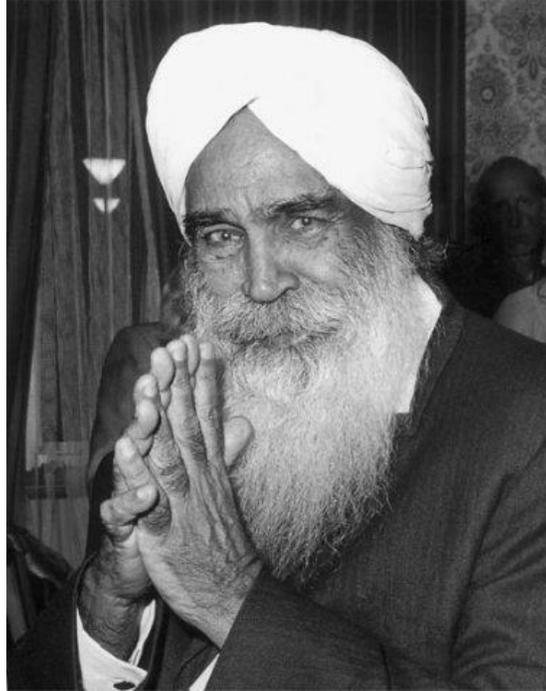


For Father's Day

The Divine Father

I am your father,
I have you by the hand and I shall never let you go.
(Sant Kirpal Singh Ji Maharaj)



Sant Kirpal Singh Ji Maharaj

The Master is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate.
For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.
Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die.
The wind blows, and we are gone — as though we had never been here.
But the love of the Master remains forever with those who love him.

(based on Psalm 103)



Some say He is formless, others say He is with form. Some regard Him as father, others as mother or friend or husband. You may remember Him in any role or relationship. There need be no dispute about it. They all mean the same thing although in different words. Create love for Him in your heart. (Sant Kirpal Singh Ji, *Philosophy of the Masters*, Book 4, The Lord)



From the talk: **Protector and Protection**
Sant Kirpal Singh Ji

God is working in the Master, and if you think of him in this way, then whatever you desire will be given. In physique he looks the same as other men, but he is not man alone; he became a man to dispense the treasure of God to the souls. "He is not in birth and death. The benefactor came for the souls, to give them the treasure of devotion and join them back to God."

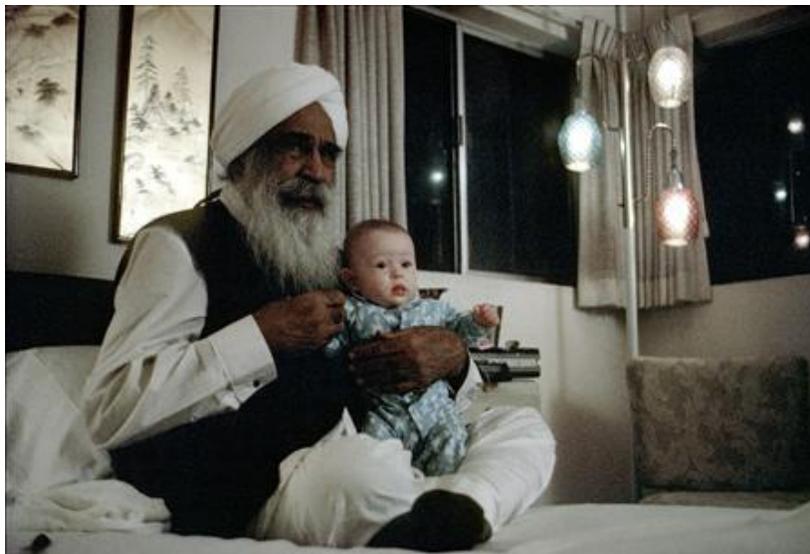
Like a father gives the germinal seed of life, the Guru bestows the Life Force - the incomparable gift. There are many kinds of gifts, but the gift of Naam is above all others, and having given it, the Master then develops it within you, because he wants you to reach the same stage as himself. He wants you to enjoy the bliss that he enjoys.

