



A Brief Auto-Biography of Hadhrat Mawlāna Alāudīn Jamāl Rahmatullāhi Allaih

My respected father was born in Afghanistan in the city of Kandahar. He is of the Jabbār Khayl tribe which is a branch of one the tribes of Ghalji known as the Sulayman Khayl clan. Long before Pakistan was formed, he moved to Chaman (which is in present-day Baluchistan on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan) for his business of selling grapes. I was born there in 1943. Some time after Pakistan was formed my father moved to Karachi for business; I was about seven or eight years old at that time.

My religious studies began in Dārul Uloom Nanak Wārah in Karachi. Its founder was the Grand Mufti of Pakistan Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi' (may Allah Ta'āla illuminate his grave). My first teacher at the Darul Uloom was Hadhrat Mawlāna Badi' uz Zamān Sahib (may Allah Ta'āla have mercy on him). When Darul Uloom Nānak Wārah moved to Sharafit, I gained admission in Madrasah Arabiyyah Islāmiyyah in Newtown for my beginner-level books. This was the Madrasah established by Mawlāna Muhammad Yusuf Binnori (may Allah Ta'āla have mercy on him) and is now famously known as Jamiah al-Uloom al-Islāmiyyah Allāmah Muhammad Yusuf Binnori-Town. It was the first year the Madrasah was conducting beginner-level classes. Some of my Nānak Wārah classmates had also gained ad-

mission. Among them was Mawlāna Habībullāh Mukhtār Sāhib (may Allah Ta'āla have mercy on him).

In my class Hāji Abdullah Sāhib, Mawlāna Khālid Khalil, Mawlāna Abrarul Haqq, Abdul Mu'id the son of Mawlāna Abdur Rasheed Nu'māni are all worth mentioning. The last one (Abdul Mu'id) passed away in his youth and Hāji Abdullāh passed away in Madinah Munawwarah and is buried in Janatul Baqi'. Hadhrat Mufti Wali Hasan Sāhib and Mawlāna Badi' uz Zamān Sāhib (may Allāh Ta'āla have mercy on them both) also moved from Nānak Wārah. This was in the early years of the Madrasah; there was no classroom, the Masjid was unfinished, and all the classes from first year to Dawrah were

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taught in the Masjid. It was during this era that the last student of Hadhrat Shaykhul Hind Mawlāna Aziz Ghul Sāhib visited the Madrasah. His younger brother Mawlāna Nāfi' Ghul Sāhib (may Allah Ta'āla have mercy on him) was a teacher of Hadith at the Madrasah. Mawlāna Lutfullāh Sāhib Pishāwari (may Allāh Ta'āla have mercy on him) lived together with Hadhrat Mawlāna Yusuf Binnori (may Allāh Ta'āla have mercy on him) in the boarding. The elder brother of Mufti Ahmadur Rahmān Sāhib, Mawlāna 'Ubaydurahmān Sahib (may Allāh Ta'āla have mercy on him) was the supervisor of the boarding.

During this time my academic journey was paused due to sickness. When Allah Ta'āla gave me the ability to once again continue my blessed studies, I was granted the good fortune of studying Sahih Bukhāri with Hadhrat Mawlāna Yusuf Binnori (may Allah Ta'āla illuminate his grave) in 1396 Hijri. And it was that same year, after being given the certificate of completion, that I began teaching in Baluchistan at the instruction of Hadhrat Mawlāna Binnori (may Allah Ta'āla have mercy on him). After teaching in various Madāris for some time, I was given the position of a professor at Madrasah Sawlatiyyah in Makkah Mukarramah, Saudi Arabia in 1404 Hijri. Then, in 1421 Hijri I began teaching at Darul Uloom Zakariyya in South Africa and till now reside there with my family.

While translating this book (al-Ikhtilaaf al-Aimmah wa al-Hadith al-Nabawi), my 21-year-old son Ahmad Makki—who came out second in the final Dawrah exam in 2005—passed away the night before the graduation Jalsah in a car accident along with his three friends: Ikram

Saidi, Ibrahim Samit, and Yusuf Samit. The morning of the Jalsah there were four bodies in the courtyard of the Masjid.

