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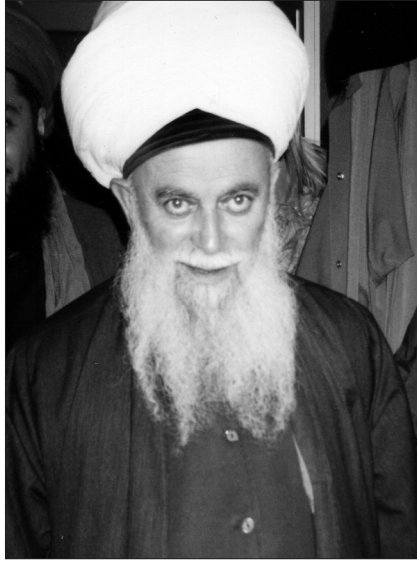
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for without doubt in the remembrance of God
do hearts find satisfaction.*” [Qurʾān, 13:28]
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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS SUFISM? Shaykh Nāzīm has told us it is the rocket to our heavenly stations, the way to open the secret of our hearts, to find the jewel of our selves. The practice is based on love and discipline, and the guidance of a master (shaykh). The master is one who has already travelled the way and is authorised to bring us to the level which he has himself attained. To reach to the highest stations in Absolute Unity Oceans of Allāh Almighty, we require a shaykh, a master, who has reached and tasted these himself, who has, “one face here and one face there”. An important part of the method involves *ṣuḥbah*, association – coming together for the sake of Allāh, being with the shaykh and his followers for the sake of praising and remembering Him; for the sake of coming to know Him.

This book contains a collection of *ṣuḥbahs* given by the Shaykh of The Way, Shaykh Nāzīm al-Ḥaqqānī, to some of his murīds, seekers, in two visits to England – Summer 1997 and Ramaḍān 1997/98. They are presented in chronological order (but not all dated while it was not my intention to make a book at that time). The chronological order is given particular relevancy by the death of Princess Diana – her death brings the subject matter of the talks preceding it starkly home. I also hoped that it would help to draw the reader into the atmosphere of beauty and mercy which bathes all those who are present when Shaykh Nāzīm speaks, for the *ṣuḥbah* is a holy meeting in the Divine Presence of Allāh Almighty. He has told us, “When My servants meet for My sake, I am with them,” and even one who is just passing through is blessed by the Mercy of Allāh Almighty.

This collection has been presented with the shaykh’s permission and his instruction to, “finish it,” when asked about how far one should edit the talks to conform to normal English usage. My intention was still to adhere, as far as possible, to Shaykh’s own words

while making grammatical and vocabulary corrections to clarify the confusing idiosyncracies of his English without altering, or imposing my interpretation on the meaning of what has been said. For the sake of easy reading Arabic terms and names are translated or explained in the glossary. There must be errors, but I have done my best to double check my hand written notes with cassette or video recordings.

The moment has passed. The days are gone. Can this compilation capture anything, can the reader enter anything of that time and space, when we were taken into realms that we barely recognise, except through the Grace and Mercy of Allāh and His messengers?

Herein is truly “Heavenly Wisdom”, and may Allāh give us the opening to hear it with our hearts, that we may take the jewel and travel on the Way. May He make us truly grateful to have been honoured to know His Friends; to have been honoured to be His servants. O Allāh, by Your Mercy, we are asking to follow in the footsteps of the Most Honoured of all Creation, the Best of all Creation, Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him. O Allāh, by Your Mercy make us dissolve into unity with our Shaykh, that we may dissolve into unity with Your Prophet, O Allāh, that it may be unity with You, each one a drop, vanishing into Your Endless Unity Oceans! Āmīn.

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Part One

Summer 1997

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

MELTING

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

THE AIM of our association is for you to melt into your shaykh, to melt into the reality of your shaykh, to join in unity with your shaykh. This unity with your shaykh leads you to unity with the Prophet, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, and he leads you to the Unity Oceans of Allāh Almighty, through him you finally leave your personality in His Unity Oceans, then you have finally accepted to be nothing. That is the real aim of sufi ways.

But these days everyone misunderstands. People think that being in the *ṭarīqah* will make them more and more important, more and more powerful. They want to prove their own existence, but *ṭarīqah* is really here to take everything from you, to bring you to the point of accepting that you are nothing. None of us were in existence here a hundred years ago, and in a hundred years from now none of us will still be in this form.

We are nothing. From one moment to another, we are nothing. This is because Allāh Almighty is continually recreating His Creation. Nothing exists uninterruptedly except Him. You must accept that you are nothing, you must accept the reality, you must not live in imagination, you must accept that you are nothing. But your ego never accepts that it is nothing, it fights from the beginning to the end, insistently desiring to be something. You never let yourself disappear into His Unity Oceans, you never allow yourself to be like a drop of rain falling from the sky which vanishes when reaching the ocean. It disappears but becomes an ocean. It belongs to the ocean – it has disappeared, but has now reached endless existence through His Unity Oceans.

This is the hardest step for human nature to take. Most of our difficulties arise because we insist that we are something, someone, we exist, we do not want to disappear. Therefore, you are quarrelling, quarrelling, quarrelling and then reaching your end. You do not even accept that you are like this tape machine with its battery – the battery is not going to last forever, it must finish, it must get weaker, and weaker, and weaker; then you throw it away. You too were granted, when you were in your mother’s womb, you were granted a ‘battery’, that powers your physical body. It helps you be visible on this earthly plane.

The lucky ones, who reach the source of their battery’s power before death, have reached heavenly powers and they never become dust in the tomb – prophets or awliyā’ never become dust. If you came and touched them you would see they are as fresh as you. They are the lucky ones who have reached these currents of endless power. You too will be truly lucky if you reach and melt into that power and disappear. That is the reason that Allāh Almighty sent heavenly beings to Mankind: they are the prophets’ inheritors – all of them are heavenly power stations, running to people offering them their heavenly connection, they are calling anyone who is seeking that power.

Some people ask about payment, “What must we pay?” – “You must give what you say belongs to you.” Then they say, “Okay, I will give everything – except my soul.” “No, you must also give your soul, then I can operate.” Rasūl Allāh’s, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, operation took seven/eight years, then he made the mi‘rāj, only then did he rise to the Divine Presence, to the Heavens. So you see, Rasūl Allāh is an example that everyone who desires to reach real powers must have their hearts operated on. And as you progress on the way, it becomes more disciplined, until reaching the point that you may never refuse anything that you find in sharī‘ah (the law).

In comparison, the surgeon’s operation is butchery, but if you have the operation that the Prophet, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, had, you will become an inheritor of the Prophet, *‘alaybi salām*. However, only one who has already had this operation is authorised to perform it for others – real heart surgeons are therefore very rare people. Real

heart surgeons are very rare. Yet if you are sincerely asking for this operation, you may reach them and then they may operate on you. It is a little bit difficult for people, but the way is open. Heart surgeons welcome everyone from all stations in life, if they are asking for this operation and surrendering themselves.

There was a grandshaykh ... those people they drink water and we drink water, but what they take from water, we do not reach, everything is prepared for them on a perfect level. Bismi llāh, is the beginning of perfection and it is a first step towards forcing your ego to surrender. If your ego does not surrender, you can never reach anything. And people are afraid of surrendering, to be in 'Islām', to surrender. Europeans tremble, western people tremble at the thought of surrendering their egos. But if you do not surrender to the surgeon, what can he do for you? People are asking to reach to the Heavens, but they are not surrendering their egos! They are asking to be taken up without boarding the aeroplane! "We don't want to board the plane but you must still take us up to the Heavens!"

You must come to Islām. You must say, "Do as you like, just save me!" Like a terminally ill person comes and says, "Save my life!" Ah, save your life – a terminally ill person is prepared to take drastic steps, he is prepared to, 'sign this paper': I surrender to the hands of the surgeon, and in the small print it says that you accept responsibility if anything goes wrong, because this is a new, little tested, last hope remedy. But they will not accept a safe and sure way to Heavens because they have to abandon their ego!

The Sulṭān had promised this grandshaykh that he would never take any of his murīds into the army for national service. One day, however, the Sulṭān was in need of soldiers but everyone said: We are murīds of shaykh! So the Sulṭān wrote to the shaykh, "I am worrying about what will befall us, enemies are preparing to attack Islām and I am wondering where to find soldiers! Please send me some of your people!" "Don't worry," he replied, "I will send a big army to you!"

He prepared two tents on a hill, and told his murīds that there would be a large gathering and they must all be present. Everyone arrived, and then the shaykh came out of his tent and called, "O my

murīds!” They replied, ”O my shaykh!” “I have just been ordered to sacrifice my murīds for the sake of Allāh. Whoever is ready to sacrifice his soul, come and surrender to me!” One person jumped through the crowded people, “I am sacrificing my soul to Allāh, you may cut me, you may burn me, you may do as you like with me!”

Two persons with swords took him to a tent with a sheep in it, where they slaughtered the sheep and let its blood run out of the tent, while the murīd kicked his feet outside. The rest of the murīds looked at each other, horrified. Then one woman jumped up, “I am also sacrificing my soul! Into your hands I surrender my soul!” The rest of the murīds ran away to the other tent! The shaykh wrote a letter to the Sulṭān, “You may take your army, I have only two murīds.”

That is surrendering to your shaykh, that is surrendering to prophets and surrendering to Allāh Almighty. Then Allāh Almighty dresses you in wujud ḥaqqānī, a real body. This is an imitation body, He takes this and gives you a real body. Real – without end, eternal – ḥaqqānī.

Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb – the Precious One

Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb – the Generous One

Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb – the Glorious One

Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb – the Sultan

Think, if you had been called by the Grand Sulṭān, and had entered His Majesty’s presence and he had looked at you, in your old clothes, and had ordered, “Take these clothes from him, and clothe him from my royal robes!” Would you say, “No!”, or would you be happy? Yet these ones are asking for an imitation existence. He is saying, “I shall dress you in My Honour!”, and they are running away! They are leaving the worship of Allāh Almighty, who is offering divine robes, and they are asking for such ugly clothing! Day by day it is becoming uglier. He is calling you, “Come to Me, I shall dress you in My heavenly robes, that you may enter My Divine Presence!”

Heedless, twentieth century people ... Perhaps you have heard so many things over twenty years, but this association is clarifying millions of people’s real situation, it is making clear the ways

ONLY DRY BREAD

of Mankind! It is not something I have prepared, it is directly from our Grandshaykh, and it is a gift to you to be here and listen. We are asking you to hear and obey and to act. When you act, it means you have begun to step towards Him.

You will be happy to attain ... there is one maqām (spiritual station) which is for the prophet *‘alaybi s-salām* alone, maqām maḥmūd – that only one person should reach – but everyone will reach the station prepared for them in the Divine Presence. May Allāh forgive me, and grant good understanding to you, and grant His Endless Blessings to you. Āmīn.

Perfection comes to people according to their capacities – and we ask for heavenly perfection, that may be forever. The imaginary perfection of dunyā gives nothing to people, it is of no benefit.

ONLY DRY BREAD

ST ANNE’S, LONDON

EVERYONE must give shukr, thanks. Everyone must try to be happy. *Madad yā sulṭān al-awliyā’* ...

So many people are in existence – in the East, in the West, in the North, in the South, and you can find millions, even billions of people, with a similar appearance, but it is impossible to find two on an identical inner path, no-one’s desires run on the same track. There are millions of people, and everyone has been created unique, everyone in their own fashion. Not like cars – Mercedes or Ford or Fiat or Toyotas or tomatoes, white cars, red cars, Toyotas, tomatoes ... Car factories, they produce a new line every year, every year they bring out a new fashion – the ‘96 model’ has just passed away, and now we are presented with the ‘97 model’. They design all these new kinds of car, and change them once a year, we have the ‘97 model’, the ‘98 model’ and then ... I hope that by 1999, or in perhaps another year, I hope that there will be no more cars being designed. Then we will be very happy riding on donkeys.

Allāh Almighty designs and creates everyone uniquely. You cannot find identical people, not even twins are identical. And here is now a gathering of a handful of people, fifty, maybe a hundred people, and everyone is thinking something about their present life and their future – but most people are interested in their future in this life. Therefore, when we address people it needs some spiritual power to satisfy some of their desires, to give something to them, and to arrange their future. I like to invite everyone to ask questions if they wish, but sometimes what they ask is too personal, it is of no interest to everyone, and it is therefore inappropriate to occupy everyone with something that is not relevant. So, they come and ask privately – and they may reach something of their questions, but it is better to understand and take what you need in the group association with your shaykh, to be able to take what you need from these gatherings.

Who has been in an airport, returning from abroad? Yes ... and when you leave the plane and enter the terminal you see a sign. What is on that sign? What is written there? ... (No-one replies) No-one knows? You must pay attention to where you are! ... Baggage claim!... So you enter the Baggage Hall and wait for the belt to start. Now, when you are standing there and looking, and waiting, do you just take any bag or do you wait for your own? And in this way, you must also pay attention when you are in our association, particular attention to take what is meant for you, because there is something in our association that is just for you and not for anyone else.

This time, in Heathrow, I was standing and looking for my bag for perhaps twenty minutes, a boy came along and offered to help look for it, “My bag is just a small one ...” But he did not find it. So I was still standing there, when suddenly a Sudanese man, with curly hair, appeared, “What are you looking for, shaykh?” I am looking for my luggage.” Can you describe it to me? Is there a label tied to it, how may I recognise it?”

Then he stopped and thought and said, “Are you sure that it is still on the belt? Perhaps someone has already taken it off?” I looked behind me, and standing there was my luggage! For half an hour I

had been looking at that belt, and there it was, just behind me! He smiled and disappeared. So, when you come and ask to take what is for you, we give it, as they send your luggage from the plane, we send you your luggage. You must try to take what is meant for you. But if you are 'first-class stupid,' like me, then you must wait until the end! This is good advice for everyone and it means that you must not waste your energy running after everything from this life.

Before Allāh Almighty created man, He created our provision, our rizq, 60,000 years ago, it was prepared. Then Allāh Almighty sent His servants to Earth, to take their provision here, and you must realise that no-one can take another's provision, he may only take his own. The Chinese use chopsticks, eating grain after grain – we use spoons, taking more in one go, and everyone may eat from the same pot but he can still only eat what was granted to him on the 'Day of Granting'. He must eat what was written for him, but he cannot take one grain of rice more from that pot, it is impossible to take what has not been granted to you. You cannot even drink more water than what has been written for you.

Therefore, you must try to be happy with what you have been granted of provision in your life. You must be happy with everything that Allāh Almighty granted. When you are happy with Allāh Almighty's grant – then through His grant comes blessing. If you are not happy with what He granted to you it is not blessed food. Food is blessed when you are happy and pleased with what Allāh Almighty gave to you. Do not be envious of what other people are eating or wasting. If your lot is only dry bread – you should be happy with that. And know that Allāh Almighty tests His servants.

Servants. He does not say, "My slaves," He honours you by saying, "Servants in My Divine Presence, servants in My Divine Service." Look at people in royal service – you can see how happy and proud they are, serving the King or the Queen. And that service is nothing compared to when He grants you real life in Divine Service. Yet people are running away from a station of honour and chasing after a dishonourable life, only interested in satisfying their physical desires. People, ninety-nine point nine per cent, are bound by their

animalistic desires, happily enslaved by their egos. They think they are free but they are the slaves of their egos, slaves of Shayṭān, slaves of dunyā, slaves of their abnormal desires. Therefore, you must be happy that you have been chosen, that you have been asked to enter His Divine Service.

Most people choose to live like animals, like cattle in the fields, and that is the reason for all the disorder and accursed events that plague our times. Day by day problems are increasing – fighting and misery, illness and sickness, every negative thing is increasing without limit. No-one can stop it. Governments are powerless. Doctors are helpless, they cannot help their patients. Businessmen will never taste satisfaction, even if they make millions, or billions, of pounds, marks, or dollars. All because people are asking for something foolish.

Those people, who are happy with unlimited desires, think that they are going to live forever, that through their huge collections of money they will never die, that it will make them live forever. This is what they think. Shayṭān leads them to this, he says, “If you collect enough power, you will never die.”

Allāh Almighty says, “This is an illness of Mankind, that they like to take and not to give.” Everyone who likes to collect and not to give, is loading burdens on their shoulders. May Allāh save us from this burden, because when you are set on this path it is so difficult to save yourself. They are collecting money, collecting diamonds and precious things; collecting pounds, houses, palaces, collecting ships, yet they are really achieving nothing. They never ask to collect something for their eternal life. And then they pass away.

Allāh Almighty, *jalla jallālabu*, save us from this illness, and make us be happy with our lot and say,

Asb-shukru li-llāb, ash-shukru li-llāb – Thanks be to Allāh

Al-ḥamdu li-llāb, at-tawbab li-llāb –

Praise be to Allāh, repentance be to Allāh

Astagfiru llāb! – O Allāh forgive us!

He is the only Sulṭān, King of kings, and we are weak servants, and it is the highest honour that our Lord says to us, “My servants.”

Do not ask for any more honour than that that He calls you: “O My servant! O My servants!”

BE OF THE RIGHT HAND WAY!

KHUṬBAH *

O MY PEOPLE! First I must speak to my people, who claim they are Muslim through their parents and their ancestors, but if I spoke to them for twenty-four hours they and others of Muslim descentance would not really listen to me because they have lost their way. You must try to be first class Muslims, in real, not just in words. Ask to please Allāh Almighty, ask that He is pleased with you – that will make you happy, here and hereafter, and it makes your Lord pleased with you.

We are saying that this duniyā is reaching the end of the line. So be careful because this duniyā is approaching the last stop. Some people are going the right hand way, and it is the way of the righteous. Some people are going the left hand way, and it is the way of Hells. O people, ask to be of the right hand way! O people, be careful to be of the right hand way!

RAINDROPS, SNOWFLAKES AND ANGELS

(Written from memory, they were rhetorical questions with poetic answers.)

What does science know?

What does science know?

* Khuṭbah, special address given at the Friday Prayers, at Shacklewell Lane, London. At this mosque Shaykh Nāzīm always gives a khuṭbah in Turkish first.

How can the rain reach the earth?
 How can each drop of rain reach the earth?
 How can one drop of rain, each one such a small spot,
 come from 10,000 meters and reach the earth?
 How? When the sewage from planes never reaches?

How can the cloud stay in the sky?
 How can it be water and not ice?
 How does the sky end?
 What is the end of blue?
 What comes after blue?
 What is there that science can tell you? ...

Every drop of rain is brought by an angel, and when that drop reaches to the earth, that angel goes away. Every snowflake is brought by an angel, and when that snowflake reaches the earth, that angel stays with it, that is why it is much more barakah (blessing) for the earth when it snows.

(Someone asks Shaykh about the comet that is known to be approaching this planet): Yes, there is a comet now approaching the Earth, and when it comes there will be two suns in the sky, it is a sign of the coming of Gog and Magog. And when they come they will eat everything softer than a stone.

(Gog and Magog were imprisoned behind a wall of ice by Dhu l-Qarnayn, Two Horns, and they have been trying to eat their way out ever since.)

Two suns –
 Gog and Magog,
 Two suns –
 Melting the ice,
 Two suns –
 Gog and Magog,
 Two Horns –
 Eating their way,
 Two horns –
 Gog and Magog.

SHAYṬĀN'S STATION

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

*Allāb Allāb, 'Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

YOU ARE SULTĀN, we are slaves ... Allāh Almighty made the day for work, and the night for rest, and that is to the benefit of Mankind. On this occasion, we have been invited by Dr H. and his wife. They have invited so many of my Lord's servants – some of them have been with us before, and some of them not – and it is good, even for a short time, to make an association, khitāb, a speech, an address, to you.

We have had a delicious dinner from our 'landlady' and everyone is happy, but we are in need of a spiritual feeling. I do not claim to be a person of high rank. No, you must be happy with a weak servant to address you – if you do not reach the supermarket, you must be happy with what is in the boot sale. Yes, if we do not find new things, we must be happy with second hand, third hand, fourth hand, one hundredth hand! You do not always find first class things so then you must be happy with second hand furniture, second hand flowers, second hand cars, second hand food. You do not have a Mercedes? Then a lorry is okay, even if it only goes twenty kilometers an hour!

Everyone is thinking about something. Everyone is thinking about yesterday. So many people are thinking, but very few people are thinking about Ramaḍān, and very, very few people are thinking about ākhirah (the hereafter). Everyone is running after a 'Layla', they are all occupied by someone or something. People's minds are occupied, and people's hearts are occupied, and, on the whole, what occupies them is thinking about someone else! Is that 'someone else' their Lord? Only a few people occupy their hearts with their Lord. Those who are

with their Lord, yearning for closeness to Him, those who are wishing to be close to Allāh Almighty are very rare people.

Most people are yearning to be closer to dunyā and its pleasures. That means most people are running to fulfill their physical body's desires, and very few people are asking satisfaction for their spiritual beings. Do you think you could find a million mosques full of people, in London, at night? Only a handful of mosques are open at night, no churches are open at night, cathedrals have limited services, maybe only once a year, maybe ten times, but on normal nights you cannot find anyone going to churches intending to be with their Lord. Most people are running to the houses of Shayṭān. Shayṭān's headquarters. Shayṭān's station.

Where is the station of Shayṭān? If anyone asks you this, what are you going to say? If anyone asks you where are Shayṭān's headquarters you must know an answer – in the pubs! Second – hospitals. Third – courts. Fourth – prisons. Fifth – banks. Sixth – banks. Seventh – the City. Eighth – Picadilly Circus. Ninth – Oxford Street. Tenth – Parliament. Every street, everywhere, is under their command, except in front of Buckingham Palace. You cannot find a spiritual center open at this time (around 11.00 pm) in the whole of London – do you think you can? No! You may run around the whole of London, and if you find a spiritual meeting I will shave off my beard, like Doctor H.! Finished – people have no interest, no desire. They are so far from their spiritual desires, from their spirituality ... so fed up, it holds no attraction for them, they have no wish for spirituality, they are closed. Their hearts are locked.

They never try to connect to their spirituality and that is terrible. It is very terrible for the future of Mankind on Earth because, as a result, people have no more control over their desires. No-one ever reaches satisfaction through unlimited freedom, but everyone is asking for unlimited freedom, and unlimited freedom imprisons everyone! When everyone is asking for unlimited freedom, it means you cannot find the space to take even one step.

Shayṭān is leading people to this idea, Shayṭān is working on youngster's minds and saying to them, "You must try to live in absolute freedom, you must ask for absolute freedom! You must not

accept any discipline!” And that is what they are running after: a life without discipline. No-one in western countries accepts heavenly discipline; western Muslims do not accept any more heavenly discipline. People are asking to have no more government, rules, or legal restrictions preventing them from doing this or that. Shayṭān and his human representatives are telling youngsters to run in that direction, to ask for freedom from rules, to be without rules, “Ask to live without rulers and without rules!”

The aim of these devils is to make the twenty-first century absolutely for themselves. That is why they are urging people to follow this way and not to accept any discipline at all. “Freedom to do what we want!” They want to make this world free, without discipline, a jungle. But even in the jungle they live under hidden discipline. Allāh Almighty has established that only a hungry lion may hunt and then it may kill only one, even if it meets hundreds of deer, or cows, or zebras, goats and other animals. Divine Discipline prevents then taking more, “Only hunt one, do not touch more, you must limit yourself to only what you can eat, and you must lie there, and you must say, Subḥān Allāh! Subḥān Allāh! Subḥān Allāh!”

But ‘two legs’ is aiming for a jungle lifestyle without the discipline that even animals obey! If they go to the jungle they are not only going to hunt one, ‘two legs’ wants to hunt everything in the jungle! Mankind is the most violent, the wildest of creatures. Man is the most violent creature. When he goes hunting he hunts everything; he never says, “Enough.” If they could find a way, they would hunt everything in the jungle, aiming not to leave anything alive. Those devils and the Antichrist, Dajjāl, who will appear later, are telling people to run wild; they are intending to take the second millenium for themselves. That is finished! None of them are going to reach their target; these violent ones are now reaching their limits!

May Allāh forgive us, and grant us good understanding, and deliver us from Hells, punishment and miseries, here and hereafter.

EXPENSIVE COFFINS

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

Madad yā sulṭān al-awliyā'.

One day will come to everyone ...

Madad yā sulṭān al-awliyā',

A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm,

Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm.

OUR LIVES are rushing past, it seems as though they are standing still, but they are flying by. This meeting will come to an end, after a while this assembly is going to change. There will be another meeting, another act. We will move on to other events. No moment is continuous, every moment, every hour, every day, every point in time is constantly changing. We are changing, every moment we change. And finally after so much, or so little, running, running, running, living, living, living – they end. Our lives stop.

Our physical lives end, because the engine that empowers us leaves this body. When that engine stops and leaves, our body is finished. It is useless. You may put it in a very expensive coffin and you can be sure that that coffin is much more expensive than your body because you have to pay for your coffin, but no-one paid for their body. Then they put your body in its expensive box and take it away to a deep hole in the ground. That coffin is buried in the graveyard and is covered with earth, even though it was expensive, so that no-one will see it and no-one will smell anything.

Everyone will end up in a cemetery. You may try everything to prevent it. You may be someone 'important', but your life is going to end in the graveyard. Is there anyone who never came to rest in a grave? Kings? Ministers? Lords, MPs, archbishops, popes, bishops, reverends and business men, big business men, rich ones, shaykhs, doctors, magistrates, graduates from Oxford, from Cambridge, from

London, from the moon, from the sun, from Pakistan. All of them come to an end in a graveyard. So why are we quarrelling? It is foolish! Foolishness. Mankind is foolish! From your palaces, from your castles, from your high buildings – Come down to earth! Why are you quarrelling? Millionaires or billionaires – all of them will be buried in a graveyard. Hundreds, thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions, billions of people – daily! “O ‘Umar, you are asking for an adviser, Death is enough, he is a first class adviser to you!” (From a saying of the Prophet ﷺ, addressed to ‘Umar ibn al-Khaṭṭāb.)

Some live the high life in castles and palaces. They spend thousands of pounds on one jacket, hundreds for a pair of shoes. I was invited to America by Shaykh Hishām, to attend an Islamic Unity Conference, and when I was in Los Angeles they took me to a shopping center where they showed me clothes costing 50,000, even 100,000 pounds! They told me that rich families shop there: kings, sulṭāns, sulṭāns’ daughters, kings’ sons, sulṭāns’ sons. They arrive in their chauffeured limousines, shop, and drive away. Yes, they may dress you in the most expensive cloth and put crowns that are worth perhaps billions of pounds on your head, but they never remind you that in the end you will meet your grave.

Alexander the Great, son of Philip, King Philip of Macedonia, conquered the world and reached India – India really is a continent of wonders. India is a world of wonders, and he encountered some people living there, who had been granted wisdom: One day he made a grand parade, all the people attended that magnificent, majestic parade. People now cannot imagine such magnificence. Then he noticed a person wearing nothing but a loin cloth. This man was sitting with his back to the parade, and not once did he look at what was going on there! As the parade passed him by, Alexander the Great stopped and asked him, “O servant of my Lord, are you not interested in watching my parade?” “O your Majesty, once I saw something and since then I have lost interest in such things.” “What did you see?”

“Once I saw two bodies in a temple, lying side by side on a stone slab. One was the body of a once magnificent, majestic king, and the second belonged to a person like me, one who had had nothing in his

life except his clothes, just a piece of cloth. They were lying back to back on that piece of stone. From that day on, I have had no more interest in these material things. Your sultanate will also come to an end, so why are you interested in what is of no lasting benefit?"

Alexander the Great was one of four persons whom Allāh Almighty made sulṭān over the whole world, no-one can reach that status now. And even if a person reaches power something like Alexander the Great's, in the end they will be in the same place – in a graveyard. This is wisdom that should make people stop running after the illusionary values of this life. Do not save anything that comes to you – send it, save it for your eternal life! Do not save it for this life.

Everyone can save for their eternal life, but most people are saving for this life and in the end they lose. Do you think that a billionaire, who saved his billions in the Bank of England, can use his cheque book from his coffin? "Why, you saved billions of pounds, take your cheque book with you! You saved billions – put your cheque book in your coffin – you have a right! The cheque book is enough, I think, but don't forget a pen!" But in reality his inheritors come and put that pen to paper.

Save for your eternal life! To save for dunyā instead of your eternal life is the most foolish thing. Even if you only save five pence daily, you should find it there because you saved it for ākhirah, but if you saved one million for dunyā, you will not find it there. If you save only one penny for your eternal life – you should find it there. But who ever saves billions for this life will never find it there. People are not thinking! Go on, use your cheque books, take them with you, perhaps you may need them in your grave!

People are sleeping, they are closing their eyes to reality. They never open their eyes to look at reality, because they are frightened of it. In their fear they behave like children and close their eyes, thinking that, if they do not see the lion it will disappear. Death is in front of them but people close their eyes and deny its presence, "Now there is no death!"

Because your physical body is not suitable for eternal life Allāh Almighty changes it, and buries this imitation body, and for your

eternal life He grants you a real body, that never grows old, vanishes, or dies. No, Allāh Almighty grants real life for that body, and that body then belongs to Allāh Almighty, it is a real creation, it will never grow old, or finish, or vanish. Run after it, try to reach it.

May Allāh bless you and open your ears to hear, and to accept, and to reach to be real, here and hereafter.

THE PERFECTION OF PERFECTION

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ALLĀH ALMIGHTY crowns Mankind. No other creation wears His crown, only Mankind. Not even the angels. And He crowns everyone equally – men must not regard women as less, women must not regard men as more! He crowns you equally with Divine Service – you must all be proud to be His honoured servants.

Allāh Almighty creates women from jamāl, beauty oceans, and men from power, from kamāl, perfection. No-one is better than the other, you must accept this! If He did not create women from beauty, which men cannot reach alone, men would not fall in love; and if He did not create men from perfection, women would never run to them for shelter. When they come together it is the perfection of perfection. He says, “Children of Ādam,” not sons of Ādam, or daughters of Ādam. No, Children of Ādam. Titles make you no better, positions make you no better. You are equal!

Just try to be a blessed servant. There are two kinds of servants: blessed servants and cursed servants; cursed servants are going to finish, blessed ones never end. Ask to be a blessed servant. Begin the day with, “*Lā ilāba illā llāb, Muḥammadun Rasūl Allāb**, O my Lord, keep me this day in Your Divine Service!” End the day with, “*Lā ilāba illā llāb, Muḥammadun Rasūl Allāb*, O my Lord! Forgive me for my incomplete service, and I intend tomorrow to be in your service.”

* There is no god except God, Muḥammad is His Messenger.

Then, if you die in your sleep, you will be in Divine Service to the end of time. And realise that you should be happy in Divine Service. Be happy! If you are not happy, think of something that makes you happy! All end in the graveyard; no matter how many cheque books you put in your coffin, they will never be of any use!

Know that I am one who will not leave any devils, not one devil on the Earth! Their last hour is approaching! Devils are making ... (Shaykh stretches his ears, and makes an astonished expression!) I will visit your shop (a gentleman present owns an antique shop) to take a sword for chopping the heads off devils!

BE HAPPY
YOU ARE NOT DONKEYS
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AL-ḤAMDU LI-LLĀH – thanks be to Allāh, all praise be to Allāh Almighty. And we say – *a‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. Allāh Almighty has sent one of His servants to London, to bless this country, to strengthen ḥaqq and weaken Shayṭān. Shaykh ‘Adnān Efendi, is one of the biggest awliyā’ on Earth, and is a Khalifah of Grandshaykh. Grandshaykh was pleased with him, as he was also pleased with Shaykh Hishām (Shaykh ‘Adnān’s brother). Grandshaykh passed away, pleased with both of them. Shaykh ‘Adnān was only twelve years old when he first came to Grandshaykh, and although Shaykh Hishām and I are both older than him he now looks like my grandfather! (Shaykh ‘Adnān has a very white beard) ... And my mind is going to my feet (they are being massaged)!

Shaykh ‘U., do you like football? People do you like football? Everyone on Earth is talking about football – throughout the East and West, North and South, even at sea, and so few people are asking to move up, up, up to Heavens, they have forgotten what is important. Instead of talking about football everyone should be trying to reach their heavenly stations.

All of us have forgotten that we have been invited to the Heavens; that we have been ordered to find our way to the Heavens, but *dunyā* ties our feet to the earth. We are wasting our lives for *dunyā*; not looking for heavenly treasures. To be fair you must try to give at least equal time, equal action, and equal energy, for *ākhirah* as you give for *dunyā*, you must at least try to keep a fair balance between *dunyā* and *ākhirah*. And if you wish to reach perfection in His service then you may give your whole life for *ākhirah* – and it is easy, because our actions are measured according to our intentions therefore, it is easy to say, “O my Lord, I am living only for You, and all work that I do is only for You, and what I spend and give is for You, what I eat and drink is for You, to give my body strength to stand up in Your Divine Service. I am not doing anything for the pleasure of my ego, but intend to do everything for You, and to use my body only for actions that You like, in order that You may be pleased with me.”

Start every day by saying, “I intend to be Your servant, not to be a servant of *dunyā*, not to be a servant of my ego. I intend to be Your servant, and I ask Your Divine Support.” Control your physical desires, control them, and honour your bond with Allāh Almighty. The enemies of Mankind are *Shayṭān* and our *nafs*, but when you intend and ask in this way, Allāh Almighty will support and protect you. *Ad-dīnu n-naṣīḥah** – Rasūl, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, advised his nation, his ummah; for twenty-three years he advised his ummah, he gave this advice to protect us from *Shayṭān*, from *dunyā*, and from our egos. All prophets were advisers to their nations, their missions were to bring people back to their place in Divine Service, nothing else.

Anyone taking ‘wrong steps’ is punished**, until you become self-aware and realise the reality of your situation and then leave that dangerous path. *Subḥān Allāb!* In our days it is difficult, most difficult, for a person to redirect his ‘wrong steps’ back to the right way.

* Literally: the religion is the advice.

** He clarifies in another *ṣuḥbah* that our punishment is self-inflicted: it is not from Allāh but a matter of cause and effect, see “We Bring Trouble on Ourselves”, part Two, p. 159 f.

I always say that nowadays it is so difficult to step on the right path, to correct your steps. It is so difficult to step in the footsteps of the prophets. To follow the steps of the Seal of Prophets, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, is so difficult, that when you intend to step in the steps of Rasūl Allāh ﷺ, at least seventy shayṭāns, from among Mankind and the unseen, catch your foot, to prevent you following the steps of Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, saying, “No, don’t follow him, follow us!” And if a person desires to correct his ways, Shayṭān catches him, saying, “No, you must keep to this way, don’t change! Don’t change your path, continue in your old ways!”

Therefore, Allāh has promised to give the reward of one hundred shahīd, martyrs, to someone who follows in the footsteps of the Prophet, peace be upon him. The reward of one hundred *shabīd fi sabīli-llāh*, martyrs for the sake of Allāh, just by following one of the Prophet’s steps in our days. Allāh rewards that person as He rewards one hundred martyrs because it is so difficult!

Al-ḥamdu li-llāh, this is a humble gathering, and Shaykh ‘Adnān is barakah, and it is our Grandshaykh’s power, Grandshaykh’s spiritual power, drawing people to come and attend such a gathering, association, to take advice. They are mostly young people, that means Shayṭān and his kingdom are going to fall down, to finish. *Inshā’a llāh* in 2000 every support that has been given to the satanic kingdom will fall down. Technology, which makes the satanic sultanate stand up, should fall down and Ḥaqq should arise and the whole world is going to defeat these wrong ways. People will be stepping on the right path and then you should be able to reach the Heavens!

‘Wrong steps’ cannot carry you to the Heavens – you may put an engine in a car and give it some wheels yet it can only run on the earth; planes’ engines take them up! Everything is going to be changed. After 2000 people should reach their heavenly stations, and those who are following the steps of the Prophet will live to see this, they are not going to be under the earth. After 2000, *inshā’llāh*, no-one will be seeking to fulfill their physical desires, they will be asking for their spiritual treasures and spiritual stations, and the reality of service only for the sake of the Divine Pleasure.

May Allāh usher in these days, to replace this nonsense life, this tasteless life, this life full of misery and suffering. People are suffering because they are not following the Prophet, peace be upon him, and whoever is not following the Prophet, peace be upon him, will never take real pleasure in this life. Therefore, very few people – look at their faces – very few people smile. Sometimes the only laughter I hear is on television and that is artificial laughter; everything is artificial – they are people who laugh by force. Not one of them is happy, they are people living in Hells.

Happiness must be seen on your faces. You must show the signs of satisfaction, the signs of contentment, on your faces so that they are not like the faces of Hells' people. People – try to be happy! Show happiness and contentment and pleasure on your face! Yes, you must be happy you were not created as donkeys! Say, “*Al-ḥamdu li-llāh*, I am not being ridden with a stick and eating only grass – morning grass, lunch grass, dinner grass!” If you give a donkey fish and chips – it will not like them! If you give a donkey birthday cake – it will not be happy with it! Think about it, everyone, you must be happy, that you are not donkeys. This is a very important lesson, you must remember it! Be content with your life, think about this, that once upon a time Shaykh said, “You must be happy you are not donkeys!”