The Master goes on protecting and giving, whether the disciple knows it or not; for he is like a small child which never realizes how much worry and trouble it is to its mother. The child may turn out to have a bad character, and perhaps become a gambler, but the mother will continue to concern herself with his needs, that he may not starve and so on.

A child thinks that he knows his mother very well, but what child understands about a mother's heart? We also think that we know our Master, but we can know only as much as he wishes to reveal to us. Eye can see only as much as our eye is developed.

To convince us of the Truth, he will approach us in various ways: as a brother, or a friend, and will sometimes appear to be inferior in knowledge or intellect. He acts in whatever way will help the disciple to gain confidence in his Master. In this depth of humility, his greatness is revealed. Thus, this great personage gives rebirth to the soul, and gradually makes us as great as he is. Truly, it is a profound blessing to have a living Master who has come to give new life.

(ruhanisatsangusa.org/protect.htm)



So the Guru will love His disciples because it is He who has given birth to them in the inner way.
(Sant Kirpal Singh, ruhanisatsangusa.org/mt/pleasemaster.htm)

The Cry from the Heart

Sant Kirpal Singh Ji

Once a little toddler was sitting all alone in a room. His mother was in the kitchen. The milk can was on the fire before her. The child wanted to stand up but slipped and fell. Then he tried to pull himself up by supporting himself against the wall. His little hands did not find any catch-hold and he fell again. Then he saw the door curtain and stretched out his hands to help himself. As luck would have it, the curtain itself slipped down the rod and both came down upon him. In his helplessness, he began to cry piteously, calling his mother.

No sooner than the mother heard his cry, she ran to the room without caring for the boiling milk and hugged him to her bosom. She took the baby and came back to the kitchen to attend to the milk. But it was too late to save the milk from spilling over.

The child perhaps felt that he had known the trick of attracting his mother's attention. After some days, while sitting in the room he again began to cry mother, mother. The mother could guess that he was idly indulging in a sing-song and did not run up.

The child slowly came to the kitchen and inquired as to what the mother was doing. She replied that she was busy making dal (gruel). The child said he had thought that she was perhaps preparing some dainty dish much better than the milk because she had not answered his call for a pretty long time.

The mother replied: "My child, there was no anguish in your voice today."

So, you see the question is one of inner craving. We crave for mundane things of the world and do not wish God - God only replies to the cry from the heart.



The Master extends guidance whenever needed both in inner and outer spheres. Everyone is free to come up to Him as a child would run to its father whenever in difficulty, and more so, He would run to the child's aid whenever necessary. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)



Always bring your thoughts to me. Never be afraid of me. I am a man like you. Come with any difficulty, with no reservations. Man learns and unlearns all through life. You must at least take Him as your elder brother, knowing more than you. Take Him as a father, elder brother, a friend at least, and nothing more, and live up to what He says. I never told you to take me as God. Did I tell anyone? Not even in my books. You people defame me, I would say, if you tell others I said I am God-in-man. When you see, you may say. Even then, I say, it is not due to me; it is but my Master within me. It is His Grace working. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/lok/faith.htm)

The Master always holds His disciples in the innermost heart center. After all they all are His children. He does not look at their unworthiness. He is there to make them worthy. He cannot leave them – His love is so great. (*Spiritual Elixir*, 218)

Always be buoyant and fresh when you sit for meditation and wait patiently, like a loving baby looking up into the eyes of the nursing mother. (*The Teachings of Kirpal Singh*, vol. 2, 168)

Someone asked our Master, “How should we address you?” He said, “Take me as your brother, as your father, as your friend, as your teacher. Just act up to what I say. When you rise above the body and you find Him inside, too, and there He is also competent to guide you, then you will call me by any name you like.” (ruhanisatsangusa.org/howimet.htm)

