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Introduction

Guru Nanak Dev preached basic principles of humanity that later took the form of a new distinctive faith. The universal vision of Guru Nanak elucidates a world society eliminating all sorts of differences and dissensions. The regressive tendencies and redundant traditions of the society were challenged by Him and an alternative order was proposed by the Guru that was assimilative. Guru Nanak was called as the guide of the people of the world and says, "*Jahar Pir Jagat Gur Baba*". The religious and socio-economic philosophy of Guru Nanak is futuristic having strong reflections of desired values of the modern society. The love and faith in One God, equality of mankind, opposition to superstition and fanaticism, disagreement with caste differences etc. were visible right from the early life of Guru Nanak and his entire life has been an expression of the celestial and universal values setting him on a higher pedestal amongst various religious reformers. "For, no one in India ever has been so cosmic in the quality of his mind as Guru Nanak. He is the whole moral nature incarnate. He is not a speech nor a song, but a moral cosmos. He is the whole spirit" (*Singh, Puran, 1999*).

After a long and arduous journey to eradicate prevalent evils and for purging humanity, the Guru spent approximately last two decades of his life at Kartarpur. The prevalent path of