O foolish people. They are very upset that they are not donkeys. They are very upset: coming from the pub, making noise like donkeys; taking barley, grinding it and drinking it! I do not think you will find anyone of Mankind who is not interested in this lesson. If they are not interested, they will never be happy, they will never improve their spiritual beings.

Remember this and be helpful to Allāh Almighty. Try to always be praising, in His Divine Service. How proud people are if they are in the royal service of His Majesty the King, how proud they are because they are in royal service! Look, you are being called to Divine Service, and you are running away! He is calling, “O My servant, come to My Divine Service!” *Ḥayya ‘alā ṣ-ṣalāh*, that is its meaning: come to My Divine Service! Those who are not listening and not answering – they are below the level of donkeys.

SPIRITUAL TRUTH

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A question has been brought to Shaykh, “What is the Sufi’s view of the creation of the world?”

BISMI LLĀHI R-RAḤMĀNI R-RAḤĪM. They must ask about the whole of Creation, not just this world’s creation. They ask only about our world, but it is only a single point in the whole of Creation. They ask only about our world, our Earth’s creation, because they do not understand what they ask, therefore the question is imperfectly phrased. We cannot only ask about our creation. We cannot ignore the other creatures of the universe, and ask only about the creation of our world, because our world is only a part of the universe, and the same purpose underlies the creation of the rest of this huge universe and everything within it. The same purpose, or same idea, or same aim, or same intention, or same wisdom, applies to the whole of Creation. Everything throughout the universe exists for the same purpose!

And as we believe in Holy Books, we cannot give an answer based on our imagination or our intellect. Everything that you invent is only a theory, an opinion. Everyone may offer his own theory, but theories never belong to Reality because all of them are a production of our minds, of our interpreted knowledge, of our imagination. Therefore, we rely upon what Holy Books say about the creation of the worlds – that is the source of our knowledge. We believe that that is Reality, and these other things are only theoretical knowledge which may be changed a hundred times, thousands of times, because they are not based in Reality.

We say that what is shown through the creation of the universe is Allāh Almighty. He was an unknown Personality, Existence, Essence, and He wanted to be known. He created Creation in order to be known, that is what all Holy Books say. We, sufi people, believe

that this is a strong wisdom coming from Holy Books that tell us the purpose of Creation. You may believe it or refuse it. But we never accept philosophical ideas, because philosophers are looking with their intellect, and the mind's productions never satisfy our souls. Our souls are only content when we say that the Creator – He created. He was a hidden secret, in His Divine Secret Position, and He asked to be known, and He created His servants to know Him, and He created them to be honoured in His Divine Service.

The whole of existence, seen and unseen, everything knows their Creator, atoms know their Creator, and say, *Subhān Allāh!* Everything knows Him and glorifies Him, but the highest glorification has been granted to Mankind. Mankind is the highest created being and the clearest sign of His existence and we have been invited to the closest positions in the Divine Presence. Therefore, the highest glorification has been given to Mankind – to prophets, to awliyā', and real believers, although everything glorifies their Creator ...

(A Lady:) Shaykh Efendi, in my Catholic school, they taught us to answer the question, "For what were we created?" in this way: "He created us to know, to love and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him in the next" ...

Yes, a good answer, but it is better to say, "To know Him, to love Him, to glorify Him, to give Him the highest respect, and to be servants in His Divine Service!" Yes, it is a good sign that all religions come from the same point.

In their souls all people believe, whether their minds accept it or not. Every belief is based in the mind, this intellectual base is the beginning, for a distance we must use that runway, but finally the plane must fly. Therefore, do not think religion is always based on mind, for a while you may use it, but after a while you must ascend, through spiritual worlds, through spiritual truth, 'til you finally reach your heavenly station, you must eventually reach your spiritual station.

UPHOLD YOUR HONOUR

WE PRAISE Allāh Almighty that He granted His Most Beloved Servant, Sayyidinā Muḥammad, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, to us. Allāh Almighty created everything in his honour ... Tape recorders record, but our people never listen. If you put one hundred tape recorders here they may ‘hear’ but they do not listen. We also hear but are not listening. Listen with attention! The one who listens may follow, he may stay on the way of Allāh Almighty, and if he makes mistakes he will change them, he will correct them. If we take the wrong steps we must try to correct them.

Wrong steps follow in the footsteps of Shayṭān. From the beginning Shayṭān took a wrong step. One false step caused his fall from Paradise, caused him to be thrown out. Mankind, when they take the wrong steps, will also be thrown out. Allāh Almighty never leaves those people unpunished – those people who follow the wrong way, must be punished. It is Divine Justice. Everything is written, everything is recorded, and if anything is wrong with you – you must be punished. And everytime you take the right steps – you will be rewarded. It is impossible for it to be otherwise, punishment and reward must be.

Allāh Almighty is asking us for honourable and upright steps. Allāh Almighty teaches His servants to pray for help to take the right steps because He knows we are weak servants. Therefore, when you feel your weakness – you must ask for Divine Help, to direct, and keep, you on the right way. The Prophet, peace be upon him, was called into the Divine Presence and he prayed, “O my Lord! Don’t leave me in the hands of my ego! My ego forces me on the wrong steps! O my Lord! Don’t leave me in the hands of my ego!” When you are stepping on the right way you will reach everything and you may ask everything from Allāh Almighty, from here and hereafter.

Once Harūn ar-Rashīd was with his beloved servants in a huge hall full of precious jewels; he was happy with them so he said, “O

my beloved servants, you may have anything you like from here. You may all take anything you like – this I grant to you.” Everyone of those beloved servants, ran to take some of these jewels – except one of them, one of them ran to Harūn ar-Rashīd and said, “I prefer you! I am not interested in jewels, I choose you for myself!” The others who had all run to take jewels, had always been jealous of that one, complaining, “Why do you prefer him to us?” Harūn ar-Rashīd said, “Now you see why I prefer him to all of you. He is the most beloved one.”

Allāh Almighty showed everything to Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, but Muhammad chose only Him. You may ask any reward from Allāh Almighty, but those who are on the perfect level always choose Allāh Almighty, nothing else, nothing else. The right path focuses on Him alone. ‘Wrong steppers’ lose because their main aim is for dunyā, or perhaps other grants from Allāh Almighty.

We are so far away from ourselves. Twentieth century people rarely think of such things. So far away – twentieth century people are not even asking for Paradise. People think they are civilised but most of them live like animals, like cattle, because as cattle are only interested in grass and satisfying their physical needs so are most people only interested in eating, drinking and dancing. They never think of asking to live on the level of angels. They never think of asking for a life in Allāh Almighty’s Divine Presence. O may Allāh Almighty grant us to think about what is of real value.

Ādam, *‘alayhi salām*, was living in Paradise, and Shayṭān led him to eat the apple. After eating the apple he needed the toilet, it was the first time he had needed a toilet. He looked for somewhere to go, but there are no toilets in Paradise. Allāh Almighty said, “You must go to dunyā, dunyā is the toilet.” People prefer living in a toilet to living in the Heavens! Dunyā is like a toilet and all they are asking for is dunyā, therefore what they desire is in reality a toilet! When they could have Paradise! That is the level of their understanding. O people, come back to yourselves! May Allāh forgive us!

*Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,*

*Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

Ask for the Sulṭān – do not be a donkey asking for grass. Ask for Allāh Almighty, the Sulṭān! Do not ask for meadows. People, do not be cattle! You were not created to be cattle! You have been granted honour – uphold your honour! Uphold the honour of existing for Allāh Almighty! That is endless honour for you.

HUMILITY

A ‘ŪDHU BI-LLĀHI *mina sb-shayṭāni r-raḥīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. Allāh is Sulṭān. He is the only Sulṭān and we are servants. Keep to your station of servanthood and don’t ask for anything else. Allāh is the Greatest. Allāh is the Greatest. We are weak, so small, so powerless, but our egos, our nafs, never accept, never admit that they are powerless and weak. Our ego always needs to be seen as important, great! And look at your height – five feet – six feet – if you are six feet you are considered tall. Seven feet is extraordinarily tall, but even if you were seventy feet – do you think that that would make you great? Perhaps you can imagine yourself being seven hundred feet – do you think that that will make you important? You may reach to the clouds – do you think that then you are going to be truly powerful, great?!

But Mankind’s foolishness makes them proud, and pride is a satanic characteristic. Do not use it, do not use what belongs to Shayṭān. O believers! Do not be proud! Try to be humble servants – that is our teaching to people, nothing else. Everyone is asking to be a great man. We are here to bring people down to size, come to your real size! Do not try to imitate giants! No! That is inappropriate. We are servants, and it is not right for servants to be proud.

This is a good lesson for me and for my ego, and also for you. Allāh does not like proud people. Only one is entitled to be proud

– Allāh Almighty. He has endless greatness. Endless pride is for Allāh Almighty – not for you! But now even all Muslims are proud! Everyone is trying to reach the station of greatness, but it is inappropriate.

I ask Allāh Almighty for forgiveness, because I am sitting on such a grand chair. Such chairs are made for people to show themselves off as important, great. Everything in our time is designed to encourage people to be proud. Everything. Therefore, I ask forgiveness, although it is not my intention to show superiority to you by sitting here, and you have given me this chair as a sign of respect for your elder brother. It is also comfortable to sit on and when I feel relaxed it is easy for me to connect my heart with the spiritual headquarters. When I feel at ease it is simple for me to reach the heavenly headquarters from which I address you. Yet I am asking forgiveness for my ego, and also praise Allāh, thanking Him that He made this comfortable place from which to address you.

Yes, we say, *A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm*, then we escape from evil and devils. Yes. Every Muslim, every believer, must try to escape from devils and from evil – that is your honour. The honour of being Muslim, a Mu‘min, is to escape from devils, not to follow devils, not to be with evil. You must escape from evil. Everyone knows what evil is, but they are not taking care to leave it.

You must escape it! Allāh Almighty never likes His servants to be with evil – you must escape from evil! You must also run from where evil is, you must run away, you must not be there! Evil is dirty. Alcohol is dirty. And where there is evil – curses are sent, curses come with evil and you must run away from curses, instead you must run after blessings – yes?

This is not just my own opinion. This is something from our traditional knowledge, Qur’an and Holy Ḥadīth. They are simple things – there is no need for me to talk in depth about the Holy Qur’an and Ḥadīth Sharīf, there is no need for me to impress you with my learning. Our intention is to give you something that you may keep, from which you may take benefit, here and hereafter. Some simple things that you may practice.

Thousands, hundreds and thousands of books have been written, and it is impossible to carry them all in your mind. But we are asking you to carry something in your hearts. The mind may lose it, the heart never loses it. So you must try to keep even a little of the advice which we give here. You have come from far away and are giving your time to be here and to hear something that may be useful for you now, in your grave, and on yawm al-qiyāmah, on the Last Day when you stand in the Divine Presence. Try to take something that will be of use to you, here and hereafter.

First of all you must escape from evil because Shayṭān is with evil. Where there is evil Shayṭān must be there. Shayṭān is urging people to do evil, Shayṭān wants us to be disobedient servants. Shayṭān says, "People, don't pray!" Shayṭān says, "People, don't fast!" Shayṭān says, "People, don't learn Qur'ān Karīm!" Shayṭān is saying to people, "Don't give zakāh (the poor tax)." Shayṭān is urging people, "Don't go to Ḥijāz!" Shayṭān is calling people to drink forbidden drinks, Shayṭān is calling people to eat forbidden things, Shayṭān is urging people to be disobedient servants. Shayṭān is urging people to be obedient to him, but not to be obedient servants to Allāh Almighty. All of us know this. And to where is Shayṭān leading people? Hell. Hell. He is leading people to fall into Hell, here and hereafter!

His aim, the first and last aim of Shayṭān is to make the Children of Ādam fall into Hell, to keep them out of Paradise – is this true or false? True. And therefore, first of all we say, "*A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm.*" You must say this, and you must understand what it means. You must know that to say, "*A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm*", is a declaration, is a confession from His servants that we are weak – O our Lord keep us from evil! We must say it daily, so many times. When Shayṭān approaches you, you must say, "*A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm!*" When he is urging you to do something wrong, you must say, "O Allāh, save me from doing something wrong!" Yes, it is a translation of, "*A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm*", "O my Lord, O God, O Allāh, save me from devils!" And He will save you, if you ask, He will save you. If you do not ask, He will leave you with your ego.

Then we must say, “*Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm.*” The first order is to escape from evil and devils, and the second command is to act in the way of goodness, to try to do our best for Allāh Almighty, and to do our best for His servants. Therefore before every act we say, “*Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm,*” in the Name of Allāh, the Merciful, the Compassionate. Anything else? In all religions can you find any commands except to leave evil and run after goodness? “O My servants, leave evil and devils, and come to My Divine Service!”

Give your best service. It is not right to offer a low standard of service to Allāh; you should be ashamed if you are offering second-rate service to Allāh. You can give the highest standard, the best standard of service – why are you not doing this? The second command is that you must give your best service for Allāh. You try to do your best for your employer, you try to please your boss, you try to do your best for your boss, so why not for Allāh? There are only two points – one, leave evil and devils and second, try to give your best service for our Lord, Allāh Almighty.

It is written there (pointing at a banner), *Ahlan wa sahlān* (a greeting form in arabic), is written there, good, thank you, *shukriyyah*, *shukriyyah*. But our saying this is of no real value. It is of real value when I reach the graveyard and the angels say to me, “*Ahlan wa sahlān, Shaykh!*” Aha! It may be written here a hundred times, but are you going to let yourself be flattered by such things? No. Only fools are cheated by flattery.

However, I must thank you because you are offering this to me as a sign of respect, and for that you will be rewarded, yet it is important for me not to be misled by people’s respectful words. This address will have real meaning when I reach, as everyone reaches, the graveyard, when they put me in my coffin, bury me underground and put earth over me, which is going to happen to all of us, then it will be important to me to hear this address.

O my brothers, my sons, my grandsons, my daughters, my granddaughters, one day everyone goes to the graveyard. If you are a believer then you should be pleasantly welcomed. I hope that at

that time Allāh sends His angels to salute me, “Ahlan wa sahlan yā Shaykh! Welcome, O Shaykh! We have been waiting for you for a long time! Welcome to you!” That will be endless happiness for me, endless pleasure for me, if my Lord sends His angels to welcome me, “O Shaykh, we have been longing to see you, but you have been on Earth such a long time!” *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-‘aẓīm*. That is important, that at that time it should be said to me, “Ahlan wa sahlan, Shaykh!” And also that my neighbours come and say to me, “O Shaykh Efendi! We heard that you are also here, and we say, welcome to you! Ahlan wa sahlan!”

Everyone must think about this, this does not only apply to me. You will also be welcomed. Aim to be one to whom the angels come and say, “Ahlan wa sahlan!” Aim not to be taken the unrespectable way, not to be taken by the ear, not to be sworn at, you must think about this, O believers! Allāh sent His Last Prophet with His last message. Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, was sent with the last message to all Mankind, to remind them of the graveyard, to remind them of eternal life, to remind them of the Day of Judgement, to remind them of their responsibilities, to remind them of the Day of Resurrection. Yes!

I think it is enough what we have said to you. Time is soon coming to an end ... Step by step, we are reaching to a new era. We are reaching step by step to a new period. We are stepping, step by step, closer to another century. It is our hope that devils, and the kingdom of Shayṭān should be destroyed. In this century the satanic kingdom has been established through East and West, from North and South, on oceans and on all continents. Now there is a new century coming and we hope that the satanic kingdom will be destroyed. Try to be one of those people who are destroying the satanic kingdom, and not to be supporters of the satanic kingdom.

May Allāh forgive us and remind us of our servanthood, and help us to step in the steps of the Seal of Prophets, peace be upon him, and to be deputies for eternal life in His Divine Presence.

*Allāb Allāb ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,*

TRY TO BE PURE

*Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

You are our Sulṭān! We are your servants.

TRY TO BE PURE

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

*Allāb Allāb ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb Sulṭān Allāb!*

YOU ARE SULṬĀN, we are Your slaves. You are our Lord, we are Your servants. We are asking for Your Blessing, O Allāh! Just one drop of Your Blessing can change everything on Earth. Do not leave us without hope! Please grant us one drop from Your Endless Mercy Oceans!

A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm.
We seek refuge from evil and devils in You, O our Lord! We are powerless servants without Your support. If You do not help us, we have no power against devils and evil. And He says, Allāh Almighty, “I know well who you are, in what conditions you are living, I know well. And therefore, I have given you an emergency number. When you are in need of My Divine Support, My Divine Help, please call Me.”

How are you going to call Him? He has given us that number, so that when you are in need of His Divine Support and Divine Help, you may reach Him quickly. There are millions of telephone numbers, but those for fire, ambulance, or police are very short – only one, two or three digits. People have invented these number so that if they are in need of help, they may call that number and help reaches them so quickly. And Allāh Almighty is saying to you, “O My servants, you may be in need of My Divine Support asking for help, then call Me

quickly!” He offers this to everyone of His servants. All of us are His servants – Muslims, Christians, Jews, Buddhists, all are His servants and all of us are powerless.

Do not say, I am powerful – No! We are so weak, call Him quickly! How are we going to call Him? How are we going to call Him?! When you are in need of His Divine Support and His Divine Help say, “*Bismi llābi r-raḥmani r-raḥim!*” Nothing else is necessary – He is with you, helping you, you can feel Him. If you are present you may feel that power. If you do not feel that power you are naked, you are a dead person, you are living your life at the same level as animals, you are the same as them. Call Him! Say, “*Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm!*” Then He says, “I am present, My servant is calling Me, asking for Me, and I promised My servants that when they call Me I will support them.” But you are sleeping well, yes, “Good night, sleep well!” We are sleeping, and never ask to wake up. *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm!* I said, “*Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm!*”

Allāh Almighty created the Divine Throne ... The Divine Throne, al-‘arsh ... And He created its carriers, four angels to carry the Divine Throne, and He ordered them to raise it. Those angels are such kingsize angels compared to the other angels, they are so powerful, but when they put the Divine Throne on their shoulders, they were not able to move it, they were not able to lift it onto their shoulders, they failed! Then Allāh Almighty gave seventy thousand more angels the same powers, and ordered them to help raise the Throne, but they could not move it. All of them together failed!

The Divine Throne is the biggest creature that Allāh Almighty has created. This world and the seven worlds compared to the seven Heavens are like this ring (holding his ring between his fingers). Yet all these Heavens combined with all the worlds would be like this ring in comparison to the size of al-kursī, the Divine Chair! It is so big, it said, “I am so big!”, and Allāh Almighty has placed candles on the Divine Throne, endless candles have been placed around the Divine Throne ... the Divine Throne is so big that you cannot imagine it, your imagination cannot reach it, your mind stops!

Our minds are limited, but Allāh Almighty granted something from His Divine Soul to man – power. Our souls belong to the Divine Soul, and through Him we have been granted unlimited powers. When we reach His, Allāh Almighty’s, Divine Soul, we reach unlimited powers. Therefore, although your mind cannot imagine the Divine Throne, you are able to circumambulate it. As pilgrims make ṭawāf around the Ka‘bah, our souls according to their purity, may turn around the Holy Throne ...

When all those angels were unable to raise the Divine Throne, Allāh Almighty said to them, He addressed all the angels, “Say! *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm!*” They said it, and then the Divine Throne ascended! But at that moment the angels felt that there was nothing under their feet! What they were standing on had just disappeared and they were afraid they would fall down, so they held on to the Divine Throne, afraid that they would fall. Therefore, the Divine Throne, and its carrier angels, are carried by Allāh Almighty. So you see, it is one of the Paradise treasures that we, the ummah of Muḥammad, peace be upon him, have also been granted, *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm*. Whoever feels that he is weak and powerless when saying, *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm*, should be the winner, victorious. No power will conquer him. Everytime the ṣaḥābah and Sayyidinā ‘Alī, came to any fight, they would say, “*Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm!*”

Yes, He knows that we are weak, and He granted us that powerful treasure to use when we are in need. With that power, the servant, while standing on Earth, may strike the moon like a football! You have been granted such endless power – do not think that power is with technology. Technology is nonsense, nonsense, it is nothing! All the ṣaḥābah knew everything about technology but they had no use for it. Allāh Almighty has given this to unbelievers, an amusement to western people, and like a turkey puffing himself up, Europeans think that their technology makes them powerful. Although I am the weakest, I am not powerful, I am weak, I hope that, inshā’ llāh, I shall show them what their technology is and that their technology will not reach to 2000!

They are very proud of their technology, very proud of their technology, but what they are making and intending to do is to destroy and to kill everything! That is their technology! It is all satanic teaching. It is not divine or heavenly teaching. No! It is satanic teaching. Nothing else. Satanic teaching that is intended to harm people, to destroy everything they have made and to kill Mankind.

Shayṭān has a plan to empty the Earth of Man so that he can re-establish his kingdom on Earth. When the Children of Ādam came his kingdom was ejected; so now he is seeking his revenge on Ādam's children, but foolishly they run after him and follow his teachings, all of which are intended to destroy Mankind. They are learning satanic knowledge from him which he hopes they will use to destroy each other!

They think that their technology makes them powerful, this makes them very proud, but it is really intended to finish off Mankind! Shayṭān is seeking to destroy every monument that the Children of Ādam have built over thousands of years. His goal is to make ashes of the Earth, to empty it, so that he can come and declare his kingdom, "I am the King of the Earth! I have taken my revenge on the Children of Ādam, because of their father I was thrown out of the Heavens!" That is a summary of everything: that Shayṭān is so angry with the Children of Ādam because when he was ordered to make sajdah (prostrate) to Ādam he refused. And therefore he lost all connection to the Divine Presence, and was thrown out of all Heavens and Paradises. He can never forget that he was thrown out for not prostrating to Ādam, but *we* forget it and make him our best friend.

Twentieth century man's best friends are not prophets. Do you think that twentieth century people like prophets? No, they say, "Our best friend is Shayṭān." He does his worst against Mankind, and Mankind is very happy and proud, Allāh, Allāh, to be his friend! Allāh, Allāh ... (a child approaches Shaykh Efendi, who gives him a sweet): Look how happy he is with one bonbon. Even if you are given everything you are never happy, but he is not looking to see if it is a cheap one or an expensive one, no, he takes the sweet and runs away, he is very happy ...

Satanic teachings – twentieth century people are following satanic teachings, they never follow heavenly teachings, and because they are not happy with divine teachings their way of life is going to collapse. Twentieth century people are now reaching the twenty-first century, yet they still insist on following satanic teachings, they are not yet saying, “We are mistaken, we must correct our ways, we must leave satanic ways, and come to heavenly ways.” No. There is no sign of Mankind asking to come back to heavenly ways – if any one knows any sign please tell me, that I may be gladdened by this news! Does anyone know of any sign? ...

So they must have a taste of punishment, punishment is coming to the Children of Ādam, Allāh Almighty is giving them their lessons through each other, and I do not think that this foolishness and dirtiness is going to continue into the twenty-first century. Purify yourself! Purify your mind, purify your heart, purify your beliefs, purify your actions! Try to be of His pure servants, then you should be protected, because it is impossible for people with dirty minds, dirty hearts, dirty beliefs, for people with bad intentions and dirty behaviour to reach the twenty-first century. No! Cleanliness must come with the twenty-first century.

One of our sisters came and complained to me today that people hate each other without reason, they envy each other without reason, they hate each other without reason, they harm each other without reason, they are killing each other without reason. And I said, Shayṭān makes people envious of prophets, because prophets are the cleanest and purest people, and Shayṭān hates all those who are clean, pure and favoured by Allāh Almighty – without reason? No, it is caused by his jealousy and envy! Prophets teach people divine lessons, divine, heavenly wisdom that takes them to Paradise, and he is, therefore, always jealous, most envious of you because you may go where he may not. That is why he is your worst enemy.

In our days people hate each other without reason. Nations hate each other. Hatred is a plague that is running even through your family. Hatred plagues men and women. Ninety-nine per cent of hatred, if I am saying this it is not a lie, is through families; so many

people, after so many years begun in love end in hatred. Why? Love is finished and instead there is hatred, why? No love. Children hate their parents, why? There is hatred between sisters and brothers; hatred between brothers and sisters. There is hatred and enmity between neighbours, why?

Labourers hate their employers. Their employers have opened the factories and workshops in which they earn their living, and they reward them with enmity, why? And businessmen hate their labourers, but without labourers what would businessmen be able to achieve? Nothing. Both sides must respect each other, they must realise that if there is no head the feet cannot walk and if you are without feet but you have a head you still cannot walk. Headless or footless it is the same result – you cannot walk. But satanic ideas and teachings are turning people into madmen.

People have left all heavenly teachings and are following satanic teachings! Allāh, Allāh! *Astaghfiru llāb!* These are signs of qiyāmah, that the Last Day is approaching, and that our world, slowly, yet so rapidly, is reaching its last station, it is coming to its last dunyā station. O people! Every sign shows that the last station has arrived and the Last Day is coming!

O people! Try to be pure! Be pure – then you should be happy here and hereafter. If not, your punishment manifests through your hatred, envy and jealousy of others. This causes other people and heavenly beings to hate you. Those who hate, who are envious and jealous, are cursed by humanity and by heavenly beings. And those who are cursed can never be happy here or hereafter! May Allāh forgive us and save our souls!

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb Subhān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb Sulṭān Allāb!*
Only Sulṭān!

It is enough, what we have said, for you and the whole of Mankind. Save your souls! Everyone needs these teachings. These are

all heavenly teachings, from the wisdom of the Heavens. From the wisdom of the prophets. Take them and they should benefit you. It was not my idea, or my intention, or my will to be here, but some divine reason, some heavenly wisdom has sent me here to address you. Take these teachings to heart, then you may benefit from them in this life and hereafter.

Bi ħurmati l-ḥabīb, bi sbarafi n-nabiyy, šalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam, ilā sbarafi n-nabiyy Muḥammad, mashaykbīnā Mawlānā Muḥammadin ... al-fātīḥab.

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This morning at Fajr, around 3.00 am, the news had been received that Princess Diana and Dodi Fayad had died. The Shaykh was asked for his comment, he replied that this was a cleansing for them and that the awliyā’ do not accept the death of anyone without them first becoming Muslim. Later in the day he spoke further on the matter:

TODAY THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT

ST ANNE’S, LONDON, 31. 8. 1997

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
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Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

THE SULTĀN IS ALLĀH, He is the only Sulṭān – Allāh. *Madad yā sulṭān al-awliyā’, madad yā sulṭān al-awliyā’. A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raġīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm. Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-‘azīm!*

Rasūl Allāh, Ḥabīb Allāh, Nabiyy Allāh, *šalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, the Seal of Prophets, Sayyidinā Muḥammad, *šalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, said, “*Ad-dīnu n-naṣīḥab*” – the meaning of religion is to give advice. To give advice means to show the right way to people, to

show people how to tell what is the right way and what is the wrong way. Are these right steps or wrong steps? That which helps one distinguish between right ways or wrong ways, is *naṣīḥah*. Advising people ... all prophets came to advise people. Why? Because Shayṭān and his companions always show people the wrong way.

When I was travelling through America I saw a street sign, for drivers, and on it was written, 'Wrong Way.' It was not clear why or what the fault may be; perhaps this way would take you to the wrong side of the road. All that was written on it was, 'Wrong Way', but I do not think any driver seeing that warning would drive that way. Everyone who saw such a sign would take care not to drive on that, 'Wrong Way'.

And Allāh Almighty, through His prophets, '*alayhim salām*', sent His warning signs. Particularly through the last one, the Seal of Prophets, the Most Perfect One, whose prophecy is never-ending, Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him. He sent through His last messenger, His last message, and through him He made the 'Wrong Way', or wrong ways, so clear. Ḥalāl and ḥarām are so clearly differentiated in His last message, there is no doubt about what is right and what is wrong. Ḥalal and ḥarām are so clearly described, but people are not paying attention to His warning signals, to His guidance.

Shayṭān says, "No, it is not true what that last messenger has said to you! Don't accept it, follow what I say! His message keeps you from your pleasure, it prevents you from fulfilling your physical desires. It sets you limits, it hinders your ego, it prevents you satisfying your physical pleasures, therefore, don't believe and don't accept what he has said to you! I am the one who 'gives way' for you, opens the 'freeway' for you. I give freedom to you, that person is bringing discipline to you, but I take discipline, throw it away and give freedom to you, O Mankind!" Shayṭān says this. And yes, prophets call people to discipline, they make clear what is ḥalāl and ḥarām.

Why did Abū Shahīd and his companions not accept Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him? Why did they rise against him and fight? That is the only reason – they did not accept discipline. They were asking absolute freedom to follow all their desires without

hindrance, “We must be free to do whatever our egos desire for their enjoyment. We must do this, therefore we do not accept you.” Abū Jahl and Abū Lahab and others, who were all idol worshippers, said, “No, we are not accepting you, because your commands discipline us and we want to be able to move as we like. We want to be free.”

They were asking to be free like wild jungle people – without discipline, free to do anything. Do you think there is discipline among wild jungle people? No. And such people always insist on being free to follow their egos, they never accept discipline. And now people insist on living outside heavenly discipline – they refuse it and therefore they are falling. And what happened to those idol worshippers who refused the Divinely Revealed Way, and insisted on freedom, the freedom of jungle people? What happened to them? In the end they lost their fight and were decapitated and thrown in a dry well. Seventy of them; their heads and the heads of their dragon idols were thrown in on top of them. Then they were covered with stones and earth – that is what happened. And their adviser was sitting on them and laughing, “I am so happy, I am so happy that these, my foolish followers have been killed, and now they are in this well!” And Shayṭān continues, he continues his job very well. Foolish people are following him, still following him up to today, and every wrong step brings a punishment for people ...

Today there was an accident. From early morning the news began, it cut out all other news, there was one topic, news about one of our Lord’s servants. Others were mentioned but they were not important news, it was only about one person who had died, whose life had ended in a car crash. People are speaking her name through east and west. All televisions are speaking of her, showing her pictures, so many kinds of pictures, but they are not giving advice for people, they do not really know what should be said about that accident, that car crash.

Why did that happen? People are not asking. So many people I see are crying, for what? So many people are shocked, they do not know whether to cry or be happy, they do not know ... They were wrong steps, they carried that princess to that terrible end. Wrong steps, not right steps, she stepped in the wrong steps. She was never grateful

for her Lord's favours – He gave her the highest honour that may be given to a woman, or a lady or a princess. Allāh granted her beauty. Allāh granted her to be of the nobility. Allāh Almighty granted her to be of the Royal Family. Allāh had granted her to be a deputy, to be a Queen in coming days, Allāh granted her a noble husband, who can distinguish between right and wrong. Allāh granted her wealth, Allāh Almighty granted her fame. Allāh granted her the love of the majority of people, but she rejected all of them! Allāh granted her two pearls of princes – she left them and ran away!

Allāh Almighty is not sleeping! Allāh Almighty says, "O My servant, *yā ibadī*, O My servant, if you are thanking Me for My Endless Favours, I will make them increase, I will give more and more to you. But if you are not praising and thanking Me, My punishment is going to be heavy. I am not going to treat you as you like. No, at an unexpected time I will take My Revenge."

Who could save her, or her friend? Could anyone? Who could save them? I heard that that person also had billions of pounds, they were very famous, among the richest ones. Who saved them? Did that money save them? That terrible accident made them a mass of bones (claps his hands together) and now they are finished. Take your lesson, O people! Do not go against Allāh Almighty's orders! Do not change your steps from right steps to wrong steps! Terrible. It was a terrible end, and now the useless crying after hurt ... I do not think that anyone else is going to speak on this point now through east and west, but what we are saying is true, it is true. Everyone brings himself or herself to a good end or a bad end. You must look after yourself.

There is another lesson in this story – that you must believe in Shayṭān! It says in the Qur'ān, *Shayṭān* "*mina l-jinnati wa-n-nās*" – "there are shayṭān from the jinn, from the generation of Shayṭān, and also among Mankind ..." [cf. Surah 114] So many people represent Shayṭān, so they are also Shayṭān. Who are they? They are the enemies of people: those who harm people are Shayṭān. Therefore, Islām came and says, "The greatest teacher, the greatest trainer of Mankind, is he who teaches Mankind goodness." This description

also tells us that whoever is a Muslim, whoever says, shahādah – *asb-badu an lā ilāha illā llāh, wa asbbadu anna Muḥammadan ‘abdubu wa rasūlubu, ṣalla llāhu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, must be harmless. A real Muslim is one from whom everyone is safe – safe from his tongue and from his hand. Whoever harms people, through his words or physically, is not a real Muslim, he is an imitation. A real Muslim must be totally useful for everyone, a real Muslim is like a sheep, a sheep! A sheep is only of benefit for Mankind – it never kicks, never bites and its whole body, every product from it, is of benefit for Mankind, even its manure is best for plants!

A Muslim cannot harm anyone. Therefore we cannot unite the word Muslim with fundamentalist. If fundamentalists are putting bombs here and there, killing and attacking people – we do not accept them as Muslim. No. That is not the way of Islām! If we are obliged to fight, we fight face to face, that is the sunnah of the Prophet, not any other way. We do not kill innocent people and say, “We are Muslim Fundamentalists.” No! No. And one day punishment will also come to them, from a bright sky, thunder will come on their heads, it must come, must come. They are bringing shame on Islām, and embarrassing Muslims, therefore, I am asking Allāh Almighty to send Imam Mahdī, with his sword, his heavenly sword, to clean the Ummah of Islām from dragons, from scorpions, from snakes, from wolves, from bears! Yes, a Muslim never gives any harm to anyone from his tongue, or through his hand.

And there is a characteristic that is inherited from Shayṭān, it is the worst characteristic and it represents Shayṭān, those who have that characteristic, represent Shayṭān. What is it ...? Ḥasad, envy! Shayṭān is consumed by envy of others! Envy, to be jealous, that is the worst characteristic, and Allāh Almighty mentions that, “Envy is the worst of everything.” If ḥasad is with you, ḥasad eats all goodness from you. It is our age’s biggest and most terrible community illness, to be jealous – that infection is spread through everyone. You can find it through everyone. Ḥasad.

First class ḥasad is among women, women are the most vulnerable to jealousy – they are always looking at each other, what is

she wearing here? What is she wearing there? What is she wearing on her fingers? Second class ḥasad is among the Wahhābīs. Their's is very heavy ḥasad because they are only a handful of people and Ahl as-sunnah are a billion and a half people. They are very jealous, they are trying to plant the Wahhābī madhhab but it never grows. In every level of community there is ḥasad. It increases through the community to the aristocracy, until on those high profile people comes the most jealousy, onto kings, queens, princes, lords, wealthy and famous people – that ḥasad increases.

And that illness, ḥasad, jealousy, brought Diana down. Ḥasad. Jealousy around her. Jealous people saying, whispering, unhappy things to her, made her fall down. Jealous people carried her from that honoured place, and made her leave that honoured person. He has a place of honour in the Divine Presence, and, in 2000 he is going to be Sulṭān, Emperor. They did their worst to make this Princess lose everything, saying this and that, lying and cheating. Shayṭān used every trap, so that she finally asked to divorce him. She left him and asked money from him and the court gave as she asked ... (From the audience:) “It was twenty-seven million, Shaykh Efendi!”

Twenty-seven million pounds?! I do not know how many millions she asked for, and maintenance payments, and now they may put that twenty-seven million in her tomb. Put it in and let her lie on it. They may write a cheque, maybe put another zero, two hundred and seventy million, another zero on that cheque book, two hundred and seventy billion, and put it in her coffin. That is the result of ḥasad. Jealous people, Shayṭān's people, are destroying the Royal Family. They caused that crash, that terrible end, it is true.

Allāh Almighty warns us, “Shayṭān is your terrible and most dangerous enemy. Take shelter from your biggest enemy!” Beware of Shayṭān! I said to people to write this and to put it everywhere, but they are not listening. Shayṭān is saying: “Don't listen to Shaykh!” Shayṭān is saying, “I am your best friend, look what I did to Diana! Can there be any better friend?” How many times have I said, write it, print it, put it everywhere? That terrible end for Princess Diana was from Shayṭān. She was never wary of Shayṭān! They are writing,

Beware of the Dog! everywhere, beware of the dog. Beware of the dog, be wary of the dog, but no-one is saying, Beware of Shayṭān! Beware of the Dog! Do! Carry a stick! Use it on a dog's head, it may run off, but Shayṭān? Yes, that is heavy for the whole of Mankind, for the Royal Family. For the Royal Family, there is no harmony. Shayṭān is saying this, "Finished. Diana is finished. New ones, come! Who is coming with me? I am your best friend, I understand!"

This is a heavenly declaration, a heavenly warning, a heavenly caution for people, for all of us! This is a big lesson for all of us. Everyone who is stepping in the wrong way must come to a terrible end! Do not follow Shayṭān! Follow the beloved servants of Allāh, then you should be happy here and hereafter! O my Lord! O Allāh! Send us one of Your beloved servants from the Heavens, with the power to take away Shayṭān and his armies, to clean the Earth quickly. O our Lord, let it be before 2000, so that the year 2000 will not be dirty with Shayṭān and his companions, so that the satanic kingdom will not continue spreading. Let us destroy every satanic building and establishment! Help us, give us permission to destroy it!