The world is, no doubt, full of adversities and pitfalls, but you have to wade through them all with the sweet and loving Grace of the Master, who helps you, guides you and leads you on the Way. You have simply to follow him with loving devotion. All of the difficulties will be solved and the apparently dark passages will be made smooth and clean. The Master's love for the children is unfathomable. It is a thousand times more than the love of a worldly father and mother put together. The Master listens to the prayers of his children and extends all necessary help and protection. Those who turn their faces to him, are truly fortunate and receive his grace and blessings. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/mailings/Want_to_go_home-Elixir-DE.pdf)

The Master Power resides with the initiates from the moment of initiation. The disciple is then in the charge of the Master Power. He knows and sees everything. Even the minutest thoughts in the disciple have their reaction. That Power will never err. So one should be true to one's self and to his God overhead. A loving Father always delights to see his children progress on the Path. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/mailings/Want_to_go_home-Elixir-DE.pdf)

The kind Father's love for the dear children is immensely great and He wishes to see each one of them come up to Him. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)

The Master's love for His children, who are all dear to Him, never wanes. It is unfortunate when a child disciple shuts his or her heart and this sweet heavenly love cannot flow in. A loving Father would always be happy to see His children turn their faces to Him and enjoy His grace. He can never be hard on anyone. His rope is long, however, as He would not like to administer a hard knock to them. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)

Such is the gracious protection extended by the Master-Power for His loving children, that they may leave this physical world fully satisfied and they are granted full protection in the Beyond. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)

The Master has love for all His children and they are worthy of His grace. The Master is very anxious to see them stand on their own feet and walk steadfastly on the holy Path and thereby enjoy all the peace and bliss that this journey affords them so that they may eventually reach their True Eternal Home. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)

Your Master is constantly with you extending His protective hand and knows what is best for you. Trust in Him; shake off sadness and carry on steadfastly. He is Competent and Powerful. He never fails His children. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)



The Master's love for His children is immeasurable and unfathomable and the more it is enjoyed the more it grows. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)

Such illuminating reports of the Master-Power's gracious protection have been received from various other centers when all attending faithfully not only feel the physical presence of the Master, but often see Him radiantly walking among them. These are all gestures of His Divine grace and protection for His children to reassure them of His continued grace.

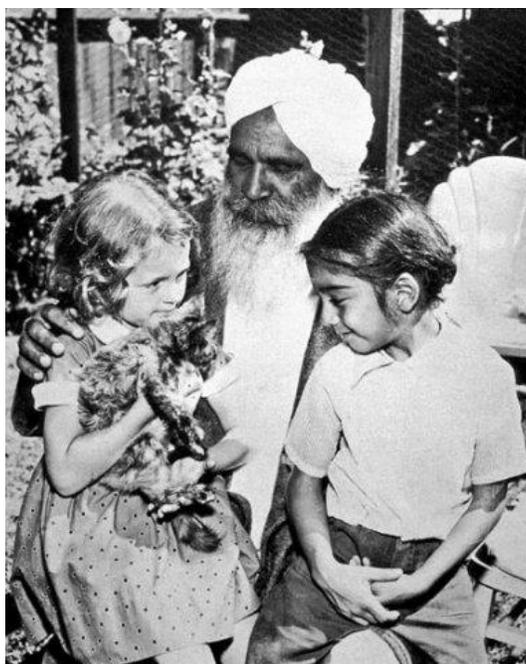
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The Master's love for His children is unfathomable. Often the children are besmeared with dirt. He will not discard them or let them down, but will first clean them of the dirt and then will warmly hug them to His bosom. So you need have no fears, no misgivings and no confusion whatever. But carry on steadily and perseveringly on your part in full faith, love and earnestness. You will get all the necessary help and protection only if you turn your face to Him. The Master's powerful and protective hands are always over His initiates. Shed everything and carry on lovingly with your job quietly and with calmness. You are not alone. You are on the right track. You have Somebody to open your heart to and unburden yourself of your worries, darkness and misery. Please be consoled and assured. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)

Please do not be alarmed about the so-called prophecies as these seldom come true. For "those who know say not, and those who say know not," is a useful adage. The benign Master-Power working over the heads of His loving children is sufficiently strong enough to extend all feasible help, grace and protection to them under all circumstances. They need to practice and to be faithfully devoted to their meditations which will enable them to be calm and serenely peaceful. .

