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# The Khanda: A Symbol of Sikhism

The Khanda is the most recognized symbol of the <u>Sikh</u> 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.