

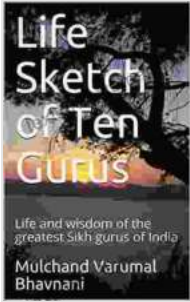
# Life Sketch of Ten Gurus: A Journey Through Sikh History

The life stories of the ten Sikh Gurus are a testament to the power of faith, courage, and resilience. These extraordinary individuals dedicated their lives to spreading the message of Sikhism, a religion that emphasizes equality, compassion, and the pursuit of truth. Through their teachings and example, they inspired countless followers and played a pivotal role in shaping the history and culture of the Sikh people.

## Guru Nanak Dev



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Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism, was born in 1469 in the village of Talwandi, now Nankana Sahib, in present-day Pakistan. From a young age, he exhibited a deep interest in spiritual matters and spent much time meditating and contemplating the nature of existence. At the age of 30, he experienced a profound revelation that led him to renounce his worldly life and embrace the path of spirituality.

Guru Nanak's teachings emphasized the unity of all religions, the importance of equality and compassion, and the pursuit of truth through meditation and self-realization. He traveled extensively throughout India and beyond, spreading his message and inspiring people from all walks of life. He established the Sikh faith, which is based on the principles of love, service, and devotion.

## **Guru Angad Dev**



Guru Angad Dev, the second Sikh Guru, was born in 1504 in the village of Harike, now in Punjab, India. He was a devoted follower of Guru Nanak and spent many years learning from him. After Guru Nanak's death in 1539, Guru Angad succeeded him as the leader of the Sikh community.

Guru Angad's contributions to Sikhism were significant. He standardized the Gurmukhi script, which is still used to write the Sikh holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib. He also established the Sikh tradition of Langar, a communal

meal that is served to all visitors, regardless of their religion or social status.

## **Guru Amar Das**



Guru Amar Das, the third Sikh Guru, was born in 1479 in the village of Basarke, now in Punjab, India. He was a devout Sikh and spent many years meditating and practicing the teachings of Guru Nanak and Guru

Angad. In 1552, he succeeded Guru Angad as the leader of the Sikh community.

Guru Amar Das's teachings emphasized the importance of humility, service, and devotion. He established the system of Masands, which were Sikh missionaries who traveled throughout India spreading the message of Sikhism. He also composed many hymns that are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

## **Guru Ram Das**



Guru Ram Das, the fourth Sikh Guru, was born in 1534 in the village of Chuna Mandi, now in Punjab, India. He was a devoted follower of Guru Amar Das and spent many years serving him. In 1574, he succeeded Guru Amar Das as the leader of the Sikh community.

Guru Ram Das's contributions to Sikhism were significant. He founded the city of Amritsar, which is now the holiest city in Sikhism. He also expanded

the Golden Temple, which is located in the center of Amritsar, and made it a major pilgrimage site for Sikhs. Additionally, he composed many hymns that are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

## **Guru Arjan**



Guru Arjan, the fifth Sikh Guru, was born in 1563 in the village of Goindwal, now in Punjab, India. He was the youngest son of Guru Ram Das and was raised in a devout Sikh household. In 1581, he succeeded his father as the leader of the Sikh community.

Guru Arjan's contributions to Sikhism were significant. He compiled the Adi Granth, which is the first version of the Guru Granth Sahib. He also expanded the Golden Temple and made it a major center of Sikh learning. Additionally, he composed many hymns that are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

## Guru Hargobind



Guru Hargobind, the sixth Sikh Guru, was born in 1595 in the village of Vadali, now in Punjab, India. He was the youngest son of Guru Arjan and was raised in a devout Sikh household. In 1606, he succeeded his father as the leader of the Sikh community.



Guru Hargobind's contributions to Sikhism were significant. He militarized the Sikh community in response to the persecution they faced from the Mughal Empire. He also established the Akal Takht, which is the supreme seat of Sikh authority. Additionally, he composed many hymns that are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

