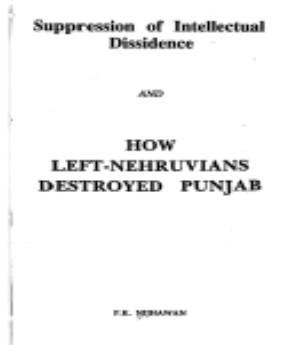


Suppression of Intellectual Dissidence and how the Left-Nehruvian Destroyed Punjab by Purushottam Kumar Nijhawan (1997) [248P] Offbeat Readings

Book Review: Kavneet Singh



PK Nijhawan's last job was, the editor of the Times of India in Bombay. Armed with a Masters degree in the Arts he set out to write an epic poem which according to his own peer group was acknowledged as a monumental piece of work.

PK's book is about venting out against a group of individuals through the Indian Courts due to the fact that a book written by him titled "Shri Guru Gobind Geeta" apparently (idealistically) to assuage the Sikh-Hindu relations was plagiarized by a well connected charlatan Swami Rama aka Brajkishore Kumar a Dhasmana Brahmin, brother-in-law of the infamous Murli Manohar Joshi of the radical Hindu extremist RSS/BJP. PK a Hindu of Punjabi extraction basically has opened up a pandora's box by exposing a huge clique of academics, career civil servants but very well connected by and large a Punjabi Hindus, some Kashmiri Brahmins, a few Muslims and a few Sikhs who played a very dubious role in the decision making process which culminated in the attack on Darbar Sahib and ruined Punjab in more than one way all based out of Chandigarh under the guise of a innocuous organization called Center for Research in Rural and Industrial Development [CRRID].

*Medieval Hindus realized that Sikhs were the only Hindus here. They made a beeline for kande bate da amrit.....Amritdhari-Khalsa is the only 'true Hindu' even today...[Page ix]*

The foreword of this book is written by Gurtej Singh an eminent Sikh of repute but there is something fundamentally wrong with his punch line. Gurtej Singh has either has made an innocent mistake or grave error misleading the reader to believe that Sikh Faith has anything even remotely in common with Hinduism at any religious level.

This quote of Gurtej Singh is somewhat the same premise on which PK has written his book or incantation called "Sri Guru Gobind Geeta" which is a 100 page poem in prose of a dialogue between Guru Gobind Singhji and Banda Singh Bahadur whereas Banda is being portrayed patronizingly by PK as a Hindu [Madho Das] savior coming to the aid of the Sikhs.

PK comes out as the badly aggrieved party in his first hand experience against his ex-colleagues who are the bad guys. But to an unbiased reader especially a Sikh, all the

characters in the book including the author are out to grossly undermine the great Sikh ethos with PK himself concocting a mythical dialogue between Guru Gobind Singhji and Banda Singh Bhadur akin to the mythological dialogue between the dark lord Krishna and Arjun the warrior. The slight of hand done by PK is to cunningly devise a way of portraying Banda Singh Bahadur as a Hindu savior helping Guru Gobind Singhji to save the Sikhs and Hindus from the tyrannical Muslims. The theme of the book, “Sri Guru Gobind Geeta”, is that Sikhs are really Hindus and thus their bodyguards in perquity. The Punjabi Hindu has always been inimical towards the Sikh Faith from the very beginning and not much has changed in over 500 years except the ones claiming to be good guys are also out to suck the élan out of the Sikh spirit. Rare is a Punjabi Hindu who is willing to accept the Sikh Faith as a completely independent faith without diluting it by claiming its part of Santana Dharma. None of the followers of Semitic faiths or the other faiths try overtly to subvert the Sikh Faith. The north Indian Hindus, but primarily the fanatical Punjabi Hindus have continuously tried to openly erode and submerge the Sikh Faith into the opaque sea of so-called Hinduism. This is a case of open racism against an egalitarian minority Faith which has never even made the slightest attempt to prostelize or defame another faith publicly as there is no need. The North Indian Punjabi Brahmin/Khatri/Vashyia combine are keenly aware that their own position of power and pelf can get upset very quickly if the true Sikh Spirit were ever to be prostelized and inculcated to the teeming underclass who are not Hindus to begin with, living under the steel boot of diabolical dimensions created by the Manuvad puppeteers. The self created Hindu majority through their own chicanery of the Indian Constitution can fall apart and the same elite will become a Hindu minority if the Sikh Faith is not reined in by submerging it into Hinduism.

*Kartar Singh Duggal, one of the signatories to this statement when he was “We know how to handle magistrates” .....[Page 24]*

A small insight into how the judiciary can be manipulated by the powers to be primarily because they have the ear of the very top brass of the country and secondly they are of the same caste of the rulers or their toadies.

