

# Sant Kirpal Singh

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Chapter 3

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The Mission of my life is to help others to rise above body-consciousness and have a glimpse of the Lord, with the grace of my Master.

Sant Kirpal Singh



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# Rishikesh

Sant Kirpal Singh had no urge to come into the world. He came just like a fresh breeze in the garden of existence of Baba Sawan Singh to weed out all bad roots.



Rishikesh; the house in which Sant Kirpal Singh stayed after the departure of His Master Baba Sawan Singh in 1948

**He worked in the garden of Baba Sawan Singh** day and night and He started giving the water to the saplings. He brought a big change, so it was a life-giving garden, in which our Master helped Him. And thereafter He left it. He created this nest there; a nightingale does not know that the autumn will come and all those leaves will flee with the winds; and when

the wind blows, this nest will also fly away, and the nightingale has to leave the nest. So it happened with the Master. He did everything there, He made a very beautiful garden. Then He had to leave it. And what did He bring from there? Only the sweet remembrance of the Master. He brought His Master with Him.

**Harbhajan Singh**

I never dreamt that I would be given that job. Never dreamt it. I was astonished. But He is carrying on the work for me. I am only a scape goat, I would say. (Master smiles) Scape goat. This is a very great responsibility. I generally say, "God, spare people this very hard task." So we are following the path of discipleship, you see. Some views, some glimpses of the Light. This cannot be judged by others. You can judge yourself. When you think you are doing well, you are progressing, even that stands in the way. It is all His Grace, His debit; all credit goes to Him.

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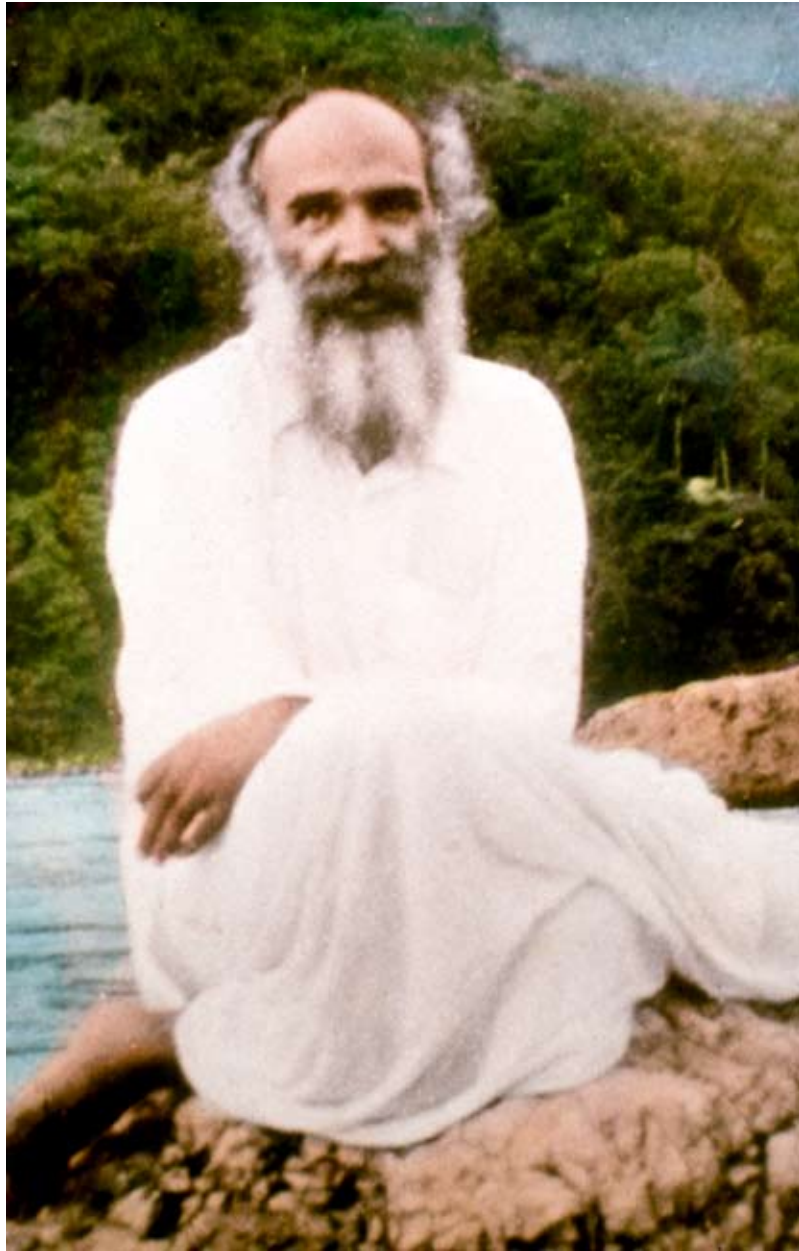


Sant Kirpal Singh sitting in  
Rani ki Kothi preparing chapatis, 1948

**During the time in Rishikesh,** Sant Kirpal Singh said one day, “Now let me make some chapatis for you,” and then He prepared beautiful chapatis for all. He then told His family and those with Him, “I am cooking chapatis for you today, but in future you may not be able to get the same amount of time from me.”

