

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي قَالَ لِنَبِيِّهِ ﷺ! اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الَّذِي خَلَقَ. خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ مِنْ عَلَقٍ. اقْرَأْ
 وَرَبُّكَ الْأَكْرَمُ. الَّذِي عَلَّمَ بِالْقَلَمِ. عَلَّمَ الْإِنْسَانَ مَا لَمْ يَعْلَمْ. وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ خَيْرَ
 الْبَشَرِ مُحَمَّدٍ الَّذِي بُعِثَ إِلَى خَيْرِ الْأُمَّةِ وَأُعْطِيَ جَوَامِعَ الْكَلِمِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ الَّذِينَ
 بَدَلُوا جَهْدَهُمْ لِتَبْلِيغِ الدِّينِ وَالْعِلْمِ أَمَا بَعْدُ أَفَاعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ. بِسْمِ اللَّهِ
 الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ. هَلْ يَسْتَوِي الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ. قَالَ تَعَالَى فَاسْئَلُوا أَهْلَ
 الذِّكْرِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ.

NAME AND DENOMINATION

Sheikh-ul-Hadith & Tafseer, Sheikh Al-Maqool –o-Manqool,
 Mohajir fesabeel-il-Allah, Hazrat Molana Mufti Niaz Muhammad
 Bin Sabit Bin Adam Khotani Turkistani (China) Sum Pakistani)

He was Turkish by Origin and belonged to the Turkish Tribe known as “Uyghur”. He was born in 1907 in a locality named “Shor Bagh” which is situated near the famous city of “Khotan” in eastern Turkistan. Profession of my grandfather was agriculture and he owned land measuring 350 Acre, Most of his land consisted of orchards and he was one of the richest and influential people of the locality. He was brought up in a

blandishment atmosphere, my grandfather performed pilgrimage in year 1920 and during this journey he took his nephew Abdul Hameed Takhta (R.A) with him and left him in Madina Sharif. By the Grace of Almighty Allah his family is even now residing in Madina Sharif bearing Saudi Nationality.

APPEARANCE AND DRESS

My respected Father, had normal height, strong body, pinkish white complexion, gorgeous and handsome face, spacious forehead was the symbol of his virtue. He was a man of sound nerves and strong will, beard was light and was limited to his chin only. His hands were soft and cozy. He used to be in white dress with big white “Amama” on his head, pin head indigenous brown “Khusa” (shoes), and his dressing was an addition to his very handsome personality. Pajama always remained above his ankles. He also used to wear waistcoat and “Bukhari Jubba” (Overcoat) with green lining. In winter season he used to wear “Chitrali Jubba” some times he held the stick in his hand, He was a very impressive personality. His appearance explained in the Register of “Dar-UI-Uloom Deoband” is as under; Normal Height, wheatish complexion (Due the sufferings of journey his complexion was turned to wheatish) Round face, spacious forehead, absorbed eyebrows, wide eyes and beard less.

KHOTAN OR HOTAN

Allama Yaqoot Bin Abdullah Al-Hamomi Al-Baghdadi (R.A) has explained the correct and true pronunciation and accent of “Khotan” in 2nd volume of his book Mooajam-al-Baldan

(معجم البلدان)

It is a city and a kingdom between the Kashghar and Youzkand, It is considered to be in balad Turkestan. It is a valley between the mountains in the center of Balad-Turk From where, Suleman Bin Dawood Bin Suleman Abu-Dawood is said to belong, who famous as Hajjaj Khotani (R.A), who has learned the Hadith from Abu Aali Bin Ali Bin Suleman Al-Marghinani (R.A) and Allama Abu Hafs Umar Bin Al-Ahmad Nisfi (R.A) has mentioned that he came to seek knowledge to him in year 533 (Mooajam Al-Baldan)

ISLAMIC STATE OF KHOTAN

My Revered Father told that before the Communist Revolution, Khotan was an Islamic State and Qazis (Islamic magistrate) used to hold the justice. Procedure of justice was that, a Qazi (Islamic magistrate) was assisted upto to 20 Muffi’s, and each Muffi kept a Quran, a Book of Hadith and a Book of Fiqah Hanfia with him. Whenever a matter was brought for adjudication, The Qazi (Islamic magistrate) used to refer the matter to the Muffi’s who analyze the same in the light of Islamic law’s and they issued their Fatwa on it, and the Qazi (Islamic magistrate) decided the matter accordingly, in this

way the even the most complicated matters were also resolved very easily.

Implementation of Islamic Laws (Hudood & Qassas) the whole state was enjoying the peace and harmony, Due to the same reason, my father had advised General Zia-ul-Haq that if only Islamic Laws (Huddod & Qassas) be implemented, the law and order will be maintained in the whole country, he also said if even non-Muslims may opt this system, they also can maintain the law and order.

Qaizis (Islamic magistrate) also used to visit the markets, with measuring and weighing equipment with them along with whips (staff to execute the punishment of whipping on spot). Baked bread was weighed on hotels and if found less then the standard weight, then the hotel's owner was whipped in front of whole market, similarly, measuring tools were checked, and all deceptions were punished. By virtue of Islamic state there was a habit of learning and teaching. English historians have also mentioned the people of Khotan as "Literacy" i.e. "learners and teachers"

MR. AUREL STEAN'S VISIT OF KHOTAN.

English Tourist Mr. Aurel Stein visited the Khotan in year 1909 on demand of British Government, in his book "Ancient Khotan" he has narrated about Khotan that "Khotan which is now known as Hotan, is a oasis and is situated at the brink of a desert. There were a lot of Mulberry trees that's why the silk was a major

product of Khotan besides that it is also famous for its Precious Stones and Pot making.

Budhist King “Ashoka” founded it in year 300 B.C. who established his kingdom here.

Khotan is the first place outside china, where the silk production was started, and it happened when in the beginning of first century, the King of khotan got married with the princess of China, she brought the eggs of silk worms with her, resultantly silk production was started here.

Initial inhabitants of the Khotan were Budh by religion. In Year 1006 A.C. Turk Muslim Military launched an attack in the leadership of Muslim General Yousaf Qadir Khan and occupied the Khotan. Famous English Tourist Marco Polo visited the Khotan in between 1271 to 1275 and mentioned in his memorandum, that all the peoples of that area are the followers of Muhammad’s (PBUH) religion.

Yousaf Qadir Khan was the brother or relative of King of Kashghar and all his Muslim solders were Turkish, whom caused the dominance of Islam in Khotan, Onwards the Turkish Race spread so widely there that it became an important state of Eastern Turkistan and even now it is considered as a state of Turkish Uygurs.

Although, it is a part of China and situated in the Province Xingiang even then it is known as locality of Uygur people and on atlas it is shown “Xingiang uyger autonomous resion.

Khotan was also famous for Musk and many of Urdu and Persian poets have mentioned “Musk of Khotan” in their verses, Road connecting China & Pakistan is also called the Silk Rout. Now days it is famous for trade of precious stones, Carpet making,

For more information in this regard please refer to Page No._____ of this Book under the title of “Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Visit of Khotan”

TRAGEDY OF ORPHAN HOOD

My father was just a child when the plague spread out in the Khotan and claimed 200 people in a very short time, He also suffered from the plague, but by the Grace of Almighty Allah he survived, but its spots were visible on his body till his last, In that misfortunate incident, he, his two sisters, and paternal cousin survived whereas who were taken away to another city his maternal uncle Molana Haji Saeed Ahmad Akhoun(R.A). So he had to face the tragedy of getting orphan right from he early child hood, when he lost both his mother and father.

SCHOOLS OF KHOTAN AND HIS EDUCATION.

He was sent to an academy for his early studies, after that he was admitted in a school. At that time there were about 100 schools in Khotan and each school has its own properties to earn for its expenses and requirements of teachers and administration. Their parents or close relatives sponsored most of the students; all the schools were bounded by harmony and

affection with each other. A Committee of High Class intellectuals (Ulmas) having 5 members, used to manage the Schools with the powers of hire and fire the teachers. Students of one schools often used to consult even other school's teachers. If a lesson was not clarified to a student in his own school, they freely attended the same lesson in another school at any other time and it was not restricted by the teachers or administration of any school. Students were very pious and always studied facing Qibla, They regularly recited a part of "Quran" and "Dalial-ul-Khairat". Always kept their heads caped and had graceful virtuous faces. He told that his teacher was Molana Israf Ullah Dam Ullah (R.A) who was a great scholar. People also respected the scholars a lot. If any Scholar visited the market, the people used to greet him and shake hands.

REVOLUTION IN THE LIFE

He cruising to maturity but he was not paying much attention to his studies. He was found of wrestling and used to spend a lot of time in it. Once he went to a village with his friends for recreation and visited a school there, where a teacher was conducting a lesson of Persian. That teacher asked him what do you study? He answered "Kafia" then that teacher asked him to read a paragraph from the said book, In fact my father had studied that book, so he started reading the paragraph, but he made a lot of mistakes, That teacher seriously humiliated

him on his mistakes. He was too much embarrassed and ashamed, and this embarrassment got so severe that he decided to suicide and in the evening he went up a hill to suicide, it was very cold there, and that cold also cooled him down, he came back and dwelled that night in farmer's hut, and in the morning he returned to the City of Khotan with a new ambition.

HARD WORK ON PERSIAN.

After his return he started studying Persian, he said good by to leisure and got committed to his studies, He worked so hard on Persian that in only six months he became master of it, meanwhile he and seek the help of almost 100 teachers and some of them were females.

ADVANTAGES OF LEARNING "MATHNAWI SHARIF"

In Khotan, there was a master of Mathnawi of Maulana Roomi (R.A), and used to conduct the lectures on the same. Scholars and literates used to come to him to attend his lectures and their boarding and lodging was arranged in the different schools, two of such scholars were settled in his room. Once they were revising their lesson and at a point their opinion differed, He was also present in the room he explained that point in grammatical sense in such a manner that both of them were astonished and said "you are a master of Persian, you must attend the Mathnawi lessons with us in the morning, it will help us in revision, but younger students were not allowed by

the teacher, his room mates said they will try to get the permission, so the very next day he proceeded for the lesson, the teacher angrily said “why have you brought this chap” they replied “he is a master of Persian and joint study with him will be a great assistance for us. The teacher tested his skill in Persian, and he was satisfied, so he permitted him to join the class. In this way his hard work for learning Persian was rewarded by the Almighty Allah, that he was provided with the opportunity to learn the Mathnawi Sharif that consist of 28500 verses full of wisdom and love for Almighty Allah, at the peak of his youth, which developed the love for Allah in his heart in early age. Some Said true-

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Guidance of Hazrat Moulana Thaboot-Ullah Dam-Ullah,
(Rehmat Ullah Elaih)

As it has been earlier explained that a governing body of scholars governed the Schools of Khotan, the said governing body also appointed teachers. In those days in Balad Turkistan Logic, Philosophy and Fiqah were dominant subjects, and the Tafseer and Hadith were not in such focus as they would have been, although the great Mudahis and Muffasir belonged to that region. There was a young man from Kashghar Moulana Thaboot Ullah (R.A) who was famous as “Moulana Muthalith” (Moulana Triangle) as he could not properly understand a law

of logic regarding triangle. To get the said concept cleared he traveled a lot and visited many cities, he went even to the Bukhara, he was satisfied from the teachers of Bukhara and it gave him the fame in the name of Moulana Muthalath. He went to the subcontinent for studies. He was admitted in “Dar-ul-uloom Deoband” where he enjoyed the learning by Khotanim-ul-Mohaddathin, Hafiz Al-Hadith Hazrat Maulana Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri (R.A), after completing his studies he returned to Khotan, and applied to the committee of scholars for his appointment in any of the schools. He was a man of Hadith and Tafseer, so the committee hesitated to appoint him in any prominent school of the city, and he was appointed in a relatively smaller school, which was situated in a graveyard out side the city, and only a few students used to study there. Although it was tradition of schools of Khotan that students of one school were not prohibited from seeking knowledge from another school, but the Scholars of the city did not like Moulana Thaboot Ullah(R.A) so they did not appreciated their students to concern him, and they also discouraged and even stopped their students to consult him, but that school in the graveyard was situated in the pathway of my father, once, when he was passing by the graveyard, he attended the school, where he observed that a teacher is conducting the lesson “Shamsia” of the Book of Logic “Qutbi” and they were discussing it. My father had also been studying

the same in those days, and he had memorized the same, he to joined the lecture, deep knowledge of the teacher really impressed him he never had attended such a comprehensive tutorial. It was his first meeting with Moulana Thaboot Ullah (R.A). Next day he joined his class again, Moulana asked questions about the previous lesson and he answered correctly, and Moulana was quite satisfied, He decided to Join Moulana continuously, and started to seek knowledge from Moulana in his spare time, and very soon he won a soft corner in his teacher's heart, and attracted his special attention.

Hazrat Moulana Thaboot Ullaha (R.A) was a specialist of different real and virtual subjects alongwith this he was also interested in spiritualism. He was not only a complete teacher but also a complete spiritual guide. He had been taught by the great personalities of Dar-UI-Uloom DeoBand; especially Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri (R.A) had really impressed him a lot. He used to talk about his great teacher very passionately, and told about his knowledge and wisdom with affection and love, and this attitude of the teacher has made Hazrat Khotani (R.A) a Fan of Moulana Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri (R.A), Even Moulana Thaboot Ullah (R.A) himself had directed him that "if I pass away before the completion of your studies, then you must go to sub-continent and seek knowledge from Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri (R.A).

An incident regarding the teacher's dedication with studies

Moulana Thaboot Ullah (R.A) was too much dedicated to his studies, which evident from the following incident. As Moulana was a foreigner, so the administration of the Dar-ul-uloom Deoband had allotted him a separate room over the main entrance, where he was studied alone. That year he was studying "Matool". One day after attending the class he came to his room after sunset, and started reading Matool, he was so occupied by the book that he did not even notice that whole night and next half day has elapsed. When his class fellows found him absent in next day's lesson they thought he might be ill, so after the class they came to his room to see him, and found him studying the book, they asked "why have you not attended the class today" and he replied " I have just come after attending the class with you" his class fellows said "No you have attended today", but he had a sound stance that he has attended the class, then one of the fellows asked what have we studied today, and he told about the lessen, and all of them affirmed that it was the yesterday's lesson, then he realized the fact. Another fact that indicated towards reality was that one of his hand with which support he was sitting, had paralyzed and it was rehabilitated after the massage and physiotherapy of two months.

FIRST MARRIAGE OF MY FATHER

Just after, he got matures, his Maternal Uncle Haji Saeed Ahmad(R.A) had solemnized his first marriage (Nikah) with his daughter just after he was matured, no child was born out of that wedlock and his wife passed away after a few years.

SECOND MARRIAGE

Then his teacher solemnized his second marriage with his own daughter and made him his son in law from his student.

REVOLUTION IN THE COUNTRY AND EVIDENCE OF MOULANA THABOOT ULLAH (RAHMATULLAH ALAYHAY)

My father had hardly received the preliminary guidance when the red storm of turmoil and communist revolution began to blow in the country and an endless period of bloodshed and massacre started. Because of the training of the Moulana and the fighting spirit, he was filled not only with educational and spiritual love but also with the passion of Jihad. The presence of heretical ideas made him disturbed and he came out of the boundary of school and plunged into the battleground of Jihad. He fought with his back to the wall and raised the call of Jihad. The scholars and the pious responded to his call and following suit, started Jihad. Though the party of scholars possessed almost nothing but was intoxicated martyrdom.

Moulana Thaboot Ullah (rahmatullah alayhay) made my father the guardian of the house and advised again, “if I achieve martyrdom then you must proceed to India for the completion of your studies. My father very successfully shouldered the

responsibility assigned by his respected teacher. He also joined the fight against the attacking heretics in locality. After some time the shocking news of the death of Moulana created a stir in the vicinity. He was greatly shocked at the bereavement of his affectionate teacher and gracious father in law.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون

ان کے کوچے سے لے چل جنازہ میرا
جان دی میں نے جن کی خوشی کیلئے
بے خودی چاہیے بندگی کیلئے

JOURNEY TO INDIA.

When he came out of the shock of his teacher's death, then he remembered his teacher's will about going to India, some fellows who have gone to the Dar-UI-Uloom Deoband (INDIA), also called through an enthusiastic letter, so he made his mind for the journey and started preparation. My father loved very much his wife who was also the daughter of his teacher, and that relationship was looking like an obstacle or hurdle in way of seeking knowledge. Although his wife had sweetly permitted him, but his feelings were too strong to control. To get control of his feelings he started practice living apart from his wife, and after two months when he felt better, he decided to start his journey and told his wife that if I do not come back within five

years, you will be free, but her beloved wife could not bear the grief of his severance and passed away within four years.

In his journey his brother-in-law and few other young fellows accompanied him, and that small group of students commenced towards Sub-continent carrying on mules. It was a hard and breath-taking journey, as they had to travel through sky high snow capped mountains and very deep canyons. They crossed the highest peaks of the world Himalaya and K-2 on foot in two months. Some times such narrow passages came in their way, where only one person can pass through with his face towards the mountain. They lost many of their mules there as they fell in deep canyons. They also crossed rivers with frozen surface, where one fellow used to check the hardness of ice with his stick and other followed him, most of their stuff they were carrying was lost. But their courage did not bow before the storm of such hurdles, and after traveling of few months; they finally reached the sub-continent via Kashmir in a very ruined state, at the end of Ramzan-ul-Mubarak.

IN INDIA

After reaching INDIA, this caravan went to Bombay, there were some traders of Khotan, whom warmly welcomed them and treated them with great hospitality. They were surprised to see the Fenten Car and train for the first time, as they were familiar with only horses and mules used as conveyance. When they got refreshed, they went to Deo Band.

IN DAR-UL-ULOOM DEOBAND

After a long hard journey, that small group of very keen students finally reached Dar-UI-Ulaoom Deoband which was found by pride of freedom fighters and great scholar Hazrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi (rahmatullah alayhay), They could not believe their eyes, it was like a dream come true.

میں جاگتا ہوں یا رب یا خواب دیکھتا ہوں

What would they have felt is unexplainable? After reaching Dar-ul-ulaoom Deoband, my father's first priority was to meet the great personality of Khotanim-ul-Mohadatheen Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri (rahmatullah alayhay), about whom he had heard so much from his affectionate teacher and he was already impressed with this knowledge and wisdom, so he inquired from the senior students to see the Shah Sahib, this query made them so upset that he himself got confused, and then he was shocked with the news that Shah Sahib have passed away two years ago. انا لله وانا اليه راجعون

His heart was broken, He was dejected and hopeless, he felt his dreams spoiling, in distress he intended to return back, but the kind consultation of Moulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani (rahmatullah alayhay), Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi (rahmatullah alayhay), other companions and senior students

of Turkistan, he changed his mind and stayed and decided to complete his studies.

ADMISSION IN DAR-UL-ULOOM

Now the first challenge was the admission in Dar-UI-Uloom Deoband, as their admission test was very tough. Majority of students were unable to clear the test, although the first preference of students was Dar-UI-Uloom Deoband, but after failure in getting admission they used to go to other school. For my father a big hurdle was the language, as he could neither speak Urdu nor he had any practice of speaking Persian, he was fluent only in Turkish, so the senior students suggested that he should join any other school for a while and after one or two years when he gets good command over Urdu, he might try to get admission in Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband, otherwise he might fail in your first attempt. Although the suggestions were very discouraging, but he was so dedicated to his aim that he said If I failed to get admission in Dar-UI-Uloom Deoband, I will go back. He said “although I could not avail the guidance of teacher of my teacher, but at least I can study in the same institute where my teacher had studied. So, he applied for admission and was nominated as candidate for the admission test of *Hidaya Awaleen*.

ADMISSION TEST

Schedule of candidates was pasted on notice board, and exam of Hidaya Awaleen was to be conducted by Sheikh-ul-

Aadab Hazrat Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan (R.A), who was a big personality and students were too much impressed with him, and his test was also too tough to clear easily. Total marks were 50 and pass marks were 20.

Firstly the test of Dar-ul-uloom was already tough, secondly Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan (rahmatullah alayhay) was the toughest examiner, thirdly the young man was facing the difficulty of foreign language, so all the factors were indicating a failure, but the religious knowledge seekers are heavily blessed by Almighty Allah, and He look after them at each and every step like the parents care for their children, and the pleasure these blessings can only be experienced not explained.

TEST AND THE MARVEL OF THE MENDICANT

The night before the examination, my father started praying before the Almighty Allah, begging and requesting for the success. Weather was freezing. He took a jar of water kept in his lap and tightened between his leg, keep on praying, late night when he ablution got due, he performed ablution with that water in the jar which was warmed with his body heat. He offered his Tahajjud Prayer, recited Quran and carried on praying till the morning. He felt very satisfied and confident. Finally the moment arrived, his name was called, “Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A)” he came forward for the test, entered in the room of Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan (rahmatullah

alayhay) he did not feel any pressure or stress of such a eminent personality of Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan (R.A), he was feeling like the examiner is his class fellow, He asked random question from “Hidaya”. Due to the sufferings of long journey, uncertainty of future, and lack of studies, he was in doubt, while thinking and remembering he look at the front wall

He saw the text of “Hidiya” written on the wall, he just read the same, Whatever Moulana asked, the answer text continued appearing on the wall and read the same. At a point he made an error, Moulana pointed out the error, but he did not relied on, he himself repeated and checked and then realized his error, and it pleased the Moulana. Then he returned to his lodging. Next day on notice board a paper was pasted with bold text on it “Molvi Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A) 50/50 marks” signed by Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan (R.A), hot news spread among the students like fire in the jungle “that a student has obtained full marks from Moulza Aizaz Ali Khan (R.A)” students were astonished and came to see him for many days. Moulana Roomi (R.A) has rightly said,

می دہدیزداں مراد متقیں

“ Allah blesses the pious”

IN BOUNDARY OF DAR-UL-ULOOM DEOBAND

My father was admitted in Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband on 11th Shawwal 1354 A.H. i.e. in 1934 A.C. He completed his studies of

Hadith and other subjects in 1362 A.H. i.e. 1942 whereas the degree was issued in Zil-Haja 1366 A.H i.e. in 1946, then he spend further two years for specialization in different subjects and also studied the “TIB” (Medical Education). In this way he spend almost 10 years in Dar-ul-uloom Deoband.

According to the record of Dar-ul-uloom Deoband, when he was admitted he had already studied the “Hidaya Awaleen” “Mukhtasar-ur-Maani”, “Noor-ul-Anwar” and “Qutbi” from “Khanleeq” the school of Khotan.

NON-PROPENSITY TOWARDS URDU

When he was studying the book “Mukhtasar-ul-Ma-aani” an

example “Tkaa-a-Katam ^{تکاً کاتم} (Together)” “Afaranqao

^{افر نفعوا} (Distracted)” and its background was that these words were used by Eesa bin Umar Nahvi, who fell from the ass and people gathered around him “then he used those words

الکم تکاً کاتم علی کتکاً کنکم علی ذی جنۃ افر نفعوا عنی

“Why have you gathered around me like people gather around haunted, leave me alone”

As the words were uncommon, so the people said

فان الشیطانۃ یتکلم بالہندیۃ

“his satin is speaking Hindi” from this example my father thought that Urdu and Hindi are same language and Urdu is an

ineloquent language, so during studies he paid is attention towards Arabic and Persian only, and used to speak Turkish with his Turkish fellows, he did not concentrated on Urdu reading and writing, and weakness in Urdu remained till his last.

DECISION OF EMIGRATION

A battle between heretics and Muslims had already started in his country when he left his homeland and two years later, the heretics got full control of the country. Scholars and pious were brutally killed, schools and mosques were sealed. Those who had contributed in Jihad, their assets were ruined, men were killed or sent to prison, and the Government forfeited properties. For Muslims, circumstances became too hard to survive, and majority of Muslims were left with no option but to migrate in other neighbor countries. Most of the family members had already been claimed by the plague, and rest of them were killed in the communist revolution and the head of family, his uncle, was imprisoned in the Kashghar Jail, and he died in the Jail after suffering 30 years of imprisonment. Only children and women were left in the family. Whom did the Government, to hardly meet the both ends, provide with only enough. When my father came to know these circumstances in detail, he decided for permanent emigration, and after the decision of permanent emigration, started learning from the initial levels, to avail maximum blessings on studies.

