



Enquiry Question: Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?

Key Vocabulary	Meanings
Sikhi	One of the world's main religion.
Sikh	Someone who follows Sikhism.
Guru	Spiritual teacher
Gurdwara	A Sikh place of worship.
Guru Granth Sahib	The Sikh holy text.
Khalsa	Pure
Amrit	Water with added sugar stirred with a sword
Guru Gobind Singh	The last human Guru, who started Khalsa.
Anand Sahib	Happiness hymn

Khalsa initiation
 The 5 Ks date from the **creation of the Khalsa** by **Guru Gobind Singh** in 1699. The Guru introduced them for several reasons:

- Adopting these common symbols would identify members of the Khalsa because all members of the Khalsa wear the 5 Ks.
- The members of the community are more strongly bound together.
- Each K has a particular significance.

Kanga	Kesh	Kara	Kirpan	Kachera
				
A special comb that represents cleanliness.	This is the uncut hair which symbolizes spiritual power.	A steel bangle. A reminder a Sikh must be strong.	A Sikh sword a symbol of respect and justice.	A special pair of short trousers.

Some interesting facts

There are 20 million Sikhs in the world, most of whom live in the Punjab province of India. The 2021 census recorded 525,865 **Sikhs in the UK**.

Main Beliefs

Sikh believe that:

- There is only one God - Waheguru.
- God can't be described as either male or female.
- God is beyond everything and is everywhere and in everything.
- God created the world and created people to know the difference between right and wrong.
- Images of God are forbidden as is worshipping them.
- All people are equal.



History about Sikhism

Sikhism was **founded** in the 15th century in the Punjab district of what is now India and Pakistan. It was founded by **Guru Nanak** and is based on his teachings, and those of the 9 Sikh gurus who followed him.

The **tenth Sikh Guru** decreed that after his death the spiritual guide of the Sikhs would be the teachings contained in that book, so the Guru Granth Sahib now has the status of a Guru, and Sikhs show it the respect they would give to a human Guru.



Enquiry Question: What is the best way for Jews to live a good life?

Key Vocabulary	Meaning
Synagogue	Jewish place of worship used for public prayer, study and meetings.
The Ten Commandments	Laws or rules handed down to Moses by God on Mount Sinai.
Torah	The Jewish holy book.
Ketubah	A Jewish marriage contract that outlines the husband's duties and protects the wife's rights.
Shabbat	Jewish day of rest, observed from Friday evening to Saturday evening, when Jews refrain from work and spend time with family, pray, and rest.
Kippah	A small, round cap worn by Jewish men.

Mitzvoth means doing good and helping others. This is an important part of Jewish life. There are 613 rules or suggested ways this can be done.

Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) comes from an early Jewish code called the Mishnah. To perform an act of kindness that will improve or help to repair the world.

Tu B'Shevat: this is an annual tree planting ceremony which usually takes place in January or February. It is considered the Jewish New Year for trees. This is part of taking care of the environment.

Mitzvah Day: Jews feel they can all make a positive difference to the world in which they live by giving their most valuable possession — their time. Mitzvah Day falls on the 3rd Sunday in November (which coincides with interfaith week). It began as a Jewish project but is now a multifaith and multicultural project.

On Tu B'Shevat, some people choose to plant new trees or donate money for trees to be planted in Israel because this is the home of the Jewish faith. Others may choose to donate money to charities that protect the environment as a reminder to look after our world.

On Mitzvah Day over 40,000 people in 35 countries around the world, come together to make a difference. It provides an opportunity for people to get involved in setting up projects which help the needs of the local community.



Abraham is considered the founder of Judaism. He made a covenant, or agreement, with God, in which God promised that Abraham would become the father of a great nation. Eventually, when Abraham's wife Sarah was 90 years old, she gave birth to a son named Isaac. God later asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Just as Abraham was about to do so, God stopped him and provided a ram to be sacrificed in Isaac's place. The story of Abraham shows how much he trusted God, and that God did not disappoint him.





Enquiry Question: How far would a Sikh go for their religion?

Key Vocabulary	Meanings
Guru Granth Sahib	Holy book, which contains writings and teachings by Sikh Gurus as well as leaders from other faiths
Harmandir Sahib	Golden Temple – The holiest Sikh Gurdwara located in the city of Amritsar, India.
5 Ks	5 physical symbols of joining the Khalsa.
Khalsa	Refers to a community of Sikhs who are committed to living a pure and disciplined life according to Sikh values.
Guru	A spiritual teacher. In Sikhi, there were ten human Gurus who taught how to live a good and honest life.
Waheguru	A term used to refer to God - means 'Wonderful Lord' or 'Wonderful Teacher'.

