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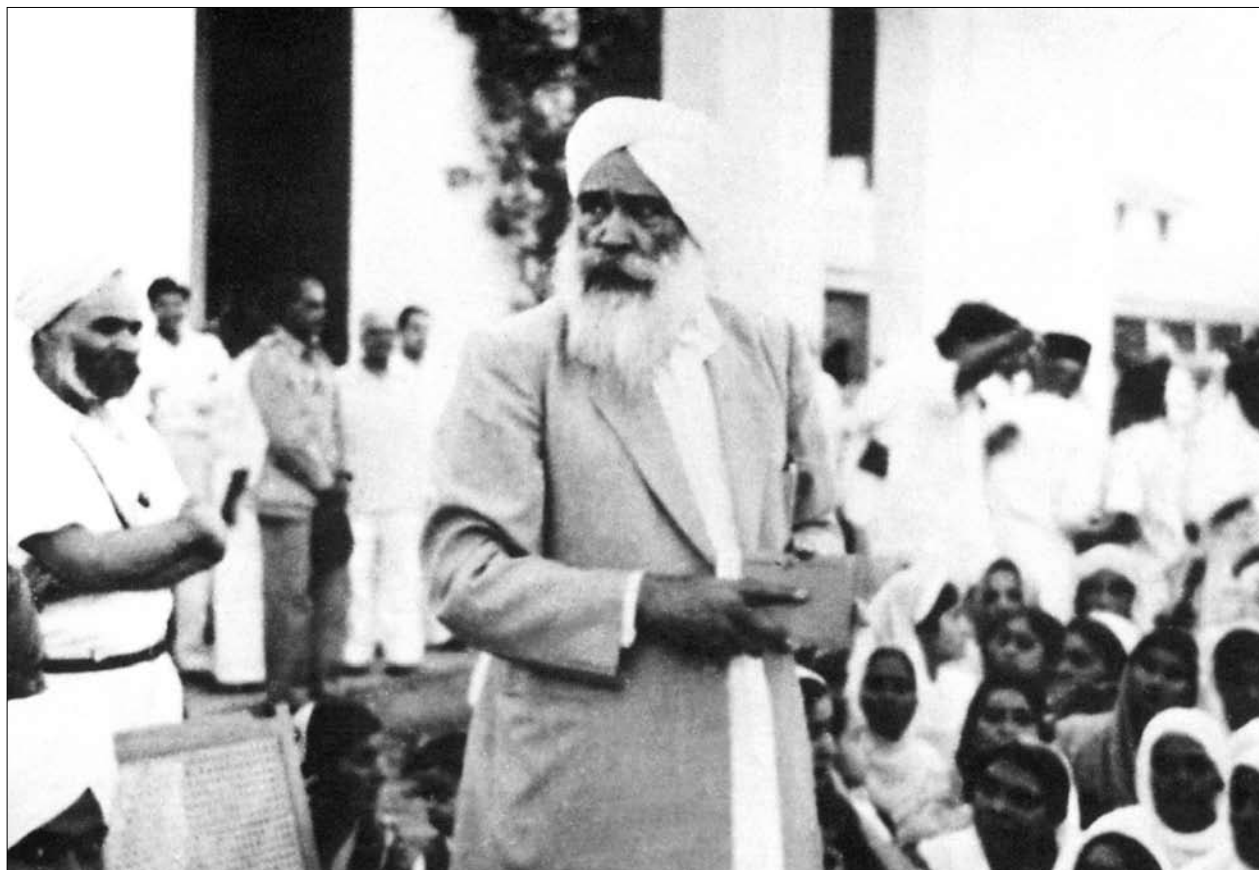
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The Masters are not the monopoly of anyone, they come for everyone, not for one group of humanity or another. They give a knowledge which is beyond the senses, which is an ocean of intoxication – a mighty effulgence of bliss. This bliss is within each human being, but has been suppressed by the mind and the senses, and is therefore not enjoyed.

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Leaving India

Sant Kirpal Singh's First World Tour began on 31 May, 1955. He made short stop-overs in Bombay, Cairo, Geneva, and then spent twenty-four hours in London. He reached New York on 2 June, 1955.



