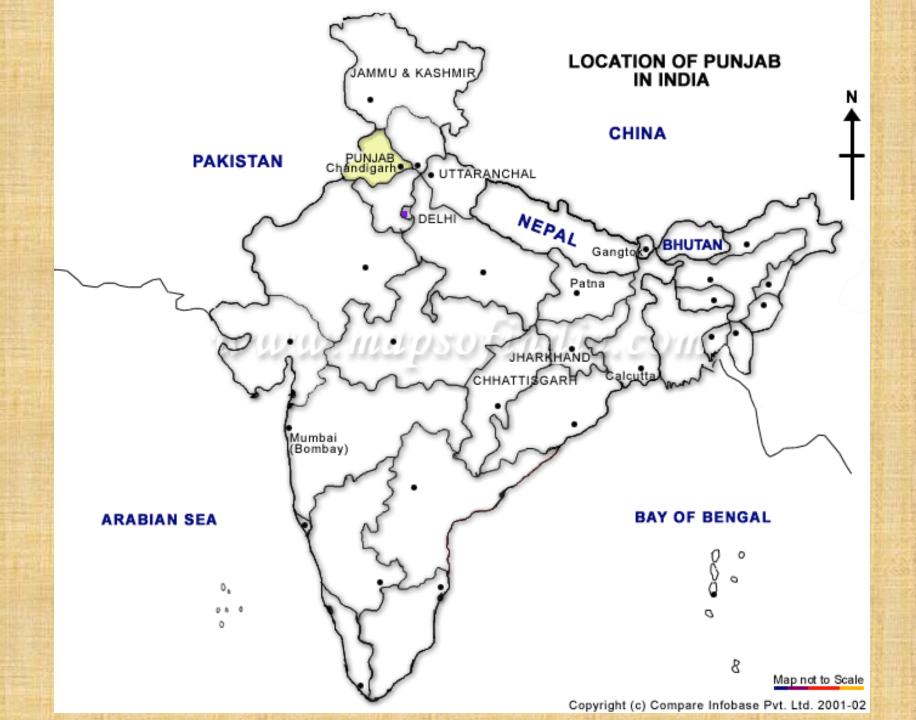
SIKHISM







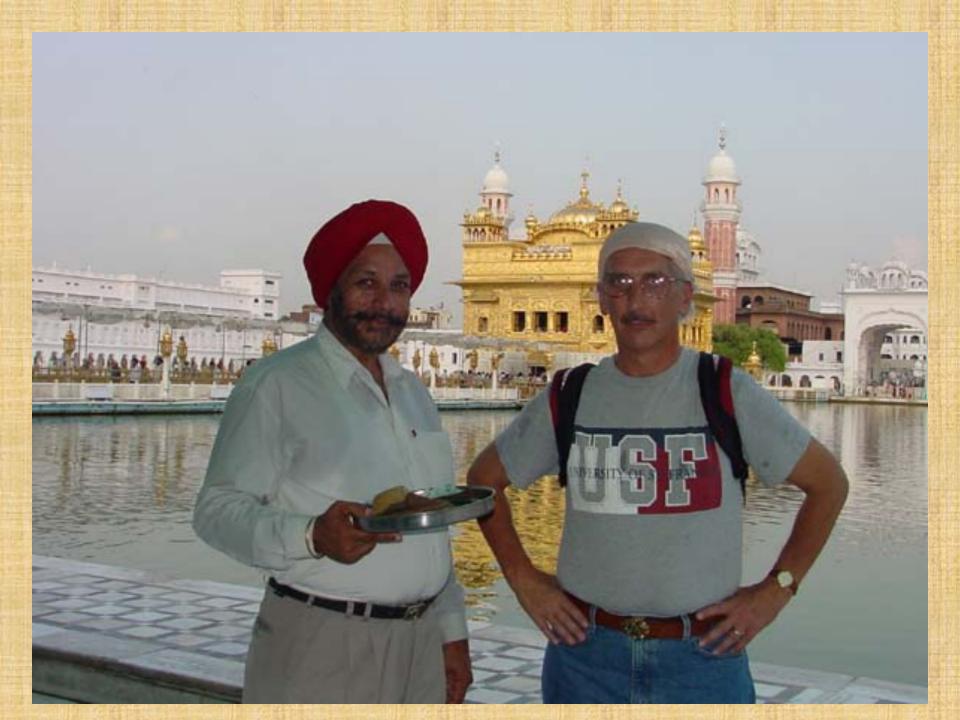
Amritsar is the holy city for Sikhs and is the home of the Golden Temple.



