

The Sikh People Their Special Book Guru Granth Sahib

The Sikh believe in the special book of **Guru Granth Sahib**. They believe the book is the living Guru or God. It contains the work of Sikh founders like **Guru Nanak** and other Gurus as well like Sikh, Hindu and Muslim saints.

The Sikh people believe it to be a living **Guru** of the Sikhs, the book is held in great respect by the Sikh people.

Guru Granth Sahib is a collection of hymns and poetry which worships God, encourages meditation on their True Guru (God), and gives rules for the Sikh people to develop their soul, spirit and unity with God.



The Guru Granth Sahib is kept under a special **canopy** in the **Gurdwara** (place of worship for the Sikh People) Sikhs take off their shoes in the presence of the holy scriptures and never turn their back on them.

At every festival, the scriptures are read right from beginning to end, which takes up to 2 days!

As the scriptures are being read, the reader will wave a **chauri** over the scriptures. This is a sign of respect for Guru Granth Sahib. **The chauri** is a ceremonial whisk which is made from the tail hair of a white horse in a silver/wooden handle.

Photo of a Sikh man in attendance to the Sri Guru Granth Sahib,

the Sikh Holy scripture. Photograph by Hari Singh-(Woodlands website)

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