*Allābumma ṣalli 'alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin in-nabiyy ummī,
wa 'alā ālibi wa ṣaḥbibī wa sallim.*

There is another point that box has brought to me. It is a charity box. Nothing can protect a servant as his charity, that ṣadaqah. When ṣadaqah is given, even fifty pence, no, five pence, it protects you from accidents and coming to a 'bad end'. They were among the richest people, but they were not giving their daily charity. You must use this advice. All believers, you must use charity, you must give some charity daily. Charity takes away accidents. Everyday, before leaving your home – take a box, an ordinary box, put it by your door – and everyday, when you are going out, put as much as possible in it, for the sake of Allāh, to support His Kingdom and to defeat the kingdom of Shayṭān. If they had given even one pound daily, that would have protected them, but they were not, they had billions but they were not giving their daily charity.

I must write to that person, who is the owner of Harrods, whose son also died, I must send him a letter: Give one million to Islām!

Yes, I must write to him, and I will see to what he replies*, because that may also come to him one day! He must give a donation to the Bosnian people, I am not asking for myself, no, I am not in need. I am asking for Bosnians, for Muslims. I have heard he is an Egyptian Muslim – he must pay, for the protection of his other children, for himself, and for his properties. There are so many aristocrats living in London who have nothing to eat. So many aristocrats, royalty from the Ottomans, from Afghanistan, from so many Sultanates, they are not complaining, but they have nothing – so I will write to him, “Send money to all those people!”

Every believer must give daily a charity! Here in England live sixty million people, if everyone gave ten pence daily – what would that make? Six million daily! If they only gave five pence – that would be three million. In ten days – three hundred million, one thousand days – three billion, just if you give five pence charity! Yet you are not taking care. If only one pound was given ... and they pay ten pounds for their dogs! Civilised people keep dogs and everywhere there are signs saying, ‘Clean it up, clean it up!’ The dog dirties and the person cleans, if they do not, then they may be fined ten pounds!

Today has closed with these events, today ... Allāh knows what is coming tomorrow. We are asking for good things to come for us. Good things.

A TREE IN THE SEVENTH HEAVEN

ST ANNE’S, LONDON

YOU MUST BE hopeful, because if Allāh Almighty intends to give – nothing can prevent Him. If He intends to take – no-one can prevent it. Yesterday was a crash, one person died, and for two days, everywhere, the whole world is speaking about it. Why? Why did

* Sheikh Nazim wrote him a letter advising him to give charity and it was reported later that he had given five million to Bosnia.

they not prevent it if they were so much in love with her? Why did they not protect her, so that her soul was not taken?

No-one knows where ‘Azrā’īl is, how ‘Azrā’īl will send that hand to take them ... There is a tree in the seventh Heaven, a tree, its leaves equal to the number of Mankind, on each leaf is written the name of one person. When your time comes that leaf falls down, it falls to ‘Azrā’īl and he reads that name, forty days before your death, he knows.

It is well known that a walī may look to the unseen world, and when this forty day period has begun he will be able to see if he or she is going to pass away. If there had been no car crash – she would have died anyway. Her time had come. I heard of one family who travelled from Turkey to Germany to save their sick child. They boarded the plane to bring her to doctors in Germany. The plane started running down the runway, just at the end of the runway just as it took off, the girl died and they carried her body all the way to Germany ...

O people, you must keep yourself from the cheating of Shayṭān! Shayṭān, he did his worst for that person, and all over the world people are grieving. For what? She was at the top, in a station of high honour, and she left that honour and came to the lowest level, lowest level. She fell from the highest rank to the lowest, and foolish people all over the world – grieve, grieve, grieve!

Why?! Was she living in a good way? According to the standards of the Holy Books her life was honourable, then she left that honourable life. But throughout the world people are drunk, they are fooled by Shayṭān and are also leaving ḥalāl for ḥarām. Now they are crying over someone but they do not see that she brought that punishment on herself! She was to be a deputy! In the twenty-first century, her husband will be crowned king, now he is an honoured prince – yet she left everything, she left that high station. Yet in spite of everything her ex-husband brought her body home, put her in the palace, arranged everything. Although they were divorced and there was no more connection, no need, he did this anyway! That shows his honour; Allāh should reward him. He is noble, may Allāh bless him and put on him a powerful crown, with the authority to correct every wrong throughout the UK!

They are showing so many photographs. Shayṭān is laughing now, because of her he is making people cry. I hear people through east and west – crying! Wake up! Take your lesson! Do not live in imagination! Accept ḥaqq – it is not found outside Holy Books. Ḥaqq is found in the Qur’ān, in the Torah, in the Psalms. Inside these Books is the Truth. It is not with Shayṭān’s people.

PRECIOUS MINDS

A‘ŪDHU BI-LLĀHI *mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. Grandshaykh, the Grand Imām of the Most Distinguished Naqshbandī Order, said that *ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣubḥab wa l-kbairu fi-l-jam‘iyyah*. We say that ṭarīqah is association with Shaykh, and association is for training our egos. Your ego is your horse, you have been given it to ride, and you have been ordered to bring it under your control. When it is under your control, you may move through all universes, east and west, up and down, north and south, on Earth or in the Heavens! Or we may say that it is a rocket which has been granted to you, which you must try to learn to use, for this rocket takes you up to the Throne. If you do not use it it will rust. That is the purpose of all ṭarīqahs, and ṭarīqah is the essence of sharī‘ah. Do not believe those foolish, ignorant people, who claim that ṭarīqah is one thing and sharī‘ah is something separate – no! The essence of sharī‘ah is ṭarīqah. Ṭarīqah/sharī‘ah is your rocket. Ṭarīqah teaches you how to use sharī‘ah, it is nothing else.

But the enemies of ḥaqīqah, the enemies of Islām, the friends of Shayṭān, awliyā’ Shayṭān, separate sharī‘ah and ṭarīqah. What are ṭarīqah people doing that is outside sharī‘ah? What are we doing? We keep our wuḍū’ (ritual purity) for twenty-four hours – is that sharī‘ah or not? We pray sunnah (prayers that Rasūl Allāh almost always made but that are not compulsory) for every wuḍū’, and sunnah at every prayer, and we perform night prayers and we make dhikr and we use *ṣalla an-nabiyy*, and recite Holy Qur’ān! We intend to be

more with Allāh than with dunyā, and then they accuse us of being outside sharī‘ah! I have been coming here for twenty-five years and anyone can accuse me of teachings that are against sharī‘ah, anyone may say that, but those who do are shayṭāns! What was wrong with the Prophet, Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*?

Abū Jahl, Abū Lahab and the akhīrīn and others fought the Prophet. Why? Was he calling them to Hell or calling them to Paradise? Everyone who is against the Prophet and ṭarīqah are representatives of Shayṭān, until Mahdī, *‘alayhi salām*, comes and cleans dunyā.

Through association with your shaykh, he teaches you how to use your rocket. Last year I was taken to a private airport, where people go who want to learn to fly. Yes? Not all Londoners go there to learn, only those who would like to fly go there, and no-one says that is no good, that there is something wrong with this. No, if they want to learn to fly, it is normal. And this association is also normal, whoever desires to reach their heavenly station may come here and may learn!

If they desire to be like reptiles, lizards, snakes, crocodiles ... does anyone want to be a crocodile? Crocodiles, sometimes eat each other, sometimes you find them eaten on one side, or eaten from both sides, their tails eaten, their eyes eaten. They fight and quarrel – that is the nature of crocodiles, so who wants to be a crocodile?

Those who desire to fly may come, may pray, and one day they may fly and not come down. That is why we come here, Allāh Almighty sends me here and there to excavate, to find people. I am a person who comes and looks here and there, looks for precious stones, precious minds, from England, from Germany, France, Italy – everywhere. We hope that people are going to understand Reality step by step.

Up to today people have been cheated by devils. A whole century has passed in the hands of cheats and liars, cheating people, and causing trouble for Mankind through their companionship with Shayṭān. All over the world you can find Shayṭān’s companions working to cause people more trouble and suffering. They come and promise common people: We shall do this, we shall do that! Until they reach power and then they do nothing except make

things worse – suffering, misery and wars increase. So we ask Allāh Almighty’s forgiveness and guidance, because all good people have been defeated, and bad people, representatives of Shayṭān, and the satanic kingdom are in power.

We are asking for change, and we hope that this change will come by 2000. Therefore, prepare yourself now for goodness. Keep yourself on the side of good people. If you are with bad people make your colour, make your condition, make your position known, visible to the Heavens, because Divine Revenge is approaching, and if you are with bad people, Divine Revenge may take you too. When Allāh Almighty ordered Gabriel, *‘alaybi salām*, to take away Sodom and Gomorrah, to shake it up and down, Jibrīl took it on his wing, lifting it up, and he saw that 70,000 people were praying that night, and he said, “O my Lord! Among these sinners are so many worshippers!” Allāh Almighty said, “I have seen them, I told them to move away from the sinners but they have not separated from them, so don’t question what I have ordered, don’t delay! Destroy Sodom and Gomorrhah and I will look to the worshippers!”

Now it is impossible to find a country to go to where one can live apart from devils, even though the Prophet advised, *‘alaykum bi Shām*, seek refuge in Damascus. Now if ten people go there the government comes and says, “Why are you coming?” How many times have they thrown me out of Damascus? Therefore, it is impossible to be physically separate from sinners, but through your mind, through your beliefs, through your actions, through your characteristics you must be apart from them, try not to be with them. Only if it is obligatory join them, but you must quickly leave. Sharī‘ah says that if there is wine on a table and people are drinking it, you must not sit there because cursing comes where there is alcohol. Do not say, “I’m drinking Cola, Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Seven-up,” it is not an excuse, no, because cursing is coming and reaching you too.

Beware of sinners and beware of devils. You may advise sinners but if they are not accepting – leave them, do not be with them because no mercy comes on them, cursing comes on them. You understand? May Allāh make us understand.

CONSEQUENCES

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subhān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!
Only Sulṭān! ...*

ONE COMMAND, one warning, from Allāh Almighty would have saved that Princess. Grandshaykh made a ṣuḥbah and he said, they say it was because these photographers ... – parasite people? Paparoz? Paparazzi, paparoz? – They were chasing her to take her picture. I have seen them in the newspaper too, and have seen that these ‘paparot’ people were always troubling Diana. Wherever she was, they were there, taking her photograph. Grandshaykh said that one command would have taken all those ‘paparot’ people away from her, what was that command? Say, Shaykh ‘Adnān! Say, anyone! What was that command? One command ...! (No-one answers.)

I met, several years ago in Oxford Street a lady and gentleman, a Mu’min, she was holding his arm, walking together, and she was wearing Islamic dress and a veil. She was using the veil, and if the princess had used that one command for ladies – cover your face, cover your body – if she had covered herself, those ‘paparot’ would never have chased her to take her picture! No, such pictures would have had no meaning! If she had listened to this one command from Islām, from Allāh, she would have been saved, but because she was showing her face and her body, they were always running after her to take her photograph – August, September, October – photographs, near the sea, while eating, on stage ... and this one command, to cover, would have saved her. If women heeded this command, ninety per cent of all community problems would be over. But women are a never ending capital for Shayṭān’s evil manipulation! One command ...

And another command: Allāh Almighty says, “Do not take boyfriends or girlfriends, do not take girlfriends or boyfriends,” but she did. This is another command which, if heeded, would have saved her from that terrible end. And another command: “Do not drink, do not drink alcohol!” Because when you drink you lose your self-control, finished!

These three commands would have protected her, but she ignored them and that terrible end came to her. This is a big lesson for the whole of Mankind, yes. No religion may say this except Islām. No-one from our *ulamā’* is saying this now. Throughout the east and west you cannot find anyone speaking these words, but this is *ḥaqq!* Accept it! If you are not accepting, you are in the wrong way, and if you continue some punishment will result. Today or tomorrow, the consequences of your actions must appear.

Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammad ... It is very important! Allāh is not joking! Do not call me about trivial matters, this and that, my son, my daughter, my business, this and that!

ASK FOR MERCY

THE GOVERNMENT has put out fifteen books and people have been waiting five hours to sign them! In reality this is a big lesson for everyone to distinguish between right and wrong! Shayṭān and his headquarters are hiding the truth, so no-one is speaking about this, they are just saying, “Oh, oh, whine, whine!”

It is cruelty to make the body wait, therefore the *sharī‘ah* says to bury the body quickly. It is not permitted to delay burial in any religion! ... And everyone is crying – people, from East to West, from North to South, yet they are being misled! They are not asking Allāh Almighty to forgive her, that may help her, but to idolise her – what is that? Instead they should ask, “O our Lord, give that weak servant, that young woman, who was so weak and cheated by devils, O our Lord, give her from Your Endless Mercy Oceans!” This

may be said and it is good for her, all this glorification is not accepted by Allāh Almighty!

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SOUL

KHUTBAH

O PEOPLE! I could speak non-stop to my people (turks) from the morning through to next week, but I would not be satisfied with them, because they are running after dunyā, like western people. And western people have lost their hope in life after death, western people are only running after imagination. All people, and every Muslim country, desire to be westernised – that is the biggest sin and misjudgement!

O people! Follow the way of Islām! Eternal life is found through the path of surrender, Islām. Only Islām leads you to eternal life, not any other religion. Follow Islām, then you should be pleased and happy. Islām makes Allāh Almighty pleased with you! If you are not pleasing Allāh Almighty, nothing can make you happy in this life. Nothing of dunyā can make you happy.

O people! Dunyā is coming to the end of the line! Prepare! And take care of yourself! Some people in England say this; it is good manners, some people say, and have said to me, “Take care of yourself!” How? How can I take care of myself? This is a good thing to say, but they do not understand what it means – it means to take care of your soul, not your body!

Save your soul from Hell, here and hereafter! It is good advice from prophets’ knowledge, from Holy Books. Everyone must take care of his eternal life. Everyone must focus themselves on His Divine Service.

HE IS PRESENT

*Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb! Only Sulṭān!*

NONE OF US can be Sulṭān, we are slaves. But He does not say “My Slaves!” He says, “My servants!” Try to keep that honour, to be in His Divine Service, be servants in His Divine Service!

A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm. Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm. Allābumma ṣalli ‘alā Muḥammadin wa ‘alā āli Muḥammadin wa sallim ... This is an association to make people wake up. Sayyidinā ‘Alī, said, “*an-nās nawm* – people are sleeping, when they die they awaken.” They awaken, but that awakening is too late, because then your opportunity to offer utmost respect to your Lord through your obedience, worship and praise of Allāh Almighty, is over. Then it will be too late.

Therefore, every meeting for believers, every association, is only to make them wake up. Everyone must wake up ... at least they must look to where we end up. Our lives have a beginning, a middle, and an end – everyone must have a beginning and must have an end. You must, at least, look to where you will end! The Prophet, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, said that a normal life will last from sixty to seventy years, and when I go to cemeteries they are full of stones and the ages on them are mostly between sixty and seventy – just the Prophet said.

Now people are dying younger, I hear and see that people, young people, have caught a terminal illness, from which there is no escape, because there are some illnesses coming from Allāh. Cancers are infesting many people and they cannot survive that illness for long. No, it may take months, or even a few years – but in the end, they must

go. In the end we must all go, so everyone must look to themselves, because we have been created alone.

Everyone is created alone in their mother's womb – alone. Then when you enter this life, you come together, but on leaving, you leave alone. Everyone is going to be buried in their own graves, to be alone. Everyone needs to consider that one day they are going to be alone, and, therefore, look after themselves. Will you survive to the end of today or tomorrow? This week, or next week, this year or next year – when are we going to leave?

No-one knows when he is going to die. No-one knows where he is going to die. When and where you cannot know. When a person is going to die, and where he is going to die – those are secrets that Allāh Almighty knows, although sometimes He chooses to reveal this knowledge to some people, this is no problem for Him. No-one can object to Allāh doing this, but some servants say, “You conceal this, how can it be that some may know?” No-one may object to Allāh Almighty! He Who knows all secret and hidden worlds, what is in them and what will be; no-one can prevent Allāh Almighty from opening this knowledge to one of His servants. Therefore, one of His servants may say, “You are going to die next week, you are going to die next year, you are going to die in that aeroplane crash, you are going to die in that car accident ...” No-one may prevent Allāh Almighty revealing secrets to His chosen servants. It is ignorance to deny that some of His servants have been given access to things hidden. Allāh is Almighty, no rules control Him. He may make rules, but there are no rules for Him!

That is our belief as ahl s-sunnati wa l-jamā'ah, but so many people are abandoning belief in the Truth – they are false and following in the wrong steps, and false steps carry people to bad ends. People may come to a good end or a bad end, and whether you come to a good or bad end depends on your beliefs, your actions, and your characteristics – it is your responsibility to choose your beliefs, your actions and characteristics wisely because as you choose them, you choose your end. They determine your ending, nothing else. They carry you to a good end or to a bad end, nothing else.

Wake up and correct your beliefs! First of all correct your beliefs about your Creator, about your Lord, Allāh Almighty. He is the only One! He is the First and He is the Last, no-one existed before Him, no-one exists after Him. No-one was present before Him and no-one will be beyond Him. He is only One, He cannot be two, cannot be three, cannot be an idol, He was not born, and does not give birth. We know what we know from what He says about His Existence – not from what we imagine. More than that is imagination. Leave imagination and follow Reality! There are so many religions, and the first line in imagination is found with Christianity. Before it was a belief based in the Real, now it is a belief of imagination. There is no imagination in Real beliefs, Reality is beyond your imagination. Imagination comes from you, Reality is something else! You must know your Creator as He, Himself, tells us about His Existence through His Holy Books and through His messengers.

We repeat – Allāh is the First and Allāh is the Last, no-one was before His Existence and no-one can be after His Existence, no-one's existence is before His Existence and no-one is after His Existence. That is an important point, that means He is One, not two. From that description, He cannot be two. So where are you running to find three, four, five, six ...? There is only one first, there cannot be two first and last at the same time! And your existence? When He calls you into existence, you come, when He says, "Go!" you go. No-one is able to say, "No!" When He calls no-one can say, "I am not going!" You must go! That is the holy name, al-Wahhāb, that means every creature is under His Endless Power, what He says, must be. You must recognise Who created you!

And the main reason for Creation is to know Him. For what have you been created? You have been created to know the Almighty, to recognise Him. Nothing else. We have been given existence in this life, and He is asking from you – O Mankind, you who have been honoured to be of the Children of Ādam – He is asking you to know Him! But people are not trying to know Him, no, they are trying to know everything, except their Creator! Everyone, everywhere, is trying to know about themselves, but no-one is asking to know Who

created what is around us, who created us, who is that One? You must try to know who that One is. It is the most important aspect for the life of Mankind: to know the One who created everything, to know that you have been created; that you are not the creator.

The creation of creatures is continuous. Creation is constantly occurring. Therefore there must be a Creator creating everything moment by moment maintaining existence without pause. When did Creation begin? No-one knows. When did He create dunyā? No-one knows. When did He create the sun? No-one knows. When did He create the moon? No-one knows. When did He create the solar system? No-one knows. When did He create our galaxy – who knows? O you proud scholars tell us when they were created? Or did they suddenly appear? Can those scholars say: Everything suddenly appeared without any reason? They cannot say this!

You must try to know about that One who created you, and prepared this world for you, with everything in it at your service, everything under your command, everything under your will. Who did it? Above all, you must try to recognise Him, to know about Him. And you must know that He is present with you, if He were not present with you, you would not be in existence. His Presence is your existence.

People say He is not present. Maybe He is beyond the Heavens sitting on His Divine Throne? How can people think, that our Lord, the Lord of Creation is not present? If He were not present how could they be in existence? The Creator of Endless Power Oceans, the Creator of Endless Mercy Oceans, the Creator of Endless Willpower Oceans, makes and creates everything ... And do not think that He is present as you are with me now, it is beyond our intellect, beyond our imagination. You cannot ask how He is present, you cannot understand how He is present with us. It is impossible. Yet you must accept it. – You say that there is power running through this tape machine, and I say that He is present; some people object to this, but if I say that with this instrument there is a power that enabled it to record, they will believe it; then why do they refuse to accept it when we say that He is present with everyone?

When you know and accept this then you keep your respect for Him because He is present – *Allābu shahidī*, *Allābu naẓirī*, *Allābu ma‘ī* – these are most important rules or principles, they are the main principles for everyone who is asking to reach their heavenly station, or who is interested in sufi ways, ṭarīqah. Every religion used those principles from Ādam up to Nuḥ, to Jacob, to Moses, to Harūn, to David, to Solomon, to Jesus Christ and Sayyidinā Muḥammad, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. There cannot be a heavenly religion without these three principles to carry people from the lowest station to the highest. If a person is asking to reach from the lowest to the highest level he must use those rules: Allāhu naẓirī – Allāh is watching me wherever I am. Do not think that He is not watching you. He is watching you. Allāhu shahidī – Allāh witnesses everything that I do. Allāhu ma‘ī – He is with me wherever I am. But are you with Him? Most people are with Shayṭān, not with Allāh.

So these are most important rules, these keep people on their best manners, best adab, these keep people on their best behaviour, and give them much more power over their ego, helping them to achieve what they would like to reach. If you can keep this awareness you are lucky. If you keep Allāh with you, you will be among the luckiest ones, luckiest ones ... But you are keeping Shayṭān! Shayṭān is saying, “My friend, my friend!” People think that he is a real friend, they take him as their best friend! No! He is your worst enemy! Yet they are leaving Allāh, He who is All in All, Allāh.

May Allāh forgive us and make us understand. Our souls are gaining something from this association, but you do not have enough control of your ego yet to bring it under the complete control of your soul. You are, therefore, like planes only going up and down on the runway. When you take full control you may take off. May Allāh grant every believer to be closer to His Divine Presence.

DO NOT BE CHEATED!

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

WE ARE in need of support. If we are not supported we are quickly going to vanish. Always ask Allāh Almighty's protection! Shayṭān, perhaps he leaves those alone who do not believe in anything. They are directed by Shayṭān not to believe in anything – yet that is their belief! They believe that, as they say, "There is no God, no life after death, no eternal life." That is their belief – 'not to believe,' but they are still 'believing'! That is the dark and bottomless ignorance of unbelievers, but if a person is not using his mind, you cannot do anything for him.

Abū Jahl, looked at the Prophet, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, but never saw the lights of prophecy in the Prophet's divine face, Bilāl, looked and saw. Abū Lahab denied him, Bilāl declared, witnessed, and said, "Yes!". If a person is blind, you cannot give them a description of the difference of colours, no commentary is possible for a blind person. You can never make a description for a blind person of the difference between green, red, black, white, or yellow, and one who is spiritually blind will never understand what Holy Books, Divine Messages, are. Those who are blind think that those are the same words as we use, with the same meanings that we use. They never see the distinction between the Lord's words and their words, because there are no spiritual lights with their eyes, to make clear the difference between what they say and the Words of Allāh. So they say, "Those are just books, we have books too!"

For some blind people you may operate on their egos, they may be opened, but some of them you cannot, for some it is impossible to operate, it is impossible. Some are born blind and for them it is impossible to understand the difference between the Holy Books and Holy Words of Allāh Almighty and their books and their ideas.

Ideas are our mind's production. You may think and develop ideas, and theories yet they may quickly change. Reality however, cannot be changed. The biggest error of people living now is to think that heavenly rules, heavenly ideas, heavenly principles, are like their principles, like their ideas! This cannot be! They may say that an imitation diamond and a real diamond are the same. Although some are plastic and some are real diamonds, one can look and say, "Oh, they are all diamonds!" In ignorance you are easy to fool, but if an expert looks, he would quickly say, "No, that is the real one!" But people are rejecting Reality for imitation diamonds, so much so that when they look at real diamonds they say, "Our diamonds are much better, they are much more shapely, more beautiful, than those!"

Throughout the nineteenth and twentieth century, people have all been running after imitation diamonds, not running after real ones. Cheating and lying. Whoever comes as leaders of Mankind's nations – all of them are cheating people, and telling lies. That is a truthful description of the nature of our century. Most people never speak the truth, most people never accept the truth. These days if you are trying to make people follow you, you must cheat them, and you must speak the opposite of the truth. If you speak the truth – most people will run away from you, because they like to be cheated. Those are leaders amusing themselves by cheating people. And nearly everyone is cheating. That is a most dangerous, the worst, egoistic illness.

The Mu'min, the believer, is forbidden to cheat people, he cannot cheat. The Prophet said, *ṣalla llābu 'alayhi wa sallam*, "It is forbidden to cheat people!" And we have also been asked not to be cheated. Allāh Almighty gives you nūr, the lights of imān, if you have the lights of faith why are you not using them? If you have been cheated in dunyā it may be nothing, but you must not be cheated through your religion, your Islām, your imān, your iḥsān. You must be an open-eyed person. Islām does not accept stupidity from us. Others should not be able to say, "Muslims are foolish ones or idiotic ones!" No, it is not right for Muslims to be accused of idiocy or ignorance, or to be accused of being mindless people, or to be accused of being squareheads, or to be accused of being silly or to be accused of stupid-

ity, or to be accused of foolishness. They should not be able to say, “We are cheating Muslims, and they do not know we are cheating them!” No, you must speak up! You are not to be cheated through all the worlds.

Wake up, Muslims! Wake up, Mu’min! Wake up, believers! Unbelievers are asking to cheat you, unbelievers are asking to rule you, unbelievers are asking to destroy your faith! Because unbelievers are with Shayṭān, unbelievers are with devils, and devils are the representatives of Shayṭān. Devils, you find them everywhere now, and the headquarters of devils is in Europe, in western countries. They claim that they have reached the pinnacle of civilisation, but it is not true, they have not reached anything, they are on the lowest level, the lowest level. You must use this balance: Everything that the West avoids – turn to it! Everything that the West is praising and advertising to you – turn away from it! You must use that balance. Then you may save yourself, otherwise you will not be able to separate what is Real from what is imitation. Use that scale for understanding and differentiating.

Life is one chance for everyone. No-one comes to life a second time to build something on the basis of their first life. No-one comes a second time. It is a false belief from Shayṭān that your soul comes back to you, or to others, even to animals. This is only *one* chance given to you to understand something of Reality. They will ask you, when you leave this life and go to the second life, they will ask you, “O servant of our Lord, what have you understood after so many years? You lived perhaps twenty, twenty-five, thirty, thirty-five, fifty, sixty, seventy, maybe eighty years – what did you understand?”

Yes, what did you understand? You were travelling the Earth for so many years, now you are underground. For so many years you were walking, now you are underground. What did you understand? I was a Builder, I was a Lawyer, I was a Doctor, I was an Imām, I was a Jungle Person, I was – such important titles! But! What did you understand after so many years running around in cars? What were you chasing? Every day, from early morning to night, in cars, for what? For what? Were you catching rabbits? For what were you

running so speedily? Everyone must think about this, and they must try to find an answer!

They say that we are nothing: that we are like grass, we grow, become yellow, and then die. That is the idea of the most ignorant people, they think that our lives are like grass. No! We are so different, you must say this, and you must understand it!

*Allāb, Allāb, yā Karīm,
Allāb, Allāb, yā Raḥīm,
Allāb, Allāb, yā Salīm,
Allāb, Allāb, yā Karīm!*

CIVILISED ECONOMY?

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WE MUST be happy ... Another Sunday is just coming to an end. So many Sundays have come and gone – no-one knows how many Sundays – do you think you know? No-one knows. Only the One who created time, He knows, He who made the seven days. We do not know, but people say: We know everything! If you know everything, what is the number of this Sunday? Ninety-nine thousand, ninety-eight thousand? And what use would this knowledge be to you? Nothing.

A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-sbayṭāni r-rajīm. We thank and praise first Allāh Almighty, by saying, *al-ḥamdu li-llāb!* First you must give your most high praise to Allāh, our Creator, the Creator of all worlds, the whole universe. We must give our highest praise and thanks to Him that He chose us, from among countless creatures, and honoured us to be of Mankind. How many creatures are living on Earth? We can see countless creatures in the oceans, in the deserts, in the skies – all around us are countless creatures – but you are the only one to whom your Creator, your Lord, has granted the endless honour of being His servants. Donkeys, oxen, foxes, lions – they are not His servants, ants

are not His servants, bees are not His servants, eagles are not His servants – but you are His servants, whether you accept this or not!

Do people understand this? Do you think that twentieth century people understand this? They have not reached that level of understanding – that we have the honour, from among countless creatures, to have been created for His Divine Service. How many people understand? Billions of people have not reached that level, and are not even asking to reach it. This is the biggest shame for Mankind, yet they say, “We are the most civilised ones!” How can they say this? When they are ignorant of their reason for existence, how can they claim they have reached to the height of civilisation? Do not think that the honour of being counted among the civilised comes through making computers and technology! I am ashamed for Mankind, because not one person in one thousand, in ten thousand, has reached that level of honour in His service.

This is a huge city – five million people, how many of them have attained that understanding? They are giving me very simple words ... From five million, how many understand? Do you think one million, do you think one hundred thousand, do you think the Commons, or the Government, have reached that level? Do you think that throughout the east and west, there are any rulers who have that understanding? You cannot find one! If they understood that point, this dunyā would be a Paradise! Not one of them has understood the reason for their existence, yet they claim to be the most civilised people, so highly developed!

That is really Mankind’s problem, but the truth is being hidden. They, devils, are like a person who has found a treasure and is trying to hide it from other people, or rather lost a treasure and so does not want anyone else to have it. People are being deceived by devils. Devils are deceiving rulers and saying, “The main problem for Mankind is economy!” They are sleeping and thinking on economy, running after economy. Economy, economy – is all I hear, this is making me sick! Nothing else! There are billions, trillions of pounds, dollars, marks, in every currency and every day money is being made – yet they say, “The economy is bad!”

I have listened, and I hear only one thing from people – Economy! People think that there is no other problem for Mankind except the economic crisis – it is a deception! Devils are leading you in the wrong direction. They are concealing the true problem. They would never admit that something else is the most important factor in our lives. Buying, selling, taking, giving – from morning to evening. People are buying and selling, taking, giving – nothing else. That sums up their mission on Earth – to give and to take, to buy and to sell. Is there anything else? All day everywhere, is there anything else? Are they doing anything else?! Everyone is giving or taking, selling or buying! That is the summary of their lives, because economy is based on this giving and taking. And of course you may use any way of cheating to buy more and to sell more! Cheating to take more – that is our life! If you marry – you also base it on giving and taking. If you study – you are giving and taking. Markets are giving and taking ...

This is the summary of Mankind's life on Earth and that is the lowest level. Very, very, very, few exceptions are asking to move to another level, to leave that level and move up. Those asking for another level are very, very, few. Why? Why are we here? How did we get here? For what are we here? Very few are asking. Most people are on the lowest level, and when people insist on that lowest level, fighting must continue – no peace can come. They say the UN is to bring peace, what is this? As long as people are on the lowest level there is no love, therefore they must quarrel. They *must* fight, they must cheat, they must destroy, they must steal, they must do evil, they must do the worst things, they must deal with devils. Everyone on this lowest level has one devil on each side of them, there must be at least two devils with everyone, so how then can peace be built on Earth?

Therefore, we are waiting for the heavenly involvement which is coming to vanquish devils and leave people in freedom, to allow people to live in peace. When people understand their mission on Earth, they will be kind to each other. They will deal with each other with love and respect, because they will know that, "You are

a servant of my Lord and I am also a servant of my Lord. My Lord chose you to be His servant, therefore I must respect you, I must be kind to you, I must be lovely to you.” But without this understanding humanity is finished. There is no love – so people are asking to eat each other, asking to invent new weapons, to kill hundreds of thousands in a moment!

We are a small group of people – only an oasis in a huge desert. We are asking Allāh Almighty to send us of His Endless Mercy Oceans, “Rain Your mercy on our hearts, to clean our hearts, to take away devils from among us, to take them away, and to help us fully understand who we are!” When that heavenly servant has appeared, in that time temples, synagogues, cathedrals, mosques are not going to be empty and pubs full, cinemas full, dirty places full – they are going to be empty, and temples, synagogues, cathedrals, mosques will be full. And everyone, according to their capacity, will reach to an understanding of who they really are.

Everyone must try to do their best in their Divine Service, all worshippers must come together to ask forgiveness from their Lord, and ask to be their Lord’s real servants. O people! I think that no-one may object when I say that this is knowledge found in all Holy Books, therefore, we must all ask forgiveness from Allāh Almighty. All of us, even though we have been created with similar forms, we look so different. We are from different races, different communities, and yet we are all under Mankind’s umbrella, are all Children of Ādam, so try to give your respect to Almighty Allāh, to be as He likes. That means do not complain about your appearance, do not complain about being a man or a woman, nor object to being English or Scottish. Do not object to being a labourer and not a businessman. Make no objections about your colour or size.

You must be happy, you must be happy! Because this life is from Allāh Almighty – therefore He has ‘clothed’ you as He likes. What does it say in Holy Books? May everyone dress as they like, or does your Lord dress you as He likes?! He will grant you, if you keep His Service, such robes, the beauty of which you can never imagine. He will dress you for that eternal life, but first, while you are here, you

must praise and thank your Lord that you have been chosen to be of Mankind.

These are all teachings of Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, not from myself, teachings of Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him. Believe, and it is the truth! ... Mankind must also try to know that one, to know about that one because when you are passing from this life, when you are passing through your grave you will be asked about him. The angels will ask you, “What is your opinion of him? What did you learn about him?” The Most Beloved, the Most Praised – try to learn about him too! Without doubt he is Mankind’s greatest teacher.

Part Two

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COME OUT OF TIME AND SPACE

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IF ALLĀH ALMIGHTY wanted to place this whole universe in this ring, He could. If He wanted to place the whole universe inside a seed, could He do it or not? If Allāh Almighty wanted to contain the whole universe in an atom, could He do it? Just leave your intellectual position and return to your self. Everything exists through His Endless Power Oceans.

They say there are huge galaxies that, according to their reports, include billions of stars, but with the naked eye they look like tiny spots. If you were to travel that huge distance to one of those galaxies and then try to see ours you would not be able to; it would not be visible from there because it is smaller than them. Does that mean our galaxy no longer exists? It is not possible to see it, therefore it is not there anymore?

Yet when you return to it, moving closer, it reappears. It becomes clearer and larger. Then when you land on the Earth its apparent greatness, or insignificance, disappears. So you see that you perceive nothing in its totality, no-one can see anything as it really, completely, is. Particularly when we look to the skies, things are not as we see them from here. The moon is not a one centimetre disc. What we look at and see of the moon, is not the real moon because what we see is only a small circle, we do not see the real moon. And if you approached the moon so that you could see that it is a sphere, you would still not see all of it – it would not be the whole moon you were seeing, it would still only be one face. Our sight is limited, and we are cheating ourselves by believing that what we see with our eyes is the whole truth.

If Allāh Almighty wanted to take all the stars and place them in one point – He may. If He wants to place the whole universe in one dot, that is possible through His greatness. Through His Power

Oceans, He can do everything. He maintains everything in existence and in perfection. He pays more attention to you than you do to yourself – when you observe yourself it is not perfect, you do not see everything, but Allāh’s observation of you is in absolute perfection. Nothing is hidden from Allāh Almighty, inner or outer, everything is known to Him. It is difficult to speak about, to define this. No-one can understand the real connection of the Lord of Heavens with His creatures – He knows them completely, outer and inner. Nothing can ever be hidden from Him, nothing about any of His creatures. Some people say that the whole universe may be put in a thimble, but we say that Allāh Almighty may put everything in a dot, without any difficulty. He may place everything, every creature ever created, in a tiny point.

Everyone has been granted physical and spiritual powers. The physical powers granted to you may only move within narrow limits. But your spirituality is something else – it is not limited by time or space, for your spirit there is no space and no time. When a person has trained himself, or herself, he may be able to escape the prison of time and space. Then, when you are out of time and space, one second can, without objection, be like one billion years, because you are outside time and space!

It is not easy to reach that level – you must do some exercises and training, according to spiritual rules, then you should be able to free your soul from the prison of your physical body, to free it from this world. Until you reach this point you are in a prison. If Allāh Almighty grants this to you, you may then perceive everything without hindrance. Thus, when the Prophet, peace be upon him, went and made his mi‘rāj he may have been gone a billion years, but when he came back his bed was still warm.

Anyone asking to reach this reality needs the help of someone who has already reached it, of someone who is able to be here and to be there. And the wisdom granted to each person is so different, you cannot find two walī who say the same thing with the same words. Wisdom runs through their hearts to their tongues, to give something from their hearts to common people, to make them messengers from

the Heavens. Only anbiyā' and awliyā' may enter these oceans to tell of our purpose – bringing us heavenly wisdom.

THE VALUE OF MANKIND

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*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, 'Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

Dastūr yā sayyidī. A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-sbayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-rahmāni r-rahīm. Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-'aliyyi l-'azīm. Madad yā Sulṭān al-Awliyā'.