ASSOCIATE OF TEACHER

Once one of his teacher Hazrat Muhammad Shafi (R.A) held a test of Book “Maqamat-Al-Hariri” in class, and the poor performance of most of the students annoyed him. He was very much irritated and anger was visible on his face. On his turn, as he had learned 15 chapters of Maqamat Al-Hariri by heart, he fluently narrated all the questions. Teacher asked the grammatical explanation of Arabic Word “Tabit Harawa” which means he kept held his stick in armpit, he explained the Arabic text successfully, but he did not knew the meaning in Urdu words, nearby there was the stick of his teacher, he took the same and held it in his armpit to made a practical presentation of the meaning, his practical presentation his teacher was really pleased and laughed loudly, all his anger had gone, and sand “you actually understand, seated him nearby, and appointed him to carry the test of Turkish students and he was conferred with the designation of associate of teacher and he also won the special attention of his teacher.

IMAMAT (LEADERSHIP) IN CHATTA MOSQUE

My father enjoyed three special blessings;

- i) Guidance of Siraj-ul-Mohaddatheen Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi, Sum-ul-Madni (R.A), who set the line of action for whole life.
- ii) Company of Shaikh –ul-Tafseer Hazrat Moulana Idrees Kandhelvi (R.A) who not only adopted him as his son

but also showered him with his love and affection and looked after him just like his son.

- iii) Supervision of Mufti-e-Azam Pakistan Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A), who not only taught him but also gave him the spiritual guidance, and he enjoyed the blessings of that guidance till his last.

That Hazrat Moulana Yaseen (R.A) was the father of my father's teacher Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Shafi (R.A) who lived near Chatta Mosque in Deoband. It is a historically famous mosque due the scholars of Deoband. Hazrat Moulana Yaseen (R.A) spend his whole life there and lead the prayers. He was a very pious man he was a real saint. He was one of the senior teachers of Dar-ul-uloom Deoband. He mostly stayed in the room attached to the mosque where he remained busy in prayers and Zikar, always remain in touch with almighty. After the death of Moulana Muhammad Yaseen(R.A), Hazrat Muhammad Shaif (R.A) often lead the prayer, but due to his tight schedule, it was not possible to shoulder this duty permanently, so he used to appoint any of his student to lead the prayer, and Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Shafi (R.A), considering his brilliant student Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A), most suitable person for this job, so he permanently appointed him as Imam of Chatta Mosque, and he lead the prayers there for many years and Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A) and other scholars offered prayers behind him.

CABIN OF MOULANA MUHAMMAD YASEEN (R.A)

After the death of Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Yaseen(R.A), his cabin was locked. Students who were, time to time, appointed for leading prayer, had to come from the Dar-ul-uloom and they returned after the prayer. When my father was assigned the said responsibility, he also followed the same routine. One day while talking to one of his fellow Moulana Noor Muhammad Barmavi (R.A), who was special servant of Moulana Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A), later on he also became the son in law of Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A), he said “if the cabin of Hazrat Moulana Yaseen(R.A), be granted to me, so I may permanently stay here, as it become quite hectic to come again and again for each prayer. Moulana Noor Muhammad (R.A) said I will ask Moulana Muhammad Shafi(R.A), next day he asked and Moulana Muhammad Shafi (R.A) replied, No one earlier has been allowed to stay there earlier, so I am sorry to permit him too. On this reply, my father argued with Moulana Noor Muhammad (R.A) in witty manner, he was just kidding, and he did not intended to argue with his teacher, he said, reason given by my worthy teacher is void, because if some thing is to be given to some one on the condition that it must have been given to some one else earlier, then according to the rule of logic, continuity and repetition becomes the rule, and both continuity and repetition are void, so the reason of the worthy teacher is void. Moulana Noor Muhammad (R.A) passed

this argument to Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A), who was very pleased and laughed loudly, and ordered to unlock the cabin and permitted Moulana Niaz Muhammad(R.A) to shift in that cabin. The cabin was so intensely showered with blessings that his soul was lost in it and after six months his condition became normal.

MUFTI MUHAMMAD RAFI USMANI SAHIB AND MUFTI TAQI USMANI SAHIB (D.B)

At that time, both sons of Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A) were very young kids, the teacher also made him responsible for teaching and training his kids for prayer and other religious activities. These kids with their other fellows, some time, used the mosque as their play ground and get loud, Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A), often forbade them from doing so. One day, kids were playing in the courtyard of the mosque, when he ran after them to catch and warn them, all kids ran away, but Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani sahib who was the youngest, could not escape, so he hidden himself behind a column, when he came near, the young kid suddenly came out and said loudly “Asalam-o-Alikum”, he was very entertained on this act of child and laughed loudly, all his anger vanished, let him go outside the mosque and said, this kid seems quite sharp and intelligent, and the later age proved his forecast.

Mufti Taqi sahib often brought the meal for him from the home, and Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A) had strictly directed his son to wait until he finishes his meal, and if he needs any thing, should be provided immediately, and bring back the crockery after meal.

CHINESE NATIONALITY

The City of Khotan was a sovereign state of Eastern Turkistan and was ruled by Islamic Laws. It was about 1930 when the red storm of communism started to blow from Khotan and Kashghar to Bukhara and Samarkand, and in the pretext of this revolution so many Muslims were killed and were brutally treated. It is a black chapter of the History. My father was still in Kothan when the communist revolution was knocking at the door of Khotan, and the religion Muslims had already launched a movement against it, my father also participated in the same for some time, then according to the will of his teacher Moulana Thaboot Ullah Dam-ullah(R.A), he migrated to India , DeoBand. When the communists got complete hold of the country and the Chinese Government occupied Khotan, the Government started the registration of citizens there were asked to get them registered and they were issued the Chinese Identity Card. So the Bombay Consulate of China sent a delegation to Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband which registered the concerned students and Chinese National Identity Card were issued. My father was also issued the Chinese National Identity Card on 31st July 1940, but

he was well aware of the situation and it was impossible to live an Islamic life with freedom there, so he decided for permanent migration and also directed his successors to not to go there.

A DREAM AND EVIDENCE OF TEACHER'S SON

During the stay in Dar-ul-Uloom, one day my father dreamt that the son of his teacher, who also was his brother in law, is eating an apple, but he eats a bit and gives him remaining. The dream interpreters interpreted the dream so that he will live long, and the teacher's son is likely to die shortly. It was a summer season, after a few days, on holiday of Friday, the fellows decided to go for outing on River Ganga Jamuna, river was flowing these days, he and other fellows were very good swimmers, the young fellows in a mood of competition intended to swim across the river, and forced him also to join them, firstly he made his mind, but then keeping in view the over flow condition of the river, he decided otherwise. Other fellows along with the teacher's son started competing each other in swimming and in the center the teacher's son drowned and was martyred.

DEDICATION TO STUDIES.

He was so dedicated to his studies, that he recognized very few of his class fellows. In and outside the classroom, he remained busy in studying. Some great scholars like Shams-ul-Ulma Hazrat Moulana Safdar Khan Sahib (R.A), Ustaz-ul-Ulma Sufi Abdul Hameed Sahib Sawati (R.A), Sheikh-ul-Hadith Hazrat

Moulana Saleem Ullah Khan Sahib (D.B), Ustaz-ul-Qura Hazrat Qari Rahim Bakhsh Sahib (R.A) told that, Hazrat Khotani (R.A) were their class fellow and he recognized non but a few.

During the stay, four students shared a room and four of them contributed the oil for lamp and it was mutually decided that until at least two students are studying, the lamp will lit, and it will not be turned on for only one student, this condition troubled him quite a bit, because all his three companies went asleep early, and did not had enough monitory resources to arrange a separate lamp, so he anxiously waited for bright moonlight nights and in such nights he used to go upstairs, at the roof top of Dar-ul-Tafseer, and studied for whole nights. He had purchased a personal copy of “Tafsser-e-Kabeer” and had read in his student life, and in his later age it had so decayed that it used to crumble with just touch of hand. Finally this underprivileged saint’s dedication to his studies was rewarded by the Almighty Allah and when he was shifted to Chatta Mosque, he had the privilege that he could lit the lamp as long as he wanted, and satisfied his thirst for knowledge.

HEALTH CARE

My father was really conscious for health care and advised a lot in this regard. In his student life, he had made it his routine to run 6 miles daily and on Friday he used to go to forest with his fellows and play wrestling. He always said that it is saying of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) that “A Strong Believer is better

than a weak Believer” and he said that a healthy mind could better understand Quran and Sunnah than a sick mind.

IMPOVERISHMENT AND STUDENT LIFE.

Religious knowledge and studies have always been correlated with impoverishment, and it has been very rare to seek religious knowledge with ease and comfort, and it starts right from “Ashab-e-Suffa” where Hazrat Abu Haraira (RAZI ALLAH TAALA ANHU) used to fell between the his sacred cabin and Mimber, and people thought that had fits of epilepsy, in fact he used go in blackout due to starvation, and in the later age too the knowledge seekers have sought knowledge, sacrificing all comforts of life and have enlightened their hearts with the wisdom of Quran and Sunnah, and practically interpreted the

covenant “انا له لحافظون”

Abdul Rehman Abn-e-Hatim Razi (R.A) who is a great scholar had narrated in incident of his student life that he and a fellow of his bought a fish in the winter season, but three days elapsed and they did not had any time to cook the same, so they eat the fish uncooked, then he said, لا يستطيع العلم براحة الجسم (one can't get knowledge with ease and comfort).

My father had been completely cut off from his homeland due to communist revolution and he had no relative in the India. Meal provided by the Dar-ul-Uloom was just enough to survive,

he was also not familiar with the meals of sub-continent, but only for the sake of studies he had accepted the same.

Dar-ul-Uloom too was facing financial troubles in those days. Often grain foods were cooked and that too was very diluted and joke was very famous among the students about that meal. Once some naughty students wrote a question on the notice board of the institution “Can Ablution be performed with the grain food of the Dar-ul-Uloom”? And some one answered below “yes, as it has the properties of liquidity and fluidity like water, other wrote a side note “it is doubtful, because some times in the sun oil shines in it”

The monthly grant provided by the Dar-ul-Uloom was just enough to arrange soap and oil for a few days. However, the Turkish Traders of Bombay, after each four or six months used to provide some financial aid for the Turkish students, which was distributed among them, in those days they felt quite relieved and in holidays, they used to cook Turkish Rice and also invited their teachers. Their Turkish Rice was very famous among the Institution. Especially their teacher Sheikh-ul-Islam Hazrat Madni (R.A) really liked that, in those days they used to cook their homeland dishes otherwise they had to eat ordinary food.

My father used to keep the remaining breadcrumbs and in the morning he dip them in the green tea and leave covered. When he returned from the jogging of six miles, he was very hungry and eats the same with great delight.

TEACHERS.

His teachers included the great Scholars and intellectuals of the time. He was lucky enough to get taught from all the teachers of Deoband except Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri(R.A). His teachers are following;

شيخ العرب والعجم محدث كبير حضرت مولانا سيد حسين احمد مدني[ؒ]، امام التفسير مفكر اسلام مولانا شبير احمد عثمانى[ؒ]، سراج المحدثين حضرت مولانا سيد محمد بدر عالم ميرتھی ثم المدني[ؒ]، شيخ الحديث والتفسير حضرت مولانا محمد ادريس صاحب كندهلوي[ؒ]، مفتي اعظم باكستان مولانا مفتي محمد شفيع[ؒ]، عامل كامل حضرت مولانا سيد اصغر حسين صاحب[ؒ]، پاسبان حكمت نانوتوي حضرت مولانا قاري محمد طيب صاحب[ؒ] مهتم دار العلوم ديوبند، امام الفلسفه والحكمه حضرت مولانا شمس الحق افغاني[ؒ]، حضرت مولانا عبدا الحق صاحب[ؒ] باني دار العلوم حقانيه اكورہ خشك، حضرت مولانا عبد الخالق صاحب[ؒ] باني دار العلوم كبير والا، شيخ الادب والفقہ حضرت مولانا اعزاز علي خان صاحب[ؒ]، شيخ المعقول والمنقول حضرت مولانا ابراهيم بلياوي صاحب[ؒ] ”رحمة الله عليهم رحمة واسعة“

Sheikh-ul-Arab-o-Ajam Muhaddith Kabir Hazrat Moulana Syed Hussain Ahmad Madni, (R.A) Imam-ul-Tafseer Mufakkir Islam Moulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani,(R.A) Siraj-ul-Muhaddithin Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi Thum-ul-Madni, (R.A) Sheikh-ul-Hadith-o-Tafseer Hazrat Moulana

Muhammad Idrees Kandhilvi(R.A), Muffi-e-Azam Pakistan Moulana Muffi Muhammad Shafi(R.A), Amil Kamil Hazrat Moulana Syed Asghar Hussain(R.A), Pasban-e- Hikmat Nantavi Hazrat Moulana Qari Muhammad Tyyab(R.A), Administrator Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband Master of Philosiphy Hazrat Moulana Shams-ul-Haq Afghani(R.A), Hazrat Moulana Abdul Haq(R.A) founder of Dar-ul-Uloom Kabirwala, Sheikh-ul-Adab-o-Fiqah Hazrat Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan(R.A), Sheikh-ul-Maaqool-o-Manqool Hazrat Moulana Ibrahim Bilyavi(R.A).

He was very much impressed with the method of teaching of Hazrat Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan(R.A) and method of study of Hazrat Moulana Ibrahim Bilyavi(R.A).

HAZRAT MOULANA AIZAZ ALI KHAN (R.A)

Hazrat Moulana Aizaz Ali Khan (R.A) was the most punctual amongst the teachers of institution. His lecture always commenced right with the bell of the school and ended with the bell whether the lesson is complete or not. He taught with the same pace whole year. His classes started some times even before Fajar and some times after Fajar and he remained busy in delivering lectures till Isha Prayer. He used to complete the book like “Hidaya Akhreen” with full research and satisfaction till the end of the term students were also very punctual with his lectures. His personality was also very impressive, when he came out of the classroom, students tend

to hide here and there, and often crossed his room bare feet just to avoid any disturbance.

HAZRAT MOULANA MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM BILYAVI(R.A)

He was a specialist of Logic and Philosophy. He was master of solving very complicated problems of logic and philosophy with quite ease. He used to explain most difficult topics in very impressive and easy manner. His method of study was that, he cursorily read a topic and prepared questions and answers about the topic in his mind and give it a deep consideration, seemingly he studied less but when ever he delivered lecture even the masters of the subject were amazed with his research. On query of my father, he revealed his method of study and my father adopted the same and followed it his whole life that was reason that his knowledge was very deep, his speech was short but full of argument and solid matter. He was not convinced to quote a lot rather he considered it a cause of doubt.

STUDY OF BUKHARI SHARIF FROM MUFASSIR-E-QURAN ALLAMA SHABBIR AHMAD USMANI(R.A)

Although my father had studied Bukhari Sharif in Dar-ul-Uloom from Hazrat Moulana Syed Hussain Ahmad Madni (R.A), but in evening time he learned the Bukhari Sharif from Hazrat Moulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani(R.A)at his home. It was perhaps the time, when Moulana Usmani (R.A) had left responsibility of teaching in Dar-UI-Uloom for some reasons and he used to teach Bukhari Sharif to the students at his home. In

this way, the time after Asar Prayer, which most of the students spend in recreation, he spend in seeking knowledge.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN DAR-UL-ULOOM

My father had completed his studies upto Hidayah Awaleen in his homeland. After his admission in Dar-ul-Uloom he studied the following books

تفسیر جلالین ، تفسیر بیضاوی ، تفسیر ابن کثیر ، علم حدیث میں صحاح ستہ ، موطا مالک ، موطا محمد ، شرح معانی الآثار للطحاوی ، مکمل شمائل ترمذی ، مشکوٰۃ المصابیح ، اصول حدیث میں شرح نخبة الفكر ، فقہ میں ہدایہ اخیرین ، اصول فقہ میں مسلم الثبوت ، توضیح وتلویح ، مختصر الحسامی ، علم عقائد میں شرح عقائد نسفیہ ، حاشیہ مولانا خیالی ، شرح عقائد عضدیہ للمحقق جلال الدین دوانی ، امور عامہ ، مسامرہ ، حجة الله البالغة ، تقریر دلپذیر ، علم معانی میں مختصر المعانی ، مطول ، تلخیص المفتاح ، علم ادب میں مقامات الحریری ، دیوان متنبی ، دیوان حماسہ ، علم معقول اور فلسفہ میں حاشیہ قطبی ، سلم العلوم ، شرح سلم لملاحسن ، شرح سلم لقاضی مبارک ، میر زاہد رسالہ ، میر زاہد ملا جلال ، میبذی ، صدرا ، شمس بازغہ ، علم ہیئت میں شرح چغمینی ، علم ہندسہ میں اقلیدس ، علم طب میں الطب النفیسی ، حمیات القانون ، علم تجوید میں مقدمہ الجزریہ ، ہدیة الوحید .

Tafseer Jlaleen, Tafseer Bidavi, Tafseer Abn Kaseer, in subject of Hadith Six sound books of Hadith , Mota Malik, Mota Muhammad, Sharah Maani Al-Aasar Lil-Tahavi, Complete

Shumail Tirmizi, Miskhawaf Al-Masabeeh, In Rules of Hadith Sharah Nakhba Al-Fikr, In Fiqah Hidayah Akhreen, In Asool-Fiq Muslim Al-Saboot, Todeh and Talveeh, Mukhtasar-ul-Hisami, Alm-ul-Aqaid, Sharah Aqaid Nasfia, Hashia Moulana Khiyali, Sharah Aqaid Adadia Lil-Muhaqqaiq Jalal-ul-Din Dawani, Amoor-e-Aama, Masamira, Hujjat-ullah-al-Baligah, Taqreer-e-DilPazeer, in Alm-e-Maani, Matool, Talkhees Al-Maftah, in Ilm-e-Adab Muqamat-al-Hariri, Diwan-Mutbana, Diwan Hamasa, in Ilm Maqool and Philosophy Hashia Qutbi, Silm-ul-Uloom, Sharah Silm-lil-Mahasin, Sharah Silm Laqadi Mubarak, Mir Zahid Risala, Mir Zahid Risala, Mir Zahid Mullah Jalal, Mebzi, Sadra, Shams Bazigha, In Ilm-Hiyat Sharah Chaghmini, in Ilm-Hindsa, Aqleedas, in Tib Al-Tib Al-Nafisi, Himyat Al-Qanoon, In Ilm-e-Tajweed Muqadama Al-Jazria, Hadiya Al-Waheed.

He also learned the Tilawat. He was so brilliant and so found of knowledge that the following note was given on his Degree.

وهو عندنا سليم الطبع جيد الفهم وله مناسبة تامة بالعلوم يقدر بها على الافادة بعون

“That he has a very sophisticated, intellectual mind fully conversant with the Religious knowledge and wisdom and he is fully capable of teaching”.

His teacher’s confidence in him proved true in later stages of time, and spent his whole life in teaching.

Annual Result of Hadith Sallybus.

As per the record of Deoband he took the annual exam in year 1362 H under the Roll Number 249 and passed the same with distinction and won the cash prize in each book's exam, his annual result is given below:

Roll No.249, Admission No.125

Name of Book	Marks Obtained	Cash Prize
Tirmizi Sharif	42/50	3 Aana
Abu-Dawood Sharif	44/50	3 Aana
Muslim Sharif	47/50	3 Aana
Nasai Sharif	46/50	3 Aana
Tahavi Sharif	50/50	4 Aana
Shumail Tirmizi Sharif	49/50	3 Aana
Ibn-e-Maaja	48/50	3 Aana
Moota Imam Muhammad	48/50	3 Aana
Moota Imam Malik	50/50	4 Aana

BRILLIANCE DOES NOT NEED ANY MEANS TO PROVE ITSELF.

In Dar-UI-Uloom, Turkastani made an association namely "Anjuman-e-Tarraqi-e-Talba, Turkistan Sharqi" (Association for progress of Students of Eastern Turkistan). A session of literature was held on Thursday Night every week and it was compulsory for all the Turkish students to attend the session and in case of

absence a fine of 2 Aana was fixed. In that session, students used to exercise the debate in Urdu Language. My father had developed a habit that he used to revise the lessons of whole week, he started in the evening and finished the revision late night and he was very strict with this schedule, and used to pay the fine instead of attending the literature session. Once the management of the association decided that there must be there should be any other penalty along with fine for Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A) for his continuous absence. So they decided that in the annual debate competition his participation will be compulsory and very difficult topic will be assigned just to make him realize about his negligence. So in the annual debate competition he was assigned the topic “Proof of God”. In the ceremony some intellectuals, teachers and some Turkish traders were also present.

MY FATHER’S DEBATE ON “PROOF OF GOD”

He said, he prepared a debate with deep consideration which was conceived by my own mind went to stage and read the Khutba.

﴿الحمد لله الذي وجوده لذاته والصلوة والسلام على رسوله محمد خاتم النبيين و على آله واصحابه الذين هم هداة الحق و حماه﴾

Which did myself also make. Then started debate “He said in garden there bloom very fresh flowers but their freshness is temporary not permanent, the quality of freshness is not its own original quality but a derived one, because the original quality remains till the existence of quality holder, as we see some

there exist flowers but they are not fresh but they get stale that means the quality of freshness is a derived quality i.e. derived from another source. Now the question arises what is the source of freshness, the answer is freshness came from its stem, but the moisture is not the quality of stem it has also derived and stem gets moisture from the root, where from the root gets moisture, the answer is soil, moisture or wetness is not the quality of soil otherwise it would have never been dried but its get dried, where from comes the wetness in the soil, the answer is from water, now we can not ask where from the water gets wetness, it doesn't need to get wetness from any other source as it is its own quality it is the original quality and it remains till the existence of water so the original quality does not depend upon any other source if any one seeks the source of original quality he will be out of mind.

Similarly, water gets hot in a pan, question is where from the heat comes as heat in the water is temporary other wise it would not have got cold, answer is the heat came from the pan and pan got it from the fire, now the heat is the original quality of fire and it remains with the fire.

Similarly we came in to existence from our parents, they came from their parents and so on upto Hazrat Adam (A.S), but their existence was also temporary, who brought Hazrat Adam (A.S) into existence and the Answer is "Al-Mighty Allah" now the existence of Allah is the permanent quality of Allah it can not

be asked where from the existence of Allah came. So the Allah's existence does not depends on any other source. The existence of whole universe is temporary so there must be some one who brought each and every thing into existence and whose existence should be permanent, other wise according to the rule of logic, continuity and repetition becomes the rule, and both continuity and repetition are void, so seeking a reason or source for the existence of Allah is void. His speech spellbound every one and every one praised him a lot, judged declared the prize for him. After his speech, the administrator said it has been truly said by elders "brilliance does not need any means to prove itself". Moulana Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A) had never practiced the debate even then his brilliance won the prize from him.

IN GUIDANCE OF MUJADDID-E-MILLAT HAZRAT MOULANA AL-SHAH ASHRAF ALI THANVI(R.A)

Before two years of complete study, my father had met Hazrat Thanvi (R.A) to see and become his follower. On his request for becoming his follower, Hazrat Thanvi (R.A) said that he should come after being free from study. So he returned only after having met Hazrat Thanvi (R.A) but before getting free in JULY 1943 when Hazrat Thanvi (R.A) died. This short meeting and company with Hazrat Thanvi (R.A) showed its effects and the love of Thanvi Chain has absorbed in the heart

Becoming Follower

After Hazrat Thanvi (R.A) there were present many of the saints belonging to dewband. When he meditated about this, he found his mother and himself in recitation and (in the adjacent room) the recitation of Hazrat Mufti Shafi (R.A) is coming from the adjacent room. When get up the next morning, he was whole-heartedly ready to become the follower of Hazrat Mufti Shafi (R.A) and his heart was completely inclined towards it. So he requested Mufti Sahib (R.A) to become his follower, which he accepted and in this way he entered into the Thanvi Chain. He has learnt so many things from Mufti Sahib (R.A) during his life and reached to the height of a Sufi under his giddiness. It is not know” whether his sheikh (Master) had given him permission to make disciple or not he never talked about it. he never thought about it due to his love for knowledge but one of his disciple Moulana Manzoor Ahmad Sahib (Chak Akoka) has told me that he has duly accepted him as his disciple and from this it mention that he was permitted by someone.

COMPLETION OF STUDIES.

After the completion of Hadith Syllabus and other studies, anxious about his future. As the heretics had got full control of his homeland and he had decided for permanent migration, there was no chance of returning to his homeland, secondly the conditions in his homeland were not too very supportive for Islamic life. So, had chosen to serve the religion in India, when

he sought advice from his beloved teacher Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Idrees Kandhelvi (R.A), he said “ as you do not have good command over Urdu language, that’s why you should start teaching in such a locality, where Urdu is not mother toung, otherwise you will face language problems.

