

ਦਸਤਗੀਰ ਹੁਇ ਪੰਜ ਪੀਰ ਹਰਿ ਗੁਰੁ ਹਰਿ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਅਤੋਲਾ ॥ ਦੀਨ ਦੁਨੀ ਦਾ ਪਾਤਸਾਹ ਪਾਤਸਾਹਾਂ ਪਾਤਸਾਹ ਅਡੋਲਾ ॥



PERKASH DIHARRA
SRI GURU
HARGOBIND
SAHIB JI

ਹਾੜੁ ਵਦੀ ੧, ੧੬੫੨ ਬਿਕਰਮੀ (੧੫੯੫ ਈ)

HARH VADI 1, 1652 BIKARMI
(1595 CE)



ਸੋਰਠਾ: ਪੂਰਨ ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਬਿਬੇਕ ਆਪਾ ਆਪ ਪ੍ਰਗਾਸ ਹੁਇ ॥ ਨਾਮ ਦੋਇ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਏਕ ਗੁਰ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਬਖਾਨੀਐ ॥

Sorta: The absolute transcendent and immanent Almighty has Himself manifested in the form of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji. Almighty and Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji may hold two (2) different names but in reality, are the same.

ਦੋਹਰਾ: ਆਪਾ ਆਪ ਪ੍ਰਗਾਸ ਹੋਇ ਪੂਰਨ ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਬਿਬੇਕ ॥ ਗੁਰ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਬਖਾਨੀਐ ਨਾਮ ਦੋਇ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਏਕ ॥

Dohra: Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji is the complete manifestation of Waheguru who is the sole creator and prevails in Oneness. Guru Hargobind Sahib, the enlightener (life) of sensory and action organs is Waheguru but in two different names.

ਛੰਦ: ਨਾਮ ਦੋਇ ਪ੍ਰਭ ਏਕ ਏਕ ਗੁਰਮੁਖਿ ਠਹਰਾਈ ॥ ਆਇ ਭਏ ਗੁਰ ਨਾਮ ਦੁਤੀਆ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਬਡਾਈ ॥

Chand: Two names of the One, is the support of the Gurmukhs.

Waheguru is the prime form who revealed Himself as Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji

ਹਰਿ ਗੁਰ ਹਰਿਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਰਚਨ ਰਚਿ ਸ੍ਰਾਪਿ ਓਥਾਪਨ ॥ ਪੂਰਨ ਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਬਿਬੇਕ ਪ੍ਰਗਟ ਹੁਇ ਆਪਾ ਆਪਨ ॥ ੧ ॥

Waheguru, Guru Hargobind Himself is the sole creator, sustainer and perisher.

The perfect creator with oneness in His creation, manifested in a human form revealing His oneness containing all in Himself

(Ref: Kabit 7 – Bhai Gurdaas Ji)



SRI GURU HARGOBIND SAHIB JI

FATHER	Guru Arjan Dev Ji
MOTHER	Mata Gangga Ji
GRANDFATHER	Guru Ram Das Ji
FATHER-IN-LAW	Baba Lala Narayan Das Ji (Father of Mata Damodri Ji) Baba Hari Chand Ji (Father of Mata Nanki Ji) Baba Dya Ram Ji (Father of Mata Merwahi Ji)
MOTHER-IN-LAW	Mata Dya Kaur Ji (Mother of Mata Damodri Ji) Mata Hardye Ji (Mother of Mata Nanaki Ji) Mata Bhagwanti Ji (Mother of Mata Merwahi Ji)
UNCLES	Prithi Chand (1558 AD), Baba Mahadev Ji (1561 AD)
LINEAGE	Sodhi of Khatri caste
DATE OF BIRTH	Sunday, Harr Vedhi Ekam 1652(B) – 6 th June 1595 A.D
PLACE OF BIRTH	Guru Ki Vadali, Sri Amritsar Sahib



PRITHI CHAND'S ENVY

- ◆ Prithi Chand told his wife Karmo that Guru Arjan Dev Ji will never have a child and his son, Meharban will be the next Guru.
- ◆ The news of such utterance reached Mata Gangga Ji who then pleaded to Guru Arjan Dev Ji for a child.



