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The Khanda: A Symbol of Sikhism

The Khanda is the most recognized symbol of the [Sikh](#) faith, representing its core values and principles. It's often compared to the Cross in Christianity or the Star of David in Judaism. Here's a quick breakdown of its key elements:

Central Figure:

- **Khanda (Sword):** Represents courage, righteousness, and the defense of the oppressed.
- **Chakram (Ring):** Symbolizes God's eternity and indivisibility.

Surrounding Elements:

- **Two Kirpans (Swords):** Embody the dual ideals of **Miri** (worldly authority and duty) and **Piri** (spiritual consciousness).

Meaning:

- The Khanda emphasizes the balance between spiritual pursuits and social responsibility.
- It promotes courage, justice, and defending the weak while upholding spiritual values.

Additional Notes:

- While the Khanda is the most prominent symbol, the **Ek Onkar** (meaning "One God") is also significant, often appearing alongside the Khanda.
- The Khanda is displayed on the Nishan Sahib (Sikh flag) and worn by some Sikhs as a pendant or emblem.

