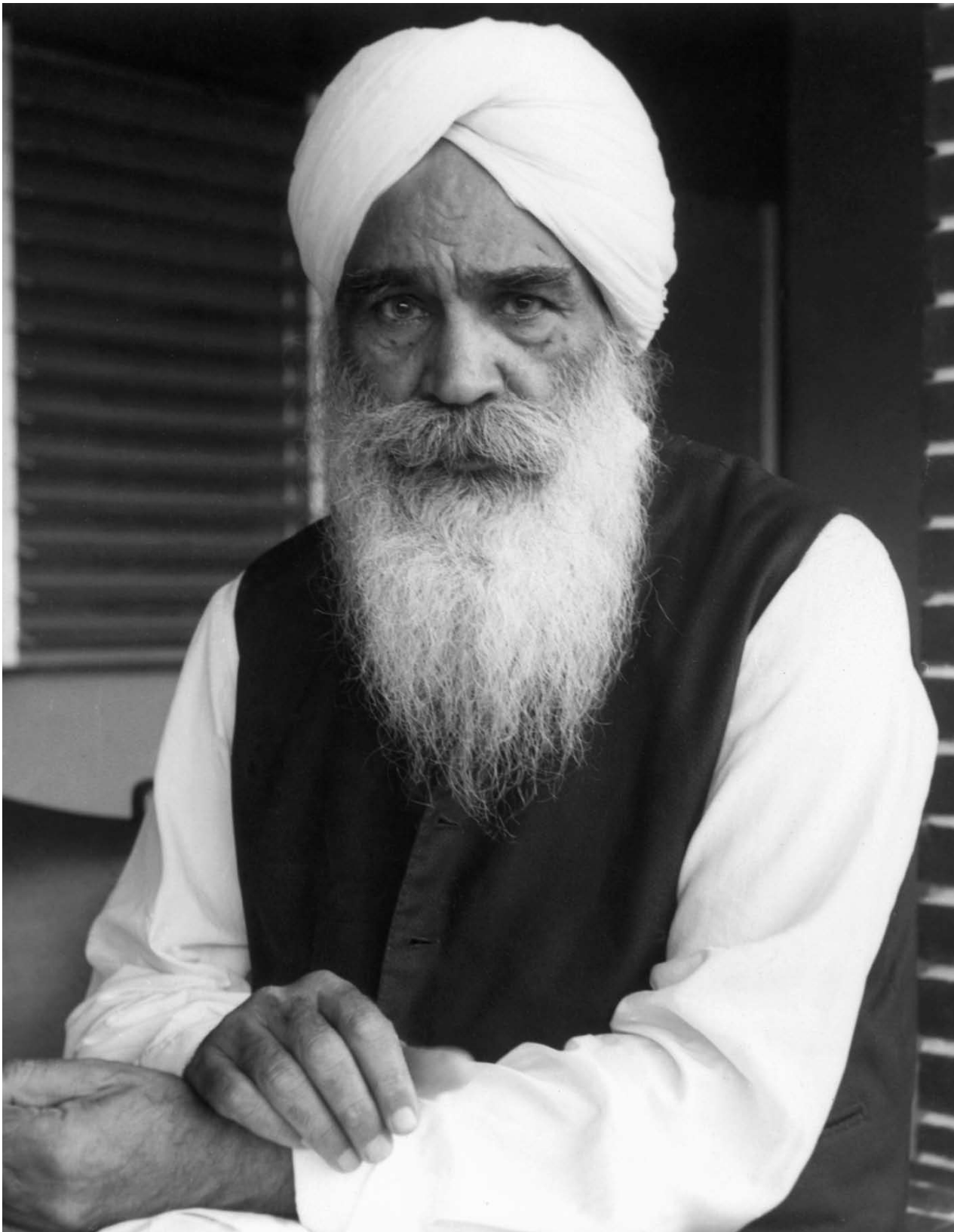
While doing His Mission we could know that Master was very close to us though we could not see Him with our eyes. Right in the beginning it was like this. One time we had to attend a marriage. We decided to go there, because Delhi was in the way and we could see the Master there. But on the way we came to know that He had already gone to Dehra Dun for ten days. But we could get a strong vibration and radiation and the smell of roses and jasmine. We became very sad, but we said, “Well, most of the distance we have already covered, we will nevertheless go to Del-

hi. We shall at least go there and bow down our head, although the Master is not there.”

To our surprise, when we reached the Ashram in Delhi, Master was standing on the roof of the house. Master said, “Well, come up on the roof.” I asked Him, “Master, on the way we got to know that You are not here?” Then one man from Delhi asked the same question, “Master, You had already gone to Dehra Dun and You should come back after ten days, but You came back today. What is the reason for it?” Master, looking at us, said, “I do not know whose love took me back.” Then Master discussed some very important matter with us.

This was a time when we could know many things out of His vibration, and while sitting together He told us lots of things. So this time we told Master, “Master, while we were on the way we felt a very good smell, a very good perfume like that of roses.” Master said, “Not only the disciple smells it, but Master also smells it from the disciple.” When the disciple starts to see the Master with love and receptivity, then this smell also reaches the Masterpower. This is something very unique in the world.

Harbhajan Singh



How can I praise my brothers and sisters
who live and die for Him?
I surrender to my Master: Bless all who serve Thee!

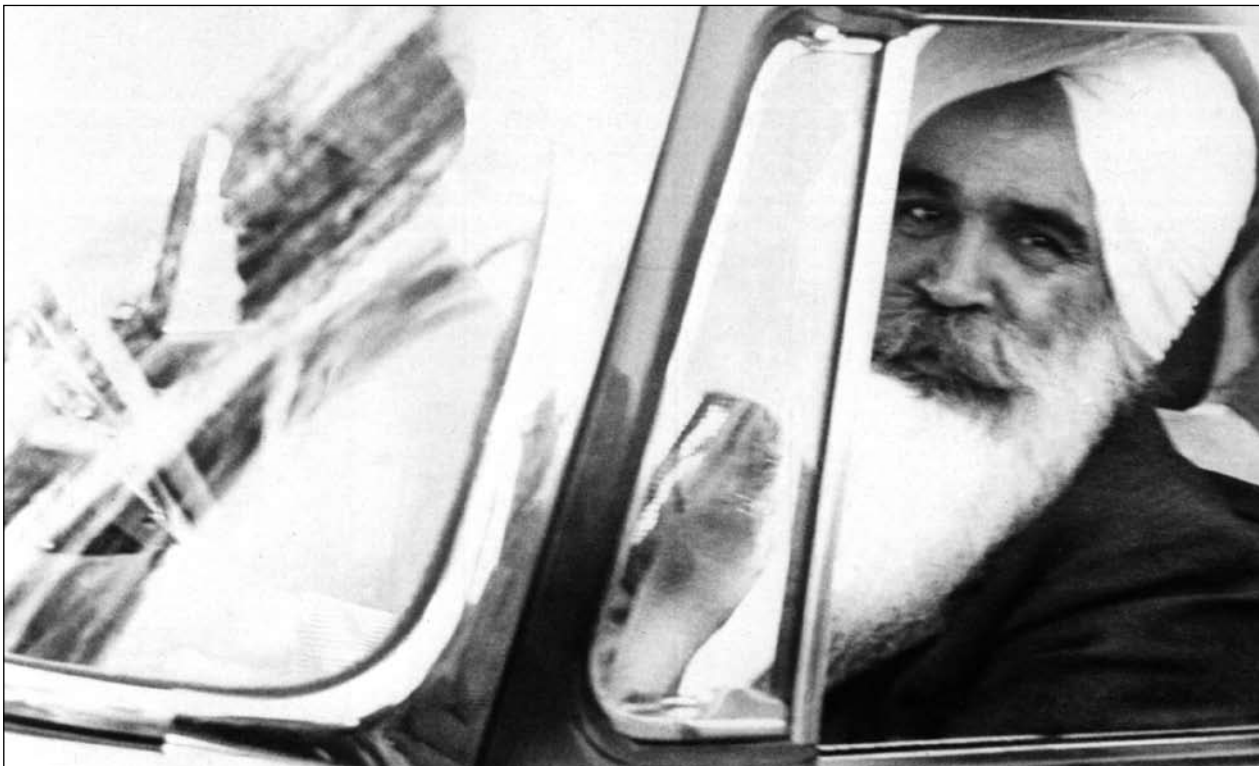
Harbhajan Singh

Master's Greatness

When we came back to Delhi after that marriage, Master told us that He was going to Chandigarh, which was on the way back to Amritsar. So we came along with Master. While passing through the city Master stopped His car in the market. I at once went to Him and asked whether He needed anything. Master said, "Yes." I asked, "Master, what?" He said, "I want you!"

It is a lesson! We are in this worldly market where we are amiss, very adversely. Master only wants to take His child out of the market. Man comes into this world with a promise from God (to be taken home by Him), but man has also given the promise to God that in this birth he will return home to the Father. But it is man who again and again does not fulfil this promise. God, our Father, the Masterpower, by His Grace gives us this promise again and again. He has never left us.

