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ARE
THE
SIKHS?

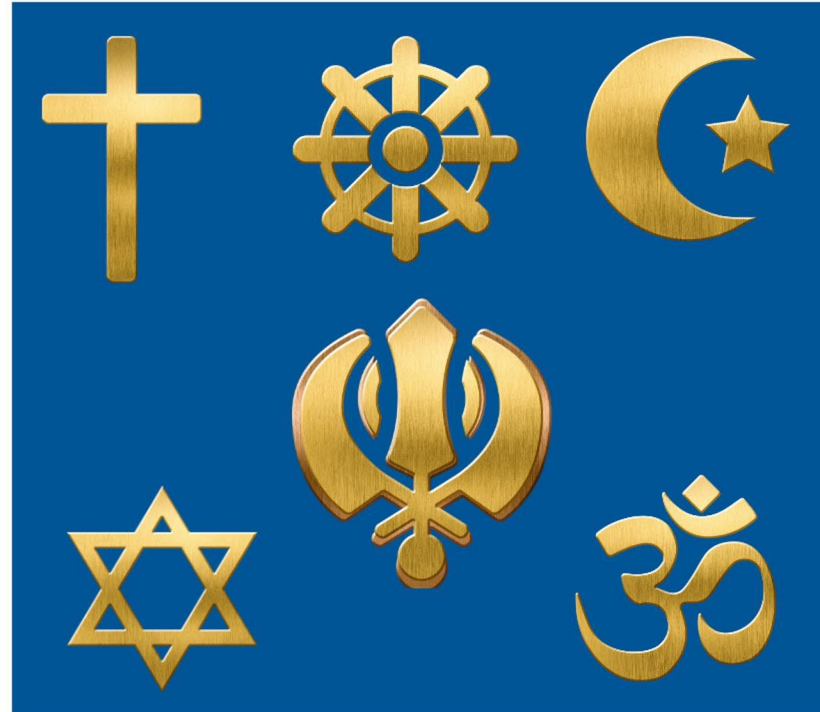


CAN YOU GUESS?

Sikhi is the ? largest organized religion in the world?

1. Christianity – 2.2 billion
2. Islam – 1.6 billion
3. Hinduism – 1 billion
4. Buddhism – 488 million
5. **Sikhi – 25 million**
6. Judaism – 14 million

Sikhi is the **5th** largest religion
in the world!



HISTORY



Sikh Emigration from the Punjab Region of South Asia

SIKHS IN AMERICA: PIONEERS



The first Sikhs came to the United States in the late 1800s to work as farmers and on railroads.



SIKH TEMPLE STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA (U.S.A.) 1912 ONE OF THE CENTRES OF GADAR ACTIVITIES

The first gurdwara in the United States was built in Stockton, CA, in 1912.





Dalip Singh Saund was the first Asian-American Congressman, elected in 1957.



SIKH VALUES

One God

Naam Japna

Mediation on God

Vand Chakna

Sharing with Others

Kirat Karna

Earning an Honest Living

Equality

Fight
Injustice

Service

1400s



Renaissance Period

1469



Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji

Founder of Sikhi

1492



Columbus reaches the Americas

1500s



Rule of leaders like France's Louis XIV

1600s



British colonies established in North America

1699



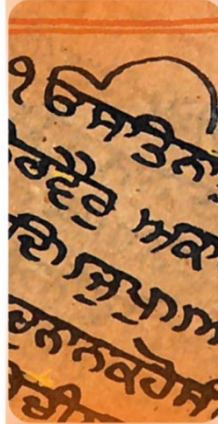
The Sikh identity was formalized on Vaisakhi Day