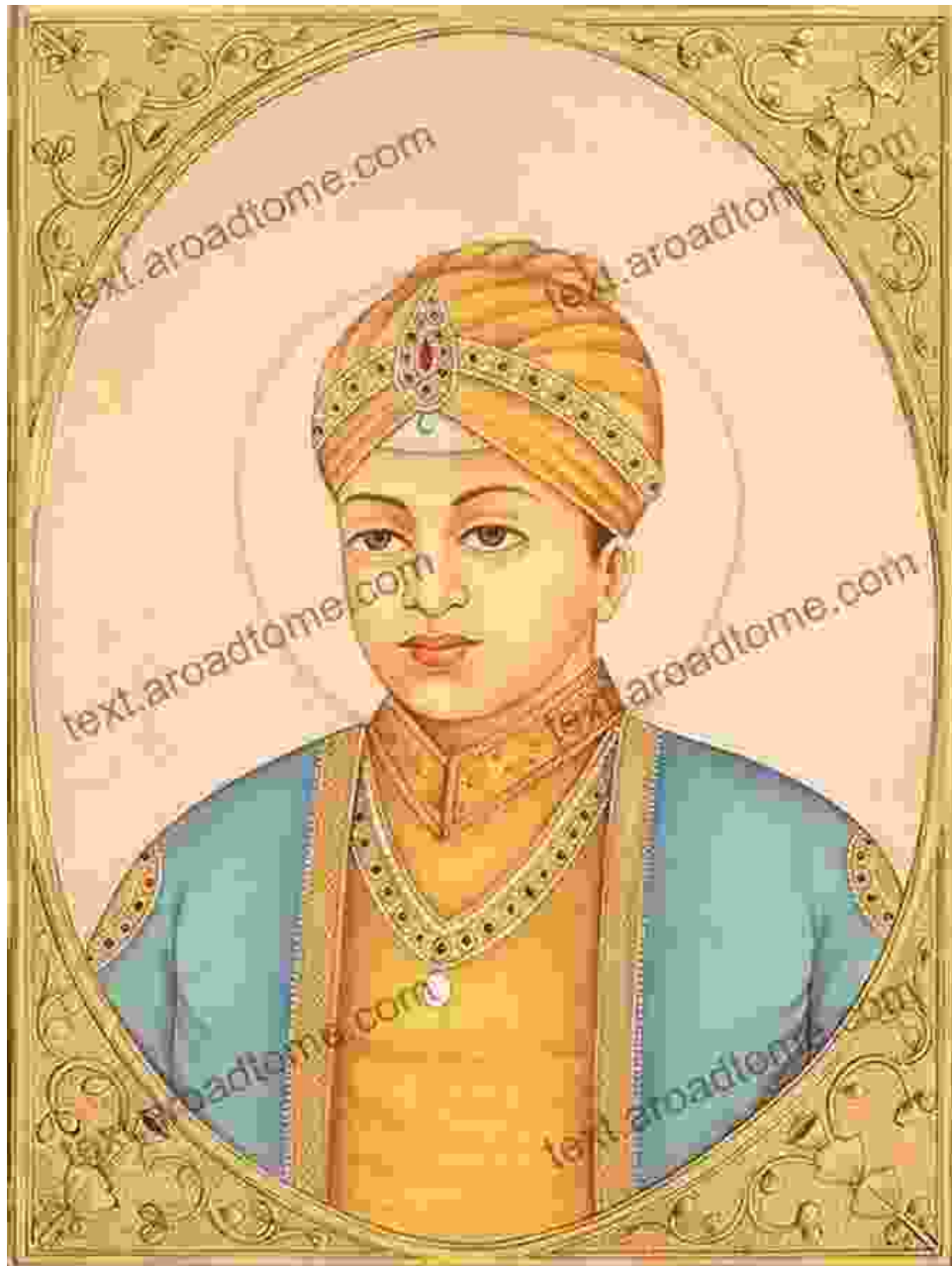
## **Guru Har Rai**



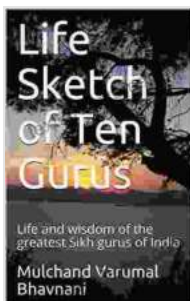
Guru Har Rai, the seventh Sikh Guru, was born in 1630 in the village of Kiratpur, now in Punjab, India. He was the eldest son of Guru Hargobind and was raised in a devout Sikh household. In 1644, he succeeded his father as the leader of the Sikh community.

Guru Har Rai's contributions to Sikhism were significant. He expanded the Sikh community and made it a major force in Punjab. He also established the tradition of Hola Mohalla, a Sikh festival that celebrates the birth of Guru Gobind Singh. Additionally, he composed many hymns that are included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

## **Guru Har Krishan**



Guru Har Krishan, the eighth Sikh Guru, was born in 1656 in the village of



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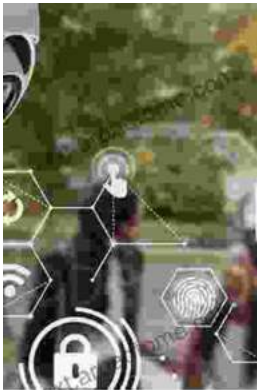
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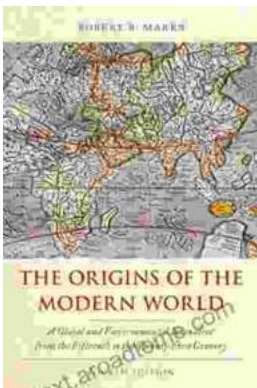
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