Palam Airport, Delhi, Sant Kirpal Singh preparing to leave for His First World Tour, 31 May, 1955

When I left for America, many people had gathered here. I said that day that I was repeating the words of Christ, "I have yet many sheep to look after." I am not going. It is He who is taking me there for those who are in search of Him there. Everything is being arranged by itself for them. And this very thing happened. Before I reached, a number of them would see by themselves the form of Hazur (within) and also mine. They would see both the forms. When I reached there, a number of them said that they had been seeing me for about a year. O brothers, He does this!

People write, "We have heard that You have given an invaluable gift." O brothers, I did not give. It is He, the bestower, who gave. But hearing His glory the world is moving in this direction. Those people write, "We are very anxious that You should come here. We are very eagerly looking forward to Your visit."

This is His glory. The world is benefiting from the kindness of that perfect Master, Baba Sawan Singh, whom, excuse me, we have not appreciated. This is the only regret.

“You will travel all over the world, and
Your name will spread from one cor-
ner of the earth to the other.”

Baba Sawan Singh

Sant Kirpal Singh reached New York on 2 June and was then taken by train to Washington, D.C. where He gave a number of talks before proceeding to other stops: Louisville, Kentucky; Chicago, Illinois; Beaumont, Hollywood, Santa Barbara, San Jose, Oakland and San Francisco in California; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Lawnside, New Jersey; St. Petersburg, Florida; and Boston, Massachusetts. He returned to Washington, D.C. once again before leaving for England where He stayed in Sussex and London. He stopped in Berlin and Bonn in Germany on His way back to India.

On His First World Tour Sant Kirpal Singh gave daily meditation sittings, heart-to-heart talks, public discourses and private interviews to visitors. He spoke at churches, temples and lecture halls, and also appeared on television.

Right: Palam Airport, Delhi, Sant Kirpal Singh
boarding the plane on His departure from India, 31 May, 1955



Scenes from America

I have come to you as man to man. I am just as any of you are.
Of course, each man has got the same privileges from God. I developed in a way
that concerns my own Self. What I learned at the feet of my Master about my
own Self, the real Self, I will put before you so that those who are seeking after
Truth may find some guidance.

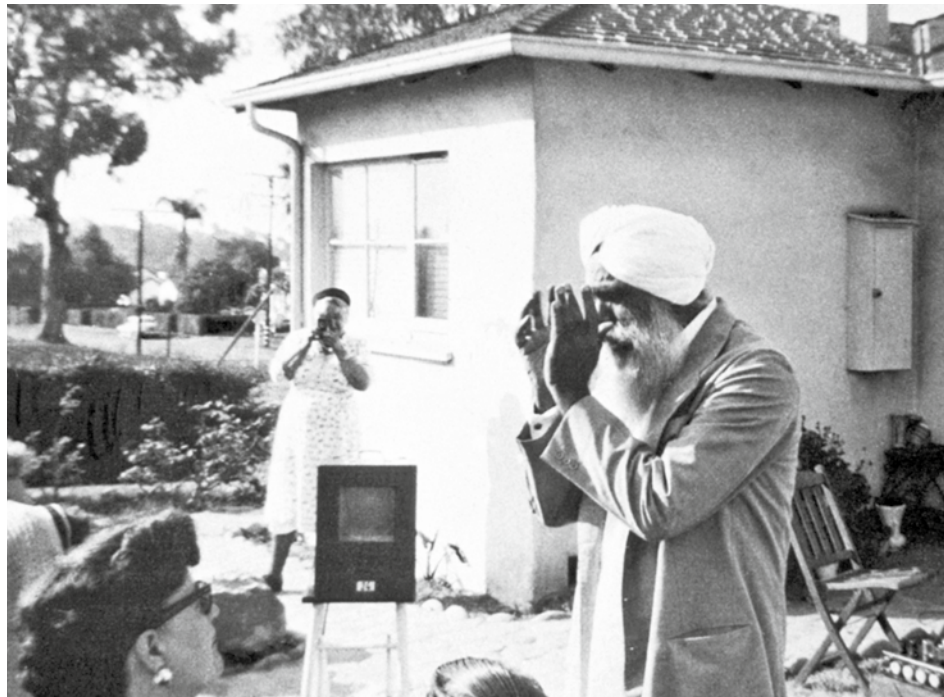
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Sant Kirpal Singh with followers during the 1955 Tour in the United States