On this journey we paid a visit to one brother whose name was Sadhu Singh. He did everything exactly as Master wished. He was happy all the time, because He had no problem. He was very receptive; if he spoke a word it inspired others like anything. He was a wonderful person and did everything for Master throughout his life. When his time came to leave the body he said, "Master, I will not go!" Master said, "No, your work in the world is finished. You can go, the doors are open for you. You can reach your home." He said, "Master, no, there is much work. I do not find good persons to help you. No, I want to work for you!" Master said, "No, you are getting old now, better you go." – When you get initiation and you become conscious, it is a beautiful thing. The talk between the Master and the disciple becomes a heart-to-heart talk. Everything is possible, there is nothing that is impossible. – Sadhu Singh was not hap-



Sant Kirpal Singh on tour

py to leave. So the same night Master took him above the body-consciousness and showed him the place where he had to go. He became so conscious that he forgot everything about the matter, everything about the world. Next day we asked him what was his opinion. He said, "No, I have to go! I have a beautiful place there. I never could really know the Master throughout my life."

Now he had realized Master's greatness. He was a conscious man, I tell you. Even when he got the super-consciousness in him and was taken there, he was surprised that such a good place was possible for him. Then he always said, "Master, I want to go!" Master asked, "When do you want to go? Tell me, I'll take you on the same date." Master also asked, "Do you want to leave the body here in the Ashram or do you want to leave your body in your home?" He said, "I

want to go to my village, I want to tell everybody that I am going on such and such date, at such and such a time." It was miraculous – I don't say that he 'died'; no, he even took each and every penny from his pocket and said, "This belongs to the Master, please. I am going alone. I have nothing, no attachment in the world. I am for the Master as Master is for me. I am going where Master is taking me." He left the body so happily.

When Master wanted to tell something about Sadhu Singh's physical departure, His eyes were full of tears. Master said, "I have lost one of my companions in the world." And again He said, "He is not lost; he is gained forever." Why? Because Master has started to take work from him inside; much more than when he had worked physically.

Harbhajan Singh



Sawan Ashram Delhi, 3 April, 1970

Farewell To Mataji

When Master's own wife was sick, it was 2 April, 1970, Baba Sawan Singh gave the time within that He would take her on the second. The Sangat from all parts of India started to pour in to celebrate the death anniversary of Baba Sawan Singh. I was then there and heard that Master said, "Today it is the death anniversary of my Master, I will not let her go." When I heard it, I did not know what it meant. On the third Master told me, "You can come along." Taiji took me inside the house, "See how she is feeling." I said, "Taiji, she is feeling very good, it is no problem with her." – "You are a doctor, you should see what problem she has." But there was no sign of any weakness, everything was okay.

Then Master gave the time at eleven. There were still many people, and Master said: "There will be no initiation. Everyone should go back to his home." So Mas-

ter gave the time, I think it was one o'clock. Master went inside. It was His Grace that He took me also with Him and I saw the whole scene. Master went to His ailing wife, she was very old. Master said, "The way is open for you. You can go, you can stay." She said, "No, Master, my time to go was yesterday, but You didn't allow. I must go today." Master said, "If you are to go, you should feel happy! Why are you sad?" But she would not smile. Master said, "Look at me!" And she looked at Master. Master said, "Say 'Sat Naam'." She only spoke it one time, then she smiled and left the body. And there were tears in Master's eyes, and Master came back. All funeral arrangements had already been made beforehand, but nobody knew for whom.

Harbhajan Singh

True is the Lord, true His Holy Word,
His love has been described as infinite.
Men pray to Him for gifts, which He grants untiringly.
When all is His:
What can we offer at His feet?
What can we say to win His love?
At the ambrosial hour of the early dawn,
Be you in communion with the Divine Word
And meditate on His Glory.
Our birth is the fruit of our actions;
But salvation comes only from His Grace.
O Nanak, know the True One as immanent in all.

Jap Ji

On Tour In Kashmir

Srinagar

After a stay with Master in Delhi one initiate, before leaving for Amritsar, asked Master if He had to convey anything to the Doctor and his wife. Master answered that He had already written to them. When the initiate asked Dr. Harbhajan Singh if he had received the letter, he could understand the meaning of Master's word.

Master was going to visit Srinagar, so in the evening of the appointed day of Master's stopover at Pathankot, the Doctor and his wife along with their children arrived with bags and baggage at Pathankot as well. Master asked them about their programme was. The Doctor said, "Master, we are going to Srinagar." Master told them that He Himself was also proceeding to Srinagar the next day and that they were allowed to come along with Him. Dr. Harbhajan Singh tells:

We felt overjoyed since it was our first trip to Srinagar with Master. I forgot that never before I drove the car on the high mountains. Even I forgot to fill up the tank. I felt that we were driven by Him and we were in His lap.

When we reached a very high altitude, and I looked downwards, I felt fear and got nervous, but the same moment Master looked at me through the rear glass of His car. At once I felt as a very good driver. It was still 100 km to Srinagar and I did not remember that there had been only 15 litres of petrol in the tank while in Pathankot. When we reached the outskirts of Srinagar, I saw a petrol-pump at a distance of 100 metres. At that moment the car immediately stopped.

I narrated the incidence to Master and felt sorry for my ignorance. Master said, "Thank God, He has helped you."

Taiji had to reach Srinagar the next day in the evening. It was 7:00 p.m. when Master said, "Taiji has not come,

it is too late, let us drive towards the way she has to come from."

We all reached the place where plenty of saffron is grown. Master asked my wife to sit in meditation to see why Taiji did not arrive. Master looked so beautiful then, and she said, "Master, I have to see and listen to You instead of sitting in meditation." Since Master insisted, she sat in meditation, and within few minutes she cried loudly and then became silent. After about 15 minutes she came back and told that in the way a

"...we felt that where there is a will, there is God Himself as well."

mountain slide had happened. She said, "I saw His Holiness turning away the slide, otherwise her car would have come under the debris." She further explained that Taiji had told her she would be two hours late and reach at 9:00 p.m.

Mr. Jaswant Singh with whom Master and we were lodging, was an initiate of Baba Sawan Singh. Baba Sawan Singh had blessed him on his marriage ceremony, a film of which still exists today. But this man was doubtful about the competency and successorship of Sant Kirpal Singh Ji.

When Jaswant Singh heard these words, he got emotional and perhaps thought that it was the best opportunity to judge the competency of the Master. While beside the road, he requested a car driver to stop. Fortunately that taxi driver was known to him. The driver narrated the whole story of the landslide and told that when he started from the site, this group along with Taiji was taking tea in a restaurant. Hearing it, he became receptive to some extent, we felt. This incidence Master did as to remove the veil from his eye.



Sant Kirpal Singh in a shikara – a Kashmiri gondola – on a Srinagar waterway, 1970

Then Taiji reached exactly at 9:00 p.m. Master looked at Jaswant Singh and might have thought that the pitcher was still not baked.

S. Jaswant Singh did not cooperate with us for arranging a public talk of the Master, so on this ground we left his house but we used to come for Master's darshan every day. We were the new ones and nobody knew us there.

After two days, Master asked us that He had made a programme for the Chenab riverside and we all could come along there. We had not much to eat with us, but

Taiji brought many things she had cooked for Master. We were sitting there at a distance, when Master told us, "You can have some food from Taiji." I asked Taiji to send the food through the children. Taiji answered, "I am not the servant of your father. Come and have it." I went there and told Taiji (who was serving our Master since the very beginning), "There is no doubt, you are the servant of our Father, He is the Father of all." It was a very beautiful time.

While returning to Srinagar from the riverside, there was a traffic jam and a lot of trucks of the Army were standing. I found a chance to go to them with books



of the Master and told them about His competency. Standing at a little distance they could get the glimpses of the Master. I told them, that His Holiness had served in the Army as well. Some of them already knew about the Master, and it was the most fortunate day for them to see Him physically.

The following day we could find one of the disciples of the Master and managed a big place for the Master's Satsang in the area. A big place was occupied by the

soldiers and the officers and their families. Thousand people welcomed the Master. It was a beautiful Satsang and they felt much radiation of the Master. This stay in Srinagar we remember as a beautiful day, as we could know, where there is a will there is a way, but we felt that where there is a will, there is God Himself as well.

The following day S. Jaswant Singh was very happy from heart which we never felt during our stay there.



Sant Kirpal Singh taking rest on the way to Srinagar, Kashmir, July 1973

There was a meditation sitting and the Master asked my wife certain questions to be answered within and those answers Master wanted to hear separately when my wife, myself, Jaswant Singh and his wife were allowed to sit beside the Master. This concerned his personal problems which he could not get rid of throughout his life and which need not be mentioned for others, but those answers changed his life. They were related to the higher competency of the Master. S. Jaswant Singh's face was shining and we felt that through

Sant Kirpal Singh he had accepted Baba Sawan Singh again. He brought two baskets of cherries and requested Master for a picknick near a riverside. It was very beautiful that Master went on giving us the parshad of cherries at intervals.

Master asked Rajpal of Amritsar to pick up all stones of the cherries and to put them in the stream flowing beside. Master smiled at him and lovingly told that if He found any stones outside, He would beat him. So all the time over he was very vigilant to pick up the stones and throw them into the water. At the end Master asked him whether he had really thrown all the stones in the water. He assured the Master that there were no stones anywhere. Looking toward myself and my wife, Master opened His fist and said, "There are still two with me."