After the physical departure of His Master Baba Sawan Singh, Master went to Rishikesh and there

He lived for five months. One day it happened that Master was sitting in meditation on one stone and the water started rising in the river. Taiji along with some persons witnessed that a very decorated ladylike figure wearing red clothes appeared in the water and came towards Master. Seeing her, they made some noise, then she disappeared. Then Master told them, “It was Gangaji.” It is that goddess who lives in the Ganges river. The Ganges river



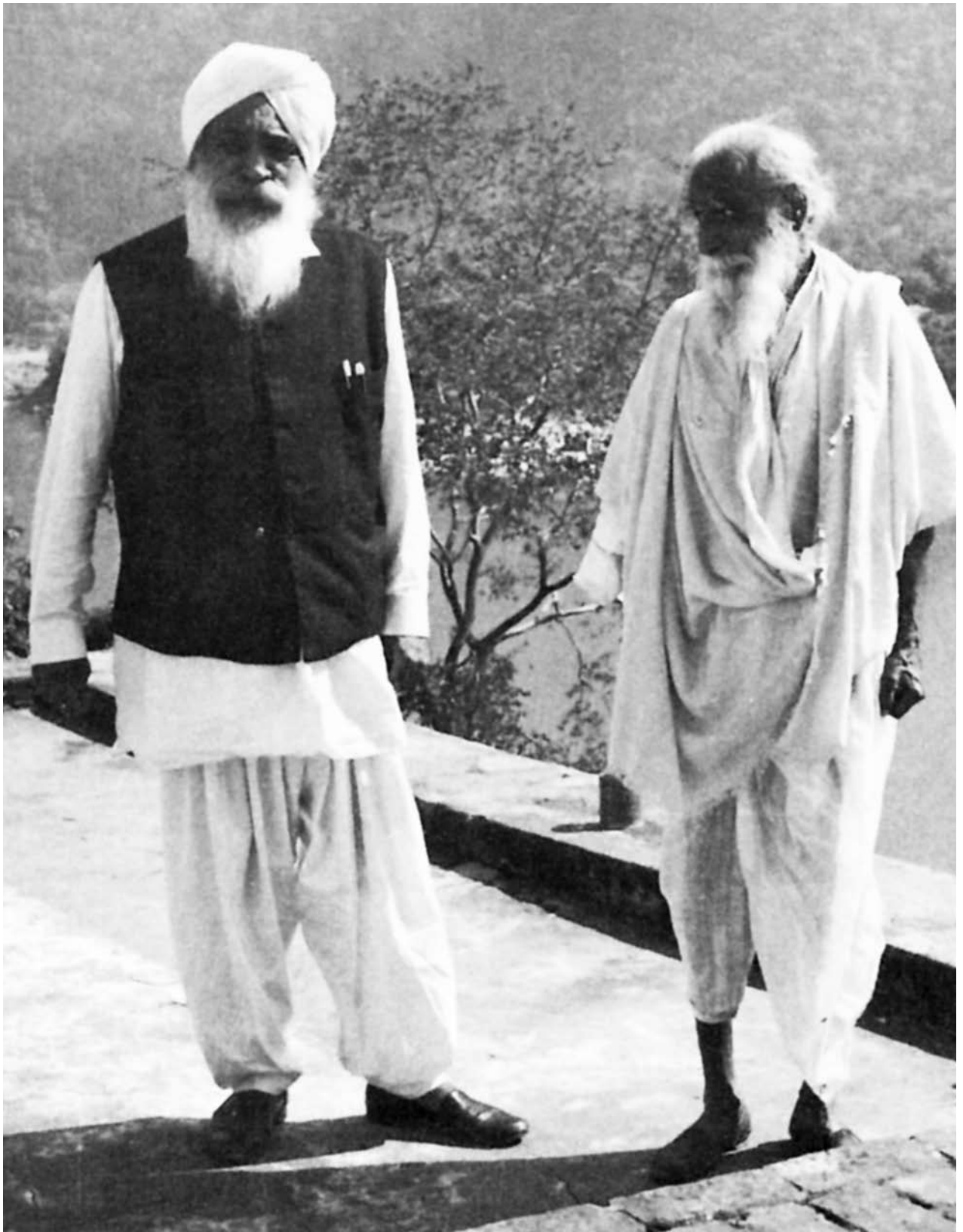
Sant Kirpal Singh sitting on the rock  
in the Ganges River in Rishikesh, 1948

is very pure, the water is so clear that you can see even the pebbles lying below. It is a tradition in India, that after the cremation of a dead body all bones of the dead are thrown into the Ganges river. The remains of millions of bones are already lying there.