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The Master-Power overhead is always aware of His children's needs and yearnings and He acts in their best interests. All errors must be weeded out one by one, and when the child-disciple is doing his or her best to eradicate these errors, all necessary help comes from within. This effort may take a long time, but it must and will come about, and much earlier for those who are lovingly and faithfully devoted to the Master. (ruhanisatsangusa.org/se/SE-16b.pdf)



From: Adi Granth Sahib The Scriptures of the Sikhs

Nanak saith: I am a child and Thou art my father and mother,
And Thy Naam in my mouth is just like exhilarating nectar.

Thou art my Father and Thou art my Mother,
Thou art my relative and Thou art my brother,
Thou art my Protector everywhere,
What fear can I have?
I found Thee out through Thy Merciful Grace:
Thou art my shelter and also my honor,
There is none besides Thee,
Whatever happens is of Thy doing and nothing is of us.

Thou art my Father, Thou art my Mother,
Thou art my soul and life, O Bestower of Happiness:
Thou art my Master, and I am Thy slave,
And apart from Thee nothing is mine.
Grant that I may be singing Thy praises day and night:
We are Thine instruments and Thou playest on them.
We are beggars at Thy door, give us the Gift, O our Benefactor!
Through Thy Grace I may enjoy inner Bliss,
For Thou art permeating every heart.
Through Thy Grace alone one can repeat Thy sweet *Naam*,
And sing Thy praises in the company of Thy beloved saints.
Through Thy Mercy, our pains are eliminated,
And through Thy Grace, the lotus of the heart opens out.
I lovingly pour myself out at the feet of the *Gurdev*
(the Radiant Form of the Master),
Whose *Darshan* (sight) is fruitful and whose service so purifying.
Be kind, O my Lord! that Nanak may sing Thy praises constantly.

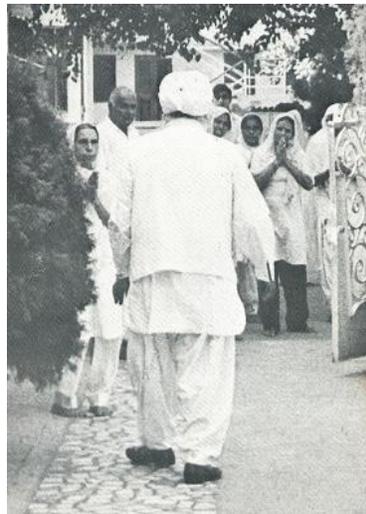
Keep us as it pleaseth Thee, we have come unto Thy shelter.
We commit mistakes day and night, and the Lord forgives us
and protects our honor,
We are Thy ever-erring children, and Thou art our Guru and Father,
O give us good advice: Nanak is Thy servant, save Him from disgrace.

We are Thy ignorant children,
and Thou art our Father and Master:
O Teach us the Way:
He took Nanak out of serfdom
And has accepted him as His own.

My Darling Beloved True Guru is my Protector. I am a helpless child - please cherish me. The Guru, the Perfect True Guru, is my Mother and Father. Obtaining the Water of the Guru, the lotus of my heart blossoms forth. (Guru Ram Das)

I am a sinner, saved only by the Company of the Guru. He has bestowed the Teachings of the Lord's Name, which saves me. What Glorious Virtues of Yours can I describe, O my True Guru? When the Guru speaks, I am transfixed with wonder. Can anyone else save a sinner like me? The True Guru has protected and saved me. O Guru, You are my father. O Guru, You are my mother. O Guru, You are my relative, companion and friend. My condition, O my True Guru - that condition, O Lord, is known only to You. I was rolling around in the dirt, and no one cared for me at all. In the Company of the Guru, the True Guru, I, the worm, have been raised up and exalted. Blessed, blessed is the Guru of servant Nanak; meeting Him, all my sorrows and troubles have come to an end. (Guru Ram Das)

