

APPENDIX VII-4: “Initiation” by Sant Kirpal Singh

For Whom is INITIATION

Certain persons are preordained or predestined by the Supreme Father (God Himself) to personally meet or otherwise have contact with a Living Master and obtain INITIATION. Such yearning souls are entitled to INITIATION during a lifetime when they are ready as a result of reactions of their past.

From Whom is INITIATION had

a. Qualified Endower

INITIATION can be had only from a Living Perfect Master in person or, through his authorized representative. The boon of INITIATION is only possible through His Grace. All Masters were INITIATED by their own Masters. Endowment of Life is made only when the individual comes in contact with the Living True Master on earth of his time or age.

b. Unqualified

INITIATION CANNOT be given by the invisible, unseen, and ascended masters, because Life comes from Life and Light comes from Light. Neither is it possible to be given by self-made masters of the lower order of nature, nor by masters of esoteric teachings.

A person may be highly educated, intellectual, learned, righteous and/or pious, even perhaps recognized and known throughout the world, but he being enmeshed in the illusion of mind and matter cannot connect himself with the **Divine Melody or Music**. Only a Son knows the Father and others to whom the Son reveals Himself, or through his representative.

It is impossible to get INITIATION from religious scriptures as these are fine records of the findings and experiences of the past masters in knowing oneself and knowing the Oneself--God. They can create interest for achieving the higher life but cannot transmit the life spark which can be obtained only from the Living Master.

What is the INITIATION

INITIATION is the spark of “**Naam**” which can be had only from the Living Master.

At INITIATION the Living Perfect Master infuses the soul of the devotee with **Higher Consciousness and Light**. He grants the Life Impulse and assists the aspirant in contacting the **Audible Life Stream** or **Sound Principle**, also known as the “**Word**” of God, which remains with the disciple forever.

It is the “**Word**” Personified or the Master Power that gives INITIATION and at the time of INITIATION the Master takes His seat at the **Third Eye** of the Initiate and takes care of him henceforth. The accepted aspirants who are sincere and receptive during INITIATION do have a perceptible first-hand inner spiritual experience (there is a difference between the psychic and spiritual) at which time the **Spiritual (Third) Eye** is opened to see the **Light of God** and the **Inner Ear** is opened to hear the **Voice of God**, the **Creative Sound of the Beyond** which has a soothing and healing effect. Occasionally, an aspirant may feel, for one reason or another, that the initial experience was lacking.

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This could be due to over-excitement and inability to discern the more subtle type of experience granted such a person in line with his background. However, in due time, this individual receives a magnified experience(s) which erases any feeling of lack should such still exist. The Master Power from the moment of INITIATION, guides and protects one, even after the end of the world, and beyond.

This INITIATION is a personal lesson from the Great Master to the disciple, which lesson, when regularly and devotedly practiced by the Initiate, through the Grace of the Master, makes rising above the body consciousness possible.

Everything necessary is explained in detail at the time of INITIATION for the practice of **Simran** (Repetition), **Contemplation**, and **Bhajan** (listening to the ‘Voice of God’ - the Sound Current), including an explanation of the opening of the **Inner Eye** and **Inner Ear**. The Master aids the disciple to transcend stage by stage until he reaches the final destination, his true Eternal Home. At INITIATION one is reborn. “Except ye be reborn, you cannot enter the Kingdom of God.”

What INITIATION does

INITIATION makes the disciple capable of higher spiritual living after the Master grants to him his Spiritual Life Impulse. The Life Impulse is also called the “Grant of Life.” INITIATION is also called a “baet” by the Moslem Faqirs (Mystics).

The **Fifth Guru of the Holy Granth** says:

“After giving Life Impulse They endow him with devotion to make him reach the Lord.”

The Master ultimately unites the soul with the Supreme Father. By the practices of “**Naam**,” the Mind ceases all its ramifications, and by and by, becomes fully controlled to enable one to know himself and be free from the wheel of Birth and Death.