1706



Benjamin Franklin is born in Boston

1708



Guru Gobind Singh gave eternal Guruship to the Sikh Scriptures

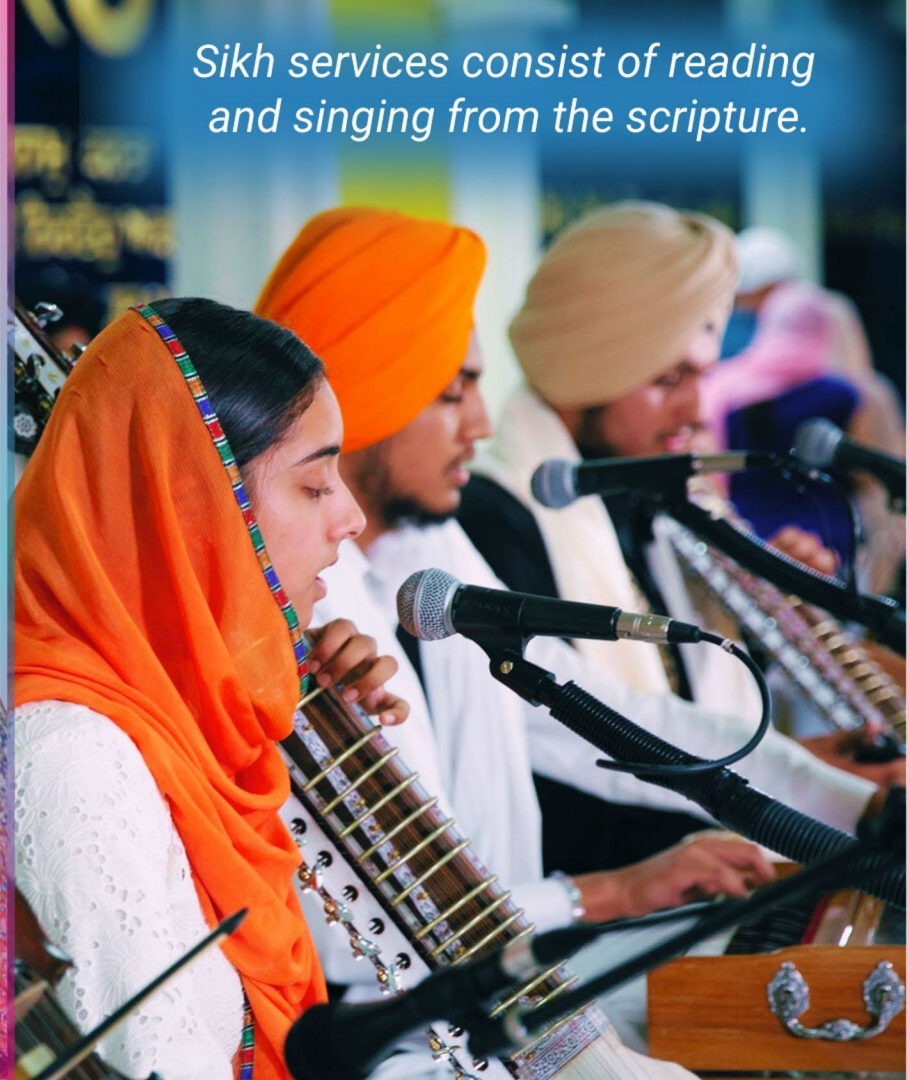


Founded on the teachings of
the ten Gurus (1469-1708)

Embodies the Gurus' teachings
and guides Sikhs



*Sikh services consist of reading
and singing from the scripture.*



Dastaar

The Sikh Turban

An article of faith that asserts the dignity and sovereignty of the wearer

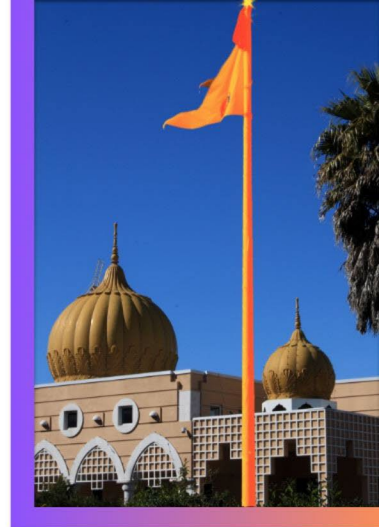
Can be worn in different styles by men or women

Should not be touched without consent



Nishaan Sahib

*Triangular flag of the
Sikh faith, featuring the
Khanda*



*The Nishaan Sahib
can be seen from
afar so that
anyone in need
knows there is a
gurdwara nearby
that can provide
shelter and
nourishment.*



Everyone is welcome in
the **gurdwara**, regardless
of gender, class, or religion!



Gurdwara means "*door to Guru*"



Langar

*Vegetarian meal
served at every
gurdwara*

*Langar is prepared and served by volunteers;
everyone sits together on the floor to share
the food in the spirit of equality.*



CHALLENGES SIKHS FACE IN AMERICA



SCHOOL BULLYING



**EMPLOYMENT
DISCRIMINATION**



**XENOPHOBIA AND
RACIAL PROFILING**



RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES





SEVA
Service to others



**R
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**INCREASED
VISIBILITY**



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