After our return to the house of S. Jaswant Singh, Master got a telephone call from Bibi Lajo of Amritsar, a devoted disciple of Baba Sawan Singh. She used to cook for Baba Sawan Singh and served Baba Sawan Singh day and night. She said that she was upset and that Master should visit her before proceeding to Delhi.

(A year before my wife insisted on Master to show her the physical departure of Baba Sawan Singh Ji, since Master had already shown the same to one disciple from the United Provinces. As a result, one side of his body was paralysed. As she insisted again and again, Master showed her the physical departure of Baba Sawan Singh Ji. By the Grace of the Master she then could see the condition of all nears and dears of Baba Sawan Singh, compared to the condition of Sant Kirpal Singh Ji, and hundred things more concerning the further Mission, which were transferred from the heart of Baba Sawan Singh to Sant Kirpal Singh. Her experience was witnessed by many people who gathered in the Amritsar-Centre. Thereafter this was told by someone to Bibi Lajo, who by hearing it became very much annoyed.)

If we take the Master merely as the physical body, we lose a lot. We lose the essence of the selfless service.

The very next day, we had to return to Amritsar. Master said that He Himself was coming to Amritsar the

day after the next. When Master reached Amritsar we knew the reason of His visit. We wanted to express our feelings while Bibi Lajo was sitting with Master. But during that time, Master's attention did not allow us to enter the room.

Sitting beside the room, we could hear that Master said to Bibi Lajo, "My Master has given her so much, that even I cannot undo with it." Bibi Lajo, knowing all those things from her heart, would never explain it to others in their right perspective, but she felt it. When she came out along with Master, she wanted to become very familiar with us and said to my wife that they were friends. But my wife replied that she was not her friend. Master, holding the shoulders of my wife, said, "Sit in meditation and you will know the conversation and its meaning by the Grace of the Master." Thereafter Master left for Delhi. When we were back in Amritsar, we came to know an incidence, which was in connection with our journey. While I was with



Master in Srinagar, one patient in my hospital was seriously ill. Sitting beside the Master I started thinking about the condition of this patient – whether the Doctor concerned had done some investigation or not, like this. At once Master said, "Since you have come, you should forget what is going on there. Because your attention will only be an interference in the way. So, leave this thing to the Masterpower."

Masterpower does everything for the child, and He does it in the best interest of the child.

I was there for ten days with Master and I was very busy. But when I came back, there was one woman who told that every day one old person used to come and nobody cared for Him. But she used to stay there and He also used to sit there. When the hospital was closed, He went away. The day when I returned she had also come but this man was not there. Then I said, "Do you see who that person was?" She said that He was very old. Then I showed her the picture of Sant Kirpal Singh and Baba Sawan Singh. She said, "This man, Baba Sawan Singh, was there." So every day He had come to the hospital, but only she could see Him, nobody else. And she further said that this Doctor in charge was attending there and he did not talk with Him anything.

Masterpower does everything for the child, and He does it in the best interest of the child. What He does will benefit you here and hereafter.

On His last Kashmir Tour in 1973 we again were with Master. He stayed in Phalgam, a place on the high mountains in the "Pine-View Hotel." We could not find any place near that hotel, whereas our intention was to be near to the Master.

We accepted a newly built hut which was still under completion and we felt happy that we were at least near to the Master.

Sant Kirpal Singh in Kashmir, July 1973

The kitchen was incomplete and its floor was full of water. That day it was unbearably cold. Soon we saw Master coming towards the hut. Some disciples came along with Him. Master sat down on a chair and said, "I want tea." We felt happy and immediately my wife entered into the kitchen to prepare the tea. Nearly half an hour passed and the tea was not ready yet.

Master told me, "Go inside and see what the condition of your wife is, who is standing in the ice-cold water." She was absorbed in Simran and had forgotten that she was standing in the water.

We all took tea along with Master and felt like family members sitting together, everyone looking towards the head of the family. Master held a little Satsang there and stressed to make the best use of the time with the Master. Next day we all had to go to the Master for meditation.

Before the meditation I felt that Master wanted to give something to everybody, and when after the meditation Master asked about the experience, all had got an experience except one girl. Master asked her, "Did you also put in time last night?" She said that she had gone to a distant place and was very tired, so that she could not put in time. Master told her, "Do you think that I have come over here to enjoy a holiday? Wherever I go my purpose does not change. My thoughts are potent with my children, I must see development in their daily life."

Next day there was initiation. Master asked each one of us. That girl had a beautiful experience since she had repented her ignorance. Master asked my wife as how much time she put in for meditation. She was very happy and answered, "Yes Master, thirteen hours a day (above body-consciousness)." Master said, "I am not happy." She requested, "Master, then I should not pass my night like a dead person." Master told her, "It is possible, provided you don't explain the experience to others." She replied, "Master, definitely I will tell it. If the disciple does not tell about the competency of his Master, then who will tell?" Master was happy to hear that and gladly accepted, "No problem, my Master will bless you."



Sant Kirpal Singh in Kashmir, July 1973

I had asked many questions and each time I asked Master, "I have another question." Master said, "You may put one hundred and one." Next day we were going with Master on a road along the river and stopped at a certain place. He asked all of us to move a little bit, if they wanted so. Master became very sad there and said, "That was the place which my Hazur once visited, and there were the same two crows which you see sitting on the same tree."

The man who earns and spends in the world dies and comes again and again in the world, whereas Master did ever live for others and served others and helped all others to serve God, as there is only one way to release from the bondage of the mind and matter: to serve beyond mind and matter so that the effect of mind and matter may not arrest your attention in the world. Where your attention is, there you must go.

Master's work serves the soul to transcend through learning and yearning. The selfless service further brings devotion and detachment in the disciple.

Harbhajan Singh

Manav Kendra – Dehra Dun

Manav Kendra is situated near Dehra Dun at the foothills of the Himalaya and was meant as a Man-Making Centre

When the time of Manav Kendra came, it was not fully decided about the site. Some people said, “Master, this is a beautiful place”, others said, “No, Master, that site is more beautiful.” Others said, “Master, I have seen one place, you would like it.” Then we went there. Master said, “I send two persons from me and they have to select the place.” So Master gave us His car and the driver. He said, “You two go alone there and see all places they tell about, the driver knows them all.”

The driver took us to the three places, and when we came back, Master asked, “Which place have you se-

lected?” We said, “Master, we have not selected any place. We have seen that You are the one who has to select it. Nobody can do that.” Master said, “After all, what did you experience?” We answered, “Master, we went to every site, and it was very hot weather. But when we went to that place (where now Manav Kendra is situated), immediately it started raining there. So we think that Baba Sawan Singh was there.” Master said, “He was there. Do you know whose place it was? It was from Guru Gobind Singh. He stayed there for one night.”

Harbhajan Singh

Sant Kirpal Singh in front of Manav Kendra, 1970







Above: Sant Kirpal Singh's residence at Manav Kendra

Above left: Sarovar at Manav Kendra

Centre left: Fathers' Home at Manav Kendra

Centre far left: Manav Kendra Hospital

Below left: Manav Kendra Library

Below far left: Manav Kendra Guesthouse

Manav Kendra, situated near Dehra Dun at the foothills of the Himalaya, was meant as a Man-Making Centre, including several facilities serving the poor and the needy.

There exists a Sarovar, a library for a comparative study of all religions, a hospital for the needy and sick, a fathers' home for the old and poor, a school, a common kitchen, and a beautiful open stage for Sat-sang.

Seva At Manav Kendra

Those who are selected to work in His Mission are selected by His grace. It is not everybody who is selected to work in His Mission or who are brought into closer contact with Him, He places that person in a position where he can serve God directly, either at His home or in His Mission. This is His grace, so only he can serve God or the God-in-man whom God Himself wishes.

It is all His grace that induces one to come nearer to Him. Those who have been selected for that purpose are most fortunate. Sometimes we are selected for a certain purpose and we think that we are the master of the service that is given to us. The little ego within us naturally asserts. This is not service.