Guru Nanak, Founder of the Sikh Religion says:

“Only the Living Master can connect one with the ‘**Word**’, ‘**Naam**’, or ‘**Shabd**.’”

The scriptures say that we should therefore have shelter with a God-Man and put away all our cleverness.

Guru Nanak again says:

“That person is fortunate is whose mind the INITIATION resides or is established.”

No reasoning can bring home to a blind man the truth of a sun risen on the horizon. It is only when the [Inner Eye \(also known as the Third Eye or Single Eye\)](#) is opened by the Master at the time of INITIATION, that one is then convinced of the truth and is satisfied. Mere words will not satisfy the really thirsty and hungry souls. It does not matter where the Master is at the time of INITIATION. Regardless of whether the Master Himself is near at hand, or far away overseas, the Master Power always works. In case of distance, the authorized representative conveys the initiation instructions, generally in the morning hours.

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Charities of INITIATION

When a disciple gets this link of "Naam" from the Living Master, he starts progressing on the Spiritual Path, and overcomes all his weaknesses and shortcomings by regular practice, and at the same time develops physically, morally and intellectually as well. His soul begins to rise into the higher heavenly planes and is not longer Earthbound. The gift of "Naam" is given only to yearning souls at the time of INITIATION, more or less, according to each individual's background, as everyone has a different foundation. In some the ground is ready while in some it is still unprepared. It is through spiritual consciousness or cosmic awareness that the Light and Life give the ecstasy of Realization. It manifests more and more after INITIATION as the Initiate devotes regular time to meditation with loving devotion and he feels the fufiness and grace within himself. This seed of Holy "Naam" given the Master cannot be obliterated, or eradicated by the Negative Power. Whosoever has been initiated, finds sooner or later, that his spirituality is sprouting, so to speak, and surely one day he must reach his origina' home, *Sach Khand*.

Unless a person gets INITIATION, he cannot get True Knowledge. "Truth" cannot be recognized.

The Sikh Bible (Holy Garanth) says:

"Without INITIATION from the Master, how can one get True Knowledge?"

INITIATION by a Master involves His taking charge of a soul and winding up his or her Karmic debts in as smooth and helpful way as is best for the Initiate.

Guru Nanak says:

"What kind of balance-weight, and what kind of goldsmith could I call, and from which Master could I get INITIATION? Who could value this Thing? When I met a True Master, personally I got INITIATION, sacrificed my mind, my body, and then had Inner Realization."

QUOTATIONS ON INITIATION

"INITIATION BY THE Living Master had been formed as earring and Lord has been ingrained in it. Without INITIATION from the Master, how can one get knowledge; and without seeing, how can one contemplate on the invisible?"

Great Saint

"INITIATION has been talked about. and truth has been praised; how can INITIATION and Truth be preached? Those who have **Guru Nanak** know, for the Perfect Master gives the real INITIATION."

Guru Nanak

"The Earth has nine paths....In the (Human) body is the whole world. The world pays homage at every step."

Fifth Guru

"The Ocean of Attachment and Maya are dreadful as everyone is drowning or drifting. This attachment descends one into Transmigration and it brings him to the King Judge."

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If a devotee AFTER INITIATION is engaged in other pursuits like austerities and rituals his Attachment will NOT be broken or cut asunder. It is possible that neither Birth and Death will be finished in one lifetime, depending upon the circumstances.

Guru Nanak

“If a Master bestows His Grace, this Attachment goes away, and then one is merged into the Lord.”

“And in whose mind It resides It gives Realization of Truth.”

PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS FOR INITIATION

a. A sincere desire to practice and perfect the five cardinal virtues which are:

- (1) Non-injury to others;**
- (2) Truthfulness;**
- (3) Chastity;**
- (4) Love for All; and**
- (5) Selfless Service.**

b. Willingness to practice the following three purities:

- (1) Vegetarian Diet: no meat, fish, fowl, fertile or infertile eggs or byproducts thereof, and no narcotics or alcoholic drinks;**
- (2) Earning an honest livelihood; and**
- (3) Right conduct.**