Sant Kirpal Singh talking to a group of disciples in California, 1955



Sant Kirpal Singh giving meditation instructions to a group of initiates in California, 1955

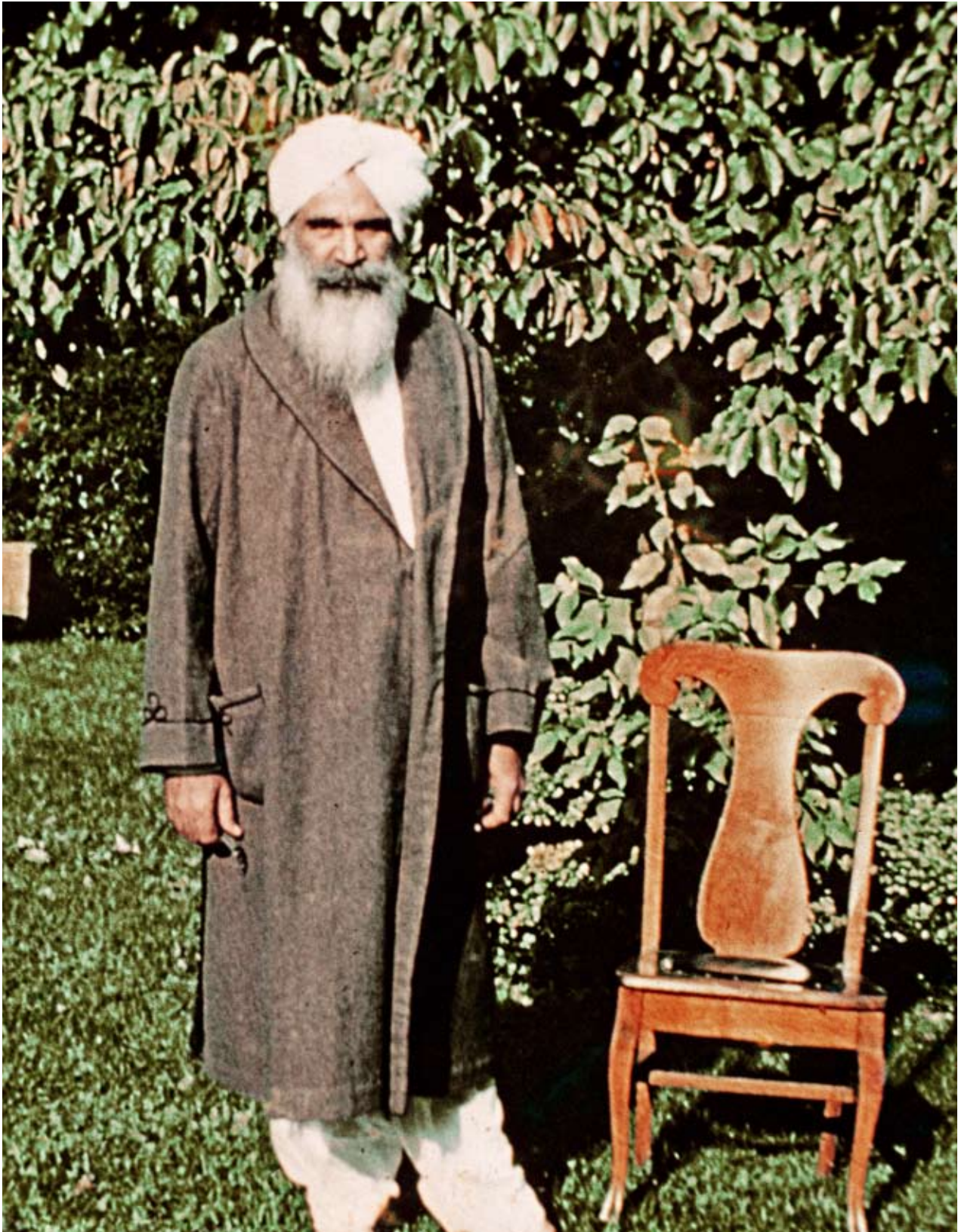
In the West, many intellectual people came to hear my talks, and not for one moment did I ever stop and wonder how they would receive my words; with great power I would emphasize the teachings.

