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IS THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH

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***If Durood is not on one's
tongue***

***Then what effect will there
be in one's sobbing and
crying (Dua)!***

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FOREWORD

This is a Bayaan delivered by Hadrat Maulana Abdul Hamid Saheb in Kinross during the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal 1436. From these verses Hadrat Maulana had explained the qualities of Sahaaba and various aspects of Tasawwuf. The second lecture was delivered in White River explaining the importance of Suhbat.

May Allah ﷻ accept and grant us the Taufeeq of taking benefit! Ameen.

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THE FINAL TOUCHES OF DEEN

مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

In the above verse of Surah Fath; Allah ﷻ has explained a very important aspect of Deen which we are not paying any attention to.

When intending to build a house an architect and engineer will be required. They come in for a short period of time and leave. Thereafter the builders come in, then the electrician, followed

by the tilers. The building is not considered completed until the carpenters complete the cupboards, whereas one can comfortably live in a house without the tiling and carpentry being complete. Nowadays, we even say that the garden is incomplete. In a like manner the final touches are completed with Tasawwuf.

The knowledge of Deen can be acquired from the Makaatib and the Darul Uloom. The building is put up by the Tabligh Jamaat where the Aamaal of Deen come alive. Finally, the beauty and essence of Deen is the work of the Khanqah. This is where one acquires the reality of Deen. When one gets a house that is completed perfectly with all the finishing touches, it is only a pleasure to reside in such a house. We need a complete house with all the finishing touches completed. In conclusion, we need our Makaatib, the Darul Uloom, the Tabligh Jamaat and the Khanqahs.

We do not enjoy practising upon Deen because we are residing in a home that is void of tiling and carpentry. There isn't any aircons and fans in our homes. When the finishing touches are done, we will enjoy residing in such a home. Similarly, when the reality and essence of Deen comes then only will we enjoy our Salaah. We will be proud to be Muslims and make Shukr unto Allah ﷻ for granting us Imaan.

مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

In these verses Allah ﷻ says, Muhammad ﷺ is the messenger of Allah ﷻ. We avoid using the word prophet of Allah. According to the English dictionary, a prophet is one that prophesises (i.e. a fortune teller). In western society, a fortune teller is a low class

person. The disbelievers use this word in order to lower the status of our Nabie. Rasulullah ﷺ brought the message of Allah ﷻ therefore he is the messenger of Allah ﷻ and not a prophet. When conducting Taleem we should change the word 'prophet' to 'messenger of Allah'.

USE THE CORRECT TERMINOLOGY

We should understand a point from here. We sometimes think that we are praising someone whereas we are actually humiliating him. We should refer to the Kitaab of Allah ﷻ as the 'Quraan Sharif.' We normally use the term 'Holy Quraan.' By using the term 'holy' something doesn't become holy. If a person says 'Halaal pork' the pork will not become Halaal. We should therefore learn how to praise Allah, His Rasul ﷺ and the great people. We think that we are praising whereas we are actually insulting.

When we say that Muhammad ﷺ is the messenger of Allah ﷻ then we believe that he is the last and final messenger of Allah ﷻ. It is not possible for another Nabie to appear after Rasulullah ﷺ irrespective of what the Qadianis claim. They say that after the departure of Rasulullah ﷺ there is a shadow prophet just as we get a shadow government. If something happens to the government then another government will take its place which they term as a 'Zilli Buruji' Nabie whereas there isn't any such thing. The doors of Nabuwat are 100% sealed and no person can ever become a Nabie after Rasulullah ﷺ.

THE ONLY WAY OF SUCCESS

The other meaning that is contained in this verse is that the way of life of Rasulullah ﷺ is the only way of success. There is no other way. Rasulullah ﷺ used to sit with the Sahaaba and imparted Deen by conducting such Majalis.

In one Majlis Hadrat Umar ؓ was reading the Torah which is also the book of Allah. This action upset Rasulullah ﷺ and as a result his face had turned red in colour. Hadrat Abu Bakr ؓ addressed Hadrat Umar ؓ by saying, “Don’t you see the displeasure of Rasulullah ﷺ?” This proves that we should follow Rasulullah ﷺ to such an extent that we don’t follow Moosa ؑ or Essa ؑ even though they were Kaleemullah and Roohullah. We should therefore have complete conviction in the Sunnat and lifestyle of Rasulullah ﷺ.

During the Christmas season we shouldn’t look at the Kuffaar that are busy burning fireworks. We have become slaves of our desires. Just to fulfil these desires we don’t worry whether something is Halaal or Haraam. So much of money is wasted on fireworks just to see some smoke and sparks. This shouldn’t be the case rather we should follow our Nabie ﷺ and the simplicity of Deen. All these aspects are included in Muhammadur Rasulullah.

It is mentioned in the Hadith,

من تشبه بقوم فهو منهم

Whoever imitates a nation then he is amongst them

IMITATING THE HINDUS

The Hindus celebrate a festival called 'Holi' wherein they paint things red. A Buzurg was travelling by train busy chewing his Paan. He saw an animal that was nearby, so he said, "Nobody has coloured you." He then spat the red Paan on the donkey. When he passed away, he entered Jannat as he was a very pious person but there was a worm continuously on his lip. This was the defect on him for imitating the Kuffaar and no person likes a defect on his body.

Thereafter Allah ﷻ says,

وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ

Those that were with him (Sahaaba)

The word 'Sahaaba' is derived from 'Suhbat' which means companionship. This companionship is so valuable that Allah ﷻ addresses the Sahaaba with this title till the day of Qiyaamah. There isn't a greater Aalim, Muhaddith, Mufasssir, Mujaahid than the Sahaaba ﷺ yet they are not addressed with any of these titles. The Kuffaar also address them as the companions of the messenger. They have been bestowed with great respect and honour on the basis of Suhbat.

A person that had seen Rasulallah ﷺ as a Muslim even though he hasn't performed a single Salaah, or memorised a single Hadith, or learnt a single Mas'ala of Deen, will be regarded as a Sahaabi. The world full of Ulema, Mujahideen, Uwais Qarni cannot match a Sahaabi of Rasulallah ﷺ.