The Divine Guru is my mother, the Divine Guru is my father; the Divine Guru is my Transcendent Lord and Master. The Divine Guru is my companion, the Destroyer of ignorance; the Divine Guru is my relative and brother. The Divine Guru is the Giver, the Teacher of the Lord's Name. The Divine Guru is the Mantra which never fails. The Divine Guru is the Image of peace, truth and wisdom. The Divine Guru is the Philosopher's Stone - touching it, one is transformed. The Divine Guru is the sacred shrine of pilgrimage, and the pool of divine ambrosia; bathing in the Guru's wisdom, one experiences the Infinite. The Divine Guru is the Creator, and the Destroyer of all sins; the Divine Guru is the Purifier of sinners. The Divine Guru existed at the primal beginning, throughout the ages, in each and every age. The Divine Guru is the Mantra of the Lord's Name; chanting it, one is saved. O God, please be merciful to me, that I may be with the Divine Guru; I am a foolish sinner, but holding onto Him, I am carried across. The Divine Guru is the True Guru, the Supreme Lord God, the Transcendent Lord; Nanak bows in humble reverence to the Lord, the Divine Guru. (Guru Arjan)



Father, when You left me

Father,
When You left me
I wept and wept
and could not be comforted
(no one could tell me
I would not listen
I had forgotten
You cannot leave me)
I cried:
How can You leave me?
What will become of me?
You take my heart with You:
What will remain?
But Father, I had forgotten You stay
and stay
and stay

You are so here
that every breath I breathe
presses the circle of Thy Presence

You are so near
the space I fill is filled with You
and the air that surrounds me
is singing Thy name
Is it Thy name
or my name?
I fold my hands to thank Thee:
Are they my hands
or Thy hands

Father, You are my friend
Who never leaves me
Who stays and stays
and stays and stays
and stays and stays
and stays and stays

(Donna Jewell Pollard)
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Footprints in the Sand

(slightly modified to address the Master)

One night I dreamed a dream. I was walking along the beach with my Master. Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonging to me and one to my Satguru.

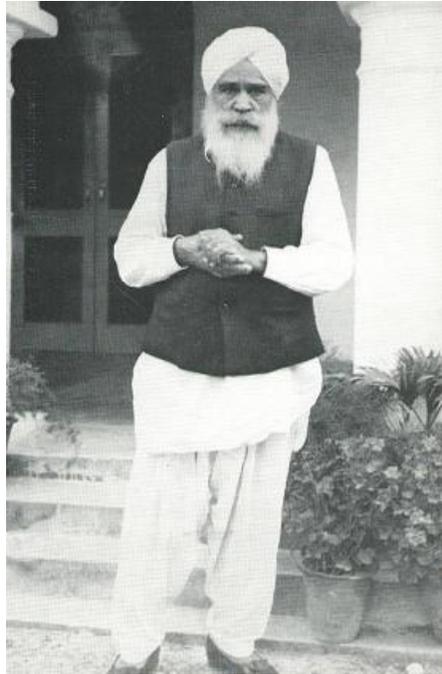
When the last scene of my life flashed before me, I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at many times along the path of my life, especially at the very lowest and saddest times, there was only one set of footprints. This really troubled me, so I asked the Beloved Master about it.

“Beloved, when I became your disciple you told me you would walk with me all the way. But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints. I don't understand why, when I needed you the most, you would leave me.”

The Master whispered, “My precious child, I love you and will never leave you, never, ever, during your trials and testings. When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”



To the Master, his spiritual children are dearer than the offspring of the flesh. The latter are entitled to His worldly property but His spiritual children would succeed to His spiritual wealth. You, as disciples, are dearer to me than my own sons. (Baba Sawan Singh, *Spiritual Gems*, 318, 319)



One life-inspiring glance of yours
is sufficient to enable us to attain our objective in life.
(Bhai Nand Lal Goya)



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