The Wearing of Dastar in Sikhism and Its Relation With the Amrit Sanskar Ceremony

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Abstract

In the religion of Sikh, wearing the turban or the dastar is a religious practice that is a symbolic proof of their faith to the Sikh Guru's teachings and their holy book. The dastar carries its own distinguished characteristics in terms of the way it is worn, its measurements and colours. It completes the Sikh dresscode or uniform, known as Panch Kekaar or the 5Ks, that is an integral part of their identity. Nevertheless, not all Sikh followers wear the dastar. This depends on individual's willingness to undergo a baptism ritual, known as the amrit sanskar. The dastar-wearing Sikhs who have requested for amrit are called amrit-dhari; they are true Sikh followers who adhere to the teachings of their Sikh teachers. One of the objectives of this study is to provide information to the multi-racial society in Malaysia, especially the Muslim society, concerning the wearing of dastar in Sikhism and its relation with baptism. Through this information, it is hoped that a society that is tolerance and have mutual respect for each other, irrespective of race and religion, as aspired by the concept of 1Malaysia, is borne. In this study, the textual analysis method is adopted to retrieve information on the dastar and the amrit sanskar ritual. In addition, various references in relation to the Sikh religion were also made.

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the amrit ceremony 2nd Answer The Amrit Ceremony Sikhs who have been through the Amrit Ceremony of initiation, or Amrit Sanskar, become baptised. The ceremony ends with the eating of the ceremonial karah parshad. Parshad is a sweet tasting food which has been blessed. It is made from semolina, sugar and ghee. 4 people found this useful. Who performs the Sikh Amrit ceremony? Sikhs who have been through the
Amrit Ceremony of initiation become baptised Sikhs, take new names, and wear the 5 Ks. The Amrit Ceremony is the initiation rite introduced by Guru Gobind Singh when he founded the Khalsa in 1699. A Sikh can go through this initiation as soon as they are old enough to understand the full commitment that they are making.