February 27, 2009

Honorable Sadh Sangat,

Wahe Guru Ji Ka Khalsa, Wahe Guru Ji Ki Fateh.

To honor the 25th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Akal Takht, Sikh Dharma International would like to invite all sangats or individuals who would like to participate to join together in reciting the Narayan Shabd for 90 days before June 6, 2009. We would start March 9, 2009 reciting this Shabd for 31 min.

The Siri Singh Sahib said this Shabd has the power to:

1. Restore the glory of the Khalsa
2. Restore the glory of the Akal Takhat
3. Bring the character of the Khalsa back
4. Bring the future of the Khalsa on a silver plate, God will present it back to the Khalsa
5. Shall give to whomever shall sing it the amalgamation, merger and oneness with God

The Mother Ashram of Espanola, New Mexico listened to a lecture by the Siri Singh Sahib about the power of the Narayan Shabd and they were so inspired that they started doing a 40 day meditation for 31 minutes with this Shabd. Benefit can also be gained by just listening to this Shabd on continuous play.

The Power of the Narayan Shabd lecture comes from one of the 11 Historic Gurdwara video lectures where the Siri Singh Sahib talks about the martyrdom of the Akal Takhat and the strength of the Khalsa spirit. The Akal Takht represents our sovereign authority as we face any challenge. It reminds us to relate to our Deathless Divinity and Infinity. Starting on Baisaikhi 2009, Sikh Dharma International will be posting these videos as an on-line series by the Siri Singh Sahib entitled "*The Awakening of the Khalsa*". These 11 videos were designed to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Akal Takht.

Both the Bhai Sahiba and Siri Sikdar Sahiba along with the staff of Sikh Dharma International would like to invite you to participate and feel the power of this Shabd and the power of prayer as we grow in our spirit as Khalsa with an undying grace to experience our Infinite Divinity.

Humbly Yours,
Sikh Dharma International

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P.S. FYI: Information on the Akal Takht according to historical references:
The Akal Takht was first constructed by Guru Hargobind in 1609 to represent the Authority over the matters and affairs of the Sikh society. It was constructed at an angle to symbolize its position was to guard and protect the sacred seat of authority in humility and to be in serve to the grace of the sacred light practiced in the Golden Temple. It is at the Akal Takht that all matters of importance to Sikhs are deliberated. Historically twice a year, on Baisaikhi and Divali, the Guru would issue Hukamnamas from the Akal Takht. Later, this Takht was the court from which the Amrit Ceremony was given to Sikhs, as well as the place where any transgressions against the Panth were confessed with appropriate measures taken to clear the offence and restore balance to the spirit of the Sikh community. Throughout history there were times the Akal Takht was destroyed by events which later lead the community to reclaim and rebuild their Throne of Authority as a community. The Martyrdom of the Akal Takht in 1984 is why the Siri Singh Sahib established the 6th of the Month Gurdwaras 25 years ago.

The Siri Singh Sahib explains what the Akal Takht means in a lecture on June 6, 1990.

"Why Akal Takht? Akal means that which cannot come in the lap and collapse of death; that which is death free. Kaal means time or death. Akal means deathlessness. Why did Guru Hargobind create a Takht and call it Akal Takht? It was actually a spiritual, most powerful, virtuous place of worship. It represented deathlessness. Wherever the Sikhs are, whether they have visited it or not, it rules the command and the jurisdiction of the territory and totality of the human being. So in our mind and heart, there is no virtual definition that we do not belong to something. This is one act you have to understand. You have been taken away from territorial ruler ship, geographical ruler ship and time ruler ship. You have been taken away from culture, association, habits, understanding, and taken to the status of achieving nirvana, beyond that mukthi (liberation), beyond that ecstasy, beyond that self recognition and self illumination which are the highest. In the Sikh religion, the very aspect that we have Akal Takht, it does what? It takes us from infinity to infinity. It gives us a combination, a jurisdiction to belong to and to relate to."

You can go on line to the website - www.sikhdharma.org. to read the Siri Singh Sahib's lecture on "The Power of the Narayan Shabd". Also available are the Shabd sheets and several musical versions you can listen to. You can also link to the musicians website if you wished to purchase their CD. We know you will enjoy the beauty and bounty of the practice of this Shabd.

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