These are not the words of some traditionalist, conservative, backward thinking Alim but the words of Judge Akbar Ilaahaabadi of the high court,

نہ کتابوں سے نہ وعظوں سے نہ زر سے ہوتا ہے پیدا

دین ہوتا ہے بزرگوں کی نظر سے پیدا

It is not created through Kitaabs, lectures or gold,

Deen is created by the gazes of the pious

The Sahaaba had remained with Rasulullah ﷺ and had pleased Rasulullah ﷺ. The Buzurgs says,

دعاء کرائی نہیں جاتی دعاء دی جاتی ہیں

Dua is not requested, a person should make it naturally from the heart

This means that one should have such a relationship that the Duas flow from the heart. This is the Tawajjuh and Nazar of the Buzurgs. When Duas flow from their heart, you will see miracles happening in your life. This is Tasawwuf and remaining in the companionship of the Sheikh.

In Jaameeus Sagheer the following text has been recorded,

الشیخ فی قومه كالنبيّ فی امته

The Sheikh amongst his people is like the Nabie in his Ummat

THE MUREEDS

The Sahaaba were with Rasulullah ﷺ. The Mureeds are with their Sheikh whoever the Sheikh is, whether Hadrat Maulana Maseehullah Saheb رحمہ اللہ, Hadrat Maulana Abrar-ul-Haq Saheb رحمہ اللہ, Hadrat Shah Hakim Akhtar Saheb رحمہ اللہ, etc. We should see how the lives of these people that have stayed with them have changed. This is when things are done in the correct way, and not that we are with the Mashaaikh so that we can enjoy the invitations everywhere. There is a beautiful poem,

ان کے ملنے کی یہی ایک راہ ہے ان کے ملنے والوں سے راہ پیدا کرو

*There is only one way of meeting Him, establish a connection
with those that meet with Him*

There was a certain joker who accompanied our Sheikh on Safr as well. He had slightly changed the poem in this manner,

مرغی کھانے کی یہی ایک راہ ہے مرغی کھانے والوں سے راہ پیدا کرو

*There is only one way of eating chicken, establish a connection
with those that eat chicken.*

In other words, go out with the pious people and you will get chicken to eat as people are always slaughtering chicken for them. Hadrat said, "O Foolish man, if your intention is only to eat chicken then you will only get chicken." If your Niyat is to find Allah ﷻ then you will get chicken as well as find Allah ﷻ. What effort should we make? It should not only be restricted to wearing a beard and Kurta, and look good like butterflies flying around.

QUALITIES OF THE SAHAABA

أَشِدَّاءُ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءُ بَيْنَهُمْ

We should be like the Sahaaba who were hard against the Kuffaar and compassionate amongst themselves. Previously, people didn't hate the Kaafir rather they hated Kufr. Today, we curse the Kaafir but we love the ways of Kufr. The love of Kufr is in our hearts, dressing and homes. The result of true Tasawwuf is that one will become hard against the Kuffaar.

At the same time we should love one another and show kindness to one another. Our condition is such that when a Muslim person comes to the shop and makes Salaam, we hide our face whereas when a non-Muslim enters and says 'Hello/Hi' then we happy about it. The ways of the Kuffaar have become dear to us. Unfortunately, we suffer from an inferiority complex. We feel awkward replying to the greeting of someone especially when other customers are around. We should actually cherish the ways of Islam.

What is 'Hello'? You are telling the person to go to the lowest part of hell. In reply he is giving the same curse. We have been given the beautiful greeting of Salaam which means 'Peace be upon you and the mercy of Allah and the blessings of Allah.' If a person has all the money in the world and the mansions of the world but no peace then what has he got. On the other hand, if he has absolutely nothing but he has peace then he has everything. We should develop these qualities within us whereby we will hate the ways of the Kuffaar. We should stay away from the filth on the cell-phones, and the torn jeans of the Kuffaar which is more enjoyable to them. We pay more for torn

jeans than good jeans. We pay more for half socks than full socks. This is because of the love for their ways.

A person with torn jeans, t-shirt, leather jacket is a man out of this world. The sunglasses are worn on the forehead which has no benefit whatsoever. This indicates that one has big problems. What has the west given the world? They have given the world drugs, nudity, aids, HIV, depression, etc. Those that follow their path will also receive the baggage and become druggies, end up in the asylum. We should therefore follow the path of Muhammadur Rasulullah ﷺ. In this world we will enjoy the life of Jannat and what a Jannat is reserved in the Aakhirat.

THE IBAADAT OF SAHAABA

Further Allah ﷻ mentions that these people humble themselves in Ruku and Sajda.

رُكَّعًا سُجَّدًا

They make Ruku and Sajda

They engage in Salaah and have submitted themselves to Allah ﷻ. We are performing Salaah for 40 or 50 years. We are making Ruku but we haven't surrendered our hearts to Allah ﷻ. We are in Sajda but our brains haven't surrendered to Allah ﷻ. We have not surrendered to the plan and scheme of Allah ﷻ. The effort of Tasawwuf is that our Salaah becomes a Salaah of reality. Our Salaah is such that we come to the Masjid but we drop the body off here. The main part of the body which is the Rooh travels throughout the world. We experience various thoughts. A true Salaah is that Salaah where we lift up our hands, like a soldier that has surrendered to the enemies, we should totally

surrender to Allah ﷻ. When we stand with our hands folded in Salaah this is showing utmost respect unto Allah ﷻ.

THE INTENTIONS OF SAHAABA

يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا

They are seeking grace and pleasure from Allah

Who amongst us made a Niyyat as to why he is in the world? A person that sits in the car knows that he is travelling to a certain destination. Why are we in the world? Many of us are living for fifty or sixty years. We are performing Salaah, making Tilaaawat, etc. but what is the object of our life? Our object should be that we acquire the Fadhl of Allah, His mercy, His kindness, etc. Our object in this world is that Allah must be pleased with me. If we performed Salaah five times a day but without the Niyyat of attaining the pleasure of Allah, then our Salaah will also be of that quality. At the same time our intention should be to save ourselves from Jahannam and enter Jannat.

سَيِّمَاهُمْ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ مِّنْ أَثَرِ السُّجُودِ

The marks on their faces are from the effect of Sajda

ADOPTING HUMILITY

They are absolutely humble, free of any pride and arrogance. These are the qualities that we should also strive for. What is the cause of fights with our wives in the home? The husband is not prepared to humble himself nor is the wife prepared to humble herself. No one is prepared to say that they were wrong. We won't ask for forgiveness, rather we won't talk to

each other like little children that don't talk to each other when they are angry. When the husband is upset with his wife they won't talk for a few days and then look for an excuse to talk but none will seek forgiveness. If one was not on the wrong yet he forgives then Allah will build him a palace in the heights of Jannat. The reality of Tawadhu will enter a person that remains in the Khanqah. When a person adopts the quality of Tawadhu then Allah ﷻ elevates such a person.