THE PROPHET, peace be upon him, said that, *ad-dīnu n-naṣīḥah*. This means that the real purpose of religion is to advise – *naṣīḥah*. We must ask goodness for everyone, goodness that makes them reach happiness and pleasure, here and hereafter. That is the meaning of *dīn*, religion, the meaning of Islām – to pray for goodness, happiness and pleasure, here and hereafter for all people, and to keep them from badness, to protect everyone from evil and from devils. There is nothing else in Islām. You may find other meanings in books but they are not true. And I do not think Christianity says anything else. I do not think Judaism can deny this. The Heavens ask happiness for Mankind. The Lord created man, all of them, with the highest honour – no other creature can ever reach that position of honour or respect in the Divine Presence.

Do you think that horses may reach this position? Perhaps in the eyes of Europeans dogs and cats have reached this rank. We are serving dogs and cats – protecting them, loving them, looking after them very carefully. Europeans become very angry if they see a sign saying, 'No Dogs Allowed', no dogs in this shop. Maybe Oriental people are

happy not to take their dogs into restaurants, but Europeans are very unhappy – if they leave their dog tied outside someone may come and steal it! Then they would be distraught ...

Do you think that anything else has reached the honour that has been granted to Mankind? And which books tell of this? Scientists? Scientists say that apes are more worthy of respect than Mankind! I become very sad when I enter zoos and see monkeys, apes, gorillas, and chimpanzees imprisoned in cages. And they are saying that they are your ancestors! Understanding my English? You should set them free, because they are the scientists' sisters! They deny Ādam and Eve ... One of them said to me, "We have imprisoned them to see evolution, maybe one day an ape will give birth to a man to prove evolution!" I said, "Don't wait – find a baby, an abandoned baby, put it in the cage and say, "Here is our proof!"

No other creature is as respected and honoured as Mankind. And all of Mankind have been honoured – do not discriminate between colours and forms. The Lord created Mankind from several colours, so you must be happy as you are. You must not look down at others saying, "We white ones are superior, those dark ones are worthless." No, this is foolish! Allāh Almighty chooses the colours ... and do not alter your nose saying it is too big, it should be smaller. Do not alter it! Do not alter your eyes, do not tamper with the Creation of Allāh Almighty!

All heavenly beings and other creatures have been honoured and respected, but none have reached the respect and honour in the Divine Presence that Mankind has been granted. The New Testament, Old Testament, Last Testament, Torah, Evangelion and Holy Qur'ān, all say that Mankind alone has been granted that honour. Allāh Almighty granted that honour to His servants; then He created everything else to serve His special servants. There are so many creatures, so many angels in the Heavens, but the most distinguished and special servants are Mankind. Allāh Almighty creates everything for His special servants, for you! He creates this Earth for you and makes this huge space over it for you. This huge space is for you, so that you are not confined in a small space.

Allāh Almighty created Mankind with a special characteristic. This is that they never like to be limited, limits make them troubled, limits make them sad. Therefore, Allāh Almighty granted them this Earth and space and skies, so that when they look and see that endless space, they should be happy. Man has been granted, from their Lord, this very special characteristic. It is such that if each person were granted one whole world for themselves they would still say, "This is not enough for me, I want more." Our physical beings manifest this characteristic in that they are always asking for more. But behind this is a secret reality – it signifies that Allāh Almighty created man, even though he is so small, less than an atom compared to the whole universe, He created them as mighty creatures. There cannot be anyone else like them.

How can they be mighty when they are so small? He has prepared them in His Divine Presence to receive His Endless Love. They have been granted that Love of God, Allāh. Mankind are the khalīfah, representatives, deputies of the Lord. They represent the most Holy Love of Allāh Almighty that only they receive. No other creature can carry it.

Yet we are wasting our lives, running after that which is useless. What can there be on Earth, which thing can be more valuable than you? Which thing can be more precious? Diamonds? Do you think that if you made a diamond statue of yourself, that it would be more valuable than you? But in our times people are foolish and would say that that statue it is of more value than you. One billion people might be killed for that statue. People would be killing and fighting for that statue. Diamond is a stone!

If you could make a life size ruby statue of Big Ben – do not think that it would be more valuable than you. If you could make the whole of London out of one huge emerald – do not think that it would be more valuable than you. Yet they say that it is worth more than you! You must know what is most precious! If you understood this Divine Secret then peace could come on Earth. As long as you give Mankind less value than something that comes from under the earth, you will not be counted as human. Your form may be human but you will be counted among the animals.

“*Barakāt banī Ādam,*” this is from the Qur’ān. If all holy men were to speak until the end of the world on the honour and respect of Mankind they would not finish. You must respect yourself first and then you can respect everyone, because the Creator respects you as His Divine Servants. Yet people are running after useless things. I spoke about rubies, emeralds and diamonds – leave them! Every day people are running. Maybe only a handful are running after these jewels, but every day billions of people are running after something. Do they think it is really worthwhile? Everyday from morning to evening, running with their Samsonite. Then coming home, so tired. What is in that Samsonite? Papers. Worthless things.

Mankind must change – when this century changes, when the millenium changes, Mankind must also change. All ideas from the twentieth, nineteenth, eighteenth centuries and the Renaissance must change. They praise the Renaissance as a new opening, a new beginning in the history of man. But a new opening, a new beginning must be for the vision of Mankind, if it makes them look in the wrong direction then their eyes are still closed. Now we must change our standpoint to look in the right direction. From that time Mankind have been running in the wrong direction, not looking to their Lord, they have been running after Shayṭān, in Spanish, Satanas. An opening came, but Satanas turned Mankind to face in the wrong direction. From that time on Mankind has lost their humanity, they have become robots. Now, again, Mankind are looking to a new opening, a new beginning, to guide them to themselves. New people must come, new times must come, and it is our hope that the second millenium is going to be the Millenium of Heaven. Every wrong thing must be corrected. Everything must be in its right position – if not humanity will come to an end. Nothing on Earth is going to be destroyed, therefore everything must come back to its right position.

There are Representatives of the Heavens, who are already living amongst us, awaiting the Divine Order for this change. It is our hope, not only hope but our belief, that with the second millenium the change will come. A change that takes away badness and brings goodness. And everyone may help at least by asking: “O our Lord,

send us Your Mercy to change us from within. O my Lord, You are our Lord, look to us and change us, we are unable to change ourselves!” And we ask through this holy month, endless favours from Allāh Almighty, that He looks to our hearts and directs us from our worthless aims to that precious direction – to be looking to our Lord, Allāh Almighty.

Every religion calls people to their Lord, to His most special service, but devils change everything. They make people turn away from their Divine Service – instead of pleasing their Lord they are running after Satan. But new times are coming to destroy the satanic kingdom. I am intending – even if no-one helps me, I am enough with my Lord’s help, to destroy the satanic kingdom. If anyone is asking to join me they may! ... Now Satan is not happy! We should go together, with His Divine Love and Divine Honour forever and ever into eternity ...

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subhān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

He is not saying slaves, He is saying servants, slaves have no honour, but servants are honoured. We have been honoured to be His Divine Servants.

ENDLESS ENLIGHTENED HEAVENS

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*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
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Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subhān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!
Only Sulṭān!
Lā ilāba illā llāb!*

EVERYONE is His servant. Everything is His slave, but He honours Mankind as His servants. Servants have honour, slaves no honour. And we are His servants, we have been created for His Divine Service. Are dogs His servants? ...

A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sh-shayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-'aliyyi l-'aẓīm, aṣ-ṣalātu as-salāmu 'alaikum yā Rasūl Allāh, wa raḥmatu llābi wa barakātubu.

It is the last Sunday of the Holy Month. *Al-ḥamdu li-llāh*, we have reached the last Sunday. Tonight may be the Night of Power, *laylat al-qadr*. It is the most precious, most holy night. We hope to reach the blessing of that holiest night, and we ask Allāh Almighty to grant us something from His Endless Mercy Oceans and to send us His Divine Support. We are in need of His heavenly support because evil is spread over the Earth. From east to west, from north to south, on oceans and continents, evil is spread. Devils are laying every possible trap for Mankind to make them fall into trouble here, and then to fall into Hell hereafter. That is what they are trying to do, and because we are weak we fall into their hands. Therefore we ask Allāh Almighty's Divine Support and intercession to save His weak servants from the assaults of devils.

I see, now that we are reaching to the second millenium, there are so many signs that people are asking to say something, or they are asking for something, but it is difficult to reach or to understand what they are asking for. But most people are asking for peace, and they are unhappy that everywhere they look they see nations preparing terrible strategic weapons to destroy Mankind, and they see that humanity has been destroyed. I mean to say that the value of humanity has been destroyed. There are no more human values now.

People are robots, working, running, interesting themselves only in this short life. They think *dunyā* is their purpose, but *Shayṭān* is not satisfied with turning man into robots. Devils are seeking to destroy Mankind physically, to kill every man living on Earth and leave everything in ashes. That is their main target. First they take away all of their human values. This they have done. Yes, people are naked now. And now devils are asking to take away their bodies, that

is their final target. Therefore, they are preparing terrible weapons everywhere, and all nations are looking on, feeling powerless against this situation: “We don’t like these weapons but we need them to protect ourselves.” And common people are asking, “What is our sin? Why are they preparing this end for us? Why? We are weak people, but all governing people are preparing these terrible weapons! Why?” To burn Mankind and leave them in ashes. People everywhere are waiting, morning and evening, to know when that fire is going to fall on us ... Pity, endless pity for Mankind.

And each one of Mankind, everyone, is much more valuable than the whole world. Even if this whole world were made of diamond, if this world were made from a shining diamond, one man would be more valuable than it. For a small piece of diamond they are asking thousands of pounds, how much would they ask for a whole world? But that is not your value, that is not your price, the Creator would never sell you for that! This truth is in all Holy Books. Some no mind people say, “Why, how can this be?” It is so because that world represents stone, but you represent your Lord! Allāhu Akbar! How can it be that stone is more valuable than you when you represent your Lord, Almighty Allāh? No-one anywhere is teaching people about their value – no mosques, churches, academies, no-one anywhere is teaching people about their true value. You are so valuable.

But how are you valued now? Devils give you the value of one bullet, perhaps a bullet costs fifty pence, twenty pence, and with one bullet they can kill you ... twenty pence! Devils are making those weapons, devils are making those weapons, but Allāh Almighty is marking time for them, and I hope that this period will finish at the second millenium ... *lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llābi l-‘aliyyi l-‘azīm*. It is the most important thing for Mankind to know – what your rank is throughout the whole universe. If you could make the whole universe from rubies, diamonds, emeralds – it cannot approach your value. Allāh Almighty would not give any of you for that huge amount of precious stone because you have been honoured to be His deputy; to be the representative of your Lord. Therefore, O people come to yourself!

I am a weak one, but something has been granted to me, some understanding has been granted to me, and I am asking to transfer, to transmit this to you. I transfer to your mind first, when your mind says, yes, it is easy to make an opening to your hearts, because minds are the doorkeeper, porter, underkeeper, doorkeeper, of your hearts. If your minds say, yes, your hearts open. I am speaking from the first revelation Allāh Almighty granted to Ādam, continuing up to the Last Prophet. All of the prophets were saying the same thing. They all gave you a full description of yourselves and they all tried to do their best for you, because Shayṭān did his worst against the first man, his worst. Therefore, Ādam said, “O my children, don’t be cheated by Shayṭān, don’t let him bring you down!” Shayṭān was the first disobedient servant to His Lord, so do not be like Shayṭān, do not say, “I am not obeying.” Say, “I am Your obedient servant.” Some people write at the end of their letters, Yours, Your obedient servant – it is good adab, good respect. Such humbleness is a good example of how to be a good servant to your Lord. Keep your honour, and honour others also. Your Lord honoured you, so we are obliged to keep our honour and then to honour all others that Allāh created.

Do you think that a king likes his crown prince or other princes to be dishonoured? No. Do you think that you as a father like your children to be dishonoured? No. Allāh Almighty has honoured all Mankind, then how can it be that He likes you to be dishonoured? That is kufr, that is the biggest sin. Try to keep your honour, your honour and others’ honour. Once it was highly valued to behave respectfully to each other, but now we have lost this. We are not living in the jungle, we are living in the twentieth century in huge cities, but our characteristics are like those of caged jungle people, I mean those who have no rules for anything. Jungle animals with no respect for anything. Come to your real rank and leave Shayṭān! Save yourself and try to save others.

It is a Holy Month, just coming to an end, and it is the Holy Command of the Lord of Heavens to fast. Fasting is to train people, to teach them, to remind them of their real value. Fasting leads you to follow your honour and then, after practising it through this Holy

Month, to keep it forever. Do not return to the level of animals at the end of this Holy Month! When we are fasting in this Holy Month we are trying to be on the level of angels – stay on that level! Do not return to the level of animals. It is not your position of honour. When Allāh Almighty has raised you up, do not come back down!

No. It is not correct to fall down quickly, stay on the level that Allāh Almighty granted you and try to improve. There are seven Heavens above your heads. Seven Heavens. Yes, seven Heavens, and in this month Allāh Almighty carries you up to the first Heaven – fix your feet there, so you do not fall down to this dirty world. Then ask to improve to the second Heaven. Ask to improve to the third Heaven. Ask to improve to the fourth Heaven. Ask to improve to the fifth Heaven. Ask to improve to the sixth Heaven ... Ask to improve to the seventh Heaven. Why are you not asking to reach that level? Are you happy in a stable? Are you happy to be with foxes and wolves and bears and donkeys? Yes, you can find every animal on the ground floor.

Why are you not asking? Ask! Try to fix yourself on your honoured level. The first and second level are closer to the Divine Presence. When you are firm on the second level an opening will come to you that will give you happiness, you will be happy. When you move closer to the Divine Presence you cannot imagine what will come to you – more beauty, more beauty, more lights, more mercy. Try! When you have reached there, ask to move to the third level, to move closer to your Lord, all the way up to the seventh Heaven, and then you will be in the Divine Presence. There you can be in the first row of ones who have been looking for their Lord's Divine Presence. Then you are truly representing Allāh Almighty. There you will find endless enjoyment, endless enlightened Heavens. You will be there for-ever, never coming back. You will belong to your Lord forever, eternally, never returning to this dirty life. Never coming back. Do not come back! Go up – the third Heaven, the fourth Heaven ... Do not come back. Make this your goal.

And we pray for forgiveness from Allāh Almighty, because what we have done is not suitable, it is not enough. He is so Merciful and

His Grants to us are endless – He is not giving just one drop, He is giving us oceans! If you give a drop of respect to Allāh Almighty He will grant that you swim, swim in His Endless Mercy Oceans, Endless Beauty Oceans. You are asking for unlimited things. You were created to ask for unlimited things, endless things. Limits imprison Mankind. You have been created to be His servants, therefore ask for unlimited things.

Try to free yourself from the darkness of dunyā before death. Aim to be enlightened before death because it is only light that you can take with you. Try to reach more lights here. Dedicate much more time to asking for lights from your Lord! And you have been promised that the more you serve your Lord, the more lights He will give you. Because these lights would burn this world, it is impossible for these lights to be revealed here. These lights will be revealed in His Divine Presence. Ask for more lights for yourself and all Creation, and ask Allāh Almighty to send the Saviour, Imām Mahdī, upon him be peace, to His servants.

And I can see that maybe next year this huge place will not be big enough for all of us. I have heard that they are building, past the Blackwall Tunnel, a huge building for the second millenium (the Millenium Dome in Greenwich) and I ask myself, what for? What will be there, in such a huge place? A disco? Half of it a disco, the other half a pub ... and a small place for praying? Maybe they do not know yet what they are building, maybe they do not know. Perhaps that huge building may be for us! Some time that building may be for us. Yes, when the Lord opens just a little bit more power for the servants of the Divine we can carry all Londoners! It is only a little bit more, only a simple opening! So many will be coming that their weight could cause the Blackwall Tunnel to cave in. Yet they will be weightless, through spiritual power they will be like butterflies ...

We are happy that good tidings are coming. I am happy and asking to be with you at that time. There will not be hundreds of thousands but millions, billions, all asking to move to their Lord! We are hoping to close the Doors of Hells forever and to open the Doors of the Heavens of Allāh Almighty.

MOVE INTO LIGHTS

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT

WHEN OFFICIALITY comes sincerity runs away. We are here (in a private house), not sitting in court. Do not be artificial, be sincere. Artificiality means that on the outside you look like one thing but inside is something else. No, do not be like this. Be as you appear, you must be as you present yourself to people. No prophet had two faces, no saint presented one face but hid another. Heavenly people, people from Heavens are never like that. Do you know Mawlānā Rūmī? Has everyone heard about Rūmī, in Konya, the Whirling Dervishes? He is their head, and he said, “Be as you show to people, or try to be as you show yourself to people.” Is the meaning clear? Be as you show yourself to people, sometimes we make a good show for others but alone we are not as we have shown; so when you are alone try to be as you are when among others. This is a very good attribute for Mankind. It is an excellent target to aim for.

Everyone wants to show himself to others in an excellent light; so that people do not hate him. No-one likes to be hated, everyone likes to be respected and loved. That is everyone’s desire. Therefore you see these very fashionable earrings down to here. Why? Because she likes to present herself to people so that she will be respected and loved and accepted in the community. That is our deep desire, it is true. So when you go among your community you check your appearance in the mirror. Everyone does this before going among their community, because we wish to be accepted in our community. We do not want to be outcasts, therefore we try to have a good appearance.

Now there are two points that I am being advised to speak on. Ladies, more than gentlemen, are asking to look attractive. They never want anyone else to be like them. They like to be unique, this is an excellent characteristic but it must be used for a good purpose. Do not use that characteristic to be proud and look down on others.

Every lady desires to be unique. Men also like to be unique, and that is a secret characteristic coming from the Creator, the Lord of Heavens, to His servants, because He created everyone in a different form. You cannot find two persons who are identical, even twins.

Your Lord is One. Unity is for Him, and when he made Mankind as His deputies, He gave everyone something unique. Therefore everyone has this desire to be unique, they do not like others to be similar to them, and it is okay to show this uniqueness; that is why she wants to be seen in an excellent light in her community, but it is dishonest to present one face of excellence among people and then, when you are alone to behave otherwise. That is a bad characteristic. Therefore Mawlānā Rūmī said, “You must be as you present yourself to people. If you are not, you must try to be as you present yourself when you are with people.”

There is another point they are advising me on – the Lord of Heavens – everyone must go to Him. No-one has permanent residence in this life. Do you know anyone who has permanent residence? “How long would you like to stay,” they ask in the immigration office. If I say two months, they put six months, because there is no danger from me I am old. I am free, coming and going, if I say one month, they put six months. They may even put one year or more but it is still temporary. Similarly, everyone when entering this life, is given a stamp that he should or she should be here for ten years, twelve years, twenty, forty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, maybe even a hundred years. But it is limited, sometime they must leave. It is a temporary life, it is not permanent.

This is written in the traditional books that came from the prophets. We are not taking what we say from universities, no, it is heavenly knowledge that is found in the traditional Holy Books ... It is written that when a person has died and he or she is carried in their coffin – people used to carry the coffin on their shoulders; when one person tired another would take over, they were not using cars, or even carriages, in villages. Of course you cannot carry them through huge cities, but now even in small places they use cars to take people to the cemetery. When a person has just been put in his

coffin and is being taken to the cemetery the Lord addresses him, or addresses her. He asks him or her ten questions. He says, “O My servant! I know you and now you are coming to Me. You know that throughout your life on Earth, you were taking so much care about your appearance. Particularly when you were invited to be present at a meeting, or a Gala night, or to, “Come for cocktails!”, or a private view, or any time you were at a community gathering, you were taking extra care of your appearance ...”

You know that some VIPs do not dress themselves. They have stylists to dress them, preparing everything. These people come and ensure everything is of excellent appearance – particularly for wedding ceremonies, when people ask to be seen at their best. Everyone! And the old ones say, “Eh! once upon a time I was ... eh!” They say this to themselves – that is true.

“... You were taking so much care of your appearance because people were looking at you. Did you ever think, did you think at any time: ‘My Lord is looking at my heart. Therefore I must be careful about my Lord’s Gaze. I must try to give my heart an excellent appearance.’ Did you? Did you ever?” This is the first question. “You were taking so much care of your appearance, but My servants, I am your Lord, and I was not looking at your wrappings, your clothes, your eyes, your image. No! I am not interested, I am never interested in your external appearance. My interest is with your heart. Your heart belongs to Me. Everything else is for you, O My servant, but your heart is Mine! Did you ever prepare and take care of your heart, saying, ‘My Lord is not looking at my trousers, my coat, my jewels, my ‘so many things’, my Lord is looking at my heart.’ Did you ever ask yourself this?” If you can say that you did, He will be happy with you. Otherwise He will not be happy with your service.

Particularly in our days, people are so interested in having an excellent image, but they are not thinking about that one day that will come to them, when they will be carried to the Divine Presence of Allāh Almighty. How will he look on that journey? How will she present herself on that journey? The journey to their Lord’s Divine Presence. This is important. All ladies are asking to be seen as beautiful, too

beautiful, much too beautiful, ladies are asking for this, and men are asking to be very handsome ones, but beauty is not only connected to our age. Beauty is really a grant from the Heavens to His servants. There are young ones whose skin is fresh but they never communicate goodness to others. Some old ladies, old people, have been granted some Heavenly Lights on their faces. Even though their skin is not fresh, in spite of their age, they are seen to be beautiful and handsome.

We have knowledge of something strange. India is a special continent, with all kinds of creatures and plants live and grow there that have never grown on other continents. Such different and surprising animals live there, that are not to be found on other continents. There are also so many precious mines and stones that cannot be found on other continents. Also such different races, different human beings live there that never lived anywhere else. And all learned people were saying that there is a very rare plant that grows in India.

It is a very strange plant with a very beautifully scented flower. The secret of this flower is that if a person finds the plant and takes the scent from that flower, anointing him- or herself, he will become irresistible. People will not be able to look away from him, they will be so surprised by that beautiful smell. Who ever wears this smell attracts people to him. He will be so lovely to people. She or he will have such a beauty, a familiarity, that you cannot imagine – but, Shaykh M.! Do not think that it is easy to find. He is asking to go tomorrow! No, that plant, *subhān Allāh*, belongs to Allāh, and grows among huge snakes. Cobras. That plant is always surrounded by cobras. So many cobras surround it because it is so precious. So you cannot reach this plant without great sacrifice. That is an unchanging rule. – Shaykh M., if you are asking to reach that which is precious you must sacrifice something.

Therefore if you wish to reach Paradise you must make some sacrifice. It is not free. You must sacrifice something, then you may enter. People think that it is free. No it is not free. You must sacrifice this life, you must give your life to your Lord and then He takes you in. If you do not sacrifice your life for the sake of the Lord of Heavens – No! Perhaps millions of Christians are saying that Jesus

was crucified, that is their belief and I am now speaking according to their belief – that he sacrificed his soul to reach His Lord. And if you do not make this sacrifice you cannot enter that precious state. Everyone who is asking to reach a precious target must make some sacrifice. Lazy ones cannot become doctors, or be graduates. If you are running around on the streets will you become a graduate of Oxford or Cambridge or London University? No. Therefore every precious thing needs sacrifice, and so it is with that plant, you cannot reach that plant because so many cobras are protecting it.

Bees give honey, their hives are full of honey, but if you approach them, a bee will attack you, biting you, then you will run away! If you are not patient with the attack of the bees you are not going to reach the honey. They say, “How can we reach it? These bees are not leaving us alone!” So for every precious thing you must pay, you must sacrifice. Look at pearls: you can find shells on the beach but there is nothing in them – pearls are under the sea. There also, the fields of pearls are protected by sharks. Sharks – you know sharks? So hungry! Some sacrifice is required if you wish to swim through the sharks. Without fear you may reach there, but fear comes to you ... and you cannot reach that plant.

All holy people and prophets say that every night the Lord is looking at His servants. He is looking to see if anyone is thinking about Him or is everyone sleeping? “O My servants, I am not sleeping. Why are you sleeping? O My servants, you are asking for so many things and I am here, why are you not looking to Me? Stand up! Come to My Divine Presence and ask Me to give what you are asking. O My servants!” Servants? All night cutting trees – the servant never hearing or listening – just sawing, snoring, and sleeping. And the Lord says, “Get up, wake up! I am looking at you. You are in need of everything. Ask it from Me! Come to My Divine Presence!” But again you must sacrifice: something from your sweet sleep.

Whoever spends their nights with their Lord, during the day their face will be more beautiful, more handsome, without having to go to India to find that plant! If you awaken, wash and then sit, even for a short time, and say, “O my Lord I am here.” Even ten minutes,

or five minutes, or a quarter of an hour ... And the longer you stay with your Lord more gifts, more grants come to you. When you say, "It is enough, it is enough!" and run away, then it stops. Through our traditional knowledge if a person stands at midnight, and later, addressing their Lord saying, "O my Lord, I am your servant. You may grant me this, or grant me that – but I am not happy with this or that, I am happy with You. O my Lord, leave me with You!" Then from the Heavens comes a dress illuminated with Heavenly Lights, in which he is clothed. If you spend time at night with your Lord, speaking to Him, addressing Him, it is enough to reach that grant from Allāh Almighty.

Therefore, O my – here are some who are like my brothers, but more are like this lady (seated next to him) and Mrs L., like my sisters, then so many of you are like my sons, my daughters, granddaughters, grandsons – try, try, even a little bit to take more Heavenly Lights. One day you will be in need of those lights. And those lights are going to appear to you particularly when you leave this life. Then it will not be a dark life for you when you leave. Then you will move into lights. Your soul will not enter darkness. According to that which you are now striving for, your soul will move into lights. When you are leaving this life, you will enter an enlightened world hereafter. May Allāh grant you lights and forgive me. May He grant you from His Heavenly Lights that we should be happy forever because enlightened people are beloved ones.

On the day of Judgement, Judgement Day, the Day of Resurrection, everyone must come to that Plain and people are going to be divided into two kinds – enlightened people and not enlightened. Look after yourself, if you would like to come to the Divine Presence enlightened, do it. You have your chance now. Your Lord, our Lord, your Creator, our Creator, your God, our God, is One – you are a servant. I am a servant, he is a servant, she is a servant, all of us are servants. He is looking and asking service from all of us. And He pays us from His Divine Lights, Heavenly Lights. Try to come to His Divine Presence, then you will leave this life as an enlightened soul; not in darkness.

Ad-dīnu n-naṣīḥab: the Prophet says the meaning of religion is to advise people, and religions are asking to make people happy and enlightened, here and hereafter. They are advising people to try to be enlightened. All prophets are saying to all of us, “Try to be enlightened, don’t stay in darkness.” A person who is with his ego, will be in darkness, whoever follows prophets, will be enlightened. And that is the main target for Mankind, not to remain in darkness. Everyone coming to this life must find a light from which to be enlightened, and then go.

When I was a small boy in Cyprus, our neighbours, Armenians and Greeks, would sometimes have wedding ceremonies in the churches. They would leave the church with candles in their hands. They would light them in the church and try to bring that light to their homes. Some of them were extinguished, some of them remained lit, and the people ran to those still burning to rekindle their extinguished candles. Similarly, everyone has candles, and the prophets come from the Heavens with lights from which we must try to kindle our candles. Every prophet brought light. That is all I think it is enough. “Thank you for your attention ...” On the plane they always say, “Thank you for your attention.” They show us how to fasten our seat belts, then say, “Thank you for attention.” I have seen this a thousand times ... therefore I say to you also, “Thank you for your attention!”

Your name please? (To the elderly lady sitting next to him.)

“Beryl,” I am sorry? “Beryl.”

No! That is not your name, it is Pearl, you are a pearl! ...

STAND IN HIS DIVINE PRESENCE

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Ṣubḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

HE IS SULṬĀN and that means that all power is with Him. He has endless power. He may do anything and nothing can prevent Him. His Will is over the will of everyone. There is no will for anyone beside His Will. That is the Sulṭān. He is Sulṭān, forever Sulṭān. He cannot be lower than that, He is always Sulṭān – from the pre-eternal, which your imagination cannot reach, to the eternal.

Pre-eternal, do not try to imagine it, do not force your imagination to know about azal – this is respect, this knowledge is only for your Lord Allāh Almighty. Do not force yourself. You are not the Sulṭān so you cannot know about Him. You are only a servant, and you may only know what He shows you about Him and about yourself.

It is a bad characteristic of Mankind now that they are trying to be Sulṭāns. He may give you authority to use natural powers, but do not think that you can reach His level. No! No! No! Never. They think that with their computers they can achieve knowledge of everything! They are so proud. And look at yourselves – what are you, five feet tall? And if you fly up into the skies and look down at this world it looks like an orange, if you used a telescope to look down and you would not see anyone! Then they still claim that they are Lords! Twentieth century people show such display such foolishness that “Insane”, should be written on their foreheads.

Such completely foolish people, with their scientists, with their professors, with their philosophers, even with their religious people. Religious people! Billions of people are making crosses, and on their cross hangs a crucified man. What is that? Is He the Lord? A‘ūdhu bi-llāh! God is the Sulṭān, the Sultan is Allāh, King of kings! His is the endless sultanate. And we sit here thinking we are something ... but we are nothing, nothing. Even our galaxy, the Milky Way, is nothing, it is less than an atom! What is this foolish pride? Allāhumma! *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llāhi l-‘aliyyi l-aẓīm.*

You must change your minds. You must come down to your real size. These words are not to be heard anywhere throughout the East or West. But the East and West must speak about the greatness of their Lord, Allāh Almighty. Not about themselves. We are nothing except through Allāh Almighty’s grant that you know of His Exist-

ence. Yes, only your Lord is in Existence. Is anyone from a hundred years ago still here, and in a hundred years time do you think that any of you are going to be here? Then how can you claim that you are in existence?

Everyone must say, “*Allābumma, laka aslamnā wa bika ’āmannā* – O our Lord, we are surrendering to you!” You must surrender. Do not be stubborn. Say, “I am surrendering to You.” To that One whom no-one can truly know except Himself. Even prophets only know what He told them about Himself. And He said, “I am the One Who is the only One Who has Real Existence. I am the only One Who may stand on His Own, no-one else.” You must believe in Him and surrender to Him, if you are not surrendering with your will, one day you will surrender by force. *Allābumma, laka aslamnā ...* Say! O our Lord! ...

The Lord is not a man. You must understand that the Lord could not have been created. Man was created. Allāh created man. Do not say that a man is the Lord. No! They are saying that Jesus is Lord. Jesus cannot be Lord! He is a servant of the Lord. “O my Lord, Lord of Heavens, Allāh Almighty, we are surrendering to You!” You must say this if you are asking to be his servants, you must say this, “I surrender to you.” It is your honour to say this! “We believe in You, in your Endless Existence. We believe in Your Endless Existence. You cannot be encompassed.”

No-one can encompass Him, He is *aṣ-ṣamad*: He cannot be encompassed, but He encompasses everything. Everything in His Divine Presence is nothing. Allāh! Say! “I surrender to You, I am nothing. And I am trying to give my endless respect and endless praise to You as You give to Yourself. I cannot do it, the best I can do is to repeat the praise that You give to Yourself.” *Aslamnā* – we have surrendered, we have become Muslims. Do not say Christian, do not say Jewish, do not say Buddhist. Do not even say Muḥammadan, say Muslim. It means that we have surrendered to our Lord, Allāh Almighty Who created us.

The One Who created you is your Lord. Did Jesus create you? Is he your Lord? What mentality is that? The One Who created you is your Lord. The One Who created Jesus is your Lord. Jesus was created in the Divine Presence. And if you have eyes in your heart you

can see that Jesus is standing in the Divine Presence. He is standing in the Divine Presence. Even if he had been waiting there for two billion years, he would not sit. No matter how long, he would never sit. He is standing in the Divine Presence. We tire just from making prayers five times a day! We tire. And in churches and cathedrals they sit down! Why? Stand up! Jesus Christ is standing now in his Lord's Divine Presence. Sometimes we stand up, then we sit down and sleep. You must stand up! You must stand up to praise your Lord! O Allāh Almighty! ...

I am speaking as He makes me speak – this is heavenly speech. And Jesus is coming. In the second millenium he will come, and he is going to stand and address you ... Do not think that Shaykh Nāẓim's speech was wrong. I shall be with him, inshā' llāh, I shall be standing with him. Try to be with him and to be among the luckiest of people when he speaks, and tells people how they have wronged him. "Al-lāhumma, laka aslamnā – O Allāh we are surrendering to you, let our beliefs be like those with whom You are happy!"

Hold onto your honour, do not run after imagination. Allāh is Sulṭān. What about human sulṭāns? They are His shadows on the Earth. They should be respected, you must respect those people Allāh Almighty has chosen to be His shadow on Earth, to secure justice for His servants. Try to be good and respectful servants to those sulṭāns, if you serve those sulṭāns you are serving Allāh. For peace to reign on Earth there must be sulṭāns. But the sulṭāns are gone and the twentieth century has no peace. Blood is flowing already. More blood is going to flow. People are going to be swimming in rivers of blood. There is no more mercy. No more mercy. Therefore we are praying for real sulṭāns; they give people their rights. Real sulṭāns are ones who give, not take.

You are weak. There is no doubt that you have been created weak – after five minutes without breathing you are finished. One strike may make you fall down dead. If you do not eat and drink you fall down dead. Such a weak Creation, and the weak need support. Yes, you are in need. You are in need of your Lord's support. Support for your physical being comes through your soul, and for your spiritual

being you need His Endless Support. You are constantly in need of His Support. In every second, in all fractions of a second, you are in need of His Support. If His Support is cut away, even for a fraction of a second, you will fall down dead. Finished.

You are so weak and yet you are so proud! Particularly when you are carrying a pistol on your hip, you feel very important. Very important. It is not enough to write, IP, not just important person. No. We must be Very Important, Very Important Persons. Particularly if sitting in such a place as this (Shaykh is sitting on a comfortable chair in the minbar). It makes you even more big-headed. What a VIP. VIPs running amok. There are some mirrors that make people look like giants: like our personality that thinks it fills the whole universe: “There is no-one here, only me.” But only Allāh may truthfully say that, not you! He is not limited by time and space. He is not in need of space and time. But we need to exist in time and space, if there were no time and space we would disappear. But Allāh Almighty is not in need of time and space. He created time and space. The Creation cannot carry the Creator, but people are claiming, insisting on claiming, that they are VIPs! Come down to your real size!

Therefore, the final aim of all religions is to take you to *fanāʾ*, (annihilation in God), to finally make you nothing. To bring people to the realisation that they are nothing. When you are nothing, you have been saved. As long as you claim to be something in this existence, you are in danger! Danger surrounds you, thunder forms over you, when you say that you are something. But if you say that you are nothing – nothing can touch you.

Allāh blesses all awliyāʾ. Sayyidinā ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jilānī, may Allāh grant us from his madad, from his power to support us ... Every saint is a heavenly power station. Not nuclear power stations – there are so many in England, Russia. Those strange buildings stand in so many countries. Awliyāʾ are heavenly power stations, if they were to just look, ‘like this’ – in a second, in a second, they could remove all nuclear power stations. Those who have been granted heavenly power may do that in the blink of an eye. If you live to the end of this century you will witness this overnight disappearance! Awliyāʾ

are heavenly power stations; so even if you speak their names their power reaches to you spiritually.

When Abū Yazīd Baṣṭāmī addressed people he was in his Lord's Divine Presence. Those listening told him, "O our Shaykh, you are claiming lordship for yourself and that only belongs to Him!" Abū Yazīd replied, "If it is so, according to your understanding, if I am claiming this, then take your swords and cut me down. Strike me down, do not leave me alive!" Once again it happened, so they took their swords and struck him – but they made no mark, their swords cut nothing. When he came back to himself, they said, "O our Master, we struck you, because you once again claimed lordship: but nothing happened!"

"It is because I am not here, He is here. I am with Him, not with me! Pharaoh said this with his ego, he was a king claiming to be lord through his ego, but I am not speaking. Allāh is saying, 'I am Lord!'"

If anyone is with Allāh Almighty, everything gives him his full respect, full respect. The most respected servant, the most praised by Allāh Almighty is Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, and he is the one most praised by all creatures. He is the one most praised in His Lord's Divine Presence. As long as you are with your Lord you too will be respected. Be with your Lord, do not be with your ego. All prophets came to take you from your ego and to bring you to your Lord. Be with your Lord, leave your ego – that is the final aim of all religions. When you are with your ego you are with Shayṭān. That ego represents Shayṭān, Satanas. Leave being a representative of Shayṭān and try to be a representative of your Lord. He is asking you to be His representative. But we are asking to live with Shayṭān.

Everyone can understand what I am saying. Everyone in the East and West needs to understand, needs to hear these words. We must obey these words, we must heed this advice. Then we shall be respected, here and there, here and hereafter ...

