



### **Life Sketch of Kirpal Singh**

Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji was born on February 6, 1894 at Sayyad Kasran in the northwest of India, now Pakistan. He came to put humanity on the path back to God and reveal the UNITY OF MAN that already exists. He came to reveal the path to man`s ultimate liberation from the bondage of mind and matter. The life He lead was to serve as an example to mankind how to attain the highest aim – *Self- and Godrealization*. It was devoted to the search of God; ardously He studied the holy scriptures of different religions and the life histories of Saints and Prophets of many times and climes. He knew that the prupose of his life was to meet God. He prayed to God: „O Lord, it may bet hat I would go to a socalled `Master´who did not reach you. In this case I would loose my confidence and later on my whole life – the purpose of my life. You revealed yourself to others directly, is it not possible that You also meet me?“ 1917 his prayers for an inner manifestation of God were answered, and He began seeing the form of a bearded man in his meditations. 1924 while visiting the Beas River, He came to a nearby Ashram, and there, in the person of Baba Sawan Singh Ji, He met the same form on the physical plane that He had been seeing in his meditations for seven years. He became a disciple of the great Master Baba Sawan Singh Ji and devoted the rest of his life to the practice of *Surat Shabd Yoga*, the spiritual discipline taught by Baba Sawan Singh and all competent Masters.

At the same time Kirpal fulfilled his duties as a householder and earned the livelihood as Deputy Assistant Controller of Accounts in the Indian Government. He retired as a Government Official in 1947, having won the love of subordinates and superiors alike.

When He was free He used to serve others. He visited the suffering in the hospitals, helped those who were in need financially and served people in every possible way. By his words of wisdom and by his selfless service He gave comfort to the suffering. Whoever met Him was touched by the Divine radiation emanating from Him.

He sat at the feet of his Guru for 24 years, and very quickly penetrated deep into the knowledge of *Para Vidya* – the knowledge of the beyond. By the late thirties He was assigned the work of writing *Gurmat Siddhant*, a two volume spiritual classic which was, at his request, published under Sawan Singh's name. In the following years He wrote numerous spiritual works which were translated in several languages and published world-wide.

On 2nd April 1948 his beloved Master Baba Sawan Singh left His body (after having transferred to Him the spiritual succession). Heavy of heart, Sant Kirpal Singh left for Rishikesh in the Himalaya Mountains and spent the next five months in almost continuous samadhi or absorption in God. Finally He received orders from within: „Go back into the world and bring my children back to me.“

Having returned to Delhi He began his work there. By 1951 He established Sawan Ashram in the outskirts of the city, and satsangs were attended by 5,000 or more souls. His work continued to grow.

In 1955 He made his first foreign tour, spending several months in United States and Europe. This was the first time that a Saint of His stature had visited the West. He initiated countless souls in the *Surat Shabd Yoga* - the union of consciousness or attention with *Shabd* – the *Word of God*. He presented Spirituality with complete simplicity and clarity to an audience almost totally unfamiliar with eastern thought.

In India the work continued to grow at a headlong pace as the Master's reputation as a holy man who actually lived up to what He preached, and to what the scriptures said, grew more and more widespread.

The most ancient and honorable Christian formation, the order of Malta, awarded Sant Kirpal Singh Ji the Goldstar of Malta. With the title „Grand-officer of the order of Saint John of Jerusalem, Knight of Malta“ this order was honoring for the first time a non-Christian thus breaking a thousand year old tradition. People recognized the message of Sant Kirpal Singh as the pure original teaching, confirming their own aims, i.e. to know oneself and God.

In 1957 He was elected the President of the World Fellowship of Religions, an office He kept until 1971, when, after four World Religious Conferences, He resigned after it became evident that nothing more could be accomplished in that direction.

In 1963 He made his second world tour, this time as President of the World Fellowship of Religions, meeting national and religious leaders and applying the healing gospel of love to the thorny world of practical politics. He met Pope Paul VI., the Patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Churches and many European royalty and government figures and to them all He presented the idea of the Unity of Man.

On August 26, 1972, He left on His third and final world tour where He gave countless talks and met thousands of people.

To put into practice the way of liberation of man during this critical time, Sant Kirpal Singh Ji gave out the clarion call for the Unity of Man Conference in February 1974 at Delhi. 2.000 Delegates took part in this conference – religious and political leaders from India and all parts of the world and about 50.000 people from all over the world.

He urged the religious and ethical leadership of the world to shed apathy and aloofness and spread the universal message of love in all corners of the world. He said:

*„The welfare of humanity is our highest commitment and no efforts should be spared to prepare proper ground and climate for the preservation and rejuvenation of moral values that have sustained mankind through the ages and without which the life is becoming a hazard.“*

*„The message of the Unity of Man must reach every human Heart irrespective of religious and social labels so that it comes home to every individual, enabling him to actually put it in practice in life and pass it on to others. In this way, the entire human society could be reformed.“*

At this conference Sant Kirpal Singh Ji stressed the need for *selfless service* as it is written in Gurbani: *„Without doing selfless service you cannot go back (to home eternal). Do selfless service and go directly back to your home.“*

On his last tour of Punjab Sant Kirpal Singh Ji founded *Kirpal Sagar* in October 1973. As ordered by Him, this centre will be a mand making centre high above all rituals and rites. Kirpal Sagar is a big concession and gift of the Godpower – the Almighty Power to mankind, a golden opportunity for all who have decided to do everything for Him. Here the opportunity for service to mankind is given – which is the highest and the only way back to God.

On August 21, 1974 Sant Kirpal Singh left his physical body, yet his work, his Mission was still not finished. *Unity of Man is the Mission of Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji – it is the wish of the Master, the Almighty Power.*

*He entreats us to try and realize  
What the Master is.  
The Master is not the physical form –  
He is not the human pole,  
but the All-Omnipotent Power of God  
which is manifesting therein.*

Also today people can get the same blessings from Param Sant Kirpal Singh as those who could meet Him physically before.

*„Who can lay commands on Him,*

*Who is the King  
And the root of all living?"*

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The year 1979 was declared by India as the *National Integration Year* in honour of Param Sant Kirpal Singh Ji. Through his Mission it was possible for people of many countries to transcend all kinds of artificial barriers – territorial, local, racial, national, linguistic and religious. People came closer to each other, first as humans, then as embodied souls and lastly as worshipper of the one *Controlling Power* called Oversoul or God.