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To All Gurdwaras

Gurdwara Sahib

Sardar Ji/ Sardarni Jio,

Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa, Waheguru Ji Ki Fateh.

Subject: Controversial Book "Sejarah Agama SIKH" by Aman Daima

There has been an ongoing controversy in the Social media in the last few days relating to a book "Sejarah Agama Sikh" by Aman Daima.

One major allegation was that the author of the book had questiond how far it was true that revelations from god had indeed been made.

The author, in fact, says that there are 2 views in Sikhism. <u>One view</u> says that Sikhi is influenced by "Islam dan Hindu." He further says that if this was true then Sikhism may not be an original religion. The <u>second view</u> according to the author is that the revelations by God were made in India, thus proving the originality of the revelations to Sikhism.

There is also a write-up in the book relating to "Udasis, Namdhari, Nirankari, Akalis" who are referred to as "Kumpulan-kumpulan Dalam Agama Sikh."

The Book contains 162 pages and was published in 2015. The author has listed 164

Books and Sources to which reference was made by him. The MGC, KDM and SNSM are working together on this matter.

The Book is being studied by Religious Scholars thoroughly. Once any offending paragraphs, sentences, facts etc are identified the matter will be jointly pursued by MGC, KDM and SNSM with the Ministry of Higher Education and appropriate action taken.

Some of the contents in the book are even controversial amongst the Sikhs themselves, as all Sikhs may not have same view on the matter. Thus the need to move with caution.

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