Siraj-ul-Mohaddathin Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi Mohajir Madni (R.A) in Bahawalnagar.

Sahibzada Hazrat Moulana Aftab Alam Madni (R.A)has written in his book “Serat Badar-e-Alam” this his father (Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi(R.A) taught Hadith in Jamia Islamia Dabhail for 17 years and left the place as per God’s will because he had been chosen to benefit another place so he came to Bahawalnagar. There was a small school consisting of only two rooms and few trees it was alsmost founded by his father and now there is big institution namely Jamia-ul-Uloom and it also has an excellent and very big library construction has also progressed a lot, in this way Almighty Allah blessed the city of Bahawalnagar with the treasure of knowledge and wisdom, and all it was done in just one year of his stay which is epitome of the fact that how much he was blessed. Hazrat Allama Syed Muhammad Yousaf Banori (R.A) said, after Dabhail, Bahawalnagar became the center of his benevolence. And hundreds of people got benefit. Hazrat Merthi(R.A) initially taught in Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband, where my father too was taught by him then he proceeded to Dabhail.

After resigning from his responsibilities in Dabhail, he came to Bahawalnager on invitation of some close persons. A group of students from Barma and Bangladesh and from other localities also came along with him. He started delivering lectures on “Bukhari” Volume –I in the school and taught Quran in Central Mosque of the City situated in Nadirshah Bazar, and delivered Sermon on Friday.

CITY OF BAHAWALNAGAR

Bahawalnagar is a city of southern Punjab consisting of five tehsils namely i) Fort Abbas, ii) Haroon Abad, iii) Chishtian, iv) Manchanabad, and v) Bahawalnager City. It is small city, which earlier was a part of State of Bahawalpur now it is a city of southern Punjab, in its south there is Indian state of Bekaneer of and Cholistan and in north river Satluj flows. Its distance from the Indian borer is 8 Kilometrs and at the same distance river satluj flows; at the other bank of river satluj there is city of Pakpatan where Hazrat Khawaja Fareed-ud-Din Ganj Shakar(R.A) is buried. Its population is about half a million. Before the partition of India it was an important railway junction many great scholars crossed this city while traveling to Deoband Karachi or Bahawalpur. Qutab-ul-Aqtab Hazrat Moulana Rasheed Ahmad Gangohi(R.A) crossed the river Satluj via Bahawalnagar on a boat when he was going to perform his first pilgrimage, then he went to Haiderabad from there to Karachi and from Karachi traveled on a ship to proceed to

Saudi Arabia. Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Rahim Rai Puri (R.A) also came here on invitation of his caliph Moulana Allah Bakhsh Bahawalnagari(R.A).

It is a desert area, which is very hot in summer and very cold in winter. Major profession is farming. People of the locality are very simple and religious, Majority of people in villages are true followers of Shariat and hard work done by the Saint and religious Scholars is visible in the life of people. City is almost 100 years old, before the partitions, population consisted of Muslims and Sikhs, Now, by the grace of Almighty Allah, 100% population is Muslim.

My father Came to Jamia –Ul-Uloom Eid Gah, Bahawalnagar.

After his arrival in Bahawalnagar, Hazrat Merthi(R.A), decided to set up an institution there and wrote a letter to Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband asking there from for a teacher for his institution. The heads chose my father and Moulana Idrees Kandhilvi(R.A) also advised, that this place is ideal for you as it is a remote locality of Punjab, people speak and understand simple Urdu and Hazrat Merthi(R.A), your teacher is also there, so Bahawalnagar is the most suitable place for you.

So, with the consultation and order of his teachers, he proceeded to Jamia-ul-Uloom Eid-Gah, Bahawalnagar in year 1944 as a teacher, different books of logic and philosophy were given to him for teaching.

FOUNDATION STONE OF JAMIA-UL-ULOOM

Hazrat Merthi (R.A)arranged the ground breaking ceremony of “Madarsa Jamia-ul-Uloom on Zilhaj 16th 1346 A.H. (1944) in presence of Hazrat Moulana Abdul Shakoo(R.A)r, Moulana Aman Ullah Khan Khakwani(R.A), Hazrat Moulana Saif Ullah Khan Khakwani (R.A)and other high ups of the city and asked his pride student Moulana Niaz Muhammad (R.A) that you should lay the foundation stone as you are migrant and guest, but the secrete behind it was revealed later on, when after a short time, he had to bear the full responsibility of the institution.

TEACHING

My father was assigned with 14 subjects for teaching, which included logic, philosophy, grammar and Fiq. Almighty Allah blessed him with great skill in logical subjects and many books were completely memorized by him. He used to prepare the lecture in Urdu language at night which he had do deliver in the morning. He paid special attention on choosing words and sentences. Although he had not good command over Urdu Language, yet he managed to explain the most difficult topics to his students in very comprehensive manner. He taught books like “Hidaya, Sharah Aqaid, Khiyali, Qutbi, Silm-ul-Uloom, Malahasan, Sadra, Shams Bazigha, Sharah Chaghmini and Sharah Jami for many years. Later on he taught hadith subjects and taught both volumes of Bukhari Sharif for more than 30 years and taught the same till his last.

His lectures got quite a fame and students started to come from different localities, his name was known even in the Iran and Afghanistan and students came to seek his guidance in the complicated topics of logical subjects. He also loved his students a lot and was always ready to deliver. In this way Almighty replaced his loneliness into gathering.

He served his whole life in teaching and considered it the very necessary for subsistence of knowledge. He used to say, unless a scholar serves 14 years in teaching, he is not entitled to be called a scholar.

When, the author of this book was assigned the administrative responsibility of the institution, he advised me that if you feel any difficulty to manage administration and teaching at the same time, you should leave the administration, but don't ever stop teaching.

FIRST EXAM OF THE INSTITUTION.

Hazrat Merthi (R.A) wrote a letter to Jamia Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband and requested the administration to send examiners to conduct the first exam in his institution at Bahwalnagar in response to examiners (Hazrat Moulana Abdul Haq (R.A) (founder of Dar-ul-Uloom Akora Khatak) and Hazrat Moulana Abdul Haq (R.A) (founder of Dar-ul-Uloom Kabirwala) were sent whom conducted the first exam held in the Jamia-ul-Uloom Bahawalnagar. Both examiners appreciated the students of my father and said such level of knowledge is very rare in students

and standard of education of logical subjects is according to the Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband.

LOYALTY AND ITS REWARD.

Once a Scholar of another city wrote a letter to Hazrat Merthi and requested to send teacher who could teach logical subjects in response Hazrat Merthi (R.A) send one of his students and asked my father to accompany him to the said school. My father took him to said school, where he was appointed, and he was assigned different subjects, but he was not feeling much confident so he requested my father to stay for a few days and help him to start the lessons well, he used to prepare the lessons at night with the help of my father and delivered the same in the morning, by chance it came to the knowledge of head of the school. He asked my father how much salary are you drawing in Jamia. He replied Fifteen Rupees. He said “ I will pay you Fifty Rupees per moth if you serve me”. On hearing this, my father became very annoyed and said shame on you, my teacher has sent me at the cost of suffering and loss of his own students, and you are trying to tempt me, is it the way to thank? He also got nervous and beg a pardon and also requested to not to tell it to Hazrat Merthi, and my father came back. Almighty Allah rewarded his loyalty in this way, that his teacher made him successor of his own designation.

DEPARTURE OF HAZRAT MOULANA SYED MUHAMMAD BADAR ALAM MERTHI FROM BAHAWALNAGAR.

It was a blessing of Almighty Allah, and a honor for Bahawalnagar, the a scholar and sand of such a great caliber came here and enlightened the area with the light of knowledge and wisdom.

It is truly said:

کرامت ہے تری تیرے رندوں میں اے ساقی
جہاں رکھ دیں قدم اپنا وہیں سے خانہ بن جائے

“those who are blessed by Allah, wherever they go, the whole are is showered with blessings”

Hazrat Merthi (R.A) stayed in Bahawalnagar for about 1½ to 2 years and then he with the purpose to go to the beloved city of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), proceeded to Dehli, then to Tando Allahyar, finally he migrated to Madina for ever and spent his rest of life in Madina and served the people with his knowledge and wisdom till his last i.e. year 1964. He was buried in “Janat-ul-Baqae”. He had finally found his destination that’s why he is called Mohajir Madni rather Merthi. رحمہ اللہ علیہ رحمۃً واسعۃً

GREATNESS OF HAZRAT MERTHI.

Hazrat Merthi (R.A) was not only a great saint of Naqashbandia chain but also he was a great scholar of Hadith and he served his whole life in different institutions as a “Sheikh-UI-Hadith” . He wrote the books like “Tarjuman-e-Sunnah and Fiaz-ul-Bari” for which the knowledge seekers will always be thankful to him.

Following incident signifies his greatness, as the Almighty Allah forbade his body on soil, so, when as per practice of Madina Munawara, when his grave was opened after six months of his death, to transfer the bones to another place, amazingly, his body was intact, even his shroud had not got rough, all his body parts were as fresh as he was just buried, After further six months his grave was re-opened even then his body was intact, then again after further six months the grave was opened and he was in same condition i.e. even after 1½ year after his death, his body was safe and sound, on this occurrence, the Govt. finally decided to not to open his grave ever again and written orders were passed in this regard.

His son Moulana Syed Muhammad Aftab Alam (R.A) says that in his opinion his father was conferred upon with such greatness because of his attitude of sheer reverence towards Quran. He was co cautious in respect of Quran, that he never showed his feet or stretched legs towards the children who had memorized the Quran with the reason that Quran is in their heart and it was personally told by Moulana Aftab Alam(R.A) to my master and Sheikh Moulana Al-Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar(D.B)

RESPONSIBILITY OF JAMIA-UL-ULOOM

Before his departure from Bahawalnagar, Hazrat Merthi Mohajir Madni(R.A), made Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotani(R.A), his successor and assigned him the great responsibility of administration of his institution and advised him to serve the

institution till his last with full devotion and dedication, and his funeral procession should come out from this institution. Hazrat Merthi(R.A) also said to his companions in Bahawalnagar, that I am leaving a pearl “Niaz Muhammad Khotani (R.A)” here, you must realize his significance and appreciate him, he is not only a scholar but also a great saint. He also said to another person, if you offer a prayer behind Niaz Muhammad (R.A), it would be so highly blessed like you have performed a supererogatory pilgrimage. It was told by Moulana Ghulam Ahmad Khan (late) who was brother in law and friend of my father.

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, my father devoted all his abilities and capabilities for this institution till his last and with the supervision and attention of Hazrat Merthi(R.A), a small school which consisted of a room and few huts, was not only turned in to a huge building by my father, but it is also renowned as one of the leading institutions of the country, and he served this institutions for more than 50 years till his last and fulfilled his promise, as his funeral procession came of the institution.

ان کے کوچے سے لے چل جنازہ میرا
جان دی میں نے جن کی خوشی کے لیے
بے خودی چاہیے بندگی کے لیے

MY FATHER'S VISIT TO GUJRAT.

Hazrat Merthi (R.A) asked my father to go to Gujarat. He said that my disciples and followers who belong to Gujarat and South Africa have made an organization, which helps out the religious institutions, and schools, you meet them with my reference, I hope they will definitely, help for the construction of the building. So, after the departure of Hazrat Merthi(R.A), my father first went to Dar-ul-uloom Deo Band, to see his master and Shiekh, Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A) and asked his permission to proceed to Gujrat, who did not only permitted him but also gave him a reference letter to religious scholar and saint of Gujarat. My father reached Gujrat and delivered the letter of Mufti Sahib to Sheikh Sahib.

DEFENSE OF HIS SHEIKH AND TEACHER.

Said sheikh after reading the letter, showed some displeasure and said Mufti Sahib belong to Muslim League and I belong to Congress, why has he addressed me and secondly, when Mufti Sahib came to Gujarat I had invited him but he did not accept my invitation. My father was normally very cool minded person but he could not bear any prejudice comment and used to get annoyed, but even in state of infuriation he never gave up the moral ethics, in the heat of anger he defended his sheikh by saying that “ this letter sent to you by Mufti sahib is a gesture of good will by him, and he has sent this letter to just to find support for a religious task, and it is his greatness that he has over seen all political difference and in response you are

showing wrong speculation and annoyance for him. As far as your invitation is concerned, I have full confidence that before your invitation some one else must have invited him and he must have accepted earlier invitation, and as per sharia he was bound to prefer the first invitation, I know him well, he is so pious and noble person, that he always show a positive response by over seeing all differences and disputes” on hearing this, Sheikh sahib agreed with him he too was noble saint so he felt sorry for his attitude and exhibited great hospitality and said you are my guest until you stay in Gujrat and also ordered to his disciples to be very hospitable for him, and until he stayed in Gujrat, it became the routine that he was invited any of his disciples. Almighty Allah rewarded defending his Sheikh, in this way that in a place where he was a stranger, he was treated with great hospitality.

Meeting with Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Yousaf Al-Husani, Al-Banori(R.A).

During his stay in Gujrat, My father also visited the great and famous institution of Gujrat “Jamia Islamia Dahbhail” which was restored by Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri (R.A) and after him his students had been satisfying the responsibilities of Master of Hadith in the institution. Sirja-ul-Mohaddathin Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi Thum-ul-Madni(R.A), who collected and wrote also served this duty for many years. At that time the brilliant student

and successor of Hazrat Kashmiri who was truly the interpreter of knowledge and wisdom of Hazrat Kashmiri(R.A), Moulana Muhammad Yousaf Banori(R.A) were serving as Master of Hadith, my father met him at that time Hazrat Banori (R.A) were authoring an annotation of Termazi Sharif namely “Shara Al-Sunan” and there were piles of books on different subjects. Hazrat Banori (R.A) told my father that he had adopted a specific method of writing annotation. When he had to discuss a matter, first he study all books available on that topic and then write, some times he had to see even 20 or more books. My father raised some logical questions about some Ahadith, and Hazrat Banori (R.A) spoke on them for hours. It was the first meeting between both primogenitors. After that both of them remain quite close to each other, and Hazrat Banori (R.A) were very hospitable to my father.

My father’s invitation to Hazrat Banori (R.A) to teach in Bahawalnagar.

Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Yousaf Banori (R.A) came to Pakistan from Dabhail and was appointed Master of Hadith in the institution established by renowned scholars in Tando Allayar. But by chance the said institution was disintegrated and Hazrat Banori (R.A) proceeded to Karachi. When my father came to know that Hazrat Banori are not serving any where, he wrote them a letter and invited him to serve as Master of Hadith, in the Jamia-ul-uloom, Bahawalnagar. In response, Hazrat

Banori (R.A) said, that Jamia was founded by my beloved teacher Siraj-ul-Mohadathin Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi(R.A), if he orders me, I will definitely serve there. On his response my father wrote a letter in this regard to Hazrat Merthi (R.A) who was in Madina. Hazrat Merthi (R.A) replied that Banori's level is too high to serve here, just leave him with his fate.

REALIZATION OF A FACT BY A SAINT IS A FACT.

Just after a short period of time, Hazrat Banori (R.A) laid the foundation stone of Jamia Islamia New Town, (Banori Town) Karachi, and very soon, his dedication and devotion made it Dar-ul-uloom Deo-Band of Pakistan, in this way the fact foreseen by Hazrat Merthi(R.A), was realized. When every my father visited Karachi, he stayed with Hazrat Banori(R.A) and Hazrat Banori too treated him with great hospitality, once, after the death of Hazrat Banori (R.A), my father visited the Jamia Karachi, and felt some ignorant behavior from the persons in charge, and he said

"انما يعرف ذا الفضل من الناس ذووه"

“ only the jeweler can evaluate the worth of a diamond”

MEETINGS IN GUJRAT(INDIA)

My father met with the concerned persons in Gujrat (INDIA) with reference of Hazrat Merthi (R.A) and told about the necessary

requirements for the construction of building, they also promised to help, but unfortunately, partition was announced and Pakistan came into being, and the whole region got unstable due to massacre and bloodshed. In these, circumstances, my father had to return to DeoBand with unfinished task. My father stayed in DeoBand for six months and when the situation got stable, he came to Bahawalnagar, and the project of construction of building for institution remained incomplete.

STARVATION PERIOD AFTER PARTITION OF SUB-CONTINENT.

At the time of partition, bloodshed and mascaras, badly destabilized the whole sub-continent, even the richest were forced to beg by the circumstances. Thousands of Muslims were killed and thousands of women and girls were disgraced, history is full of incidents thereof.

Majority of population of Bahawalnagar consisted of Hindus and Sikhs, whom started to leave the city at once, local students and teachers also left, and only 11 students who belonged to Bangal and Burma, were left with my father. There was no arrangement for their livelihood. Local people who were Muslims were not very strong financially, and those who have migrated from India were ruined, and they themselves were in need of help. So to survive they adopted the method that, my father took those 11 students to nearby river or canal, they were divided into two groups. One group caught fishes

while the other studied. When one group finished studies, the other started to study and those who had studied, collected the woods and cooked the fish on fire without any oil, salt or pepper, and both students and teachers eat that half cooked fish to survive, it became routine, they departed in the morning and returned to Jamia in the evening for months. My father was very fond of tea, and as replacement he used to boil the leaves of Sissoo Tree until the water turned green, and then he take it like tea, when the situation got stable it was suggested to Muslim families, that when ever the house hold women prepare to entwine the flour to make bread, they should keep a handful of flour in pot bequest for the students, after a week or 10 days same was collected same was used to making bread which was eaten with or without any curry. Some times they used to dry nuts with water.

AN OFFER BY A GOVT. OFFICER AND HIS REPLY.

In those days, once he was sitting in the boundary of the school, a Tehsildar (Govt. officer) passed by who respected and revered him a lot, the officer met him, at that time Hazrat Khotani (R.A) was looking quite weak, like he is starving for many days, he mentioned and in reply Hazrat Khotani (R.A) remained quiet. He went home and brought with him Five Kg. tin of butter oil, flour, and other necessitates and said I have brought these things for only yourselves, please use it and do not share it with students and hearing this, he became

annoyed, and with anger said how cruel is that father who enjoys his life while his children are starving, then he said I love these students more than my kids, if you impose this condition you may take back all that stuff and leave us with our fate. On hearing these officers got quite embarrassed and beg a pardon and said you may use it as you like.

NON MATERIALISTIC NATURE

After the petition when most of the Hindus and Sikhs had gone to India, leaving their prosperities vacant Pakistan Government started to allot those properties to immigrants. As my father was the only qualified scholar in the locality was an institution in himself and all the higher and lower officials really respected him. When the allotment begun, some high ups came to my father and said you just show your interest, many houses full of things may be allotted to you, and he replied I am not entitled for that, this is not the object for which I have left my home, all that I want is to preach Islam and to please my Almighty Allah and for the same purpose I have left hundreds of acres of land in my homeland I am not materialistic.

It is the reward of his sacrifice, that his successors and heirs are also blessed with knowledge, wisdom and spirituality, otherwise those who went the other way, their children have been deprived of this treasure of knowledge and wisdom.

LEADERSHIP OF A PREACHING ORGANIZATION .

After the partition of India, he was made the first leader of a preaching organization. Before the partition of India, Bahawalnagar was a major railway junction. Trains going to Karachi used to cross this junction. Many great scholars such as Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Anwar Shah Kashmiri(R.A), Hazrat Moulana Syed Hussain Ahmad Madni(R.A), Hazrat Moulana Khalil Ahmad Saharanpuri(R.A), Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul Raheem Raipuri (R.A) went across this city. After the partition, Bahawalnagar was the first station for the Muslim's convoys. In the area between the Bahawalnagar Railway station and Madarsa Jamia-ul-uloom, camps for ruined Muslim immigrants were established. Hazrat Khotani (R.A) had made a routine to visit these camps along with his students to preach and advise them to offer Salat (prayers) regularly; he also used to encourage them and tried his best to even provide them with necessities. Second International leader of preaching organization, Hazrat Jee Moulana Muhammad Yousaf Kandhelvi (R.A) was also his friend, he had also participated in the first gathering at Raiwind, and then he participated regularly in the gathering until his health permitted. Heads of preaching organizations like Moulana Saeed Khan (R.A), Hazrat Moulana Muffi Zain-ul-Abdeen (R.A), Hazrat Moulana Jamshed(D.B), Hazrat Haji Abdul Wahab (D.B)and others came to see him during his illness.

PATERNAL GRAND FATHER HAZRAT QARI ABUL HASSAN SAHARANPURI(R.A).

Prior to saying any thing about the solemnization of Nikah (marriage) of my father, it is worth mentioning the personality whose supplications, more brightened the knowledge, wisdom and spirituality of my fathers, and whose daughter proved to be the true interpretation of saying of Prophet

(P.B.U.H). ﴿نعم متاع المؤمن المرأة الصالحة﴾

My (maternal) grandfather belonged to a village situated nearby “Bhait” a town of Saharanpur. He completed the memorization of Quran with orthoepy from Panipat and came back to his village, and bequeathed his life for the service of Hazrat Shah Abdul Raheem Raipuri(R.A), who was the successor caliph of Hazrat Haji Imdad-ullah Mohajir Makki (R.A) and used to remain always in company of his Sheikh. One day a latter came from his sheikhk’s caliph Hazrat Moulana Allah Bakhsh Bahawalnagari (R.A) from Bahwalnagar and he asked therein to send a teacher who could teach Quran with orthoepy in the Madarsa Sadiqia manchanabad, District Bahawalnagar. Hazrat Rai-puri (R.A) chose my grandfather for this purpose and ordered him to depart for Minchanabad, my grandfather immediately followed the order and departed through train.

Although, my grandfather was an expert in recitation of Quran with orthoepy, but he was quite young, when he reached at the Minchanabad Station, those whom had come to receive him could not recognize him and due to his young age, they were unable to realize him as teacher and they considered him a student. My grandfather put his luggage box on his head and reached the Madarsa Sadaqia Abbasia on foot which was almost 2/3 miles away from the station, and those who were looking to welcome, came to realize thereafter that the person who was looking student was actually the teacher.

خاک سمجھا تھا جسے وہ ہی لعل بدخشاں نکلا

“Diamond is barely a stone, if not recognized”

My grandfather was the first person in Bahawalnagar, who set the tradition for recitation of Quran with orthoepy. My grandfather loved Quran, he recited and taught Quran day and night. In More than 40 years thousands of humans and genies learned Quran from him, He used to teach Quran from Morning till night to people and after mid night genies were taught.

He was very regular with his schedule and never took a leave for any reason in any season. Due to very long sitting sessions, he suffered very severe piles disease. Even in such severe and painful disease, he did not relieve his schedule, and continued teaching, sitting in couchant posture. In last he resigned from the Madarsa Sadaqia Abbasai due to some difference of opinion with the Administration, and founded Madarsa

Rahamia in Mohallah Paraca with the assistance of Paracha families and taught there in the day. After evening he taught in mosque, which was situated, near his residence. He kept nominal link with his family and home and spent most of his time in Madarsa and Mosque, while learning and teaching. He was a phenomenon saint with some certain powers of flight above the ground.

My grandfather had a son and three daughters. His son died at the age of 7/8 years. He seemed to be nympholeptic from he early chilled hood. He used to buy hand made fans for the mosque cleaned the mosque. He was intelligent too and my grandfather was quite hopeful for his pious future but he died early. When daughters of my grandfather got matured, he considered about their marriage and decided that he will give the hand of his daughters in marriage to only true religious scholars so, his first daughter was married to Qari Mehmood-ul-Hassan Mazahiri (R.A) who was responsible of a Madarsa of Qasba Bahait. Second daughter was married to a degree holder of Mazahir-ul-Uloom Sahanpur, Moulana Ghulam Ahmad Mazahiri(R.A), who was a student and special disciple of Sheik-UI-Hadith Hazrat Moulana Abdul Rehman Kemal Puri (R.A) and his third daughter was married to my father.

My grand died in year 1964, just one week after the death of his mother after a short illness **انا لله وانا اليه راجعون** . Although his funeral

was performed quite early, but still a huge crowd was gathered, and long bamboos were attached to his dead body carrier to provide maximum people, the opportunity to shoulder it. There were many people in white who looked strangers, and no one knows who they either men or genies.

In his heirs he left a widow and three daughters.