*His grave is in the hearts of the Arif-
een (pious)*

Ahmad Alā's honorary turban was placed on my head and I was given his certificate of completion. *To Allah belongs what He takes and what He bestows. Everything has an appointed time with Him. All praise be to Allah in every condition. To Allah we belong and to Him is our return.*

*In this orchard, spring and autumn lay
together*

*This is such a time that a cup is in the
hand and a janazah on the shoulder*

May Allah forgive these four (martyrs) as well as the whole Ummah, and may He grant all Muslims the fortune of a good death.

**And place your trust in Allah
alone. Allah alone is sufficient as
a protector. (Al-Ahzab).**

INSPIRED BEGINNINGS

The Afghanistan landscape was a bleak one after the Soviet invasion. lawlessness, kidnappings, bribery, murder, looting, and the opium trade littered the landscape.

At that time, Mullah Umar (R.A) had consecutive dreams wherein Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم ordered him to take up arms and eradicate the tyranny, lawlessness, and oppression from the land.

Thus, the Taliban came into being. From humble beginnings, impoverished physically but imbued spiritually with faith, conviction, and love for the hereafter, they set out to establish the Shariah. In this noble quest, with the assistance of Allah, they managed to secure a major part of the country. Their rule was one of justice and in conformity with the blessed Shariah.

ILLEGAL INVASION

The forces of evil could not bear this. Using the flimsy excuse of “harbouring terrorists” without any form of concrete evidence, they prepared to attack Afghanistan.

With the imminent threat of an attack, multiple delegations went to Mullah Umar (R.A). They requested him to hand over the alleged “offenders” qualifying their request by saying, “We have seen the establishment of Islamic law after many years. If you hand him over, the Islamic law that has been established will thrive and flourish.” Mullah Umar (R.A) replied: “It is our duty to uphold the Shariah and it is Allah alone who will look after His servants. How can we hand over a Muslim without solid evidence? If we do that, how then shall we face Allah on the day of Judgement?”

It was upon hearing this reply that the honourable Moulana Saleemullah (R.A) remarked:” I have been teaching Bukhari Shareef for over 50 years. Today I have witnessed what Imaan is.”

A CLEAR VICTORY

For twenty years, the ruthless forces, with all their alliances, extensive resources, and military skill, relentlessly attacked Afghanistan in the hope of subduing the spirit of the Taliban. Their miserable failure is a clear testimony that they cannot surpass and suppress the will of

Allah. Allah had willed for our brothers to emerge victorious, Alhamdulillah.

“LIBERATING” WOMEN

At the onset of the war, the rhetoric about liberating Afghan women was rife. Upon the dismal failure of the occupying forces and their humiliating retreat, the talk is again about liberating women. Sadly, some Muslims also unwittingly echo this sentiment.

The sheer trauma caused to our Afghan mothers and sisters by the invading forces in between is willfully disregarded. The anguish, pain, and horror in the aftermath of carpet-bombing villages with women and children was a ghastly attempt at liberation.

What can be said about the plight of the countless women who lost their husbands, fathers and brothers to the war and were forced to live in squalor, abject poverty, and desperate conditions? Can the distress they endured be measured? What liberation was there for them? How many Afghan women suffered this plight?

We should not fall prey to propaganda. The attempt to cause the Afghan women to exchange their values and dignity for the immodesty of the West can be clearly understood by the report of a woman soldier who was “sent in” to liberate them.

She says:

“In a cultural meeting in the villages, the Afghan women belittled us for not having husbands and children and the idea of having children and then abandoning them to go and” work” literally disgusted them.”

Herein lies the secret of their liberation attempts. "Exchange your pure Deeni lifestyle for our miserable existence as "free and liberated" women."

May Allah protect and preserve our honourable mothers and sisters and let the victims of the cunning "liberation" attempts return to their place of honor.

STRATEGIES OF THE OPPONENTS

Various strategies are likely to be employed by their opponents to stifle their progress like freezing of state funds, funding of insurgents etc. These measures of interference are usually employed to make countries ungovernable.