Golden Temple, Amritsar









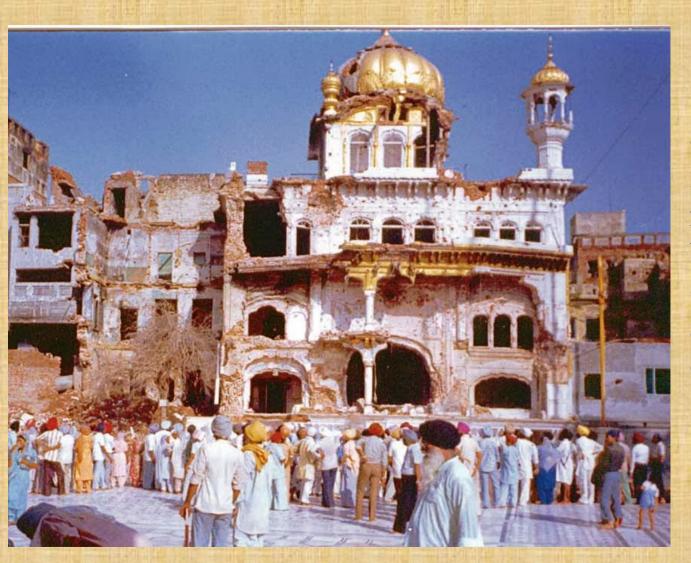


Sikhs went from pacifism to being very militant.

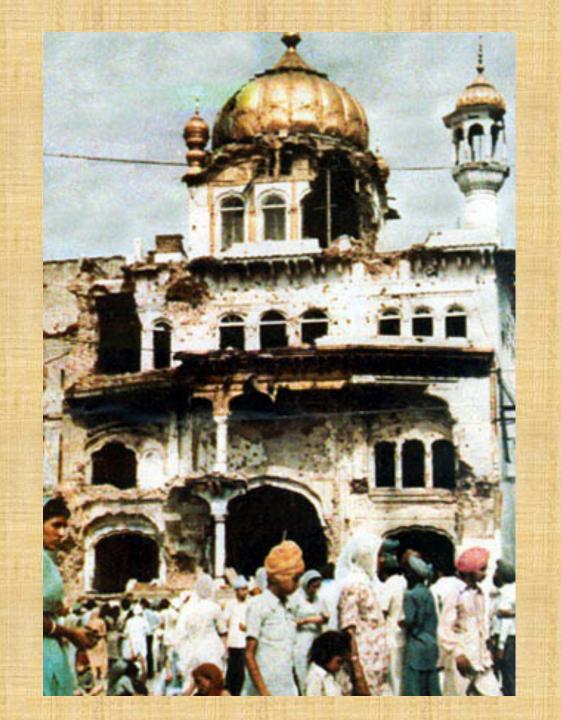
Sword that smites in a flash, That scatters the armies of the wicked In the great battle-field, Oh symbol of the brave. Your arm is irresistible, your brightness shines forth The splendour of the black dazzles like the sun. Sword, you are the scourge of saints, You are the scourge of the wicked; Scatterer of sinners, I take refuge with you. Hail to the Creator. Saviour and sustainer,

-- Guru Gobind Singh Sahib

Hail to you: Sword supreme!



Sikhs have been caught in the middle of ethnic fighting since their beginning. The is some of the destruction due to Operation Blue Star in June '84

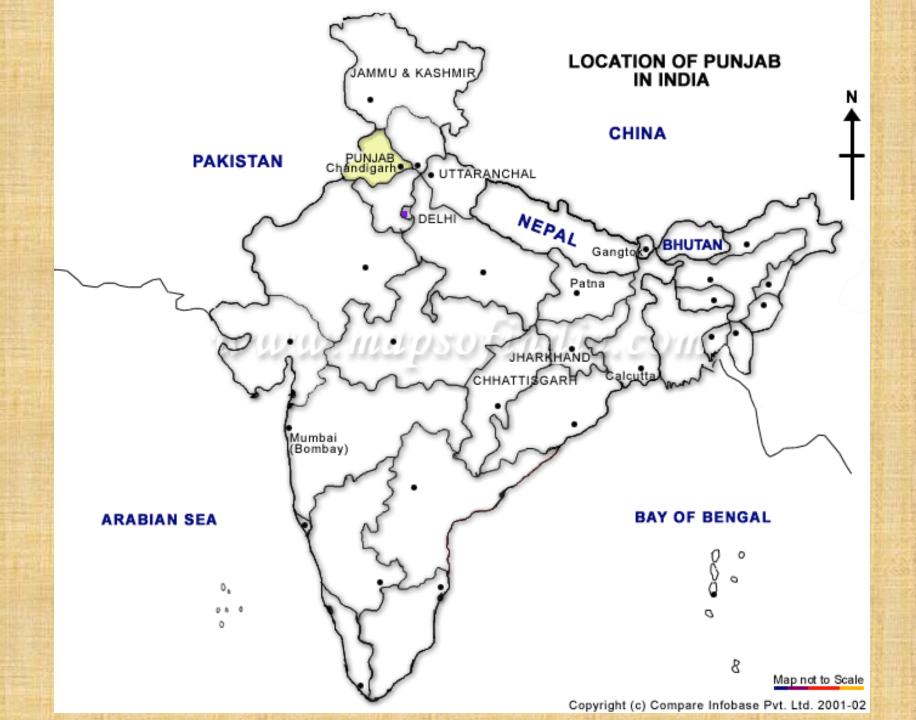




"There is no Muslim and there is no Hindu." Nanak

NANAK'S LIFE and WORK

- Muslim push East brought them into Northwest India beginning of the second millennium (see map on next slide)
- Hinduism and Islam convict on many points of theology
- Kabir in late 15th and early 16th tried to bring peace
- Nanak (1469-1538) founder of Sikhism
- At 30, Nanak received a calling from God: "There is no Muslim and there is no Hindu."
- Mixed theology and mixed clothing but it really never mixed
- · Parable of Nanak's death