My father's Nikah

Circumstances of my father's Nikah are that, some told Moulana Ghulam Ahmad Mazahiri(R.A), the elder son in law of my (maternal) grandfather, about my father's knowledge and wisdom and said he is an immigrant, and his companions want that he should get married, so he may serve with more concentration. Hazrat Mazahiri (R.A) told his father in law, about Hazrat Khotani(R.A), who immediately prepared give her daughter's hand in marriage and appointed his younger brother Qari Rafiq to check the suitability of this marriage, Qari Rafiq Ahmad (R.A) and my (maternal) grandmother came to Bahawalnagar and met my father, at that time only one constructed room in the madarsa, in which my father reside, and there were only huts for the students and classes were conducted underneath the trees. There was a mat in the room, a bed, an old box, few pots in which teapot in such a condition that it was repaired with wires. There were mostly books in his rooms, which he had brought from Dar-ul-Uloom Deoband. On his return after meeting with him, Qari Rafiq Ahmad (R.A) told

my grandfather that from materialistic point of view he has nothing but as far as knowledge, wisdom and spirituality is concerned, he is at the peak, my grandfather replied, I only prefer the religion and afterlife, Allah will give us what HE has decided, so the time for Nikah was fixed.

Friends of my father specially some persons from Khakwani family made the arrangements for the marriage and a group of scholars and intellectuals was the marriage procession of this immigrant who proceeded to the home of a saint.

My father, at this special occasion, wore an old over coat (Jubba) which was given to him by his kind teacher Moulana Thaboot Ullah Kashghari(R.A), which was light green and decayedness had badly ruined it, by my father was very proud to be dressed in it to seek blessings and did not felt any embarrassment in wearing that old stuff, and this is quality of the saints that circumstances do not effect them, but they actually realize the reality.

ان کے جلووں کی تجلی دل میں جب لہرائے ہے
سارے عالم کا تماشا بے قدر ہو جائے ہے
(دیوان اختر)

MY FATHER JOURNEY FOR HAJJ

A son was born after one year of marriage who was named Riaz, but at the age of 2 years, he died, my father felt quite sorrow and grief and also got paranoid that his children may

not live long, as it was the case with his parents and he was the only child of his parents who survived, to fight and defeat this grief and fear, he decided to perform Hajj and started preparation for the journey. His teacher, Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi Mohajir Madni(R.A), before his immigration, had advised him that “you are a stranger, and immigrant, you do not have any relatives, family, or tribe to support you, and crises come without knocking, so it is necessary that you must make a habit of saving, and whatever you earn, save one fourth of it. He acted upon the advice and those savings provided him sufficient funds for the journey of Hajj. When he had finally decided to go, my mother also showed her interest for performing Hajj, he replied I have limited funds which are just enough for expenses of my journey, if you can arrange funds for yourself, then I am ready to accompany you. So, she sold out the golden ornaments given by her parents at the time of her marriage, and submitted the Hajj application. It was year 1950 when my father departed with my mother through a ship. The ship was not a passenger ship but it was a luggage carrier, which caused great difficulties for the passengers, it got out of order in the sea and stood still for one week, and passengers thought they are going to die, but by the grace of Almighty and supplications of passengers of holy journey, it got repaired and restarted journey, and finally reached Jeddah, at the time of return, Hujjaj refused to travel

through that ship, and the Govt. sent adequate passenger ship, through which Hujjaj came back with ease.

In those days, Hajj Travel was not so easy and comfortable as it is nowadays. This journey took months but those people were so dedicated and passionate to perform Hajj, that they faced all the hurdles and painful journey with smile, and that's why so many people of those days traveled on foot and performed Hajj another worth mentioning part of the activity was that, they journey was not limited only to the performance of Hajj and Umrah, but they also sought knowledge and wisdom from the Muslim scholars and saints visiting the holy place from different parts of the world, and their journey proved very beneficial from educational and spiritual point of view.

As it is in Quran Surah Hajj

واذن فى الناس بالحج ياتوك رجالاً وعلى كل ضامر يأتين من كل فج عميق ٥
ليشهدوا منافع لهم ويذكروا اسم الله فى ايام معلومات الخ (سورة الحج آيت ٢٨-٢٤)

(Verse No 027-028)

"And proclaim the Pilgrimage among men: they will come to thee on foot and (mounted) on every kind of camel, lean on account of journeys through deep and distant mountain highways;

022.028 "That they may witness the benefits (provided) for them, and celebrate the name of God, through the Days appointed, over the cattle which He has provided for them (for sacrifice): then eat ye thereof and feed the distressed ones in want.

My Father's journey for Hajj was the true interpretation of that verse. Some of his homeland fellows had permanently migrated to the holy land from Bukhara, Samarkand, Khasghar, and Khattan during the communist revolt, and had constructed residences namely "Rubatain-e-Bukhari" for the Haji's of their homeland, and people got benefit from the scholars and saints visiting Makkah and Madina, and staying there. His homeland fellows also sought knowledge and wisdom from him. They also insisted for his permanent stay there, they even bought a house of worth S.R.1000/- in Jeddah, but he refused to stay there permanently, keeping in view the will of Hazrat Merthi (R.A) and returned to Bahawalnagar after Hajj. After the performance of Hajj, my father departed for Madina, as the best deed is the pilgrimage of Prophet's grave and Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) himself said

﴿من حج ولم يزرني فقد جفاني﴾

One who performed Hajj and did not come for my pilgrimage, he showed insincerity to me,

That's why after completing the Hajj, the most important of all is pilgrimage of Madina. So, he departed for Madina, although he was looking forward for this moment right from the banging of his journey, and was very passionate, but when saw the black stones of Hirra Mountains outside the Madina, he could not endure any more, and started weeping bitterly and he found

peace and satisfaction when he finally reached at Masjid-e-Nabvi. During his stay at Madina, met many scholars there, specially he spent lot of time with his kind teacher Hazrat Mulana Badar Alam Merthi,(R.A) he mostly sat beneath the umbrellas of Masjid-e-Nabvi, although there were small stones there and it was not easy to sit over them, but he very passionately sat there for hours, reciting Quran and Darood Sharif.

His cousin Haji Abdul Hameed Takhta showed the author, the place where he used to sit it was year 1995, when the author visited Madina and met Haji Abdul Hameed Takhta, I also met him beneath umbrellas. Haji Abdul Hameed Takhta resembled my father quite a lot in his face, manners and style.

There were many his homeland fellows also in Madina, he also met them, and also bought a lot of books that were printed in Egypt which include annotation of Bukhari Sharif, Annotations of Quran, and other important books and brought these books in 4 or 5 iron boxes, when that luggage reached at Bahawalnagar Station, people who had come to welcome him, considered that has brought a lot of things, but he said "Books are my pride". He donated all these books to the Institution before his death, which are still serving the great purpose. In 80's he again tried his best to go for Hajj again, but his name did not come in draw, and he passed away with the unsatisfied desire of another pilgrimage.

BEATITUDE IN PERSONAL EFFECTS

His teacher, Hazrat Moulana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi Mohajir Madni(R.A), before his immigration, had advised him that “you are a stranger, and immigrant, you do not have any relatives, family, or tribe to support you, and crises come without knocking, so it is necessary that you must make a habit of saving, and whatever you earn, save one fourth of it.

At the time of my father’s wedding in year 1948, his friends presented gifts in cash, which amounted to total Rs.1200/-. One of father’s friend Haji Ghulam Haider Khan, Commission Agent of Grain Market, Bahwalnager, said if you give me this amount I will invest it in trade and it will earn profit my father gave the same to him, who invested the same in trade and after five or six years, he returned the same with profit which amounted to Rupees Eleven Thousand. So he bought land measuring 15 Acres near Manchanabad, and a quarter in Mohajir Colony Bahawalnagar valuing Rs.700/- and an open plot in Mochi Pura Bahawalnagar valuing Rs.900/-. One of my father’s friend Khawaja Fiaz contractor said, I will build the house on the said open plot with my own investment, and rent it out and as soon as I get back my amount through rentals, My father accepted the offer and he constructed two houses over the said plot, and handed over to him after a few years. Later on he sold out all his property for the purpose of education and marriages of his children except a house, during his illness before his death he

made his will for the said house in favour of his younger son Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad and two younger sisters.

In this way Almighty Allah helped him and he found beatitude in his personal effects.

As Imam and speaker of Jamia Masjid Bahawalnagar

Central Mosque of Bahawalnagar was built in year 1913 at Nadir Shah Bazar in the supervision of Hazrat Moulana Allah Bakhsh Bahawalnagari(R.A) of who was the successor caliph of Hazr Moulana Shah Abdul Raheem Rai Puri(R.A). (It has been reconstructed after demolition in year 2006)

Great scholars and saints have been serving this Mosque, prior to the partition of India, for two years, Hazrat Moulana Syed Badar Alam Merthi Mohajid Madni (R.A) used to deliver speeches in “Khutba-e-Jumma” and also delivered lectures on Quran and Hadith, He also made it a training center for “Salkeen” (seekers), after him my father served here as “Imam and Khateeb” (prayer leader & speaker) for thirty years.

My father took the advantage of his designation as speaker of the Mosque and paid attention towards the most important issue of rectification of beliefs and deeds of Muslims. Majority of the citizens consisted of Immigrant Muslims and most of them had fallen prey to religious misdeeds and customs against Sharia. He never discussed differences in general public, but to show the people right direction he arranged special meetings in a cabin built on roof of the Mosque, and held sessions after

Juma Prayer or after Maghrib or Isha prayer, where he used to guide small groups of 2, 4 or upto 10 peoples, and rectified their beliefs and made up their mind against customs contrary to Sharia with sweet and pleasant arguments in a very effective manner, his kind directions rectified the beliefs of a number of people and families who realized the actual teachings of Islam. He also used to arrange light refreshment for the people joining those guidance sessions that too had a very positive effect. His efforts proved fruit full and many big families were put on right path by virtue of his kind efforts. Even not when we meet some elder people, the remember him with emotions and tears in their eyes, and says that he showed them the right directions otherwise their beliefs were not right.

﴿جزاه الله عنا وعن جميع المسلمين خيراً﴾

Meanwhile, it also became a routine, the he used to go to any shop after Asar Prayer, where shopkeepers and traders used to gather, and they discussed different topics, these discussions were very useful in making up their minds, questions were answered, true Islamic perspective was revealed and people became virtuous. While returning from Juma Prayer, he used to stay at the Hotel (famous as Zamindara Hotel), hotel was owned by Haji Aleem-ul-Din (late) who was disciple of Hazrat Merthi (R.A), who was very hospitable and served him with tea

etc, there was a small session which proved very beneficial for the people.

Secondly, he prepared the people to provide their children religious education, and majority of the people agreed and a lot of children from different families started getting religious education, he paid special attention on the education and training of these children, some of them became scholars whereas others became Hafiz and Qari, who served the cause of general emendation of people, and a city where customs against sharia were flourishing, majority of people become righteous. It is the fruit of dedicated efforts and sincere struggles that 2/3 of the total mosques of the city are affiliated with the righteous people and his students or students of his students are serving there.

LEADING THE PRAYERS OF EID.

Except last 3 or 4 years he always lead the Eid prayers himself. Majority of People of Bahawalnagar and localities near by used to offer Eid prayer before him. Prior to Eid Payer his subordinate teacher Moulana Hafiz Rafi-ud-Din (R.A), made a speech about the instructions regarding Eid prayer. After the death of Hafiz Rafi-ud-Din (R.A), Qari Abdul Ghafoor (R.A), and Moulana Abdul Hafeez (Speaker of Railway Masjid) addressed the Eid gathering. Later on both responsibilities of address and leadership of prayer, were assigned to me. After Eid Prayer there was a long queue of people for shaking hand, there were

people from all walks of life; it was a time of special honor for my father.

His decision was final about sighting the Eid moon was final, if he had any doubt about sighting the Eid Moon, then he followed the Fatwa of Dar-UI-Uloom Karachi.

On Second day of Eid he used to go to meet his in laws, and gave Eidi to the children, especially he always visited his brother in law Moulana Ghulam Ahmad Khan Mazahiri.

Administration of Jamia-ul-uloom Eid Ghah Bahawalnagar.

After migration of Founder of institution, Hazrat Moulana Syed Badar Alam Merthi Mohajir Madni (R.A), my father had to shoulder all the responsibilities of the institution. He was Troglodyte and meditative type of person, who had concentration in his nature towards learning, teaching and reading, and the responsibility of a institution was against his nature, but he accepted the said job by the order of his worthy teacher, as a challenge, and worked as administrator of the institution for long long 50 years, in a most effective manner.

He never left the teaching and learning even with the great responsibilities of administration, he always said, knowledge and wisdom is directly linked with teaching and learning, and always advised his successors and assigns to concentrate on learning and teaching and even said if you can not perform the task of administration and teaching and learning at a time, then chose teaching and learning and leave the administration.

In beginning he used to teach 14 subjects, there may be hardly a book of Dars-e-Nizami, which had not been taught by him, had had specific skill in certain subjects, for which students used to come to him from long distances, there are his students in many Muslim and non Muslim States, even towards the end of his age, he taught 4 subjects.

He always took the institution as a bailment on trust from Hazrat Merthi (R.A), and cared a lot for it. He always feared to answer before his Lord Almighty Allah and his teacher, and said, I have irrigated and saturated this plant with my blood, and said the secrete was revealed to me quite laterally, that why my teacher chose me to lay the foundation stone of the institution. Administration of the institution for 50 years, and its construction and expansion seems a miracle from him.

HELP OF ALMIGHTY ALLAH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF JAMIA.

The Jamia, in its early days, consisted of only one room and few huts, and he was very much worried for its proper construction, and used to supplicate a lot to his Lord Almighty Allah. Once it happened so, that the school ran out of funds, and there had been nothing left to maintain livelihood. He went to a nearby town Haroonabad, where, there was a sponsor of jamia who used to provide funds in the month of Ramadan, he planned to meet him and request him to provide the said funds earlier, he reached there, said person met with hospitality and served him with tea etc. when he raised his question, he went silent, and

express regression, and resumed his work. He was very disheartened and started blaming himself, why I asked for help any one else other than Almighty Allah, came to bus stand and sat in the bus put his handkerchief on his face and wept bitterly with embarrassment till the mid way, then he felt relieved and considered that it is blessing of my lord Almighty Allah that I have been discouraged me from other source to pay attention to HIM and then wept bitterly with this feeling of pleasure and satisfaction till he reached back to Bahawalnagar, when he reached back to the jamia, there had come to visitors who were disciples of Hazrat Merthi(R.A). Hazrat Merthi (R.A), had ordered them from Madina Munawara to go to Bahawalnagar and look after the needs of the Jamia, they donated Rupees five hundred cash and promised for the construction of 10 classrooms, which they fulfilled shortly. It was a great building, now by the grace of Almighty Allah, after 55 years, a new building has been constructed there. That was clearly the help of Almighty Allah, which strengthened his belief. Although at a slow pace, but the construction was completed with the passage of time.

SEEKING THE FUNDS FOR THE INSTITUTION KEEPING THE SELF RESPECT AND DIGNITY OF RELIGION.

He was always very careful about the self-respect and Dignity of Religion while seeking funds for the institution whether for administration or educational purpose. He never accepted any funds, donated in a disgraceful manner and flatly refused them.

One he went to Lahore and met a sponsor of the school, who started criticizing the scholars, he defended his community and showed his annoyance. Then he presented Five thousand rupees as donation for the school, but he refused to accept the same and angrily said "Make your shroud of it" and said to the accountant of the school to not to accept any donation ever from him.

Similarly, once a well wisher of the school told him about his friend who was Saith (rich man) in Karachi and said if we go to him and tell about the Jamia, it could be beneficial for fund raising, on his instance Hazrat Sahib dispatched him the introduction of the institution with brief history, then he insisted to go to Karachi and meet him personally, firstly he was not agreed, but then there came an invitation from Jamai Islamia Tando Allah Yar for annual prize distribution ceremony for completion of Bukhari Sharif, then they decided to first to go to that Seth and then attend the said ceremony. So he went directly to Karachi and stayed at Jamia Islamia Banori Town, met and pilgrimaged his Sheikh and Teacher Hazrat Muhammad Shafi(R.A) and also met other scholars like Moulana Syed Muhammad Yousaf Banori(R.A), then along with one of his companions he went to see the said saith(rich man), there were armed guards outside his office, and inside there were quite a number of representatives were waiting who had also come to seek funds. He went straight to the said saith, (rich

man) after formal greetings, he gave him the reference of said person from Bahawalnagar and also referred about the correspondence, but he did not paid much attention, rather he used unworthy and disgraceful language, at which he became annoyed and his face turned red with anger and angrily asked return me the briefing papers that I had send, he gave him back that envelop which immediately tore into pieces and threw in the face of that saith, (rich man) He was so astonished and upset, he could not say a single word, and Hazrat Khotani (R.A) came back.

Then he came back and went to Tando Allah Yar for attending the ceremony, Chief guest of the said ceremony were a special Guest from Arab and Sheikh-ul-Tafseer Hazrat Moulana Idrees Kandhelvi (R.A) who was also one of his kind teachers and was very compassionate for him and had made him his son from his student hood. After the completion of there was a dinner arranged by the management of the institution. At the time of dinner, Hazrat Kandehelvi (R.A) who as sitting with the Arabian guests, on stage, gave him the seat between himself and the Arabian Guest and introduced him to Arabian guest, when the dinner started, both Hazrat Kandhelvi (R.A) and the Arabian visitor were putting different dishes in his plate one after another, there was a huge gathering, suddenly he saw in front, there was the same saith also present in the gathering, and he was looking at you with stunned eyes, when the Dinner

completed, the said saith came to him and presented an envelop as donation for the school, but he refused the same strictly, although he requested again and again to accept the same but he was very strict in his decision, and left the place with his teacher Hazart Kandhelvi (R.A) to proceed to his Guest room, and then never ever contacted the said saith.

LEVEL OF CARE OBSERVED BY MY FATHER

Whenever my father traveled to do some thing for the institution, keeping in view the economy of the institution and his own comfort, if he traveled through 1st class, he claimed the fare of 3rd class from, if during journey he took meal from a hotel and eat meat, he claimed the bill for grain food, and paid the rest of amount from personal pocket, in this he always tried his best lighten the financial burden of the school.

In those days amounts were not kept in banks, and funds of school were also kept in the house, if he ever felt a shadow of doubt whether a sum belongs to him or to school, he always given the same to the school, and this habit also burdened him with loan which as partly paid in his life, and rest was satisfied after his death. Later on a current bank account was opened in the name of school, and funds are deposited in the said account.

Once there was a person was all alone and he had no children or wife, he had only few other relatives who were also not very close, he intended to donate his house for the school with the

condition that he will live till his death in the house, and after his death the house may be sold and consideration thereof, be donated to school, on it my father said if you bequest the house for the mosque, then it cant be sold, if you sell, if you cant live in it, and if do not donate the same in your life, then after your life, your successors will not donate same, if they wish so, even then only 1/3 can be given to mosque, as per Sharia. On this problem, a meeting of board of management of the school was called, and rest of the members decided that the house should be transfer in the name of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad (R.A), and after its evacuation, same will be sold and spent on school, but he denied and said, if I die before the evacuation, then my successors may divide it like inherited property and how will I face my lord Almighty Allah? On this answer every one was astonished. At this point, a person offered to purchase the house without possession, so the school received the consideration, and house was transferred in the name of said person, and when the previous owner died, then the possession was transferred to purchaser.

MIRACULOUS ADMINISTRATION

My fathers spend 50 years in Administration of the institution and taught thousands of knowledge seekers, and if we consider the adverse circumstances and difficulties he faced, it is clearly a miraculous work. As he kept high self esteem by nature, so he did not adopted the customary methods for fund

raising and seeking donations even in the annual prize distribution ceremony, he never allowed a speaker to make a speech for fund raising, if he ever necessarily contacted some one for seeking fund he kept the self respect and dignity on priority that's why, in the whole era of 50 years, every year the institution had to face some very hard months financially, and they were relived by the Almighty Allah-s help.

Once, they ware in financial crises situation, many days passed and nothing could be arranged to maintain the livelihood, his friends asked him to go to Karachi, and meet Mr. Haji Fareed-ud-Din (Late) who was a disciple of Hazrat Merthi(R.A), and ask him for help, as he had always been kind support for the school. So, he departed for Karachi with another teacher, at that time I (author) was studying in Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi. My father stated with Hazrat Moulana Abdul Qayyum Chitrali(R.A), who as administrator of Jamia, he had arrived in the evening, due to the tiredness of journey, he slept early after Isha Prayer, next day, after Fajar Prayer, when I met him, he was weeping bitterly, I got worried and inquired, what happened, after some time he felt better and told that I am feeling very embarrassed, that why I have come to Karachi then he recited a verse from Quran

اليس الله بكاف عبده " (سورة الزمر ٣٦)

Is not God enough for his Servant? (Al-Zamar 36)

And said I am being embarrassed by the above said verse again and again. After some time when felt better, he decided to return after a short stay of about one day. After the Breakfast he went to the office of institution and met with the administrator Hazrat Mufi Ahmad-ur-Rehman (R.A) and other scholars, then he went to see one of his old friends, who had been suffering from illness for some time who resided in the area of Boltan Market. He was accompanied by one of school servants, Qari Sharif, he was passing through a busy market, and it was his habit that he always kept his eyes low barely lift his eyes, he suddenly look in front, there was a person sitting in shop, who saw him and stood up, and came forward to welcome him, he thought he may be known person, he took him in his shop with great respect and reverence, he was not earlier known to him after introduction, when he came to know that Hazrat Niaz Muhammad (R.A) have come from Bahawalnagar, he inquired about the reason of such a long journey, initially, he hesitated to reveal the truth, but when he insisted a lot, he thought it a way of Allah, and told him real cause, he immediately, presented a huge amount of Rs.50,000/- which, in those days was enough for the expenses for whole year, his heart was filled with gratitude for his lord Almighty Allah, that person treated him with great hospitality, until he departed. Then he went to see his friend, when returned in the evening many of my friends have gathered to meet him.

Some students from South Africa have arranged a feast from him, In his very wise address to the students who have come to see him, He gave them very precious advices, next day he went to see the sons of his Master (peer) and Teacher, Hazrat Mufti Taqi Usmani (D.B) and Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Rafi (D.B)who were in Dar-ul-uloom, Korangi. Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Rafi Usmani (D.B) treated him with great respect and hospitality and sat before him like students, he also insisted to know the reason for his journey to Karachi, and specially asked about the circumstances of the institution, and then he also donated a huge amount for the institution. In this way in his two or three days stay, lot of funds were arrange to fulfill the institution's needs and returned on fourth day with great success.

It was only his personality, who made it possible to continue the working the institution even in the hardest and very difficult circumstances, not only boarding and lodging was arranged but they were also granted cash prizes, a number of foreigners also studied there, and their expenses were lot more than local students. In this way, an institution, which consisted of few huts, which was handed over by Hazrat Merthi (R.A) to his favorite student, his dedicated efforts and tireless struggle turned it into a huge institution, and it is one of the greatest religious institutions in the country and thousands of boys and girls are being qualified here.

KINDNESS WITH STUDENTS

My father was always very kind with the students, as he himself had experienced orphanhood from his early childhood, then he spent a long time in traveling abroad, then he suffered from hardship for preaching Islam, in the desert type hot area of Bahawalnager where he had no family, and even faced language troubles, so he was well aware of the feelings and conditions of students, and he treated them better than his children.

His home, was a source of knowledge and wisdom and necessities of life, for the students. Initially, kind mother (late) used to cook meals for the students, later on when the cook was hired, even then she used to make "Parathas" for 10 to 20 students, specially younger students used to gather in the kitchen very early in the morning, and she served them breakfast, prior to his children, if it happened that a student got ill, and doctor suggested any thing special, same was also prepared at home, if any student missed meal from the kitchen of institution, or he was deprived as punishment, he also found meal from his home. Often students took meal or Achar from his home for a change. My mother used to make Achar in the season of Mangos, which was used whole year by the students and others.

Many times it happened that, he was served with the meal, and a student came to seek meal, and he gave his own one to the student, and he himself took bread with sugar or even water.

In summer season, cold water was served from his home in unbelievable quantity. If there came any visitor to meet a student, he never hesitated to took tea or meal from his home. Some times, students used to bring milk etc, and got prepared sweet dish from my mother. My father was very pleased with the efforts of my mother in this regard, and said “she will be blessed with Paradise”, Not a single penny was charged from the institution against all these services.

If he got annoyed with a student on his mistake or irregularity, he asked him to stay away from his sight until his annoyance vanished, if he had to punish, he used to hit with upper side of shoe, and after one or two hits, he asked them to run away, students were also familiar with the practice, they used to run away prior to punishment, or some times after one or two hits, after some time when the faced him again, he met with the same kindness, like nothing had happened. He often said, a child is like a sparrow in the hand, if you clutch it hardly, it may die, if leave it loose, it may fly away, so one has to pay keen attention always, i.e. if you get to strict with the students, they may leave the studies, and if you leave them unattended, they may be deprived of learning, so a great efforts is needed for teaching, that’s why, most of the people handed over their

children to him, and he turned them into a very beneficial individual for the Ummah.