RESPECT FOR ELDER BROTHER'S WORD



Guru Arjan Dev ji said “His word will be served as he is my elder brother, I will not overrule his words .. but a true Gursikh surely can”. Guru Ji indicated Baba Buddha Ji



ਮੇਰੀ ਬਾਂਧੀ ਭਗਤੁ ਛੁਡਾਵੈ ; ਬਾਂਧੈ ਭਗਤੁ , ਨ ਛੁਟੈ ਮੋਹਿ ॥

(1252-18, ਸਾਰੰਗ, ਭਗਤ ਨਾਮਦੇਵ ਜੀ)

The devotee can release anyone from my bondage, but I cannot release anyone from his.

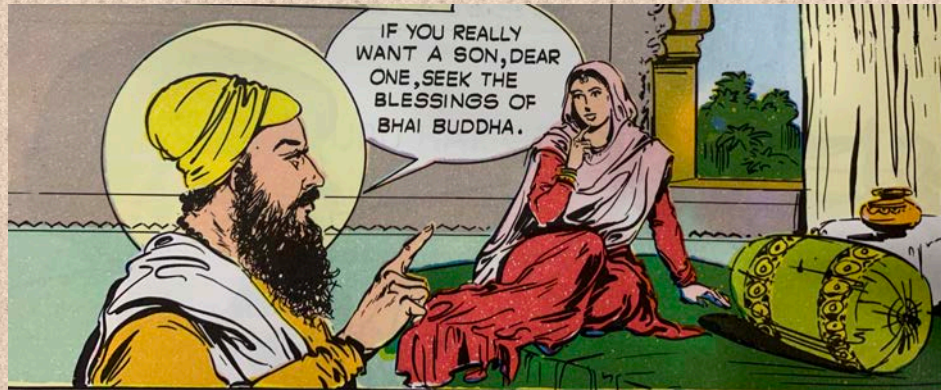
MATA GANGGA JI'S FIRST VISIT TO BABA BUDHA JI

- ◆ Mata ji rode on a Chariot with a group of maids and brought variety of food.
- ◆ Baba Budha Ji said “*Guru Kiya Nu Ki Bhajran Pe Giayan*” (What has caused the rush for the Guru’s house)
- ◆ Mata Ji made the request through a servant but Baba Ji said “*I don’t have a child, I am just a gardener of Guru’s house. I don’t have the ability to bless someone with a child. Guru Ji is all capable.*”



MATA GANGGA JI & GURU ARJAN DEV JI

- ◆ In the evening Mata Ji told Guru Ji the whole narrative to which Guru Ji inquired, “How many people did you bring with you? Where did you keep the offerings?”
- ◆ Mata Ji replied, “I brought many people with me. We travelled there by chariots. I brought many types of food and asked a servant to narrate the whole story to Baba Ji.”
- ◆ Then Guru Ji told Mata Ji, “Whenever you are going to a saint, you must be humble and tell your own problem in your own words and don’t ask someone to do so.” Hearing Guru Ji’s advice, Mata Ji regretted and agreed to abide by those procedures.



SERVING A SAINT



◆ Guru Arjan Ji told Mata Gangga Ji to prepare fresh food all by herself early in the morning. Guru Ji instructed her as follow;

- ◆ Firstly, have shower and then prepare food yourself.
- ◆ Use half chickpeas and half wheat, then grind them and make them into chapatis. Put a lot of ghee on the chapatis.
- ◆ Then prepare Lassi by using yogurt and the lassi should be a bit sour.
- ◆ Lastly, to bring along 2-3 big onions.
- ◆ After preparing the food, carry it on your head and walk barefooted.

