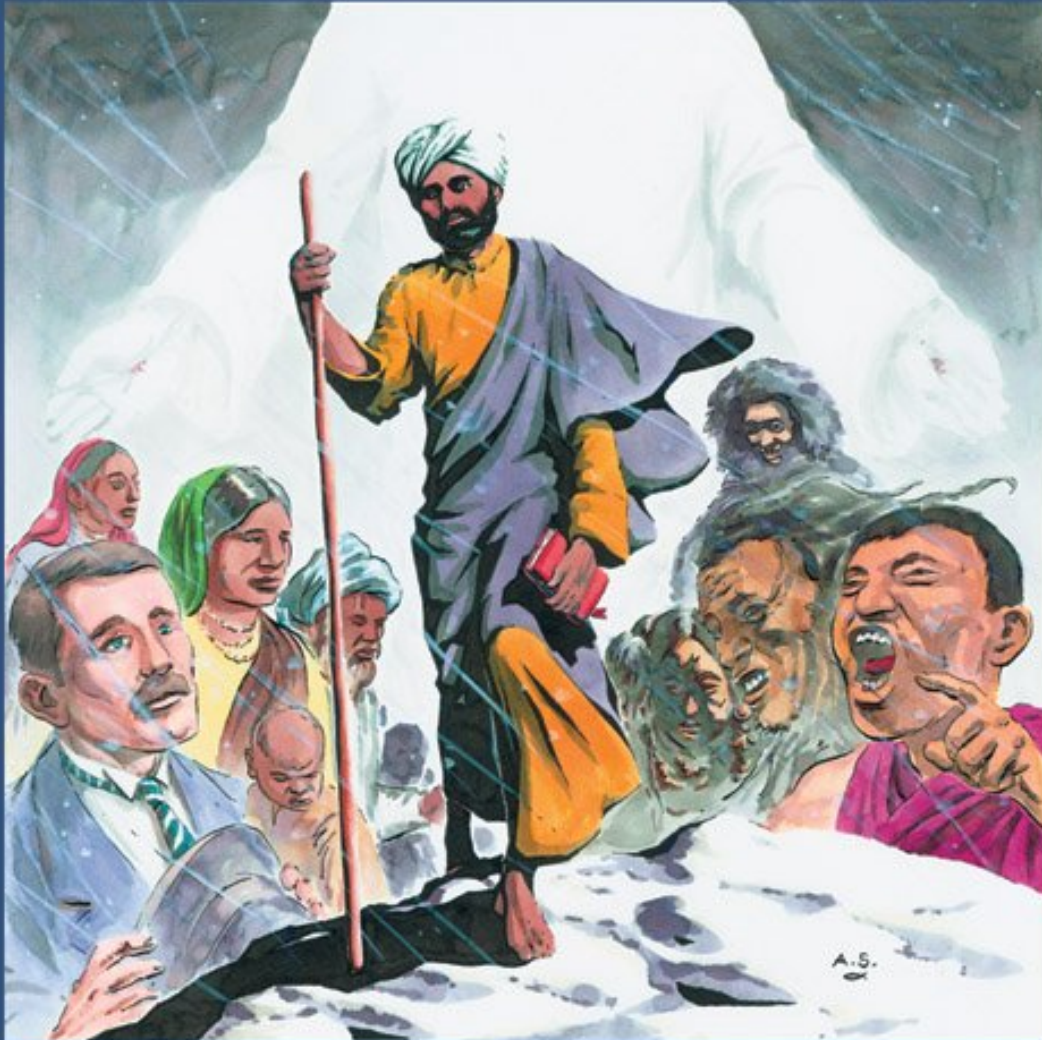


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SUNDAR SINGH WAS BORN IN RAMPUR, PUNJAB IN NORTHERN INDIA ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1889.



THOUGH REARED IN THE SIKH RELIGION, SUNDAR HAD ALSO MEMORIZED THE HINDU *BHAGAVAD-GITA* AND *VEDAS*, READ THE *KORAN*, AND LEARNED YOGA. BUT NONE OF THESE RELIGIONS SATISFIED HIS LONGING SOUL.



MOTHER, WHY CAN'T I —

DON'T BE SELFISH AND MATERIALISTIC LIKE YOUR BROTHERS. SEEK FOR YOUR PEACE OF MIND AND HOLD STEADILY ONTO YOUR FAITH.

BE A **SADHU**. *

* A HOLY MAN

IT WAS A GREAT SHOCK TO FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD SUNDAR WHEN HIS BELOVED MOTHER DIED.



THEN HE WAS SENT FOR HIS "SECULAR" EDUCATION TO A SMALL PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENED BY THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN MISSION IN HIS VILLAGE.

"...THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

I AM A **SIKH**. WHY AM I HERE?

WITH A GANG OF YOUNG HOOLIGANS FROM THE BAZAAR, HE SOUGHT TO BREAK UP THE SCHOOL AND DRIVE THE CHRISTIANS OUT OF RAMPUR.





DECEMBER 3, 1903 3:00 A.M.

THE LUCHIANA EXPRESS WOULD PASS THROUGH RAMPLUR AT 5 A.M.



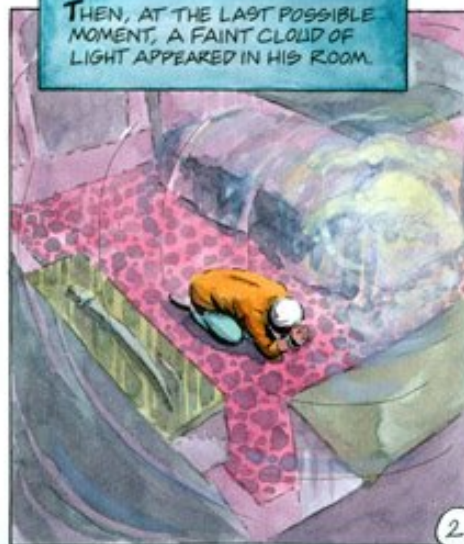
SUNDAR ACHED VIOLENTLY FOR A PEACE HE HAD NEVER KNOWN. HE RESOLVED TO LAY HIS HEAD ON THE RAILWAY LINE AT FIVE O' CLOCK — UNLESS...



THE HOURS CREEPT BY AS HE PRAYED AND PRAYED. NOTHING HAPPENED.



THEN, AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT, A FAINT CLOUD OF LIGHT APPEARED IN HIS ROOM.





IT GREW BRIGHTER.



TO HIS SHEER AMAZEMENT HE SAW NOT THE FACE OF ANY OF HIS TRADITIONAL GODS, BUT OF **JESUS THE CHRIST**.



HIS COUNTENANCE WAS LOVING AND GENTLE, SUNDAR LATER RECALLED.