من تواضع لله رفعه الله

Whoever humbles himself for Allah, Allah will elevate him

ومن تكبر وضعه الله

Whoever is proud, Allah will humiliate him

ذَلِكَ مَثَلُهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَمَثَلُهُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ

That is their description in the Torah and in the Injeel

Tasawwuf is not new in this era. It was found in the era of Rasulullah ﷺ, in the Torah and Injeel. Allah ﷻ encourages this in the next verse.

كَزْرَعٍ أَخْرَجَ شَطْأَهُ فَآزَرَهُ فَاسْتَغْلَظَ فَاسْتَوَىٰ عَلَىٰ سَوْفِهِ يَجْعَبُ الزَّرَّاعَ لِيَغِيظَ بِهِمُ
الْكُفَّارَ

This is like a shoot of a plant that comes up very weak but then gradually it becomes strong. It is then able to stand on its own

stem. Similarly, a person that comes into the path of Sulook is initially very weak. We learn lessons from little children all the time. When they are born, they can't do anything and just lie down. They then start making some movement and crawling. They then stand up, take a step, fall onto the ground, etc. Learn Tasawwuf from them. A person has evil habits. He is addicted to porn, anger is uncontrollable, you try and change but relapse again. Don't give up, start again just as the baby doesn't give up. We will find that in a short span of time the baby is able to walk and even do funny tricks. Similarly, in Tasawwuf you will fall but don't give up. Get up and start walking.

Hadrat Maulana Shah Waseeullah Saheb ﷺ said,

ہم نے اس طرح سے طے کی منزلیں ہم چلے گرے اٹھے پھر چلے

This is how we had treaded the path, we walked, fell, stood up and then walked again.

This process will continue. We will commit errors and mistakes but make Taubah, Istighfaar and continue. Allah ﷻ is most relenting.

من تقرب الیّ شبرا تقربت الیه ذراعا ومن تقرب الی ذراعا تقربت الیه باعا ومن

اتانی یمشی اتیتہ هرولة

Whoever comes to Me a hands span, I go to him an arm's length, whoever comes to Me an arm's length I go to him two arms length, Who comes to Me walking I go to him running.

BECOME A DOCTOR AFTER BEING CURED

This is the path to reach Allah ﷻ and soon you will become perfect and strong. Our Sheikh رحمه used to say that a person suffering from physical illness goes to the doctor. The doctor treats him and hopefully he will recover but he will not become a doctor. In this path, when a person goes to the Sheikh with an ailment and is cured then the Sheikh will make him a doctor. When the crop is now firm and strong it gives pleasure to the farmer. Similarly the Mashaaikh will get happy and the Kuffaar on the other hand will burn seeing the progress of the Muslims.

The enemies have destroyed our Khanqahs. Today, we don't have a Khanqah that is in existence 24 hours, 7 days a week. There is some form of the Khanqah only in the month of Ramdaan. The Khanqahs have been changed to rituals and innovations. We make a little Zikr and think that we are in the Khanqah but the reality has been explained here by Allah ﷻ.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Allah has promised those that have brought Imaan and carried out righteous actions, there is forgiveness and a great reward for some of them.

PROMISE OF ALLAH ﷻ

The forgiveness and great reward is promised for those that have the reality of Imaan and Aamaal-e-Saaliha. They don't only have a picture. What can a picture do? What can a picture of a lion do? A lion in a cage is also limited. See the power of a lion that is out in the jungle. Similarly, what power does a Muslim only by name have? Those that are Muslims in reality and have

brought life into the picture have been promised forgiveness and a great reward. The greatest thing that one can achieve is forgiveness from Allah ﷻ. Allah ﷻ doesn't only forgive but grants a great reward as well.

In the world a person was found guilty of some capital crime and sentenced to death. He appeals to the prime minister and he is given clemency. He will not receive ten farms, a filling station, block of flats, etc. When Allah forgives He showers you with so much more as well.

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WOODEN FLOORS CRY OUT OF THE FEAR OF ALLAH ﷻ

Before starting our talk proper, by way of introduction there are few points that I want to mention. I always look forward when I am travelling to White River especially to meet my friend Hadrat Maulana Muhammad Gardee Saheb D.B. Hadrat has many virtues which need not to be mentioned. The one is that Hadrat had spent a lengthy duration of time with Hadrat Sheikh Maulana Muhammad Zakariyya Saheb ﷺ in Madinah Munawwarah. He had lead the Taraweeh for Hadrat. He was loved greatly by Hadrat and was greatly trusted by Hadrat. This is more than enough. I look forward to the great spiritual food that I receive here.

We have just performed the Maghrib Salaah. Did anyone notice anything different in the Masjid here in White River? There are wooden floors here. Maulana had advised me to put the wooden flooring over the concrete in the Darul Uloom when we did the extensions so that the cold doesn't penetrate through the carpet. The other aspect is that the wooden flooring makes a sound out of the fear of Allah ﷻ. We should also have this quality within us.

Many people have great qualities but we don't see them. The least is that the husband doesn't see anything in his wife. A friend in Barbados suddenly lost his wife. He had five or six children, only one daughter was married. What a beautiful death she was blessed with! She said, "Allah, Allah, Allah" and passed away. Now he is crying. We do not recognise our wives and they do not appreciate their husbands. They are always at each other's throats.


النعمة اذا فقدت عرفت






When a bounty is lost, it is recognised.

We should open our eyes and see these things as there is great benefit in them. I also mentioned to Maulana that if I have to travel all the way from Azaadville to perform a Jahri Salaah behind Maulana, it is well worth. Maulana's recitation is correct but the extra feeling and connection with Allah ﷻ is felt. We will therefore request Maulana to perform Esha tonight and Fajr tomorrow morning. There is a request from Maulana's wife that we should speak as long as we want to. This has two meanings, speak as long as you want to. Speak for five minutes.


Approximately thirty years ago, a Maulana was giving Bayaan in the Jamea Masjid of Lenasia in Urdu. The subject matter was very high and flying over the heads of the people. The people began leaving one at a time and the Masjid was empty until finally the Muazzin came and left the key with Maulana to lock up when he finishes. Maybe they want to humiliate me that is why I have been requested to make a lengthy Bayaan so that the people get tired.