HADITH SESSION BY MY FATHER AND A SNAKE.

Usually my father used to conduct Hadith Lessons in Dar-ul-Hadith, but some times due to ailing health, he used to call students to his residence which was commonly known as room No.1.

Once due to his ailing health, he started conducting lectures in room No.1, where there was an orchard nearby, from which a snake come and used to stay near his foot, it colour was just like floor mat, and if any student saw, he considered it a part of the floor mat, one day when snake moved, than it was realized that it is a snake, they tried to kill the snake, but it ran away, as the snake used to stay near his foot, resultantly due to it poisonous breaths, his foot got swelling and pain, treatment for the same continued for a long time, then it became a routine, that in the rainy season, snakes used to come beneath his bed, they were either killed or they used to ran away. In those days we cared a lot, and strictly monitored his bed, this routine continued for 4 or 5 years, then it was quit.

RANK OF MY FATHER AS SCHOLAR OF ALMIGHTY.

What is a sign of a Scholar of almighty, Habar-ul-Ummah, Mufassair-ul-Quran Hazrat Abdullah Bin Abbas (R.A) Says’?

﴿الذى يربى الناس بصغار العلم كبر كباره﴾

Scholar of Almighty is the one, who starts teaching from the very beginning take one to the peak, i.e. one who lays a solid foundation and make one master, and this was the very quality of my father. That's why when his teacher, Mufassair-e-Quran Hazrat Moulana Idrees Kandhelvi (R.A) sent him many of his own-authored books; he addressed him with the title of "Scholar of Almighty"

Imam Hafiz Roshan Din (R.A) was the Imam of Oldest Mosque of the City, "Mosque Nadir Shah Bazar" whose son Hafiz Rafi-ud-Din, was working as watch mechanic, when his father died, he called him and asked him to quit his work as mechanic and to start the religious education he also made him the vice Imam of the mosque and he himself started his education and training, and made him such a jewel of a scholar, that people from far localities used to come to listen to his speech and Quran from him, and hardly a vacant place could be found in the mosque on Friday, Hafiz Rafi-ud-Din died in the life time of my Father, even today people recall his services, there are a number of scholars, who were initially, servants or Mouzan only, and he educated them and made them scholars.

It was also one of his quality, that he used to judge aptitude of his students, and after completion of studies he suggested them the field accordingly, for example, he found teaching faculty in some one, he not only advised him to teach but also facilitated

him to find a place to teach. He guided different students to become a Prayer Leader, Speaker, Preacher, Author etc, and thanks to his efforts that a lot of his students are serving in around the Bahawal Nagar City.

His foresight is evident from the fact that, current vice Master of Hadith, an elderly person, who started studying quite lately and sought knowledge from different places, came to him due to his fame, and studied Hadith and Tafseer for a year from him. After one year he intended to go elsewhere to seek knowledge, he was very found of knowledge and wisdom. He said how long will you keep on seeking knowledge, as Hazart Muhammad (SAW) has said

﴿خَيْرُ النَّاسِ مَنْ يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ﴾

Best man is the one who is beneficial for the others, so stay here and teach others. On this advice he realized the importance of teaching and by the Grace of God, today he has taught Hundreds of students and he is serving the most important role in the institution.

After assigning duties of teaching, my father also used to keep check on his students, and time to time he also used to favor them with his precious advices, if he heard any complaint of any teacher, he tried to fix the error rather making a replacement, he also used to keep the environment friendly among the colleagues and always found a middle way.

One of his student who is the Prayer Leader and Speaker of one of the biggest mosques of the city, Once it happened that there arisen a difference of opinion between him and the prayer followers, people came to my father in shape of a big delegation and asked him to replace the prayer leader and in response my father said, if a huge tree serving a purpose, there is no need to cut it down and replace it with a new plant, rather it should be developed by cutting its branches to the extent of its beautification, because it is not sure, whether the new plant can grow to a tree or not, people under stood his point of view, and he made adequate advice to the said prayer leader and speaker, and today more than 40 years have elapsed and said person is severing at the same place, there are a lot more incidents, but to avoid to much length, I have narrated a few.

WELFARE WORK

Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (S.A.W) said which means

“Allah continue to help the one, till he continue to help his brother” in another hadith he (SAW) said which means “one who conveys the question of a needy to a caterer will be strong on judgement day” in light of these golden rules, it has always been the quality of virtuous that as they guide the people with their teachings and preaching similarly, they also try to help and solve the problems of people themselves and through their contacts, welfare work pleases Allah a lot. Hazrat Muhammad

(S.A.W) said which means, all His creatures are His family, and Allah like the one who behaves well to his family”

This quality was at its peak in my father, people not only got guidance, knowledge and wisdom from him but also sought help in their general problems, and he also responded positively, if he himself could do any thing he always did, otherwise he used to refer the problem to who could solve it, some times he used to write a reference letter. Government Officials from subordinates to high up really respected him a lot and used to act upon reference.

AN INCIDENT

Once the Bahawalnager City was threatened by flood, and flood water had reached just near the city, Govt. announced that people should come forward and cooperate in building and barrier to block the water in response he himself with all his staff teachers and students went out of city to participate in building of barrier against flood water, due to his participate, whole city came forward to construct the same, and required barrier was build in quick time, due to which flood water bypassed the city.

RECONCILIATION AMONG THE MUSLIMS

In my father’s opinion the disputes are very hazardous, especially he considered that the differences among the scholars are fatal. If he ever heard about a dispute between any persons known to him, he always called them and made a

patch up thorough his advisory and he never wasted a single minute in this regard. Some serious disputes that were arisen among some major families of the city, were resolved due to his kind efforts, even some murder cases were ended up in settlement due to his interference. In such circumstances he used to say, “happening has happened” just forget it. He was blessed with this faculty, no matter how serious are the circumstances and how much inimical and hostile were the parties, his words always worked to make a positive soothing effect and it was the result of his pure dedication, sympathy and loyalty.

RELIGIOUS INTEGRITY AND PRESENCE OF MIND.

He we blessed with immense power to make an impression. Any envorinment or circumstances rather he inspired others quickly never influenced him. He used to say; one should have more power to impress then getting impressed, along with this he was also blessed with the sheer presence of mind and religious wisdom. Whenever a question raised in any gathering, he always made a quick, precise, to the point and perfect answer, independent of environment, personality or any consequences. His words were so suitable and perfect, like a diamond fixed in the ring.

LANDING OF SCIENTISTS ON THE MOON AND MUSLIMS

Once a man said that heretics have reached at moon and Muslims have been left far behind, it was the time when the first

man on the moon has just landed, and it was the hot news discussed every where. Although the time has proved their efforts useless as they have wasted billions of dollars of the nation for nothing. However, he replied, if there is mirror, which is reflecting an image of an attractive personality, and two people look at the mirror, resultantly one tries to catch the image and the other tries to get closer to the actual personality, then whom will you reckon wise? All his audience replied obviously, wiser is the one, who is observes the reflection and tries to find the real one, then he said all the creatures of Allah are the reflection of fact of His presence and this is the difference between Muslims and heretics that heretics are just exploring the creatures and a Muslim through the creatures recognizes his creator, as Allama Iqbal said

کافر ہے تو آفاق میں گم ہے
مومن ہے تو گم آہیں ہیں آفاق

A Non believer has lost in the universe

And the belief of the believer has made him so clear like a mirror, a true reflection of the creator, the real view.

And the audience was astonished at his reply.

A HIGH RANK ARMY OFFICIAL VISITED BAHALWALNAGAR.

Once, during the Marshall's Law of President Ayub, a high rank army official visited Bahawalnagar and called a meeting of Scholars from all sects. His body too was very gigantic like his rank. He passed very unpleasant and disgracing remarks about the Scholars and tried to make an impression that Scholars are the root cause of all the crimes and situation of law and order in the society. After he was done, some scholars remained silent due to the fear of Marshall Law and some did not dare to reply to the man in Army Uniform, but he dared, stood up and asked for permission to speak, he was allowed by the said officer, He started with the Khutba as per Sunnah and then recited few Verses from the Surah Al-Hadid in which Allah has mentioned then Iron, the verse says;

لقد ارسلنا رسلنا بالبينت و انزلنا معهم الكتاب والميزان ليقوم الناس بالقسط وانزلنا الحديد فيه باس شديد ومنافع للناس وليعلم الله من ينصره ورسله بالغيب ان الله قوى عزيز" (سورة الحديد آيت ٢٥)

We sent aforetime our apostles with Clear Signs and sent down with them the Book and the Balance (of Right and Wrong), that men may stand forth in justice; and We sent down Iron, in which is (material for) mighty war, as well as many benefits for mankind, that God may test who it is that will help, Unseen, Him and His apostles: For God is Full of Strength, Exalted in Might (and able to enforce His Will).

Then he said, that in these verses, Allah has book and Iron at the same place, and there is link between them and the link is

that the book reveals the rules and regulations and same are enforced through the iron hands of Govt. Specially the criminal laws are enforced and implemented through iron sword (or by means of arms and weapons).

It is the duty of scholars to define and explain the rules and regulations and clear the concepts of the people and the implementation of the laws especially criminal laws is the duty of the Government. Scholars have served their duty very well, and you can make a simple test, you go to the jungle and ask from a herder whether the prayer is obligatory or not, he will reply positively “yes it is obligatory”, ask whether fasting is obligatory, he will tell you yes it is, then ask him, whether adultery, theft, robbery and lying are prohibited or not he will tell you yes they are prohibited, now tell me have you or our president has given him that knowledge! It is, definitely, a proof of the fact that scholars have served their purpose well. Now you have the power to enforce the law, delegate these powers to us, and we fail to deliver, then your objection will be justified, otherwise, you, the Government personals are responsible for all the crimes in the society, not us, the scholars. On the other hand, those people who come to us in Mosques, to offer prayers, and those who listen our lectures and speeches, they are not the thieves and robbers, and the culprits do not come in mosques, and when we go out in markets and bazaars to preach and guide them, you instead of praising and

encouraging us, register cases against us under Marshall's Law and under section 144. Addressing the scholars in such in insulting manner, is an epitome of your intentions and it indicates that you have no value for religion and Islam rather you have grudge for the same. On hearing this he gave a embarrassing smile and said I will meet you another time.

CORRECTION OF BELIEF OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

Once a Deputy Commissioner was appointed in Bahawalnagar, who was a dogmatist, once a year on 12 Rabi-ul-Awal a meeting was held at Satluj Park on Serat-un-Nabi (S.A.W), All the Civil servants and scholars from all sects were gathered, my father also attended the meeting, different people and scholars made speeches. At the end of meeting, a molvi stood up on the stage and started saying Drood o Salam, and all the people stood up, my father was sitting on stage too, and he thought if I stay here, it will mean that I am too supporting them, but this practice is against sharia, so he left the stage, and 2/3 of the people followed him and left. After a few days when he went to see the Deputy Commissioner for a piece of work, he was sitting in the lawn of his house with another officer he had come from Lahore, during the meeting he asked, why did you left the stage on that day, he replied, that those insane people have belief that, where they say Drood o Salam, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) visit that place, and

they stand up in reverence, Deputy Commissioner said, it is not my belief, I just stood up in the reverence of Dood-o-Salam, then my father said, if it was necessary to stand up in reverence of Dood-o-Salam, then Allah must have bound us to say Dood in Prayer in standing position, but in prayer we say the Dood in sitting position and if you say the same in standing position, your prayer will be become invalid, the other officer also supported this version.

Then the said deputy commissioner asked about the main differences between Deobandi and Brailvi? He told him that there are four main differences

- 1) The presence, 2) absolute knowledge, 3) Absolute authority,
- 2) Light or Human

FIRST DIFFERENCE THE PRESENCE

The Brailvies has a belief that Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) is present every where and when they say Dood Sharif in a gathering, He visit that gathering to collect the Dood, which is not worthy of his caliber. We believe that Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) is in Madina, If any thing happened or any act of him in shape of less worthy, same has been forgiven by Almighty Allah as announced in Sura Fatah, So, our holy prophet has no need of Dood by us, it is us who need to say drood on him, as Almighty Allah bestow 10 blessings on saying drood once. And there is a group of angles that continue to patrolling on the earth and any if any muslim says Dood, they convey the same

to the Madina, and the drood which one says on his revered grave, He hears the same. This is the first difference.

SECOND DIFFERENCE : KNOWLEDGE OF UNKNOWN

Second belief of the Brailvi sect is that Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) has the knowledge of every thing from unknown and future with minute details, whereas the we belief that only the Almighty Allah has the absolute knowledge, and he bestow some details to his prophets, if we admit that he has the absolute knowledge, then a question will rise, why did not tell about some events earlier if he knew it is going to happen, like the betrayal with Hazrat Hussain (R.A), in such case it becomes the case of hiding the knowledge which is condemned in Quran.

THIRD DIFFERENCE : ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY

He said, Brailvi sect has a belief that Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) has complete and absolute authority, our belief is otherwise, because if we admit the above said belief, we will also have to admit that the some adverse events like martyrdoms of his companions and Martyrdom of Hazrat Hussain (R.A) occurred with his will and consent, and other evils and crimes happening in the world are happening with his will, so this belief will become a blame.

FOURTH DIFFERENCE : HUMAN OR LIGHT

He said, Brailvi sect has a belief that Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) is created with light and we belief that he is a human in his

physical presence and his qualities do guide us like light, so he is light in his character. This belief of the Brailvies is against the explanation of the Quran:

قل انما انا بشر مثلکم" (سورہ کہف آیت ۱۱۰)

(I am a human like you)

Secondly his grief, pain, his needs to eat and drink, his family life, also shows that he is human on these arguments, the said deputy commissioner quite enthusiastically said from now on I have become a Deobandi, on hearing this my father said it is not enough to become a Deobandi just by saying, do something to show the same, and you can show that in such a manner that, our Eidgah is a sand heap which is causing difficulties for the adjoining school's students and teachers, when the wind blows, whole premises is filled with sand, I ask you to fix this problem with your resources and the Deputy Commissioner made a promise. Resultantly he fulfilled his promise and got constructed the floor and boundary wall of Eidgah and a beautiful pond in the center and got fixed a fountain. May Allah be pleased with his efforts.

DIVORCE AUTHORITY TO WOMEN AND FAMILY PLANNING

In the period of president Ayub Family laws were established and enforced and most of them were against Sharia. In those days, Western minded people had made it their habit to try to embarrass the scholars. Once my father went to Lahore, there

gathered some people, one of them was a professor, who started discussing about family laws with a view that men and women should have equal rights, and women should have the right to divorce, and that the family planning is a fair thing, people should be convinced for the same. One should have two or three children so that they may be brought up easily and in a better way, if one has 20 or 30 kids, it will hard to look after them like chicks. In reply my father said, Fact is best known to Allah, HE knows well what capabilities one has and HIS decision is always 100% right whether you and me understand or not. However, I explain it to you, Sharia has a law, that divorcee will have to spend time in Iddat, now Allah has bestowed more patience, courage and endurance in men then women. Women are often, hasty and inconsistent if you designate them the power to divorce, then even the minute disputes will end in divorce, and the men will stay at home in Iddat, and women will be moving out, and the total life circle will collapse, at this logical argument, the professor smiled and agreed that it will be dangerous to designate the power to divorce to the women. Then he discussed the topic of family planning, he said the family planning medication is administered to women, is this medicine is intelligent that it will allow two or three child and stop the 4th one, on the other hand generally in practice it has been observed that this medicine is also used by unmarried women and girls and resultantly they do not remain capable

conceiving a single baby. In fact it is a tool for supporting adultery, as girls do avoid adultery due to the fear of pregnancy, as the pregnancy cant be hidden, and it will disclose her sin resulting in great insult of her and her family, That's why this medicine has been invented, to promote adultery and avoid pregnancy and insult. On these arguments said professor realized the truth and declined the ideology of family planning.

MARSHALL'S GOVT. AND EID-UL-FITAR

Since my father's arrival in Bahawalnagar, he had been leading the Eid prayers in the Central Eidgah, which was the biggest gathering of the city and majority of the people felt it a honour to offer Eid prayer in his Leadership. He served this duty for about 45 years, till two years before his death. Due to the affection and reverence for him, people sill prefers to offer Eid prayer in the Central Eid Gah and it is still the largest gathering in the Division. Before the establishment of "Roeat-e-Hilal" Committee. He was the authority in the city to announce the moon for Ramzan-ul-Mubarak and Eids. He observed great care and followed the rules and regulations of Sharia in the matter, and people from all sects followed his decision.

Once in the term of President Ayub, the Govt. announced the moon and Eid on the next day, whereas, in fact there was no moon, and announcement was fake. Army Govt. tried to force the religious leaders to follow the announcement and lead the

Eid prayers, it was perhaps the Thursday, and actually Eid was to be celebrated on Friday. People contacted them and he gave a “Fatwa” that Eid will not be celebrated on Thursday rather it will be celebrated on Friday, Local Army official forced him to lead the Eid prayer, but he strictly refused to obey the orders. On Thursday, Government Servants and Army personals offered Eid prayer in the leadership of Official Molvi, there were very few people in the prayer, and the whole city was gathered to watch this Drama, and accidentally, a dog of an army officer got freed and started wandering between the rows and this incident added injury to their insult. Next day my father lead the Eid prayer, fifty thousand people attended prayer, and those Government Servants and Army officials who had attended the previous day so-called Eid prayer, also re-offered the Eid prayer in his leadership. His courageous stand got very famous and people do remember the incident even today.

MY FATHER’S STRICT REPLY TO A ARMY OFFICER.

There was an army officer who was on friendly terms with my father, the day, he lead the prayer, said army officer invited him on dinner, he went to attend the same on army vehicle. There were luxurious arrangements and lot of Civil and Army officers were invited there. During the course of discussion, an high rank army officer said we had been ordered to arrest you but we have given you favors, on herring this he got very annoyed and said Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) said:

﴿تَعَسَ عَيْدَ الدِّينَارِ وَ عَيْدَ الدَّرْهَمِ وَ عَيْدَ الْخَمِيصَةِ تَعَسَ وَ انْتَكَسَ وَ اِذَا شَبِكَ فَلَا انْتَفَشَ﴾ (بخاری شریف)

Then said, the Holy Prophet has made this Imprecation for people like you the men of present and men of Ayub, the Mammonists, and the imprecation of Holy prophet shall certainly be realized, and we are the men of Allah and follow only HIS orders, prayer of Eid is for Allah, not for President Ayub, you should be ashamed of yourselves and seek forgiveness from Allah, on hearing this the said Army officer begged pardon from him.

CONSTRUCTION OF JAMIA MOSQUE EID GAH.

That after the establishment of Madarsa Jamia-ul-Uloom, a mosque was built in the northern portion of the Madarsa for regular prayers, where students and teachers used to offer daily 5 times prayesr, whereas the Prayer of Juma was offered in the central mosque of city which was in Nadir Shah Bazar, where for a long time My Father and after his old age, his students served as speaker and prayer leader. With the passage of time the population grew and a Jamia mosque adjoining the Madarsa, was felt necessary. So, in 1968, in the center of courtyard of Eidgah, foundation for Jamia Mosque was laid, its measurement was 130'x60, although the circumstances were not favorable, but the building was raised up to the high of roof, but the roof remained un-constructed due to shortage of funds.

When my father started, such a huge mosque, some people raised objections and opposed the project, and the objection was raised before him in a meeting, he replied that the Quran has explained the five points regarding the construction of mosque.

اتما يعمر مسجد الله من امن بالله واليوم الاخر و اقام الصلوة واتى الزكوة ولم
يخش الا الله فعسى اولئك ان يكونوا من المهتلين " (سورة توبه آيت 18)

(Verse No.18 of Sura Toubah)

The mosques of God shall be visited and maintained by such as believe in God and the Last Day, establish regular prayers, and practice regular charity, and fear none (at all) except God. It is they who are expected to be on true guidance

Then he said the last quality for construction of mosque is that “fear non except HIM” so I have raised the construction, if any one can dare, go ahead and destroy the same, on his such a strong stance, objections were dissolved.

1971 WAR AND MY FATHER’S ILLNESS.

In the year 1971 when there was a tension between Pakistan and India and the war was about to began, whereas, my father started suffering from Kidneys problem. As, the Bahawalnagar City is just 16 Kilometers away from the Border, so it was certainly going to be affected by the War. He used to take safety measures in such circumstances. Once in the morning, when the classes had just begun in the school, suddenly Indian

Bombers appeared and which claimed many lives. He was very much worried about the out station students. City was being evacuated by the order of army, he sent us, the children to Takat Mehal through train, from where we went to Basti Khaliq Abad on foot, my father, mother and youngest sister Aysha who was then aged about 6 months stayed in the City. Although, the army insisted, but he did not leave the city until he satisfied about safe and sound arrival of all the out-stationed students in their homes and arrangements for the safety of assets of school. One week after the opening of war my father, mother and younger sister and a servant went to Jatuwala on foot, my father's hands and feet were swelling due to the kidney problem and he was barely able to walk. When the reached at Jatuwala, bombardment was also going on, then my father stayed at Jatuwala, and my other continued with the convoy to the small locality of Haji Nasar Ullah Khan Khakwani(R.A) named "Phogan". Haji Nasar Ullah (R.A) was a friend of my father and he was also the president of the schools council. He treated them with great hospitality; send horse with his servant to carry my father to him. We also moved there from Khaliqabad and we stayed there for 25 days. May Haji Abdul Khaliq Khan Khakwani, (R.A) Haji Nasar Ullah Khan Khakwani (R.A) and Haji Saad Ullah Khan Khakwani, be rewarded with countless blessings by Allah (Ameen). They treated us with

great hospitality and tenderness, and served very well, although my father got a bit better, but the illness continued.

SEVERE AILMENT

We returned when the war ended. Meanwhile, my father started suffering from diarrhea along with kidney problem and ailment got severe and he got too weak, he was immediately admitted to District Hospital, Bahawalnagar but even after a treatment of fifteen days, his conditions was not improved and doctors suggested to go to Meo Hospital Lahore.

During his ailment, some non-sense people assumed with their ill will, that Hazrat Niaz Muhammad (R.A) is not going to survive longer, his children are young and he has no family they mutually discussed it and decided the names for different responsibilities of the institution that as soon as he dies, they will hold the certain designations. His sincere friends informed him about this evil plan, he felt sorry but left the matter on Allah and departed for Lahore and remained admitted there for seventeen days. Firstly, his supplications were positively responded by Almighty Allah, secondly, a stranger far from homeland, far from relatives and friends and far from kids, all those factors attract the blessings and favours of Allah, so his supplication in this regard was immediately accepted and his health which was not being improved even after using very precious medicines, same was recovered with only one pill suggested by a Bangali Doctor of Meo Hospital. His health

started improving day by day and he returned to Bahawalnager fully recovered. Almighty Allah ruined all the evil designs of his appoint. And Almighty Allah kept him alive until he saw all his children fully established in practical life.

I would like to quote here an incident that once a companion of Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) got very ill and he was going to die, and his children were young, he made a supplication to Almighty Allah, that don't take my life until my children get mature. Immediately he started recovering and remained alive until all his children were matured he even saw his grandsons too.

Perhaps my father too followed the said companion and supplicated in the same manner and the same reward was displayed.

MY FATHER'S CONCERN AND RECONSTRUCTION OF MOSQUE.

Construction of mosque had stopped at the roof height and the circumstances so developed that it remained uncompleted even after ten years. My father was very much concerned and worried in this regard. Meanwhile, he met with a Naqashbandi saint of Multan Hazrat Moulana Abdul Ghafoor Madni, he also told him about the problem and his grief. Hazrat Naqashbandi said just don't worry

﴿لا يجره، جر جار ولا يدفعه دفع دافع﴾

“no one can attract before the time and no one can stop when the time comes” on this my father felt satisfied but still he was wishing to offer at least a prayer in the completed mosque before his last. In Year 1971 due to bombardment, the building was damaged too.

By the grace of Almighty Allah I (the author) completed my studies in Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi in year 1986 and returned to Bahawlangar, on my return, the said aspiration of my father made me quite eager. I used to go to the incomplete building at night and offered Salat-ul-Hajat (Prayer for Demand) and supplicated and also asked my father to supplicate. Efforts started for construction and construction work was restarted in year 1987 and slowly and gradually its roof was completed and my father did offered not only one prayer but he offered prayers there for three years. Now, by the Grace of Almighty Allah, this beautiful and great mosque is the biggest one in the district.