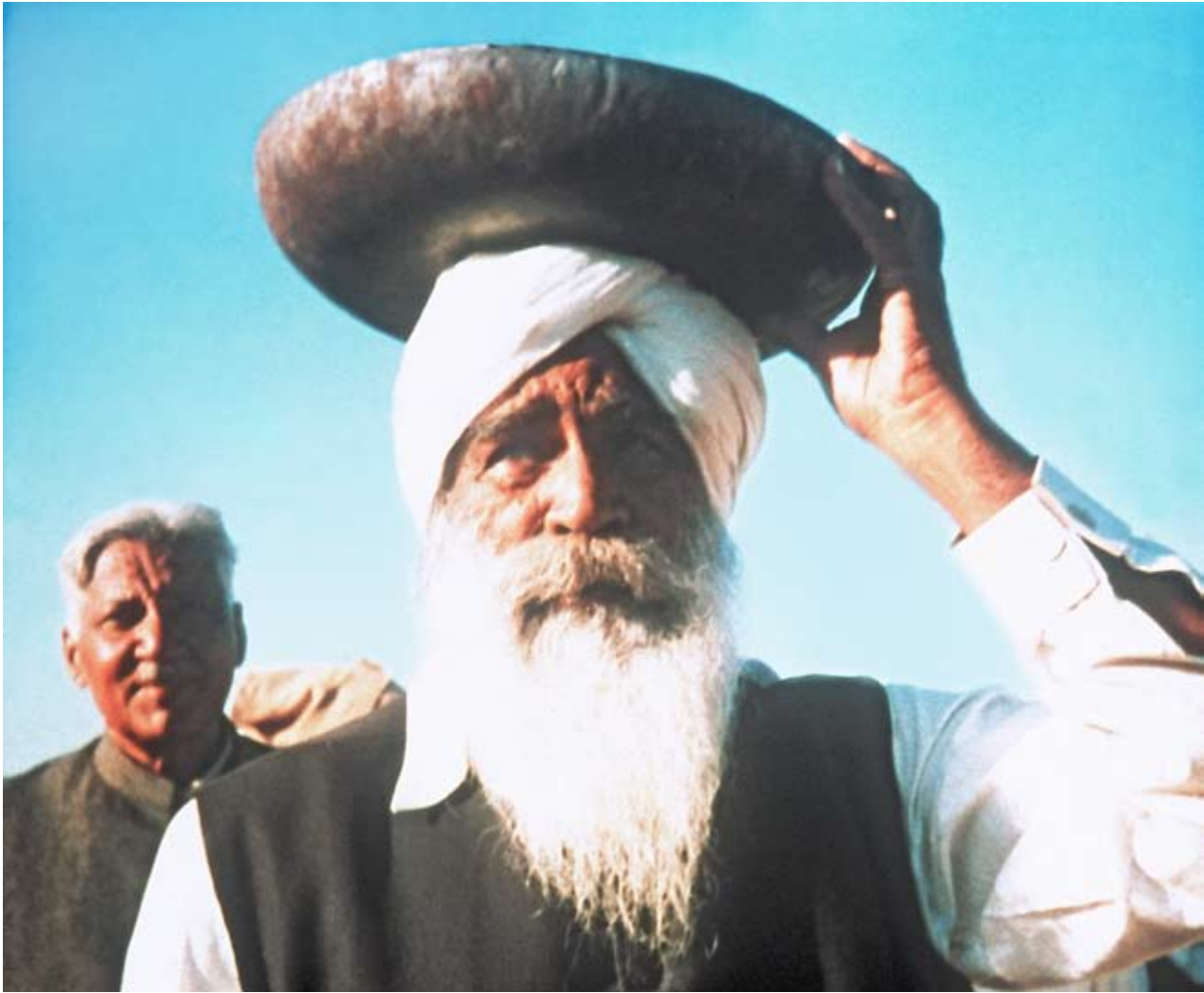
The service of the Master is to carry out the work as the Master wishes it. That alone can be called a service with which the Master is pleased, all others not. There should be selfless service always. So those who have been selected for the service of the Master, in one way or the other, to carry on His work here or anywhere under His direct supervision, are most fortunate.

If we want to serve God or the God-in-man, it can be done only through His grace and if He wishes it. Nobody else can do it. If one has been selected to work for the Master, it is God's grace. When you are selected for one purpose, then do it joyously, quietly,

lovingly, selflessly. Thank God that you have been selected for that job, that you have been included in the arrangement to carry on His work. It is His grace.

You should be true to the Master within you. When you see that He is within you, you will be afraid to do anything wrong, which is against His wishes, whether you are in His presence or in His absence. If you carry on in that way, you will be thinking of the Master and the result will be, "As you think, so you become". By and by you will find that "It is He who is working in me and not I". Saint Paul said that "It is I, not now I, it is Christ who lives in me". This is the ultimate goal. So those who are selected to carry on the work of the service under the Master have God's grace upon them. They should be thankful that they have been given that service. Any service done at the will and pleasure of the Master, in which there is no self assertion, bears forth ample fruit. When you give service to such a God-in-man, naturally you will be compensated. What compensation will He give you? He will first free you from the world and then unite you with God forever.

Right: Sant Kirpal Singh working at Manav Kendra



The most important thing about education is its relation to life. 'Knowledge without action is empty as a shadow.' Education is not a withered parchment but the 'Living Water of the Spirit'. The school should be a home of teachers and students who reflect in their studies, and on the playground and in their daily lives, the cherished virtue of humility. Till our knowledge enables us to imbibe the noble things of life, it has not served its purpose.

Sant Kirpal Singh

Once in Dehra Dun, Master got one playground from the school for Satsang. There the food was served on big leaves of trees, which in India are used as plates if there is a big rush of people. Sometimes these leaves are leaking or fall to the ground, and it is very slippery. About 1000 people took the food but very few persons took away those leaves so that all were lying there.

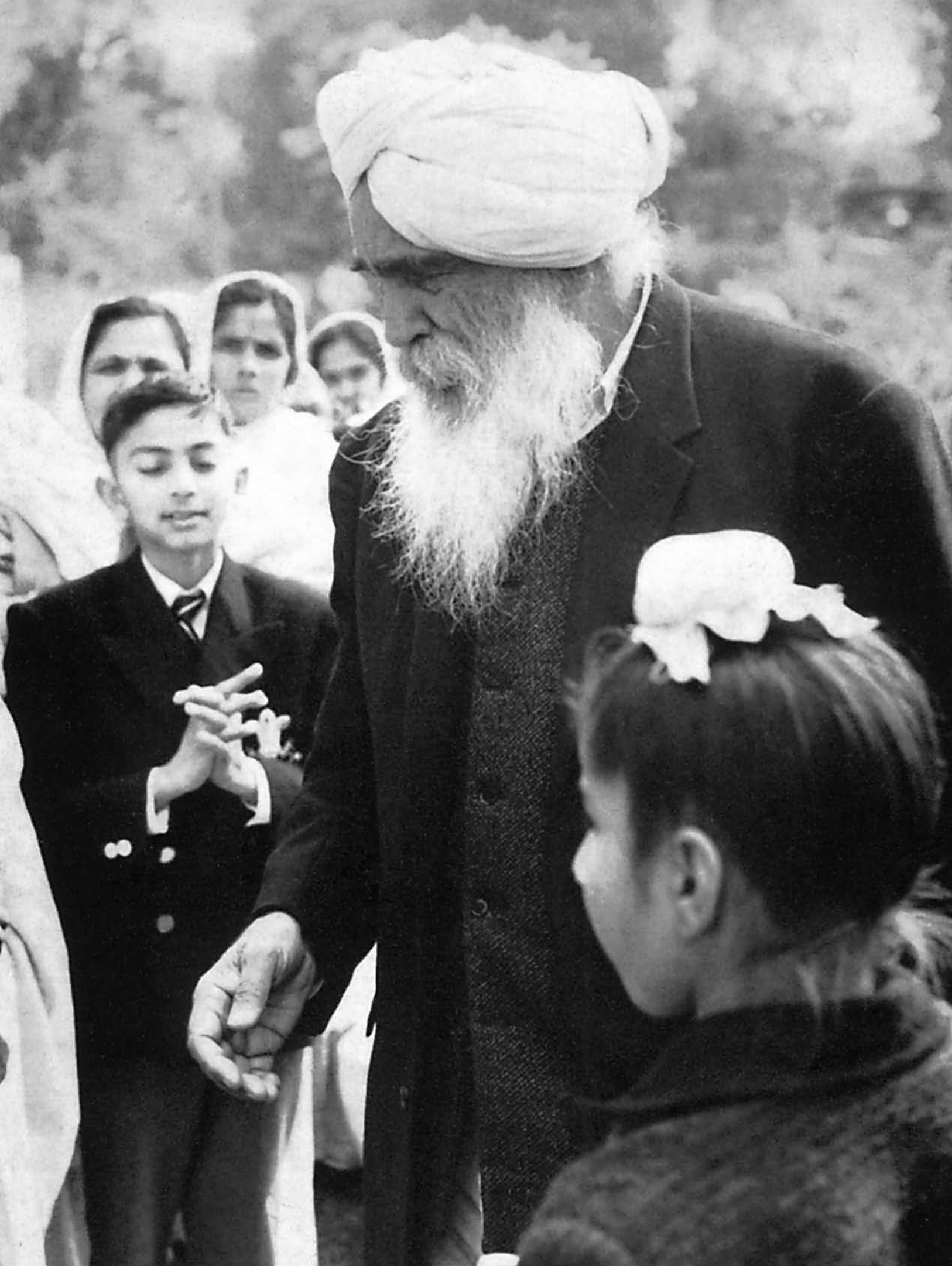
Master got up at two o' clock. Though we both were knowing that Master would come up, we never knew that Master was to go on this playground. Master went straightway there and then started to pick up

all these scattered leaves. We said, "Master, it is not Your duty." Master replied, "When no one is responsible, at least I am responsible. Tomorrow the children will come, and if any child will fall and get some fracture, the discredit goes to the Master or to whom?" I said, "Yes, the discredit then goes to You, but we will do that job." So we started with it.

This is responsibility. Master was waiting who would become responsible. Since no one felt responsible, Master had to come there.

Harbhajan Singh

Right: Sant Kirpal Singh at Manav Kendra





When Master wanted to start with Manav Kendra, He said, “First people from Amritsar and Chandigarh will come and start the work there, and thereafter other people from all over India will follow.”