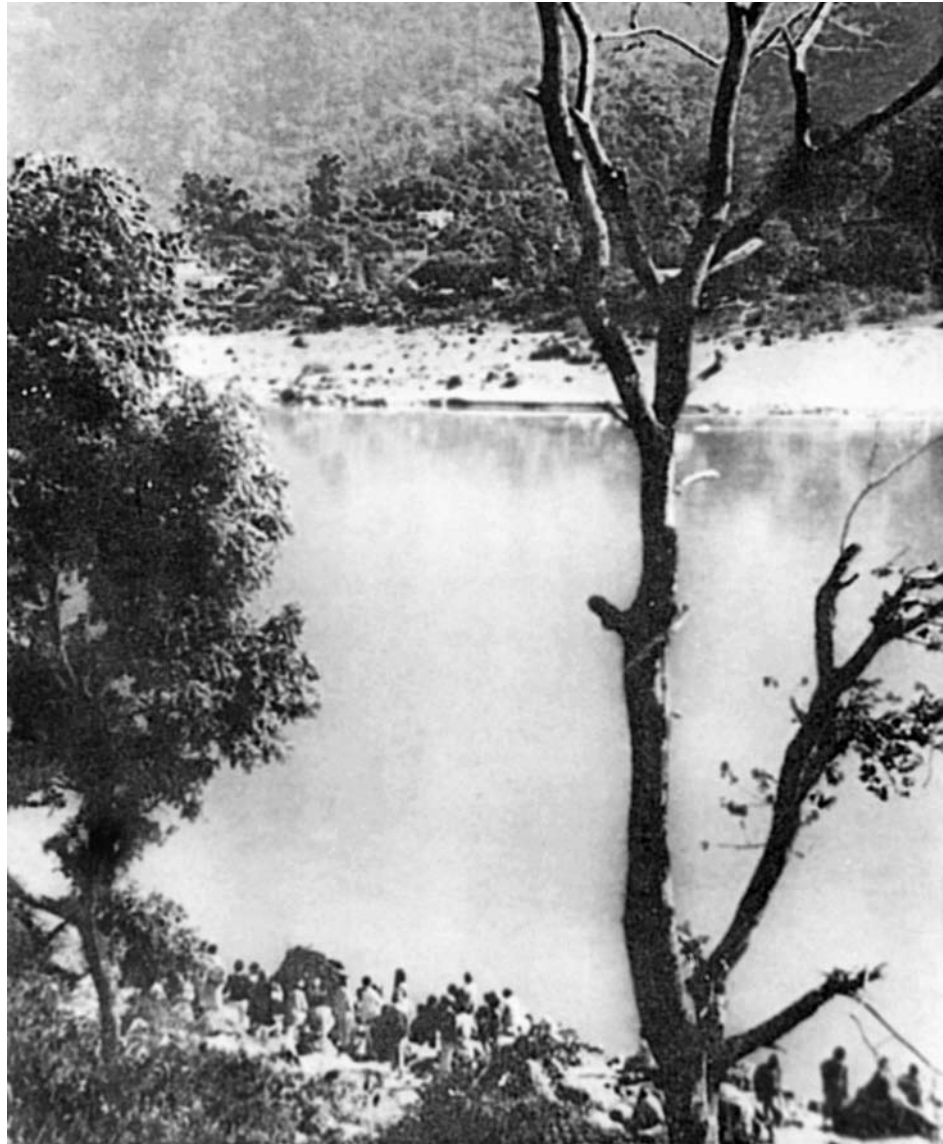
This Ganga Mata asked the Master, “Now the water is full of bones. What should I do? Give me the way to come out of it, give me Your holy work.

With this other work I am very much fed up.” Master gave her the assurance, “A time will come, when I will also give work to you.” Master loves all, whether they are gods and goddesses, or avatars, for if they demand the Grace of the Master, He also helps them.

**Harbhajan Singh**







Right: Rishikesh, 1948

Left: Sant Kirpal Singh  
with Yogi Raj Raghuvacharya

**In Rishikesh,** I met everybody. All were intellectual wrestlers, debating clubs, all performing this elementary step: how to say prayers, how to perform certain rites and certain rituals. And most of them were doing Hatha yoga practices. Of course, with due deference to it, it makes the body fit, that's all right.

There was also one fellow, who is still alive, called Raghuvacharya. He's an old man now, I think one hundred and six or seven years old, but he gets around like anything. When I went to see him, people said, "Oh, he never cares for anybody." When I was about

more than one hundred or one hundred and fifty yards away, he appeared. He was sitting on his feet. He looked at me and he stood up. People said, "That's strange. He has never cared for any man, yet he stood up." He came forward and met me, and we had a talk. And in the talk it came out that he went to the first plane: to Sahasrar. I found only one man who had transcended the body and reached the first stage. He said that what he had learned by going through all the Shastras, Vedas and Upanishads, "I have come to know something which you speak by yourself!" Take it as a Grace of the Master.

# Event in Dassna

This event happened on 31 December, 1948 at the Dassna Canal situated on the Hapur Road, near Delhi

“That day Hazur Sat Guru has saved me and blessed me with new life so that the task of spirituality that He had entrusted to me could be performed.

Sant Kirpal Singh

**Sant Kirpal Singh** had not yet started to give initiation. It was the time when – after His Holiness Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj – His saintly glory began to spread on the whole world and He became the Father of Spirituality. When His Holiness Baba Sawan Singh Ji Maharaj left His human body and all the responsibility of spirituality was entrusted to Sant Kirpal Singh Ji Maharaj, being very sad and miserable about the demise of His Guru, Maharaj Kirpal Singh Ji made up His mind to stay at Rishikesh. But when He was reminded again and again internally of His spiritual duties by Hazur, He left Rishikesh and came to Delhi. He collected the scattered Satsangis and started spiritual discourses from place to place. When it was felt that there was not enough space to hold the Satsang, the Satsangis made a request that a building for Satsang should be constructed somewhere. So a search began for a suitable site. Whenever and wherever there was information about the availability of land, efforts were made to assess its suitability etc. and for this purpose He would Himself go with some companions.

Once while surveying the land around Delhi with some companions He reached the Dassna Canal situ-

ated on the Hapur Road. Having seen the area around Dassna the party reached the bank of the canal which flows there. This canal is very wide and deep. With the power of the water of this canal, which falls like a waterfall, even electricity is generated. A huge waterfall had been built.

All were going along the bank enjoying the sight. They would also stop somewhere. At one place Maharaj Sant Kirpal Singh Ji was walking ahead of others along the bank of the canal, when His foot slipped. It was a very high place and He fell into the water. The waterfall was flowing forcefully and the water was flowing very fast. The flow was frightening. It appeared as if someone was churning the water of the canal violently like milk out of which one makes butter. To fall at such a place and to hope for coming out safe was a mere dream. Moreover it was winter. It was the month of December. The water was icy-cold. If one put one's hand into the water it would become numb.