ANNUNCIATION ABOUT THE MOSQUE.

Once my father dreamt that Hazrat Umer Bin Abdul Aziz is leading the prayer in the mosque, that’s why it was named as Umer Mosque. I (the auther) saw in my dream that Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) are leading the Zohar Prayer in the said mosque, there are rows of his companions, then the rows of teachers and students of the institution, I am also a participant

of the prayer. By the grace of Almighty, this mosque is a source for promoting virtuosity and beneficence.

POLITICAL INSIGHT

Although my father was anti materialistic type of person and always preferred knowledge, wisdom and spiritualism in his life, even thought he had a deep political insight. According to Bukhari Sharif our Holy Prophet (SAW) said

﴿كانت بنو اسرائيل تسمو سهم الانبياء﴾

Prophets of Bani Israeel did politics, in his regard fair politics is a right of prophet and their successors and the scholars have the actual entitlement for politics. Regarding law and order situation in Pakistan other Islamic countries he often used to say that if only “Hudood and Qassas” is enforced in its true perspective, crimes could be controlled. When President Zia-ul-Haq invited renowned scholars, he specially invited my father too. My father presented a thorough thesis on the topic of Hudood and Qassas and in it he proved that the Hudood and Qassas i.e. Life for life or compensation for life, cutting hand on theft, lapidation or whipping on adultery, cutting hand and foot or execution or confinement on robbery whipping on drinking, these punishments are according to the human nature.

President Zia-ul-Haq paid due attention to the said thesis and appreciated my father later on the said thesis was presented in the meeting of Islamic scholars held in Lahore, said meeting

was held in Jamia Naeemia Garhi Shahu Lahore, about the Islamic system, by the scholars from all sects and due to the efforts of Islamic Scholars President Zia-ul-Haq enforced the “Huddod Ordinance”

DECEPTION OF ISLAMIC COMMUNISM.

Similarly, when the exclamation of Islamic communism was raised in Pakistan, its deceptive look had mesmerized the people almost from all walks of life, even the majority of scholars from Punjab also appreciated it. Food, clothing and shelter, the slogan of communism got quite fame, specially the poor class of the society considered it their savior.

An important meeting of scholars was held at Madarsa Jamia-ul-Uloom Eidgah, Bahawalnagar and the agenda was “whether to accept or refuse communism”. My father presided over the meeting. Vice president of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam, Pakistan, Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Sharif Watto was the special guest and important participant of the meeting. Scholars from whole district expressed their views on communism and most of them appreciated it and expressed corroborative views.

On his turn, my father disagreed from the views of other scholars and said that their expectations are nothing but fake imagination.

As my father’s homeland was china where Muslims had been struggling against the communism so he was well aware of ups and downs of the said system. He said slogan of Food, Clothing

and shelter is apparently quite attractive, but if you are expecting that every one will be provided with free food, clothing and shelter and you will be having a picnic, you are making a big mistake, Reality is that the system is like a man has a donkey who provide it food and shelter and get the labour done by beating it, similarly in this system, Govt. provides food and shelter, but also gets the hard labour by force, and if any one raise objection is fired to death immediately.

The he told some incidents of his homeland, where even the old and aged were also put to hard labour like animal and many died in the hardship. The Government acquires what ever a man earns, one is provided with just enough to survive, one can own nothing. When he explained the setbacks of the system, then the participants of the meeting realized the fact and they refused to except the communism.

Scholars from Karachi were against communism right from beginning, only the scholars from Punjab were supporting it, but when they realized the truth, they also withdrew their support, and all were united against communism.

READING NEWSPAPER.

My father was not habitual with reading newspaper, he just got aware of important news from his friends and kept himself updated with the situation similarly he asked about the ongoing events, political and religious situation from the visitors from

different localities and if felt any action necessary, performed the same with due consideration.

In his last years, he heard the newspaper regularly from his son Honorable Khalil Ahmad Akhon, that's why he commented on the current situation with deep insight.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CLOSURE PROPHET HOOD MOVEMENT.

My father was truly against sectarianism and often avoided such matters and the politics too, but he actively participated in the closure of Prophet hood movement as it was agitated against Qadyanies, and was based upon the unanimous belief of Muslim Ummah,

My father actively participated in the meetings, conferences and processions and agitation held under the banner of said movement, when the agitation was at its peak in 1974 and the participants were presenting themselves for arrest, in those days on Friday, after Juma Prayer, a procession was brought out from the central Jamia Mosque Nadir Shah, in Bahwalnagar, in which the participants used to put Quran on their head and proceeded to Chowk Nadir Shah, and my father lead them, and in chowk, participants were arrested by the police.

My father also presented him for arrest, but the police avoided in his respect and reverence, his active participation really enforced the movement, and finally Almighty Allah rewarded the sacrifices of Muslim scholars and general people, and the

movement achieved its purpose, when the National Assembly of Pakistan passed the resolution to declare the Qadyanies as Non-Muslims.

Arrest of Hafiz-ul-Hadith Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Abdullah Darkhwasti(R.A)

During the said movement, Hazrat Moulana Abdullah Darkhwasti (R.A) were present in Bahawalnagar, he was arrested and sent to District Jail Bahawalnagar and curfew was announced in the city and due to curfew order even the fellows of Hazrat Darkhwasti (R.A) could not meet and see him in jail. When my father came to know about his arrest, he got prepared the meal at home and took it himself to the Jail. He was intercepted by the army men in the way any many points, but he got angered with them and they too were impressed by his personality and did not stop him, then it became his routine, that he carried the meals in the morning and evening to the jail himself for Moulana Darkhawasti (R.A), administration and army also favored him, my father also make arrangements for his clothes and other necessities.

Hazrat Darkhwasti (R.A) was kept confined for one week, and after a week when he was released, there was still curfew in force and none of his fellow was present to receive him except my father. Moulana Darkhwasti (R.A) along with my father was taken to the Railway Station in an army vehicle, and my father accompanied him up to Bahawalpur and returned home after

leaving him safe and sound in Bahawalpur. Hazrat Darkhwasti (R.A) always remembered his service of those days.

FRIENDLY WITH FRIENDS AND HOSPITABLE EVEN WITH FOES.

My father used to say I live my life according a verse of Sheikh Saadi (R.A), which says;

آسائش دو گیتی تفسیر این دو حرف است
بادوستان مروت بادشمنان مدارا

Comfort of this world and thereafter may be found in these two words “be friendly with friends and be hospitable with foes” i.e. be purely sincere with friends and be positive towards the foes too.

My father also mentioned the said verse while talking to Shaheed-e-Millat Hazrat Moulana Muhammad Yousaf Ludhyanvi (R.A), during his illness, which finally claimed his life. Hazrat Ludhyanvi(R.A) had come to see him during his illness. He said I heard the said verse after forty years and remembered it and Hazrat Khotani (R.A) lived his whole life with the said principal.

That’s why he had a great social circle and his friends and he benefited opposites all. He never liked violence in the religious matters and always avoided the undue and useless difference and disputes, although having a great religious position, he always honored the self respect of other people and people from other sects and religions, and always fulfilled his religious obligations in this regard, that’s why he was often appointed as

arbitrator by the people of from other sects to settle their disputes. It happened often that any scholar from Brailvi sect fell ill and he went to see him, or some one caught by grief, and he went for condolence in this way he made the Bahawalpur City a very calm and peaceful place. Even now days, although society has been changed a lot, but still religious values are honored. He was so kind to his friends and foes that people from other sects too respected him like their own leader, if there had been any meeting of scholars from different sects, he was conferred upon the presiding chair, and his suggestions were highly valued in any matter.

Dispute of Jamia Raza-e-Mustafa (Brailvi Sect) and Imam Barga.

An institution of Brailvi sect Jamia Raza-e-Mustafa and an Imam bargah of Shia Sect are adjacent to each other in Bahawalnagar and both sects jointly own the central wall. Once there raised a dispute on land between the parties situation got critical and none of the parties were ready to accept the claim of the other and there was a great chance of violent encounter. Administration interfered the matter and asked them for mutual settlement. Both the parties expressed they will accept the decision of Mufti Niaz Muhammad (R.A), so the administration requested my father to settle the dispute among the parties. He heard both the parties and went on the spot and drew a boundary line on the soil with a stick, and both

the parties accepted it, today the existing wall is built over the boundary line determined by my father.

AVOIDING RESPONSE OF ABUSE.

My father never abused in response of abuse, rather he considered it very ill mannered behavior, no matter how abusive or rude his opponent got, but in reply he said given them a response is like throwing a stone in the filthy water, resultantly it will spoil your own cloths. He said if any one due to his mean nature and ill manners abuse you and you respond in the same way, then what is the difference between you and him.

My father never paid attention to such things, rather he kept himself busy in his work, and due to his such calm behavior, machinates of hellions always failed. He said responding to a mean person is an act of self-disgrace. In such case best option is showing no response, in this way he will be failed.

In fact it is a proof of perfection. Hazrat Behlol (R.A) was a nympholept saint, he passed by a person who was acknowledged as great saint of Allah and he was quarreling with some one, the incident has also been mentioned by Sheikh Saadi (R.A) in his verses, which says

چہ خوش گفت بہلول فرخندہ خونے
چوں بگذشت بر عارف جنگبوعے
گر ایس مدعی دوست شناختے
ہے پیگار دشمن پردازتے

How well said by Hazrat Behlol, (R.A) when he passed by person who was acknowledged as great saint of Allah, and was quarreling with some one, if his claim of true love for God had been true, he must not had enough time to quarrel with his foes.

HARDSHIP AND TEST

Our holy prophet (S.A.W) said

﴿اشد البلاء الانبياء عليهم السلام ثم الامثل فالامثل﴾

which means, that Prophets have passed through the toughest test and those who follows them. According to this principal of Allah, he also faced lot of hardships.

In Quran it has been said

وكذلك جعلنا لكل نبي عدواً شيطيين الجن والانس " (سورة انعام آیت ۱۱۲)

"Likewise did We make for every Messenger an enemy, evil ones among men and Jinns"

Similarly, there are enemies of whom who follow the holy prophets, but enmity fails to distract them from righteous path. Although his whole is full of hardships and tough tests, but some of his enemies and hellions teased him too much to coerce him to migrate from Bahawalnagar. Among others, Racism was one

of the source factor of this enmity and grudge. But he kept his nerves and patience and on such occasions he often recited the verse of Quran, which mention, how Hazrat Loot (Aliah al-Salam) were teased and were fed-up of machinates of his people and felt the insult of his visitors whom were actually angles and he said *"He said*

قال لو أنّ لي بكم قوة أو آوى ركن شديد" (سورة يهودآيت ٨٠)

"Would that I had power to suppress you or that I could betake myself to some powerful support" powerful support means strong family and tribe, as Hazrat Loot was sent to a foreign nation, and even his wife was not from his race and was from those notorious people and she supported her race, So, Quran declared her a heretic, and such a hard time came the was dishearten and he asked for help to Almighty Allah, and also made a wish that if he had a family and tribe, they would have protected his honour and respect.

That's why it has been told in Hadith, that after Hazrat Loot Aliah-al-Salam, all the prophets were sent to their own tribes and nation, on such occasions my father often remembered that verse, and asked Allah for help through payer and supplications until he felt relieved. And after finding the inner satisfaction he excogitated against such mischief, and he was always help by Almighty Allah in such unexpected manner that every one was astonished. As most of his opponents, and enemies got abjured and beg a pardon from my father before

his death, some have passed away, and some are reaping what they have sowed, so it is not necessary to provide details here.

A DREAM OF MY FATHER

Once I found my father soaked with tears at time of Fajar Prayer, I got worried and asked the reason, he replied that I have just dreamt that, I am making ablution at the entrance of Heaven, and there is a man who is trying to enter in the Heaven but angels are forcing him out and are saying, unless this man who is making ablution, does not allow, you can not enter in the Heaven, when I heard, I left my ablution and rushed to the door and saw a person who was one of my apponent and was quite inimical and he teased me a lot, and he had died, them I told the angels that he is my friend let him go, then they opened the door and allowed him to enter the Heaven, since I dreamt, I am crying, perhaps, his exoneration has been abandoned. So he made supplication for his forgiveness and exoneration and I said Ameen.

AN IMPORTANT POINT

Illustrators have wrote in the illustration of Sura Yousaf that some times a person forgives a person who has teased him, but Almighty Allah does not forgive him, that's why brothers of Hazrat Yousaf (A.S) requested Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S) to make a supplication to Almighty Allah for their exoneration

قالوا يا انا استغفر لنا ذنوبنا انا كنا خطئين " (سورة يوسف: ٤٤)

They said: "O our father! Ask for us forgiveness for our sins, for we were truly at fault

Hazrat Yaqoob (A.S) made a promise and made a supplication, then Hazrat Gabriel (A.S) came and brought a special supplication, then Hazrat Gabriel(A.S) and Hazrat Yaqoob(A.S) stood in one row, and in other row Hazrat Yousaf and Binyamin stood, and in third row all other brothers and in fourth row Mother of Hazrat Yousaf (A.S) and all other ladies stood, Hazrat Gabriel (A.S) made the supplication and all other said Ameen, supplication was as under;

يَا رَجَاءَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لَا تَقْطَعْ رَجَاءَنَا يَا غِيَاثَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اغْتَنِمْنَا
يَا مَعِينِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِنَّا يَا مَحَبَّ التَّوَّابِينَ تَبَّ عَلَيْنَا

O' source of hope for believers, do not turn down our expectations, O' redresser for believers, make restitution for us, O' supporter of believers, help us, O, the one who loves those who make repentance, please exonerate us"

Then Almighty Allah forgave them, although Hazrat Yousaf(A.S) had already forgiven them.

My father to used to forgive teasers, and the incident of said dream also mentions it.

HIS SIMPLICITY.

A Hadith mentions

المؤمن غرُّ كريم

A believer is simple and sober, and my father was the perfect example of it. He was very simple innocent by nature and it was evident from his routines and habits, and there was not even a shadow of cleverness in his personality.

If any scholar or scholar type person came to see him, he used to rise to honor and respect him, if he sit in reserve style, and he could not sin in such style due to age factor, he insisted the visitor to relax himself, and he felt uneasy until the visitor got relaxed.

Once a Qari came from Karachi he was about 55 years, he had come regarding his second marriage in a village near Bahawalnagar. With reference to Jamia Banori Town, he was known to me (author) so he came to see my father in School and requested for supplication and also mentioned about his second marriage. Then he again visited Bahawalnagar, for marriage in the month of Shaban, during vacations of school, at that time he had colored his hair and beard, My father was sitting in the office of the school, he met him and mentioned about his second marriage, my father left him the visitors room of the school. When I met my father, he told me that earlier a Qari from your school had come himself regarding marriage, now he has sent his son in this regard, it thought this is the case, but when I went to the visitors room, I realized that he was the same Qari but he was looking young due to hair color, when I

told my father he loudly said “La Hol Wala Quwata Illah Billa” and said he has made a deceptive look.

That’s why black hair color is disliked, because it may deceive others.

WISDOM OF FORESIGHT

A Hadith says

اتَّقُوا فِرَاسَةَ الْمُؤْمِنِ فَإِنَّهُ يَنْظُرُ بِنُورِ اللَّهِ

Which means do not confront with the wisdom of a believer he has a foresight conferred upon by Allah. Although my father was very simple and innocent person, but was conferred upon a very powerful foresight, so if he met any person and made a perception about him, it proved to be 100% correct.

Once Hazrat Moulana Zia-ur-Rehman Farooqi Shaheed (R.A) the head of Sipah Sahaba Organization came to see him, it was his first meeting with my father, when he left after meeting, my father said his heart is very powerful, if have felt it when I hugged him. He did not know him earlier, but his perception proved to be absolutely perfect as Hazrat Farooqi’s strength and his righteousness, bravery and his martyrdom is the proof of correctness of his perception.

Similarly if he met any scholar, through his insight he used to judge his wisdom, and knowledge and his intellectual level in very short time, his assumptions and opinions which he made in respect of different students, or scholars proved true, during his fetal illness he advised me how to deal with different people

regarding the management of the institutions, and asked me to take some necessary steps, which proved very beneficial and 100% correct.

FOLLOWING SUNNAH

Key to success is in following Sunnah, whether he is beginner or a scholar.

راستہ صرف سنت کی ہے بیرونی
مبتدی کے لیے سنتی کے لیے

So he was very cautious in this regard, he followed the Sunnah in even in his usual routines like talking, walking, in his appearance, dressing, in his speech, so when he said any important thing he used to repeat his words thrice, and told the in Bukhari Sharif it has been mentioned with reference of Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) that Holy Prophet (S.A.W) used to repeat his words thrice, so that same may be understood.

He always dressed in white, and white skufia (Amama) over white cap. Some times hie used only white cap, used old fashioned shoes that looks like “Khusa” and its color used to red or brown, some times hie used Turkish shoes that are available in Quetta, which is made of plastic from outside and woolen from inside, he used it mostly in winters.

He so strictly and firmly followed the sunnah, that he always plucked the hairs from armpits, and never shaved and said this sunnah has been mentioned in the Bukhari Sharif, and it also

strengthen the eye sight. He walked according to Sunnah, with his eye downwards, and used stick too.

He tried his meals to be shared by the children, and said the meal shared by children shall not be asked for. Sunnahs had become his second nature.

WITTY NATURE

He was also blessed with witty nature and used to pass light comments, which his fellows enjoyed a lot. In reply of some questions he some times gave amusing answers, which amused me a lot. Once a Moulana came to Bahawlanagar from Khairpur (Tamiwali) for teaching purpose he met my father and asked for what he came for. My father said you come from peace to disturbance, (as his original locality was Khairpur which means good peaceful), said moulana even know enjoy the said sentence.

Once a Qari came to meet him he was blind. My father asked him the purpose of visit, he said I have come for your pilgrimage, he is in this case what donation would you made, and he also used to mention the said incident with great amusement.

Saints and friends of Allah has always very light nature, although they have serious love for Allah in their heart, and very pleasant smile on their faces.

لب ہیں خندہ جگر میں تیرا درد و غم
 تیرے ناشق کو لوگوں نے سمجھا ہے کم
 (دیوان اختر)

People can't recognize the lover's style

Heart is broken but lips do smile

POETIC SENSE

My father also had very delicate poetic sense and he liked Arabic and Persian poetry, as he already read the Mathnavi of Mulana Romi(R.A) in his early youth. In summer nights After Isha Prayer, while lying in the bed in the house courtyard, he used to recite the verses of Mathnavi or sheikh Saadi in a very attractive melody and rhythm. Once he asked me (the author) to write the "Dewan-e-Baidel.He almost recite the verses of Urdu.

کوئی آتا ہے کوئی جاتا ہے اس محفل رنگار میں
 وہی باقی ہے جو ساتی ہے مہمان بدلتا رہتا ہے

INTELLECTUAL LEVEL

He possessed very deep knowledge and wisdom so he enjoyed a very high intellectual level, He had a very comprehensive command over the knowledge of Quran and Hadith, so when ever he spoke, his words were sound and reliable, while defining the Quran and Hadith, he did not liked too many references, he often made one precise opinion, which was also appreciated by the scholars.

He was also very cautious about words selection in his speech, and used intellectual phrases, which also educated his fellows and his audience. He was master in logical subjects and Philosophy, and due to his unique style of teaching, students were attracted to him from others countries and provinces too like Afghanistan, Iran, Burma, Bangladesh, and all provinces of Pakistan, and most of his students were the graduates of other institutions.

That's why, one of his teachers, and an illustrator of Quran Hazrat Moulana Kandhelvi (R.A) always addressed him with a name of "Alam-e-Rabbani". Hazrat Moulana Syed Badar Alam Merthi(R.A), when he was authoring his Book "Tarjuman-al-Sunnah" where he came across a logical discussion of a hadith, he discussed it with my father for satisfaction and justification purpose, and then wrote it in his book, because my father used to thoroughly study and research in Quran and Hadith, some times he presented such logical explanations which astonished every one. Some time he rejected the versions of earlier scholar by saying,

هُمُورِجَالٌ وَنَحْنُ رِجَالٌ

They too were thinking personals like we do.

One of his student Moulana Qari Muhammad Owais told that they were taught Bukhari Sharif by him, and once he spoke for

month on a Hadith **انما الاعمال بالنيات** and we were too much impressed.

I (the author) was told 80 illustrations of **بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم** “Bismillah Sharif” by my father. Once there held a meeting of renowned scholars and son of Hazrat Moulana Atta Ullah Shah Bukhari(R.A) was also a participant and there was a discussion going on about some contents of Book “Taqreer-e-Dilpazeer” by Hujjat-ul-Islam Moulana Qasim Nantavi (R.A) and they were unable to interpret the same, when my father joined the meeting and his opinion was sought about the said contents, he solved the problem in few minutes, and all of them were astonished.

In the whole district of Bahawalnagar, up to fifty years his “Fatwa” and Decision was acknowledged as authentic, and if any Fatwa was presented in any court, judges used to get it confirmed from him.

HONORARY APPOINTMENT AS ASSESSOR.

Before 1970, a person was appointed in court with the judge as Assessor, who used to assess i.e. scrutinize the court’s orders and evidence.

Govt. insisted and appointed my father too as Assessor and he served this purpose for many years, Specially, he used to thoroughly study the murder cases, and in many murder cases, due to his cross examination, number of innocents escaped

from death sentence. Later on, due to excessive fake evidences and fixed contests of the lawyers, he resigned from the said designation.

MY FATHER'S INTUITIVENESS

My father went to Karachi to join the Nikah Ceremony of my younger brother Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhon and stayed at the Guest room of Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi, my younger brother's Nikah was to be held in the final session of Bukhari Sharif. The day, when the final session of Bukhari Sharif was to be held, when my father returned from Fajar prayer to the Guest room, he said to me (author) that Jamia's fellows will ask me to conduct the final lesson of Bukhari Sharif, but I feel it difficult as I am weak in Urdu, whereas the people of Karachi are very well spoken, secondly I am weak and not feeling well, He asked me to support him.

I was surprised as after a few moments my teacher, the administrator of Jamia came to guest room and asked my father to conduct the final lecture of Bukhari Sharif, but he made an excuse which was hardly accepted by his host.

My father was a very quick reader, he used to study huge books of Arabic in very short time and they were memorized. He had a very sharp memory. He fluently repeated the speeches of his teachers, which were delivered 50/60 years earlier, with word-by-word precision.

DREAM INTERPRETATION FACULTY

My father was also blessed with dreams interpretation faculty, this ability is always gifted not learned, my father used to interpret dreams very precisely. In Hadith it has been told that, before interpretation dream is like some thing hanging in the pay of a bird, and it just drops, with interpretation, i.e. it happens just like interpreted. That is why it has been told in Hadith that dram should be told to a friend or a wise person.

Once in my presence, in the old office of the school a person came and narrated a dream of her wife, who saw, that she is pulling a baby out of sand, my father said you wife is infertile, she does not have the ability to conceive a baby, like sand does not have the fertility, even though Allah will bless her with child, in reply that person affirmed that his wife is infertile, and doctors have told her that she can not conceive a baby, then he left. Right after one year, he came in my presence, and brought a packet of sweet, and presented to my father and told that her wife has born a boy. There are uncountable incidents, that happened according to his interpretation, his children have also inherited this faculty from him and my younger brother Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhon write a regular column of interpretation of Dreams in “Akhbar-e-Jehan”.

SPIRITUAL RANK

My father was from the Scholars of Allah, who are not only saints due to very close link with Almighty Allah, but on the other hand they perfectly guide the people to righteous path,

so they possess a very high rank in spirituality. In this regard his spiritual level is evident from a statement of Shaeed-e-Millat, Hazrat Moulana Yousaf Ludhyanvi (R.A), who, while addressing to a Gathering of Condolence, on the next day of his death, he said, Rank of Qutbiyat has been established in Bahawalnager for the last 150 years, and Hazrat Moulana Mufti Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A) was the third Qutab in the locality, Hazrat Ludhyanvi (R.A) used to say, that people level of knowledge and wisdom a bit, but could not realize his spiritual rank, and he used to say, if I had realized the same earlier, I must have spent forty days in his company.