MATA GANGGA JI'S 2ND VISIT TO BABA BUDHA JI

- ◆ The next day, Mata Gangga Ji prepared the food.
- ◆ Mata Ji walked 17km barefooted to Baba Buddha Ji at Jhupal. Although she became extremely tired and Her head started aching but that did not stop her from proceeding.
- ◆ Baba Buddha Ji on the other hand, did not have his dinner the night before and was tremendously hungry. Baba Ji was extremely delighted to see Mata Ji and said, “Dear Mata Ji, You are great! But why did you come barefooted? You should have come by using a chariot. Furthermore, You came with such a modest way.”
- ◆ Then Baba Buddha Ji assisted Mata Ji to bring the food below from her head and Mata Ji folded her hands and saluted Baba Ji. Baba Ji ate the chapatis and onions with much enthusiasm. Then while eating, Baba Ji said, “You have just fed me just as how a mother feeds her child. You have quenched my thirst and hunger.”



THE PLEAD

Hearing this, Mata Ji said, “Give me the heir to the Guru’s throne. I am now in your refuge. You have seen Guru Nanak Dev Ji and served the earlier Gurus. There is no one who can solve my problem besides you. I have done a mistake at first, please forgive me.”

NATURE SPEAKS

Baba Ji finished his food and was washing his hands when fast wind blew and lightening was seen with a loud thunderclap of thunder was heard. It was as if the nature is telling Baba Buddha Ji to give the boon to Mata Ji. Seeing this, Baba Ji said,



THE BOON

“A strong and brave son will be born in your house. Dear Mata Ji, You are very lucky. Your son will be strong and will carry sharp sword that will kill the enemies. He will change the saintly throne of Gurus into a sovereign throne. He will love battlefields and will create havoc in the field. Just as how I have crushed the onions, he will crush enemies’ heads in the same way. Just like you have quenched my thirst and hunger, in the similar manner your thirst for a son will be quenched immediately. He will wear two swords, Miri and Piri. His name will be Hargobind. A warrior will be born in your house.”

It was the 21st day of the month Asu in the year 1594 when Baba Buddha Ji gave the boon to Mata Gangga Ji.

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COMPOSITION OF SHABAD IN APPRECIATION

Guru Ji uttered the following Shabad after receiving the news that Mata Ji conceived;

ਆਸਾ , ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥ (੩੯੬-੨)

Aasaa, Fifth Mahla:

ਸਤਿਗੁਰ ਸਾਚੈ ; ਦੀਆ ਭੇਜਿ ॥ ਚਿਰੁਜੀਵਨੁ ; ਉਪਜਿਆ ਸੰਜੋਗਿ ॥

The True Guru has truly given a child. The long-lived one has been born to this destiny.

ਉਦਰੈ ਮਾਹਿ ਆਇ ; ਕੀਆ ਨਿਵਾਸੁ ॥ ਮਾਤਾ ਕੈ ਮਨਿ ; ਬਹੁਤੁ ਬਿਗਾਸੁ ॥੧॥

He came to acquire a home in the womb, and his mother's heart is so very glad. ||1||

**ਜੰਮਿਆ ਪੂਤੁ ; ਭਗਤੁ ਗੋਵਿੰਦ ਕਾ ॥ ਪ੍ਰਗਟਿਆ ਸਭ ਮਹਿ ; ਲਿਖਿਆ ਧੁਰ ਕਾ ॥
ਰਹਾਉ ॥**

A son is born - a devotee of the Lord of the Universe. This pre-ordained destiny¹² has been revealed to all. ||Pause|| (SGGS) Ang 396)

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REALISING THE WORDS OF A SAINT

- ◆ Guru Arjan Dev remembered the words uttered by Baba Buddha Ji *“Guru Kiya Nu Ki Bhajran Pe Giayan”* (What has caused the rush for the Guru’s house)
- ◆ In order to fulfil Baba Buddha Ji’s words, Guru Arjan Dev Ji left Amritsar to Vedali Village and decided to stay there till the Perakash of Sri Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji
- ◆ The place was named ‘Guru Ki Vadali’ after the Perakash of Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji.
- ◆ Guru Arjan Dev Ji stayed in Vadali for three (3) years.