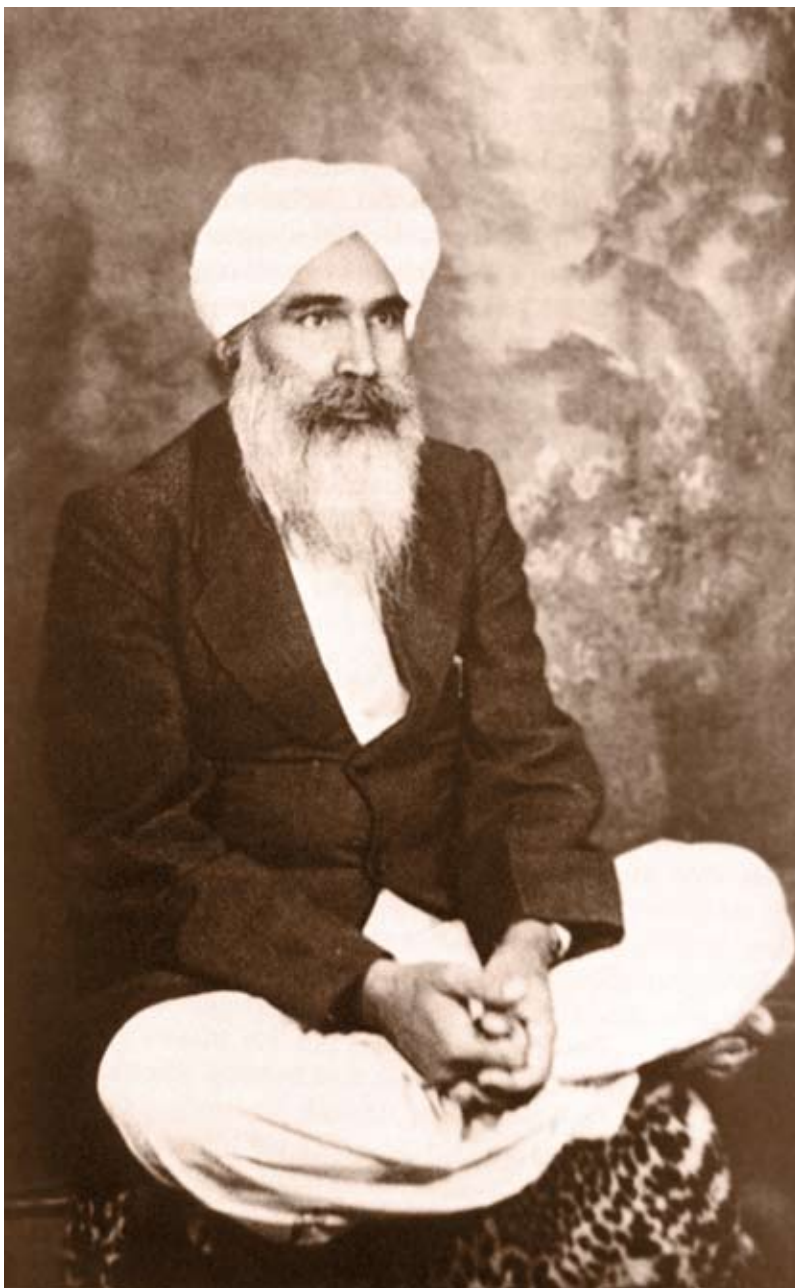
There were some other brothers with Maharaj Ji standing at some distance. They were stunned to see that Maharaj Ji had fallen into the water.



Sant Kirpal Singh, 1947

The flow of the water was so rapid, that none but God could save one. The passers-by going around hither and thither were called and offered money so that someone would jump into the water and save Maharaj Ji. But none could master enough courage to take the plunge. They said, "Here even the bones of the animals (that fall into the river) cannot be traced. You say that a man has fallen in. How can he be saved?" Saying this some of them turned and went their way. Others walked slowly behind to watch.

It gave a sort of assurance that it would be possible to bring Him out when and where the speed of the water lessened. All started walking still faster and kept gazing at the water of the river. After 55 minutes they saw that the body of the Maharaj was floating on the surface of the water far away. On seeing this, even the remaining hopes were dashed to ground. They had heard that the body floats on the water when it is lifeless. At length, however, after travelling a long distance, they found that the Maharaj had Himself come out and was sitting on the bank.



Sant Kirpal Singh, 1949

**After reaching home**, when all were sitting contented, Maharaj Ji was asked, “Why did this happen?” – “How did it happen and what did You undergo?” Master answered, “When my foot slipped and I fell below into the canal, there was dazzling Light under the water. The sun was shining and Hazur was before me. Hazur was saying that death had left no stone unturned.” Then Master said, “Having fallen into the

river I thought that if that was the will of Hazur, what my efforts would do then?

I discontinued controlling my body and let it go where it would. Hazur Baba Sawan Singh Ji and Baba Jaimal Singh Ji had appeared within to guard me. That is why there was a happy ending. Wandering hither and thither I reached the bank and there, tak-

So history usually shows that, when Masters leave, two things start. The one who is given Mastership (and He never gives it to His own children; maybe in rare cases if anybody is fit) leaves the place. Guru Nanak had two sons; both started mastership at home, but He gave it to Guru Angad who left that place and went to some other place. Guru Angad had so many children. He gave it to Amar Das among us, you see, and the children started their mastership at home. In all other cases this happens similarly. So Master told me, "All right, you go. Wherever you go, your Master is with you and the people will come up. Where there's honey, all bees will come up." This is but natural.