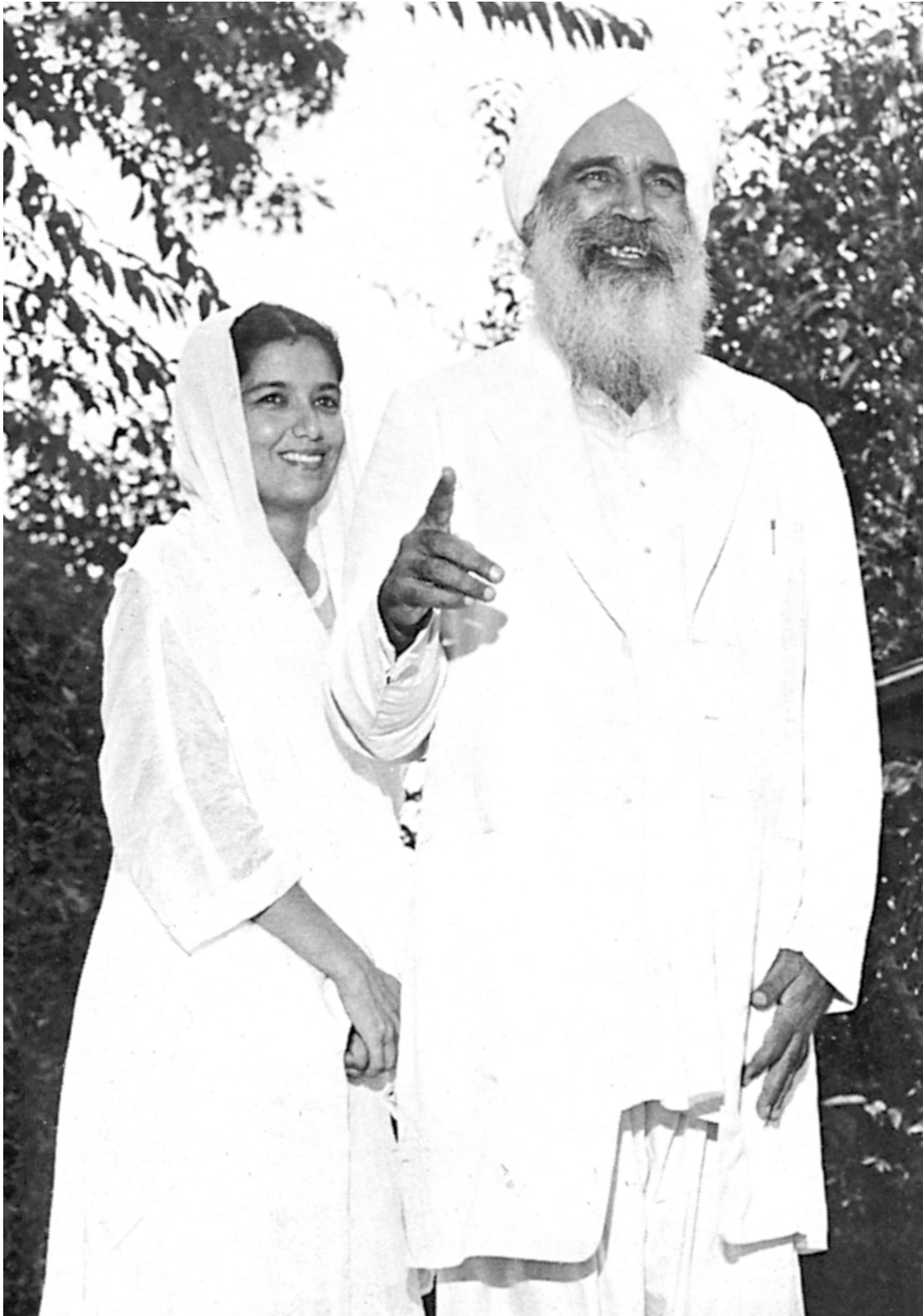
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When I first went to America a scientist came up – he gave long talks, followed by long discussions - it took him over five hours. Then I questioned him – I had heard all that he said – I asked him, “You have been able to create energy, but have you been able to create an ounce of consciousness?” He said, “No.” He was right. Then I told him, “Well look here, two halves of a loaf can make one whole loaf; can a hundred fools together make one wise man?” He said, “No.” – “In the field of energy you have made so many inventions but nothing in the way of consciousness.” Then I further questioned him, “Have you analysed matter? What did you find?” – “There were elements,” he replied. Then I asked him, “Have you analysed the