So first of all, right in the beginning, we had to go to Manav Kendra. When we reached there and I had just started to work, Master gave out the message, “Send the Doctor back to me!” When I came there, Master said, “Keep sitting here.” So I was sitting for a while, but then Master lay down and I saw that Master was taking rest now. Therefore I again went back to work. After some time I returned to Master

and He said, “I told you to sit here, why did you go there?” I answered, “Master, there is so much work to be done.” Then I went there again and started once more to work, but my heart was palpitating so much as if it would go out of my body. The pulse was so fast that I could not stand on my legs. It was a very hot day. I went back to Master. He was sitting on the chair, while I was lying on the grass. It took only maybe five to ten minutes till my condition became normal again. Then Master said, “My orders are more important than duties. If I say something, you should obey.” I said, “Master, I only knew that there is very much work and I must do it.” Master said, “I am sick,



you know?" I answered, "Yes." – "Your duty is only to sit by me and talk with me. Many doctors come but I will not take any medicine unless you recommend it. So this is also a very big work. Therefore, when you come, you should only stay with me. You have nothing to do there." I did not think that it was not my duty to work there, I thought I must do it with my own hands.

So duty is of different essence. Even this was a duty – to remain with Master and watch everything. Some people used to stress Master. Some doctors told Him, "Master, I have brought a very good medicine, You

must take this medicine." So I was also very careful about all that. I never knew why Master said that, but there was an essence in it, and so I used to stay with Him. Later on I simply had to stay with Master and was only doing little work which Master wanted me to do. Maybe I brought some books for the Master or some water, or did something else for Him, many such types of work. But at the time of Master most of the work was only with Master. **Harbhajan Singh**

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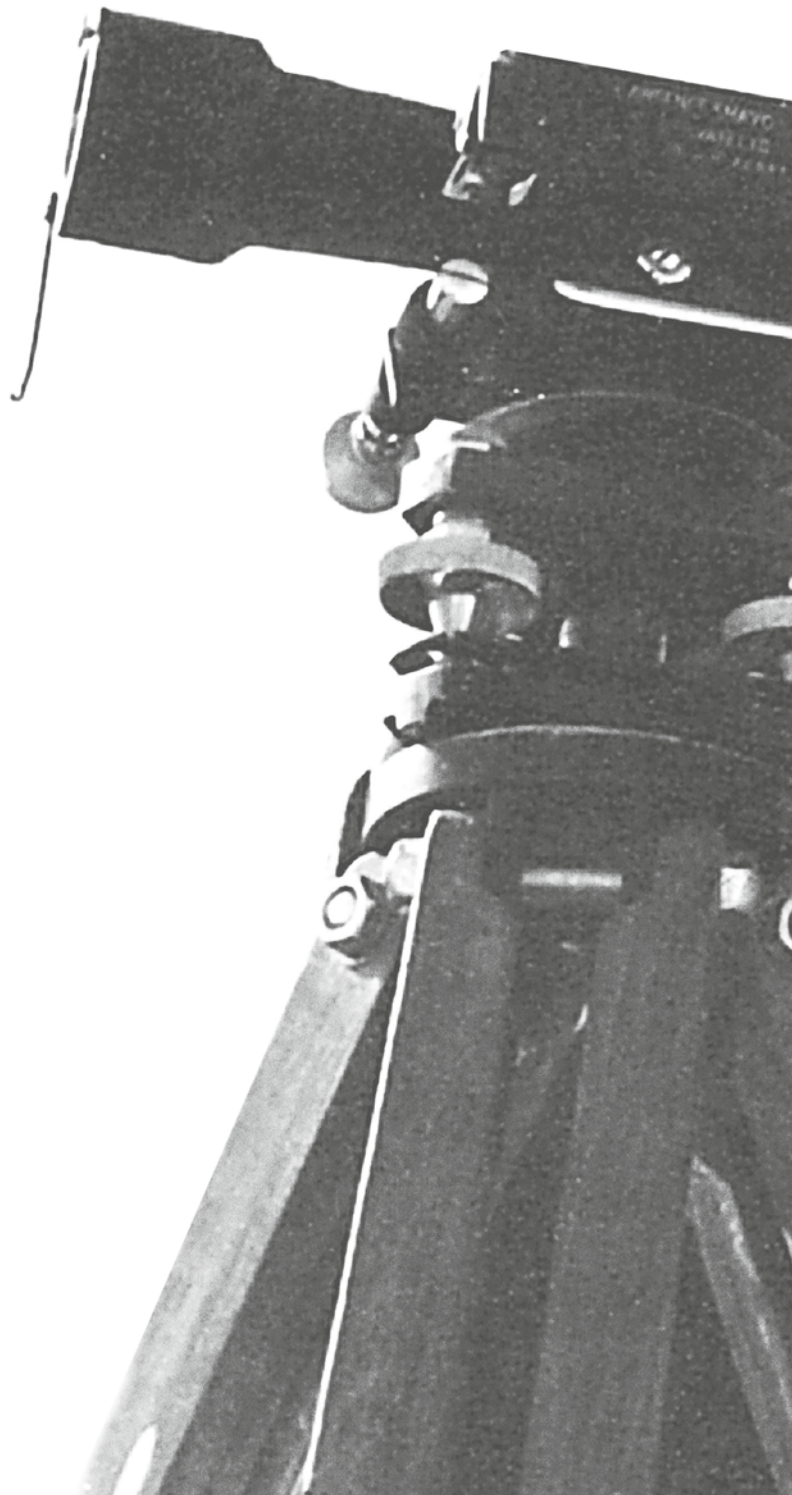
Sant Kirpal Singh with disciples doing selfless service at Manav Kendra – among them Dr. Harbhajan Singh (with shovel) and his wife Surinder Kaur