We were once making Ghusht in Madagascar. We went to one person who told me that Ahmed Ali has passed away, Muhammad Ali has passed away, Qasim Ali has passed away and only Matlab Ali is left. People only do things when they have an ulterior motive. The aunties don't feed us for nothing. They also have a Matlab behind it. May Allah ﷻ let us benefit from Hadrat Maulana. He is my junior in age, but superior in everything else. Maulana has the ideal place and should therefore start a Khanqah here. The people should come and


benefit from Hadrat Maulana. His heart and body has been filled by Hadrat Sheikh . This is a great Amaanat.




Sheikh Shams Tabrez  had possessed a burning ball of love for Allah . He did not want to leave the world with this burning love but wanted to pass it on. Allah  had chosen Maulana Rumi  to receive the love of Allah . Those that have the Amaanat of Deen should discharge and pass over that Amaanat. We should fulfil the rights of that Amaanat.

MUHAMMAD




I will base my talk on the verse of the Quraan Sharif that I have recited. The Quraan Sharif is absolutely positive. Allah  says,


مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Muhammad  is the messenger of Allah

This verse is connected to the verse preceding it wherein Allah  speaks of the dream that Rasulullah  had seen where he  was entering the Haram Sharif to perform Umrah.

لَقَدْ صَدَقَ اللَّهُ رَسُولَهُ الرُّؤْيَا بِالْحَقِّ

(Referring to the dream in which Rasulullaah  saw himself performing Umrah, Allaah says,) Verily, Allaah shall make the dream of His Rasool  come precisely true (even though the Mushrikeen of Makkah prevented Rasulullaah  from entering Makkah).

Allah  has made the dream one hundred percent true. There is a great lesson to learn here. In the peace treaty of

Hudaibiyyah, most of the conditions were in favour of the Kuffaar and a loss to the believers. Allah ﷻ revealed the verses,

إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا

Indeed, We have granted you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) a clear victory (through the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah because after this treaty large numbers of people accepted Islaam and it led to the conquest of Makkah).

OBJECTION OF HADRAT UMAR ؓ

Hadrat Umar ؓ asked, “O Rasulallah, Aren’t we on the truth? Are you not the true Nabie of Allah ﷻ?” If we are on the truth, how can we then comply to these conditions?

Anyway Allah ﷻ mentions that Muhammad ﷺ is the Rasul of Allah ﷻ. What is being said, don’t look at it with the eyes. We commonly say, “Seeing is believing and hearing is deceiving.” Actually, it is vice versa, seeing is deceiving and hearing is believing.” We see that our shop is sustaining us, a good night’s sleep gave us a good rest, food fill our stomach and medication gives us cure. We hear that sustenance is from Allah ﷻ, He cures people of their sicknesses, etc. Imaan should be on what we hear.

We should learn to appreciate everything such as the Masjid which we are currently sitting in, the night of Jumuah, etc. The life that we have been blessed with is a bounty. What is the purpose and object of this life? Many of us haven’t even thought of why we are in the world. Why have we come into the world? Why did we come to White River? A person that performs his five daily Salaah should question himself as to why is he performing Salaah. If we don’t have an object in mind then

this is like a ship that is at sea without any direction. This is like a person that has got into his car but got no direction as to where he is going. He has checked that the car is fuelled, there is sufficient oil and water, the water levels are okay, etc. but he hasn't typed in any direction on his garmin.

We should think over this that perhaps this is the way that we are living. Do we have an object in life? Have I typed in my destination? Once we have ascertained our purpose of life, then only we will appreciate everything else. Our Object of life should be to gain the love of Allah and become obedient to the commands of Allah through the Ma'rifat of Allah ﷻ. Secondly our object of life should be the Aakhirat and not the Dunya as the Dunya is just a necessity.

If we gain this realisation then we will appreciate the Masjid where a person will prepare for the Aakhirat. We will now appreciate the Darul Uloom as this is the place where one will acquire the Uloom to recognise Allah ﷻ. We will then appreciate the Mashaaikh as they are the ones that guide us towards Allah ﷻ, else we will say that a certain person is a great Buzurg or pious person, or this is a very good Madrasah and nothing more. We won't appreciate it.

Who is it that guided us to Allah ﷻ? Who is it that gave us the Quraan Sharif? Who gave us Islam? Who gave us our passport to Jannat? When we realise that we are in the world to gain the Ma'rifat, Muhabbat and obedience of Allah ﷻ, then we will appreciate Rasulullah ﷺ who guided us and taught us. We will then appreciate the Sahaaba ؓ, the Tabi'een, Tabe Tabi'een, Ulema , Mashaaikh, Muhadditheen, Fuqaha. The love of all these people will be like a wild fire in the heart.

THE INCORRECT OBJECTIVES IN LIFE

Some of us have an object in life which is to become a multi millionaire, or to achieve some worldly possession, or build a house in a certain manner with a certain style of kitchen and bathroom, etc. I must own a certain type of car; one day I must go for a world cruise. These are the intentions of many people. Others have impermissible and wrong objectives in life. Fortunate are those who have made the objective of their life the Ma'rifat of Allah ﷻ. How is it that this is not our object? It is Allah ﷻ that granted us our existence, eyes to see, our teeth to bite, our heart and lungs, etc.. All these things were given to us by Allah ﷻ. The day, the night, the oxygen that we breathe, etc. are all the bounties of Allah. A person that requires oxygen all the time and cannot get it for half a minute sees death in front of him. We use all these bounties of Allah ﷻ yet we do not recognise Allah ﷻ.

Similarly, we need to recognise Rasulullah ﷺ. Those that have the incorrect object of life will make cartoons of Rasulullah ﷺ and it means absolutely nothing. Many people that are involved in Deeni organisations yet they have different objects in life. The Quraan Sharif has explained the object of life to us.

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ

I have created man and Jinn only to worship Me (besides their various other functions, the most important objective of creating them is for them to recognise who Allaah is).

The natural outcome of this is love for Allah and obedience to the command of Allah ﷺ. Those that have made an intention to be millionaires and acquiring the material possessions, for them Allah ﷻ has mentioned,

وَمَا هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا هُوَ وَلَعِبٌ وَإِنَّ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ هِيَ الْحَيَوَانُ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ

The life of this world is mere futility and play (temporary and without true benefit). Without doubt, the life of the Aakhirah is true life (an existence of true happiness). If only they knew (If people understood this, they would not give preference to this world over the Aakhirah.).

