



THE NEW CREATION BOOK FOR SIKHS

Exploring Cross-Cultural Biblicizing and Relational Bridges of God

INTRODUCTION & MISSIOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK

My mother prayed for me to become a believer and she took me to a congregation that was not foreign to my racial, linguistic or class self-understanding. So my mother and I constituted a family people movement, a multi-individual, mutually interdependent conviction unto salvation. The preacher knew McGavran and sent me to him and I became his student and he became my editor, Donald McGavran, the foremost missiologist of the 20th Century.

I did not know at the time that my mother and I exemplified what Donald McGavran called *The Bridges of God*, what the Philippian jailer was told "You shall be saved, and your household" (Acts 16:31), that "you" the jailer are a bridge for your household, a bridge of God for their salvation with you. *The Bridges of God* was McGavran's first book and the book had a seismic impact world-wide. While I was studying with him, he helped me write *EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GROW A MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE*, which Ralph Winter published. Then Ralph Winter said he wanted a similar book for the Muslims, which I wrote (*New Creation Book for Muslims*), Biblicizing the mosque to create a familiar gathering vehicle. I wanted to do a book for Buddhists using the retreat as a community bridgehead; also a book for Hindus using the same community retreat vehicle for gathering.

THE NATURE OF CROSS-CULTURAL BIBLICIZING

Biblicizing, as we're using it, is NOT syncretism (blending the Son of God away into something else) or mere "religious translation" (changing vocabulary only). Instead, it is:

- Re-reading a people's religious life through Scripture.
- Re-structuring their existing communal forms (mosque, retreat, ashram, synagogue) around Messiah, rather than replacing them with Western church forms.
- Re-locating authority in the Bible and in Yeshua/Isa al-Masih, while allowing familiar cultural containers to remain.
- Re-defining vocabulary which is cleansed and refilled so that these religious words now contain Biblical content and truth in the same way that the apostles wrested back the word "knowledge" from the false teacher proto-gnostics and filled the word "knowledge" with true content.

STRATEGIC FOCUS: THE 10/40 WINDOW

A significant focus must be placed on the 10/40 Window, stretching from the western coast of Africa eastwards through the Middle East and into Asia, where 97% of the unreached peoples of the world live. "Unreached" refers to people groups lacking a self-governing, self-propagating, and self-supporting indigenous movement capable of evangelizing their own community (their cultural and geographical footprint or "parish"). Missiologists generally classify a group as unreached when the evangelical population is less than 2%, or the total Christian population is less than 5%. Within this window live the vast majority of the world's Muslims (724,000,000), Hindus (787,000,000), Buddhists (240,000,000), and Sikhs (26,000,000).

Chapter One: Soil testing the House and the Heart

Testing the Receptivity of the Household Sangat

In Sikh tradition, the home is often the first sangat—a place where the family gathers to remember God, recite Waheguru, and read from the Gurbani. Yet not every heart or household receives truth in the same way. A teacher once said: "The seed of truth falls on many soils. Only the receptive heart bears fruit."

THE FOUR SOILS OF THE SIKH HEART

- **The Hard Path** — where pride or fear prevents the Word from entering.
- **The Shallow Soil** — where enthusiasm fades when pressure comes.
- **The Thorny Ground** — where worries, wealth, and busyness choke devotion.
- **The Good Soil** — where the Word takes root and multiplies into a household movement.

THE PARABLE OF THE TWO BROTHERS OF THE HOUSE

One brother was devout—faithful in Nitnem, disciplined in service, respected in the community. The other wandered, wasted his inheritance, and fell into despair. When the younger returned home in repentance, the father embraced him with compassion. The elder resisted, clinging to pride. The teacher asked: "Which brother lives the true spirit of Ik Oankar — the One God who is gracious and compassionate?"

THE CHILDLIKE HEART

The Scriptures teach that only a childlike heart receives truth—humble, trusting, free of self-merit. The question becomes: Is your household receptive soil for the New Creation Word?

Chapter Two: The Straight Path of the New Creation

The True Way (Sach Marg) Revealed by the Eternal Word

A devout Sikh couple, Harjit and Amrita, traveled for days seeking a teacher who could guide them into deeper truth. They did not know the city, the street, or the house. But God knew. As Amrita walked past a simple home, she felt drawn to knock. Inside, a teacher was praying: “Lord, send seekers to this sangat.” At that very moment, the knock came.

GOD GUIDES THE SEEKER

The teacher said: “The Eternal Word leads the sincere seeker. He is the true Guide (Satguru).”

THE FALSE TEACHER AND THE TRUE GUIDE

Later, Amrita was misled by a man claiming mystical powers—promising visions, energy, and spiritual shortcuts. But the teacher reminded her: “The true Way is not found in occult practices but in the Eternal Word who reveals the Father.”