We often heard a hadith from our father that;

The Messenger of Allah (sallaAllahu 'alayhi wasallam) was sitting with a group of the sahabah (R.A) in the masjid and he said "A man will now enter (who is) from the people of Paradise." and a sahabi (R.A) walked in. Later it happened again, and then a third time. 'Abdullah ibn 'Amr ibn al-'aas (R.A) wanted to find out what was so special about this man, so he asked the man if he can stay over his house for 3 days. The man allowed him to stay. 'Abdullah (R.A) noticed that the man didn't do anything out of the ordinary: He didn't fast all the time; he slept some of the night and prayed some of the night, and so on. So after the 3 days, 'Abdullah (R.A) told him the real reason why he requested to stay with him, and he asked him

what it was that could be the reason why he was from the people of Jannah.

The man (R.A) couldn't think of anything, but after a bit he said "Every night, before I go to sleep, I forgive whoever has wronged me. I remove any bad feelings towards anyone from my heart."

My father told that he also scrutinized his heart daily in this regard.

He was also very conscious about the end in belief (death with belief), if any one asked for supplication, he supplicated for end in belief and it is the trade mark of the true and perfect saints, that they always seeks the good ending.

Religious scholars says a common man fears from committing a sin, and the saints fears from becoming a hypocrite as it has been said by Imam Bukhari(R.A) about Sahabas that

كلهم يخاف النفاق على نفسه

“Each one of them was afraid of becoming a hypocrite”

Allah had blessed my father so much that his supplications were realized immediately. Hazrat Moulana Ata-ul-Munam Shah (R.A) admonished his disciple Hafiz Anees-ur-Rehman Hafiz-abadi(bahawalanagar) to request Moulana Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A) for Supplication as his supplications are immediately realized, he said I my self many times asked

him for supplication and observed that his supplication realizes immediately.

His company was so effective, if even a stony hearted man spend some time with him, he used to become tender and kind, if someone met him once, could not forget his personality ever.

Although it was not his routine, but on insistence he used to read Sura Fathia and blew over, which proved quite beneficial, once a person who had a wound / cancer which was not healing and he had tried each and every treatment but in vain, on one Friday in Jamia Mosque Nadir Shah on his insistence he blew over and he got healed in few days.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is the very quality of Prophets and saints and it has been told in the Shumail Termazi, about the Holy Prophet

Muhammad (S.A.AW), that لا يفترون الا من ذواق

Any visitor of prophet never returned until he tasted something, my father also followed this Sunnah very strictly and never let a visitor to leave until served him with Tea, or cold drink or something to eat.

Similarly if any visitor from villages got late in the city they used to stay at our home, or any family who missed the train or bus at Raliway Station or bus stand, people used to guide them to

our home and full arrangements for their boarding and lodging were made by my father.

Many times it happened, some visitor arrived late night at 12' O clock and my father instead of asking any servant or student, ordered me and my elder brother Dr. Muhammad Jamil Ahmad Akhoun, while we were sleeping in our blankets, and he asked us to bring some to eat for the visitor from the Bus Stand, similarly he used to send us to arrange necessities for the visitor, at noon time, in summer in the scorching sun. each and every one who met him, surely got impressed from his hospitality and good manners. By the grace of Almighty Allah, we too are trying to keeping the same standard of hospitality, may Allay be pleased with our efforts. Ameen.

MODESTY AND MEEKNESS

It was the very quality of my father, he was so meek and humble, that if he heard about any achievement of any other scholar he praised it a lot and said “those people were useful, and we are useless”.

He showed great reverence for all the visitors, if the visitor was a scholar he tried to rose in respect, and asked his guests to sit freely and casually, in absence of any kid, he himself used to sever the meal or tea to his guests, he cared a lot for his friends and relatives (in-law) and often went to see them himself on foot or through available conveyance.

DOMINANT PERSONALITY.

He used to impress instead of getting impressed often said too that one should have the capability to impress instead of getting impressed. He used to say, it has been told in the Hadith, that your belief should be like old ladies, i.e. when you got hold of righteous path, then hold it firmly like old ladies, once they make their minds, nothing can change it”

I hereby mention an incident told by my teacher about the dominant personality of Imam Ghazali (R.A) during the lectures of Bukhari Sharif “once Imam Ghazali (R.A) were passing through a Jungle in the night, suddenly there appeared a quite sober personality on a huge chair and addressed Imam Ghazali (R.A) that I am your GOD and I relieve you from prayers, fasting other obligations, Imam Ghazali (R.A) replied you must the that Satan and immediately said

لا حول ولا قوة الا بالله

there was an explosion every thing vanished and the Satan said, “your knowledge saved you” Imam Ghazali (R.A) again replied, you are again trying to distract me, It is my Allah who saved me”

Hazrat Mufti Wali Hassan (R.A) used to say, if he had been a weak person he may have been impressed by the situation and might have considered it true. Being dominant is the quality of very high level. My father too always dominated the circumstances and strictly followed the Sharia.

FRIGHTEN THE SATAN

Once rich and respectable person of the city invited my father in the wedding ceremony of his daughter and requested to solemnize the Nikah (marriage) my father accepted the invitation, it was to be held after Isha, my father asked me (the author) to accompany him. Another teacher of the Jamia Qari Abdul Ghafoor (R.A) was also invited who went to join the ceremony a bit earlier. When we departed from the school for the ceremony we saw that Qari Abdul Ghafoor (R.A) were returning, my father asked why have you returned and he replied that Army band is being played there, my father said are you frightened by the Satan come with me I will frighten the Satan, so my father went there, called for the host and showed his anger about the band, band was immediately stopped, and all the process was carried according to Sunnah. Note: Every one cannot do that except those who have very strong intentions. An ordinary man should avoid such gatherings where prohibited acts are done.

DOMESTIC LIFE

His domestic life was very simple in fact it was rural life style. Although his meal was allowed from the school mess from the very beginning, but after marriage, his meal was prepared at home and often beef or vegetables were cooked in the morning and Daal in the evening.

In year 1987 a student of my father who studied from him in year 1950, came and stayed as guest, Daal was also served

with other dishes, after tasting the same he was surprised and said, every thing has changed in the world but the taste of the daal cooked by our respected mother is the same, I eat it in year 1950 even today it has the same great taste, in reply I (the author) said, our elders did not only held their religion very firmly, but they were very consistent in every aspect of their life. My father always kept any cattle, cow, buffalo etc, and my mother took care of the same. My father very much emphasized on use of Milk, Butter, Yogurt and its products he used them himself and also advised his children to their use, and said these favours of Allah are actually meant for believers, and the believers are entitled for all the blessings of this world and thereafter.

While serving the cattle my mother kept me(the author) with her as helping hand and I assisted my mother in milking, feeding, washing the cattle's and also made fuel cakes of their

I never saw my father and mother quarreling with each other, If my father shows annoyance in any matter, my mother kept herself silent and quiet and never argued, and if my mother got annoyed, my father faced her with smile and used to say to us, your mother is angry today, on hearing this my mother also used to smile. He considered that the differences among the parents are very hazardous and harmful for the children.

خدا رحمت کنند آں پاک طہیبت را

KIND TOWARDS RELATIVES.

It has been told in the Hadith, that if any people want to live long and want to find lot of favours of Almighty Allah, he should be kind and should show sympathy towards his relatives. It has been told in the Hadith, that on the judgment day, kindness towards relatives will appear in physical form before Almighty Allah and will request HIM that

“Keeps the one who kept me and break the one who broke me”

My father was very careful in this regard, although he had no relatives here in Pakistan and those who were alive in the China, he was not in contact with them, but his in laws, (relatives of my mother) were present here and my father very consistently used to look after them and attended them in their happiness and sorrow.

Some times it happened, that a dispute occurred with any of his in-law relative, just one or two days prior to Eid, but on the Eid day, he intended to visit the said relative, and some one mentioned that you were in dispute just one or two days ago, and my father replied his kids will be waiting for me that I will give them “Eidi” (cash gift), on such occasions he followed the

principal “meet the one who avoids” *صل من قطعك*

UPBRINGING OF CHILDREN.

My father followed some rules in upbringing of children.

1) SUPPLICATION AND CONFIDENCE IN ALMIGHTY ALLAH

My father emphasized on supplication a lot and often said, Almighty Allah realizes supplications of a father in favour of his children, and he had full confidence in Almighty Allah about his children, that they shall not be wasted.

And in my opinion (the author's opinion) it is the Principal of those who are close to Allah, as it has been narrated in the Hadith, that Allah says that **انا عند العبد ظني بي** HE treats the one in the same way, as one expects from Allah. That is why it has been told by the great saints that there are to main points for the upbringing of children.

- i) Confidence In Allah.
- ii) Supplication of Parents.

2) CHARACTER SUPERVISION

Secondly, the character of children was kept under strict observation by him, character hazards and avoidance from them was repeatedly advised by him, that's why we avoided even the road that lead to a cinema.

When we were minor, girls and women from the city used to come to our home for learning Quran from my Mother, but when attained the age of maturity, my father stopped this practice of teaching at home, and specified another place for this purpose and appointed a lady teacher. During our school era, he used to randomly check our book, to keep us secure from any indecent books.

3) APTITUDE PREFERENCE

He always preferred the natural aptitude of his children regarding their future and used to say that it has been told in the Hadith, that **كل ميسر لما خلق له** every one will feel at ease in the field for which has been meant, that's why he never insisted to chose a specific field, he just suggested, but if he found the aptitude otherwise, he encouraged the individual with the advise, what ever field you chose but keep your religion. Resultantly, in his children there are Hafiz, Scholar, Mufti, Doctor, and merchant and all of them are religious and pious.

4) HEALTH CARE

He cared a lot for the health of children, he had studied the subject of Medicine in the Dar-UI-Uloom DeoBand, and so he followed the principals in this regard. He used to dig up the mud and fixed the baby to his half of the body, and bay used to play in the mud. He used to say, mud is the mother of man, like a baby plays and grows in the lap of mother, in the same way, baby grows better with the mud, that is why wrestler used to play in the mud.

Heads of all the baby were shaved weekly, respected mother used to massage the head with oil, all the children were given only cow's milk till the maturity. My father said, cow's milk is better for intellect, as the cow is a intelligent cattle opposite to the buffalo which used to stay in the sewerage water. Children were given milk regularly, if any child went asleep, he used to wake him up and milk was given to him.

He advised the children to play between the Asar and Maghrib Prayer, once elder brother Hafiz Siraj Ahmad Akhon's leg was broken while he was playing football, and due to that fear we left playing, when he came to know, he showed his anger and said it happened accidentally, you must continue your daily exercise practice.

5) LOVE AND AFFECTION

Although parents love their children, but he used the love and affection a lot in the upbringing of children. He considered that the kindness is the most important tool in the upbringing of children.

He never punished children with bearing except once when he give two hits with shoe to my elder brother.

On a mischief, he only used to warn the children, and used to say strict behavior make a child stubborn. If a child broke or damaged any pot etc, he used to say he can break the neck of a heretic, in this way he transformed the sorrow into joy. While returning from mosque or from any other city, used to bring some sweets or toys for the children.

6) EDUCATION

He started the education for all of his children at the age of 5 years, so that health may not be effected with the burden of education in beginning he started very lightly only reading and writing and first Norani Qaida. Form the class 2 Quran Education was started, but due to very strict treatment of Qari's (Quran

Teachers) none of us could memorize the Quran except the elder brother Hafiz Siraj Ahmad Akhon. Elder brother completed his education upto level of Dora-e-Hadith in the same institution. All other kids were sent to school where all of them cleared the Matric, then with his advice and supplication, I (the author), Mufi Munir Ahmad Akhoon, Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhon completed their education from Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi. One elder brother Jamil Ahmad Akhoon became Doctor. Other brother Khalil Ahmad Akhoon got his M.A. decree and was appointed as Govt. official. Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon not only memorized the Quran but also completed his education up to Dora-e-Hadith from Jamia Banori Town, Karachi.

ADVICE TO AUTHOR.

I (the author) after passing the Metric in year 1978, with the supplications, attention and by grace of Almighty Allah, went to Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi and spent 8 long years in the center of wisdom and knowledge and got my final decree in year 1986.

My father saw me off on this holy journey with the following advises.

- 1) He advised me to take care of my health a lot, and said; good health is better then good clothing and said a healthy brain understands the Quran and Hadith in a better way than

a ailing one. He said a healthy brain in rugs is a example of moon in the clouds.

- 2) He asked me to work hard on higher subjects like grammar, linguistics, logic and philosophy, as it will help to understand the Quran and Hadith, as one who can digest stones, and easily digest the cereals. Specially he emphasized a lot on importance of Logic and considered it very helpful for solid base of knowledge and wisdom.

I would like to add here that, during my stay at Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi I heard from Hazrat Mufti Mehmood, the leader of Jameeat Ulama-e-Pakistan that a scholar is a trustworthy if he is a master to subjects;

i) Principals of Fiqah, ii) Logic.

- 3) He asked me to remember the ordinary education, which I had got up to metric level. He said that it is very necessary to be educated with the current branches of knowledge for serving our religion.

In compliance of this advice, I (the author) passed the intermediate examination during my stay in Karachi, and after getting my decrees from there, when I came back, I passed the B.A and than M.A. Examination.

Today this education is quite helpful in my practical life and now I have realized the importance of the advice of my father.

A SPECIFIC REASON FOR LEARNING ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

My father emphasized a lot for learning English Language for the reason that this language has capitalized most of the fields of life and it has become necessary to learn this language.

Secondly he mentioned an incident that a school was being run under the management of this institution, which was nationalized in year 1973. In response the administration moved an application to the Education Department for the vacation of building, which were actually the shops of the institution. In reply they sent a letter in English language. As no one knew the English in the institution, so it was given to a teacher of the same school, in that letter, education department in fact had given two options, that if you want to vacate the premises, same will be vacated within 4 months, or otherwise you may receive rent of the premises. In case of vacation the staff may have been adjusted in other schools or may have been transferred to other any other city, so the teacher who was reading the letter, with malafide intention, told only about receiving rent whereas the application had been moved for vacation, but having no other option, it was decided to receive rent so that the institution may get some benefit.

After one year, education department stopped paying rent, again a movement was launched for vacation of the premises, and a delegation went to Bahawalpur and met the authorities, but they placed the said letter in front of them and said why did you not opt to vacate the premises at that time, then it was

realized that said teacher had concealed this fact due to his own malafide intention. My father felt very sorry and aggrieved, that's why too, he emphasized on importance of English learning.

He felt sorry till his last about the shops that had been occupied by the Education Department, and he wanted get them vacated, and used to mention it with deep grief, but the education department neither vacated the premises nor they paid the rent ever.

DAILY ROUTINES OF MY FATHER

STUDYING AND READING

With all his other engagements, my father preferred the teaching and studying his whole life and he considered that studying and teaching is a mean to maintain the knowledge and wisdom and emphasized a lot on it. He never taught without preparation and study of the subject. If any day he missed the preparation and study, he did not taught on that day.

Initially he used to teach 14 books, later on due to old age and weakness he limited himself to four books, which included 1st and 2nd volume of Bukhari Sharif, some times Jalaleen, and some time any volume of Hidayah. In last year of his life he taught Qutbi too for the sake of his younger son Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoun. He used to say, I am blessed and rewarded for teaching 14 books, as it has been mentioned that virtuous

routines that are adopted in health and youth, if they are missed in old age due to weakness and other factors, even than Almighty Allah blesses with the same full reward.

He used to study two kinds of books, firstly the books of syllabus and secondly books out of syllabus which included Abu Dawood Sharif, Muslim Sharif, All four volumes of Hidayah, Ma-arif-ul-Quran Idreesi (R.A) and Ma-arif-ul-Quran by Mufti Muhammad Shafi (R.A) and a lot of other books.

SPIRITUAL ATTACHMENT

My father had spiritually attached with the leading illustrator of Quran in Pakistan and the caliph of Hakeem-ul-Ummat Hazrat Thanvi, i.e. Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi Deobandi (R.A) and sought guidance during his studies in Deo Band, and he himself said that he had followed that path of "Salook" during his studeis.

Then after the partition of India, he used to visit Karachi for the pilgrimage and company of Hazrat Mufti Sahib, his spiritual attachment got quite prominent in his old age, in all his free time he used to study, Maarif-ul-Quran and used to weep bitterly during its study, and said now I have started to understand, when I am running out of time.

He was also intimated by Hazrat Mufti Sahib in the dream for his return to Almighty Allah, you will find the detail in next pages.

RECITATION OF QURAN.

My father loved the Quran a lot, besides all his daily engagements; it was his routine to recite 10 Paras (Sections) i.e. 1/3 of Quran daily. Whenever he found free moments, started reciting Quran, wherever he sit in room, in study or in courtyard, he always kept the Quran near to him, he recited the Quran with full concentration and attention, often he used to weep and cry during recitation, he used to complete the Quran every third day, and at the time of completion he used to call the person at home to attend the supplication, by the Grace of Almighty Allah I found this opportunity a lot of times.

I would like to mention here that, Hazrat Ans Bin Malik (may Allah be pleased with him) the attendant of holy prophet also had the same routine, and it has been told that at that time Almighty Allah accepts supplications.

REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH AND SUPPLICATION.

My father used to supplicate a lot. Almost all the supplications of Quran and Hadith were learned by heart by him. He often said, supplication is a form of remembrance and it is also full of humbleness and modesty. Despite all that he also said “Kalma Tayyaba” One thousand times at time of Tahhjud and generally used to perform remembrance countless and said HIS blessings are countless so HE must be remembered without counting.

NOTE: Remembrance should be performed according to health and capacity.

OUTING AND RECREATION

My father took tea after Fajar prayer in routine some times he used to take tea before Fajar Prayer. Right after Fajar prayer he went to Satluj Park adjacent to the institution and used to take light exercise. He emphasized on exercise a lot and kept his routine of exercise in all circumstances either the weather is hot or cold, windy or stormy he never changed his routine of exercise, if by chance he could not go to the park, he used to exercise in the boundary of school and often used to say that it has been said by Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) “A strong believer is better than a weak one”

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of exercise and morning walk also served the purpose of teaching, guidance and preaching, I (the author) myself many times saw many Judges who were being actually taught “Hidaya” a famous book of Islamic Fiqah, by my father in the park. People still used to remember those sittings.

My father’s routine on 10th Muharram and 12th Rabi-UI-Awwal

On both these days, my father used to arrange for recitation of Quran severally and jointly. On 10th Muharram Quran was recited and its blessings were bestowed for the martyrs of Karbla i.e. Hazrat Imam Hussain and his family members and companions. All the teachers and students recited in the mosque or in Dar-ul-Hadith, Quran.

Similarly, Quran was recited and its blessings were presented to Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W). My father said, the 12th Rabi-ul-Awal is the birthday of Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) and according to another version his birthday is 9th Rabi-ul-Awal, whereas it is unanimously accepted that his date of death is 12th Rabi-ul-Awal, and he said where grief and happiness are accompanied, grief is preferred, so I used to bestow blessings and recite Quran.

HIS ROUTINE IN RAMZAN-UL-MUBARAK

My father used to go to Karachi, to spend Ramzan in company of his sheikh (Spiritual Guide) until his Sheikh was alive. Where

he did not only got the pleasure of company of his Sheikh, but also used to meet the disciples and friends of Hazrat Badar Alam Merthi and other scholars.

After the death of Hazrat Mufti Muhammad Shafi, my father used to stay at home in Ramzan, but fasted regularly and offered Traveeh prayer even in his very old age, at day time he spent most of time in recitation of Quran and studying its tafseer. He used to sleep for some time after Iftar to get fresh for offering Traveeh prayer. He used to get up very early in the night for offering prayers and doing Zikr, and used to eat "Sehri" in the last moments. If any one came to seek knowledge in Ramzan he also attended him. I (the author) myself studied some very important topics of few books from him in Ramzan, which proved very very beneficial from me.

CONTACT WITH HIS HOMELAND.

In the ear of General Zia-ul-Haq, with his kind efforts, Muslims of China got quite some relief and they were allowed for performance of Hajj and to travel for religious education. We tried our best to make a contact with the family of our father and exchanged the information in this regard, with the Hajies coming from the said region, but to no success. One day suddenly, a few months earlier to his death, a letter was received written in Turkish language, which was not even bearing the complete address, only my father's name and Bahawalnagar was written, it was sent by a cousin (Sara

Khatoon) of my father (a sister from father's side), he started weeping bitterly on its receipt as his emotions went out of control, suddenly the whole past emerged in his memories, as this contact between brother and sister had been made after 60 years. My father asked to respond the letter that "it seems difficult to meet in this life, Insha Allah we shell meet in the life thereafter. After a few months my father died and my father's sister also died in China after a few years. My younger brother Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoun visited China during her life, after the death of my father.

After his migration, it was his only contact with his homeland.

Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoun's Journey to Khotan.

After the death of my father in year 1992, we were getting quite emotional to meet and see the our father's sister Mohtarma Sara Khatoon, and younger brother Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoun dared for this long and hard journey, a letter was dispatched to China in this regard and he entered in China in August 1994.

This journey starts in Pakistan from Rawalpindi, Gilgit, Hunza Valley, Tasast Border and after the immigration process journey in china starts which includes Tasast Border to Taj-Furqan, Kashghar, and then to Khotan, and it is a non-stop three days travel on buses.

Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoun told that from Kashghar to Khotan all the area consists of barren mountains, deserts and

sand except a few small villages, whereas the area of Khotan is lush green and the mountains around it are also full of trees and greenery.

RECEPTION OF MUFTI KHALEEQ AHMAD AKHOON.

Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon told that I reached at the bus stand of Khotan in the morning. On the bus stand father's sister her children and other relatives were present in a big number and it was quite intrusting situation, every one was feeling that today Mufti Niaz Muhammad has returned to his homeland, there were tears in each eye. My father's sister were very much in grief and was weeping again and again with the memories of his brother. Then the proceeded in shape of a procession to adjoining locality of Khotan "Tosala eza lai" where many scholars and other respectable of the city came to see him.

HOSPITALITY OF PEOPLE OF KHOTAN.

Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon told that the way of hospitality of people of khotan is very strange and their dinners last for hours. Firstly place setting is made and bread and gravy is served, then tea is taken and there is a session of chitchat. Then again place setting is made and the famous Turkish Dish "Laghman" is served after that there is another session of tea. Then again place setting is made and another famous Turkish Dishes "Shocase & Minto" is served and in the last Bukhari Pulao is served.

It is a habit of people of Khotan that if there is visitor in any home of the village or locality, every one treats him like his own guest and invites him to his house. If the visitor is passing through a street and any family member see him either elder or minor, he shall open his door for the visitor and invite him with their specific style and welcome him, if the visitor enters the home, immediately, place setting is made and whatever present in the house is served for the guest and the guest cannot leave without having dinner. Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon himself experienced it twice. Once he was invited to a dinner, and was going there but in the way an elderly person asked him to come in his house, he as a gesture of goodwill accepted his offer just stay for a while, but when he went in, he served him with fruit and inside his home he slaughtered a sheep and didn't allow him to leave until he had a dinner with him, once again he was invited by a small girl, when he went in she served him with fruit and her mother slaughtered a duck and didn't allowed to leave without having a meal.

USE OF RED PEPPER

People of Khotan do not use the red pepper at all, but it is used and administered by the medics as a herb and ordinary people consider it a poison. Their meals are often pepper less, and simple nutritious food is used, resultantly every one enjoys admirable health there. They use green tea instead of water. Even the old people are so healthy that they used to sit for

hours without any rest or support. Except for very old or ailing people it is considered an ill manner to sit having rest or support to back. When Mufti Khleeq Ahmad Akhoon went there, he find it very difficult to eat those meals without pepper. Then he looked for the red pepper which was hardly found from a medic, when he added it to the meal, other relatives tired to convince him to not to eat it as it is a poison. Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon told them that in Pakistan, this poison is taken thrice a day.

Idolization of people of Khotan with the Haramain Sharifain (Masjid-ul-Haram & Masjid-e-Nabvi)

People of Khotan are very found of visiting and pilgrimage of Haramain Sharifan and have great respect and affection in their heart. Every one has very strong longing for the pilgrimage of Haramain Sharifan once in their life. That are very thankful to General Zia-ul-Haq (late) for his efforts to facilitate the people of china, which proved very fruitful and the Chinese Government allowed the old Muslims to go for pilgrimage (Hajj) and also allowed to offer prayers in the mosques. Mosques are jam-packed in Juma Prayers and the people have to prostrate on back of each other.

SANKE IS A BOON AND MOUSE IS BANE

People of Khotan do not kill snakes and they are often seen wandering in streets and on roads but they really hate Mouse, as it is very harmful for the cultivation fields, Chinese Govt.

eliminated the cats, which resulted in excess of rats, as the snakes eat mouse, so the people consider it a blessing. Cat is very rare to be seen, Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon saw small cat which was worth Rs.2500/-

PROFESSION

In the family of my father, mostly earn their livelihood through cultivation and making carpets.