May Allah protect them from these and protect them from other vices like the use of photography and television which opens the door for compromising in Deen. The sad reality is that the culture of compromising in Deen attracts a further level of compromise to which there is no end point.

We make dua that Allah guide them to hold on to the principals and spirit that they were founded upon.

May Allah accept the tremendous sacrifice of the Taliban, keep them steadfast, remove all obstacles from their part and guide them in their decisions. May Allah save them from the hypocrites within and keep them on Haqq. May Allah aid them in removing oppression and accept us for His Deen.AMEEN

QURA'AN AND SCIENCE

These are just some of the many scientific facts found in the Qur'an. It is important to note that the Qur'an is not a book of science, but that it is consistent with science.

The Universe

A mobile phone is clearly something that was put together in an organised way, so it would be rational to believe that it must have a maker. In the same way, when we see the order in the universe around us, isn't it rational to say that the universe has a creator?

"We shall show them our signs in the universe and within themselves, until it becomes clear to them that this is the truth. Is it not enough that your Lord is the witness of all things?"

[Quran, 41:53]

Origin of Life

The fact that living things consist mostly of water was discovered only after the invention of the microscope. In the deserts of Arabia, the last thing someone would have guessed is that all life came from water.

"We made every living thing from water. Will they not believe?" [Quran, 21:30]

Embryology

"We created man from an extract of clay. Then We made him as a drop in a place of settlement, firmly fixed. Then We made the drop into an alaqah (leech, suspended thing, and blood clot), then We made the alaqah into a mudghah (chewed substance)..." [Quran 23:12-14]

Professor Emeritus Keith L. Moore (one of the

world's most prominent scientists in the fields of anatomy and embryology): "It is clear to me that these statements must have come to Muhammad from God, because almost all of this knowledge was not discovered until many centuries later."

Sky's Protection

The sky protects the Earth from the lethal rays of the Sun. If the sky did not exist, then the Sun's radiation would have killed off all life on Earth. It also acts like a blanket wrapped around the Earth, to protect it from the freezing cold of space. The temperature just above the sky is approximately -270 C. If this temperature was to reach Earth, then the planet would freeze over instantly. The sky also protects life on Earth by warming the surface through heat retention.

"We made the sky a protective ceiling. And yet they are turning away from Our signs!"

[Quran 21:32]

Iron

Iron is not natural to the Earth. It did not form on the Earth but came down to Earth from outer space. This may sound strange but it's true. Scientists have found that billions of years ago the Earth was struck by meteorites. These meteorites were carrying iron from distant stars which had exploded (M. E. Walrath, History of the Earth's Formation)

"We sent down iron with its great inherent strength and its many benefits for humankind." [Quran 57:25]

Seas and Oceans

Modern science has discovered that in the places where two different seas meet, there is

a barrier between them. This barrier divides the two seas so that each sea has its own temperature, salinity, and density (Principles of Oceanography, Davis, pp. 92-93)

"He has set free the two seas meeting together. There is a barrier between them. They do not transgress." [Quran, 55:19-20].

The Sun's Orbit

The belief that the Sun is stationary was widespread amongst astronomers until the 20th century. It is now a well-established scientific fact that the Sun is not stationary but is moving in an orbit around the centre of our Milky Way galaxy.

"It is He who created night and day, the Sun and the Moon, each floating in its orbit."

[Quran, 21:33]

Mountains

A book titled 'Earth' by Geophysicist Frank Press explains that mountains are like stakes and are buried deep under the surface of the Earth. Mount Everest, the height of which is approximately 9 km above ground, has a root deeper than 125 km.

"Did we not make the Earth a resting place? And the mountains as stakes?" [Quran, 78:6-7]

Universe Expanding

The fact that the universe is expanding was discovered in the last century. The physicist Stephen Hawking in his book 'A Brief History of Time' writes, "The discovery that the universe is expanding was one of the great intellectual revolutions of the 20th century."

