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For more than 50 years the Khasi Unitarian Union received help from the British Unitarians, since India was a British territory.

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Today, there are about 9,000 Khasi people who are Unitarians. There are 33 congregations and 5 fellowships in the Unitarian Union of Northeast India (UUNEI).

1894

Dr. Jabez T. Sunderland visited from American Unitarian Association and helped bring the churches together to form the Unitarian Union.

MOVE AHEAD 3 SPACES

Singh was never ordained but he devoted his life to preaching, starting churches, and growing the religion he started.

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The first Unitarian Church was founded by Singh at Jowai in the Jaintia Hills on September 18, 1887.

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WINNERS!

In Khasi Hills

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Singh decided his Religion of One God was so much like Unitarianism that he would use the name "Unitarian" for his new religion.

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1886

Singh contacted a Unitarian missionary in Calcutta, Rev. Charles Dall, who sent him Unitarian materials.

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Christian elements Singh brought to his religion included: church buildings, Sunday services, group worship, and service leaders.

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Singh's religion kept the traditional Khasi belief in one God, called "U Blei," who is the creator and protector of all life.



Singh disagreed with the Calvinist idea of a punishing God. Using both traditional and Christian ideas he founded a "new" religion, the Religion of One God.

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2 SPACES**





Before the British came in the 1800s, there were 3 major tribes in Meghalaya: Khasi, Garo and Jaintia. All had independent tribal governments and traditional native religions.

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The Khasis descended from people who lived in China and Burma.

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1835

The British built a road through the region, and made it part of the Indian state of Assam.


MOVE BACK ONE SPACE

The Khasis live in Meghalaya, a small state the size of Massachusetts, in the far northeast corner of India.

Christian missionaries, mostly Welch Calvinists, went to the Khasi Hills.

MOVE BACK 2 SPACES

START



Singh attended missionary school and converted to Christianity at the age of 15.



1865

The founder of Khasi Unitarianism, Hajom Kissor Singh Nongbri, was born.

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All education was provided by the Christian missionaries.



There is no written history of the Khasi people before the 1800s because they had no written language.

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The missionaries wrote the Khasi language using Western (Roman) letters and translated the Bible into Khasi.

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