elements?” – “Yes.” – “What did you find?” He said, “We found atoms.” Then I further questioned him, “Have you been able to analyse an atom?” – “Yes.” He said, “One circle was revolving, something going in a very fast way, round and round.” – “What did you find there?” – “Some sound.” You see? Now they have found light, too. Then he came round, you see. The people who were attending this discussion said he would never turn up the next day for initiation. He was the first man to turn up, and he got the highest experience. Then he invited me to his scientific association. I had to give a talk.

Sant Kirpal Singh, Chicago, 1955





Masters come to unite man to man.

They have only one goal before them: to know God and let others know God – to love God and to love all humanity.

That is no business proposition, I tell you!

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All my talks were given free, whereas usually some money is paid by the people attending the talks there – sometimes through collections during the talk, or through tickets purchased before the talk. When I had the collection basket removed, someone asked me if I did not want some money for myself, and I said, “No.” At the very first talk in U.S.A. (God and Man) a man (Russian) wanted to donate five thousand dollars. When I asked him why, he said that I had given a very wonderful talk and he wanted to subscribe to the work. I told him that it is a gift of God and as all gifts of nature are free, it should be given freely. Are any rights reserved for a Master’s words? There are no rights reserved on the words uttered by a true Master. When the people saw that all my talks were truly given free, they could not understand what I was after. I explained that this body is the temple of God, we have forgotten this, I have

come to revive that memory, so each one should return to their nature and know what they truly are.

The world today is full of pseudo masters so much so that the people are fed up with the very word “master.” Men are willing to sacrifice everything - their money, their possessions, just to see the Light of God. They are fed on hopes and promises and then they are told that they are not yet fit for the way. Ultimately, they find that those (so-called) “masters” are after material wealth like themselves; they lead the same life of the senses as themselves. Naturally this causes revulsion and the people say that masters are all a hoax. This is only an erroneous result of the sad experiences that they have had.

Left: Sant Kirpal Singh, Louisville-Kentucky, 1955



During my tours abroad, many talks were given in churches. When I gave references of the Bible people were surprised: “We, too, have read it but we have not caught the point”, they felt. Twelve or fourteen bishops were initiated. They do not permit one who belongs to another community to deliver a lecture in the church. But church authorities invited me. I gave 70 percent of my talks in churches. They welcomed me and said, “This teaching is given in the Bible, but we are not acquainted with that. Our Bible requires new interpretation.” One minister went as far as to say, “I have been in charge of a Presbyterian Church for forty years, but today for the first time I have understood what the Bible is telling me.” He came and bowed to me in front of everyone with tears in his eyes. I want to point out that all glory and praise be to those past Masters who have given us these teachings.

What is the greatest study of man? Is it theology? I would say no. Is it knowing the law of Blackstone and other great men who came in the past? Even then the answer will be no. Is it the study of works of men like Shakespeare, Milton, Dickens, Burns? No. Is it occultism or Buddhism or Christianity or Sikhism or any other social religion that we may study? Are such works the greatest aim of man’s study? Again I would say that the answer is no. Why? If you become conversant with all the scriptures left by the Masters, what do they speak of? “Man know thyself.” So, knowing man, both his outer and inner aspects, is the greatest study for us. The greatest study of man is man.

God does not reside in temples made of stone. When I mentioned this during a talk in England, a certain bishop stood up and said, “You have thrown an atom bomb on all our churchianity.” What a natural temple is this form, with the earth under foot and the sky overhead. And yet people are so attached to outer temples, forms, and formularies. Is any outer temple purer than others? If so then where do the others stand? If the same symbols of light and sound are kept in them all, then which is the best? In truth, the best place is that in which He Himself is sitting – and that is within this physical body.

