

Prophecies in the Dhigvajeh Purana

"During the reign of the 8 Muslim rulers, Vishnu will incarnate in 10 human forms and after them will appear a (Mona) SILENT Guru (meaning the SGGS, the Sikh Scripture) who will only respond where the response is solicited."

The word SILENT is of great importance - it refers to the Sikh Scriptural Book (SGGS). This is the first time in the history of Religion that a Sacred Book was elevated to the status of a Prophet. Unlike a Prophet in body form with the inherent capacity to make utterances, a Book has to be categorized as being basically 'Silent'. This is indeed a startling revelation, pinpointing the coming into the world of a (mona) Silent Guru, thousands of years before the actual occurrence.

The eight Muslim Rulers were 1. - Sultan Lodhi, 2. - Babar, 3. - Humanyuh, 4. - Akbar, 5 - Jehangir, 6 - Shah Jahan, 7 - Aurangzeb, 8 - Bahadur Shah, These precisely were the Rulers in India during the period in which the 10th Sikh Guru came into being. This further emphasizes the authenticity of the revelation and the happening.

Prophecies through Patanjali

Patanjali, one of the top Indian Yogis of old, came 2180 years before Guru Nanak. In his Ashram while lecturing on the Prophets of the Kali Yuga, the Iron Age, he singled out Guru Nanak as the one who will be outstanding. When asked what will be his prime mantra, He replied:

"He will use a unique single syllable mantra which has not been utilized before at any Age or Era. This will be VAHEGURU."

Vaheguru mantra, which means 'Lord of Wonderment' has since been popularised by Guru Nanak and all the nine other Sikh Gurus that followed him.

Prophecies in the Vishnu Purana

In the Vishnu Purana there is recorded an interesting dialogue between Vishnu and a famous Rishi Umbreek. Vishnu is said to have informed Umbreek that he will once again take birth in the Kali Yuga. The Rishi then enquired when about will that be and what will be your name then? Vishnu replied that this will happen when the Kali Yuga has proceeded for 4500 years and that I will take birth in the Shatri Sooraj Bansi clan, when I will be named, Nanak. In this same Purana it is further recorded:

"Sri Nanak will once again appear in the world in a variety of incarnations; this is for sure, this is for sure, this is for sure."

Computing the date of Guru Nanak's birth from the above mentioned figure that took place when the Kali Yuga had proceeded for 4550 years, reckoning the total durations of Kali Yuga now to be about 5090 old. It is to be noted that this figure of 4550 is pretty close to the 4500 years predicted by Vishnu Ji above. Incidentally, the clan in which Guru Nanak was born was also known as a Shatri Sooraj Bansi indicated above.

Conclusion

From the above it is evident that Guru Nanak must have had the largest number of premonitional references to his coming compared to the advent of the other Prophets in all the various Ages and Epochs. Therefore the Prophet Guru Nanak's advent into the world is indeed of millennial significance to even the coming future times.

Hindu Prophecies of Guru Nanak



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Introduction

Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of the Sikh way of life, was born in Nankana Sahib near Lahore now in Pakistan in 1469 and had extra-ordinary spiritual powers from a very young age. The biographies on his life are replete with amazing episodes of these miraculous occurrences.

There were a total of 10 Sikh gurus (Prophets) all receiving Divine revelations but only under his name Nanak without attributing any such revelatory passages to their own names. This culminated in the 11th and last eternal Guruship to be bestowed on the Sri Guru Granth Sahib (SGGS), which has been called the Mona Guru, meaning the silent Guru, being in book form, as recorded in the ancient Vedas.

This thus has a millennial dimension which will come to light in essay. Guru Nanak was one of the few, if not the only prophet who travelled widely outside the country of his birth, throughout the world. It is recorded in some detail of the four marathon trips mostly on foot, which he embarked upon in the four cardinal directions, the North, South, East and the West.

Before he died he is credited to have made millions of followers within the ranks of the Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists and those with no previous religious leanings. On his demise there was a tussle between his Muslim and Hindu devotees, as to who should claim his body for the usual burial and other such rites. It is recorded that the two parties agreed on a simple formula, to place a row of fresh flowers on either side of his body, one to belong to the Muslims and the other to the Hindus, and that whichever side the flowers would remain the fresher the next day, that side party would be eligible to claim his remains. When the following day arrived, the flowers on both sides were as fresh as ever, but the body had disappeared to merge into and become one with the elements.

Perhaps more than any Prophet in history Guru Nanak's coming on Earth was predicted profusely with uncanny accuracy as recorded in the Hindu Ve-

das and the Puranas. This essay looks at some of the prophecies.

Prophecies in the Hindu Rig Veda

In Mandala 7, Ush 5, Mantra 5 and Chapter 6:

"when in the world the sinful ways will be on the rise and noble behavior will vanish, as the disappearance of the moon when on its wane on the darkest night, there will appear Vishnu as a prominent Prophet from the Keshatra Clan and will manifest in consecutive form through 10 Prophets to bring back the ways of virtue to the ailing world."

In the same Vedas, in another part even in the name Nanak and the clan he belongs to is recorded:

"For the preaching of religious ways and the earning of good karma, there will manifest Guru Nanak from the clan of the Veithees"

At another position in the same Vedas is entered under Mandala 1 Soothak 5 and in the 7th Mantra:

"The Prophet in the Kali Yuga will manifest three attributes. As an Avtar propounding Truth, as a Householder establishing family life and at the same time be a Raja Yogi"

Prophecies in the Yujar Veda

As in the Rig Veda quoted above, in the Yujar Veda also the Prophet in the Kali Yuga will manifest three main characteristics:

"Vishnu will appear again, manifesting three main characteristics, Avtarhood, Householder family life and be a Rajah Yogi as well"

Although in the above two quotations the name of Nanak does not directly appear, reference to being a householder family man, would point to him because he was among the first few Avtars (prophets) who was married and had children.

Incidentally in Hindu mythology, Vishnu is the primordial Godhead Prophet, who incarnates on Earth taking many differing forms and names.

Prophecies in the Bhavekhath Purana

'Bhavekhath' means 'future foretelling'. There are numerous places in this famous Hindu epic where the advent of Guru Nanak is directly alluded to. These instances are listed below:

"In the Kali Yuga when goodness in the world is deteriorating there will appear a Prophet from the Beithi clan named Nanak who from birth will be endowed with extra-ordinary spiritual power. He will preach on the nobility of life and the eradication of the sinful ways"

In another portion of this book the following short cogent quotation supplies further pertinent information on the advent of Nanak:

"The Guru of the prophets, Brahma, Vishnu and Shiv ji is God almighty himself. This very Creator will manifest itself as a human, in the form of one whose name will be Nanak"

Note the clarity and explicitness in which the coming of Nanak is predicted. Further down in this book is recorded the following detailed assertiveness about Nanak and the type of mission and work he shall perform. It appears to emanate from the Godhead itself: *"The Kali Yuga shall dawn on Earth with radical manifestation of destruction of Karma and Dharma to such an extent that every situation shall be colored by sinful activities. At that distressful moment, the Creator shall send down a spiritual luminary in the form of Nanak from the Khatria clan. He will spread the message of NAAM, the Holy life Force, by introducing the primacy of meditation and thus washing clean the sinful ways by the waters of love."*

Note the beautiful and comprehensive description of the happening. There is yet another quotation from this same Bhavekhath Purana indicative of Nanak and the 9 prophets that consecutively followed his lineage:

"When in the world there is the deterioration of noble Dharma, then Vishnu will reincarnate through 10 Prophethoods and will preach on the universal and omnipotent value of NAAM. (the Holy Life Force)"