PERKASH

Sunday,

Harr Vedhi I, 1652 (B)

6th June 1595 A.D

ਦਲਭੰਜਨ ਗੁਰੂ ਸੂਰਮਾ ਵਡ ਜੋਧਾ ਬਹੁ ਪਰਉਪਕਾਰੀ॥

Dal Bhanjan Gur Surma Wadh Jodha Bahu Parupkari

(Vaar 1, Pauri 48 -Bhai Gurdaas)

*Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji is the destroyer
of great tyrant armies, the brave Guru,
the greatest warrior and benevolent*



COMPOSITION OF SHABAD – NAMING



Guru Ji uttered the following Shabad after receiving the news that Mata Ji gave birth ;

ਬਿਲਾਵਲੁ , ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Bilaaval, Fifth Mahala:

ਸਗਲ ਅਨੰਦੁ ਕੀਆ ਪਰਮੇਸਰਿ ; ਅਪਣਾ ਬਿਰਦੁ ਸਮਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਸਾਧ ਜਨਾ ਹੋਏ ਕਿਰਪਾਲਾ ; ਬਿਗਸੇ ਸਭਿ ਪਰਵਾਰਿਆ ॥੧॥

The Transcendent Lord has brought bliss to all; He has confirmed His Natural Way. He has become Merciful to the humble, holy Saints, and all my relatives blossom forth in joy. ||1||

ਕਾਰਜੁ ; ਸਤਿਗੁਰਿ ਆਪਿ ਸਵਾਰਿਆ ॥

ਵਡੀ ਆਰਜਾ ਹਰਿ ਗੋਬਿੰਦ ਕੀ ; ਸੂਖ ਮੰਗਲ ਕਲਿਆਣ ਬੀਚਾਰਿਆ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

The True Guru Himself has resolved my affairs. He has blessed Hargobind with long life, and taken care of my comfort, happiness and well-being. ||1||Pause|| (SGGSJ Ang 806)

PERKASH

- ◆ Guru Ji gave large sums of money, food and clothes to the poor. Rebabis (minstrels) came and sang Gurbani blissfully.
- ◆ The whole atmosphere at Vadali Village became joyful.
- ◆ Baba Buddha Ji arrived and said, “He (Sri Hargobind Ji) will have a long life and will be a jewel of his lineage. He will have many praises and will be sinless. He will live in kinglike grandeur.”
- ◆ Sri Hargobind Ji had big limbs, big eyes, short dark hair, red fingernails and many other virtuous characteristics.



PRITHI CHAND & KARMO

- ◆ Prithi Chand's servant saw all the celebrations, she rushed to Karmo and described the whole event. Karmo on hearing the news got pale and started to burn in the fire of jealousy. Later in the evening, she went to Prithi Chand and said, "I thought you cursed Guru Arjan Dev Ji that he will not get a son.
- ◆ Prithi Chand replied, "Mata Gangga Ji went barefooted to Baba Buddha Ji. She served Baba Ji. Baba Ji was pleased with her seva and fulfilled her wish of having a child. Don't assume my words came false. There was no other way they could have gotten a child. Since Baba Ji is a great Sikh, he was able to turn my words. However, there is no big deal that they got a child. I will never sleep peacefully until I kill the child."



1ST ATTACK - MIDWIFE

*Karmo attempts' to poison
Sri Hargobind Ji*



Master of the Miri and Piri
Guru Hargobind Ji

A MIDWIFE 'S DEADLY ATTACK

- ◆ A midwife from Ramdaspur was given the task to poison Sri Hargobind Ji.
- ◆ Karmo gave 100 gold coins to the lady and asked her to kill Sri Hargobind Ji.
- ◆ The midwife applied poison to her breast and sat in the midst of all the other ladies.
- ◆ Then Mata Gangga said to all the ladies seated that Sri Hargobind Ji's appetite is becoming weak.



MIDWIFE DIES

- ❖ The evil midwife found this opportunity and said, “Dear Mata Ji, I have cured this illness in many children by bringing them close to my breast.” When the other ladies heard this, they started praising her that she can treat someone without medicines.
- ❖ Mata Ji gave Sri Hargobind Ji to her. She then brought Sri Hargobind Ji near to her breast but Sri Hargobind Ji resisted. When she started forcing Sri Hargobind Ji, Sri Hargobind Ji grabbed both her breast tightly. She was in extreme pain. While screaming in pain, she said, “Dear child, leave me. I know your greatness.”
- ❖ She then fell down and died immediately.