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, 'Azīz Allāb
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,*

EVERYTHING IS PERFECT

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Ṣubḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*
Only Sulṭān! *Laka aslamnā ...*

EVERYTHING IS PERFECT

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THE HIGHEST LEVEL of respect, the highest level of belief, is to always accept that everything comes to you from your Lord. Never complain, never argue, always be happy and accept that every situation is from your Lord, Allāh Almighty. Everything is perfect, even imperfection, is perfect. Low-level people say to high level people, "Yes, sir." For two reasons: one, highly qualified people have usually reached their position because they have a more perfect understanding, assistants know this and therefore say, "Yes sir! What you say is okay. Your station is wider and higher therefore you know better." Sometimes they are imperfect but it is adab, good manners, to respect his rank and still say, "You are in perfection."

This counts as good manners amongst people. What about our manners towards Allāh? *Laysa fi l-imbkān aḥsan mim mā kān*, said His Holiness Imām Ghazālī Hazretleri: It is impossible for there to be in existence a more suitable appearance than what has just appeared. The situation that appeared today is the most suitable for now, for today, but tomorrow it is going to change. The servant must learn to accept everything from his Lord in an excellent way. With excellent and perfect manners and say, "As You like. What You did is perfect." That is the highest adab of the servant to his Lord. Any objection is an involvement from your own will, and it is the biggest sin to put your will against His Will. His Will orders everything. If you are asking to stop it and change it according to your will, to prevent His Will, trying to have your way: that means you are asking for what you want to be in existence as opposed to what He has ordered. When you weigh things up, you should realise that that is the biggest

sin: trying to prevent the course of your Lord's Will. Perhaps at the beginning things may appear as you like, but after a while they will be changed, and some much more powerful events will come, that will cover and carry away your will.

For example, they have built a barrier, a dam in front of the Nile. According to their will, thus limiting the flow of the Nile. They wanted to make the Nile run as they liked, not as their Lord had willed. Yes, they did this. They asserted their will, and built a huge barrier. That was an interference in something that was not appropriate, it was not their place to do this but they did. What is the result? Now the Nile is eroding, underneath one column of the dam – the dam descends perhaps one hundred meters, but the water is going underneath and beginning to eat one column, to carry the earth away from under this huge dam. It is beginning to run under the foundations of the dam, and after a while that water will make it appear like a small piece of wood, like a matchstick, carrying it away. Flooding Egypt. Egypt is going to be under water. This will be another lesson for people not to interfere with things that do not concern them.

Today I received a letter from a sister, she wrote to me: "I bought you a rose a couple of days ago, *astaghfiru llāh*," she says, "I thought that it was a normal natural rose, but then I realised that it has no smell. It has lost its smell because its smell was sacrificed in order to grow it quickly." Man is playing with genetics to make something that normally takes three to seven days to flower ... man is playing with genetics in such a way that this rose will flower in three hours. And man is running after such monstrous involvement in everything that this will result in a terrible end. They are making tomatoes grow quickly, they normally need three to four days to become red, now they go red in three to four hours. Or chickens, may reach in three or four days what it normally takes three to four months to reach. And all of these things are harming people now, destroying people. The scientists involved in this terrible work are also causing terrible harm to themselves: to their physical bodies as well as to their spiritual lives.

You see how *ṭarīqah* gives the best training for servants and how they should be with their Lord? Genetic manipulation is horrific.

They say there is not enough food to feed everyone. Their aim is for faster, more economical food production, for mass production, for quick consumption ... Why is there not enough food? Because people are wasting their food on a huge scale. Man's daily needs are one percent of what they produce. They produce one hundred percent and throw away ninety-nine percent! Their wastefulness has made heavenly involvement obligatory. Everything in life is getting worse, worse, worse. Judgement has just been passed on them, *walā tubadhbīr tabdhīra; inna l-mubadhbīrīna kānū ikhwāna sb-shayāṭīn* [“But squander not in the manner of a spendthrift. Verily spendthrifts are brothers of the evil ones ...” Koran, 17:26/27], all people now have become brothers of Shayṭān. Why? Because of their wastefulness. If they were not wasting naturally grown food there would be enough for all Mankind. But because they are wasting everything it is impossible for it to suffice. They need to use three times, four times, ten times more than nature normally produces because they are throwing it away. Without using it they destroy it! That is another way in which Mankind is meddling in Allāh Almighty's affairs, and it is harming people.

So they have no peace. They have lost their physical health and they have also lost their spiritual contentment, there is no peace for them. They are being punished from both sides. Punishment is coming on them. You see how one word of advice from ṭarīqah may save all nations? Do not interfere in Allāh Almighty's affairs. He knows, He knows what is necessary for all nations, for all Mankind, for the animals' world. They are killing. They are saying that all the oceans are polluted, dirty because so many poisons are flowing into it, killing everything. Technology is the biggest threat to Mankind, physically and spiritually. Therefore, until technology is defeated and thrown away, there will be no more peace for our physical bodies or for our spiritual life.

This is the reason that Mahdī, *‘alayhi salām*, has been ordered to come, after the greatest war that we are expecting by 2000, because Mankind is using everything against the life of Mankind, against the continents, against the oceans, against the animals. Against every-

thing on Earth. That is the reason Allāh Almighty has ordered him to stop everything and to say, “*Allāhu Akbar! Allāhu, Akbar! Allāhu Akbar!*” These three takbīrs are going to destroy technology.

Man has been granted great power by Allāh Almighty, electricity is a huge power, but instead of using it solely for the benefit of Mankind, man has used it mainly for destroying each other physically and spiritually. Therefore He will make these takbīr stop technology. It will cease. It will be taken away. That electrical power will be finished.

Therefore try not to be slaves of technology. Avoid technology as much as possible. Reduce your dependancy. Do not be slaves. Everyone is a slave of technology. Try to use natural methods in your life. Use it if you are obliged to, but generally return to nature. Live your life in harmony with nature. Do not run away from nature. When you run away from nature, everything that is against nature follows you, harming you, destroying you, killing you, throwing you away. The best way is to be as Allāh created you to be. He is asking you to be simple. Be free. Do not let someone enslave you. Try freeing yourself from technology. Recognise that the natural form of things as Allāh Almighty has made them is the most excellent form, it is the best.

And when your thinking, when your thoughts become pure, you are purified from everything. But as long as your mind is unclean or dirty you cannot reach purity. Dirtiness disturbs you, physically and spiritually. Most people now are losing their spiritual balance, they are losing their spirituality. When they become spiritually weaker, they must also be weakened physically.

Beware of standing in front of your Lord, Allāh Almighty, and saying, “This or that, this is right and that is wrong!” No, what He says is right, is right. And what He says is wrong, is wrong. Keep this manner with you. If you are asking to know what is wrong and what is true, what is right or what is a mistake – use the balance of shari‘ah, the balance of Islām, that is the balance of the Heavens. Then you may find moral clarity so quickly. If it is good, keep it, if it is bad throw it away. Try to leave badness for goodness. Do not let yourself abandon goodness for badness. That is shakwah, rebellion,

and the first rebellious one was Shayṭān. May Allāh forgive us and transform our inner lives from badness to goodness.

Allābumma ṣalli wa sallim ‘alā nabīyyinā Muḥammad ‘alayhi s-salām, ṣalātan tadūmu wa tubdā ilayb, ma‘ marri layāli wa ṭūli d-dawām.

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Yā ḥaḍrata n-nabīyy, ṣall Allābu ‘alaybi wa sallam.

[*O Allāb, send blessing and peace on our Prophet Muḥammad, peace be upon him,*

The prayer that stays and is given as a present to him,

The passage of the night the length of eternity.

O saintly master, holy prophet – may Allāb bless him and send him peace.]

Invisible armies will be sent on them.

ONLY ISLĀM PROTECTS HUMANITY

KHUṬBAH

I SPEAK so long to my Turkish people because they are very anxious to be western Muslims, they come here from their countries and want to become modern Muslims.

Most generations now grow up with western culture. It is a culture based in Christian and Judaic values. It is not correct for Muslims to follow the culture of Christianity and Judaism. We have been honoured to be from the ummah of Muḥammad – that is your honour! Jesus Christ is a servant to him, Mūsā is a servant to him, all prophets are servants to him. And they are happy with this, they know it is their honour; because the Most Praised, Most Honoured, Most Respected, through all universes is Sayyidinā Muḥammad. Allāh respected him, Allāh Almighty granted him honour against Shayṭān’s people. Allāh Almighty granted him the honour that where Allāh

Almighty's name is written, there is also written: Muḥammadun Rasūl Allāh.

Islām is alive. Christianity is dead. Judaism is finished. The only real discipline, the only real religion is in Islām. Therefore, those who come here and think that it is something special to build sixty storey buildings, or to make Concorde, or to make faster trains, are being fooled. Do not think that that means something – no, it is nothing. These things give no value to humanity. Only Islām protects human values. No other religion has the power to protect them now. We are asking to maintain the value of all members of humanity. You must stay with Islām, through the twentieth century into the twenty-first century, but do not think that there is going to be a twenty-second century. Time will finish in the twenty-first century. Qiyāmah, Judgement Day is coming.

Therefore, O believers! I am happy that you are giving enough honour and enough value to Islām, and that you are trying to keep it in its proper way. Now I am addressing Turkish, Pakistani and Arab Muslims who are running after westernisation – do not follow western people's -isms, -isms, -isms. So many endless -isms! You have abandoned the truth and are running after those foolish ideas! Take heed! What Allāh Almighty granted to you is not like Mankind's ideas. Mankind's ideas have reached the limit of foolishness, therefore leave them and follow the prophets and the Last Message! The Holy Qur'ān should be a light like the sun for you.

SEVEN NAMES – SEVEN HEAVENS

AFTER DINNER IN BRACKNELL

From which country are you?

“England.”

Who is your patron saint?

“Saint George.”

Saint George ... Can you imagine him?

“Not very well.”

You can never imagine him!

EVERYONE has seven names in the Heavens. Everyone living on Earth has seven names, one written in each Heaven. Sometimes our names are suitable for us and we have less problems in our lives, sometimes our names are not suitable, and as a result we experience many more problems. Therefore, in our traditional way, when a new baby comes we name him, or her, after seven days have passed. During that time the parents meditate, to connect themselves with their Lord. Then some waves come, some heavenly waves of inspiration come and someone says a name, either the mother or father. One name comes, and that is truly one of their seven names. Then it will be a suitable name for the baby, for his family, and for his life, then he will find enjoyment and success in his life.

Now people are not looking in their hearts. They never give any care to the Heavens. They think that they are only earthly, physical beings. But we are not only physical. Yes, our physical body belongs to this Earth, but we have a spiritual being — our soul belongs to the Heavens. Therefore, you must try to connect yourself to the Heavens. This is essential for Mankind’s life on Earth. We need a heavenly connection, and those that reach that connection are fortunate, happy, joyful people. Peaceful people, merciful people, respected people.

Nowadays people are not looking for this. They are not interested in their heavenly beings. Most people are only engaged with their physical being. Our physical being distracts us, never allowing us to connect to the Heavens. Most people nowadays never take any interest in the Heavens — they only look at the stars in the sky, but are not asking what is beyond the stars. What is beyond the darkness? What is beyond the darkness? What is darkness — what is light? What is the extent of darkness? What is the extent of light?

A person interested in their spiritual being should ask: For what purpose is prophecy? What were prophets for? What are Holy Books, heavenly messages and messengers for? They may ask this, and if they ask that question they must learn that the prophets belong to the

Heavens. They are in full connection with the Heavens. They have a distinguished structure, that is not the same as our physical bodies. They have a special construction so that they may be in constant contact with the Heavens and heavenly beings. And who was the mediator between the Heavens and the prophets? Archangel Gabriel. He was created and prepared for that purpose. He is the only one to bring heavenly messages to heavenly messengers; bringing that connection to their hearts.

There are some electrical points in this wall through which come lights, and a heavenly connection without the Archangel Gabriel cannot be. He brings that to the prophets. Their souls are always in the Heavens even though their bodies are here. Their souls are always in the Heavens. They are like power stations of heavenly powers, if you reach to them, and come to them, and accept them, their power also runs to you. That is their purpose, to bring us heavenly power: because the Angel Gabriel does not come to everyone. It is not necessary for everyone to be a prophet. One power station to which everyone may be connected is enough. It is not necessary for every house to have its own transformer, one is enough for each town, and so is one prophet enough to transmit what is coming to him to hundreds, thousands, millions, or billions of people. He can carry that much power.

Therefore, if anyone desires a connection with heavenly beings or to the Heavens, he must search for those people who are already connected to heavenly powers. When you find such a person, Heavenly Lights come to you and darkness leaves. You are enlightened. Some people's faces are dark – not dark-skinned, no – there are so many dark-skinned, light ones, and so many light-skinned ones are dark. Enlightenment comes from the Heavens ... O to be basking in the lights of the seven Heavens! Reach for the first one, move to the second, to the third, to the fourth ... And according to your power, and according to your wish and will, and according to your need, you will be given that power. But if a person is not interested, he is without lights, his inner being is in darkness and that person is unable to even smile. Smiling faces reflect the lights within. Smiling

is a sign of happiness, and a sign of being in connection with some heavenly beings.

Now there are no more prophets on Earth, therefore there must be other heavenly beings living among people until the end of time, so that anyone who is asking for illumination may reach it. Our need for light comes from our souls. We feel this need, because our souls are asking to return to the Heavens. Our physical body never asks for lights, therefore the graveyard has been prepared for the body. Our physical body is never friendly to our spirit. However, if a suitable heavenly name comes to you, you will feel some peace and enjoyment, even though it is a very weak connection, it is still a connection. If you have a suitable heavenly name, one of your names that is written in the seven Heavens, you will be connected to the Heavens from the moment of your birth. If you are lucky to receive one of your real names from amongst those seven, you will be, even weakly, connected to the Heavens. You should feel pleasure in yourself.

The right name also gives access to the possibility of spiritual improvement: if you are following a spiritual tradition that gives you a connection through the prophets, through the Holy Books. If you are following an authorised spiritual way, you may quickly reach to a level at which your physical body has no more power over your spiritual body. You will be like a fish that has been returned to the ocean: swimming in the ocean. Otherwise you will remain like a bird in a cage wishing to escape. To escape.

Most people are in darkness, sadness, because they have no spiritual connection. Not me. No. Ask to strengthen your connection, then more Heavenly Lights will illuminate you and make your face shine. You will be shining ... You have some icons and they show holy people surrounded by lights, they are like this because holy people must have lights on their faces — they must shine. And you may attain this, you too may reach this.

The times we are living in are difficult and fearful. We have fear for our physical being: our physical body may be so easily harmed, everything may affect your physical body. This fear comes from your physical being, not from your spiritual being, no. That is always in

enjoyment, in light. People are swimming through fear oceans because they are not asking to take shelter from fear in their heavenly being – there is no fear in your soul, no fear.

We are now so much more in need of spirituality, and as we said, we can connect to spirituality through the prophets. In Harrods – carrots? – you may find everything except spirituality. If you have money you may buy everything there, but spirituality is not available in Harrods. You can buy, buy, buy, filling carloads of goods, and have these things sent to your home, but there is never any real enjoyment, there will never be complete enjoyment through these things. Enjoyment only comes through your hearts, through your spirituality, and you find it in obscure places with unknown persons, in uninteresting ones.

Do you think that treasure may be found in skyscrapers? Do you think that you can find treasure in those places? No. People look through the ruins of old buildings, that is where they dig for treasure. No-one comes to these new buildings hunting for treasure. Therefore, do not think that official people can give you that power. Someone who appears to be a beggar, perhaps these powers are with him. No-one says that Jesus Christ dressed as a pope, or bishop, or patriarch – they dress in very important clothes – do you think he dressed like that? Never! He dressed so simply, but he was the bearer of heavenly powers. So many saints appear half covered but they are full of spirituality – they can take you by the hand and throw you from here to Jerusalem like a football! Official people have nothing.

Therefore, you cannot expect spirituality from everyone. It is certainly not fanaticism. Titles are not a sign of spirituality, they are not important. It is not what you claim to be. What is important is to have the secret power of the Heavens with you. It flows from heart to heart: these people have powers, a secret current flows through these people, running to you if you are open and asking. If you are really in need, and you ask the Lord of Heavens that those special beings reach to you, then that is enough to make a way for them to enter your heart, you may or may not be aware of it, but the connection will be there.

I saw a car one morning, its owner was trying to make it start but the battery was flat. So they brought another car to transmit power to that car. Is man not also able to transmit power? These spiritual beings, holy ones, may do so, they are so full of power. Heavenly people are always among us. Therefore, be respectful to everyone, and one day some of these holy ones may reach you and give refreshment to your heart, never-ending refreshment, from here to eternity.

UNIMAGINABLE EVENTS

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HE IS BEYOND all imagination. Allāh. He is beyond our imagination. Subhān Allāh! You must correct your beliefs about Allāh Almighty. He is not a man. Astaghfirullāh! When we say that He is Great, do not imagine, do not try to imagine His greatness, because there is no measuring Him. There is no measure of His greatness ... And do not say that He is seated on something, a throne! He has a Throne, but not like we imagine, it cannot be – there is no measuring His greatness.

The Archangel Gabriel, peace be upon him, he is a big, a great angel, he has six hundred wings, and if he slightly opened just two wings, east and west would disappear – and he has six hundred! If one feather touched the Himalayan mountains they would be taken away at the roots!

Once Allāh Almighty sent him with a message to another angel. Gabriel, is a distinguished angel, he was chosen from all the creatures of the Lord of Heavens to deliver the Messages, Commands and Orders of Allāh Almighty. Nobody else may come to the Divine Presence to take Divine Messages. And Allāh Almighty sent that Archangel Gabriel, about whose greatness you can now imagine something, with a Message to another angel. When Archangel Gabriel, who is such a gigantic angel, came and addressed that other angel he could not hear him, so he took Gabriel on his hand, lifting him to his ear

and said, “Now tell me my Lord’s Message.” That story may give you some understanding!

Allāh is the Greatest – every other greatness is nothing. Correct your belief about Allāh Almighty. Correct your belief about the reality of your being. We are saying something ... they are making me address people, particularly twentieth century people, who have some false ideas about themselves. People look at themselves and think, even though they are hardly two meters tall, “No one can be like me!” Even if you were twenty meters, even twenty kilometers, even 20,000 kilometers – do not think to yourself that that would make you important. And you are only six foot, or between seven foot and eight foot, no more than this, and ladies, if they are taller than ourselves, eat off our heads!

You must return to your real position! The Lord of Heavens, your Creator, our Creator, created man weak. Weak, we were just created weak, He approves of our weakness. He says, “I created you weak, perhaps the weakest of creatures.” But we think that we are the most powerful ones, you look in the mirror, a round mirror that Satan made and put in front of you and you see yourself as such an important one! And you say, you claim, “I am not an ordinary being, I am, I am, I am a very special being, not like everyone else, I am very special.” Our ego claims this, men and women, everyone says, “Don’t be fooled by my situation, I am really such a special being.” Everyone claims that they are very special ones. It is from Satan, to make you one of his people, to make you proud! And when Satan has planted that idea then you say, “I am such a special person, to whom am I going to prostrate! That is for servants, but I am not a servant!”

That is the main aim of Satan, to make people so proud that they do not accept that they are servants. Though servanthood is written on everyone’s forehead, Satan tells you you must never accept it. You are a graduate, you have a PhD, you are a doctor, you are majestic, you are trying to be majestic – perhaps it should be written on your tombstone: PhD, Majestic Person, but sorry, that special person just died. O my special friend how came it that you died? You were from Oxford, or Cambridge, or the Moon! Yet you died? Yes, unfor-

tunately, you died. You think that you are so important that you cannot die – just look at the graveyard it is full, but they too never accepted that they must die.

We must change, the century is changing, the millenium is changing, man must change. I am only a primary school teacher but powerful ones are coming – now they are waiting for the command to come to people and speak to them about their reality. If we spoke on that level now, next week no-one would be coming to me. Now we must have a coffee shop ... perhaps if we spoke just a little over this level inshā' llāh, you should still be happy. This is a preparation for all nations about yourselves and your work.

There is only Lordship for One and service for everyone else. No-one can leave the level of service to reach the level of Lordship. It cannot be. Lordship is for Allāh Almighty, from pre-eternal to eternal, He has no partner, and service is for us. This talk is a preparation for welcoming a new century and welcoming a second millenium, that will never be completed to reach a third millenium, time will never reach to a twenty-second century ... This is not our imagination, but a reality that the twenty-first century will end with this generation. This planet will be transformed, and everyone that lived on it, from the beginning up to the end, will be called and asked about their responsibilities. Did they live on it as representatives of Allāh Almighty on Earth?

Everyone is going to be called to Judgement Day and asked how they carried the responsibilities that were loaded on their shoulders, because Allāh Almighty is asking to give His Responsibility to us. The angels said, "Excuse us from this, O our Lord, we cannot carry it." And He offered this Responsibility to the Heavens and the mountains and they said they could not carry it. But man came and said, "We can carry it." So Allāh Almighty loads that heavy burden on our shoulders, and with that very heavy Responsibility comes the highest honour for any creature. No creature, except Mankind, accepted to carry that Responsibility. And that Responsibility is to be the Representative of Allāh Almighty on Earth. But most people have lost their way. Shayṭān is leading people on the wrong way.

Most people are running in the wrong direction, living on the wrong track, their train never reaches to the purpose that Allāh Almighty asked of them. They are running in the wrong direction and never asking for anything else.

Therefore, we ask the Lord of Heavens to bring a barrier down on their track, warning: Wrong Way! With traffic lights shining red, so that they must come to a stop and see that they have taken a wrong turn! “We have lost our whole lives following the wrong road, that is a great pity, the biggest pity for us!” Shayṭān, makes people forget their Lord’s service. It is so difficult to find people who are thinking about serving their Lord. They are serving someone else. Everyone is in service – you cannot find anyone not in service. We cannot leave that level. What does it say on the motorway? Services. This shows that everyone is serving, they must be servants. You cannot find anyone who is not in service. Even in sleep you are serving – some people are sleeping to serve their egos, others are sleeping to take a rest to be strong enough to be for their Lord, but most people are sleeping so that the next day they may continue in the service of their egos.

All people are serving someone, but most serve themselves. They are in the service of their egos, every action in twenty-four hours is service for their egoistic desires. Egoistic desires are endless, you cannot limit your egoistic desires. For example, you may ask, “Just give me five minutes for your Lord’s service,” but ego says, “I can’t.” If you force it it tells you, to hurry up, “I can’t do it, I can’t,” and it makes you anxious, “Who is that imprisoning me in a church on Sunday?! Pray quickly pray and let’s go!” That is your ego – never giving a chance for Allāh Almighty’s service. You must always face and fight your ego so that you are able to serve the Lord of the Heavens, Who has honoured us to be in the best service.

All cases of suffering, misery, and fighting, all problems grow from the fact that people are running after their egos, they are loyal to their egos and not to anyone else. They only help someone else if they hope to get something from them. Our egos are never happy with service. No! But fear – fear makes your ego back down and be

loyal. See, O people, Christianity is finished it is not serving Allāh Almighty any more, Judaism – they think they are doing something but it is not real either, they are not giving anything. But Muslims have a daily discipline that, if they really keep it, then they may be in their Lord's Divine Service. Therefore everyone must change their wrong ways to the right direction, to follow the Divine Discipline of being for the Lord of Heavens. All other religions have lost the Divine Discipline of being for the Lord of Heavens.

And we hope that it is close now, the big change. It is our belief, our desire, our position, our idea, that the biggest change is coming now. The biggest change for all of us. Now our lives are controlled by shayṭāns, men and women live as they programme, under their command. Dressing as they command. For the ladies there is a new fashion every four seasons. New fashion! And you men, look to your hair! Last night I saw a lady whose hair was like a mummy – Shayṭān is making people, particularly ladies, run after fashion. And fashions just concentrate on the surface, they have lost their real taste. There is no more taste with people in their dress or appearance. Ten or twenty people are controlling millions, organizing and telling everyone, millions, how to dress, how to eat, how to live!

No! You must be free! You must be free for the sake of the Lord of Heavens and for the sake of His Divine Service. Don't be a slave to fashion. Dress with the intention of showing your high respect to your Lord, Allāh Almighty! Shayṭān and his followers are very angry with me, trying to bribe me with millions to advertise for them! No, you must keep the fashions of heavenly beings, of our ancestors from the prophets, of the saints, of real believers. Look how they present themselves and follow them! May Allāh bless them. Keep the right direction, come to the right direction, O people! Do we look so strange when we put hats on our heads? May Allāh forgive me and bless you.

And the time is approaching, big events are coming closer, and everything must be changed. Every satanic building will collapse and new structures will come into existence. They will be lucky, the ones who reach to a new world system, who reach to a new world,

living a life that will be safe. A peaceful life, with no more wrong ways, and no more devils.

It is ḥaqq. The right people will be on Earth guiding people to their destinations, to their real destinations, so that their lives may end in Heavens and not in Hells. It is approaching, year by year, coming closer. So mind yourself, mind yourself on your way. Continue to keep your steps on the right way, then Allāh supports you.

ISLĀM IS REALITY

... THEY DID their worst to their own nations. Christians to Christians. Hypocritical Christians were so cruel to the true Christians. Now they are in such a position that the Children of Israel have nothing from the Reality left in their beliefs. They have changed every belief and act of worship. What they are doing in cathedrals and churches is not what Jesus Christ taught them or brought them. It is all imitation, it is not from the Reality. But Islām has come with power, it is growing and winning, it is coming along, victorious through the east and west. All Shayṭān's strongest forces tried to do the same thing to Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, as they did to the Jews and Christians but they could not do it. They were defeated. They are still working to destroy Islam but there are always true Muslims representing the Reality. But everything from the Christian world and Jewish world is finished. They have no discipline, they cannot give anything to the souls of people. Yet Islām is still empowered with living beliefs, addressing all Mankind, all people. Addressing their minds, addressing their hearts, addressing their Real beings, spiritually or physically. May Allāh forgive us. *Āmīn, al-ḥamdu li-llābi rabbi l-'ālamīn: fātiḥah.*

THE SUN OF ISLĀM

SLOUGH, 7. 2. 1998

[*It is late in the evening and a child is persistently crying.*]

THERE IS only one Sulṭān. *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*. That mother must take her child out! With that child crying, no-one can feel at peace and no-one can hear anything! It is alright for those people who have children to stay at home. At night children are asking to sleep, to rest, in the daytime it does not matter, but at night they are asking to rest! Look – because that child is crying one thousand people [*literally*] cannot hear anything! Do not bring small children, because everyone else will miss the talk! *A‘ūdhu bi-llāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-raḥīm*. This is one chance, once a year to hear something, for half an hour, maybe a little more, and people are asking to hear, to listen ...

We ask forgiveness from Allāh Almighty. We ask to know something that brings us closer to Allāh Almighty. That is our purpose. I am not calling you, “Come to me, respect me!” No, I am a servant and you are servants, all of us are servants. Do you think that if a donkey stands on two legs it will be a man? Do you think that dressing a donkey in a golden saddle will change its identity? No, it is always a donkey. It cannot be any different. The donkey is always a donkey, even if dressed in gold, it is still a donkey. So, do not think that if a man sits on a golden chair and puts a golden crown with jewels on his head he is any different. No. He is still a servant. But we are heedless people, we think that golden chairs, golden robes, golden cars, golden planes, even golden buildings change us. No. You may be a labourer, you may be a crowned king or emperor – yet you are the same. On the Last Day, each person, the poorest person and the richest, most powerful emperor are going to be in the same position. But Shayṭān is cheating you, telling you to run after dunyā, collect everything from dunyā!

Perhaps you may buy half of London, or you may buy Slough, or you may buy Birmingham, or you may buy Kent, or you may buy a small village. But even if papers for the whole of London are in your name, you will finally have to leave it. Allāh Almighty granted Alexander the Great, Iskandar Sharīf, to be emperor of the whole world. Our Pakistani Muslims know Jayla very well, it was the last point that Iskandar reached to. He was on his return home but still near Jayla when he called his people, because he knew that ‘Azrā’īl was coming to take his soul. He knew that he was leaving, that he was going.

You must know that everyone must taste death. Finally you are going to meet with the Angel of Death, ‘Azrā’īl, *‘alaybi salam*. Can anyone deny this? Everyone must meet ‘Azrā’īl, *‘alaybi salam*. Alexander was one of the biggest emperors but ‘Azrā’īl took him too. Alexander called his priests and ministers, “I have a last wish. Listen to me – I am on my way, I am leaving – they are sending ‘Azrā’īl for me.” And they said, “O our Emperor don’t die! What will we do without you? Let us go instead of you, you must live forever!” He laughed, “You are saying this, but I this is not a test of your obedience, I am really going, so listen to me. Don’t talk too much, listen to my wish. Listen. I have a wish that you must fulfill.” “What is your Majesty’s will?” “When I die and you put me in my coffin, leave my hands outside.” Everyone’s hands are put inside their coffin when they die. “Perhaps you are surprised at this, but do as I ask, because I would like to show people that the one who conquered the whole world and its treasures, Iskandar, Alexander the Great, is taking nothing with him, that his hands are empty. I want everyone to know that he who conquered everything on Earth and all its treasures, is taking nothing. That is my last order.”

This story shows you that even if you use your whole life to reach something from this world, you are never going to be like Iskandar, to have what Alexander the Great reached. And it is a big lesson for everyone who is running after *dunyā* and leaving *mawla*, running and finishing their lives for nothing, for nothing. Billions of people claim, “That is for me and this for you,” but all of them, when they have left and reached their Lord, will not have taken anything with them from *dunyā*. Allāh Almighty says, “O people, you must not be cheated

by *dunyā*!” *Dunyā* is cheating everyone. *Dunyā* says, “I am yours, I love you, I love you, I love you!” And heedless people think that it is speaking the truth, and run, run, running, tiring, retiring, tiring, and finishing and finally their body is brought and given to the Earth. Then they say to the Earth, “Take this person. He is very angry with you, he loved you so much, and you fooled him into believing that you loved him. Now take him and give him what he was asking.” Those shovels of earth that they put over that person – that is what he takes from *dunyā*. He is put under the earth, it is closed over him and he is finished. Yet still he is saying, “O I wish for that which I was asking from you!” And everyone is going to be there one day.

O people! All prophets came to call us to Allāh. No prophet came to call us to *dunyā*. Listen, everyone must follow someone. Everyone must listen to someone, must keep the advice of someone, and a good sign of whom to follow is if they are calling you to Allāh. Then follow them. If they are calling you to *dunyā*, leave them. That is a sign that you can use to decide who is a genuine one, worthy of following. You need to follow someone. Allāh Almighty sent Sayyidinā Muḥammad, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*, to the ṣaḥābah, the companions of Sayyidinā Muḥammad, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam* and they followed him. If it was not necessary to follow someone, if a person could reach what he is asking through books Allāh Almighty would send books from the Heavens to people. Sometimes planes would come and throw advertising that people pick up and read ... If it was not necessary for a person to be in front of a man to lead him, and books were enough, you could, you would find your way by taking a book and reading – every now and then perhaps Allāh Almighty would throw messages from the Heavens to Earth, and people would collect them and read ...?

No. Allāh Almighty sent Messengers and through His Messengers He has sent His Message! That is important – Muslims must follow someone. Now in our time Shayṭān is asking to separate Muslims. His people are saying, “No, there are so many books, everyone may take these books and find their way! It is not necessary to follow Messengers, it is not necessary to follow ṭarīqah, it is not necessary to follow

an imām, it is not necessary to follow a Shaykh! Yes, read books and you will find your way!” That is a trick and trap of Shayṭān to split Muslims. Allāh Almighty is asking Mu’mins to follow someone. He sent Rasūl, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, and all the ṣaḥābah gathered around him. Therefore it is a sunnah for the ummah to find someone from among them who is close to Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, to Allāh Almighty, and to be with him, as the ṣaḥābah were with the holy Prophet. You must find a learned one who is inheriting from the Prophet, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. But nowadays shayṭāns are saying, “There is no message, no ṭarīqah, no imām, no shaykh.” Those who say this are shayṭāns.

The Yahūd destroyed Christianity. Christianity came through them, Jesus Christ was the Last Prophet of the Children of Israel, from the Yahūd, the Jews, but they were never happy with Jesus Christ, ‘Īsā, *‘alayhi salām*, therefore they did everything in their power to destroy what he brought. They changed everything that he brought and left nothing remaining. They changed everything and they say that this is Christianity. But did ‘Īsā, *‘alayhi salām*, bring such things? Did he bring a cross and say, “You must come on your knees in front of the cross? You must make a statue of a person hanging on the cross and you must cry for him and make sajdah before him?” Is that Jesus Christ’s religion? Is that what he brought from Heaven?

But they did this so that what Jesus Christ brought would not continue in their religion. They destroyed it. Also, Jesus Christ was never permitted to carry a sword for fighting. No. If someone were to hit you, Christ’s orders are to turn and offer the other cheek too! That is his sharī‘ah, but Islām was sent with a sword, a sword to be used against devils. To use against those foolish people, with mistaken beliefs, who make accusations against Islām because it came with a sword. Yes we have a sword – for dragons! For cobras, for scorpions, for jackals, for wolves! We must use this sword, if we had not, Islām would not have survived up to today!

Inshā’a llāh, all Ḥaqqānī belong to Allāh, and we are not going to give way for dragons to enter our ranks. Those jealous people are not able to make Islām fall down, from the beginning of this

century they have tried to make Islām disappear. They have spread so many lies, manipulating everything, introducing lies hoping to pervert the truth that the Prophet brought. They say, “You must only write, at most, *lā ilāha illā llāh ...*” In their new mosques they only write, *lā ilāha illā llāh*, they do not write, *muḥammadu r-rasūlu llāh*. Or if they write, Allāh, Allāh, they do not write the name of Muḥammad, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam!* What is that foolishness? The Jews were also saying, *lā ilāha illā llāh*, but because they do not say, *muḥammadu r-rasūlu llāh*, Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, has been ordered to fight them until they do say, Muḥammadu r-Rasūlu Llāh ...

Allāh Almighty never accepts tawhīd, the unity of a person, until they say, Muḥammadu r-Rasūlu Llāh. Yet they are not ashamed to only write the name of Allāh without mentioning the name of Muḥammadu r-Rasūlu Llāh. They have been trying through the whole of the twentieth century to change everything that ahlu s-sunnati wa l-jamā‘ah are following, to change and pervert every belief. They claim that we are wrong. They have introduced some foolish ideas and say, “This is the truth, what you believe is shirk, you are mushrik, idol worshippers, ...” They are calling Muslims kāfir, unbelievers, but they are kāfir, they are calling Muslims mushrik, and they are becoming mushrik.

Therefore, it is necessary for Muslims to follow the Friends of Allāh. The Friends of Allāh, are the anbiyā’ and awliyā’ Allāh. But these liars never accept awliyā’, they refuse them, they are refusing to accept their signs, even though Allāh praises them. There are two kinds of awliyā’ – awliyā’ Allāh, and awliyā’ Shayṭān, those people are awliyā’ of Shayṭān. Whoever denies awliyā’, whoever denies true ones, denies imāms, denies shaykhs – they are the awliyā’ of Shayṭān, the friends of Satan. Beware of them, if you wish to keep your honour, to keep your faith, to be honest, to be accepted in the Divine Presence. To keep your faith you must respect and love Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, and his ṣaḥābah, and their followers. Look for, ask for, awliyā’ Allāh, maybe you will find one of them who may make du‘ā’ for you, and then you should reach pleasure and contentment here and hereafter. May Allāh grant you to be with His awliyā’.

If anyone is asking to find Allāh, they should try to find them, because in the same way a person does not ask the King personally to visit Buckingham Palace, if he is asking to find Allāh, he must find someone who represents Him. On the way here we had to ask ten people to find this place, so whoever is asking for Allāh must ask for those who are with Allāh, because Allāh is with them. Then you find Him. Ask! Do not leave this life without finding your Lord. Look for your Lord, Allāh Almighty, find Him, then you may leave this life contentedly. Ask for Him, that is important, ask for Him and find Him, then go – because it is the biggest sin for anyone to leave here without finding his Lord. Allāh will ask, “You were not looking for Me? You were not asking to find Me? You were not asking to know Me? Didn’t you recognise Me?” Then what should you answer? They are running after something that has no reality. No, you must run, you must ask for your Creator Allāh Almighty, ask for Him, find Him and be happy here and hereafter, forever, for eternity.

All Greatness, all Glory, all Greatness, all Pride, all Praising, all Thanks, endless Glorifying, endless Praise is due Allāh Almighty. Be happy, be proud that you are His servants, be happy and be proud that you are His Most Beloved Servant’s ummah – Sayyidinā Muḥammad, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. You must try and be with him – you must enlighten every meeting with *ṣalla an-nabiyy*. Every meeting that is without *aṣ-ṣalātu wa-s-salām* will be a dirty meeting. You must clean your meetings. You must enlighten your meetings with *aṣ-ṣalātu wa-s-salām*, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, for Rasūl, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. May Allāh bless you and forgive us.