Sant Kirpal Singh, USA, 1955

A magician came to a morning meditation sitting in Chicago during my first tour. He was a first class magician from Europe especially invited to America with the purpose to make me fail. He said, "You are going to give me a sitting, am I permitted to sit?" – "Yes, come on." I gave a sitting. He was sitting at the side exerting all his work against me. Nothing happened, but he in return fell down, headlong down, unconscious. They had to revive him in my arms, put him into bed and solace him. "Well, never mind, you will be all right. Don't worry." Reaction was there. When a wave comes and hits a stone wall, the wave will recede. If there is sand there, then that wave will permeate. So as a reaction, he fell down unconscious. He was a follower of the other party, especially engaged for that purpose. I treated him, giving him medicine so that he would be all right. Then he said to the whole gathering over there, "I have seen for the first time the love of Christ. What I was being told was all wrong." He passed away. His wife sends me letters even now.

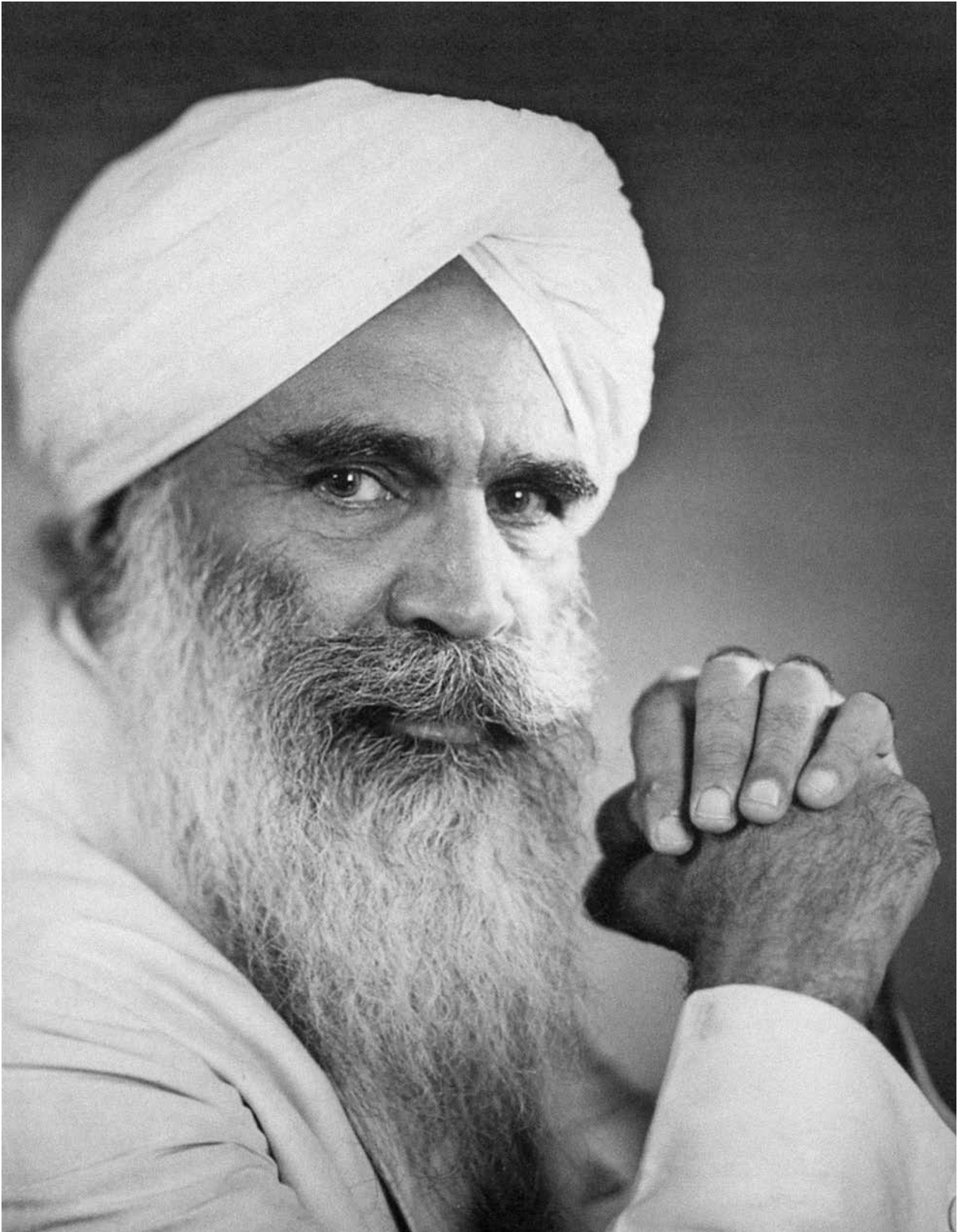
When I was in Washington a meeting was arranged with the avowed purpose of representing the viewpoint of both East and West. They chose me as a representative of the East and one representative was nominated for the West, who had to come from France. Unfortunately he did not arrive in time and so they said to me, "All right, we leave the representation of both East and West to You." I told them that people say that "East is East and West is West and the two shall never meet." But I said, that this was our distinction, for we had made East and West. There was in fact neither East nor West. God made one creation. All the countries are so many rooms in the house of our Father. The aeroplanes have annihilated all distances. If we fly today from here we reach England the next day and on the third day we are in America. So we all live in the house of our Father.