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَهَوًى

The life of the world (besides those things done to please Allaah) is but play (pastime) and sport

The worldly life is a deception. This Dunya is only play with no reality behind it. Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said,

وعلموا ان الدنيا خلقت لكم وانكم خلقتم للاحرة

Know that verily the world has been created for you, and you have been created for the hereafter

There are numerous verses of the Quraan and Ahadith of Rasulullah ﷺ that state that we have been created for the hereafter. In one Hadith Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said,

الدنيا جيفة وطالبها كلاب

The world is carrion and the seekers of it are dogs

THE REALITY OF THIS WORLD

The world is not even valued to the wing of a mosquito. A mosquito doesn't have two wings, rather it has six wings and the Dunya is not even equivalent to one wing. Who likes mosquitoes and keeps them as pets? When it is mosquito season who gathers mosquitoes in his mosquito net to sleep with him? The world in the eyes of Allah ﷻ and on the tongue of Rasulullah ﷺ is not equal to one wing of the mosquito.

From the one wing of the mosquito, what remains if we remove two thirds? One third of the wing of a mosquito is seven continents. Now let us remove six continents from a third of the wing. What are we left with? A small fraction of the wing is left. Africa is one continent. In Africa there are over fifty countries. If we remove 49 countries, what remains of the wing? We are in South Africa which consists of nine provinces. If we take out eight provinces, what remains of the wing of the mosquito. In the province of Mpumalanga there are so many towns. We are in one small town named White River. Now what is left of the wing of the mosquito? White River has many suburbs. We are in one of the suburbs. What is left of the wing of the mosquito? In this one suburb how many streets are there? We are on one particular street. On this street there are so many plots, and we are on one plot. You are one individual on this plot. You are not a millionth of a billionth of a trillionth of a wing of a mosquito. What is the Dunya which we give so much of preference to?

Our Dunya in comparison to the sun is about $\frac{1}{200}$ of the sun. The sun in comparison to other objects is like a speck of dust. Where have the astronomers reached but they say there isn't any end to the vastness of those places. They have only


managed to measure up to a certain amount. Above this is Jahannam, and much bigger than Jahannam is Jannat.

THE RESULT OF INFLUENCE

The Jannati will be able to look into Jahannam. In Surah Saffat Allah ﷻ makes mention of two friends. One reached Jannat and the other landed up in Jahannam. Fortunately, he didn't listen to his friend else he would have landed up in Jahannam as well. Today, our youngsters have friends whom we are unaware of. These youngsters are influenced by their friends. Our women are influenced by others. A lady that had completed her Hifz by Apa and had visited after many years. She said, "A friend asked me whether I have a maid to assist in the house." I told her that I do not have a maid. The friend then said that I should have a maid to assist. The lady asked, "If I keep a maid, what work will I have?" The friend said, "You must watch TV." The best exercise for women is fulfilling their house work themselves. It is not gyming and jogging on the streets. The Purda women are also influenced by others and end up jogging on the streets.

More important than the women are our children. Darwins theory of evolution was initially taught at university level. Approximately ten or fifteen years ago, it was taught at high school level. It is currently being taught at Kindergarten. They believe that our forefather was a monkey which is Kufr. Allah ﷻ states in the Quraan Sharif that He has created man with His own hands.

Our Sheikh رحمه الله says that at the Kruger park there are millions of monkeys. To enter the Kruger Park one has to pass the lion at the entrance who is Hadrat Maulana Muhammad Gardee Saheb. He has got Nisbat-e-Intiqali from Hadrat Sheikh رحمه الله. You

are frightened when you see the face of Hadrat Sheikh  and similarly Maulana Muhamamad Saheb. When you come in contact with them, you will find that it is a pleasure to be with them. I envy his wife, how she must be enjoying his company all the time. Now, if one monkey has changed and become a human being then why didn't another monkey do the same? A man has three or four kids. One completes Hifz of the Quraan, the others also manage to do the same. There are some families where all the children are Ulema and Huffaz. Some families have more than one doctor. How is it that only one monkey became a human being? This is all their monkey business and they are making monkeys of us.

PAYING TO ENTER OUR CHILDREN INTO JAHANNAM

We are paying huge amounts in university fees and thereby preparing our children for the fire of Jahannam. A doctor who is a friend wanted to enrol his son into university. He decided to see the university before enrolling him. When he saw the university he said, "I don't know whether I am in South Africa, Europe or America." He said, "Must I put my son into the fire of Jahannam for which I must pay such a huge amount of money?"

If our children are being educated privately or at home by people that we can trust then too we should question them and take a report from them daily. We should ask them what is being imparted, what happened at school, etc. Outwardly our kids will be dressed in long Kurtas but we don't know what is in their minds and hearts.

A friend that attends Majlis regularly had once invited us. He had a son in Matric. We encouraged him to come to Darul

Uloom but he ended up in university. Now we have found out that not only he has become a Shia but he is actually promoting Shism. The youngster attends Majlis, performs Salaah, but what has entered the heart is completely different. It is therefore important to ensure that our women are not wrongly influenced by others. Suhbat is very important. The Surah that I recited is related to Suhbat.

DISCUSSION WITH A UNIVERSITY STUDENT

We were in San Diego in Chile. Between Asr and Maghrib there is a lengthy gap as Asr is performed in Shafi time. We were sitting and having a discussion and there was a young man between the age of 20 and 25 present. We asked him his occupation. He said that he is studying at university. We asked him, "What subjects do you study?" He said that amongst his subject was history. We asked, "What is the history of man?" After pondering a little while, he said that they are from monkeys. This is his Aqeeda yet he is performing five times Salaah. I then asked him, "How did the world come about?" What is the history of the world? He thought about it for a while and attributed it to the big bang theory. If I drop this glass on the tiles outside, will there be a small bang or a big bang? Will the glass be made or break with the small bang? They claim that a big bang took place and the entire world was now created.

A single drop of blood in the human body travels 100 000kms per day. It travels through the lungs, into the heart, it enters the heart with oxygen, out with carbon dioxide with no accident whatsoever. When there is an accident and everything gets stuck, a person has a heart attack, brain haemorrhage, stroke. There is an Arabic saying which states that if you hear that a person is living then be surprised. The reason for this is that the

means of death surround a person all the time from all sides. We could experience a tsunami or earthquake at any moment. There could be a problem with the nervous system, digestive system, respiratory system, etc. We will conclude that only Allah is controlling the body and it is His great Qudrat. The eyes can fail, the spine can be affected with a problem, the legs may suffer a problem, bone cancer where the white cells are too much, etc. There are perhaps millions and trillions of problems that can occur at any time. Therefore, it is a miracle that we are living.