O Muslims, it is a dangerous and powerful time for all people in the whole world. Everything is acting against Islām and Muslims, against the whole Islamic World. They are hopeless in the face of Islām because they have never been able to bring something better or more perfect than Islām. Nothing can be more perfect than Islām. Islām is like a sun. When the sun is shining can you see the stars? No, they vanish. Can you see the moon? No, they cannot approach the perfection of Islām. But they are trying to destroy anyone who is Muslim, or living in the name of Islām. They are trying to take away

every Muslim, to finish them. So that no-one believes in Islām. Every devilish principle is intended to take away Islām and Muslims.

Beware! Do not follow them. Try to follow Islām in its perfection. Do everything you can. Try to be seen as a Muslim. Do not hide yourself! Do not hide that you are a Muslim, show that you are a Muslim. Be proud that you are Muslim. There is no blame on Muslims. They are denying the sun and running after unseen stars. They are saying, “Oh! In this sky there are so many stars! We believe in them, but we do not believe in the sun!” They are foolish. Yes, at night there are so many stars, but when the sun shines there are no more stars. But in the daytime they insist, “We believe in those invisible stars!” Leave them! Look at the sun! Say! This is the sun! But they are asking to take away the sun – people may come and extinguish this lamp, but what about the sun? Those non-Muslim people think that they can blow out the sun! No, the sun of Islām is never-ending. It will never be extinguished. No.

HEAVENLY WHIRLING

ORPINGTON, 8. 2. 1998

PROFESSOR CLARENDON: I would just like to repeat what I said earlier, that we welcome Shaykh Nāzīm and all his friends here today, it’s a very great honour, unusual, strange, but no less wonderful for that, and we’re delighted to see him here. What we would like now, I’m sure what we’ve all come here for, what we would like to hear is a few words from the Shaykh, to tell us, to give us a message, to tell us very briefly something about his Sufi way, and then if there are any questions from any of you – not too many – he’d be glad to answer them if you have anything very much on your mind. So I think the Shaykh is ready now, I think he’s plugged in ... so let’s give him a round of applause ...

Shaykh Nāzīm: *As-salāmu ‘alaykum, raḥmatu llāb*, greetings from Allāh Almighty to all of us, and we are asking His blessings. This is

a holy meeting, and we hope that our Lord will be happy with our meeting, because it is in His Holy Name. We are glorifying His Name and we are asking forgiveness and blessings from Him Almighty. There is no doubt that all of us are servants of God Almighty, Allāh Almighty, and that He is our Creator. We are all His servants, from the beginning up to the end, all Mankind, beginning from Adam and Eve, are servants of their Lord. And that service station is the highest honour for everyone of humanity.

There cannot be any other honour above the honour of being servants in His Divine Service. We may be Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus or Buddhist, kings, emperors, sultans, saints, awliyā', angels – all of us have been ordered to be His servants. There is no difference, our nations may be different, our times may be different times, but from the beginning up to today the mission of Mankind has never changed – it is only to serve the Lord Almighty Allāh.

It is written in all Holy Books – that is what came to Adam, peace be upon him, came to Noah, peace be upon him, came to Abraham, peace be upon him, came to Ismā'il and Ishāq, peace be upon them, came to Jacob, Israel and the Twelve Tribes, from their Lord, peace be upon them, it came to Moses, peace be upon him, it came to David, peace be upon him, it is what came from the Heavens to Solomon, peace be upon him. It is written.

It is also written through what came to Zakharia, it is also what came to Jesus Christ, peace be upon him, from his Lord to the Children of Israel, and it is what came from his Lord to Muḥammad, peace be upon him. That is what came from the Heavens to Mankind, that is what is written. It has never changed. Mankind has been appointed, and has been honoured to be servants in their Lord's Divine Service ... Anything else? (Laughter)

Professor Clarendon: That's fine! Thank you very much! Would you like to answer one or two questions?

Shaykh Nāzim: Yes, if anyone is asking.

Professor Clarendon: If you have any questions, just two or three, not more, if you have a burning question please put up your hand and speak up.

Shaykh Nāzīm: Because my English is not such good English and you are not understanding me, you may ask. (More laughter). I just learned English, when I was seven years old, now I am seventy-seven years and have forgotten half of it ... Yes, and our Lord's ...

First questioner: Can I ask Shaykh, what do you think that the Christian church and Muslims can do to work for peace in the world?

Shaykh Nāzīm: I was in Istanbul, Constantinople, two years ago. His Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, my friend – he is younger than me and he also knows very good Turkish, better than my English – he asked me, “O Shaykh Nāzīm, what do you think about these crises, these wars and troubles?” And I asked him one question, “Your Holiness, what do you think about Satan, Shayṭān, Satan? Do you think that he has retired or is he still working?” He said, “Enough, I understand!” If, my daughter – she is like my daughter, who asked that question – yes, if there were no Satan we would all be friendly, asking for peace, but Satan has not yet retired. Therefore these troubles will continue until the Lord of Heavens changes everything. Our hope is with our Lord and our hope is also that the second millenium ... This millenium, the twentieth century, particularly, is the dirtiest century amongst the centuries, people are running away from faith, running away from religions, running away from their Lord. Running – in Heathrow airport I have seen so many cards with “Follow Me”, “Follow Me”, written on them. Follow Me, what were all these signs? Then I realised that they were guiding planes to their parking place. Shayṭān has also written, Follow Me, on his back and people are following him.

Most people this century have been following Shayṭān. They are not following good people, they are following bad ones, they are following devils, and devils are carrying people to Hell not to peace. Therefore, we see whole nations preparing, spending huge amounts of money, billions of pounds, billions perhaps trillions of dollars, quatrillions of Marks, for what? To prepare more and more terrible weapons to destroy everything on Earth! That is Satan's idea, not

Mankind's idea, but they are taught by Satan and they are following Satan. We now see your Government is also participating in a big war in the Gulf—patrol boats of all governments and the ABC? USA? The USA are selling weapons and are asking to fight again. They are bringing such huge weapons, for what? For killing a person who may fall dead just like this. And they are inventing such huge and terrible weapons that even after a hundred years grass cannot grow. That is their civilisation.

Twentieth century people are very proud of their civilisation – they are liars! Technology is the worst enemy of humanity, and technology has destroyed all human values. Now Mankind are like robots without feelings or values. They would not care if all of them were to be killed. It is terrible. It is written in the Holy Books – in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Last Testament, the Holy Qur'ān, that a big war, Armageddon you say, will come, we call it al-Malḥamat al-Kubrā. It means that the biggest war will be on Earth. It may take away six from seven, leaving only one so if in the whole world there are seven billion, six billion will go, and only one billion will remain.

It will be such a terrible war and it is coming, no-one can prevent it. If small nations are fighting, the USA and UK come and say, Stop! And they stop. But when the US comes to fight, who is going to say to them, Stop? No-one. They are going to carry away everything Mankind has tried to build on Earth for thousands of years, this war will take away all of it, and Shayṭān will come and sit on the ashes and laugh, “Ha ha ha! I have taken my revenge on Mankind!”

And men are following him! Nations are following him. No-one is following their Holy Books. They have democracy, they have Parliaments, they have so many rules – laws, rules. But those are productions of their minds, they are not using the Rules of Heavens. That is dangerous for Mankind. Yet I hope, not hope, it is my belief, I believe that the second millenium should be a clean millenium, the twenty-first century should be bright, enlightened, enlightened with Heavenly Light, and there should be only good people then, bad people will have been taken away. Yes? Anyone has any questions,

not understanding what we are saying? ... (Laughter) Even the walls understand ...!

Professor Clarendon: May I ask you a question?

Shaykh Nāzīm: Not understanding? (Laughter) Yes.

Professor Clarendon: Last Sunday, we had a young lady here who spoke to us about the Whirling Dervishes of Turkey, which is I believe, a Sufi order?

Shaykh Nāzīm: Yes!

Professor Clarendon: Can you tell us has your order, the Naqsh-bandī Order, any relation to the Whirling Dervishes?

Shaykh Nāzīm: Yes, we have. It is a traditional knowledge that the first believer in Muḥammad, peace be upon him, was Abū Bakr, Allāh bless him. He spent everything for charity, for the sake of his Lord and his Prophet, and one day, Archangel Gabriel came to Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, and said, “O Muḥammad, your Lord is giving His salāms, His salute to you, and He says, ‘Ask Abū Bakr,’ would it please him if His Lord is happy with him?” And the Prophet asked Abū Bakr, who said this while doing this (Shaykh Nāzīm stands up and whirls, slowly) “I am happy, as long as my Lord is happy with me, I am happy!” That was the beginning of whirling. He stood and turned like this for happiness. Yes, all angels are whirling around the Chair of the Lord, in the Heavens everyone is whirling, and you can see that the galaxies are also like this, they are also turning – yes?! (Shaykh whirls faster, and then sits down. The audience laughs and claps.)

Professor Clarendon: Anymore questions?

Shaykh Nāzīm: Because my Grandfather from my mother’s side was Rūmī, I also have that with me, the Mevlevi, and from my father’s side I have the Qādirī, from ‘Abdu l-Qādirī al-Jīlānī. If you like, I shall give your Holiness to be a Whirling Dervish?! (more laughter)

First questioner: Can I ask ...?

Shaykh Nāzīm: Only you asking? Are you asking for yourself or on behalf of everyone?

First questioner: I’m asking a question on behalf of someone who asked me earlier how many wives you have, and I said I’d no idea?

Shaykh Nāzim: In Paradise? Countless! ... (more laughter.)

Second questioner: I believe your religion expects a new messiah, a new prophet to arrive. I was wondering if you have any signs that he might come on the next millenium.

Shaykh Nāzim: There can't be a new prophet, but we are expecting Jesus Christ to come, that is what we believe.

Second questioner: No signs of anything immediate happening?

Shaykh Nāzim: It must be through this – when I say that the next century will be clean, then there must be some involvement from the Heavens on Earth. There must be, we are expecting this, as our Jewish brothers are expecting a prophet, a nabiyy to come, and it is well known that you are expecting Jesus to come, and we Muslims are also expecting Jesus to come. We must believe that Jesus should come, because if we do not believe it our faith will not be perfect. He must come. And we say that when he comes he is going to clean everything on Earth.

Professor Clarendon: Everything will be alright?

Shaykh Nāzim: Yes, and every difference that separates Christians, Muslims, and Jews, that causes strife among all people – will be judged by him, he should give his judgement on everything that we are fighting about, for that which we are not finding a solution. He will come and bring people peace and make everyone happy. Yes that is what we are expecting from him.

Question: May I ask if you have any idea how many followers of the Sufi Way there are?

Shaykh Nāzim: I am putting in computer ... We are asking that good people increase, that makes me happy, I don't like bad ones to increase. We are seeing that, though slowly, youngsters, not old ones or middle-aged people, but youngsters, are asking something from the Heavens, and therein lies hope. Our belief is that in the second millenium every nation will have their rights, everyone will reach their rights, no-one will be saying, "I have lost my rights, you have taken my rights, you are not keeping my rights, you are not keeping my respect!" No. Everyone will be respected when Jesus is coming.

Professor Clarendon: Well, I think we won't take any more questions, you've been ...

Shaykh Nāzim: Yes, I am sitting it is alright, if I were standing it would be difficult, but when I am sitting it is okay.

Questioner one: If any one would like to ask anything about Christianity in relation to Islām, now's your chance!

Shaykh Nāzim: They are happy?

Professor Clarendon: Tell them to read my book!

Shaykh Nāzim: They are happy? And we are happy.

Professor Clarendon: I think they're happy.

Third Questioner: Can you just tell us, Shaykh, how you view the coming together of people who are Muslims? We in the Christian faith have problems in bringing everyone together in unity, and that's one of our difficulties in trying to preach peace. And it seems that we also need to bring our faiths together in order to create peace in the world.

Shaykh Nāzim: Look, your Holiness – big, big efforts need a big man. It is not for you or for me or for him, it needs a big man, and therefore we are asking for Jesus to come. It is not possible for ordinary people, ordinary people cannot do this, it is impossible. No.

Fourth questioner: You went to see the Pope didn't you? The Pope of Rome ...

Shaykh Nāzim: Pope? Papa di Roma?

Fourth questioner: So you've worked together with the Pope?

Shaykh Nāzim: The Pope was looking, but I don't know if he was seeing, only looking – like this ...

Professor Clarendon: Yes, he's an old man.

Shaykh Nāzim: Very old, very old person – must be changed for a new one!

Professor Clarendon: I think so! (Much laughter) ... I think this is where we thank you formally, we are delighted that you've chosen to come here, in our church, as I've said before it is a unique occasion, we've never had anything like it before, and we hope you'll come again, and we look forward to you and all your friends coming. And I would like to give you from my own behalf ... (his book).

Shaykh Nāzim: Cheque Book ...?!

Professor Clarendon: I'm not selling it, I'm giving it to you ...

Shaykh Nāzim: Thank you, sir!

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, 'Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

The only Sulṭān, the only King – Allāh, the Lord of Heavens. That is right. *Lā ilāha illā llāh ... sayyidinā nabiyy mawlānā muḥammadu r-rasūlu llāh, ṣalla llāhu 'alaybi wa sallam, yā ḥaḍrat sbarafī n-nabiyy, ṣalla llāhu 'alaybi wa sallam, jami'a al-anbiyā' wa l-awliyā' ... al-fātiḥab:*

*bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm
al-ḥamdu li-llābi rabbi l-'alamīn
ar-raḥmāni r-raḥīm
māliki yawmi d-dīn
iyyāka na'budu wa iyyāka nasta'īn
īhdina ṣ-ṣirāṭa l-mustaqīm
ṣirāṭa lladbīna an'amta 'alayhim
gbayri l-maghḍūbi 'alayhim wa lā d-dāllīn*

Professor Clarendon: Thank you, sir!

Shaykh Nāzim: Now we are going to Birmingham.

Professor Clarendon: Oh! Are you?

Shaykh Nāzim: Yes, or I would stay here 'til maghrib with you, then you may ask hundreds of questions!

FLOWERS IN THE DESERT

BIRMINGHAM, 15. 2. 1998

SHAYKH HISHAM KABBANI: Shaykh Muḥammad Nāzim al-Ḥaqqānī is the recognised Mufti of Cyprus, he is the leader of the world Naqshbandī Ṭarīqah and founder of the International Ḥaqqānī Institute of Education. His lineage on his father's side is traced to Shaykh

‘Abdu l-Qādir al-Jilānī founder of the Qādirī Ṭarīqah, his lineage on his mother’s side goes back to Mawlānā Jalāluddīn Rūmī, founder of the Mevlevi Ṭarīqah. Shaykh Nāzīm is both Ḥasanī and Ḥusaynī. Mawlānā Shaykh Nāzīm received his degree in chemical engineering from the university of Istanbul.

Shaykh ‘Abdullāh Fa’iz ad-Dāghistānī named him as his successor when he finally departed this life in 1978. Shaykh Nāzīm is a scholar in fiqh according to the Hanafī madhhab, a scholar in ḥadīth, a scholar in tafsīr. He has been, and continues to be, a staunch foe of secularism both in his native Cyprus and in Turkey. In Cyprus he began a campaign to revive Islām in the face of fierce pressure from the Cyprus and Turkish governments – at one point there were 140 cases brought against him by the state. Shaykh Nāzīm is keenly aware of the difficulties faced by Islām in the modern era, and as we approach the twenty-first century.

He has an uncanny ability to combine traditional faith and modern practise. Mawlānā has been credited as being the first Muslim leader of the modern era to make traditional Islām a mass movement both in the Muslim countries and in the West. This is no mean achievement when so many Muslim youths are being carried off today by the pseudo-judicious movements of the neo-salafis and other so-called non-religious organisations. This explains why he is known as Muḥyīuddīn as-sunnah an-nabawiyah – the Reviver of the Way of the Prophet, and Champion of the Faith. His titles mirror his commitment to making Islām a reality in every household of the world, not just the Muslim world, every household, I repeat, of the world.

Shaykh Nāzīm has met with many world leaders – in October 1993 he was invited to the dedication of a mosque and school of Imām Bukhārī in Uzbekistan. He has been particularly active in interfaith dialogues with both Christians and Jews. He presents Islām to non-Muslims with no compromises but with the Spirit of the Message – of love, peace and tolerance. Mawlānā Shaykh Nāzīm follows the middle path of shari‘ah, the spirit of awliyā’, and the details of the Prophet’s pure sunnah, at the same time he treats everyone with

respect. Under Shaykh Nāzīm's leadership thousands are coming to Islām every year in the Western countries – the United States, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, as well as here in the United Kingdom. These represent converts from Buddhism, Judaism and New Age movements of every type.

Most of you will have encountered him and his message disseminated in the series, Mercy Oceans, as well as in numerous tapes and videos. I won't delay any longer, and present to you Mawlānā Shaykh Nāzīm ...

From the audience: 'Alayhi Takbīr! Allāhu Akbar! 'Alayhi Risālah! Yā Rasūl Allāh! ...

Shaykh Nāzīm with audience:

*Allābu Akbar, Allābu Akbar, lā ilāba illā llāb,
Allābu Akbar, Allābu Akbar wa li-llābi l-ḥamd,
Allābu Akbar, Allābu Akbar, lā ilāba illā llāb,
Allābu Akbar, Allābu Akbar wa li-llābi l-ḥamd,
Allābu Akbar, Allābu Akbar, lā ilāba illā llāb,
Allābu Akbar, Allābu Akbar wa li-llābi l-ḥamd.
Ṣall Allāb 'alā Muḥammad, ṣall Allāb 'alaybi wa sallam,
ṣall Allāb 'alā Muḥammad, ṣall Allāb 'alaybi wa sallam,
ṣall Allāb 'alā Muḥammad, ṣall Allāb 'alaybi wa sallam ...*

Shaykh Nāzīm: I could stand 'til yawm al-qiyāmah for Allāh. If it is for Allāh I do not tire, I could stand ... *A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raḥīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, yā rabbanā laka l-ḥamd... Rabbī wa lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llāb ... ṣalla llābu 'alaybi wa sallam, wa s-salām 'alaykum!*

Audience (A few thousand people are present): *Wa 'alaykum s-salām!*

Shaykh Nāzīm: We are Mu'minīn, and we believe that everything occurs by the Will of Allāh Almighty. We believe that everything happens through Allāh Almighty, but sometimes we think that we are free – that we can do everything. But when you look closely you can see that you are not really in such a position. His Will directs events. This is a holy meeting and we hope that Allāh Almighty is

happy with our meeting for the sake of His Beloved, Most Beloved, Most Blessed Servant Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him. He is happy with it. Yes.

When I begin to speak my heart belongs first to Allāh Almighty; to Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, second, and thirdly my heart is in the hands of the Hands of Allāh, the servants of the Divine. My intention is to speak from Allāh Almighty. Everyone who speaks here is carrying responsibility as a speaker. And we must always give shukr, because we are under inspection all the time.

We have on our right hand and left hand malā’ikah, angels, and they are writing and registering everything that we are doing. Our actions, our words. Therefore, a Mu’min must not be heedless, he must be aware – he must know what he is doing, he must know what he is saying. He must know if what he does will be written by the right hand angel or if it will be written by the left hand angel. If it is for the right hand angel then say it and do it, make, move and think, but if it is not you must be wary that it may be written by the left hand angel. They will be questioned in the Divine Presence, on yawm al-qiyāmah, the Judgement Day.

Therefore, I am asking support from the awliyā’. They are living powers, they represent the Divine. Heavenly powers run through them. Divine and Heavenly Powers first run through the prophets – if prophets had had no Divine Power they could not have achieved anything – they were calling people to their Lord’s, Divine Service, and people asked, “What is your proof that you have been sent by the Heavens? Give us a sign so that we believe you have been sent by the Lord of Heavens, Allāh Almighty! Or we will not accept you. We are not going to accept just anyone who says, “I am a prophet!” No! give us proof, then we will believe.” And Allāh Almighty gave them miracles. The heavenly powers that run through them enables them to do things that ordinary people cannot bring into existence.

The Holy Prophet tells us, one full moon night the unbelievers of the Quraysh, the idol worshippers from among the Quraysh, said, “If you can split the moon into two parts we will believe you.” He said, “O my Lord, this is what they are asking!” And the Archangel

came saying, “You may do this, you may do this, you may do even more than this, O Ḥabīb, if you request it. Just point with your shahādah finger, it is enough.” And he pointed like this, and the moon became two halves, one on this side of the mountain and the other on that side of the mountain! That is what those who were looking only with this physical view saw – that the moon split into two, one part on this side, the right side, and the other part on the left side, and then coming together again, complete. But those who saw the whole truth saw that the two pieces of the moon, moved to the Prophet, one came through his right hand, one came through his left hand, then they entered here (indicates the heart) as a full moon and made sajdah! That is Real. Reality. What the Quraysh asked for, what the idol worshippers asked for they saw, but the ṣaḥābah saw another vision.

No doubt, before the greatness of Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, the moon did this. Rasūl Allāh’s greatness may carry the whole universe. And that Divine Power, Heavenly Power must run through all prophets. If it were not so they would not have attracted anyone, and that the Last Prophet, with the Last Message, the Last Messenger, was the most powerful, there is no doubt. And Heavenly Power runs from Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, to his companions. First to Abū Bakr aṣ-Ṣiddīq to whom he gave everything. The Prophet passed everything that was in his heart to the heart of Sayyidinā Abū Bakr, *raḍīya llāhu ‘anhu*. If he had kept it to himself and gone, then after the death of Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, Islām would have ended. But until today what comes to your hearts, and from where? Is it from yourself? If his power was not still running through your hearts you would not be able to say, *lā ilāha illā llāh Muḥammadun Rasūl Allāh*, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. You could not do sajdah. You could not fast, you could not pay zakāh. You could not give anything for charity. You could not be a walī, you could not be a Mu’min. You could not be a trustworthy believer.

All awliyā’ have Heavenly Powers and they inherit that Heavenly Power from Rasūl Allāh *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. Those Heavenly Powers came to the ṣaḥābah and from the ṣaḥābah to the qadirī,

those who followed them. And then to those qadirī who followed them, and from them through the ummah and the distinguished and special servants who gave themselves for Allāh, who are living for Allāh. He taught the ummah you must live your lives for Allāh and you must die for Allāh, your life and death must be for Allāh! For whom you are living?

But now the most valuable thing, the most important target for Muslims, is to follow dunyā! They only think how they should follow western countries, to be westernised Muslims. But you cannot be a westernised Mu'min. If you are westernised you have forgotten ākhirah. For whom you are living? You must ask yourself, and I also ask myself. I am not excluded from this question – no. Everyone must ask, “For whom I am running, from early in the morning until late in the evening? What is my target?” You are running after dunyā and therefore, life is becoming so difficult. You are living such difficult lives to find something only to fill your stomachs. People are running for the contentment of their stomachs. They ask, “How can we fill our stomachs? With fish and chips? How shall I fill my stomach today? Fish and chips, or Macdonalds? Or curry? Curry, curry, curry?”

Have we been created only to feed our stomachs? What is that? To where we are heading? That is westernisation. Western people say, “You must only look after your physical body, do not take any care of your spiritual being.” Because they know that Islām is ḥaqq, one hundred percent ḥaqq is with Islām, and if Islām stood up everything with which they claim to rule the whole of dunyā would finish and vanish. They think that they are the rulers of this world. No. They are not. They think that they are able to do everything as they like – no, they cannot. We have power, but it is a different power. They look so proud with their technology and their weapons – that is all nothing.

One story, or tale: Once upon a time ... so you begin your tales, to wake you up when you are sleeping I clap my hands ... you have heard about the pharaohs; that there were, once upon a time, so many, and how they hid themselves under their pyramids. But they were carried

out and now so many are lying in the British Museum. You may go to the British Museum, and see a lot of pharaohs there looking very ... (imitates their expression, and much laughter follows). Shayṭān was Pharaoh's teacher. He who accepts Shayṭān as his teacher becomes a pharaoh. One day Shayṭān knocked on Pharaoh's door and Pharaoh said, "Who is there?"

Shayṭān said, "You claim that you are a god yet you do not know who is here? How can you claim that you are divine if you do not know who is coming to visit? I am your teacher!" And Shayṭān said to him, "With what authority, with what power dare you go against me – claiming that you are a god over all other gods?" And Pharaoh said, "I have hundreds and thousands of wizards!" To this Shayṭān replied, "Show me your power, your wizards' power!" So Pharaoh ordered everyone of his wizards to come to him. When they arose, Pharaoh ordered them, "Show the power that gives authority to me, to claim that I am your God!" Then all the wizards blew and made such a terrifying show that an ordinary person would not have been able to watch.

It was an impressive show, but Shayṭān said, "Is this your power?" "Yes." "For this you are claiming you are lord and god?" "Yes." And then Shayṭān blew and everything of Pharaoh's magic disappeared, and with another breath Shayṭān performed such magic that Pharaoh and everyone of his wizards fell to the ground in terror. The show from Iblīs, from Shayṭān was so immensely horrible, terrible. Shayṭān asked Pharaoh, "Now what do you think? Whose power is greater?" Pharaoh said, "It is your power. It is a huge power!" "So listen to me! O Pharaoh, I cannot say I am Lord ... but I am one who has such power that your Lord and my Lord would not accept me as His servant and He kicked me out! Then how are you claiming that you, who are nothing, that you are god? Are you not ashamed?!"

I am emphasising this point for one purpose: Shayṭān has such power, but it is only a show from *bāṭil*, that is falsehood, illusion. What do you think if ahl al-ḥaqq blew even once – it would be enough to extinguish all technology from the beginning to the end. A sufi shaykh may finish all of it with one breath. They think that Islām is an imitated thing, they are not accepting Islām as a real faith. Europeans

claim that their religions are the real religions but they have passed away – Christianity is finished, Judaism is finished – and the one living religion is Islām. We have real power, but we are waiting for permission from the Heavens. Do not think that *dunyā* is empty of servants of the Divine – no. There are Members of Parliament, MPs, Members of the House of Commons, MPs, and if one dies, another comes to take his place. It is like this with *awliyā'*: if one goes away and his chair becomes empty another one comes. Do not think that they are finished. They will be here unto *qiyāmah*, they must stand up.

Therefore, O believers! You must try to follow those people. *Awliyā'* follow the ways of prophets, and particularly, the Last Prophet, Sayyidinā Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llābu 'alayhi wa sallam*, they give themselves for Allāh and Allāh accepts them in His Divine Service. It is a way that is open for all of you. If you give your time and energy to reach Allāh, to be counted amongst His Friends, the way is open. The door of prophecy is closed, there is no more prophecy, even when Jesus comes he is not coming as a prophet, he is coming as a follower of the *sharī'ah* of Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llābu 'alayhi wa sallam*. He is not coming as a prophet. He is coming for the honour of being one of this ummah of Muḥammad, *ṣalla llābu 'alayhi wa sallam*! Yes. But the way of *wilāyah*, Friendship of Allāh, is open. If you would like to be *walī*, it is open. Now, what is the price? You must give yourself. You must sacrifice your ego and say, "*Bismi llāh, allābu akbar!*" Your most terrible, dangerous enemy is your ego, your *nafs*. But you are taking so much care of your ego and your *nafs*. You live for your ego, for your *nafs*. No! You must put it down, and say, *Bismi llāh, allābu akbar!* Then your spiritual being becomes *ḥaqqānī*, belongs to Allāh. *Ḥaqqānī* means one belongs to Allāh.

I am hopeful that Allāh Almighty will make me only for Himself, not for *dunyā*, not even for *ākhirah*, for Paradise, it is only important to be for Him. That is Islām. Not fighting each other. Our egos fight each other, if you leave that fighting and direct yourselves to His Divine Presence, you should be happy here and hereafter. If you allowed me to speak until morning I would not finish until next week, nor would I finish until next year, I would never finish ... But it is

enough for a portion – as you serve a plate with rice and a chapati. Rice, chapatai, a kebab, and halva ... Therefore be happy! Do not think that Islām is finished! No! We have knowledge, we have wisdom, we also have power, and my aim is to destroy kufr!

Audience: *‘Alaybi Takkbīr! Allābu Akbar!*

‘Alaybi Risālah! Yā Rasūl Allāb!

Shaykb Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī! Zindabad!

Allāh Almighty made His Prophet say, that our value is according to our intentions! I am intending to destroy the Sultanate of Shayṭān! Are you ready?

“Yes!”

“Are you with me?!”

“Yes!”

‘Alaybi Takkbīr! ...

I intend to bring the Sultanate of Allāh Almighty on Earth! The weak servant who is with His Lord is the most powerful one! Ḥaqq! I am not in need of digital phones, mobile phones, electronic phones, no I am a weak servant. What does my Lord say? My Lord says when I am with Him, I am the most powerful one on Earth!

Audience: *Takkbīr! Allābu Akbar!*

Takkbīr! Allābu Akbar!

Takkbīr! Allābu Akbar!

Shaykb Muḥammad Nāẓim al-Ḥaqqānī! Zindabad!

Shaykb Risālah! Zindabad!

I am only a servant of Allāh Almighty, and a servant of His Most Beloved, Most Praised Servant Sayyidinā Rasūl Allāh, *ṣalla llābu ‘alaybi wa sallam*. Do not think that what we are saying is not important for you. I am not that one, Mawlānā Muḥyīuddīn, I am the smallest one, the weakest one, but I may travel making trouble for Shayṭān ... Therefore, O believers, O Muslims, I am happy to find a big crowd of Muslims and Mu’minas here. Not tiring, even though it is so late and this Conference began this morning, and it is now midnight. I am hungry, but you are not tiring – *Al-ḥamdu li-llāb!*

That is a good sign that Allāh Almighty’s Will is running through you now! He is calling the youth, young people, to wake up, to stand

up, from east from west. And the whole English nation is going to be Muslim! By the Millenium, I may tell you that I am going to be imām for all the English people then. In that mosque they are building for the Millenium, I will be imām for all English Muslims and they will come there running. As Muḥyīuddīn ibn ‘Arabī, Allāh bless his secret, gave good tidings that before yawm al-qiyyamah when the Last days are approaching the whole English nation will be Muslim. But the Germans are going to be first! There are so many German Muslims here, stand up and show them – Jamāluddīn! (Shaykh Jamāluddīn stands up) Look!

New flowers. Islām is flowering, Europeans are not going to be westernised Muslims. Dust – westernised ones are going to be dust. ... Yes all westernised things are going to vanish in the second millenium, to be dust, thrown away. Islām is flowering. It is most perfect – you shall see the crown of Muslims at that time. Oh! It is going to be like Paradise in the third millenium. These are good tidings for you. I am a weak servant and people are surprised how a weak servant ... I am not claiming to be of high rank – no, I use only one ḥadīth from the Prophet, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, to make western people to come to Islām, in that ḥadīth, the Prophet said, “Make Islām easy. As easy as possible. Do not make it a difficult thing. Make it easy. And you must take the side of good tidings, good tidings, good tidings, making people to come to love Islām and to embrace Islām.”

But I am sorry to say that in our days so many proud doctors are not making Islām easy. They put the whole sharī‘ah in front of people and say, “You must follow this!” I ask them, “O ‘ālim – the ṣaḥābah, the companions of Rasūl, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, were not able to carry in one day all the orders and rules of the sharī‘ah, Allāh sent it over twenty-three years, then they were able to keep the sharī‘ah. So how can you say to European people that this is the sharī‘ah, you must follow it?!” You must use wisdom, Islām holds wisdom, you must use it, we are not in need of European ideas.

All other ways, all -isms, -isms, -isms, communism, socialism, capitalism, and so many other -isms, are like a shop in a market place selling everything for one pound, but Islām is a Mega supermarket.

Mega! Europeans say supermarket, but it is Mega supermarket, like Harrods. They say you may go to Harrods and ask for anything from them and you may have it. That is a very, very, very, simple example of Islām – you may find everything in Islām, but they are afraid to understand because they fear that dunyā may be taken away. Even though dunyā is like a dead, a dead body, it is like a dead body, may none of us ever run after it!

O people, say Astaghfirullāh, astaghfirullāh, astaghfirullāh, astaghfirullāh. Dunyā, we must ... (tape ends)

BE MERCIFUL TO EVERYONE

KHUṬBAH

O BELIEVERS! Allāh Almighty sent His Last Messenger with His Last Message. He is His Mercy, he has His Respect, he brought His Justice, he means Love. Allāh Almighty introduced His Last Messenger to be a Mercy for All Universes, for All Worlds, here and hereafter. Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, is the Most Praised, Most Respected servant in the Divine Presence! He represents Allāh Almighty's Mercy Oceans, and he advises and orders his nation by the Holy Command of Allāh Almighty. He says, "O people! Give your mercy on Earth so that the Lord of the Heavens gives His Mercy to you. If you are not merciful to people, Allāh Almighty will not be merciful to you!"

This is a warning about those terrible weapons that, those who claim to be Christians, are preparing to kill everyone. Innocent women and children, they are not only for fighting armies, they are intended to kill everything on Earth! And they claim they are Christians! It is impossible to accept that Jesus Christ ever suggested or approved of such merciless fighting with or without reason. Therefore, the Last Prophet, Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, by Holy Command, advises all nations to be merciful to everyone on Earth, so that Allāh Almighty keeps you, and protects you, and

dresses you for here and hereafter. You must do your best to stop cruelty on Earth. I have looked and see that even students are standing and saying, “You are not on the right way, you are not doing the best for people!” Therefore, I am asking Allāh Almighty’s Mercy for those youngsters who are asking why they have to fight.

But we are such ‘big’ people, running after dunyā, we forget that qiyāmah and the Last Day are coming. Judgement Day is coming, and that everyone is going to be held responsible for his actions. Look to the right way! Keep on the right way! Be merciful, then Mercy from the Lord of Heavens reaches you.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

BATTERSEA INTERFAITH MEETING

VICAR: Welcome Shaykh Nāzim. We are mindful that this is the second time you have visited us here. The first occasion was a little over a year ago, so we feel very much blessed and pleased that you should return to us for the second time after such a short interval. But there is quite a difference between the two occasions, I think when you came it was the 1st or 2nd of February, 1997, but this time you have come with many more of your friends.

Those of you who are here and have been here for a while waiting for Shaykh – thank you very much for coming and being with us today – of course you are here for Shaykh, but we are feeling greatly blessed at your visit, you give us such a wonderful occasion, and it’s wonderful to think of the prayers you’ve just offered to God here in this place, we thank you. We are grateful that other friends have joined us today. Friends from other traditions in Islām. Friends from different Christian churches with whom we have common endeavour to ensure that we try to understand one another more and more.

I would like now to give apologies for the fact that our Bishop is not able to be present today. He would dearly have loved to be here

– he has only been in office as our Bishop for six weeks and I think his diary was already rather full at the beginning, but I would like to mention that he, his name is Bishop Peter Price, during this week, has been one of the Anglican Bishops, of whom some of us are rather proud, because they have raised the issue quite strongly about the British Government’s attitude to the possibility of conflict relating to Iraq and that region. Bishop Peter Price has been one of those who have worked together and written to the newspapers, if you saw, *The Independent*, in particular on Tuesday of this week you would have seen the way in which they have written questioning the Government’s policy and also very much mindful of the importance of our community relations here in London, here in Britain, and how they can be put under stress and strain by events around the world, and some of us are very pleased that our own Bishop is one of those who have taken this move. He sends his apologies not to be here and he hopes he will meet you, Shaykh, on another occasion. Having said my word of welcome I propose now to sit down and I’m sure, Shaykh, that we may await a word from you with great confidence that God will speak through you to us. Thank you.

Shaykh Nāẓim: As-salāmu ‘alaikum. Good afternoon! Shalom! Shalom people here also?

Vicar: Possibly.

Shaykh Nāẓim: Possibly – sometimes they are too proud to come, but Shaykh is happy. Yes we are happy and honoured also that your Holiness invited us to be here again and you no doubt understand that we are His servants. He likes His servants to be friendly to each other, not fighting each other, not hating each other, not harming each other, not hurting each other, not killing each other. I think I am speaking the truth. I do not think anyone can say that our Creator likes His servants to fight, to kick, to harm each other; to kill each other. Do you think that the father, the head of the family is asking for a peaceful life in his family or a fighting group? Fighting each other, hurting each other and killing and injuring each other? I do not think anyone can say yes. No, it cannot be.

What about the Lord of Heavens, who created man to be His representatives on Earth – do you think He likes His servants to be fighting each other instead of being in His Divine Service? What is that foolishness? In which book is this written? Which religion says this? Judaism? If they say this they are wrong! Christianity? If they say this they are wrong! Islam? If they say this they are wrong. It cannot be. He who created man, and honoured them is asking His servants to be friendly, supporting each other. Loving each other. Upholding justice. Looking after everyone's rights. Even ants have rights! The smallest creatures have the right to live, you cannot take them away. Every creature was created by your Creator, the Lord of Heavens, Allāh. If He did not like that creature he would not have created it. Why are you using so many poisons to kill them? No.

And you must believe that without Allāh Almighty's permission nothing harms you or hurts you. But when you leave His Divine Service and become enemies of each other Allāh Almighty permits harm to come to you. Even death. The smallest bacteria may kill a person, a man of two meters, a very big man can be killed by unseen bacteria. One can enter his body and grow there into an army, one growing into millions, then killing that person. But if you are on the right path, keeping the rights of your Creator, He keeps you and protects you from everything. Everything helps you. It never harms you.