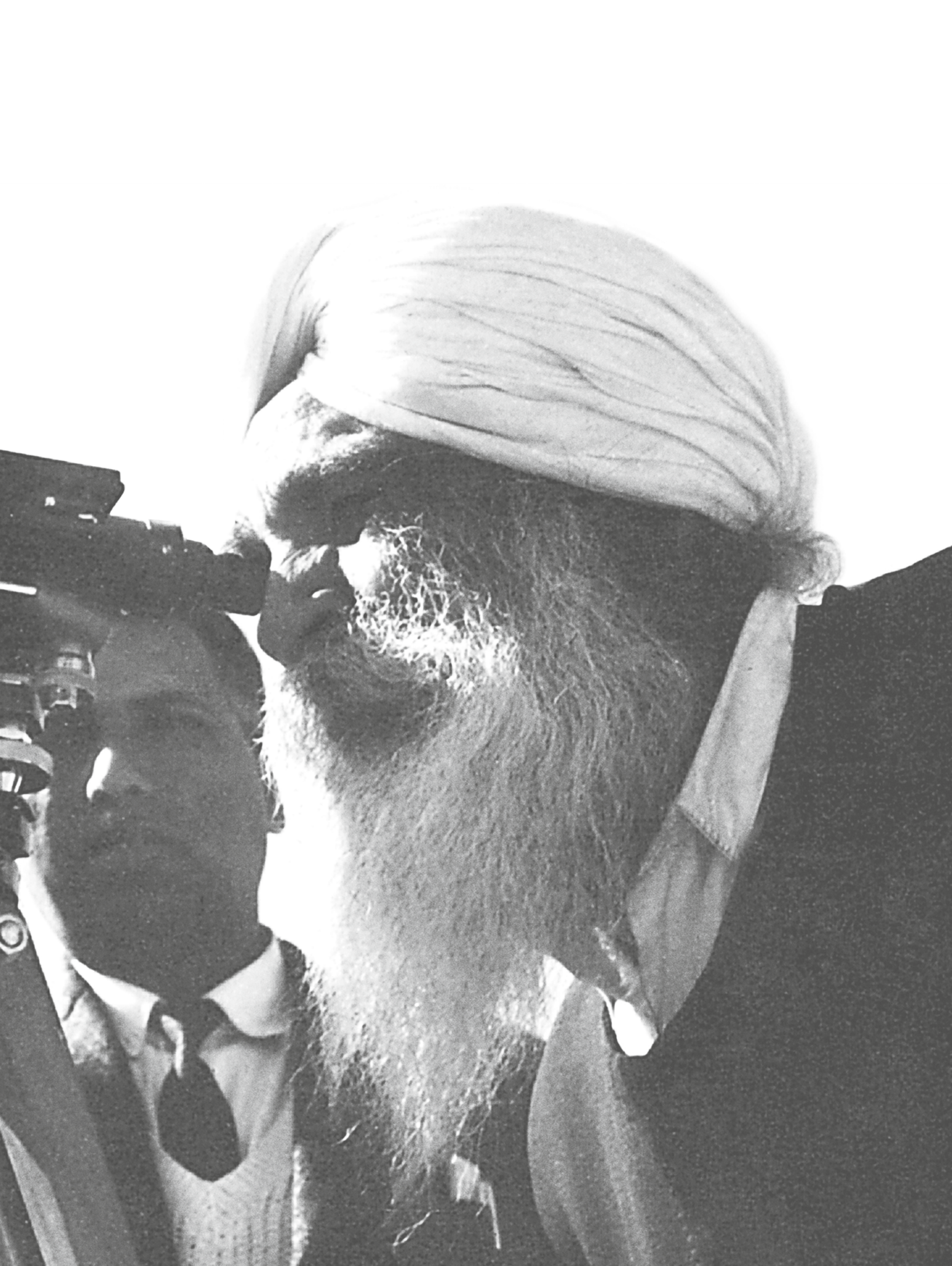


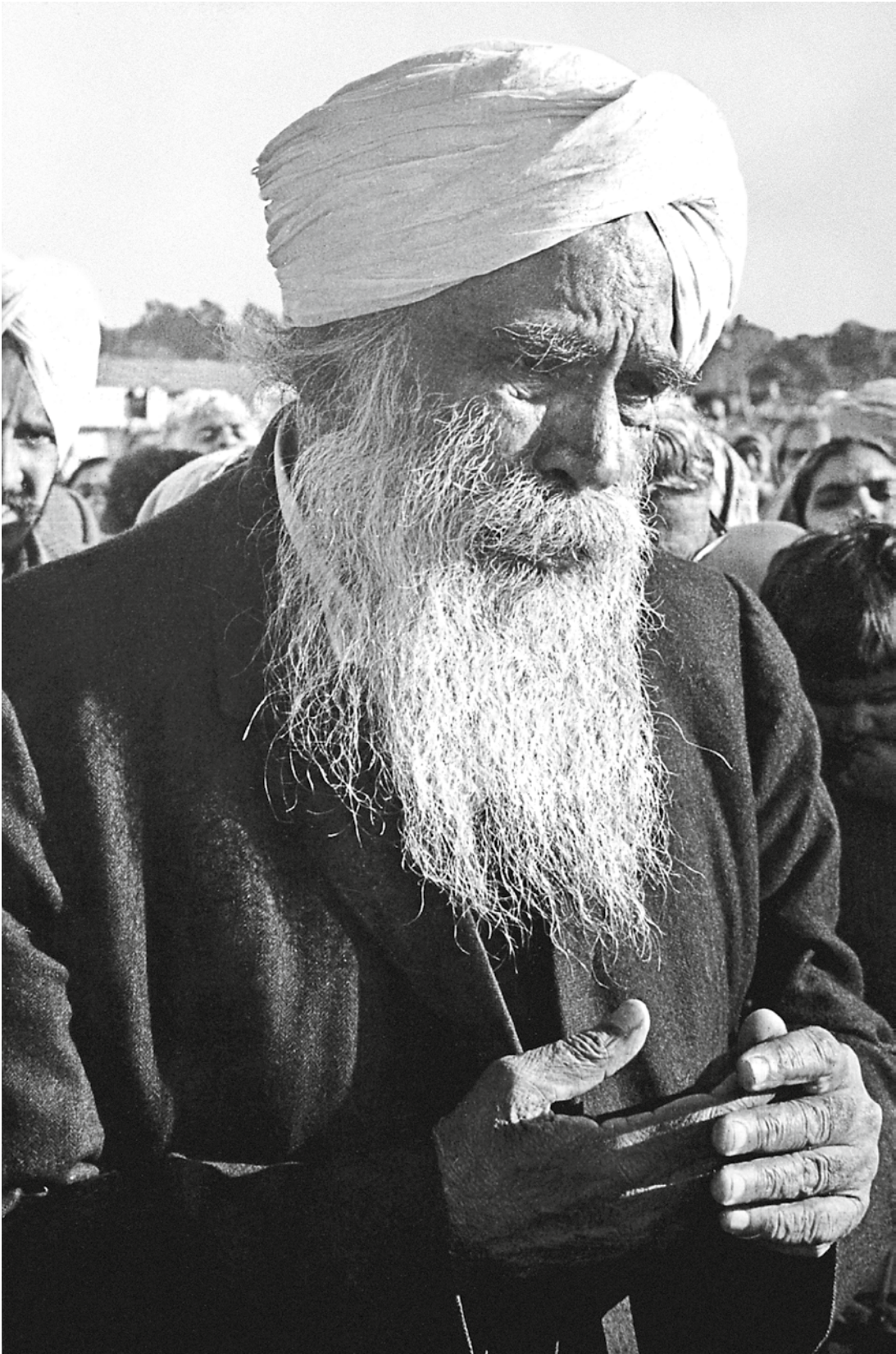
Sant Kirpal Singh distributing chapaties to
workers at Manav Kendra



Sant Kirpal Singh surveying at Manav Kendra, April 1970







Under His Protection

The days before the war between India and Pakistan started, we were also in Dehra Dun. There the selfless service was going on. When Master wanted to go to Delhi, all of the Sangat said that there was a danger and that they had left their children at home and we should get leave from the Master and also return home since we did not know when Master would come back.

I requested the Master, “Master, can there also be some problem in Amritsar, because Amritsar is the city which is close to the Pakistan border?” Master said, “Yes, there will be big bombs.” I said, “Master, we are not afraid of the bombs. We are the disciples of a great Master.” Master said, “Nothing will happen, don’t worry.”

Then all people wanted to ask Master when the war would start there. India is having some thousand kilometres border with Pakistan. But it had not yet started there, it was in Kashmir.

Master said, “It is His will. The armies do not fight before it is decided on the higher planes, only thereafter the war can start. And it also stops with His wish. When the two forces, positive and negative power decide, and if there is no option, then it starts.”

Then I asked, “Master, people want to ask, when it will be?” We never asked such a thing from the Master. Master said, “You should sit in meditation and ask that Power, He will tell you the very exact time and also the time when it will finish.” It was very loveable from Master’s side.

I said, “Master, simply give us roughly some date, so that we can go there.” Master said that the Masterpower inside could exactly give the date and the time when this war would start. When my wife was sitting in meditation, the Masterpower told within that it could break out between the second and the third December. When we were back to Amritsar, Master said within, “In the evening it will start at half past

six.” Exactly at that time the first bomb exploded. Then the Masterpower told us, “It will last only eight days, not more.” He also gave the date and the time when it would stop.

When the bombs were exploding there, this whole area was vacated. But I declared in the Satsang, “There is no need to leave home. Nothing will happen. Only take protective measures, outer protection is also a must.” So from our whole village nobody went (there were four villages which altogether formed one village). But in the morning many people used to visit our house, and I asked, “Why do you come to our house?” They said, “We simply come to see if you are there. If you leave the village, then we also will leave.” I said, “Why are you so confident about us?” They said, “Your Master is very competent. Whatever you tell that always becomes true.” I said, “This is why I always tell the words of the Master and never tell anything from my own side.”

So during this whole time people experienced the Master, they saw the Master while in meditation, how He was controlling the whole situation on the border, and there used to be much smoke or this or that.

Master physically was sick during that time, His throat was fully choked and He always used to take gargles with some liquid. One person was in Delhi, which is nearly six hundred kilometres away from the border, and told that Master said there, “It is so much smoke, it is suffocating, I feel choking.”

So it means, this whole burden of the earth, the whole sin of the world, that is carried away by the Grace of the Master.

Harbhajan Singh

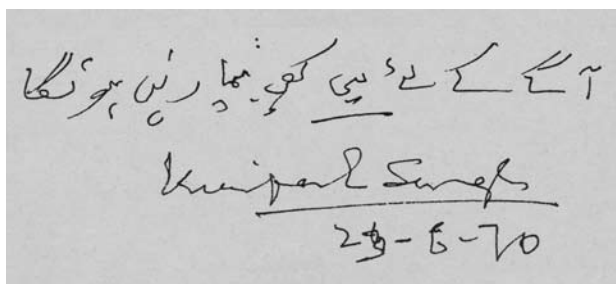
Master's Sickness

People always said, "The Master is the personified Word form, what can happen to Him?" But Master had to bear everything on the physical body, layers upon layers of karmical reaction of His disciples. Dr. Harbhajan Singh was always very much worried regarding Master's health. The handwritten note below He got from Master during a visit in Chandigarh.

Master got sick while He was in Chandigarh. I was very sad, since I felt that the continuous suffering of the Master would put us into gloom one day. I

"Master, You write, 'I will not fall sick again.'" Master happily wrote it down.

could not help weeping in a separate room. Master, while sitting with lots of people, asked, "Where is Harbhajan Singh?" I went to the Master. Master asked, "Why do you remain unhappy? Tell me, what you want from Him!" I said, "Master, never had I any other wish than that You bless us with Your physical glamour, and that You are blessing us for a long, long period." He told then, "I can write for that, but you should be happy." Master asked to bring me paper and said, "Tell, what should I write?" I asked, "Master, You write, 'I will not fall sick again.'" Master happily wrote it down. But later on I felt something, and I



"I will not fall sick again." Kirpal Singh 23-6-70

Original handwriting in Urdu from Sant Kirpal Singh

went to the Master and asked further, "Master, write that I will not be physically sick again." He said, "I will not write this, since I am not the physical body."

For some years Master had pains in His whole body. He used homeopathic medicine off and on to cure the pains, but slowly the pains got stronger. Master also suffered from cough and bad cold together and from a mild enlargement of prostate gland, too. Doctors administered various medicines, but Master could never get right.