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MIDWIFE'S SOUL CONFESSED HER PREVIOUS LIFE

The soul of the lady arose and said, “Don’t be afraid of me. Please listen to my story. In my previous life, I was a singer in heaven. I had many miraculous powers, thus I was very egoistic. I was talented in singing and I had a very beautiful body. One day, when I was singing, the Guru of the deities’ approached. When he saw me, he knew that I was a very egoistic person and decided in his mind that I should not be in heaven. To break my pride, he cursed me that I shall be sent to earth and will work as a midwife. He also said that I would cause pain in people’s lives. Upon hearing this curse, I pleaded before him and asked for forgiveness. He then said that Guru Arjan Dev Ji’s son will kill you and you shall be reborn as a singer in the heaven. She told everyone that Prithi Chand’s wife planned to kill Sri Hargobind Ji

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GURU ARJAN DEV JI UTTERS

Upon hearing the incident, Guru Arjan Dev Ji uttered the following shabad;

ਆਸਾ , ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Aasaa, Fifth Mahla:

ਗੁਰ ਪੂਰੇ ; ਰਾਖਿਆ ਦੇ ਹਾਥ ॥

Giving His Hand, the Perfect Guru has protected the child.

ਪ੍ਰਗਟੁ ਭਇਆ ; ਜਨ ਕਾ ਪਰਤਾਪੁ ॥੧॥

The glory of His servant has become manifest. ||1|| (SGGSJ Ang 396)

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GROWING UP

- ◆ After sometime everything resumed normal and Sri Hargobind Ji started sitting. Sri Hargobind Ji then used to sit on his father's laps and the scene was blissful.
- ◆ Shortly after, Sri Hargobind Ji developed 2 teeth, which even increased the beauty of Sri Hargobind Ji.
- ◆ Later Baba Budha was selected to tutor Sri Hargobind Ji.



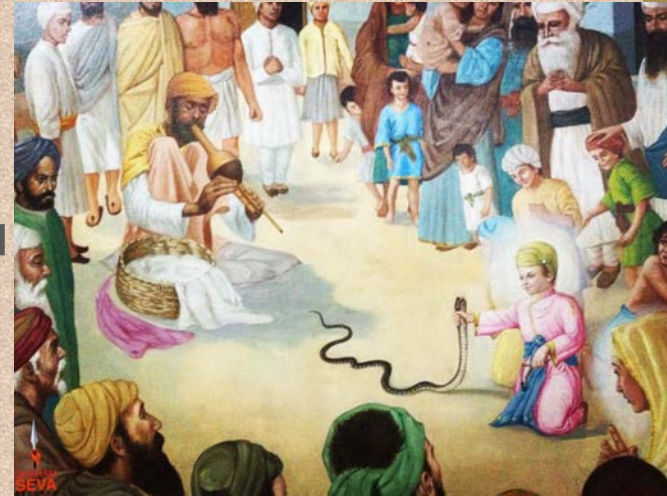
2ND ATTACK

*Prithi Chand sent a snake charmer to
Guru Ji's house*



SNAKE CHARMER

Prithi Chand sent a snake charmer to Guru Ji's house. The snake charmer brought a very dangerous and poisonous snake and sent it into Guru Ji's house. At that time (Guru) Hargobind Sahib Ji was two (2) years old and was playing around when the snake came.



SNAKE'S LIBERATION

(Guru) Hargobind Sahib Ji ran towards the snake and caught it by His hands. He immediately pushed down the snake's head towards the ground and in enormous strength, he smashed its head. Soon after that, He carried the snake by its tail and threw it away. Seeing this Mata Gangga Ji rushed to (Guru) Hargobind Sahib Ji and carried Him and inspected His body and He was perfectly fine.



THE SNAKES' SOUL'S CONFESSION



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Guru Ji asked the soul, “Tell me who you are? How were you reincarnated into a snake? What was your reason of coming here?”