*Swami's book Celestial Song/Gobind Geet. Interestingly, these examples occur in two books in the same order.....[Page 29]*

Plagiarism is commonplace in academic circles especially in India. The fact is very few individuals have the guts to confront their powerful peers, superiors and rarely an outfit like CRRID. Further the money and lengthy trials [15 years average] can break anyone.

*I had written my epic in English language mainly for the Western audiences. It was the international Sikhry, that, it appeared, was fanning the flames of a separate Sikh State in Punjab by the name of Khalistan, severing ties with the Hindus.....[Page 42]*

Not only is PK pretty pompous, but downright bigoted and naïve altogether. With a very shallow understanding of the Sikh Faith; an even lesser insight of Sikh history and current events he has created a so-called truth of his own and expects national adulations. Not to be outdone his detractors have gone one up on him and created another bogus band aid for Sikh-Hindu amity. The book is filled, including PK, with a highly egotistical,

educated group of fools trying to outdo each other in gaining attention of their superiors without any understanding and yet attaining nothing.

*The Alkalis were the only untamed element in India. And those who are aware of the history of Sikh struggle during the British times, know quite well that repression alone does not subdue the Sikhs.....“It happened because we of the CRRID were able to finally persuade Mrs. Gandhi to launch the operation” [Page 65-69]*

CRRID a very powerful organization headed by a Kashmiri Brahmin P.N.Haksar who was one time the principal secretary of Indira Gandhi and a Khatri Panjabi Hindu Rashpal Malhotra the Director of CRRID

*However, between the lines what came out was that Dr.Manmohan Singh too had come to occupy that high office mainly due to Rashpal and Mr.Haksar.....He told me that Rashpal was consummate operator, whose main function was to cast his net far and wide to catch the intellectual fish.....[Page 78]*

Rashpal Malhotra a very ambitious khatri Hindu of a middle class family managed to from a lowly clerk for Dr.Mulk Raj Anand at Panjab University to become a high class errand boy to Dr.Nihar Ranjan Ray, Director of the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies Simla. Other than helping his boss and building contacts he became the house pimp for the visiting intellectuals. It's beyond belief as to how so-called (academic) research organizations as CRRID have a man heading it with barely any academic background other than a driving ambition and scheming street smarts. Anyone familiar with the Indian academic & political environment must acknowledge the reality that throwing one's weight around based on one's connections up the proverbial food chain is the norm. All fingers seem to point to the fact that since Rashpal was a whipping boy for Indira Gandhi everyone has to be at his beck and call which can make or break very important civil servants and others if necessary. Anyone reading the ancient Hindu 'Arthashastra' will not be surprised by all the duplicity of these characters.

*As already indicated CRRID was an outfit put together to keep the Hindus and the Sikhs permanently divided, downgrade the role of the Sikh Church in the lives of the ordinary Sikhs and fight against any effort that made Sikhism look flowing from its mother creed which means Hinduism.....[Page 96]*

The lies & half truths belie all rationality. Its hard to tell at times who is more dishonest, PK or the folks he's accusing of dishonesty. But on occasion the CRRID stance in part seems to make some sense.

*A Sikh Geeta coming out of the sacred mouth of Guru Gobind Singh himself could have far reaching consequences in Punjab. Nijhawan had a design. He deliberately wrote what can be termed as the bible of militants.....That also explains why in the first place he was planted in the United States as also who planted it. And if it is so, then it stands to reason to assume that someone in the RAW or.....The accusing finger then points out in the direction of Mr.P.N.Haksar who incidentally now heads CRRID.....[Page 115 & 116]*

One is left to wonder which is the lesser evil, PK or Swami Rama since both are out to get the Sikhs except in their own demented ways. It's highly plausible that Swami Rama is a RAW agent since god-men in India are a dime a dozen with most of the well

connected & affluent ones are pliable government stooges. The head puppeteer seems to be P.N.Haksar of CRRID as one of the Indian specialty is; to infiltrate Western countries, by sending god-men to network at the upper echelons of societies abroad to be in a position where people take you seriously and for multiple other uses, one among them being spying on the disaffected minorities who may cause trouble in the future.

*You have given a new reason to the Sikhs to rediscover themselves. That Sikhism in totality is nothing but a Geeta is remarkably well brought out. Now read it with your theory of history which upholds the dialectics of Dharma and Adharma and you have made every Sikh a revolutionary of Arjuna's order.....[Page 128]*

The above comment apparently made by Kartar Singh Duggal in ref to PK's 'Sri Guru Gobind Geeta' seems to belie logic. It is clear that Duggal has neither read the AGGS or the BG thoroughly to understand that there is nothing in common at all.

