

V Sikhism

A Origins of Sikhism

1 Sikhism is one of the smaller universalizing religions.

2 Sikhism was founded in the late 15th century in present day

Pakistan and follows the teachings of Guru Nanak, its chief

Religious prophet.

B Diffusion of Sikhism

1. Diffused outward from Pakistan, particularly towards northern India.
2. Sikhs have a global diaspora today and are especially prominent in the U.S., Canada, the UK, former British colonies of East Africa, and Australia.

C. Cultural Landscape Features of Sikhism

1. Sikhism is a monotheistic religion and its holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib, contains the teachings of all of its prophets called gurus.
2. A high concentration of Sikhs exist in the Punjab region, which straddles northwestern India and northern Pakistan.
3. Punjab is home to Sikhism's holiest site, the Golden Temple.
4. In India, there are continuing tensions between Sikhs and Hindus, as some Sikhs have pushed to secede from India and form their own country.