Hearing this, the soul replied, “I was a hermit in my previous life and I used to meditate a lot. I got arrogant because I thought I was the best singer of Vedas. One day, Sage Narad came before me and he narrated numerous discourses on knowledge and concluded that meditation is the only way to attain liberation. Upon listening, I raised lots of questions doubting the fact in order to demonstrate my ego. Sage Narad did not agree with me and my attitude annoyed him. Sage Narad was angry and told, “Hey fool, why are you practicing penance and heating up your body when you do not understand the essence of Vedas. You shall receive the fruits of your this disobedience, therefore you shall be reincarnated as a poisonous snake. You shall be continuously heated by your own poison until Almighty himself comes in a human form to liberate you.” The soul bowed to Guru Arjan Dev Ji and disappeared.

RETURN TO AMRITSAR

- ◆ The people of Ramdaspur were delighted to have Guru Ji back with them again after 3 years. After packing all the belongings; Guru Ji, Mata Ji and Sri Hargobind Ji went to Sri Harmandir Sahib barefooted. Guru Ji brought Karah Pershad with him and distributed it to the sangat at Harmandir Sahib. Guru Ji circumambulated around Sri Harmandir Sahib for 3 times and then performed Ardas.
- ◆ When Guru Ji brought Sri Hargobind Ji with him to meet Prithi Chand, Guru Ji bowed before Prithi Chand in respect. Prithi Chand was astonished to see Sri Hargobind Ji.



3RD ATTACK - THE CURSE

Prithi Chand spell a curse



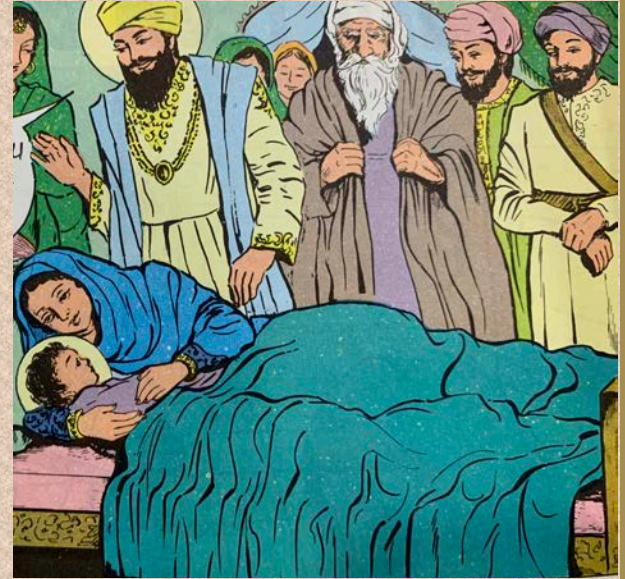
THE CURSE BY PRITHI CHAND

One day, Karmo expressed her concern, Prithi Chand said, “Don’t worry, he will not be alive for long. We will kill him while he is still an infant. He (Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji) is going to die of small pox. Now my words will come true and I am sure of it.



SMALL POX

- ◆ Whereas at Guru Ji's house, Sri Hargobind Ji started talking in baby slang. Sri Hargobind Ji used to run around the house. But one day, Sri Hargobind Ji got sick and did not walk much. Mata Ji was extremely worried and on the third day, small pox appeared on Sri Hargobind Ji.
- ◆ Sri Hargobind Ji's body turned red and the small pox spread everywhere. Mata Ji was very sad and used to pray to Almighty so that the small pox could be eradicated. Mata Ji couldn't see her son in that state.
- ◆ On the fifth day, Sri Hargobind Ji's condition became worst. Sri Hargobind Ji stopped talking and eating. Someone used to shift Sri Hargobind Ji to prevent bedsores. Sri Hargobind Ji could not open his eyes. Mata Ji always used to pray to Almighty so that Sri Hargobind Ji's illness will be cured. Mata Ji never used to sleep as she was worried about her son.
- ◆ Guru Ji gave fortitude to Mata Gangga Ji and said, "There is no need to worry. Keep faith only in Almighty. Guru Nanak will help us and by just reciting His name, pain vanishes."