THE ETERNAL WORD

From the beginning, God has spoken through His Eternal Word—personal, living, divine. This Word became flesh in Yeshua the Messiah, the perfect revelation of God’s compassion and truth. He is: the True Way (Sach Marg), the True Guide (Satguru), and the Light that dispels darkness.

Chapter Three: The Prayer Life of a New Creation Sikh

New Creation Nitnem: Communion with the Eternal Word

A man named Gurdeep practiced daily Nitnem, yet felt spiritually dry. One morning he prayed: “If there is more to know of You, reveal Yourself.” Soon he encountered a New Creation sangat whose devotion was alive—Scripture, prayer, singing, and love.

TRUE PRAYER

New Creation prayer is communion, not ritual; listening, not recitation alone; Spirit-empowered, not self-powered; and centered on the Eternal Word, not on formulas.

THE INNER GURDWARA

The teacher said: “Your heart becomes the Gurdwara when the Eternal Word dwells within.”

THE SPIRIT'S PRESENCE

The Spirit of God fills the believer with: peace, joy, love, courage, and truth. Gurdeep learned to pray with Scripture, to worship with sincerity, and to walk in the Spirit.

Chapter Four: The New Creation Confession

The Confession and the Immersion of the New Creation

A young woman named Simran asked: “If I desire to follow the Eternal Word, what must I confess?”

The New Creation Confession is: “I trust in the Eternal Word, who reveals the Father and brings me into New Creation life.” This confession is not a Sikh rejection—it is the renunciation of false hopes and the embrace of the One God revealed in the Eternal Word.

THE FULL-BODY IMMERSION

Judaism’s mikvah and Islam’s ghusl (even a deathwash) become, in the New Creation, a burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3). The old self dies, the seeker is buried with Messiah, and a new life begins. Simran entered the waters with reverence and rose with joy.

Chapter Five: The New Creation Pilgrimage

The Festival of Liberation and the Journey of the New Creation

Sikhs honor many journeys—to Anandpur Sahib, to Amritsar, to historical gurdwaras. But the New Creation pilgrimage is not to a place—it is to a Person.

TWO GREAT PROTOTYPES

- **1. Pesach (Passover):** Liberation through the Lamb.
- **2. Moshiach’s Tish (The Messiah’s Table):** Communion with the Sacrificial Lamb.

THE NEW CREATION PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY

The true pilgrimage path means leaving bondage, walking with the Messiah, trusting God’s provision, and living in freedom. A household celebrates this journey by reading Scripture, breaking bread, giving thanks, and serving others through New Creation service (*sewa*).

Chapter Six: How to Start a House Sangat for New Creation Sikhs

The Home as a Gathering Place of the New Creation

A New Creation sangat is simple and home-based, focusing on the spiritual multiplication of households.

PREPARING THE SIKH HOME

The meeting space requires a clean room, floor seating, Scripture positioned respectfully on a low stand, and a single candle symbolizing God's light. No images are utilized—only the Word.

THE RHYTHM OF THE SIKH HOUSE SANGAT

- **Welcome:** Welcoming guests cleanly into the space.
- **Lighting the Candle:** Pointing to the Light of the Eternal Word.
- **The New Creation Confession:** Communally reciting the core confession statement.
- **Scripture Reading:** Slowly examining the text.
- **Teaching and Dialogue:** Sitting together for shared explanation and questions.
- **Prayer and Singing:** Directing sacred songs and prayers to God.
- **The Fellowship Meal (New Creation Langar):** Sharing a communal meal in unity.

The sangat leader is not a priest or a granthi—but a servant, teacher, and guide. Authority comes not from title but from faithfulness. When Scripture is honored, the Spirit is welcomed, and love is practiced, the home becomes a bridge of God—a place where New Creation life multiplies.

Glossary for the Sikh Version

Amrit

Sacred nectar; in New Creation, immersion symbolizes death and resurrection (Romans 6:3).

Amrit Sanchar Initiation ceremony; fulfilled in New Creation immersion.

Anand Joy; fruit of the Spirit in New Creation life.

Gurbani Sacred writings; honored alongside Scripture but fulfilled in the Eternal Word.

Gurdwara Sikh temple; the home becomes a gurdwara when the Word is honored.

Ik Oankar “There is One God”; fulfilled in the revelation of the Eternal Word.

Karma Moral causation; overcome by grace.

Kirtan Devotional singing; directed to the Eternal Word.

Langar Communal meal; becomes the New Creation fellowship meal.

Naam The Name of God; fulfilled in the Name revealed by the Eternal Word.

Nitnem Daily prayers; transformed into Scripture-centered devotion.

Panth The community; fulfilled in the New Creation household.

Sangat Fellowship; a home-based gathering centered on Scripture.

Satguru True Guru; fulfilled in the Eternal Word.

Seva Service; empowered by the Spirit in New Creation life.

Simran Remembrance; becomes continual awareness of God’s presence.

Waheguru “Wonderful Lord”; worshiped through the Eternal Word.