

Write a Letter from Brother to Sister with Reply, Family Letter

Dear Rosie,

I hope you are making the best of your time at Amritsar and not brooding over the problems at home or burning the midnight oil over your books. When you are out of home, forget home. Hope you have not carried all problems of Delhi in your bag to Amritsar. Problems never end. Problems finally end the man. So, throw the bag to problems off your head, forget everything, and make the best of your time in the city of the Golden Temple.

Golden Temple is the one place which remains sweet and serene amid the dust and din of the crowded city. A visit to the Golden Temple every morning and evening should be worth your while if you have nothing better to do.

As Saint Gregory I, the Great, said, "If the work of God could be comprehended by reason, it would be no longer wonderful, and faith would have no merit if reason provided proof."

Hope Nitu, Bobby and Puppy are keeping fit as fiddles and providing you with good company.

Hope you are not returning to Delhi soon. Keep as long at Amritsar as you can, eat well, do some exercise, and build your health, but keep slim. Never allow yourself to grow fat. Fattiness can do more harm to growing girls than any other deficiency. Fatness is a sure passport and guarantee for anybody's death.

With love to uncle Harbhajan, aunty Mohinder and everybody.

Yours,

Surinder

Reply to above

Dear Surinder,

Amritsar is an all-absorbing city. Nobody can bother about Delhi at Amritsar. Delhi is not much bothering about this place in any case. We are here closer to Lahore than to Delhi and Pakistan. Television is a favourite entertainment here. We can see of something happening in that country on the social and political plane.

Puppy is now married and so cut off from the mainstream of family forum. His wife is all-in-all to him. Why young boys are sold to their wives? I don't understand. Marriage should not uproot the family tree, but unfortunately many families are broken and uprooted that way.

Bobby and Nitu are doing fine and we three have the best of our time at home and in the Golden Temple. Of course, I go there now and then. To go there every day is difficult. To go there twice a day will be simply impossible. It will be boring. We can have too much of even the best thing and they are likely to wreck our nerves.

Gustave Flaubert, the great French writer, however, agrees with you. He says, "Fanaticism is faith, the essence of active faith, the faith that works miracles. Religion is a relative conception, a thing invented by man an idea, in sum; the other is a feeling. What has changed on earth is a dogmas, the stories of Vishnu, Ormuzd Japiter, Jesus Christ. But what has never changed is the amulet, the sacred springs the votive offerings, etc., the Brahmins the santons, the hermits, in a word, the belief in something superior to life and the need to put one's self under the protection of this force."

With love to everybody at home.

Yours,

Rosie