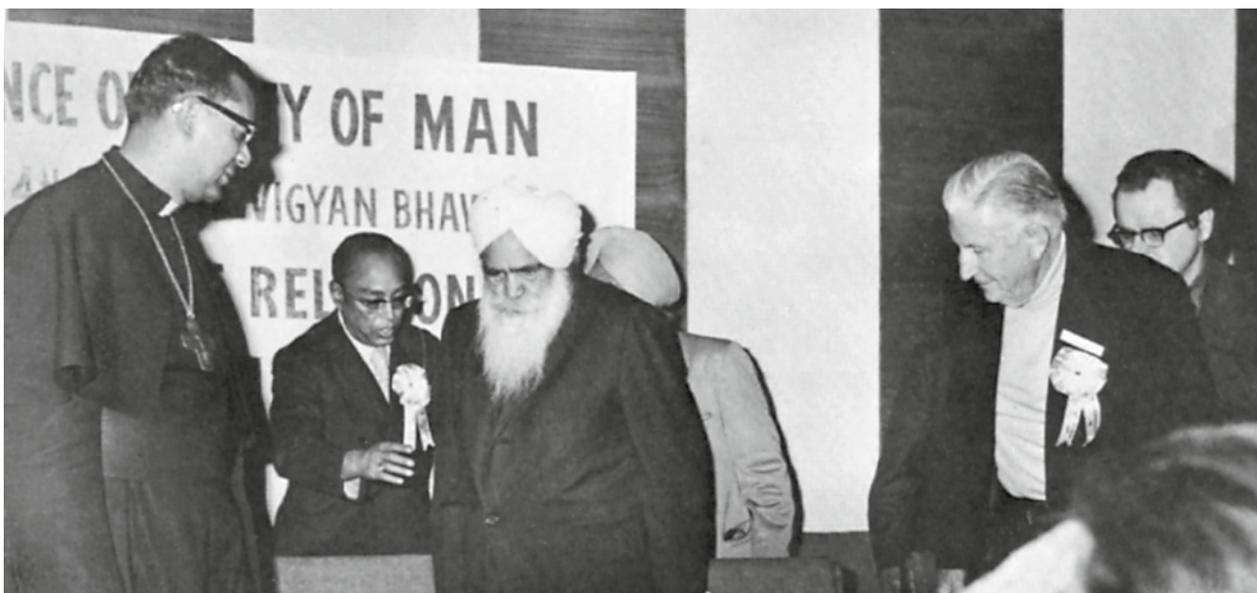


The Panel Conferences

In the afternoon of 4 February, 1974 the Conference split up into four Panel Conferences or seminars, in which different aspects of the idea of the unity of man were examined in depth



Dr. Angelo Fernandes, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Delhi, welcomes Sant Kirpal Singh to the panel conference on Religious Unity, 4 February, 1974

The object of the Conference on Unity of Man is to propagate the idea of unity of man – that all mankind is one, all are born in the same way, their outer and inner construction is the same and all are endowed with the same privileges from God. No high, no low – all are equal. We are drops of the ocean of all-consciousness which is God. So we are all brothers and sisters in God.

Man is he who is perfect all round – physically, mentally and spiritually. 'Be ye perfect as your Father, which is in heaven.' We give food to the body, we also feed the intellect, but what food do we give to the soul, which is a conscious entity? What is the food for soul? Man cannot live on bread alone. The food for the soul, a conscious entity, is to contact God – the ocean of all consciousness, that enlivens all creation.

It has to know that power, to contact it. Such a man, who has developed all round, may be called a perfect man. The object of all formations or social bodies is to turn out such perfect men.

There is a great awakening now which I observed during my third world tour recently. The regeneration of society depends on the regeneration of man. Bricks may be manufactured in any kiln. If they are strong and of good quality the house will be strong. If the bricks are not properly burned and the material is substandard, you cannot have a strong house. So whichever the formation, man should be man in the true sense of the word. There is a general awakening today in every direction. People are so unhappy, may God grant them peace and happiness. The way to that is to seek the company of awakened men.



Subjects Committee putting the draft resolutions into their final form, 5 February, 1974

Panel No. 1: Unity of Man – One World

“ONE WORLD – THE DIGNITY OF MAN”

talk given by Yogi Bhajan

“THE PATH OF ONENESS”

talk given by Sant Kirpal Singh

Panel No. 2: Current World Problems Affecting the Unity of Man

“THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION”

talk given by Rev. G. J. Christo

“TRUE LOVE”

talk given by Frederick Aye

Panel No. 3: World Harmony

“LOVE AS FEARLESSNESS”

talk given by Kaka Sahib Kalelkar

“UNIVERSAL HARMONY”

talk given by Dr. Sean Sieglén

Panel No. 4: The Essential Unity of Religions

“THE POISON AND THE NECTAR”

talk given by Dr. Karan Singh

“FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGIOUS UNITY”

talk given by Russell Perkins

“TOWARD THE UNITY OF CONSCIENCE”

talk given by Archbishop Angelo Fernandes

The Resolutions

Elaborated by the Subjects Committee on 6 February, 1974

RESOLUTION NO. 1

The World Conference on Unity of Man noted with gratification the tremendous response of the common man in all parts of the world to the call for unity.

