

Amir Khusrau - An Icon for Peace:

Amir Khusrau-a product of the 13th century in India was vastly known for his acumen in languages and lyrics of the day who mesmerized audiences with his skill and command in languages, for his genius and creativity, for his empathy for the people in the courts and the deprived and under-privileged people on the streets, who spoke various languages of the day. His life for nearly 72 years was filled with events and instances of writing and reading couplets and riddles in various languages, BrijBhasha, KhadiBoli, Hindavi, Sanskrit, languages of the day among Indian population; and the languages of the courts and government: Persian, Turkish, and Arabic. Amir Khusrau responded to the calls of the masses and created two languages, Hindi (Sanskrit base of the population) and Urdu (Turkish and Persian base of the military and government). The Hindi language written from left to right, and Urdu language, written from right to left created common language and dialogue for communication created for the people of different races and tribes thus; provided a life of harmony between rich and poor alike. As a poet well versed in epics of various cultures (Indian, Irani, Persian, Turkish Central Asian, Arabian, Afghani) Amir Khusrau sought harmony among masses with his multifaceted genius in his poetry, lyrics and riddles. This amalgamation of cultures gave impetus for creativity in various couplets rich coupling words from different languages. He mingled with different cultures and helped social opportunity with inventions in music as well.

Amir Khusrauw was opposed to aristocratic ideals of nobility birth, purity of blood and heatless fanaticism of bigoted aristocracy. He was equally at home in the company of the highest in the land, kings and emperors, and most lowly horn weavers and washer men, peasants and working women. And he wrote and sang for them all. He wrote ornate eulogies of kings and captains, profound historical philosophical dissertations for the learned, tender and moving lyrics both devout and profane, alongside with riddles and jingles for children, word games for housewives and homely songs for love-sick maidens and tired old men. He might have written some to please his royals for a job and a reward as one cannot overlook his acumen for his expertise in the art of writing prose and poetry. He taught the music makers of his times to sing these compositions in a mode that touched every heart. Thus, apart from his very significant contributions to contemporary history, it

is by this ineffable body of music and verse that he is best remembered by posterity.

That was the life of Amir Khusrau that presents an example of indulging with the life of others and problem solving in creating an atmosphere of goodwill and harmony for all surrounding population. The various articles on this Internet site, www.AKSA.us, reflect Amir Khusrau works and provide opportunity for knowledge on Amir Khusrau depicting his approach to problem solving. His writings were translated into English and are posted on this Internet site titled "Writings of Amir Khusrau."

We the immigrants, may offer to our generations opportunity, such as this, to create a life of harmony in a land of opportunity, such as USA, to move forward to achieve a life for progress and peace within the community and the Society in which we live, to join with others in building a country of promise.

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