



SIKHISM

MAJOR BELIEFS

God

- There is one God who exists eternally.

Jesus Christ

- Because of Jesus' birth and death, he is viewed as a saint but not divine.

Source of Authority

- The teachings of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib and 10 human gurus are accepted as the only spiritual guides.

Human Nature

- A person's present life is determined by their past life or karma.

Basic Human Problem

- People are stuck in a cycle of death and rebirth. A person's present life is determined by their past life or karma.

Solution to Basic Human Problem

- Salvation is about the removal of the ego. It is the final escape from reincarnation and the time where you become one with God.

Afterlife

- Due to reincarnation, individuals must be liberated in order to escape rebirth.

WHEN SHARING THE GOSPEL

- 1 Teach them of their Creator who is the one responsible for their abundant harvests.
- 2 Point to the work of Christ as sufficient to save them from their sins.
- 3 Teach them what it means for a follower of Jesus to be baptized.

SYMBOLS

After they are baptized, devout Sikhs wear five things that distinguish them as pure:

Uncut Hair

Beauty of God's Creation

Comb

Cleanliness

Dagger

Defense of Truth

Steel Bracelet

Allegiance to God

Shorts

Purity or Modesty

QUICK FACTS

- Sikhism is the youngest religion in the world, originating around the 15th century.
- The founder, Guru Nanak, claimed to have a vision from God leading him to spread the message of equality and truth.
- There are 19 million Sikhs in India.