



Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind

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A TRIBUTE TO DR. THIND



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Dear Friends and Beloved Ones:

We are gathered here today to honor, pay homage, and bid farewell to one of the world's greatest-loved Teachers, Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind. The wise men of the world have taught us that Death is an experience whereby the living come to realize that Life, as we know it is a continuous change. In this physical universe there is nothing that is permanent. It is always changing. Some of the changes are visible, others we do not and cannot see. Life and Death are the two sides of a coin-head and tail. We cannot have one without the other. When one is visible the other is hidden.

Similarly, Life and Death are one. The change is like the day and night. When light comes the darkness disappears-not permanently, but after a time it comes back again. When a person dies it is not the end, but we are born again and again, until the purpose of life is accomplished. Life from a simple cell grows to a complex cell through the principle of change, till the individual being, the Jiva, the ego, the person, the purusha, reaches to the highest goal of life, oneness with the source of its creation-God.

You and I are on that path of Life. Our beloved Dr. Thind has taken the next higher step for the next higher and more noble life, as we all will do in due time.

I had the privilege of personal friendship and association of 43 years with Dr. Thind. We shared many great moments of heart to heart talks that developed an infinite measure of respect and trust between us. For this I am grateful to God.

Dr. Thind, at a very tender age, developed a desire to delve deep into the mysteries of life. He left India before he was 20 and came to Manila, the



Philippine Islands and reached the shores of America.

In 52 years of his teaching Truth, awakening the love of God in the hearts of his followers, five million Americans have heard Dr. Thind. He has initiated thousands of his disciples into the secrets of the Inner Life, quickening the Power of the creative word, the Surat Shabad.

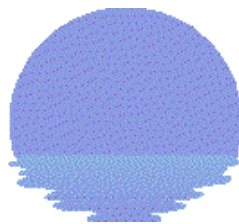
Thousands of these disciples whose lives he has helped to change, are joining us at this moment, throughout the U.S.A. and Canada, to bid farewell and God-speed for a higher and much nobler life.

Dr. Thind has been a noble, loving, kind, and devoted husband, father, and son-in-law to his family. He was a great Guru and a Teacher to thousands of his disciples that I know of personally.

His love for his Motherland was genuine and unselfish. At one time he refused to accept the citizenship of the U.S.A. proffered him because of his honorable military service during the First World War. He made many financial and personal sacrifices in fighting his citizenship case up to the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds that he was an East Indian, a Caucasian, had the right to be a citizen of this country. He did this to help his own countrymen and achieve the rights of citizenship. Finally, due to his fight and encouragement to other Indians to continue to fight for this right, he helped win citizenship for Indians in 1947.

He has helped financially hundreds of Indian students to finish their higher education. Some of these men are members of the Parliament of India, Home Ministers and Chief Ministers, great scientific leaders, now serving their Motherland. He was very generous to help the needy disciples if and when their ailments required special medical care in Europe and other countries. He has contributed large sums of money to open modern medical dispensaries in India. I assure you, friends, I could keep on enumerating the various unselfish sacrifices he has made for his Motherland, India, and his adopted country, the U.S.A. During his vacation trip around the World, a few years ago, he stopped in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Burma, Thailand, and India. He spoke to thousands of students in these countries as to what America has done for him and what he has done for America, as a soldier and as a Spiritual Teacher.

And now the time has come to say farewell. Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind's time has arrived to lay down the working tools that God gave him—the physical body. I am sure God must have said, "Well done, my Son, I am proud of you. Come unto me for rest and peace.



Sadhu Grewal

September 19, 1967

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October 3, 1967
Letter from Vivian Thind

Beloved Ones:

Today, my beloved husband and your beloved guru, Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind, would have reached his 75th birthday. It was God's will that he left this world on Friday, the 15th of September at 4:15 pm. There were no signs of fatigue or ill health even minutes before he left his earthly body, which had functioned so nobly and divinely in the service of others.

Sadhu Grewal came from Detroit to take part in the funeral services that were held on September 19th in Beverly Hills. Many others who knew him well, from all walks of life, representing a spectrum of religious affiliations and ideals, paid glowing tribute to his great soul. Doctor was a true patriot of both the lands he loved so dearly and served so well. In his 54 years of teaching, he influenced thousands, showing us how to partake of God's Light in the Holy Nām, and revealing the meaning of our existence here and now.

We were all so blessed to have this noble soul share our lives. His devotion and love for his family was incomparable and his love for his disciples no less. This is the time, now, to re-dedicate our lives to our guru and the teachings he gave us. He was truly a Son of God—a spiritual guide to all who crossed his path.

“Remember”, he said to his disciples, “I will be with you until the end of the world, until you have found your own Godhead, when you will no longer need me”.

My family joins me in sending love and blessings to all of you. And we want to thank all of those who have sent their loving sympathies—giving us the strength to bear our loss.

Always, in His service,
May you ever walk His
“Radiant Road to Reality.”



Vivian Thind