

## MARTYRDOM OF HARIKISHAN TALWAR AND TALWARS OF PATHANLAND

### FAITH IN ATONEMENT - WRITTEN IN WORD

Today 9th of June 1931, "This is the commandment I have received from of "My Father" a young Pukhtoon named Harikishan Talwar mounted the steps of gallows to liberate a nation. Written in the sacred texts of Sri Bhagvata Geeta, Hari is a word in "I" and Krishna a companion in redemption of Spirit of God, unified in One.

Pukhtoons are heroic individuals, who revolutionized the nation under the Khidmatgar Movement of the Frontier Gandhi, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan. During India's patriotic movement, in 1931 The Talwar Family, from Ghalladher in Northwest Frontier Provinces of Punjab in India, nine sons of Shaheed Gurdasmal Talwar was willing to sacrifice, all his sons to liberate, the nation.

He first prepared his second son, Harikishan Talwar, 19 years of age for martyrdom. A day before his execution at the last interview with the members of his family, Harikishan expressed his last wish "And thus I pray to the almighty God that I may be born in this Holy Land so that I may continue to wage this war against the foreign usurpers and drive them away from this sacred soil and liberate my dear motherland. I am sure the British Raj will not hand over my dead body to you but if they do, then you must cremate me at the same spot where Bhagat Singh, Raj Guru and Sukhdev were cremated and immerse my ashes in the Sutlej, at the spot where the remains of these compatriots were immersed."

Redeemed in the Gospel of Matthew 14:41 as in Guru Granth Sahib Ram Kali Malah 6 "*The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his Kingdom all things that offend and them which do inequity.*" Written in The Noble Quran 16.2 "*He sends down his angels with inspiration of His Command to whom of His slaves. He pleases in saying: Warn mankind that, La ilaha, illa Ana (none has the right to be worshipped but "I") so fear me.*

It was in Redemption of the Spirit of Lord, for liberation of his people, the 19 year old, son of Gurdasmal Talwar, *Son of man, was prepared to make an Atonement, as he said during his execution: "I have no misgivings in my mind; I knew what is in store for me. If sacrifice of my life, can help bring out goal of independence for the country any nearer, I am prepared to lay down my life not only once but after every rebirth a thousand times."*

Jesus Christ made a perfect atonement so that mankind may be saved, redeemed in the Gospel of John 10:17-18 "*Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.*"

The journey to a path to liberation is the responsibility of every individual "*Single is each being born; single it dies; single it enjoys the reward of its virtue; single it suffers the punishment of sin.*" Laws of Manu 4:240. *Human efforts are undertaken in the context of God's Grace.*

Relationship between *Effort and Grace* is what theologian Thomas Aquinas called *Synergy*: "*God changes are not in people until they change what is in themselves.*" The Noble Quran 13:11 *this effort calls forth grace and grace prompts effort.* Sacred texts stress human initiative as calling forth Grace "God helps those who help themselves": conversely others describe grace as preceding and overshadowing human effort.

"*Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.*" James 4:7. The conditioning of conjoint action of human effort and divine providence is regarded as Salvation, as by Grace. The Noble Quran 2:152 "*Be mindful of me and I will be mindful of you.*" God's Grace in Word and Deed are relevant to succeed in good works, "*Lord! Invaluable are thy blessings: without extent is His bounty.*" *Adi Garanth Kirtan Sohila Malah 1:12.*

Written in Doctrine and Covenants 19:16, "*For behold, I God have suffered these things for all that they might not suffer if they would repent.*" We must repent for our sins so that we may purify our souls through redemption of the Spirit of our saviors. "*Seek refuge with the Lord alone, with your whole being, Bharta. By His grace you will reach Supreme peace an everlasting estate.*" *Bhagvada Gita 18:62.*

Therefore call to faith must be engaged in Liberty of Pure Conscience. Lack of Knowledge and Ignorance are the cause of perceived sense of Reality in which people follow a blind path. The decision to redeem in faith requires a commitment to follow the Path of Heavenly Knowledge; "*Men what must I do to be saved?*" *And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, you and your household."* Acts 16:30

Shaheed Gurdasmal Talwar loved his sons as much. In grief, he died of a stroke 27 days after the execution of his 19 year old son, in the court of Colonel Hay on 6th July, 1931.

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