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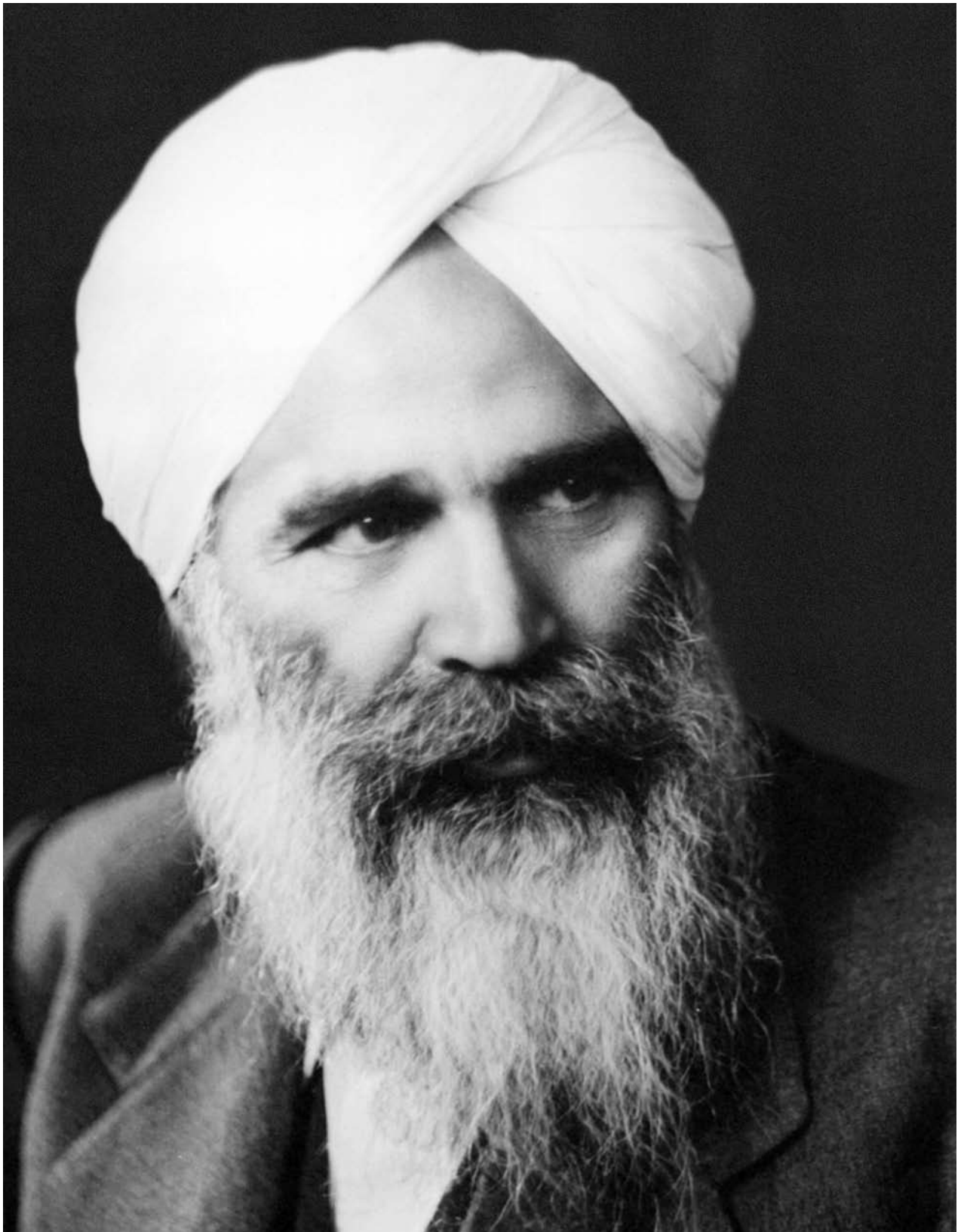
ing hold of the grass, I sat on the bank. And then seeing this all people arrived."

Afterwards Maharaj said, "It was written in the horoscope of my son that during that year his father would breathe his last. So that thing happened exactly on that occasion. That day Hazur Sat Guru has saved me and blessed me with new life so that the

task of spirituality that He had entrusted to me could be performed." Hazur said that the new life that has been given to Him is meant to bring into contact with God the spirits that are suffering and hanging in suspense, and to look after the disciples of Hazur. The portion of the life that belonged to the family has ended.

**Babu Raj Narian**





A true Master will connect even a small child to the Light and Sound within, which is the God-into-Expression Power. This is the path of Light and Sound, which takes one directly to the formless and nameless region. It is no hypothesis. It is not a middle way, but is through direct contact.

Sant Kirpal Singh

# Sawan Ashram

Bachan Singh, who was fortunate to be with both Masters, Baba Sawan Singh and Kirpal Singh, tells about the construction of the Ashram in Delhi

"This is all Yours; You have to look after many souls."

Baba Sawan Singh

**The work began**, clearing the plot, cutting unwanted bushes and trees. The willing devotees carried clay on their heads to level out the surface. I am reminded of one instance when the Master Himself picked up an empty basket and put it in front of those who were filling up. But they folded their hands in protest saying, "No, no, Maharaj Ji, not You." The Master asked, "Is there no one who will obey and fill up this basket for me?" I was there, and I stepped forward, "Yes, I will obey", and I filled it up, pressing down the mud until it was overflowing. Then with difficulty I lifted it up and placed it on the Master's head. Folding my hands together I said, "Maharaj Ji, You can take any burden." The Master laughed and walked away with the basket.

It was very beautiful to see men and women, sometimes coming in cars and wearing expensive clothing, but not caring at all, bending their backs to the muddy work. Everyone had smiling, soil-streaked faces as they blended the work with joyful singing of holy hymns. Those were very wonderful days, not easily forgotten. I worked there day and night. I had hundred rupees when we started, which I spent gradually on myself and others, so I borrowed hundred more, and that went too.

