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## **PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION**

The first Edition of this book was exhausted about eight years ago but as I was busy writing my other books, its second Edition could not be published earlier. The book was highly appreciated by the Sikh as well as the Muslims. It was extensively quoted in the 'Punjabi Darbar' programme of Radio Pakistan Lahore.

My thanks are due, first and foremost, to readers whose appreciation has encouraged the printing of this Second Edition.

I am also indebted to S.G.P.C. Amritsar for purchasing its copies in bulk for presentation to Muslim dignitaries visiting Golden Temple and other historical Sikh shrines.

Any suggestions for improvement are welcome and will duly be incorporated in next edition.

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## FOREWORD

I have been asked to write a foreword by Sardar Gurmit Singh, Advocate of Sirsa, to his book “Islam & Sikhism.”

In doing so it can be safely said and there could not be two opinions that the teaching of Guru Nanak Dev were not a message restricted to one community only, but instead were a *Worldwide message of love and Purity* for the whole of mankind. There is a great similarity of belief between Islam and Sikhism because the foundation on which were raised the structures of both Religions is the Unity of God, and with it the main fundamentals of *Equality, Fraternity, and Liberty* as propounded by Islam. These were the teachings and preachings of Guru Nanak Dev and subsequent Gurus and specially of his illustrious successor Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the last and the tenth Guru of the Sikh Nation, who was not only a temporal and spiritual leader, but a great statesman, a renowned poet and a Fighter for the Emancipation and Freedom of Mankind.

There is a similarity of doctrine also between Islam and Sikhism which describes God as love, Light and Truth. Both preach surrender

to Him, as an unseen and infinite power which creates and destroys, and ascends the plane of reason, but is highly conceivable to one who wishes to search for Him. Moreover the adoption of a mode of thought in the field of religious, meditation also admits the Sikh Gurus to the threshold of Mysticism for spiritual purification.

It has given me immense pleasure to have written a few lines as foreword to this book, as the Ruling House of Malerkotla has special attachment to the House of Sri Guru Gobind Singh ji.

In 1703, when the two innocent sons of Guru Gobind Singh were being executed at the order of Wazir Khan, the Mughal Viceroy at Sirhind, my ancestor Nawab Sher Mohammad Khan lodged a strong protest against this unpardonable action of the Viceroy and tried to save the lives of the Sahibzadas, who were being put to death for no fault of their own, but for only being the sons of Guru Gobind Singh ji.

For their humane act, Guru Sahib was pleased to bestow his eternal blessings on the Ruling House.

At the end, I wish the author, Sardar Gurmit Singh, every success in his effort through this book to bring about a close understanding between the two communities, whose prophets, saints and gurus have

through the ages past by inspiration from ONE GOD taught us to respect mankind on a basis of mutual understanding and good-will.

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H. H. Nawab of Malerkotla

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