I was in Los Angeles for a few days, and there a blind doctor came for a meditation sitting. The blind people also have Light; it is but a matter of inversion. After the sitting he admitted, "Yes, I see Light." So that Light is within all men.



Sant Kirpal Singh, USA, 1955

I have received one letter; it is with me. I got it when I returned from America. An instance of the time of Hazur in 1934 is mentioned there. A lady wrote: "Kirpal Singh met me in Chicago city in 1934. I was carrying some fruit. He took some fruit, ate it, and disappeared with the basket." This lady inquired by correspondence from every place what that was. She could not make out. I wrote her, "This is not a new thing. That Power materializes and also becomes Word made Flesh and also stays hidden." It is not a new thing, this is not a miracle, but these are the signs of the competent Master.



I had an experience once when I went to America. I was called to be on television. When my name went round like wildfire in the United States, some of the heads of the religions sat together and said they would defeat me. They called me on this television show without informing me that anybody else would be on.

There was a round table. Four or five people entered and I greeted them, "All right, how do you do. I'm glad to meet you. Thank you so much, sit down." One was a Jew, another was a Roman Catholic, one was a Protestant, one was something else, and one was the head of a newspaper. "I hope you won't mind," one of them said, "if we have something to ask?" – "No, you're most welcome to ask any questions."

The television programme started and then all of them, one, two, three, all of them put questions. I re-

plied. "Anything more?" Then again they asked further questions to which I replied. Third time around only two or three remained. They put more questions and I replied. It was a round table, you see; underneath they were passing messages. "Put him some more questions", giving signals with their legs, with their feet. Then the last question of all, "How do we know that we have known God?" – "How do we know that we have known God?" I told them, "When you have got pain in your stomach, how do you know?" They shook heads and said, "You are right."

Basic teachings are the same. Truth is one. That school is all right, that religion is all right that turns out a perfect man.

Germany

On His way back to India Sant Kirpal Singh stopped in Berlin and Bonn where He gave several talks

