



## **Jade Buddha for Universal Peace World Tour - Sydney, Australia.**

### **Prayer from the Sikh Scriptures On the Occasion of the Unveiling of the Jade Buddha, At the Chinese Gardens, Darling Harbour Sydney, 10th July 2009**

Sat Sri Akal - which means True is the Timeless

I will begin with prayer from the Sikh Scriptures - Sri Guru Granth Sahib - the present Eternal Guru of the Sikhs.

BURA BHALLA KAHO KIS NU KAHEY, SAGLEY JEE TUMAHREY

Whom should we call bad or good, when all beings are yours.

HINDU TURAK DOU RAPHZI IMAM SAPHI MANAS KI JAAT SABHEY EKEH PEHCHANBO

The Hindus , Muslims, Bhudhists, Chistians, Jews and all others, shine in His light. Consider the race of humans as one.

In an era when the people of diverse faiths live in mortal fear of clash of cultures, and the civilized nations compete in the clandestine manufacture of destructive weaponry, the rousing message of Guru Nanak Sahib the first Guru of Sikhs, for peaceful co-existence and mutual trust acquires a special urgency.

In these perilous times we need to look around earnestly and find areas where we can help fellow humans. Schools that educate children from impoverished families need our support - not only monetary but by giving of our time and making a difference in the lives of children. There are many organizations across the country and beyond, doing good work, we need to identify them, encourage them and give them our support in every way we can.

Without practising truthful conduct, all pilgrimages, penances, and alms-giving bring little merit. It is the one who listens to - and believes in Waheguru God's Name, will be made holy and pure, for the place of pilgrimage is in our hearts. How simple - yet profound - this message is: Look within, for your true self, and everything will be revealed. Identify the evils of lust, anger, greed, attachment only for you own family, and ego, the biggest malady of all. Destroy these, by His grace, and you will become free of animosity and absolutely peaceful to all around you.

Today's leaders indulging in petty power politics and selfish gain need to heed this message. The world could be a happier place if we follow this basic creed. There is an enormous emphasis on the idea of the "Spirit of Sharing". Guru Nanak Sahib speaks of the importance of Sewa in Sikhism - serving the needy above self - combined with compassion, will bring, everlasting world peace.

Thank you all.

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