When we are informed of the death of a particular person we say, "It cannot be. I had just met him a few hours ago." The formation of a baby is a miracle. It is impossible. How many of us were just saved by inches else we could have lost our lives. It must have been an escape from an accident. We have travelled from a distance and came to White River, this is a miracle.

Coming to the verse Allah ﷻ says,

مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ

Muhammad ﷺ is the messenger of Allah

He is that being that has brought Deen to us. To carry the weight of Nabuwwat was not a simple task. Allah ﷻ mentions in the Quraan,

إِنَّا عَرَضْنَا الْأَمَانَةَ عَلَى السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالْجِبَالِ فَأَبَيْنَ أَنْ يَحْمِلْنَهَا وَأَشْفَقْنَ مِنْهَا
وَحَمَلَهَا الْإِنْسَانُ إِنَّهُ كَانَ ظَلُومًا جَهُولًا

Verily We had offered the trust (the responsibility of fulfilling Allaah's commands) to the heavens, the earth and the

mountains, but they refused to bear it and cringed at (the mere thought of bearing) it (because of the grave consequences of neglecting the duty). (When given to man,) Man bore it (realising that he was created to be Allaah's deputy on earth). (However,) He (man in general) is extremely unjust (when it comes to fulfilling this trust) and ignorant (about the consequences of this).

It was none other than Rasulullah ﷺ that took on this Amaanat. On the occasion of Hajjatul Wida, the Sahaaba had all confessed in one voice,

لقد بلغت الرسالة واديت الامانة ونصحت الامة وكشفت الغمة

Most certainly you have conveyed the message, and you discharged the Amaanat (that was placed upon you), and you were a well wisher to the Ummat, and you have removed the darkness

What didn't Rasulullah ﷺ go through to give us our passports and tickets of Jannat!

SUHBAT

Thereafter Allah ﷻ says,

وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ

Those that were with him (Sahaaba)

This is Suhbat. The word مَعَهُ has great significance. The Sahaaba had the Suhbat of Rasulullah ﷺ. Abu Hurairah ؓ says, "I used to hold firmly onto Rasulullah ﷺ." The most exalted from amongst the Sahaaba was none other than Abu Bakr Siddique ؓ. He was always with Rasulullah ﷺ, whether Rasulullah ﷺ

was a traveller or a resident. It is because of his companionship with Rasulallah ﷺ, that he had attained the greatest position.

On the other hand we have a great personality such as Uwaiys Qarni ؓ. Rasulallah ﷺ had instructed Umar ؓ to request Duas from Uwaiys Qarni ؓ when he meets him and request him to make Dua for the Ummat. He was busy serving his mother as a result of which he was unable to visit Rasulallah ﷺ. His priorities were in order and this is absolutely important.

A friend from Sri Lanka wanted to attend the Islaahi Jalsa. He regularly attends the Khanqah. He said that he wants to attend the Islaahi Jalsa but his mother needs him. He will therefore remain behind. We told him that he is on the correct path as this is his priority. He then said that the moment his mother has recovered he will fly down and attend the three day Majlis.

We request the brothers of White River to reman in the company of Maulana Muhammad Gardee Saheb as he is a person that hides himself. He opens up when people question him. He speaks words of pearls and gems.

RESULTS OF SUHBAT

What was the effect of Suhbat of Rasulallah ﷺ?

أَشَدَّاءَ عَلَى الْكُفَّارِ رُحَمَاءَ بَيْنَهُمْ

(They were) severe against the Kuffaar, compassionate amongst themselves

This is a great quality of Imaan. In previous times, people did not hate the Kuffaar but hated Kufr. Today, we hate the Kuffaar but we enjoy their ways of life such as their dressing, lifestyle, etc. We suppose to hate their lifestyle, dressing, their wrong beliefs, etc. We befriend them in all these aspects but hate

them. Instead of expressing hate towards them, we should draw them towards Islam. The principle is, “Hate the sin not the sinner” but we hate the sinner not the sin. Who isn’t involved in porn? Who isn’t involved in looking at the filthy women of the street? How many of us are jealous of each other because of the worldly things! We have greed for the worldly things. The Sahaaba were against the wrong ways of the Kuffaar.

WAHSHI’S ACCEPTANCE TO ISLAM

Rasulullah ﷺ had sent someone to give Da’wat to Wahshi when he had not yet accepted Islam. He said, “How can I accept Islam when a person that has committed Shirk, got involved in adultery, robbed people will enter into Jahannam. Allah ﷻ revealed the verses that if a person repents and carries out righteous actions then Allah ﷻ will convert his evil into good deeds. He objected by saying that he doesn’t know whether he will have the ability of carrying out good deeds. Allah ﷻ reveals another verse,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَمَنْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَالًّا بَعِيدًا

Verily Allaah shall not forgive that Shirk be committed but will forgive all other sins for whom He wills. Whoever ascribes partners to Allaah (commits Shirk) has strayed far away (from the truth).

In this verse there is great hope for us. He objected to this verse as well, as forgiveness has only been promised for whomsoever Allah ﷻ wishes. Finally Allah ﷻ revealed the verses,

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ
الدُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Say, "O My bondsmen who have wronged their souls (by committing kufr or other sins) ! Never lose hope of Allaah's mercy (so do not abstain from seeking forgiveness thinking that you will not be forgiven). Verily, Allaah forgives all sins (that are free of kufr and Shirk). Undoubtedly, He is the Most Forgiving, the Most Merciful."

Hadrat Aisha رضي الله عنها asked Rasulallah ﷺ, "Are these virtues only for Wahshi رضي الله عنه or for us?" Rasulallah ﷺ said, "It is for us and all that are to come till the day of Qiyaamah." Who is concerned of inviting the non-believers to Islam. We are concerned of our shoes, cars, material things, but we are not concerned of the Hidayat of our neighbours. Allah ﷻ consoles Raslullah ﷺ in the Quraan that we haven't revealed the Quraan to make life difficult for you.

مَا أَنزَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لِتَشْقَىٰ

We have not revealed the Qur'aan to you to cause you difficulty (you should therefore not make its teachings difficult for yourself).

Allah ﷻ knows that Rasulallah ﷺ is desirous for the Hidayat of the people. However, this is only in the hands of Allah ﷻ.

