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## Teachings of Guru Nanak : A Historical Perspective

Dr. Harpreet Kaur

The contribution of the Sikh religion in preserving the glory of the Indian spiritual tradition and diversities stands unparalleled and thinkers like Toynbee believed that Sikh religion had a potential of ushering in a new higher civilization.

Guru Nanak, the Founder of the Sikh Faith is a saint, prophet, philosopher and mystic who laid grounds for affirmation of the spiritual and moral values, championed the cause of service to the exploited and vulnerable sections of the society, established philosophy of oneness of God, fervently opposed outmoded traditions and guided masses to elevate themselves from all parochialism, fanaticism, dogmas, casteism, hatred, divisions etc. Guru Nanak was a visionary who envisioned a world society and eliminated all sorts of differences segregating the society into static regimentation and ardently opposed the redundant traditions that provide a boost to such disapproving distinctions. This universal and non-sectarian gospel of Guru Nanak laid a foundation of new distinctive faith. "Among all the saints of medieval India, Guru Nanak stands out as the only one to speak of the brotherhood of all men, irrespective of caste, colour, sex or creed" (*Singh, Jodh Dr., 1983*). The uniqueness of the philosophy of Guru Nanak stands in his viewpoint that the concerns man, state and society have been merged into the otherworldly concerns of man.