The news reached me that my hut had been blown down in a storm, so I had no home, little clothing and no money; but inside me there was a deep sense

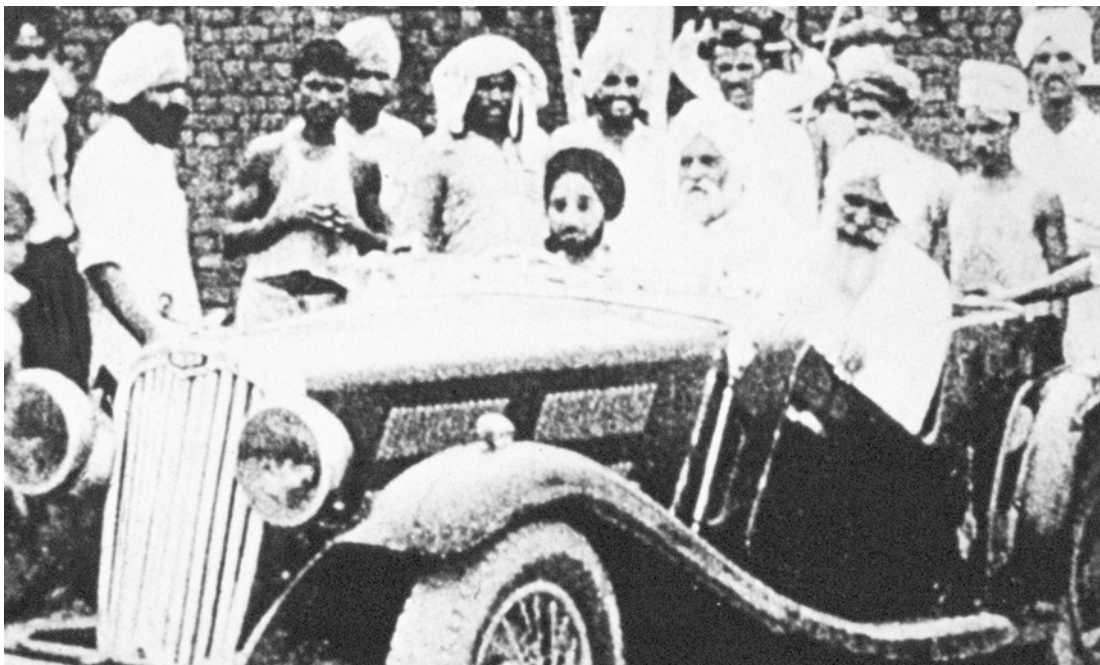
of happiness and well-being from the privilege of working near the Master.

In those days there was a small group of people who were against the Master starting an ashram and were trying to break the Satsangis away through various means. They came to me frequently, and repeated many times that the Master was not Baba Sawan Singh's true follower. After many attempts in vain, they almost convinced me one day, and I began to wonder about it. However, I thought that before making up my mind I should go to the Master once more.

Arriving at the Ashram, the building of which was now basically complete, I saw the Master standing there as if awaiting me. He looked at me as I approached, and suddenly I could not go further, for there, standing behind Him was my Master Baba Sawan Singh, and behind Him was Baba Jaimal Singh Ji. Baba Sawan Singh Ji looked at me significantly, and putting His hand on Kirpal Singh's shoulder He said to Him, "This is all Yours; You have to look after many souls." I saw Sant Kirpal Singh fold his hands and bow down to His Master, saying, "Whatever You wish." With deep sadness I realized how foolish I had been to allow people to influence my thought and faith in the Master. Many many times have I had this wonderful experience of seeing my Master appear with Sant Kirpal Singh.