إِنَّكَ لَا تَهْدِي مَنْ أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Referring to Rasulullaah ﷺ's remorse when he was unable to get his uncle Abu Taalib to accept Islaam before he died, Allaah says,) Verily you (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) cannot guide those whom you love (to Islaam), but Allaah guides whoever He wills. He is

*best aware of those who are (deserving to be) rightly guided
(and who deserve to be guided to Imaan).*

Coming back to our topic, the Sahaaba were hard against the Kuffaar. They had feelings of love for the Mumineen.

HUMBLENESS IN SAHAABA

Further Allah ﷻ mentions that these people humble themselves in Ruku and Sajda.

رُكْعًا سُجَّدًا

They make Ruku and Sajda

They engage in Salaah and have submitted themselves to Allah ﷻ. They perform their Salaah with Jamaat, they are punctual upon their Nawafil Salaah such as Ishraaq, Chaasht, Awwabeen, Tahajjud, etc. This is all the result of Suhbat. The Hadith states that the Ulema are the inheritors of the Ambiya. A person that remains in the company of the Ulema-e-Rabbaniyeen will acquire these things.

Today, we have hardness and harshness towards the family members. Their hearts are split up. We have time for our friends but we do not have time for the family. When the wife phones the husband at work and requests him to bring potatoes he tells her, "You are a nag. I had just bought potatoes last week." The husband is a professional businessman so why should he buy potatoes. Another lady phones and asks him to buy potatoes. He says, "I will personally bring it as we are taught to serve others." We have time for other women but not for our own wives. We shout our own kids but we are prepared to go out of our way for other ladie's children.

The Sahaaba did all these actions seeking the pleasure of Allah ﷺ.

يَبْتَغُونَ فَضْلًا مِّنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانًا

They are seeking grace and pleasure from Allah

Thereafter Allah ﷻ describes the faces of the Sahaaba.

سَيِّمَاهُمْ فِي وُجُوهِهِمْ مِّنْ أَثَرِ السُّجُودِ

The marks on their faces are from the effect of Sajda

This is the Nur that can be noticed on their faces. When the heart of a person is opened up towards Islam, Allah ﷻ places Nur into the heart of such a person. The Sahaaba asked, “Is there a sign that indicates that Allah ﷻ has placed Nur into the heart?” Our Sheikh رحمه الله says that had the Sahaaba not asked the question, we would have thought that light skinned people are full of Noor and a dark skinned person is void of Noor. Rasulullah mentioned that there are three signs,

التَّجَانُّي عَنْ دَارِ الْغُرُورِ

Disinclination from the house of deception

وَالْإِنَابَةَ إِلَى دَارِ الْخُلُودِ

And inclination towards the house of eternity

وَالِاسْتِعْدَادَ لِلْمَوْتِ قَبْلَ نَزْوِهِ

And preparation for death before death descends (upon a person).

When a person turns away from the Dunya then he doesn't spend the extra time in sleeping but now wakes up for Tahajjud Salaah, makes more Ibaadat of Allah ﷻ, increases his Tilaawat, etc.

Many of us are of the impression that beauty refers to the light skin. Light skin is beautiful whereas beauty lies in the features of a person. The nose is perfect, not too big nor too small, this actually refers to beauty.

THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD ARE SUPERIOR TO THE HUR-E-AIN

In the time of Rasulullah ﷺ a delegation of ladies was formed and sent to Rasulullah ﷺ. The spokes woman for the delegation was Hadrat Umme Salma ؓ. She said, "The men will be blessed with Hur-e-Ain of Jannat whereas they glance at the (filthy) women of the world." The women of the world spread HIV and AIDS. If they get the Hur-e-Ain what will happen to us? Rasulullah ﷺ told Hadrat Umme Salma ؓ to inform the women of the world who had fulfilled the commands of Shariah that they will be the queens of the Hur-e-Ain. We read of the beauty of the Hur-e-Ain but all their beauty put together cannot compare with the beauty of the women of the world. Hadrat Umme Salma ؓ was surprised and asked, "How will that happen when we have been created from the sand and water of the world whereas they have been created from the musk and Ambar of Jannat?" Rasulullah ﷺ said "This is because of the Nur of their Tilaawat and Ibaadat."

Nowadays, the women use cosmetics and age way before their time. They look like ghosts. They are deceiving themselves by thinking that they look beautiful with all this filth. The Nur is only in the worship and obedience of Allah ﷻ. If our eyes are open in Madinah Sharif then you will clearly be able to see the darkness on the face of the Shias in spite of their light complexion. Abu Jahl was extremely handsome with a light complexion and was known as the father of wisdom, but was known as Abu Jahl due to not being able to understand. He is buried in Badr where the public toilets are currently located. All the filth of the people fall on him. So, the Sahaaba had Nur apparent on their faces which was visible.

ذَلِكَ مَثَلُهُمْ فِي التَّوْرَةِ


That is their description in the Torah

وَمَثَلُهُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ كَرْزِعٍ أَخْرَجَ شَطْأَهُ فَآزَرَهُ فَاسْتَغْلَظَ فَاسْتَوَى عَلَى سُوقِهِ يُعْجِبُ
الزُّرَّاعَ لَيَغِيظَ بِهِمُ الْكُفَّارَ

Their description in the Injeel (Bible) is like that of a plant that sprouts its shoots and strengthens it, after which it becomes thick and stands on its own stem, pleasing the farmer. (Allaah has nurtured the Sahabah ﷺ in this manner) So that the Kuffaar may be enraged by them (because of their animosity for Islaam and for the Sahabah ﷺ).

This is like a shoot of a plant that comes up very weak but then gradually it becomes strong. This is when a person comes into the Suhbat of his Sheikh.

FOUR LESSONS TO BE DERIVED FROM TEA

Hadrat Maulana Abrar-ul-Haq  used to say that we drink tea regularly. We should take four lessons from the tea that we drink. Before the product became tea, it was water. It was plain water that was colourless, tasteless, priceless, and water cools you down. When the water remained in the company of the tea leaves for a few minutes the name changes from water to tea. It now has value and a price is now attached to it. Water cools a person but tea lifts a person up. Water was colourless but now it has become black in colour. This is on condition that the water is hot boiling water. If ten tea bags are placed into cold water we won't get any results. This proves that the company of the Sheikh must be a hot Suhbat in order to benefit.