*To them Akalis looked than the Muslim League of the pre-partition days. Hence, anyone trying to promote the idea of shared Hindu-Sikh destiny was suo motto not acceptable to them.....He did not want the Hindus to be told that the Sikhs were in fact the protectors of Hinduism or any Sikh be honored on that account.....[Page 141]*

The Hindu mindset can be extremely hard to fathom. Reason being that when a power elite can setup a uniquely diabolical racist system of the most tyrannical kind and then fabricate a religious façade around it, it goes to show the incomprehensible depth to how low they can stoop. Therefore ethics, morals & truth have no place among their kind.

*A man with a confirmed reputation of being a high class errand boy cannot afford to expose himself to interrogation because in the process not only does he get actually defamed but also runs the danger of exposing his patrons.....[Page 155]*

High class errand boys still carry a lot of weight since they can do heavy duty (dirty) work for a pittance and the only thing they need is someone even more powerful, stroking their ego and give them the feeling of real power. This is even truer today!

*I was them rather frankly that I was a rabid Punjabi Hindu and the non-Punjabis were vitiating the scene in Punjab as only a Punjabi could understand where the things had gone wrong.....[Page 163]*

PK is honest for once by admitting that he is a 'rabid' Hindu.

*All in all, the case is still very much where the judgment of the learned lower court had left it. And if it is so, then one must bow to the immense power and patronage that Mr.Rashpal Malhotra and the CRRID lobby enjoy in this country.....[Page 196]*

This chapter is a snapshot of the typical shenanigans of the Indian judiciary where 10-15 years is the norm and justice is bartered like in a farmers market. The powerful literally get away with murder; case and point are the various ethnic [Sikh] Genocides. Yet my sympathies are with poor PK.

*Recently, however, a different kind of development did take place. On the July 22, 1997 hearing, the learned Judge Mr. Sunil Gour refused to grant any further date to the complainant's lawyer.....[Page 200]*

Its commonplace for a lawsuit to drag on due to the judiciary and lawyers playing with their clients to milk them for all their worth, not to mention the influence peddling as in this case where the lawsuit dragged on for more than 10 years.

*A few months later I had the misfortune of meeting Dr. Balram Jhakar, then a Union Minister, and in my opinion a thinking Punjabi Hindu.....I presented him a copy of 'Sri Guru Gobind Geeta' almost in a spirit of reverence. After looking at the cover-painting of Sri Guru Gobind Singh, he looked at me as he wanted to know what it was. I said it was written in response to the agony of Punjab by a son of Punjab. Perhaps he took me a amiss. Then by way of reassurance he said, "Sikhan De Watt Kad Dayan Ge". It was a very vulgar way to say that we would crush the Sikhs.....,[Page 206]*

Some high placed Punjabi Hindus are so rabid that they can actually cause the rabies plague. Balram Jhakar had so much venom and hatred of the Sikhs that he is on record publicly stating, "We can eliminate 10,000 Sikh youth and the world will not even know about it". How true, because it actually happened many times over and there were no consequences. There are devils in the guise of humans such as Jhakar, a federal minister so what can be expected from the common racist Hindu.

This book is pretty ridiculous at one level as it is the author's frustrations of not getting anywhere because another god-man has plagiarized his book. [On an interesting side note the god-man Swami Rama's book got distributed by the Indian Army Educational Stores to further brainwash the Sikh soldiers and dilute the true essence of their Faith.] Secondly the author's own book, 'Sri Guru Gobind Geeta' is wholly misleading as it is as inaccurate as the other fairytale stories of the Hindus.

The interesting flip side is that in all the ranting and raving, the shocking but fascinating truth about some very elusive important people who were in the decision making loop in reference to Punjab is recorded by a man who really has been forced to lose his credibility, respect and fame. He does gain at his stage in life if he wins the lawsuit; but in the bargain lets the cat out of the bag. Anyone interested in recent political history and who is still trying to put the pieces of the Punjab puzzle together will find another piece to fit into that complex puzzle.

It is truly amazing that that in the past 3-4 centuries; from the Sikh Gurus to the common Sikhs, they literally gave their lives in the thousands to protect these two ethno-religious communities namely the Kashmiri Hindu Brahmins and the Punjabi Hindus in general. Human beings with even an iota of morality and ethics would be indebted forever for such 'a' friendship. Instead these same "two" communities have tried their utmost to bring about the downfall of the Sikhs in every which way. They have literally declared [moral] bankruptcy on the massive debt owed to the Sikhs. The ungratefulness of these wretches; is simply mind boggling! An intriguing book if one is trying to understand the nature of the Hindu mindset.