Constructing the Sawan Ashram



Sant Kirpal Singh visiting Sawan Ashram, 1951

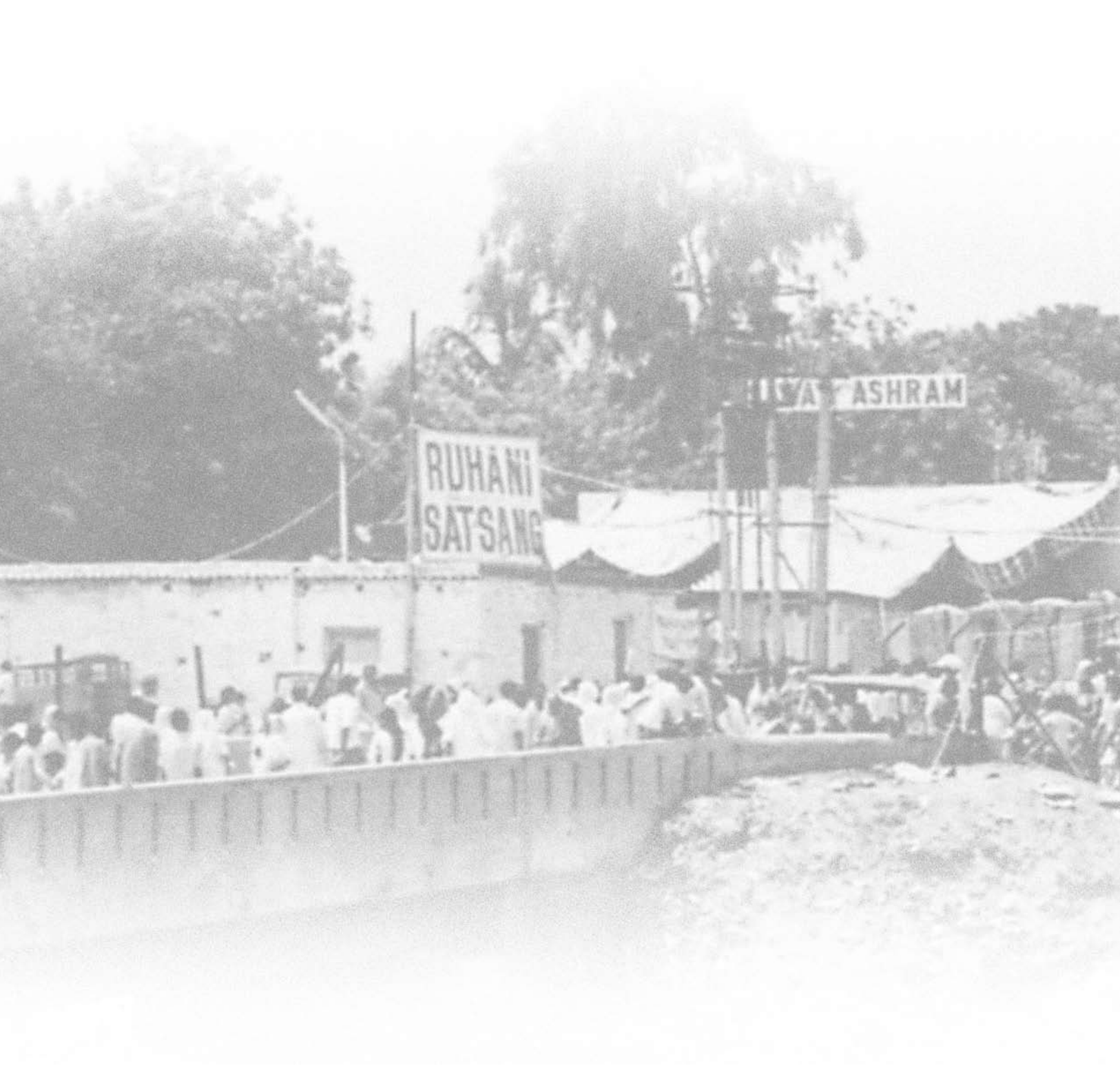


**When the Ashram** in Delhi was newly built, people of the neighbourhood came to Sant Kirpal Singh and requested Him for help. The locality where the Ashram was situated was a densely built-up area. Whenever it rained, the rainwater could not pass anywhere and went into the houses of everybody. The persons concerned got very tired of that situation and made a

request to everybody, but nobody was willing to give way for a drain through his site. They were told to apply to the government instead, a procedure which would have taken many months.

When they found no way out, they ultimately came to Sant Kirpal Singh. He said, "You can make a drain





from within the Ashram. Is this all you want? I am ready to give you each drop of my blood if you want, because I have not come into the world for myself, my purpose is only to serve you. I have no attachment with these things, this is all for you. Please tell me, if I can be of any further use to you.” So they still remember Sant Kirpal Singh only on this ground,

“He was such a good Master, such a high spiritual personality.” All love Him from heart.

Whenever people wondered why the Ashram was situated near that canal, Sant Kirpal Singh used to reply, “When you come to me, you may throw all your ill-feelings into it.”