The 3 Golden Rules or 3 Pillars of Sikhi are a core part of Sikh beliefs

- 1. Naam Japo (Focus on God)** - repeating God's name through prayer and meditation: Sikhs pray and meditate daily, which helps them connect with God and stay focused on living a good life.
- 2. Kirat Karni (Honesty)** - Sikhs are encouraged to earn an honest living. Sikhs try to always be honest, fair, and moral. They avoid telling lies, cheating, or stealing.
- 3. Vand ke Chakna (Sharing)** - Sikhs believe in sharing what they have with others, especially those in need. This helps to make the world a

Did you know?

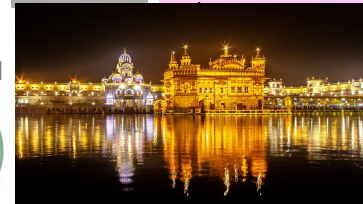
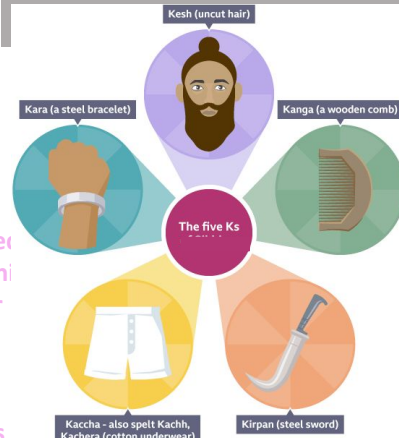
There are around 25 to 30 million Sikhs in the world today, with most living in the Punjab state of India. In the UK, the 2021 census recorded over 500,000 Sikhs. During World War I and World War II, many Sikhs served in the British Indian Army. The British especially recruited baptised Sikhs (Amritdhari) because of their reputation for honesty, bravery, and courage (they were known as a 'martial race'). Sikhs took part in the world wars because they believe in freedom of speech and expression, and they wanted to make a difference in the world by standing up for justice and protecting

The 5 Key Sikh beliefs:

- God is in everything (Sikhs see God as an energy source rather than as a physical entity) .
- It is a Sikh's duty to serve others (sewa).
- All people should be treated as equals.
- Sikhs should share what they can with others.
- Sikhs should earn their living honestly.

Langar

The Langar is an important concept in Sikhi as it was started by Guru Nanak, founder of Sikhi. Everyone, regardless of rank or wealth, sits and eats freely provided and freshly produced vegetarian food and non-alcoholic drink together as equals.





Enquiry Question: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

Key Vocabulary	Meaning
Allah	Arabic name for God.
Quran	The holy book of the Muslims. Muslims believe that it is a record of the exact words that Allah revealed to Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through Angel Gabriel.
Makkah	Holy City in Saudi Arabia.
Akhirah	Life after death.
Mosque	Place of worship.
Commitment	Keeping a promise or sticking to something you have decided to do. It is when you don't give up, even when things get difficult.

Did you know?

Islam began in Makkah in Saudi Arabia nearly 1500 years ago. The faith spread around the world and is now growing rapidly. It is a worldview which expects followers to develop self-control and show total respect and commitment to Allah.

Prophet Muhammad is so highly respected by Muslims that they will always say "Peace Be Upon Him" (PBUH) after his name is spoken.



This enquiry looks at some of the ways many Muslims show Allah that He is the most important thing to them, including the 5 pillars which are central to Muslim life.

- Shahadah** -this is a statement which is repeated many times a day 'There is one God Allah and Muhammad (PBUH) is his prophet', this is said first thing in the morning, last thing at night and during each prayer.
- Salat** - prayer, 5 times a day, these prayers show that life revolves around God,
- Zakat** - Giving 2.5% yearly savings to charity, this is usually organised through the local mosque. Zakat is seen as a duty.
- Sawm** - Fasting –During the month of Ramadan many Muslims will fast during the hours of daylight, this helps to develop self-discipline. It is challenging but this is deliberate as Muslims need to understand what it is like to be poor and hungry.
- Hajj** – Pilgrimage to Makkah in Saudi Arabia once in a lifetime – this is to follow in the footsteps of the prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and remember some key events in the history of Islam.

Muslims believe Allah wants commitment from them. Allah has given them everything and expects His followers to live their lives in a way that is fit for Him. Daily life can be a struggle as we are often lazy, Muslims need to make sure they put in the right effort.

Other ways of showing commitment include...

- Reading the Qur'an regularly
- Visiting the local mosque
- Learning Arabic so that you can understand the Qur'an in its original language.
- Living an honest life