"And it is We who have built the universe with [Our creative] power and keep expanding

it.” [Quran, 51:47]

Skin Pain Receptors

For a long time, it was thought that the sense of feeling and pain was dependent on the brain. However, it has been discovered that there are pain receptors present in the skin. Without these pain receptors, a person would not be able to feel pain.

“We shall send those who reject our revelations to the hellfire. When their skins have been burned away, We shall replace them with new ones so that they may continue to feel the pain. God is Almighty, all-Wise.” [Quran 4:56]

Oceans

It is commonly thought that waves only occur on the surface of the ocean. However, oceanographers have discovered that there are internal waves that take place below the surface of the ocean. These waves are invisible to the human eye, and can only be detected by specialist equipment.

“Darkness out in a deep ocean which is covered by waves, above which are waves, above which are clouds. Layers of darkness, one upon the other. When one puts out his hand [therein], he can hardly see it. Those God gives no light to, they truly have no light.” [Quran, 24:40]

Lying & Movement

First, a book titled ‘Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology’ which includes the results of research on the functions of this area states: “The motivation and the foresight to plan and initiate movements occur in the anterior portion of the frontal lobes, the prefrontal area. The part of the brain that is responsible for movement is said to be seized if the man does not stop. Secondly, numerous studies have shown that this

same region (frontal lobe) is responsible for the lying function of the brain. One such study at the University of Pennsylvania in which volunteers were asked questions during a computerized interrogation, it was found that when the volunteers were lying there was significantly increased activity in the prefrontal and premotor cortices.

There was a cruel oppressive tribal leader named Abu Jahl who lived during the time of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Allah revealed a verse of the Quran to warn him:

“No indeed! If he does not stop, We will seize him by the forehead, his lying, sinful forehead.” [Quran, 96:15-16].

Allah does not call this person a liar but calls his forehead (the front part of the brain) ‘lying’ and ‘sinful’, and warns him to stop.

OH BELOVED ALLAH!
YOU GAVE THE SUN THE
POWER TO ITS DUTY,
YOU GAVE THE MOON THE
POWER TO DO ITS DUTY ,
YOU GAVE EACH OF YOUR
CREATION THE POWER TO
DO ITS DUTY.
OH ALLAH!
PLEASE GIVE US THE
POWER TO OBEY YOU
AND TO DO OUR DUTY
ALL OUR LIFE THROUGH
FOR WE ARE COMMITED
TRULY TO YOU

THE STEPPINGSTONE TO FAILURE

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How clichéd are the phrases: “Just one pull” or “One for the record”, which unfortunately have become a seductive plague. How saddening is the news of young and old, male and female Muslims trying to reform at rehabilitation centres, but our ears have become immune to such news. The mystery of the “high” adventure lures many. Sometimes under pressure from those who accompany them or just as an experiment in the name of variety. Then it’s just a constant ravenous craving for the second time and then the third, fourth, and fifth time until the extreme end.

Our guide to living the ideal lifestyle, Nabi ﷺ, has informed us that “intoxicants are the root to all vice.” When we hear about drug addiction incidents and the offences that they commit, we ponder emotionally, mentally and humanly, over how a human being could do such a thing. It seems as if the morals, values and customs, which have been instilled by their parents since birth suddenly stream out of their system. Just like how the labor, finance and effort it takes to construct a skyscraper over many months takes mere seconds to crumble, so too do the lives of people crumble by following this path.

The reason given for the importance of abstinence is that the reformation process does not prove effective for everyone. Many of those working to reform themselves at rehabilitation centres still take drugs, but that is through a controlled procedure. They are given activities to keep them occupied to stop them from committing other constitutional offences.

That is why we should try to infuse within us a basic principle which will benefit us in all facets of life, PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE. We ask Allah ﷻ to keep us pure from all such vices and we also ask Allah ﷻ to purify all those who have been affected. AAMEEN

**“A LEARNED MAN
WHO DOES NOT
RESTRAIN HIS
PASSIONS IS LIKE A
BLIND MAN
HOLDING A TORCH;
HE GUIDES OTHERS
BUT NOT HIMSELF.”**

SHEIKH SA’DI (RA)