NANAK'S TEACHINGS

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- Monotheism
- Rejected ahimsa
- Eat and/or sacrifice animals

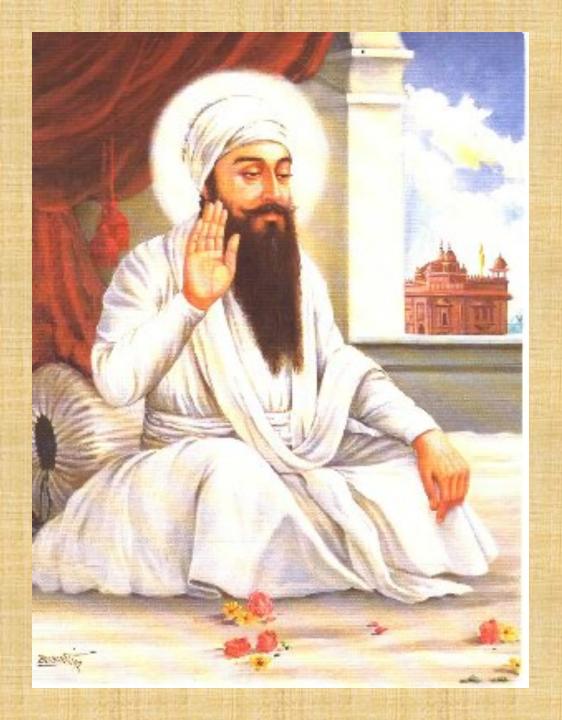
HINDUISM

- Reincarnation
- Karma

Nanak wanted a KIS-religion Pacifism over violence Mixing of clothing as symbolic

MORPHING OF NANAK'S TEACHINGS

- Nanak's death started a series of 10 Gurus (leaders)
- Arjan Dev (1581-1606) changed Nanak's direction
 - Adi Granth created (3384 hymns)
 - Took on militancy (Muslim persecution then later Hindu)
 - Arjan killed
- Gobind Singh (1675-1708) the changed to militancy
 - Baptism with sword
 - Singhs (Loins) and 5-Ks
 - Gobind assassinated



Arjan Dev





Gobind Singh



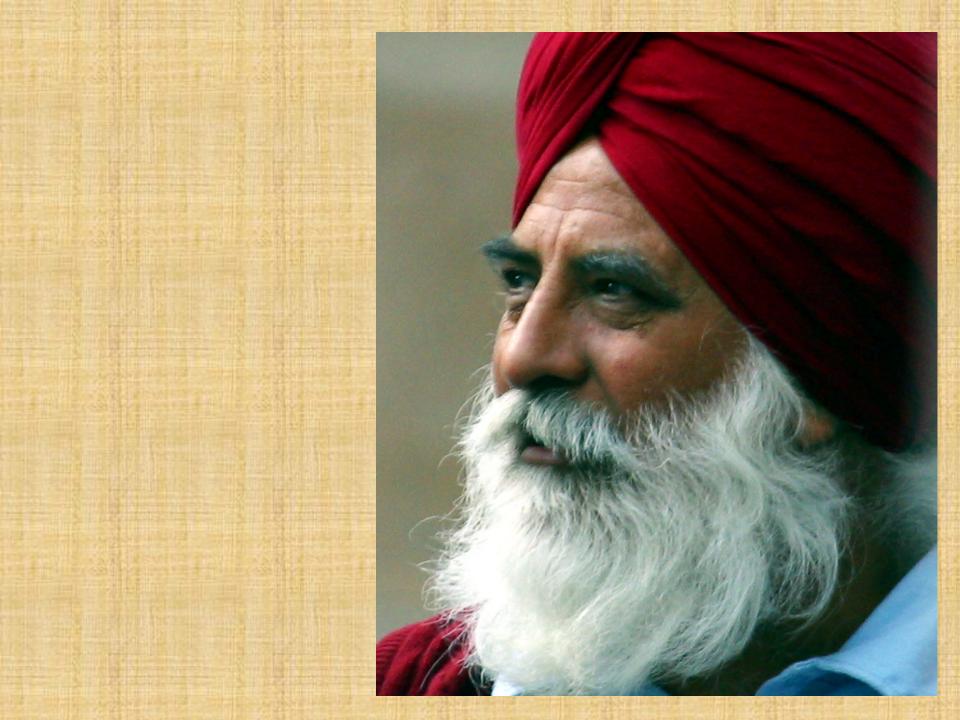


Bachittar Singh fights an intoxicated elephant.

SIKH SECTS

- 1. Udasis—holy men, ascetics (yellow robes or naked)
- 2. Sahajdharis—conservatives
- 3. Singhs—warrior class







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