Master asked me to search for a good medicine, but before choosing the medicine I asked Master, "Do You suffer from rheumatic pains?" He said, "No." – "Do You suffer from any muscular or local pain?" – "No." – "Do You feel comfortable after rest?" – "No," He said, "After rest I am more restless, and it pains heavily." I asked, "Master, is it right that the Master-power when taking rest materializes and manifests in thousand forms and performs His inner and outer work, a work which no one else can do?" Master told me that He must go wherever a disciple does something wrong and that He has to bear the consequences thereof.

In 1963 Master was asked in the USA, "Will there be a third world war?" Master said, "Father cannot see His children dying." I further said, "Master, Your one disciple who meditates sees You working for all human beings. Throughout the world You go to clear the black clouds of hatred and wrath. That disciple saw You many times in a smoky and firelike atmosphere within." Master replied, "This is right. Master has to bear all that on His shoulders." Master told me further, "You know my disease and you can search a medicine."

I consulted some doctors and treated Master by a ten-injection-course that I continued to inject on alternate days. Master was then in Dehra Dun. I performed my duties in my hospital up to 12:00 a.m., then got a train from Amritsar to Ambala and from Ambala to Saharanpur. Thereafter I took a taxi, and after 9 to 10 hours I came to Master to give Him an injection. This was my regular routine till nine injections were given.

That day there were many brothers and sisters from the West in Dehra Dun, and Master was having a heart-to-heart talk with them. Master called me there, and lovingly told to all brothers and sisters, "Here, look at a foolish doctor who does not believe in other doctors, and travels nearly one thousand kilometers to give me an injection. Well, look here, now you don't come again for injection!" I bowed down and said, "Well, Master, for that purpose I won't come." But on the alternate day I arrived at 11:30 p.m., since the train got late. Master was still busy replying letters. He looked at me and said, "Again you came to-

"Your Master is very sick at Dehra Dun. Go to Delhi.."

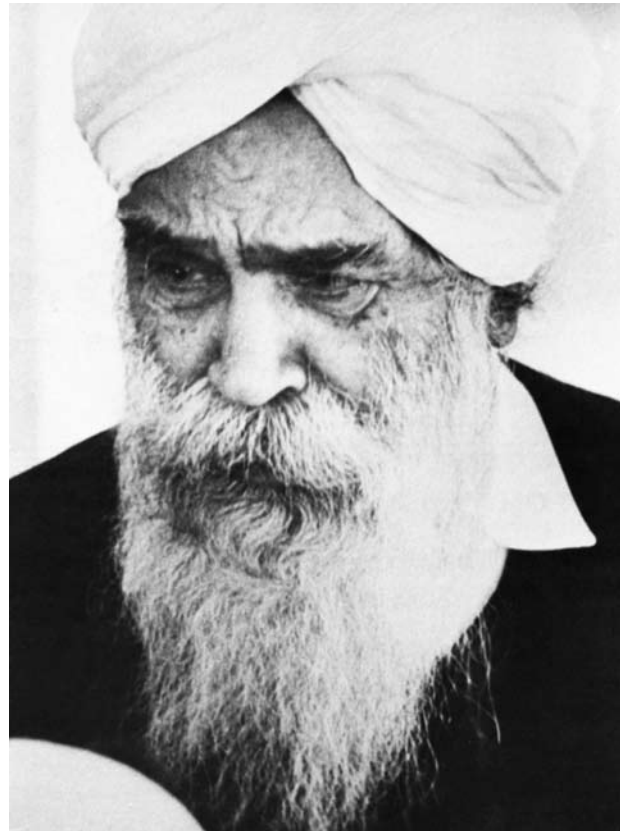
night?" I replied, "Master, not for injection." Master said, "Why then?" I answered, "I have come to see whether You already got the injection or not." Master looking into my eyes with gracious attention said, "Due to much work I forgot." I gave the injection and begged leave, but Master told me, "Tonight I won't let you go." I said, "Master, I must reach there tomorrow in the morning because of a severe case in my hospital."

The way to Saharanpur leads through the forests. Master told the taxi driver, "This is my child, whom I love very much. Take him up to the train compartment and come back and tell me about the departure of the train. I will pay you the money for coming and going."

While I was in Amritsar, Baba Jaimal Singh appeared to my wife Surinder Kaur within and told her, "Your Master is very sick at Dehra Dun. Go to Delhi." Along with my wife I rushed to Delhi and found the Master in a very critical condition. Master's abdomen was full of water. I asked, "Master, how do you feel?" Master, looking at my wife, asked, "Who met you within and what did He tell you about?" She told Him that she met Baba Jaimal Singh Ji and Baba Sawan Singh Ji. Baba Jaimal Singh said, "Kirpal Singh is taking allopathic medicine with which He won't get alright. He needs further treatment." Master asked, "Did Hazur Baba Sawan Singh speak?" She answered, "No,

He did not speak anything." Master said, "Yes, this is right."

I came to know through Taiji that in spite of many requests Master did not take any medicine. I asked for the reason, and Taiji told me that Master insisted to go. He preferred to go than to stay, as something had happened in Manav Kendra which was contrary to the teaching.



Sant Kirpal Singh, 17 July, 1970 India

I requested Master to take the medicine, but rejecting my request, Master said, "I would not take it, even if God would tell me." Hearing these words, my condition became like that of an ailing patient suffering from a non-curable disease. Seeing my condition, Master said, "Only tomorrow after 8:00 a.m. I would take it, not before." (Master had determined to go back. The decision within was pending till 8:00 a.m.) One day, while giving the intravenous injection, the doctor could not find the proper vein. Then I requested the doctor, "The vein is visible to me, can I do it?"

Master at once told the doctor, "Yes, he is also a doctor, let him inject." I injected and took out the needle, while Master asked, "For how long will it take you to inject?" I said, "Master, it is already injected." Holding my hand, Master loveably said, "We will start an eye-hospital in our home, where we will operate both, the outer and the inner eye."

The same very day Master asked all to have a meeting in the evening. Many relatives, Master's own family-members, and some disciples gathered for the meeting at Sawan Ashram, Delhi. Master said, "This disease is a gift to me from your side. This is not from me. Now you decide what you want." (The Master bears the reactions of the disciple's bad deeds which he commits after initiation and Master takes them upon His own physical body.) The doctors explained that there were two methods to cure the disease: The first was the direct injection of medicines with a rate of success not more than 60 to 70 percent; the second method was the operation. So all said, "Master, we favour the operation, not the other way of treatment." Master replied, "My Master also suffered from this disease, but He did not survive. Yes, you can also try." (Note: Master is sent in the world by God. He leaves the physical body of His own will.) Master further

ion, and we all must follow in accordance with Your opinion." Then I requested, "We want full assurance before You go for operation." Master closed His eyes for a moment, then opened His eyes and said, "Don't worry, I will be fully alright."

On 16 June, Master was admitted in Dr. Mahajan's Hospital in Delhi for the operation. The Doctor gave Master injections to make Him unconscious, but it did not effect. Master asked, "Why don't you perform the operation?" The Doctor replied, "It is only possible after the effect of the anaesthesia." Master said, "Who is conscious can never be made unconscious." Master closed His eyes and told him, "Well, do what you want to do." The operation was performed successfully. Then just when the operation had been performed, Master opened His eyes.

The surgeon in charge was amazed, how a man could return to his senses while under so much anaesthesia. He said, "I saw Your greatness on the operation table. From now onward I come to You as a devotee."

"Don't worry, I will be fully alright."

told, "Those who favour the operation should raise their hand." Except me, all raised their hand in favour of the operation. Master asked me, "Why don't you raise your hand?" Master further said, "Who asks him, if he does not favour the operation." Taiji said, "He is also from the Sangat", and Master sought my opinion.

