

Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?



General Knowledge

	Key Vocabulary
Sikh	'Disciple' or 'learner'
Guru	'Teacher' or 'leader'
Amrit Ceremony	Joining the Khalsa
Khalsa	Means 'pure'
Guru Granth Sahib	The name of the holy book of Sikhs
Guru Nanak	Person who founded Sikh

Did you know?

There are ten human gurus in Sikhism, with the first being Guru Nanak.

The Khalsa baptism ceremony is called the Amrit ceremony, this involves the drinking of Amrit (sugar water stirred with a dagger) in the presence of 5 Khalsa Sikhs as well as the Guru Granth Sahib.

The novice is instructed in the following:

- You shall never remove any hair from any part of thy body
- You shall not use tobacco, alcohol or any other intoxicants
- You shall not eat the meat of an animal slaughtered the Muslim way.
- You shall not commit adultery.

The novice is required to wear the physical symbols of a Khalsa at all times (known as the 5K's) as well as follow the Khalsa Code of Conduct.

The 5 Ks

Kesh – uncut hair

Kangha - comb

Kirpan – 'dagger'

Kara - bangle

Kacchera – shorts

