

Sikh Views: Oneness of Humanity, Peace and the Environment



"Creating the world, God has made it a place to practice spirituality."
(Guru Granth Sahib, page 1035.)

"To be a Sikh is to accept the Will of God and remain as "pure" or "natural" as possible and not to work against the Laws of Nature."

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"The Creator created himself.....And created all creation in which he is manifest. You Yourself, the water, desert, ocean and the pond. You Yourself are the big tortoise and the cause of causes. Your form cannot be known."

- Guru Granth Sahib, page 1016

The importance of Air, Water and Earth to life are emphasized over and over again in the Sri Guru Granth Sahib. The earth is referred to as the mother and, as such, requires the Sikhs respect. Great care needs to be taken to ensure that no damage occurs to it while the Sikh is going about his or her daily life. The pollution of these 3 elements is against the principles laid down by the Gurus. The Sikh Gurus built many Gudwaras surrounded by large pools which supported marine life, especially fish. This was clearly a sign to live in harmony with nature rather than in conflict with it.

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The Khalsa Code : Sikhism is a pious way of life with the goal of achieving peace.

Working and Wishing Well for Humanity (Sarbat Ka Bhala): Sikhs pray not only for themselves, but also for entire humankind, including those who may wish to be their enemies.

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"Men, trees, pilgrimage places, banks of sacred streams, clouds, fields. Islands, spheres, universes, continents, solar systems. The sources of creation, egg-born, womb-born, earth-born, sweat-born, oceans, mountains and sentient beings. He, the Lord, knows their condition, O Nanak. Nanak, having created beings, the lord takes care of them all. The Creator who created the world, He takes thought of it as well. " (SGGS 466)



"Air is the Guru, Water is the Father, and Earth is the Great Mother of all." - Guru Nanak Dev