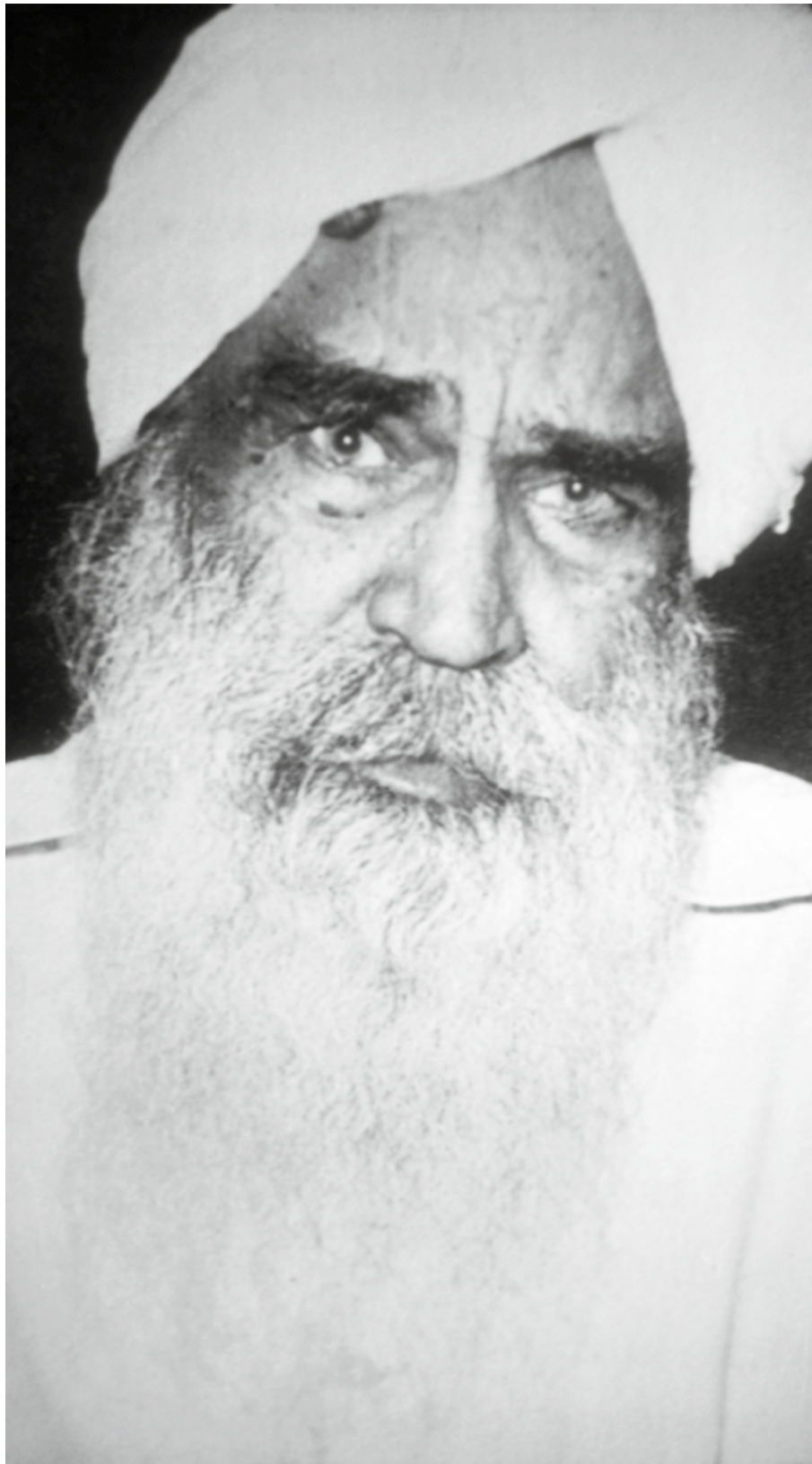
I said, "Master, I have one question." Master said, "Yes, tell!" I asked, "Master, when You do certain important work, do You do it Yourself or do You also get the suggestion or permission from Your Master?" Master very loveably replied, "For every matter my Master suggests me." Then I requested, "You are to suggest us, and not we You! Sitting here, we are not more than cobblers. We see You from the physical level." Further I requested, "Master, You give Your opin-

"If you think I am ill,
you should correct
that thought at once.

I am not ill, only the
body had to endure
and that endurance is
nearly finished."

Sant Kirpal Singh

1 August, 1971



After The Operation

Back in the room Master's blood-pressure went so down that the doctor started to give a lot of injections, but it was of no use. Sometimes they thought that Master soon would leave the body. Master withdrew from the body-consciousness and the doctor mistook it for a serious problem.

Taiji sent a message to me. I was in the next room, and at once I came. Master raising His both hands above said that Guru Gobind Singh told Him, "Be healthy soon! Your children working in Manav Kendra remember You and await Your arrival." Even during the operation Master's attention was with His children, who were doing selfless service in Manav Kendra.

Dr. Mahajan and two nurses were invited into the Ashram, where a thousand disciples gathered to welcome the Master.

Master's son gave a short introduction to, and a very few words of praise for Dr. Mahajan. He concluded by saying how grateful everyone was to him for the success of the operation and the recovery of the Master, but the Master corrected this by saying, "We are grateful to God and Baba Sawan Singh, for it was God who worked through him, and by His Grace everything was all right." (Sat Sandesh, September, 1971)

After the operation Master was affected by hospital organism and became resistant to all medicines. The



doctor advised some medicines which were not available in India, but they could be arranged overnight from USA. After a few days, He became resistant to that medicine, too. The doctor advised another medicine which was arranged at the earliest from London. After a few days He again became resistant.

Master, since back in the Ashram, started to attend some people and used to be very tired. All this had a bad effect on His health. Master said, "Medicine is

"Since you are a God's doctor, you might be knowing my heart."

for worldly people and there is no medicine for me. That no one can understand." At last, I requested the Master, "There is one of my good friends and I wanted some suggestion from Your Good Self", which Master happily accepted to reply. I said, "He is also suffering from the same disease which You are suffering from, but he cannot afford medicine. It will be too good, if You advise some medicines for him."

Master replied, "Better he should take tea with lemon on empty stomach nearly for a week's time and my Master will bless him." Soon I went to the kitchen and prepared tea with lemon. It was early in the morning and Master was with empty stomach. When I brought it to Master, I told Him, "It was for You. Who can be more dear to me than You?" Master's eyes burst with tears and He took the tea which He continued to take for a fortnight, and Master got fully alright.

Since it was too long for us to stay with Master, Master wanted to send us back to work. We had left our two children being 11 and 13 years old. My father and other family members living beside our house asked the children also to quit the house and follow us, and they made ugly remarks against us.

My son asked his sister, "Sit in meditation and ask Master to send our parents." Master appeared and said, "Tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. your father and mother



Having got the news of the successful operation Dr. Harbhajan Singh and his wife Surinder Kaur happily agreed to be taken on a picture

will take tea with you." As per His order from within we got ready and went to Master to beg leave. Happily we agreed to go since Master's health was normal. Seeing us, Master asked, "Why do you want to go? I won't let you go." I answered, "No, we must go!" Master again said two, three times, "I will not allow you to go."

Then Master agreed and said, "Since you are a God's doctor, you might be knowing my heart. Better you check the heart before going." I went near, and Master raised His right arm and told me, "You can check my heart." I said, "Master, Your heart is on the other side." – "Oh, you know, where my heart is?" There was really no problem with His heart, it was a matter of attraction and love. While checking, He very softly whispered in my ear, "The children remember you. You must go back."

Sant Kirpal Singh's first darshan after the operation, 11 July, 1971



At this darshan on the verandah of the hospital the visitors from overseas (at left) were allowed to come closer

These words were spoken by Sant Kirpal Singh from the verandah of the hospital to the disciples on 11 July, 1971:

„I am so pleased to see you all, and I thank those who have come from far to be here. The sickness which was there has now been cured, and I thank Dr. Mahajan for his help – he is not here at present. The remaining one percent adjustment is being made.

My Hazur has accomplished a good deal of service through me up to now, and I can tell you there is much more yet to be done in the future. I request you all to lead a good life from now on – a chaste life – especially those who live in our ashrams. I know you try – but now really do it! I have great love for you. I know you also have love for me, but perhaps you do not realize the extent of my love for you.“



Many disciples wanted to see Sant Kirpal Singh sitting on the verandah outside His room in the nursing home, Delhi

As we had to go back to Amritsar, soon Master sent His car and His driver and asked Darshan Singh to go along with us to the railway station. On the way we told him, "Today you said something contrary to the teaching. Since the coming and going is in His hand, Masterpower having sympathy with His children takes lots of their karmas on His own shoulders." He felt his ignorance and said that in future he would be careful and conscious about such matters.

Even after recovery from the illness Master had some chest problem which remained for a long time. A doctor suggested a medicine to cure the chest problem. This medicine brought a severe reaction. Master was unable even to move from the bed. The Doctor said that this reaction might cease very slowly and it could take some weeks to finish. Taiji sent a message to me, "Master suffers from a severe reaction of a medicine, so come soon!"



Sant Kirpal Singh holding Satsang in Sawan Ashram after operation – Dr. Harbhajan Singh standing far left

Along with Inderpal Singh I reached Delhi early in the morning. Seeing the condition of the Master I returned to my room and felt very uneasy. Master sent for me. He asked me, “Why are you upset and so worried?” I replied, “Master, never we demand anything from You. Whatever You give, You give it with Your wish. At least, we wish to see You all the time in hale and healthy condition.” Master asked, “What more do you want?” I answered, “Master, I want You should at least sit and talk with all of us.” – “Oh, this is very easy, no problem.” Master told me, “Put your hand on the back of my head and raise my head very slowly.” I did so, and Master soon could sit in the bed. “Yes, is this what you want?” – “No, Master, I want that You should stand at least.” Master said, “Put your hand on my back and help me to stand up slowly.” I did so. Master asked, “Is this what you want?” “No, Master, I want You to walk.” Master caught hold of my back and slowly, slowly started to walk and then

came back to His bed. Master said, “Is this enough of what You want?” I answered, “No, now You make a little heart-to-heart talk.” And He did so. Ah, how beautiful it was with Him that time!

Harbhajan Singh

Right: Sant Kirpal Singh's arrival
at Sawan Ashram 14 July, 1971



I know you have been waiting to see me, and are happy to do so after so long; but I am more happy to see you.

You have been listening to the recorded talk; to hear the Master's voice is a great blessing, but to see Him, to have the radiation from His presence, and to enjoy His words as they actually flow from His physical form, is a greater blessing.

The above words were spoken by Sant Kirpal Singh on the first Sunday after His return from the nursing home. A large number of people gathered at Sawan Ashram for the usual Sunday morning Sat-sang and listened to one of the Master's talks from a recorded tape, then Sant Kirpal Singh Himself came out to speak a few words.



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