SIKHISM AND SOCIO-POLITICAL CHALLENGES IN THE NEW MILLENNIA

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ABSTRACT
In the 21st century, the teachings of Sikhism are extremely relevant for our society to confront the challenges like religious fanaticism, social discriminations, environmental degradation, economic inequalities, honour killings, gender discriminations, female feticide etc. The Sikh Gurus strived for social justice, gender equality and religious harmony. They envisaged the egalitarian, classless and casteless society. Unfortunately, the members of international community in general and Sikhs in particular have failed to understand and practice the eternal teachings of Sikh Gurus. Today in Punjab especially within the Sikh community, casteism, gender inequalities, economic disparities etc have created the several socio-religious and politico-economic conflicts. In order to face the existing socio-political dilemmas and forthcoming challenges, there is immense need to understand and practice the eternal teachings of Sikh Gurus for better and promising future.

KEYWORDS: Casteless, Classless, Social justice, Human dignity.

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