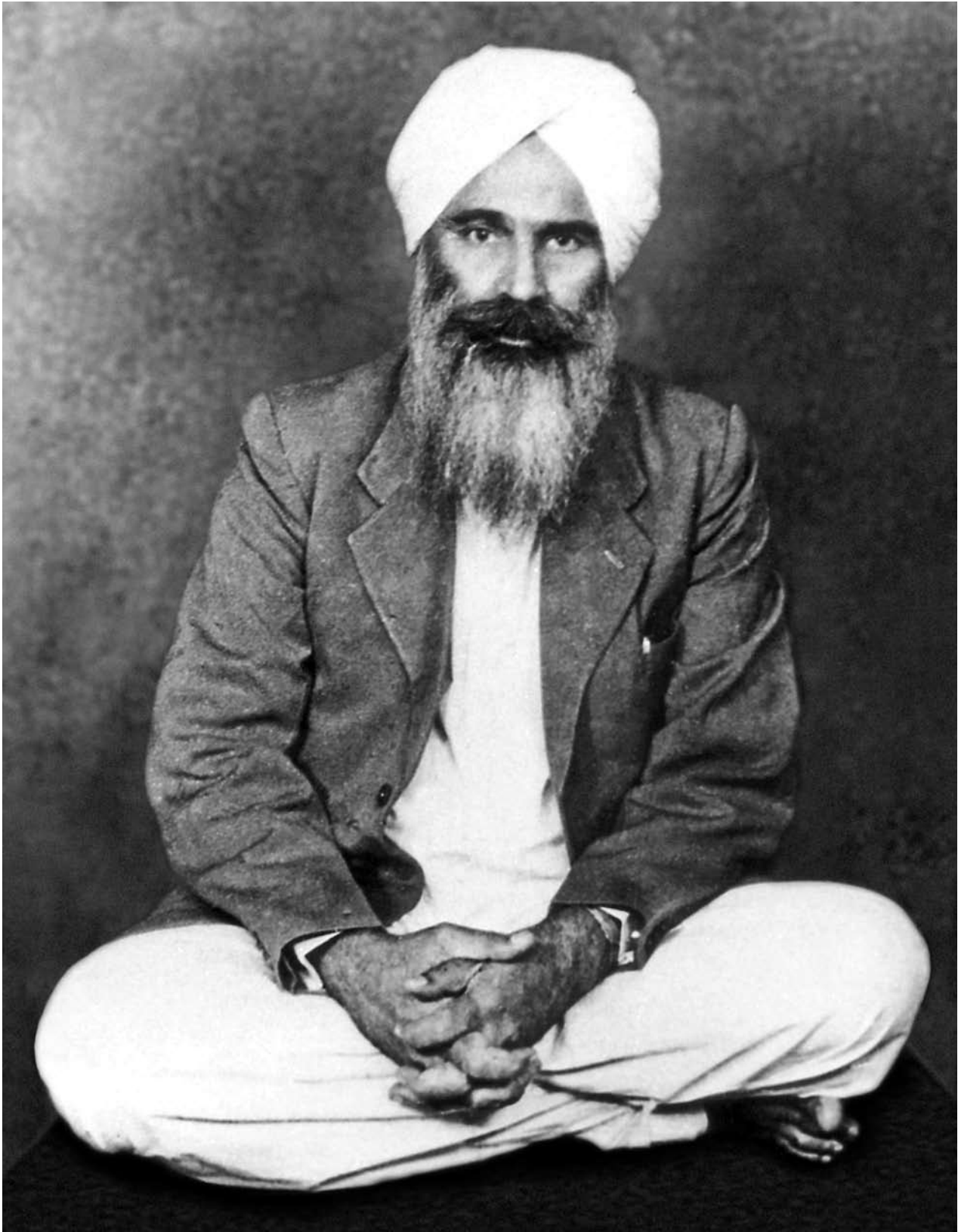
**Harbhajan Singh**

## Ruhani Satsang

**Ruhani Satsang**, as the name implies, is a centre for imparting purely spiritual teachings and training to mankind, irrespective of class barriers such as caste, colour, creed, sex, age, education or avocation. As nature offers her bounties of light, water and air, etc., freely to one and all, so is spirituality offered freely to all who are anxious for Self-knowledge and God-knowledge. It was ever the desire of my Master, Baba Sawan Singh Ji, to form a common forum where people professing various faiths and religious beliefs or belonging to diverse sects and orders could meet together to discuss the principles of spirituality and to practise spiritual discipline under the guidance of a Mastersoul, thereby gaining salvation and peace, both here and hereafter. It is the intention of Ruhani

Satsang to help to produce a true work of art, that is, a whole man: one freed from the lower passions and instincts which degrade his true nature. Man as intended by God is a noble being with noble qualities and aspirations, directed to the attainment of Self- and God-realization in his lifetime. He is not on this earth merely to eat, sleep, breed, and then die. These are the limits imposed on the lower orders of creation; but man has the spark of God in him, and he is intended for higher things.

Right: Sant Kirpal Singh, 1949



“It is necessary for the aspirants to gradually weed out moral lapses, one by one, and to cultivate in their place moral virtues for which the maintenance of a self-introspection diary is necessary. It is the knowledge of our faults and failings that will make us strive to correct them. This in turn leads to true spirituality.”

Sant Kirpal Singh

## Man-Making

**As a result of my readings**, I arrived at the conclusion that man-making is the highest ideal of all.

Without the knowledge of the science of “man-making”, mastery over the self or animal man cannot be achieved, the higher or spiritual part of man’s nature cannot come into play. The most urgent need of society today is the active presence of such people, the more there are, the better.

The seekers are trained and disciplined in order that they may elevate themselves physically, morally, and intellectually, which will result in true spiritual progress. This will enable them to face successfully the trials and tribulations that they encounter in their day-to-day living. To help them in this phase of their development, they are enjoined to maintain

a self-introspection diary, recording their failures in non-violence, truthfulness, chastity, loving humility, and selfless service. The gradual weeding out of such failures creates the right environment for the continued growth of the seed of spirituality, which is implanted in the seeker by the Master at the time of his Initiation. The end result of the training thus imparted fits an initiate for the inner journey as well as making him a decent, law-abiding citizen, and so an asset to society.

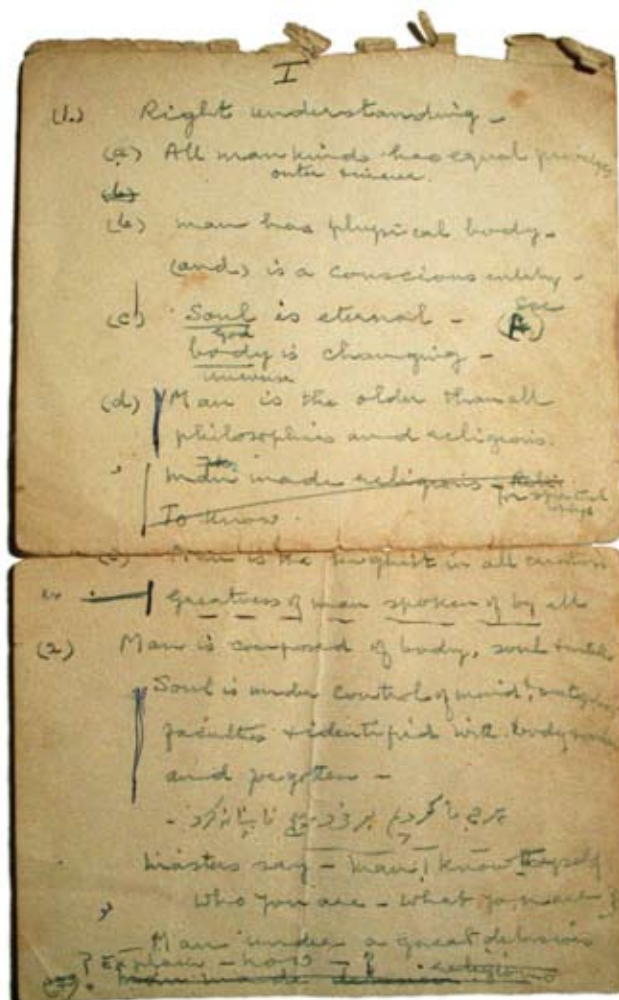
Such a one becomes an ideal man, with his physical body in full bloom and his soul full of the glory and intoxication of the Ringing Radiance of God. He sees himself as part of the creation and wishes, as did Guru Nanak, “Peace be unto all the world over, under Thy Will, o God.”





# Right Understanding

Original handwritten notes from Sant Kirpal Singh about essentials of the teaching in short form



## (1) Right understanding

- a) All mankind has equal privileges - outer and inner
- b) Man has physical body (and) is a conscious entity
- c) Soul (God) is eternal (see A) - body (universe) is changing
- d) Man is the older than all philosophies and religions (crossed out: man made religions for spiritual uplift to know). Man is the highest in all creation Greatness of man spoken of by all

- (2) Man is composed of body, soul and intellect, soul is under control of mind and outgoing faculties and identified with body and ... forgotten ... Masters say "Man! Know thyself, who you are, what you are. Man under a great delusion Explain - how -

I. (Contd.)

(3) Highest aim before a man is to know God & to know God we should know ourselves - This soul alone that can know God - like know the like

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