CURING

- ◆ When the sixth day passed, the small pox started healing. Mata Gangga Ji and the rest of the family were overjoyed upon listening to the news. When Guru Ji heard of the good news, Guru Ji thanked Almighty.
- ◆ Sri Hargobind Ji was slowly recovering from small pox. He started eating and was able to move His limbs. Sri Hargobind Ji fully recovered after the seventh day.
- ◆ On that day, Mata Gangga Ji cleaned Sri Hargobind Ji's body with warm water and brought him to Guru Ji. Seeing his son, Guru Ji said:



APPRECIATION SHABAD



ਗਉੜੀ , ਮਹਲਾ ੫ ॥

Gauree, Fifth Mahl (Guru), Guru Arjan Dev Ji:

ਨੇੜੁ ਪ੍ਰਗਾਸੁ ਕੀਆ ; ਗੁਰਦੇਵ ॥ ਭਰਮ ਗਏ ; ਪੂਰਨ ਭਈ ਸੇਵ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

Gurdev (Guru Ram Das Ji) has given the light (the ability to see) within the eyes. Illusions (doubts) has been dispelled; as selfless service has been successful (Mata Gangga Ji walked barefooted 17km to Jhupal with Baba Buddha's lunch (bread, onion, lassi, etc.) carried on the head to obtain the boon for a son) . ||1||Pause||

ਸੀਤਲਾ ਤੇ ਰਖਿਆ ; ਬਿਹਾਰੀ ॥ ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮ ਪ੍ਰਭ ; ਕਿਰਪਾ ਧਾਰੀ ॥੧॥

The Giver of joy has saved him from smallpox. The Supreme Almighty has granted His Grace. ||1||

(Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji – Ang 200)

4TH ATTACK - THE MALE NURSE

The male nurse was a Brahmin who used to assist Mata Gangga Ji to watch over Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji.



PRITHI CHAND – CONVINCES A BRAHMIN

- ❖ Prithi Chand corrupted the Brahmin (Male Nurse) and told him, “You will have to give poison to (Guru) Hargobind Sahib Ji because he is my biggest torn in my whole life. If (Guru) Hargobind Sahib Ji doesn’t die, I will never be able to get the Guruship. Take 500 gold coins from me and live a happy life.”
- ❖ After their evil discussion, the Brahmin went to Guru Ji’s house and brought the poison given by Baba Prthvi Chand in his turban. That same night, he took a stone grinder and started grinding the poison and made it into powder. He then wrapped the poison with a tiny cloth and placed it in his turban.



MIXING POISON IN YOGURT

- ◆ The Brahmin took the yogurt meant for Sri Hargobind Ji and mixed poison powder in it.
- ◆ After mixing, he came to Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji and tried to feed the yogurt but Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji rejected.
- ◆ Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji knew all his deceitful plans and insisted rejecting the yogurt. Whenever the Brahmin brought the yogurt near to Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji, He will reject it using his hands and would turn his face away from the yogurt.
- ◆ After several tries, the Brahmin held both of Sri Hargobind Ji's hands and loudly said in anger, "What is going on with you? If you don't eat the yogurt now, the demon will come and take you forever." The Brahmin still failed and then he grabbed Sri Hargobind Ji's neck and tried but it still failed.



ALL-KNOWING, SRI HARGOBIND JI

◆ Then Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji yelled loudly, the scream was heard by Mata Gangga Ji. Mata Ji then rushed to Guru Arjan Dev Ji and said, “Hargobind is calling us loudly and it seems he is in trouble.” Guru Ji hearing this said, “Hargobind is with the Brahmin since morning. He has taken Hargobind to the tower.”

◆ Seeing Mata Gangga Ji’s nervousness, Guru Arjan Dev Ji sent one Sikh and said to him, “Go urgently and see Sri Hargobind.” The Sikh ran to the tower and saw the Brahmin holding the yogurt in one hand and (Guru) Hargobind Sahib Ji on the other.