Now the twentieth century is coming to an end and the second millenium is coming. What are they doing – six to seven billion people – are they living for their Lord or are they living for Shayṭān? Are they working for Allāh in His Divine Service or are they living only for Satanic traps that harm each other. Living to hurt each other, to kill each other, to take everyone, to kill as many people as possible? To kill masses of people, millions of people. To kill them in moments – they are aiming for this. They are trying to destroy everything that Mankind has built from the beginning up to today. That is your civilisation. Particularly western countries' people are very proud of their civilisation. But it is not real civilisation. They have become slaves of technology – they will not go on their knees before their Lord but they are in fear of the technology that they have

made themselves, with their own hands. Hand-made technology, it is not from the Heavens, they made it. And they fear it.

Therefore, in our days only a very, very, very small group of people has come here, even though this is a huge city of perhaps fifteen million people. Do you think that you can find fifteen meetings, such as this, of people coming together to look at themselves, to be friendly and to be sincere servants of their Lord? No. Fifteen? You cannot even find five. Therefore, something is approaching. The second millenium is coming closer and something from the Heavens is approaching people. And if we are not changing our attributes, curses will come. It will be impossible to stop, there is no power on Earth that can stop it. And every day you watch television and you see the terrible weapons that we, Mankind, have made to kill each other and destroy countries. That is the curse.

The Lord of Heavens, Allāh Almighty, is not going to punish these people living on Earth as He punished past nations who were against their prophets and not obeying heavenly rules. He punished them, the Lord of Heavens punished them – some by flood, some by earthquake, some by fire, some by wind, some with birds ... Different kinds of punishment fell on them from above and they were destroyed, taken away. But Allāh Almighty is not punishing this nation from above, from the Heavens, or through the Earth. He has divided people into different groups, who are killing each other. That is their punishment.

Therefore, every government is putting their whole financial capability into having more dangerous, terrible and horrible weapons. All nations are asking the same for themselves, so that everyone is under this curse. There is a rule, a traditional rule, *al-bāṭil wal-maqtūl fī n-nāri abada*, – who has killed goes to Hells and he who was killed also goes to Hells. Why? Because the one who was killed was intending to kill, but the other was quicker and killed them first – people's intentions must be punished. Every government, every nation is asking to have much more terrible and powerful weapons, not only for defence, but to attack others and they hope then to be patrons of the Earth. Shayṭān is telling them, working on them,

“You must be patron of the whole world, the boss on Earth. Patronage on Earth must be for you.” Every nation desires this. Shayṭān is saying, “Americans say, ‘No, it can’t be English people, it must be Americans.’” Germans say, “No it can’t be the Russians,” Russians say, “No it can’t be the Germans.” French say, “Patronage can’t be for Germans,” Italians say, “Patronage can’t be for the Greeks.” Turks say, “It can’t be for the Arabs,” Arabs say, “It can’t be the Turks” ... In this way the teachings of Satan make people harbour bad intentions against each other.

We have not been ordered to think bad things of each other! We were never ordered to harbour bad intentions against others. No. Pure hearts never carry bad intentions. Pure hearts are never jealous. Pure hearts are never envious. Pure hearts never harbour hatred. Pure hearts never harbour harmful intentions. Pure hearts never carry thoughts of malice against other people. Pure hearted people live only for their Lord. However dirty people are not living for their Lord, they are running after dunyā, for this and that.

Today many brothers and sisters in Mankind are present. His Holiness, my brother, told us that we are going to hear from Shaykh Nāzīm that which our Lord makes him speak. Those were very good words that I heard from him – my English is so bad but sometimes I understand – he said the truth. Yes. I have not prepared something in advance which I am now going to read to you. No. That is the official approach; official things are artificial. Artificial, like plastic. If you were to offer me plastic fruit – I may take one, I may take another (the Shaykh mimicks trying to eat plastic fruit) – they look like grapes, like oranges, like bananas, like apples, but are plastic. Plastic gives nothing. Similarly, officiality makes people artificial. Artificiality takes sincerity away from people and they become like plastic figures. No, come to your Lord and try to be His sincere servants. Do not try to be official servants just seeking official titles. No. Our real title cannot be taken away from us – it is, servant.

You can be a king or a queen but your real title is, servant. Emperor: servant. Pope: servant. Jesus Christ: servant. Muḥammad, peace be upon him: servant. Saints: servants. Their real title cannot

be changed. Does anyone disagree? Ha! Who says other than this? It cannot be. Do not think because you have been dressed in golden robes and wear golden crowns you have become someone else. If you take a horse and you put – there are some statues of horses with crowns on their heads – if you put a golden crown on a horse and dress it in gold, do you think it has changed, that it is no longer a horse? Do other horses come to it and ask, “Are you a horse?” Does he say, “No, I am dressed in gold, and on my head is a golden crown, I am certainly not like you!”

Yet you cannot be above your level. Lordship is only for one, for one: for the Creator. Everyone’s real title is stamped on their forehead – Servant of the Lord. Therefore I humbly ask ... I always feel angry when I speak of what I see of people, and then I am angry with myself and with my ego. Try not to hurt yourself. You must not be hurt, you must accept reality. What I am saying is Real. If you accept it, it will be the cause for your happiness here and hereafter, it will be the cause of your receiving blessings.

And ... we are made in different forms, different races, different colours. As I was praying today a meadow came to my vision. Do you think the meadow is more beautiful if it is only green grass or if there are different kinds of flowers growing among that green grass? Which is better? A flowering meadow is more beautiful, no doubt. And do you think, or did you ever witness, those different colour flowers, living side by side ... did you ever see those yellow flowers fighting the red flowers? Or do they live together in a friendly and peaceful manner? And Mankind? What is your foolishness?! In the meadow so many colours and so many kinds of flowers live happily with each other, giving way, so friendly, so peaceful, and that gives enjoyment. What about you Mankind? Mankind! Why is this not apparent among Mankind? Why are you not seeing that harmony, enjoyment and peace between women, between races, between nations? Why are you not trying to make a peaceful world? We are not thinking!

Once again – we must come to ourselves. This is a new chance for the second millenium, the first millenium is ending in the worst condition. Nations are fed up with wars, with fighting, with killing,

with devils, with evil – they are fed up. And we hope that everyone is hoping for the second millenium to be a peaceful millenium, with good understanding between nations, between every race, every religion, every belief; all to come together and to be their Lord's servants.

Therefore, when I am invited, as my brother, his Holiness, has done, to participate in "Interfaith Meetings", I am eager to attend. May Allāh grant that I speak of something that may be acceptable. If a handful of people accept this it may grow to become millions. So many prophets gathered only a handful of people – Jesus Christ just gathered twelve people and through them billions of people follow Jesus Christ. And Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, had a handful of companions, living in the desert, and the travellers went out and called to common people and billions of people followed them. But we must try, seriously and carefully, to follow their way! You must take care to be in your Lord's service! May Allāh bless you and forgive me.

*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, 'Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

There is only one Sulṭān, only one Lord, and all others are servants. The highest honour, the most praised honour for Mankind is to be in the Divine Service. Keep it and then your Lord will protect you. Fire may even come raining from the skies – but it cannot touch you. You have been saved. As in the Flood of Noah some people were saved and others were washed away.

*Allābumma ṣalli wa sallim 'alā nabiyyinā Muḥammad 'alaybi s-salām,
ṣalātan tadūmu wa tubdā ilayb, ma' marri layāli wa ṭūli d-dawām. Yā
ḥaḍrati n-nabiyy ... mashaykbinā ... Fātiḥab:*

*A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm,
al-ḥamdu li-llābi rabbi l-'alamin, ar-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, māliki yawmi d-dīn,
iyyāka na'budu wa iyyāka nasta'īm, ibdinā ṣ-ṣirāta l-mustaqīm, ṣirāta lladbīna
an'amta 'alayhim, gbayri l-maghḍūbi 'alayhim wa lā ḍ-ḍāllīn, āmīn.*

THE FRIENDS OF ALLĀH
ARE THE AWLIYĀ' ALLĀH

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WE MUST TRY to keep to the right way. We must keep away from the wrong direction ...

All prophets were enlightened people. Try to be among those who reach to the light. You must at least try to be with enlightened people – because their Lights will come to you. Even if you do nothing but ask to be with them, their Lights come to you. On yawm al-qiyāmah all prophets will come and cover their nations with their Lights. All prophets will come with their different Lights and carry their nations; as all saints will come in their real form, with Lights, Divine Lights. O people, you must try to reach one of them, to reach Lights, Real Lights. If you are not enlightened yourself, ask to be with enlightened people. And they are not going to be found among 'officials'.

The easy way is for everyone to ask for enlightened people but unfortunately people are following 'dark people', and darkness is coming to their hearts. People are running after devils that never give or carry Lights. They are following them and falling into darkness, not running after enlightened people. In our day shayṭāns are making people follow their ways and not to ask for good ones – not to ask for awliyā' Allāh. They are saying, "Don't ask for them, don't follow them! Follow only us!" And people follow them, although they are bringing all nations to the edge of Hell. Just one more step and they will fall down. I do not know if it is going to be this year or '99, or if it is going to be delayed one year, but if they do not change their direction and stop following devils, they will fall down.

Those who keep themselves from following devils, will be saved. Through the help of holy people they should be saved. Allāh Almighty saved ninety people in Noah's Ark, and He drowned those who had not accepted Him. The people of the Ark were saved. Why had Allāh

Almighty punished them? They refused to accept their Divine Service. They would not accept the Heavenly Lights that Noah brought to them. They were rude and fought him, saying, “We are not in need of your lights, we are following devils!” And do not think that Allāh Almighty is sleeping, that He does not know what is going on in this world. Your actions and your intentions determine your end. Bad intentions will send people to Hell. People of good intentions must ask for good ones. Good ones are the Friends of Allāh, the Friends of Allāh are the Awliyā’ Allāh: look for them. Search for them, and when you find them: follow them! Do not leave them; then Heavenly Lights will always be coming to your heart. Those who gather lights now will stand on the Last Day with Lights. Whoever stands up with Lights is saved, whoever comes in darkness will be in Hell.

May Allāh bless you and forgive me.

Allābumma ṣalli wa sallim ‘alā nabiyyīnā Muḥammad ‘alaybi salām, ṣalātan tadūmu wa tubdā ilay, ma‘ marri lāyali wa ṭūli d-dawām.

REVOLUTION – RENEWAL

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HOW CAN there be a partner for the Lord of the Heavens? How can there be a partner for the Sulṭān Who has Endless Power, Endless Authority, whose Kingdom is endless so that everywhere you look, must belong to Him. There cannot be a second one claiming, “This is mine.” When men fight each other one must finally win. But there is no fighting for Him because He is the only one, there cannot be another Sulṭān. He is pre-eternal and eternal. Everything belongs to Him.

A‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm – we are asking protection from evil. We are asking Allāh’s protection from Satan. We are asking Allāh’s shelter from devils. Therefore we say, *a‘ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-rajīm*. Whoever works for Shayṭān is also shayṭān. Look at yourself – for whom are you working? Everyone must know, must ask himself, “For whom am I living? For whom am I working?”

Everyone must find his or her answer. If you do not know, you must ask yourself, because everything has been created for some purpose, for some reason.

That is a flower, for what was it created? Yes, for what are we using it? That has been created for a reason – we put it here to give enjoyment to people, to make people happy, that is one reason for which it was created. And something else comes through that carnation – perhaps it has some other quality that helps people, not just for enjoyment, perhaps it is a medicine for curing some disease, for some illness. But in our days people are running after artificial medicines, leaving the natural medicines, that are calling to us, “Come to us! Come to us! We have something that you may find of benefit for yourselves!” But people are deaf and blind. Technology has made people blind – science has blinded people. Science has made us deaf, science has deadened our hearts. Science has given man a new identity, a new form. Technology has given man another identity, it is turning us into robots. This is the new identity for all people now – they are like robots. Doing what technology says – technology is making people take on another identity and that is terrible. It has made people lose their human values. Mankind has just lost its humanity.

Now you must examine, you must examine what you are following. Look at what you have been ordered to watch, to hear, to aim for, to do, to move. Everything is programmed by devils, so that Mankind’s lives are run according to technology. Therefore they are losing everything of nature that has been created for their benefit, to help them. Everything has been created for you, to help you, to make your life on Earth a happy life, a peaceful life, but you are leaving that and are going in the wrong direction. It is a terrible direction. This is an old city named Oxford with a famous university. I ask myself, what are they teaching their thousands of students, what are they learning and what are they going to be? What are they going to be? Are they going to be terrible, or horrible, or violent, all for the sake of technology?

Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llāhi l-‘aliyyi l-‘azīm. Shayṭān is never happy with meetings such as this. We are speaking of Oxford University’s graduates, all those thousands of people ... What are they

going to do? What is their aim? They are awarding so many diplomas, masters, doctorates – so many things – but what are they finally going to be? And there are so many other universities in England, and in Europe there are hundreds of universities, in Turkey we have universities, Arabs have so many universities. In all of dunyā, in the whole world there are thousands of universities. All those universities ... and what are they preparing for the benefit of humanity? Those people – what are they giving for the benefit of humanity?

I am also a graduate, but now I regret that I wasted my youth, my energy for nothing. Young people are like water – as water runs where you direct it, so do they, if water runs in a dirty place it becomes dirty, if it runs in a clean place, it stays clean. But now no government pays attention to this point. No education departments, no ministeries, they just say, “It doesn’t matter! Clean or dirty environments? Just tell them to come and study. Give us money so you may study, and we shall give you: a piece of paper!” Useless paper. If you are asking for work they look at your paper and say, “We have so many applicants like you sir, we can’t employ you.”

I read in the ‘papers’ – sometimes I read newspapers to find news about earthly living – that in Germany there are five million ... When I was small, eight years old, I heard that in Europe they have billions of shoe shiners who have diplomas! How can this be? We were in a British Colony, in Cyprus, and when we finished secondary school we could find a job either as a policeman or a schoolmaster. Two jobs were ready for us when we finished secondary school. Maybe they looked at your height and said, “Your literacy is fine but there is no hope for you in the police!” But for a schoolmaster height does not matter. So I was surprised – how could it be that educated people were boot shiners?

Now I understand. Yet even in our country there are no more boot shiners because everyone throws away his old shoes and buys new ones. No-one uses old shoes. So many years ago, people with diplomas were doing that work, and now I have read that there are five million unemployed people in Germany. The government is urging the youth to learn and get a degree. But after their studies, can you give them a job? No. There are five million unemployed people in Germany, and

here? Allāh knows how many in England are unemployed, also with their diplomas. That is because there is no balance. They promote learning: go and study! Get your diplomas, your Masters, your PhD, become an academic, a Professor! And finally?

We must change our lifestyle. The second millenium is approaching and every nation needs to contemplate this. Many of them are planning new buildings, they think that for example, "This building is not going to be big enough next year, we must make it bigger." And many nations are thinking of new buildings for their nations. Very few are looking for a new style of life. Most are looking at the outer shell and imagining these grand new bildings, but what this inspiration is asking for is a new way of life. The unlimited freedom that was given to people in the twentieth century has really made them slaves; they are not free. Every time they are granted more freedom they become more enslaved to their egos. And this twentieth century slavery is destroying the whole world. Therefore, we must think about how we are to change our lifestyles on every level: our family relations, relations with our neighbours; from the local community to the national and international.

The whole of Mankind's lifestyle must be changed from A to Z! It must be! Everything is in ruins! Everything. Every twentieth century structure is in ruins, and must be replaced. This change is coming. Everything from A to Z will be replaced and renewed. The second millenium will be built on new foundations.

It is not enough to think of building a new building like they are building on the Blackwall Tunnel – no, that is a joke. You have heard of that building on the Blackwall Tunnel? That new building – the Greenwich Dome? And they think that to build this type of building is renewal enough? No. The change will be from the roots up. The devilish foundations of the twentieth century will be thrown away, and all foundations will be rebuilt anew: through people of sincerity. Artificial people will not be in charge. The Devil's supporters will not be in power. Devils will not be able to do anything, they will be thrown away. This must be – a new millenium based on good people and good structures.

I am now approaching eighty, but my conscience is not happy. I am not at peace about people because I see that people are suffering. Whoever belongs to the Heavens never suffers. But those who have bound themselves to the Earth are suffering. Only those whose lives are connected to the Heavens never suffer. Therefore, my conscience is unhappy about the state of Mankind. They are suffering. And I am not a statue. I am not a slave of technology. I am not heedless or feelingless. I have not been numbed. Therefore I share their suffering. That is a human trait: if anyone is suffering you also suffer; at least you must try alleviate that suffering. That is a human value that we have been granted but has now been lost. Instead nations are aiming to turn people to ashes, to bury them under the seven Earths. This fate threatens everyone from east to west. Christian nations have led this development and the Islamic world is following them. Muslims are asking to be westernised Muslims – this is wrong! It is so wrong. It is a huge mistake! Muslims must hold onto their values. Christians also need to hold onto their values. Christians have lost their values and we of the Muslim world think that when we follow the West we will attain something better than what we have. We are not recognising that western civilisation has destroyed humanity. People are no longer people. People have vanished. Technology has ground them; it has finished their humanity. They are like iron, like robots.

So I am giving thanks to Allāh that the whole of technology, and everything based on it, is coming to an end. All things based on technology are going to finish with the second millenium. Ha, ha! Then they will be sitting in front of their computers ...! Allāh Almighty says, “They are making a trap for Me? I am making a Trap for them! A big Trap!” They never thought about that dating problem in 2000, they never thought of it! Allāh’s Big Trap! And now they are saying, “Oh! What happened? What happened? What are we going to do?!” That is a Trap – yes, *al-ḥamdu li-llāb!* The Lord has put them in a Trap. Their heads are now empty – everything is in their computers!

Technology is the biggest enemy of humanity. And it is not just our hope, it is our belief that it will end within the second millenium,

returning everyone to their own size. Technology has inflated people's opinions of themselves. They have become inflated like balloons, like those advertising balloons. Technology is making everyone like that, they think they are so big! Mankind you are servants! Servants. Nothing more – you are servants! You are servants of technology. Even if technology helps you, you are still servants. You cannot escape from being servants. You are always servants. And He is going to put His Will over your wishes, replacing your wishes; His Will is going to Judge everything. That is something real for Mankind to believe in.

Therefore, we are in need of a new establishment. Prepare yourself. You must think about this by yourself, because devils will never help you. Do not look to them for help. No. Devils never help man. Shayṭān advised Adam, hoping to throw him in Jahannam, Hell, because anyone listening to the advice of Shayṭān is thrown into Jahannam, into trouble, endless trouble. Shayṭān and his followers are the first-class trouble makers. Follow the Ways of Heavens, then you should be happy, you should be in peace. So many people will leave this life if they insist on being bad. (Tape ends.)

RĀBI‘AH SULṬĀN

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*Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, ‘Azīz Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Karīm Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Subḥān Allāb,
Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Allāb Allāb, Sulṭān Allāb!*

THE REAL AIM for you, for everyone, is to reach to the Sulṭān. And the Sulṭān is inviting you. The Sulṭān is inviting you! He says, “Come to Me!” Is it or is it not written in all Holy Books? It is written. *Madad yā sulṭān al-anbiyā’, madad yā sulṭān al-awliyā’.*

Allāh Almighty is One that can clothe His servants in the Robes of the Sulṭān. Whomsoever He has dressed in the Robes of the Sulṭān

then belongs to the Sulṭān. He becomes one that may say of something, “Be!”, and it becomes. He is carrying the Divine Orders of the Sulṭān and no-one can object to that Order. If any ordinary sulṭān gives his authority to someone no-one may reject or object to it, so what if the Lord of Heavens, Allāh Almighty, gives His Divine Authority to His servant? No-one, in this universe, or any of the other universes, can reject His Orders.

What is the way for servants to reach that station? Allāh Almighty says, “*Yā ‘abdī a‘ṭinī aj‘aluka rabaniyyan!*” That is Allāh Almighty’s address to His servants, “O My servant, you must be fully obedient to Me, to My Orders, as well as to My Will,” because sometimes a person may be obedient but in his heart he is not happy with this obedience, he is following by force. But Allāh Almighty never likes His servants to be obedient to Him by force.

One of the biggest, or king-size walī, saints, is Rābi‘ah al-‘Adawiy-yah, Rābi‘ah Sulṭān. We address her as Rābi‘ah Sulṭān because she is robed by the Sulṭān in the Dress of His Sultanate, Rābi‘ah Sulṭān. May Allāh bless her, and for her honour give honour to all of you. She addressed her Lord, and said, “O my Lord, O my Sulṭān, I am not coming to You because I am running after Paradise and I am not one who is running to You in fear of Hell. I am free. I give myself for You. I am coming to You through my Love to You. You are the only One to whom I may give myself with all my love. Even if Paradise or Hell had not been created, I would not leave You, because You are the One that must be praised, must be loved, must be respected, must be obeyed!”

Such people are free, they are not slaves, they are the chosen ones among servants. They exist only for the Lord of Heavens, for Allāh Almighty. They are free, they have no interest in dunyā, they have no interest in Paradise or Hell. They are only occupied with their Lord’s Love and their obedience to Him, they ask only the Sulṭān’s Pleasure. They have no other target. They never ask for their ego’s pleasure or gratification, because they know that if their Lord, the Sulṭān, is happy with them, then they should be in absolute happiness. If their Sulṭān is Pleased with them, they will never be displeased. Never!

Absolute pleasure, peace, and love; endless satisfaction, endless enjoyment and endless pleasure come from being with Him, Almighty Allāh. They never look for anything else.

On the Night Journey of the Seal of Prophets, Sayyidinā Muḥammad, peace be upon him, Allāh Almighty showed him everything that He has created. Allāh showed him all the beauty that He has granted to His creatures but the Prophet never looked at anything except unto Him, “*Mā zāgha l-baṣar wa mā bawā.*” That is a short verse that indicates his real personality, and honour, and power; his state in the Divine Presence – he gave himself unto Himself, and there was no more Muḥammad, peace be upon him, there. He was with Him. He reached his last target: as every river runs, every river runs unto the ocean and on reaching the ocean there is no more running. The rivers’ target is to reach the ocean, when they reach the ocean, they finish. There is no more running. As when a drop falls from the skies – a drop of water, or a drop of rain comes unto the ocean – can you find it? When that drop has reached the ocean, can you find it? It has become ocean ... You have been granted one drop from your Lord, one drop of love, one drop of existence – try to give it back to that Endless Ocean of Love and Existence, the Unity Oceans of the Lord Almighty Allāh, then you should be with the Ocean. Never again will you be taken out, never again will you be alone.

Therefore, Rābi‘ah al-‘Adawiyah was asking to reach her Lord. She said, “I was asking, I was saying, “Allāh, Allāh, Allāh, Allāh, Allāh ... I was asking, calling Him, and it was so heavy for my ego to call the name of my Lord, because my ego was so frightened of being with Him. My ego was never happy to leave itself and to surrender to the Lord. Therefore, whenever I was saying, Allāh, Allāh, Allāh, it was so heavy on my ego, but I never left it. For eleven (seven?) years each time I said, Allāh, it was as if I was carrying a mountain on my shoulders, but I never left it, I persisted until I reached to a point that my ego left me, I was free. I was free. I was with my Lord, my ego melted and finished and I was with my Lord.”

O people! O Mankind! There is a big chance for everyone to reach their Lord’s Divine Presence because He is Asking for you to come to

Him! Yes. Jesus Christ went to His Lord. Or do you think he went somewhere else, do you think he reached someone other than his Lord? And Moses, peace be upon him, reached his Lord. Do you think he went to Mount Sinai to watch a film? Was he going to the cinema? Do you think that Moses went to the cinema there on Sinai? ‘The Mount Sinai Cinema’? What do you think? He was running after His Lord’s invitation! Allāh called him, “O Moses, come to Me, come to Me!” He was given a sign: with a very strange fire. Nothing like your fires; his whole body was burning, but the fire was not burning wood or rocks. Yet he felt his body burning just from looking at that fire. He ran into fire to meet his Lord. Now where are our Jewish brothers? Running to dunyā. And our Christian brothers? Running after dunyā. They say, “We are the most moderate, most modern, most civilised people.” Ha! They are like ants running around on the earth. But look at ants! They reach a point where they ask to fly unto the Almighty. They ask for wings and Allāh Almighty grants them wings! Look, you are not taking any wisdom from ants! Man! You are like lizards – civilised Europeans! Jews and Christians have become like lizards by hording so much from dunyā. And our poor Muslims are saying, “What shall we do? We must follow the Europeans. Western people are civilised, we must run after them – perhaps then we may attain something from dunyā.”

They are not learning from ants! Ants are asking, “Give us wings! So that we may fly a little bit up to You!” Yet we are not asking. And our wings are ready – if you ask for your spiritual wings they can carry you, without a rocket you may go up! Any star that you may look at, before your eyes reach to that point you may be there and beyond! We have such powerful wings, but we prefer to be lizards crawling on the earth. Lizards are sometimes very angry with each other, sometimes one bites another’s tail. When it is without a tail others attack him and bite their eyes; then they are without their eyes. Lizards, fight when they are angry with each other. And the most civilised people, twentieth century people are saying, “Oh, religion!” They never look up. They are fighting each other, eating each other. *Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llāhi l-‘aliyyi l-‘azīm.*

Ask for wings! Moses reached to his Lord! Jesus Christ reached to his Lord! The Seal of Prophets, peace be upon him, reached to his Lord, here and hereafter. But what about their nations? They are trying to catch *dunyā*, although one day they are going to be nailed in their coffins. Our corpse will be taken and put in a coffin, a strong coffin. Muslim coffins are so easy, we are not nailing them closed because no Muslim is asking to come back and jump out of his coffin! But here modern people are so anxious for their share of *dunyā*, their inheritance, that they fear they may jump out and come back! Therefore, they nail the lid so securely that they can not jump out. They bury them in their coffin. They bury them in the graveyard; no-one is able to come out, but they say, “No, no! Make it a heavy coffin, a strong one, and bury it deep! Cover it with one, two, three tons of earth then they won’t be able to get out!”

And one day people find themselves in their coffins, and they are going to be unhappy to be put in the earth. I have said so many times, open that coffin and put even one handful of earth inside for the smell, because the body, the body is anxious to touch, to touch their real mother – Earth. It is asking to reach the earth. But modern people prevent them from reaching the earth. The body, when a person dies, the body desires to reach the earth as soon as possible. Therefore, it is not right to delay the burial or to prevent the dead body from touching the earth. If you prevent this it is like a person who has just married and you place a hindrance between him and his wife such that he can only stand outside looking, “I can’t reach, I can’t reach, I can’t reach!” What is this! Perhaps that body cannot reach the earth for one hundred years because outside is wood and inside is metal. Metal coffins. That is another punishment, or ‘*adhāb*, torment. People never like being imprisoned in their coffin, but they cannot say anything, or if they are saying something we cannot hear them. One day people will find themselves in that heavy coffin and see that they are finished. They will realise that they have missed their chance to reach the higher levels, to reach their Lord’s Oceans of Pleasure and Satisfaction.

O people! Look once again to your positions. Day by day we are coming closer to our last day. Everyone will have a last day. It is

not going to be the same for everyone, but there will be a last day of everyone's life. You must try to prepare for that 'Welcome', or not, from Allāh Almighty, from your Lord. That is our short association for today. I think that this is firstly for my ego, my ego is being reminded, and everyone may remind themselves of that day. Who knows when that day will be? It is an unknown day for almost everyone. Only the Friends of Allāh are informed of that day, so that they may prepare themselves to be in a most excellent state. Once Allāh Almighty ordered the Angel of Death, the Archangel of Death, 'Azrā'il: "O 'Azrā'il, go after one of My Friends, you should find him in that place and bring his soul to My Divine Presence." And he went to that one as Allāh Almighty had ordered, and he looked for him. He looked around and found a person half buried in the earth, covered up to his middle, half buried in this oven-like place in the earth. (Tape ends) The story continues: This saint had been lying there waiting impatiently for 'Azrā'il to come. Allāh had informed him of this date, he had known of this appointment for some time. For the Friends of Allāh, the day on which 'Azrā'il comes to take them is the best of days for they have spent their lives waiting to meet their Lord.

WE BRING TROUBLE ON OURSELVES

AT A DINNER

... PEOPLE, foolish people always blame Allāh Almighty, they treat themselves in the worst possible way and then accuse Allāh when they suffer! Like Shayṭān – he disobeyed His Lord's Command, and when he was cursed and kicked down he began to accuse Allāh, "You are wrong! I was right not to bow to Adam! You are wrong! Why are You ordering me to make sajdah to Adam? You know that I am more honoured than Adam, I was Your servant! I was the one who was in Your Divine Service, making sajdah and teaching the angels! My rank must be over his rank! You have only just created him, he hasn't even made one sajdah, and You order all Your angels to make

sajdah to him, including me!? I am not one of those who make sajdah to Adam! I will never make sajdah to him!” So he was kicked out. He brought this trouble on himself, he has brought his suffering on himself.

Nothing can touch Allāh. Nothing can make Allāh Almighty suffer. Nothing can make Him sad. Nothing affects Him. Shayṭān disobeyed so he was kicked out. Allāh is not sorry or sad for Shayṭān. He is not suffering because Shayṭān has been thrown out and cursed. No. Suffering belongs to Shayṭān. Suffering is for Shayṭān and began when he started to fight his Lord Almighty, Allāh. And suffering is for everyone who tries to fight their Lord. They must suffer. When you go against Allāh Almighty’s Will you suffer, because you are given your punishment through yourself. That is the reason that people suffer.

Yes, everyone prepares for themselves a good life, a happy life, or a life filled with trouble and suffering. Everyone who is in peace with Allāh cannot be touched by anything. No trouble, no suffering, can touch him. Allāh Almighty says that those who are with Allāh – nothing touches them, nothing harms them, nothing hurts them, nothing gives sorrow or trouble to those people! They are in na‘īm – Paradise, blessings and favours reach them through this life. But disobedient people, particularly those who are fighting against Allāh Almighty’s Will, suffer so that before going to Jaḥīm, Hell, their lives here are also Hell. Everyone must look after themselves. You may choose to be in happiness, in peace, in Paradise here, or to be in Hell. People have been given everything – but they are living their life here in Hell. The majority of people have every favour from Allāh Almighty, yet they are living in Hell. May Allāh forgive us. Āmīn.

*Al-ḥamdu li-llāb, al-ḥamdu li-llāb,
Asb-sbukru li-llāb, asb-sbukru li-llāb,
Al-ḥamdu li-llāb, al-ḥamdu li-llāb,
Asb-sbukru li-llāb, asb-sbukru li-llāb,
Astagbfiru llāb, astagbfiru llāb, astagbfiru llāb!*

TURN YOUR HEARTS TO ALLĀH

KHUṬBAH

THE LAST DAY is approaching, very quickly approaching. So quickly that you cannot imagine it. One hundred and twenty-four thousand prophets passed away. The Seal of Prophets came almost fifteen hundred years ago, and his era is coming to an end. And thousands of years – I am not saying that man has lived on this Earth for millions of years, we have only lived on it for 7,500 years – and thousands of years have passed. Billions of people are underground, in known or unknown graves, and they are waiting for the Day of Resurrection, waiting to stand up. They are waiting. You are lucky that you are not going to be underground for long, but billions have been waiting for the Trumpet for thousands of years; waiting to stand and be asked, “What did you understand in your life? Did you learn anything? What did you understand? Come and give your report.” And if you do not know, He will show you.

O people! Do not be worried about your physical life. No, your eternal life is through your spiritual being. This physical body may live fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty, ninety, one hundred or more years. But it cannot reach two hundred years, it is not eternal. Therefore, O believers! As much as you are thinking of your eternal life you must take much more care of your spiritual being!

And time is over. And we hope there is a change coming on Earth to take away these violent ones. Such accursed ones. Any moment curses could come from the Heavens, but Allāh Almighty is sending punishment on twentieth century people through each other, not through the angels. O people, when you turn towards the Ka‘bah you must turn your hearts towards Allāh Almighty’s Divine Presence and you must ask forgiveness. You must ask for mercy from His Endless Mercy Oceans. You must ask for His Mercy to change this bad situation to a good situation. The bad way is to follow Shayṭān.

The good way is to turn from Shayṭān and devils, and to run to follow the ways of prophets, and saints, and good ones.

NATURAL HEALTH

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

THAT IS a good flower – the Narcissus. It is an oriental flower ... there are also flowers that have no smell, they have a fine appearance but no smell. Flowers with a good smell come from our countries, and, according to traditional knowledge, smelling flowers supports our health. Everyone of man, man means men and women, has some 'nerves' in their heads which are the main reason for madness. There is a 'vein' that is a reason for becoming mad, and if a person, even only once a year, smelled this Narcissus, that madness would stop. This is an important point for European people, because they have two of these veins!

For everything that you do, first give your most high greetings to Muḥammad. Everything will have a good outcome if you give your respect to your Lord, and to Sayyidinā Muḥammad ... [Shaykh then paused to sip a glass of water and made this du'ā' before drinking:] *Bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, Allābumma ṣalli 'alā Muḥammad, yā Shāfi, yā Shāfi ...*

My teeth are falling out and we are sitting here to talk about Islamic Health! ... Madness – there are at least seventy kinds of madness, I have listed more than seventy among Europeans and it is clear why: because most of them drink. Alcohol causes that madness, foolishness, idiocy, in Europeans.

We say, *As-salāmu 'alaikum! A'ūdhu bi-llābi mina sb-shayṭāni r-raḥīm*, and *bismi llābi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*, then He helps us. And when He is helping you, everything helps you. And when you are pleasing your Lord, Allāh Almighty orders everything around you to help you, and support you, and to give you enjoyment. Therefore, if someone is asking for health, to live healthily, then they must try to make

Allāh Almighty pleased with them. Without asking Allāh Almighty to be pleased with you, you cannot be happy, you cannot be in peace, successful, healthy, victorious. Anything you are hoping to reach can only succeed if you are intending to please Allāh Almighty. Then all closed doors open to you. If not, all open doors close to you.

Do you understand my English? I went to “The Shakespeare School”, in Cyprus, therefore I speak “Shakespeare English!” Is there anyone else here who speaks, “Shakespeare English”? I do not think so! ... If you have more knowledge you may give it, but to anyone asking more power I am the one who can give that. I am authorised through the Divine Command, therefore, it is better to be here buying rather than selling.

Everything originates from one point, as a tent without a pole cannot stand. Man must know that this body is an amānah, a sacred trust for your safekeeping. Everyone’s physical body is a grant from the Creator, and He says, “Please treat My grant with respect. Don’t use it badly. Don’t use it mindlessly. Don’t use it stupidly. Don’t use it madly. Don’t use it ignorantly. No. Treasure My grant to you. It is My grant to you, and you must take the best care of what I grant to you.”

That is the first command from Allāh Almighty to everyone, to everyone. And the guiding rule of keeping it carefully, of taking care, is that you must not use your body for forbidden actions. You must not use it for forbidden actions. You were never permitted to use your body for forbidden things. That is disrespect for your Lord. He is asking you to keep this grant in the best way, and when you use it in a forbidden way, for forbidden actions, you should be punished. Without doubt you will be punished, here and hereafter. Do not think that physicians and their medicines can help you, no, they will only increase your suffering and misery.

If you are mistreating Allāh’s grant, do not delude yourself that healing gives you a rest. Do not think that acupuncture can benefit you. Do not think that some Harley Street specialist can prescribe something to help you. Do not imagine that atomic medicine could benefit you – even if a pill had ‘atomic power’... Painkillers give you

some amusement for a few hours, but they are not treatment, they cannot give health. Most medicines are just painkillers. If you are not obeying the Holy Command of Allāh Almighty, do not think that there may be help for you. However, if you are in peace and agreement with your Lord Allāh Almighty, then even drinking water can cure you. Therefore, it is important for the life of man to take care of their Creator's Command before curses come on them from the Heavens. If Heaven is cursing you, there is no cure.

I think that is enough for you, it is enough. I thank you for enquiring about health issues, because most people now complain that they are not healthy. They use so many medicines to try and maintain their normal bodily functions and this is very bad for them. To follow what doctors are advising and prescribing is very bad practise for Mankind, because doctors just lead people to live their lives dominated by tablets. Hourly, daily, weekly, monthly, yearly; they cause people to live abnormal lives. Very few people are not using tablets. It begins in childhood. And for the rest of their lives they use tablets to give more comfort and pleasure. But it destroys the body and the psyche from the inside. Then they need to use other drugs to repair their psyche too, and they continue using drugs up to their death.

Try to use what Allāh Almighty has given us through nature. Natural medicines from the plant world, herbs: these give you complete health, but the effect is not going to be immediate. It will be slow, slowly reached. Those artificial medicines are poisoning and killing our inner feelings, and when finishing them you feel nothing, you think you have reached health and rest – but never! If you use herbal medicines they help you, slowly, slowly – use them and harm never comes to your body, they never harm your body or give a burden to your physical body.