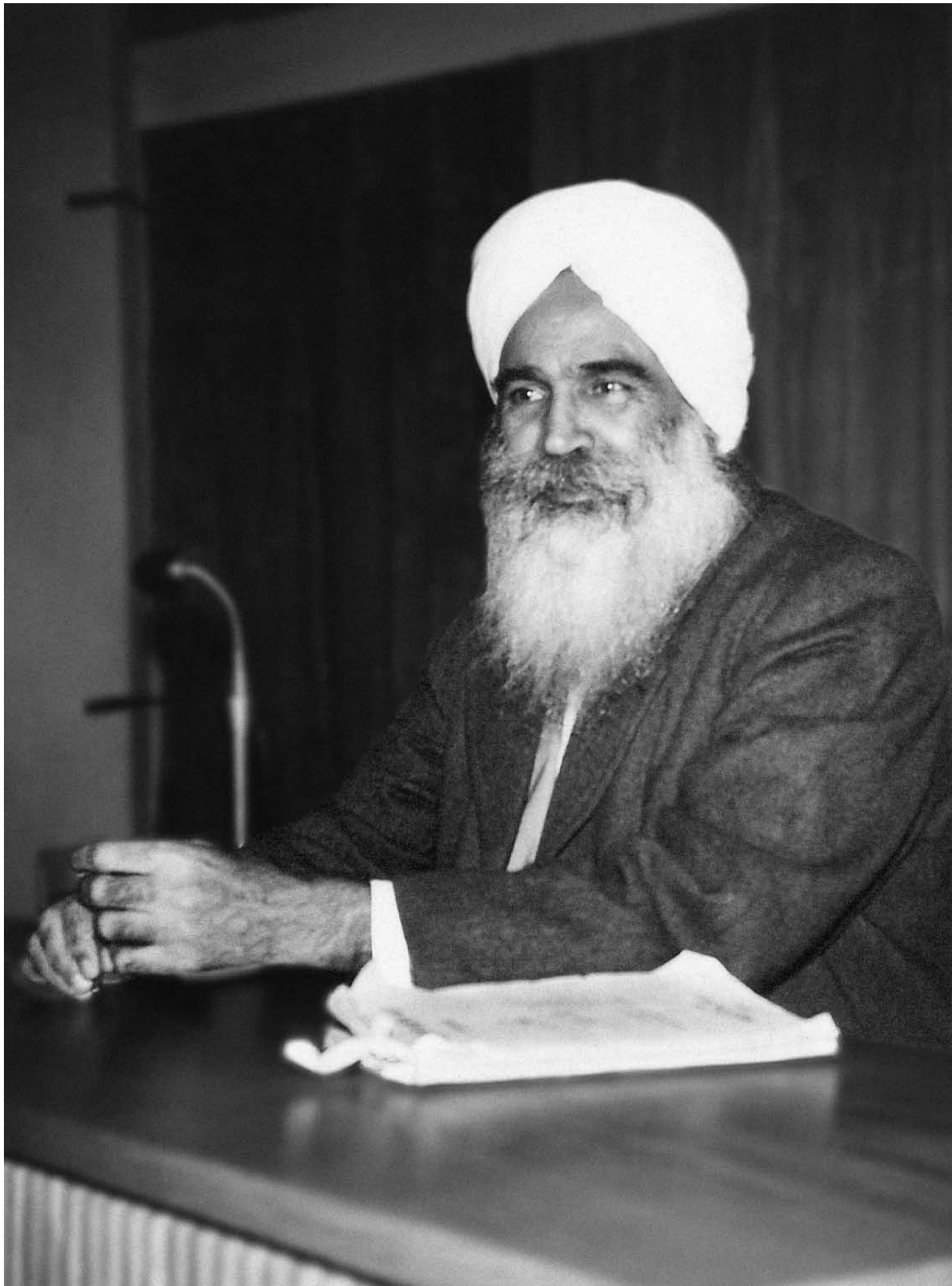
My first Western tour was for four or five months only, and in this short time there was a grand awakening all over the Western hemisphere. There was a genuine surge of seeking for Truth, and when they got it, there was more respect for what they had been given.

Sant Kirpal Singh

Sincere seekers will find that all will be arranged and made possible without them doing anything. Even before I arrived in America, there were people who knew nothing about me but who were seeing the Master's form and also Baba Sawan Singh Ji within. When they saw me physically they told me that they had been seeing me within for months, and some for a year or more. Brothers, it is all His work, not mine. During my first world tour, on the way back to India, I agreed to pay an unarranged impromptu visit to Germany. Someone who was accompanying me remarked, "But how will those people recognize you, for they have never seen you? In the other countries at least the programme was prepared. Even if they

recognize you by your clothes, how will You know them?" I replied, "He who is sending me there will make all the arrangements – why should I worry? He Himself will arrange all to receive me." When the plane landed in Germany there was a small crowd awaiting me, and each person had a rose in his hand. I said, "You see, there is my reception." They came running toward us, asking about the luggage and telling us that the cars were ready and waiting. So He Himself does His own work. The commission comes from the Lord and He works through whomsoever He chooses, be it one or thousands.

Sant Kirpal Singh in Berlin, 21 October, 1955



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