I had asked a friend that studied with us whether he had taken Bay'at or not. He replied in the affirmative. I asked, "Who did you take Bay'at to?" He replied, "I can't remember whether my Sheikh is a Saharanpuri or a Muradabaadi." This is like asking a woman who is your husband? She says, "I don't know whether he comes from Cape Town, Johannesburg or Durban." What kind of a relationship is that?

I always give an example that some Muftis may perhaps give a Fatwa that marriage over the phone or internet is permitted. I am not giving a Fatwa here. However, the couple will never be able to get a baby over the phone or internet. Hot Suhbat is required even though it may be for a minute or even half a minute. In a similar manner, it is necessary to have a strong relationship with the Sheikh. If the Mureed doesn't inform the Sheikh of his condition, he will not benefit. How can a student pass without writing his examination? He says that he is the Ustaads favourite but doesn't write his exam, how will he pass?

SUBMIT YOUR RETURNS

We should submit our financials to the receiver and our spirituals to the Sheikh whether our eyes are in order or not. We are confident that we are performing five times Salaah with Jamaat. We should keep proper records and we will realise that we are not performing our Salaah with Jamaat. Our Salaah is void of concentration. We should check whether we are reading Yaseen or not. Are we reciting Durood upon Rasulullah ﷺ? Therefore we should submit a report. The Sheikh will take a glance at it but we will become conscious of it.

A person starts off very weak and then becomes strong in the company of the Sheikh to such an extent that he is able to stand on his own. Our Sheikh رحمه الله used to say that if a person is cured from a physical illness, he will not be given a certificate to treat others whereas in this path of Tasawwuf the Mureed is given Khilafat and can treat others when he is cured from his spiritual illnesses.

You become so strong that the farmers are also pleased. The mealie plantation is bearing as well the mango trees, etc. This is how the Sheikh will be pleased with the results of the Mureeds after going through the process of Islaah. I planted the seeds, the shoots came up and became strong. The outside crops are nothing in comparison to the fruitful results of the Mureeds and students. This causes the Kuffaar to burn.

PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD

The problems experienced in the world are due to the spread of Islam like wild fire. Islam is spreading in the back yard of the enemies. The more they fight against Islam, the more Islam is spreading. When Bosnia was experiencing a crisis, a Mufti of Bosnia who was residing in America visited us at the Darul Uloom. When he passed the courtyard and seen the building he went into a trance. After a few minutes he said, "Please pinch me as I don't know whether I am dreaming or alive." He said, "You may suppress Islam in one place but it will rise at another place." Today, Adhaans are given in the four corners of the world. There are Masjids in the four corners of the world. If we go to Birmingham and Liecester in England, France, America, Masajids are full. They brought Muslims to their countries to make them like the disbelievers yet they are drawing the Kuffaar to Islam. This is happening on an on-going basis and burning the Kuffaar.

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ مِنْهُمْ مَغْفِرَةً وَأَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Allah has promised those that have brought Imaan and carried out righteous actions, there is forgiveness and a great reward for some of them.

FORGIVENESS

The forgiveness and great reward is promised for those that have the reality of Imaan and Aamaal-e-Saaliha. Allah ﷻ is aware that we are human beings and will commit mistakes, but there is no need to worry. As long as you remain on the right path, you will be forgiven. If a person wants to travel from White River to Nelspruit and is on the correct road then he will

reach his destination even if he has a puncture on the way. Similarly, we should remain on the path to Jannat. We will err and commit mistakes but we will reach our destination. If you are on the road to Jahannam then you will not reach your desired destination which is Jannat.

In these verses Allah ﷻ has given us the great lesson of Suhbat and companionship of the Ahlullah and Rasulullah ﷺ. Before Islam what was the condition of the Kuffar?

وہ کیا نظر تھی جس نے مردہ کو مسیحا کر دیا

What was the effect of his glance which caused the dead to be revived!

Rasulullah ﷺ didn't only give them eyes but these people are leading the world today.

جو خود گمراہ تھے اوروں کے ہادی بن گئے

Those that were misguided had become a means of guidance for others

اصحابی كالنجوم بايہم اقتديتم اهتديتم

The Sahaaba are like the stars, whichever one of them you follow you will be rightly guided.

All these virtues were acquired through Suhbat. Allah ﷻ has kept the link of Suhbat even up to this day and age. Hadrat Thanvi رحمہ اللہ, Maulana Gangohi رحمہ اللہ, Maulana Qasim Nanotwi رحمہ اللہ, Hadrat Sheikh رحمہ اللہ, Mufti Muhammad Shafi Sahib رحمہ اللہ, MI Abrar-UI-

Haq ﷺ, etc. were all great personalities. This line remains with us up to this very day. My wife tells me that we don't see great Buzurgs any longer, so I tell her, "Don't you see who is walking next to you?" There are Buzurgs that are still in the world.

When Mufti Shafi Saheb ﷺ had passed away there wasn't any place to put down one's feet. The entire Karachi was present for the funeral. An Allah Wala took a deep sigh and commented, "When an Allah Wala has passed away the entire world cannot derive any spiritual benefit from him." When he was living then twenty or twenty five people used to attend his Majlis. When a Buzurg is alive we say that we had this encounter with him. We are all human beings and have our faults. This is what blinds us and we are unable to see the reality. When they pass away then we go and make Tawaaf at their Qabr. There are boards placed at their grave sides stating that so and so was a great Buzurg, but they are not appreciated when alive.

When Hadrat Maulana Ilyas Saheb ﷺ had passed away the people had complained that the work of Jamaat is no longer like before. The same comment was made when Hadrat Maulana Yusuf Saheb ﷺ had passed away, and the very comments were made when Hadrat Maulana In'aamul Hassan Saheb ﷺ passed away.

Many people say that Darul Uloom Deoband is no longer like before, as our Asaatizah are no longer there. We are fooled as Allah ﷻ has chosen this institute and all the other Madaris and Khanqahs. We should wake up and value the Ahlullah that are present. I would advise the local brothers to appreciate Maulana Muhammad and Ismail Gardee and the Ulema that are present here. The benefit will only be acquired when one has

made the Niyyat of gaining the recognition of Allah ﷻ. If you think of sitting in their company so that you become a millionaire or so that a family member that is sick will be cured then forget it, don't even sit there. This is not the purpose. Yes, if the intention is gaining the Ma'rifat of Allah ﷻ and practising upon Deen then one should attend their gatherings. May Allah ﷻ accept from us all!

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