Question: What about life threatening diseases, what drugs should we use?

The Prophet's traditional advice is that before you reach breaking point you should look to prevention. When they are broken they then

run to the doctor. But doctors do not use herbal medicine because patients are impatient people. Also, there is population control on Earth: governments are asking doctors to reduce the population on Earth, therefore they give these medicines, which are really poisons, then they die and doctors say, “Oh! There was nothing else we could do.”

Question: Should we give vaccinations to babies?

Trusting Allāh to prevent illness is good, we give charity for this. But Allāh Almighty also shows ways for protection, and small ones are quickly affected by some illnesses because of the sins of the grown-ups, therefore vaccination is a kind of protection from Allāh Almighty.*

Question: Smoking cigarettes?

Smoking cigarettes kills the body slowly, it slowly poisons you. They print huge posters and write at the bottom: Caution Smoking Kills! ... And there is another point that I must state: Scans are terrible and dangerous for babies. Do not have scans, or use ultrasound (the electronic listening machines that are used to monitor the baby’s heartbeat) when you are pregnant! Not even when giving birth, not at all! Every day mummies are coming to me and complaining about their babies. Every harm, genetic and otherwise, comes to you and them from these scans.

* (Shaykh usually recommends not to vaccinate, and then give charity in the name of God with the intention of seeking His Protection. Current vaccines have serious side effects.)

THE MOST VALUABLE JEWEL

ST ANNE'S, LONDON

You are Sulṭān, no-one else can be.
Everyone must be servants.

Allābu Akbar! Allābu Akbar! Hū!
Allābu Akbar! Allābu Akbar!
Allābumma ṣalli ‘alā Muḥammad,
wa ‘alā ālibi wa ṣaḥḥibi wa sallim ...

WE ARE here for the Almighty, for the sake of Allāh and for the love of Sayyidinā Muḥammad. Out of love and respect for Him, we have come here. We are all servants, men and women, even if you are covered in jewels you are still servants. Dressed in crowns – you are still servants. If you put a golden saddle on a donkey has it changed? It may claim: I am something else, something different, but what is different? It still has four legs and a tail, even if it says: My saddle is gold! Maybe your saddle is gold, but you are still a donkey. Other donkeys will never accept him as anything else. It may say: I am a VIP donkey! But we do not recognise such VIP donkeys. Because of your saddle are you going to be a VIP? And people today think that because of their dress they are someone else!

We are asking Allāh Almighty to fix our feet on His Path towards Him, that is our aim. That is what we ask of Allāh Almighty. May imān be with us permanently, may we live on that path, and may we enter the Divine Presence with – *Lā ilāba illā llāh Muḥammadun Rasūl Allāh, ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. Whoever may keep this trust from Allāh Almighty is lucky. He is a lucky one, he returns to Allāh Almighty with his trust intact. That trust is the most valuable jewel. It is the most valuable jewel, most precious. Therefore, when Shayṭān lost it and was thrown out of the Divine Presence he became so angry, and so jealous, and so proud, and so stubborn; he carried so

much enmity for Mankind, that he is always running after Mankind to steal it from them and make them like himself. Shayṭān is able to carry people from Paradise to Hells.

At the beginning, in Paradise, he came and cheated Adam and Eve, *‘alayhim salām*, taking them out of Paradise. Adam, Sayyidinā Adam, upon him be peace, advised us all, “O my children! Try not to be cheated by devils, by Shayṭān! I have been cheated, I was in Paradise, and I fell into troubles, sufferings, and miseries due to Shayṭān. He cheated me, don’t let yourselves to be cheated!” That is in the Torah, the Old Testament, the New Testament; it is in all Holy Books. Every prophet, every messenger, says, “O people! Your grandfather was cheated by Shayṭān, try not to be cheated too!” He cheated Adam with one fruit, with one forbidden command. The Lord of Heavens ordered, “I am making everything in Paradise ḥalāl for you, you may eat, you may enjoy everything, only that one fruit is forbidden, don’t approach it!”

It was through only *one* thing that Shayṭān cheated them. They ate from that one fruit. Then they found themselves on Earth, it was nighttime, they came in darkness. Through darkness they came, and Adam landed in Serendip, Ceylon, now it has a modern name Sri Lanka, yes, the people there are becoming modern. He came to Adam’s Peak, on the highest point of that mountain he made his first footstep. His footprint is still there. And our grandmother landed in Jiddah, Saudia Arabia, in Ḥijāz. It was such a sorrowful and horrifying event: to leave the Lights of Paradise, to be thrown away from Paradise and to fall through darkness onto the Earth. Only one tree was forbidden, and Shayṭān cheated them on that one command, one forbidden thing made them fall into trouble.

Now Shayṭān is making you approach and eat every forbidden thing that you see. This takes you away from mercy, this carries you away from Mercy Oceans, and brings you to cursed areas. Even in small things: do not say *makrūh** is a small sin, no! No! Whose command are you refusing? You are refusing Allāh Almighty’s Command!

* Between ḥalāl, permitted, and ḥarām, forbidden, lies *makruh*, disliked.

Employees working in businesses, employees are careful not to make a mistake, careful not to make a small mistake because it may mean a large loss of money. Why are you not thinking? Where is your adab for Allāh? Allāh Almighty's adab – you are drinking alcohol! To drinks Allāh Almighty says, "O My servants! It is shayṭānic behaviour!"

Are you not going to stop drinking? Are you not going to stop doing satanic work? How far are you going to go with satanic acts? How far are you going to take that satanic behaviour?! Satan says, "Like this, like this!" And people run after it! That is the main source of all crises, troubles and sufferings on Earth. "To what point are you intending to follow Satan? Are you intending to follow Satan up to death? You're not thinking of following Me? You're not intending to follow My prophets, My saints?" Say, "We are intending – help us not to follow satanic actings, we are intending to follow – only accept that sometimes we are weak!"

There must be something wrong when you trip over stones. If you are going to Allāh stones cannot touch you, the way is smooth, it is not a rough way. Everytime something touches you and hurts you, you must think that you have done something wrong. You have performed some satanic act that permits that stone to hurt you. We have been created to be examples of goodness. Everyone must try to be examples of the best and then they will be shown in the Heavens as signs, as examples, of the best on Earth; heavenly beings look to these because they are surrounded by Lights that may be seen so high in the Heavens. Try to be the best ones on Earth, for these Lights to come to you from the Heavens. Try to be surrounded by Lights, and to be sources of Mercy, because Mercy comes on the best ones.

And if you are not so intent on being of the best, then at least try to be with one of the best, to reach enlightenment through association with him; to reach Mercy through him. The prophets and saints are surrounded in Heavenly Lights, therefore, Allāh Almighty ordered His servants to run to be their companions. It is a Divine Order for everyone to seek out one of His Friends and be with him. Being in the company of the best – that is a Divine Order for everyone.

But Satan is turning so many people into ‘squareheads’ by telling them not to seek the company of the good ... “Don’t accompany good ones! everyone must stand alone!” The best ones read Holy Qur’ān and Holy ḥadīth, and read about the ṣaḥābah, the companions of Rasūl, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, who were always with him and are in his company forever. But now when Shayṭān and his devils see someone coming to be in the company of good ones, they say, “Don’t follow that one it is shirk!” What is that mentality? Leave us free to be with the Purified Ones, through that we may beat the satanic kingdom. If they do not join the company of the good, they will always be following the bad.

You only need to follow one: the ṣaḥābah followed Rasūl, *ṣalla llābu ‘alayhi wa sallam*. If you can find one now it does not have anything to do with shirk, you are not setting up a partner with Allāh Almighty – that idea is aimed at destroying Islām from the inside. You cannot destroy it from the outside because people would see through it, but they are trying to do it from the inside, and swearing publicly, slandering the awliyā’ who only ever follow Islām! Intend that your name be written amongst the Highest Assembly in the Divine Presence, aim for your name to be inscribed; for your name to be mentioned there, and that it be said of you, “That one is one of the best!” And the way is open, you are free to reach that station! May Allāh bless you and forgive me ...

For everything here has a beginning and an end. In this life everyone is coming or going. Someone comes, someone goes, that rhythm on the Earth never ends. Everything is moving – someone comes. Everything is moving – someone goes. Someone arrives, someone departs. This year we have been with you for forty-five days. I came by the heavenly command of our Lord, Allāh Almighty, and I intend to leave tomorrow for another meeting with some of Allāh Almighty’s other servants. I am entrusting you to Allāh Almighty’s Mercy, and Allāh Almighty’s Mercy covers everything. This advice that they are giving to me for you is good advice, it is always going to be true, it will never diminish – so follow it! Cultivate your good characteristics: follow goodness and mercy, love and respect

and justice; then through these good values you will come closer, to your Lord, Allāh Almighty. Try to be closer to Him. Give Him your highest respect, highest praise, and highest service thus trying to make Him Pleased with you. That is the goal for which you must aim: to make Allāh Almighty Pleased with you. If you can please Allāh Almighty, you should be counted amongst the lucky ones! We are praying that everyone may join the ranks of the lucky ones. We pray that everyone reaches their Lord here, and endless Mercy hereafter. That is our aim. We are not here to search for glory because dunyā cheats everyone, and the most dangerous enemy for believers is to be in love with dunyā and to leave mawla ...

Beware of satanic ideas – leave them!

Be Beloved Servants of Allāh Almighty!

Don't be slaves of your nafs, of your ego!

Don't be slaves of Satan!

May Allāh Almighty save you, and me, and His servants.

APHORISMS

DO NOT MIX with bad ones, keep away from bad places. We cannot do anything against them, we have no power, power is in the hands of shayṭāns. Every morning ask Allāh to be separated from them. We are waiting for Mahdī, *‘alayhi salām*, until he comes we have no power.

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GRANDSHAYKH has just asked me to pass on this message: Grandshaykh is very pleased with all his daughters, all his daughters. He says that if only they would stop being jealous they will be with the Prophet, *ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam*, awake they will be seeing him!

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MAWLĀNĀ was asked about paying insurance, he told the questioner: Do not pay insurance, trust in Allāh, not insurance, and give the money that you would pay for insurance as ṣadaqah, that protects you. If you have to have insurance for legal reasons then do so.

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THE HIGHEST ADAB, the one with the highest adab for Allāh is always happy with everything that comes to him. That is the highest point of respect and belief, because that one knows that everything is from Allāh. Nothing comes from anyone except Allāh, He controls everything.

The highest adab is to know and accept and be happy with everything: because everything is Perfect. It cannot be other than Perfect. Even in its imperfection it is Perfect. That is the highest point, and the most difficult to reach, always be happy.

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THE STATION OF WOMEN: Every maqām is open to women. There is no maqām that women cannot reach. Every maqām is open to them. Every maqām. There is no maqām that they cannot reach. They may reach much more quickly than men – a woman may reach the highest maqām in forty minutes, she may reach in forty minutes that which it takes a man forty days to reach ... Her problem is staying there! Therefore she is in need of a husband, a shaykh, to give her the stability she needs.

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Glossary of terms

‘Abdu l-Qādir al-Jilānī – Born 470 AH (1077 AD) – died 561 AH (1166 AD). Known as The Rose of Baghdad, he was born in Naif in the Jilan district of Persia, and he was a descendant of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad, his mother being descended from the Prophet’s grandson Ḥusayn and his father from the Prophet’s grandson Ḥasan. The founder of the Qādirī Ṭarīqah, he is one of the most renowned Sufis of all times. The most famous collection of his lectures is “The Revelations of the Unseen” (*Futūḥ al-ghayb*).

Abū Bakr aṣ-Ṣiddīq – Born 53 before Hijrah (570 AD) – died 12 AH (633 AD). First Khalīfah of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad and inheritor of the inner teaching transmitted to his heart in the Cave of Thawr where the Prophet and he were hiding from would-be assassins.

Abū Lahab – The wealthiest of the Prophet’s uncles. He refused to accept Islām and did everything in his power to destroy Muḥammad. Two of his sons embraced Islām.

Abū Yazīd al-Biṣṭāmī – Born 186 AH (800 AD)? – died 260 AH (874-877 AD). Also known as Bāyazīd and Ṭayfūr, was born in North-Eastern Persia, the grandson of a Zoroastrian. One of the most colourful figures in the history of the Sufis, there are many wonderful stories and sayings from his life which are mentioned in *Tadbkirat al-awliyā’*, Farīd ud-din Aṭṭār (“Muslim Saints and Mystics” –

translated by Arberry). He was an early Naqshbandī master and was famed for his many miracles and startling sayings.

adab – Good manners, the proper way of behaving, respecting people’s feelings and knowing how to treat them, as well as keeping one’s respect towards Allāh Almighty and having a correct attitude in your relationship to Him, are at the heart of the teaching of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad – this whole area of knowledge and wisdom is referred to as adab.

ahl al-bayt – People of my house – the blood descendants of the Prophet Muḥammad, peace be upon him and upon his family.

ahlan wa saḥlan – Literally, fields and houses. A welcome.

ahlu s-sunnati wa l-jamā‘ah – People of the Sunna and community.

ākhirah – The Hereafter.

‘alayhi salām – Peace be on him.

‘alaykum bi shām – Seek refuge in Damascus, an advice from both the Qur’ān and from Ḥadīth.

al-ḥamdu li-llāh – All Praise is due to Allāh.

‘Alī ibn Ṭālib – Born 30 Before Hijrah (592 AD). Assassinated 40 AH (662 AD). Cousin of the Prophet and husband of the Prophet’s daughter Fāṭimah. Fourth and last of the rightly guided Khalīfs. Inheritor of Islām’s inner teaching, and thus the first Shaykh in the succession of forty Sūfi Ṭuruq.

Allāh – The name of God which encompasses all the other names. The One True God for whom there is no partner nor any equal in the Heavens or the Earth.

Allāhu Akbar! – God is Greater.

Allāhu ‘ālim – God is the Knower, God knows.

Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Muḥammadin wa ‘alā āli Muḥammadin wa sallim – O God send blessings on Muḥammad and send blessings upon the family of Muḥammad.

Allāhu nazīrī – Allāh is watching me.

Allāhu shahid – He is the one who witnesses all things and events everywhere at all times.

al-‘arsh – The Divine Throne.

anbiyā’ – Prophets.

ashhadu – I bear witness. The declaration of faith in Islām states – I witness that there is no god but God and I witness that Muḥammad is His servant and His Messenger.

astaghfiru llāh – Seeking forgiveness from Allāh.

a‘ūdhu bi-llāhi mina sh-shayṭāni r-ra-jīm – I seek refuge in Allāh against shayṭān.

awliyā’, walī singular of awliyā’ – Friends of Allāh, nearest English equivalent is Saint.

āyah – Sign of Allāh, verse of the Holy Qur’ān.

‘Azīz Allāh – He is the Victorious one whom no force can overwhelm. But He does not hurry to destroy the one who persists in revolt and sin.

banī Ādam – Children of Ādam.

barakah, plural: barakāt – Blessing, benediction, abundant and continual good, prosperity, good fortune. A spiritual aura emanating from holy people, places and objects (tombs of saints, places of pilgrimage).

Battle of Uḥud – The second battle between the Muslims and the Meccans, the first was the battle of Badr in which the Muslims were victorious. At Uḥud the battle appeared over and Muslim bowmen in a key position and under strict orders not to leave their post for anything did so when they thought the battle had been won and didn’t want to miss out on any spoils. The Meccan were able to snatch victory back. Sixty-five Muslims were martyred, among them the Prophet’s uncle, Ḥamzah. At one point in the battle the Prophet himself was, incorrectly, believed to be dead.

baya‘/bayat – To take an oath of allegiance. The companions of the Prophet took bādunyā with him. The mureeds of a shaykh take bādunyā with him.

Bilāl – An African slave who was tortured by his owner to try and make him deny Allāh. He refused. When the Prophet made his ascent into the Divine Presence he heard the footsteps of Bilāl, Allāh Almighty had lifted him to Him to save him from suffering.

bismi llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm – In the name of Allāh the All Merciful the All Compassionate.

dhikr – Mentioning. Often translated as remembering. Used to name the activity of recitation of the Holy Names of Allāh, the Holy Qur’ān, and any other act of remembering Him.

Dajjāl – The Anti-Christ, may Allāh protect us from falling victim to his deception. He will appear at the end of time, after the Great War (Third World War), in the time of Sayyidinā Mahdī, who will not have the power to kill Dajjāl. That power Allāh Almighty has given to Jesus

- Christ who will at that time descend from Heaven and go out to fight and kill Dajjāl in a place to the north of Damascus.
- du‘ā’ – invocation.
- dunyā – The “here”, this life, the world of things. Material existence and materialism.
- dustoor – Avert.
- efendi – An honorific title.
- fātiḥah – The opening sūrah of the Qur’ān, al-Fātiḥah, literally, the opening. The whole Qur’ān is contained in the Fātiḥah.
- ḥadīth – Prophetic Tradition. Beginning with the generation of the tābi‘īn (those who never met the Prophet but did meet some of his surviving companions) those ḥadīths began to be collected in volumes and classified according to subject and verified in authenticity through examination of the reliability of the characters and memories of those who transmitted them.
- ḥajj – Pilgrimage to Mecca to visit the Holy House of Allāh, the Ka‘bah. It is one of the five pillars of Islām that every Muslim must make Ḥajj once in their life.
- ḥalāl – Permissible, lawful, legitimate. All actions which fall within the limits of the Sharī‘ah.
- al-Ḥalīm – The Forbearer. He is forbearing in the punishment of the guilty.
- ḥarām – Forbidden, unlawful, prohibited either because of sacredness or harmfulness. All actions which fall outside the limits of Sharī‘ah.
- Harūn ar-Rashīd – Khalif of the Abbasid dynasty, the longest-lived of the medieval Islamic world (749-1258) based in Baghdad. He is the Khalif of The Thousand and one Nights, and ruled from 786-809.
- ḥaqq/ḥaqqānī – Ḥaqq is one of the ninety nine names of Allāh – The Truth. He is the Truth, His being never changes, His Essence is valid in itself and is the cause and necessity for all other existence. Ḥaqq is existent by itself, the only true existence. Everything except Allāh begins, changes, disappears, reappears. The Truth is that which needs no proof and whose denial is impossible. Allāh is the Truth whose Essence is the cause and is necessary for all other existence.
- ḥayya ‘alā ṣ-ṣalāh – Hasten to the prayer.
- iḥdā – Presentation of the blessings that have been received to the Prophet, the companions, the saints, the scholars and the masters of the ṭarīqah.
- iḥsān – Excellence, particularly of manners and faith.
- Imām – Leader of prayer. Literally ‘in front of’.
- imān – Faith.
- jalla jallālah – From al-Jalīl, The Majestic, the Mighty. Al-Jalīl is the Lord of Majesty and Might. His Knowledge, Power, Mercy, Generosity, Wisdom and Compassion is Great – He is the source and owner of all attributes of greatness.
- Jamāl – Perfect Beauty.
- janāzah – Funeral prayer.
- Jibrīl – The Archangel Gabriel.
- jinn – Genie, what we indiscriminately refer to as spirits. The Qur’ān is addressed to both Mankind and Jinn. The Jinn are made of smokeless fire, Man from earth and the Angels from light. There are both believers and un-

believers found among the Jinn. Their bodies being subtler than man's, they cannot be seen normally, however they can affect the lives of men in various ways.

Ka'bah – The Holy House of Allāh in Mecca. Built in the shape of a cube, the Ka'bah was first erected by the Prophet Abraham and his son Ismā'īl when Abraham was ordered to leave his wife Hajar and her son in that desolate valley. Allāh provided them miraculously with water from the Zam-zam well, and established them in the land. The Lord promised to bless the seed of Ismā'īl and the fruit of the blessing was the sending of the Prophet Muḥammad. After the Ka'bah's consecration to the one true God by Abraham and his son, the people fell into idol worship for many generations until the time of Muḥammad, when the Ka'bah was cleaned of idols and worship of the One True God was re-established. All Muslims face the direction of the Ka'bah in their prayers – not because they assume God to be living in it – rather that it is the symbolic demonstration of unity.

kāfir – Denier, rejector of Truth. Unbeliever. Whoever has come into contact with the true religion represented in its pure form by a Prophet or by one of their inheritors, and then consciously rejects that Truth and persists in stubborn unbelief is said to be a kāfir.

al-Karīm, Karīm Allāh – The Generous, one of the Ninety-nine Names. In His Generosity He gives help, satisfying your needs before you ask. His greatest Generosity is His Mercy, through which He forgives when He could punish.

Kamāl – Perfect wholeness.

khalifah – Deputy. The Islamic state was ruled by the Khalif. The first Khalif was Abū Bakr aṣ-Ṣiddīq.

khiṭāb – Speech, an address.

khuṭbah – The address to the congregation at the Friday prayers.

kursī – Chair, the Divine Throne.

Layla and Majnūn – Majnūn fell madly in love with Layla, he could think of nothing but her.

Lā ilāha illā llāh – There is no god except God.

Lā ilāha ill Allāh Muḥammadun Rasūl Allāh – There is no god except God and Muḥammad is His Messenger.

laka aslamnā – to you we surrender.

madad – Support.

al-Mahdī – The Last One. A man from the descendants of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad who will appear at the end of time in order to fight the enemies of faith and prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. Imām al-Mahdī will be given miracles to accomplish his great mission and will rule the world for seven years. He will appear three months after the outbreak of the Third World War, and one of his miracles will be that when he pronounces the words, "Allāhu Akbar!" three times, all the technology of the war and of the world will cease to function.

maqām – On the spiritual journey there are different stations, or ranks to be attained. The seeker sometimes receives a taste of them as a blessing from their Lord, these are known as states (ḥāl) but it is only when they are firm in their position that they have attained the maqām, the station.

Mawlānā – Our master.

mā zāgha l-baṣar wa mā hawā – (During his heavenly journey) the Prophet's gaze ﷺ neither digressed nor sank.

mī'rāj – One of the miracles of the Prophet. He was taken by Jibril on the back of the mystical steed, al-Burāq, from the Holy Mosque of Mecca to the Holy Rock of Jerusalem and up from there to the Seven Heavens, in each of which he met and conversed with one of the Holy Prophets who came before him. After reaching the top of the Seventh Heaven, he was taken to the limit of Jibril's domain, then continued to the Divine Presence where he came within two bow lengths of the Majestic and Most Exalted Creator of the Heavens and Earth.

Muḥammad – Muḥammad son of 'Abdullāh, son of 'Abd al-Muṭṭalib – The Messenger of Allāh Almighty who was sent as a mercy unto the Worlds, the last of the Prophets and their leader – he for who's sake Allāh created the world, May peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him. He was born in the fifty-first year before Hijrah (569 AD) and his father died before Muḥammad was born. He grew up in the care of his uncle Abū Ṭālib and worked as a shepherd and later as a trader. At the age of twenty-five he married a widow named Khadijah who was fifteen years elder, and remained married solely to her until her death twenty-six years later.

Muḥammad never worshipped the idols that had been set up in and around the Holy House in Mecca. Rather, Muḥammad was one of the detached seekers of Truth who were known as 'Ḥunafā', who were searching for the purity of the religion of Abraham, rejecting what they could recognize as the obvious perversions in not only the cults of the pagan Arabs

who were predominant in Arabia, but also in the much tampered with doctrines of the Jews and Christians. At the age of forty, Muḥammad was in spiritual seclusion in the Cave of Hira when he was visited by the Angel Gabriel who ordered him to read. Muḥammad replied that he did not know how to read or write, as he was unlettered; but the Angel squeezed his chest and repeated the order thrice: "Read in the name of your Lord Who created; created man from a clot of blood, Read and your Lord is the Most Generous, for He is the One who taught man by the pen, taught man that which he did not know!" With these words the revelation of the Qur'an commenced, and for the following twenty-three years the Prophet continued to receive revelation through Gabriel. These revelations are contained in the Holy Qur'an which is a source of enough guidance to lead the nation of Muḥammad from that time to the Last Day.

Thirteen years after the beginning of revelation, the Holy Prophet migrated from Mecca to Medina along with his followers, when the pagan Arabs of Mecca threatened and tried to kill him. This event is called Hijrah and it marks the beginning of the Islamic calendar. After living for ten years in Medina, a time in which all the Qur'anic verses dictating Islamic Law and social norms were revealed, and Islām had been established in an entire community as a living way of life, the Prophet passed on to the hands of his Creator. He passed away on the same date as he was born – the twelfth of the lunar month Rabī'ah al-Awwal, in the year 10 AH (632 AD).

Mu'min – A Believer.

murīd – A follower who desires to learn the Sufi Way from a Shaykh. Literally one who is asking.

mushrik – Idol worshipper. Those who make partners.

Muslim – One who has surrendered his will to the Will of Allāh.

nafs – Soul, self, ego. Three levels of nafs are mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān: 1 The nafs al-ammārah bi-ssū' – the lower self that prompts one to evil and gratification of animal desires. 2 The nafs al-lawwāmah – the awakening conscience, the self-accusing self. 3 The nafs al-muṭma'innah – the tranquil soul at peace, the God-realized self.

naṣīḥah – Advice.

Nimrod – The idol worshipping king who tried to burn Abraham alive after he destroyed the idols to show the people that what they worshipped was powerless mud and wood.

niyyah – Intention.

nūr – Literally: light. A spiritual light that shines from the soul, from the pure heart. One of The Names, an-Nūr. The Light. He is the light shed upon the whole Creation, making it apparent, bringing existence out of the darkness of non-existence. That light makes the conceivable known. The light of faith and wisdom shows the perceptible, and the eye of the heart sees. The light of faith shows the right path of salvation, it is like a sun in the heart, bringing one to the light of Truth. Devil and ego cannot enter a divine house, a heart illuminated by the light of faith because they are thieves operating in darkness. The gate to the heart is the mind, the light of that gate is knowledge, blocking out the evil of ignorance, imagination,

hypocrisy and arrogance. The light of the soul is consciousness, its darkness – heedlessness.

Qur'ān Karīm – Literally, Qur'ān means lecture, recitation. The Noble Qur'ān was revealed unto the Prophet Muḥammad over a twenty-three year period. It is a revelation from the Lord of the Worlds imparted through the Angel Gabriel to the heart of Muḥammad, peace and blessings be upon him, and passed on by the Prophet, by Divine Command, to the whole of Mankind and Jinn. It was sent as a Seal of Scriptures, following in the footsteps of the Torah, Psalms and Gospel in bringing light unto the people of the world of darkness. In it is affirmed the Prophethood of all the earlier Prophets, and major incidents from their lives are summarized therein; the Qur'ān brings to light the crimes of tampering with scripture which both Jews and Christians had been guilty of, and sets straight all that they had twisted and misunderstood in their doctrines. The Qur'ān sets down a Divinely Inspired Law and Way of Life which is valid and applicable until the end of time. The Qur'ān contains not only Law and summaries of the lives of earlier Prophets, but also mystical parables, descriptions of eternal bliss for the obedient and warnings of torment for the stubborn and evil-doing tyrants of this world. The Qur'ān is the Eternal Speech of Allāh and has been transmitted to Mankind in the Arabic language because of the mystical power of its sounds – the sound of the Qur'ān has been known to melt the hearts of the most stubborn unbelievers who understood not a word of Arabic – it cannot really be translated into any other language.

A translation of its meaning may be useful indeed, but it cannot stand in the place of the original, neither in prayer nor spiritual benefit.

Rābiṭah – From the verb rabaṭa to link, to connect.

ar-Raḥmān – The Beneficent. He is the one Who wills mercy and good for all Creation at all times. He doesn't distinguish between the good and the bad one, the obedient and the disobedient, believer or unbeliever. Through His Divine Justice He gives chance to everyone to reach everything through this life. He is Compassionate and Beneficent to all creatures.

ar-Raḥīm – The Merciful. He is the one who rewards the good servants, the obedient ones, the believers. That signs also His Justice because those who put their ego under their feet are not like those dominated by their ego. Raḥmān is Mercy upon the nafs, the worldly being, giving sustenance in this world; Raḥīm is Mercy upon the heart, giving eternal salvation in the hereafter.

Ramaḍān – The Holy month of the nation of Muḥammad during which it is obligatory for Muslims to fast from sunrise to sunset, neither eating or drinking.

Rasūl Allāh – Messenger of Allāh.

Rizq – Provision. From ar-Razzāq – the Sustainer. Sustenance is needed to maintain the Creation. He provides and portions out physical and spiritual sustenance.

sābiqūn – Those that came before us, those that preceded us.

ṣadaqah – Voluntary charity. Acts of charity also include acts such as visiting the sick and other good actions.

ṣaḥābah – The companions of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad, may Allāh be pleased with all of them. They numbered 124,000 and represented all the different types of personalities that would be found throughout the era of the Nation of Muḥammad. The ṣaḥābah who embraced Islām in Mecca and later migrated to Medina were called the Muhājirūn (those who have made hijrah, migration). The Anṣār (Helpers) were those residents of Medina who embraced Islām and welcomed the Prophet and his fellow Muhājirūn to Medina, preferring them, in many cases, to themselves and giving them most of what they possessed. Later there were many other ṣaḥābah who embraced Islām as it spread throughout the Arabian Peninsula, including the residents of Mecca who had fought against the Prophet but later embraced Islām en masse when the Muslim Army conquered Mecca in the year 6 AH.

shahādah – Witnessing. The declaration of faith.

Shahīd – A Martyr. Comes from the verb root, witnessing. One killed fighting for Allāh.

Shāh Naqshband – Born 717 AH (1317 AD) near Bukhara, died 791 AH (1389 AD) in his native village where he is buried. The Imām of the Naqshbandī Ṭarīqah, he was the inheritor of the spiritual way called the Path of the Masters (Khawājagān). His name signifies the concept of 'drawing pictures of the indescribable reality on the heart'. Shah Naqshband studied under Muḥammad Baba as-Sammāsī who ultimately appointed him his Khalīfah. He continued his studies under another Khalīfah of Baba as-Sammāsī, Amir Kulāl, and yet another, 'Arif ad-Dikkirani, before

taking the reins of the ṭarīqah himself. He then spent seven years as a courier, seven years looking after animals and seven in road building. Among his followers, he introduced the silent dhikr, rather than the types of loud and lively dhikr-rituals that were predominant among the Sufis of his time. He preferred the silent dhikr as it was taught by the earlier master ‘Abdu l-Khālīq al-Ghujdawānī (died 575 AH). Consequently the Naqshbandiyyah became known as the Way of the Silent Dervishes and most of their rituals are performed silently and individually. The Naqshbandiyyah is the only ṭarīqah which came down through Abū Bakr rather than ‘Alī and only Naqshbandī Shaykhs have the authority to initiate students into all other ṭarīqah branches, that it is why it is called Ṭarīqah al-‘Aliyyah – The Most Distinguished of Ṭarīqah, Orders.

ṣalla llāhu ‘alayhi wa sallam – Allāh pray upon him (the Prophet) and send him peace.

ṣalawāt – Praise and prayers for the Prophet.

aṣ-Ṣāliḥīn – The righteous.

shāfi, yā Shāfi – Healer, O healer.

sharī‘ah – The canon law of Islām, the totality of Allāh’s commandments relating to the activities of man; the indispensable basis for religious life. Sharī‘ah and ḥaqīqah (the mystical reality) form a correlated pair, giving to man the possibility of unfolding his potential to the highest degree.

Shukru li-llāh – Thanking. Giving thanks to the Lord. From ash-Shukr, the Thankful, the Benefactor, one of the Ninety-nine Names of Allāh.

ṣiddiqī – Trustworthy.

ṣuḥbah – Association, companionship.

Subḥān Allāh – Glory be to God.

Subḥān Allāh ta‘ālā – Glory be to God Most High.

sujūd – Prostration. One of the integral postures in the prayer ritual.

Sulṭān al-Awliyā’ – King of the Saints.

Title given to Shaykh ‘Abdullāh ad-Daghestānī. The Head of the Naqshbandī Ṭarīqah before Shaykh Nāzim. Shaykh Nāzim would never refer to himself as Sulṭān al-Awliyā’ although others do.

Sulṭān Allāh – Allāh is the one True Lord. He is King, He is Sulṭān.

sunnah – The practice and way of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad, which encompasses everything from his manners, pronouncements, advice, rulings and even ways of relating to eating and going to the toilet, and supplications which follow those acts. His was the way of perfect manners and behaviour which we must try to emulate if we hope to reach anything of spiritual perfection.

tabārakah – The first word of sūrah al-Mulk. Sūrahs of the Qur’ān are often referred to by their first word.

tablīghī – Conveyance, transmission, delivery. Calling people to Islām.

ṭarīqah – Way, or path. Often associated with the Sufi Path. All Ṣūfī Ṭuruq originate in the heart of the Prophet Muḥammad, peace be upon him, and consist of the inner teachings of Islām which he passed on to ‘Alī and Abū Bakr, and they in turn to their successors. When the Holy Prophet had learned something from the Angel Gabriel or through inspiration, it was also indicated to him to which category that knowledge belonged: whether it was meant for him alone, whether it was knowledge which he had permission to pass along to the elect of his disciples (this category

- is the knowledge of the *ṭarīqahs*), or knowledge which he could announce openly to all the World.
- tasbīḥ* – Glorification of Allāh. This word refers not only to those praises made to Allāh by pious worshipping people, but also to the exalting and worship of Allāh by all animals, plants and inanimate objects.
- tawbah li-llāh* – *tawbah* – Repentance. From *at-Tawwāb* – the Acceptor of repentance. He constantly turns man to repent, awakening the hearts of believers from the sleep of heedlessness through love of Him, with the manifestation of His existence around them, with the words of good advice of those who are close to Him, with promises of rewards and fear of His punishment. The repentance acceptable is the effort of inner cleaning and purification. The Prophet says that the person who repents of a sin is like someone who has never sinned.
- ṭawāf* – Circumabulation of the Holy House in Mecca, in imitation of the Angels' constant circumambulation of the Divine Throne.
- thawwāb* – Reward.
- thumma* – Then.
- ‘*ulamā*’ – Scholars.
- ‘*Umar* (ibn al-Khaṭṭāb) – Born 30 before Hijrah, assassinated 23 AH (644 AD). The second of the Rightly Guided Khalīfahs of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad. ‘Umar was at first an enemy of Islām and was on his way to kill the Prophet, but when he entered the Prophet’s chamber belief in Islām and the Prophet’s mission came into his heart and he left a Muslim and a dedicated follower of Muḥammad. ‘Umar was known for his boundless enthusiasm in trying to serve the Prophet, for his quick temper, unswerving sense of justice and absolute integrity. It was under the Khalīfat of ‘Umar, which began in the twelfth year after Hijrah following the death of Abū Bakr, that Islām spread through the Middle East and Central Asia. He was stabbed in the back while at prayer by a Christian slave, and upon his deathbed thanked God for not letting him die at the hands of a fellow Muslim.
- ummah* – Community. Especially the nation of any given prophet, i. e. those for which he is responsible and for whom he will intercede. Now is the time for which the Prophet Muḥammad, peace be upon him, is responsible. All people living from the time of his message to the last day are his Ummah. They are divided into the Ummah of Those Who Have Been Called (*Ummah ad-Dawwah*) and Those Who Have Answered The Call (*Ummah al-Ijābah*).
- al-Wahhāb* – The Giver of All. He is the Benefactor, He gives all without conditions, without limits, without asking for any benefit or return, giving everything to everyone, everywhere, always. He gives money to the poor, health to the sick, children to those who are barren, freedom to the trapped, knowledge to the ignorant. When He gives to you nothing can prevent that good from coming to you.
- wahhābī* – A group of Muslims who are followers of the infamous Muḥammad bin ‘Abd al-Wahhāb of Najd, Saudia Arabia. This group is that which the Holy Prophet, peace be upon him, referred to as those who will come at the end of time, who will profess religion but in reality it will pass through their hearts like an arrow.

walāyah – Sainthood. The state of being a friend of Allāh. The word wilāyah which means a district of territory is from the same root, and this points to the fact that the awliyā' have always guarded over areas apportioned to them by higher authority (Allāh and His Prophet), and are responsible for attending to the spiritual needs of the inhabitants of the areas over which they have been made responsible.

wuḍū' – Ritual ablution. Before praying it is obligatory for every Muslim to perform ablution by making the intention to perform ablution for prayer for the sake of Allāh. He then washes his hands, mouth, nostrils, face, arms, head, ears, back of neck and feet. Although it is not obligatory, it is considered very good practice to remain always in a state of ritual purity. Ablution must be renewed after

going to the toilet, passing wind, getting angry or sexually excited, and after sleep.

wujūd ḥaqqānī – wujūd – body. Real body, not the physical corpus but the True Real Body which is the gift of Allāh Almighty to the sincere servant.

Yawm al-Qiyāmah – The Day of Resurrection. The Day upon which the bones of all the Children of Ādam will be called from their graves, clothed anew with flesh and skin, and called to account for the actions they performed in their lives.

zakāh – Poor-due.

zāwiyah – Literally – corner. Sufis used to gather for dhikr or ṣuḥbah in a corner of the mosque. It became the name of their centers.

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