THE BRAHMINS' STRUGGLE

- ◆ The Sikh came back with the Brahmin. He was still holding the yogurt bowl.
- ◆ Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji's eyes were filled with tears and his lips had some yogurt on them.
- ◆ The all-knower Guru Arjan Dev Ji asked the Brahmin the reason why isn't Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji eating the yogurt and the reason for his struggle.
- ◆ The Brahmin then gave some excuse to which, Guru Ji told him to try now without force.



THE REFUSAL

- ◆ Listening to Guru Ji, the Brahmin was delighted that now no one will suspect him as all have seen that it is just yogurt. The Brahmin then brought the yogurt gently, which was again rejected by the baby Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji.
- ◆ Seeing this, Guru Arjan Dev Ji took the yogurt in his own hands and the Brahmin was again delighted. When Guru Ji brought the yogurt near Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji, Sri Hargobind Ji lowered his head. He neither rejected nor accepted to eat the yogurt.



PISTA - A DWAF PET DOG

There used to be one dwarf (Bona) dog in Guru Arjan Dev Ji's court. He was called 'Pista' and wherever Guru Ji used to go, he used to follow and when Guru Ji used to sleep, he would sit below the bed. The dog was very lucky as it used to stay with Guru Ji always.

Guru Arjan Dev Ji then called Pista, he came swinging his tail and stood in front of Guru Ji. Guru Ji then poured the yogurt into Pista's plate. Pista came near his plate and sniffed the yogurt. Smelling the yogurt, Pista walked back from the plate and started giving indications that the yogurt contains poison. This was really surprising to the Sangat as Pista used to eat all the left over langgar and never used to reject.



PISTA'S SACRIFICE

- ◆ The all-knowing Guru Ji asked Pista (dog) to drink the yogurt and he shall attain salvation. Pista accepted Guru Ji's command and left the fear of death behind and drank the whole yogurt till it finished.
- ◆ After 22.5 minutes (1 Ghari), Pista started struggling in pain and after a while of suffering it died in front of Guru Ji. Guru Arjan Dev Ji then touched Pista with His feet and the dog attained salvation. Again Sri Hargobind Sahib Ji was untouched by any danger.



THE BRAHMIN DIED

Brahmin started having terrible colic pains and he started screaming and struggling in pain. He had the colic pains for 22.5 minutes and he died after that.

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Bhairao, Fifth Mehl:

ਲੇਪੁ ਨ ਲਾਗੋ ; ਤਿਲ ਕਾ ਮੂਲਿ ॥ ਦੁਸਟੁ ਬ੍ਰਾਹਮਣੁ ; ਮੂਆ ਹੋਇ ਕੈ ਸੂਲੁ ॥੧॥

The poison had absolutely no harmful effect. But the wicked Brahmin died in pain. ||1||

ਹਰਿ ਜਨ ਰਾਖੇ ; ਪਾਰਬ੍ਰਹਮਿ ਆਪਿ ॥ ਪਾਪੀ ਮੂਆ ; ਗੁਰ ਪਰਤਾਪਿ ॥੧॥ ਰਹਾਉ ॥

The Supreme Lord Almighty Himself has saved His humble servant. The sinner died through the Power of the Guru. ||1||Pause|| (SGGS Ang: 1137)

GURU ARJAN DEV JI – THE GREATEST FORGIVER

- ◆ Mata Ji pleaded to Guru Ji to resurrect the Brahmin
- ◆ Guru Ji got water in his hands and sprinkled it on the Brahmin while saying Satnam. Immediately, the sinful Brahmin was alive again. Guru Ji then said, “What made you do such a sinful act? You used to get your salary and money from us, how did you get influenced? What could you have gotten by doing such an act? Tell me the truth. I have freed you and saved you from death.”
- ◆ Listening to this, the Brahmin did not have the guts to look up. He was shivering and terrified. His face was pale and he confessed while speaking slowly. Guru Ji forgave him.

‘Although Prithi Chand tried every possible way to harm Guru Arjan Dev Ji and Sri Hargobind Ji, in return, only love and respect was showered upon him and his son Meharban’