Recognizing the demand for peace and unity, the Conference concluded that today there is dire and urgent need to promote in thought, word, and deed the eternal values of love, non-violence, truth, tolerance, and selfless service of humanity in the hearts of men.

The Conference looks for guidance to holy men to help to free mankind from fear and ignorance and transform modern man into a whole man who is at peace with himself and with those around him.

The Conference concluded that all religions are in essence one, and that their main purpose is to lead mankind on the path of love and selfless service.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Whereas the World Conference on Unity of Man convened by Sant Kirpal Singh Maharaj Ji in February 1974, composed of representative religious and political leaders of India and abroad, demonstrated the overwhelming public appeal for world unity, the need was felt to devise practical means of implementing this wish, which the Conference believes is one felt throughout the masses of mankind in our time.

It was resolved:

1. That the World Conference on Unity of Man should awaken public opinion to the need for One World Consciousness.
2. That the World Conference on Unity of Man expressed the wish to apply to the United Nations and UNESCO for accreditation as an official agency at a future stage.
3. That the World Conference on Unity of Man should

establish connections with all organizations having kindred aims throughout the world for the purpose of achieving a better co-ordination of activities.

4. That the World Conference on Unity of Man should delegate regional and national representatives in various countries to organize similar meetings with a view to shedding light upon the common denominator between all faiths.

5. That such representatives as afore said should request elected representatives to appeal in their respective legislatures for the promotion of an unbiased study of comparative religion in school and adult education.

6. That the World Conference on Unity of Man should invite religious leaders and teachers of meditation to compare their methods and encourage mass encounters including the disciples of several leaders.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

The World Conference on Unity of Man resolved that UNESCO be addressed to encourage among world youth fuller understanding of the common ethical roots of all faiths through organized, nation-wide study of each other's religions, and to appreciate their contributions to the prevailing moral basis of mankind; and secondly to encourage the same through the audio-visual system of mass media available commonly to people.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

The World Conference on Unity of Man records its firm conviction that mankind as part of the universe is essentially one, and that the well-being or ill-being of one individual affects all humanity.

The Conference records its conviction that spiritual awakening with love as its basis is the foundation of the Unity of Man.

So please – there is no need of changing your religions or social bodies, but it is most necessary that you follow the teachings of those religions, that is all.

Sant Kirpal Singh, 6 February, 1974

Concluding Remarks

Talk given by Sant Kirpal Singh on 6 February, 1974

So dear brothers and sisters who have come from abroad, I submit that in these four days we have been very productive; all of us have laid our heads together and come to some conclusions. After all, what are these conflicts and schisms going on in each country? The fact is that unity already exists – we have forgotten it.

What is that unity? The right understanding that all men are born in the same way with the same privileges from God and the same construction outside and inside. As man we are all one – no high, no low. We were first man; then the tongue became Christian or Hindu or Mohammedan or this or that thing by wearing all those labels. But that is not all; further, we are one at the level of that conscious entity which is administering this factory of the human body. So we are conscious beings and God is all conscious.

Some Power is controlling us in the body, which works as long as we are in it; we live in this world only for a certain time, until that Power which is controlling us leaves. That Power is God into expression, and is called Word, Naam, Shabd, Kalma.

So that Godpower whom we have to find, and he who has to do the finding, both live in the temple of the human body. But our attention, which is the outward expression of our soul, is identified with the world outside so much so that we have forgotten

ourselves. So we have to just know ourselves, by withdrawing our attention from all outside and from the body below. When we know ourselves, we are able to know the Overself who is controlling us in the human body.

So please – there is no need of changing your religions or social bodies, but it is most necessary that you follow the teachings of those religions, that is all. And those are? God resides in every heart. All is holy where devotion kneels. And, He resides in every heart whether the labels are this way or that way.

So for this purpose we come to some resolutions. I hope all these were repeated to you, read by my brother or friend. I take it that they appeal to you. If so, I think each one of you can raise some finger in assent. (Every hand went up from the assembled delegates.) It is for your good and the good of all humanity.

So I thank you for your coming from far off and taking so much trouble. You have taken time from your busy hours, also spent so much money. Those who have come from India, we are thankful; but those who have come from abroad and spent thousands of dollars, they deserve more thankfulness. So I convey my thanks to each one of you, whether you have gathered here from here or from abroad. Today is the last day of these sessions. I hope you will carry this very thing practically in your lives. God bless you all.