GRAVE OF MY GRANDFATHER.

The grave yard where the grave of my grandfather Haji Muhammad Sabit Akhoon (R.A) and other family member's graves were located, was demolished by the Chinese Government and buildings were raised over there. Most of the Muslim Grave yards were treated in the same manner.

RELATIONSHIP WITH MOULANA MUHAMMAD YOUSAF LUDHYANVI SHAEED (R.A).

Nearly two and half years before the death of my father, a relationship was established with Hakeem-ul-Asar Shaheed-e-Millat Hazrat Molana Muhammad Yousaf Ludhyanvi Shaheed(R.A)., and daughter of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Sheed was married to my younger brother Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhoon in this way both those saints established a "in-law" relation with each other. It was a charisma of my father's personality that such a famous scholar and saint Hazrat Ludhyanvi (R.A) accepted the proposal from my father who was a very isolated type of saint. After the death of my father, Hazrat Ludhyanvi

married her younger daughter too with my younger brother Mufi Khaleeq Ahmad Akhoon.

HIS LAST JOURNEY TO KARACHI

Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) expressed two conditions for Nikha firstly that Nikah of Mufi Munir Ahmad will take place in the final session of Bukhari Sharif and marriage shall be consummated after two years. Secondly that Hazrat Moluana Mufi Niaz Muhammad must attend the Nikah Ceremony.

It was very difficult for my father to go to Karachi because of very old age and weakness, but on insistence of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed, he went to Karachi by air, Arrangements were made for our stay in Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi, whereas Mufi Munir Ahmad Akhoon was already studying Hadith Syllabus there.

FIRST MEETING OF BOTH SAINTS.

It was settled that Nikhah should be solemnized in the final session of Bukhari Sharif. On the same day after the Fajar Prayer, Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed (R.A) came to see my father, it was very fist meeting of both saints, and both of them were very pleased on this first meeting.

VERY COMPROMISING NATURE OF HAZRAT LUDHYANVI SHEED.

During the course of discussion among other topics, the consummation of marriage was also discussed, my father said, I am very old and getting weaker day by day and I wish that I could see the consummation of marriage in my life, and Hazrat

Ludhyanvi Shaeed (R.A) expressed his consent without any hesitation and said she is your daughter now, you can take her whenever you want, although I do not have proper preparation for marriage, but I prefer your wish, and it was settled that marriage will take place just after the completion of exams of Hadith Syllabus.

SOLEMNIZATION OF NIKAH

A large number of scholars, saints, students and public were gathered in the Jamia Islamia Banori Town, My father was present on stage along with other high-ups of the institution. Hazrat Mufti Ahmad-ur-Rehman (R.A) Administrator of Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi taught the final lesson of Bukhari Sharif and then Nikha was solemnized, prior to solemnization of Nikah, Mufti Sahbi (R.A) presented a brief introduction of my father, who was looking very prominent was every one was impressed by the glomming personality of my father, and every was looking at him with affection, reverence and respect. When my father solemnized the Nikha of Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhoon with the daughter of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed(R.A), every one congratulated Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed that your daughter is very lucky who is going to the home of such a great saint.

Afterwards, Hazrat Ludhyanvi Sheed (R.A) said, all my relatives and friends were asking, where are sending your daughter in Bahawalnager, so I called Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A) to Karachi and has satisfied every one. My father stayed two or

three days more in Karachi and then returned to Bahawalnager. It was the father's last journey to Karachi.

My father wished to meet Arifbillah, Hazrat Moulana AlShah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar (D.B)

I (the author), am spiritually attached (as a disciple) to Hazrat Hakeem Sahib since 1980, and my father and Hakeem Sahib were orally introduced to each other, during that visit to Karachi my father expressed his wish to meet Hazrat Hakeem Sahib, but Hakeem Sahib (D.B) had gone to South Africa, so a meeting could not be arranged between the two.

Then after five years of death of my father, Hazrat Hakeem Sahib (D.B) visited Bahawalnagar and stayed three days at my house and laid the foundation stone of Khanqah Ashrafia Akhtaria Bahawalnagar and said to me that I can feel the effects of glomming and blessed personality of your father, and his religious efforts are evident in Bahawalnagar.

Then my spiritual guide Hazrat Hakeem Sahib (D.B) again visited Bahawalnager in the year 2000 and stayed for three days, and the people were really benefited with his kind visit. (May Allah bless him with best rewards)

FETAL ILLNESS OF MY FATHER.

On Sunday, 29th December 1991, ailment started after Zohar prayer, my father was present in his room which is commonly known as No.1, was discussing some tutorial topic with Molana Abul-Wafa, Afgharni (R.A) one the teacher of the institution,

when suddenly he got a heart attack and he went in subconscious. He was immediately taken to Hospital, I (the author) along with my elder brother Hafiz Siraj Ahmad Akhoon, were attending a religious gathering in the city, we were informed there about his illness, we also immediately reached hospital, after two or three hours his condition got stable, according to ECG (Electrocardiography) report it was a strong heart attack and doctor advised that he should remain in hospital till complete recovery of health. Separate room was arranged for him. Fortunately, my (author's) elder brother Dr. Jamil Sabit Akhoon had already come from Lahore, who also participated in treatment with other doctors, younger brother also reached Bahawalnagar from Karachi along with his family. We all brothers distributed the hours to serve and attend our father 24 hours, our mother used to see him in day hours.

SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL TREATMENT.

Our father addressed Dr. Jamil, Me (the author) and Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhoon, that Dr. Jamil is physical doctor and you (the author) are the spiritual doctor, so you too make your efforts on spiritual level. So Doctor continued physical treatment and we used to blow over him holy sayings.

FOUND OF FORGIVING.

During his the illness my father called one by one all those persons who had made any mischievous acts against him or those who had bad intent against him, or had teased him, he

sent a person to call them and asked I forgive you and you to forgive me, after my death it will not be possible for you to escape from this burden, so I forgive you in my life so that Allah may not punish you, on hearing this all of them felt very sorry and ashamed on their deeds and acts and wept bitterly, and they were stunned on his kindness, they still feel sorry that they didn't recognized the real kind nature and personality of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A).

ADVICE TO HIS CHILDREN

He advised his children to live with unity, love and affection and faith in each other and again and again emphasized that you must follow the religion, it is the absolute success, this world is nothing, be prepared for the life thereafter, and whenever there is a call of Almighty Allah, respond positively as your first and foremost duty. He specially advised to take care of his younger daughter who is nympholept.

ADVICE TO THE AUTHOR

He specially advised me regarding the institution and asked me to take care of some staff members of the institution. He also advised me to conduct the classes of first volume of Bukhari Sharif, and Moulana Muhammad Abdullah should teach 2nd volume. I replied that I do not find myself eligible for this great responsibility, please assign this duty to any one else, but he insisted that I must do it, and hoped that Allah will me it easier for me.

I would like to mention here that, after the death of my father, when I started to teach the first volume of Bukhari Sharif, I used to caught fever with the start of lesson, and it continued for three days, then by the Grace of Almighty Allah and due to supplication of my father, Almighty Allah make it easier for me.

COUNTLESS VISITORS

News of my father illness spread like fire in the jungle, and there were countless visitors who were coming to see him. A Great Number of scholars, saints and people from general public used to visit him from morning till late night. He used to advise them for pious deeds and supplicated for their good end.

ARRIVAL OF HAZRAT LUDHYANVI SHAHEED

On Saturday, January 4th 1992, Hazrat Molana Muhammad Yousaf Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) arrived from Karachi, to see him. He stayed at the institution and on the Sunday morning he went to the hospital to see him. My father was feeling better and his face was glooming with happiness. Both saints talked about for a while, then Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed (R.A) asked him why are you looking so happy? And my father replied that my teacher Hazrat Molana Syed Muhammad Badar Alam Merthi (R.A) took a promise from me that I shall never leave this institution and that my funeral procession must come out from the premises of this school, and I hope that I have kept my promise and I shall not feel sorry to face him on the judgment day, and I think it will be a cause of my salvation, and it pleases

me a lot. Then he said to Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed (R.A) that I spend my whole life according a verse of Sheikh Saadi (R.A), which says;

آسائش دو گیتی تفسیر ایں دو حرف است
بادوستاں مروت بادشمنان مدارا

Comfort of this world and thereafter may be found in these two words “be friendly with friends and be hospitable with foes” i.e. be purely sincere with friends and be positive towards the foes too.

And said I had no family or tribe in the Bahawalnagar, but when I leave, each and every one shall feel this grief. Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) said I shall leave for Karachi in the evening, but my father asked him to stay till the next evening, so Hazrat Ludhyanvi shaheed (R.A) changed his mind. Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) said to my father that By the Grace of Almighty Allah your memory is very strong, I had studied that verse of Sheikh Saadi (R.A) nearly 50/60 years ago, and now today you have refreshed it in my memory.

My father asked Hazrat Ludhynavi (R.A) to take care of his family and children after him and to also to look after the institution, for which he promised and always kept his promise.

جزاؤ اللہ عنا احسن الجزاء

ALMIGHTY ALLAH FULFILLS THE WISHES OF HIS OBEDIENT MEN.

My father often used to say, that I have read in the Bukhari Sharif that Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddique (R.A) wished that “I Want

to die on Monday, because the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa (S.A.W) died on Monday” and Imam Bukhari has mentioned in the chapter **باب موت يوم الاثنين** “death on Monday” Bukhari Sahrif Vol-I, Page 186, Printed Old Kutab Khana. He said after reading it, I too wish to die on Monday and supplicated for the same.

I would like to mention here that it is an open fact that no one can chose the date, day or place of his death, but Hazrat Molana Rumi has said Almighty Allah satisfies the wishes of his obedient men, and same was the case with my father.

CONDITION OF HOPE AND FEAR.

It has been mentioned in the Hadith that

الايمان بين الخوف و الرجاء

“Faith is between the fear and hope”. During the illness my father was an illustration of that hadith, some times with the fear of purity of faith and belief and salvation from sins, he used to weep so bitterly, that it was hard to see him weeping, and some times he looked so hope full that he said if I succeed to keep to my faith pure, greatest sins shall be forgiven by Almighty Allah, and very zealously he talked about the blessings and favours in the Jannah and looked very anxious to meet his LORD, in this condition too he used to weep and said I am not weeping with grief, but with the expression of thanks that Allah has blessed me so much that he gave me the opportunity to server such a

great purpose of service of Religion, whereas I could never ever have thought about being eligible of the same. It is a great favour of My Allah for me.

کام بناتا ہے فضل سے آخر
فضل کا آسرا لگائے ہیں

SUPPLICATION OF MY FATHER DURING THE ILLNESS.

My father used make following supplication of Quran with some addition and asked us to say Ameen.

رَبِّ ادْخُلْنِي مَدْخَلَ صَادِقٍ (فِي الْجَنَّةِ) وَاخْرِجْنِي مَخْرَجَ صَادِقٍ
(عَنِ الدُّنْيَا) وَاَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ سَلْطَانًا نَصِيرًا (الرِّضَاءِ وَ الرَّحْمَةِ)

O' Our Lord, Take us into the jannah with purity of faith, take us from this world with purity of faith and confer upon us thy help (Your blessing and favour).

Then said it is the supplication that was made by the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) when he migrated to Madina from Makkah, and I too make the same supplication as it is also a migration from this world to thereafter.

A CAUSE OF OUR SALVATION.

One day earlier to his death he addressed us all brothers and sisters and said I am going to die with great satisfaction from all of you. All of you have served me a lot you are very much obedient, and am very happy from you.

I hereby submit that, we consider it a cause of our salvation (Insha Allah) as it has been mentioned in the Hadith

رضا الرب في رضا الوالد و سخط الرب في سخط الوالد

Allah shall be pleased with you if your father is pleased with you, and HE shall be annoyed with you if your father is annoyed with you.

ONE WHO SEEKS TO MEET ALMIGHTY, HE SEEKS TO SEE HIM.

Instead of narrating the last moments of my father myself, I prefer to quote here the words narrated by Hakeem-ul-Asar Shaeed-e-Millat Hazrat Molana Muhammad Yousaf Ludhyanvi Shaeed (R.A), which is reproduced hereunder;

Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) has narrated in his book "Shakhsiat & Tassurat" at Page 380, he says, I observed only the last day of his illness. There are some aspects which really impressed me for example, despite great pain he was not looking anxious or uncomfortable, he never cried with pain, injections were continuously injected on his tender body, but he did not show any sign of discomfort, he addressed me and said, although my body is in pain, but internally I am a satisfied heart, and the satisfaction in the last moments of life is a sign of those who are very close to Almighty Allah, May Allah bless every muslim with the same (Ameen)

Secondly that it has been told in the Hadith that

من احب لقاء الله احب الله لقاءه

"One who seeks to meet his Lord Almighty Allah, HE to seeks to meet him" We always studied and taught this hadith but Hazrat

Khotni (R.A) was a living example of the said hadith. He had wished since long to die on Monday, one Sunday (January 5th 1992) he was again and again asked when should Monday start. When the sunset he was told that Monday has started. He ordered to move his bed so as to face it towards Qiblad and he started waiting for the angel of death and said from which direction shall he comes, from the sky or from the front door? I (Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed) went to see him after maghrib prayer and stayed there till Isha prayer. At the time of Isha he said to me since long I have wished to die on Monday, the day the holy prophet died, then with light simile he said, if this Monday is not the day, there are many Mondays to come and said you may go now and rest. I followed his advice, but he spent the whole night anxiously waiting for the angel, meanwhile he snoozed a bit and when he felt better he said it felt that some one said in my ear

حتى مطلع الفجر

And I think it will happen at the time of Fajar and he again and again asked how much time in Fajar is left. When the night was over and the day began, it was felt that this Monday is not his day and his Son Molana Jalil Ahmad Akhon (author) said now the sun has risen and it may not be this Monday, on hearing this he felt really aggrieved and said don't worry, I shall not let the evening fall and from that moment his condition began to change rapidly and finally at time of Chasht prayer, i.e. at 11:25

AM he breathed his last. **انا لله وانا اليه راجعون** (He was so anxious to meet his LORD that moments of wait were almost unbearable for him)

I would like to mention here that, in his last moments, when his eyes were looking straight above, he was very much conscious and said I can clearly see the world thereafter and he asked us to recite Sura Yaseen, and breathed his last while saying Kalma Sharif, and he looked so comfortable as it has been described in the Hadith that when a pot of water is turned upside down, even the last drop of water flows out very easily.

Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed (R.A) says, Hazrat Khotni's heart was so strong that he was in contact with the world and thereafter at the same time, whereas often people get unconscious at that time. My father remained ill for eight days and breathed his last

on Monday, January 6th 1992. **انا لله وانا اليه راجعون**

WILL FOR THIS FUNERAL AND BURIAL

During the illness he made a will about his funeral prayer (Namaz-e- Janaz) and said if any saint is available he should lead the prayer (will was made before the arrival of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed(R.A) otherwise Molana Jalil Ahmad Akhoun should lead the prayer. In my (author's) opinion it was also a foresight of my father. For his burial he had made a will the he should be buried in the graveyard of Dinpur Sharif commonly known as Jatto Wala, during his illness he repeated

it and said I should be buried in Basti Din pura the adjacent locality of Bahawalnagar, where Qutab-e-Alam Hazrat Aqdas Molana Allah Bakhsh Bahawalnagari (R.A) are burred, with the permission of supervisor of the graveyard and strictly abandoned to burry him in the premises of institution and said this place is not bestowed or specified for the graveyard, also said the institutions where their founders are buried, it has become a cause of dispute. Our mother said, it will be difficult for the children to go there, and he replied that it is not necessary to go to grave, they may pray and supplicate from here.

After the death of my father, for permission of burial and for locating the place of grave, Hazrat Molana Muhammad Yousaf Ludhyanvi Shaheed and my elder brother Hafiz Siraj Ahmad Akhon went to the graveyard, where they saw that the supervisor of the graveyard, the grandson of Hazrat Qutab-ul-Aalm Bahawalnagari and student of my father Hazrat Molana Ilyas were already standing there and were waiting. Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed addressed him and said were are bringing a new gust in your graveyard and we need a place for the grave, he said I have already located the place for the grave and I was waiting for you, because I have dreamt about it.

خدا رحمت کند ایس پاک طینت را

THE DREAM OF MOLANA ILYAS.

Molana Ilyas said, last night I saw a dream that the funeral procession of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A) has arrived in the graveyard, his body is glooming and body is very fresh and tender I feel he is alive, and I am wondering that if he is alive, why he has been brought for burial, meanwhile, I saw in my front, The Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W) are coming with all the grace and respect and says, we have come to welcome our men and to burry him” and I got up. In the morning I went to the graveyard and chose the best place where on one side there is grave of Hazrat Bahawalnagri (R.A) and in between graves of a scholars, and Huffaz-e-Quran and reciters and on the other side place was located for the grave of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A). And after a short time I received the news of death of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A) and I was waiting for you. Then the grave was prepared there.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL

It was the will and wish of my father that his funeral should be performed at the earliest. Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) also said, as he wished to die on Monday, so the funeral should also be performed before the sun sat. His body was brought to home from the hospital. After Zohar prayer, body was performed. When his body was brought for final wash, it was so tender and soft that all the clothes were easily removed even the under garment (under the shirt) was taken off without any

difficulty, it is kept by elder brother Dr. Jamil Ahmad Akhon as kind and holy sign.

Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) says that, those who are close to the Almighty Allah, their bodies remain fresh even after death, and Hazrat Khotni is also one of them. May Allah bless us also with the same, as a favour for the sake of those who are loved by HIM, nothing is impossible for our such a KIND LORD.

Hazrat Ludhyanvi Sheed personally participated in the funeral and burial formalities. After Asar prayer, funeral prayer was offered in the ground of Eidgah. Neither any was awaited nor any time was given for peoples to gather, but there was an immense gathering. Bahawalnager has never witnessed such a huge funeral prayer. Peoples from all walks of life were present there. There was a endless quae of peoples for pilgrimage of his face. His face was glooming like Sun; there were tears in each and every eye. Long handles were attached with his deathbed, so that maximum people can get the pride of shouldering his deathbed. Even then a lot of people were deprived off. Funeral procession marched on foot. Although it was an immense gathering and was marching on foot and it was 3 Kilometer but it was reached so quickly that every one was astonished it was felt like earth has condensed.

Hazrat Ludhyanvi Sheed (R.A) said, I have the feeling that all those who attended the funeral procession of Hazrat Khotni, all of them shall enjoy salvation. Burial was completed just few

minutes earlier to Maghrib Prayer. Finally the saint, who was born in the China, became a part of the soil of Bahawalnagar.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون (May Allah favour him with countless blessings)

OBSERVATION OF MOULANA ILYAS

The supervisor of the graveyard, grandson of Qutab-ul-Alam Bahawalnagari Moulana Ilyas told that he observed the emission glooming green light from the grave of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A), which was heading to the Sky, and it continued till the dawn.

GATHERING FOR CONDOLENCE

Next day to his death i.e. on Tuesday, 7th January 1992 after Fajar prayer, there was gathering in the Mosque of institution, Jamia Mosque Umar, gathering was held for condolence and Scholars, students, and other people attended the gathering in great numbers. Recitation of Quran was held for blessings on his soul, then Hakeem-ul-Asar Hazrat Moulana Yousaf Ludhyanvi Shaheed (R.A) addressed the gathering and said Hazrat Moulana Niaz Muhammad was the Qutab of the this region and after Qutab-ul-Alam, Hazrat Bahawalnagari (R.A), this status of Qutab was held by Hazrat Khotni (R.A).

He was not only a migrant for the sake of Almighty Allah, but he was a learned and trustworthy religious scholar. His kind and

pious children, students and this institution are the source of continues benefit for him and for the locality. I have a lot of hopes from Almighty Allah for him, and I feel that all those who attended the funeral procession of Hazrat Khotni (R.A), all of them shall enjoy salvation, and the Allah's blessing for his kind personality and soul shall also be beneficial for us. Then Hazrat Ludhyanvi Sheed made supplication.

HIS KIND AGE

He found 85 years of age as per A.D. calendar and 87 years as per Hijri calendar.

AFTER HIM

My father was a very virtuous personality who was a constant source of blessings not only for his family but also for the whole vicinity and he was very beneficial with his spirituality and effective supplications for each and every one of the localities. Not only his friends but others too sought his supplications and advice, in their problems at any level and his presence was felt like a kind shelter for the whole locality under this kind shelter the area was enjoying the exemplary peace, order and unity, that's why the grief of his departure (death) was very deeply felt, hearts were caught by sadness. Although he was not very commonly seen for some long time, and hardly used to come to institution, but even then after his departure, institution was looking lifeless, tedious and dull. Some one has truly said "death of father is like someone has lost the shelter"

Someone came to a saint and sought for some lesson, the saint asked is your father alive? He replied no, he has died. Then the said saint said if you have not learned even on the death of your father, what lesson can I teach you.

SOME VIRTUOUS INTIMATIONS (HINTS)

After the death of my father many peoples, saw him in their dreams, family members, students, friends, and others saw him in dreams and always saw him very good condition, and one thing that is common, every one saw him in white dress and white cap.

To saw some dead one in dream in white is a hint that he had achieved salvation and Jannah (heaven). As it has been told in Hadith that The holy Prophet (S.A.W) saw Warqa Bin Nofal in white dress after his death, and the Holy prophet (S.A.W) announced that he is a heavenly soul.

A DREAM OF MUFTI KHALEEQ AHMAD AKHOON

After some time of death of my father, younger brother Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhon saw in dream that father is sitting at some place, Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad remembers that he has died, so he asks how are you? He replies I am very well placed, and then he asked what happened to you? He replied that after death I was presented in the Durbar of Almighty Allah and I was asked what have you brought? I replied, I have brought my teachers, then it was ordered to present my teachers and Almighty Allah asked them about me, and all of them

presented positive opinion about me, the Kind LORD ordered me to accompany them in Jannah.

I would like to mention here that, Allama Qurtabi has wrote in his book, that after death, the angels take the soul to the skies, often they are returned from different levels of sky, hardly any one reaches in the Durbar of Allah, the one who reaches there never fails.

THE DREAM OF MUFTI MUNIR AHMAD AKHOON

My younger brother Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhon saw my father is sitting in a very beautiful place and with him there is a saint with very gloomy face. My father introduced me to him that he is my son who gave his kind attention to me, and then Mufti Munir Ahmad asked him to introduce that saint. In reply father told that he is a Prophet of Bani Israeel and the Almighty Allah has placed me with him in Barzakh.

HEIRS

In his heirs he left a widow, six sons and three daughters, their short brief is provided hereunder;

RESPECTED MOTHER (MAY ALLAH BLESS AND FAVOR HER)

I (the author) humbly submit here that my respected mother who was commonly addressed in the institution with the name of "Amman Jee" and "Bibi Jee". She was the youngest daughter of Hazrat Qari Abul-Hassan Saharanpuri (R.A) and belonged to Hashmi family. My grandfather (R.A) was a special servant of Qutab-ul-Aqtab Hazrat Moulana Shah Abdul

Raheem Raipuri (R.A) and on his order he had gone to Manchanabad to serve the Quran.

When my father was order by his teachers to stay in Bahawalnagar and he was assigned the responsibilities of the institution, he all alone and was an outsider in the locality, he had no family or tribe, my grandfather accepted him as his son-in-law just on the basis of his knowledge, wisdom, Godliness and piousness.

My respected mother in her manners was a reflection of my grandfather Hazrat Qari Sahib. The home, in which she had reached after marriage, had nothing except the name of Almighty Allah, but she accepted the same with open heart and mind, and lived with endless patience, amenableness, contentedness, eremitism, consistency, courage, and never made any complaint. She brought up us in such a wonderful and kind manner, which is very hard to found in mothers. For our health care, she kept two animals for the purpose of milk, and she herself took care of them. She always provided us with milk, yogurt and butter. She massaged all of us. She cared us a lot either in summer or in winter. With love and affection she also had a very strict supervision. To save us from bad intended sights, she hardly praised us in front of others.

My father always acknowledged her pious and serving nature and used to say to us that your mother heavenly one, you must appreciate her, she is very serving. I was all alone migrant and

a traveler here, this woman has provided me the support of whole family and tribe.

My mother was very pious, virtuous and was a symbol of humbleness and modesty. She used to serve every one without differentiating. She never got served. She always wished to die with an active and vigilant body, she always feared indigence. She always supplicated to Almighty Allah that "Please give me strength enough to always serve my mother and my husband and she left no stone unturned to serve, her service can not even be imagined in this age. She used to weep and cry after the death of her mother and husband that to whom I serve, and that both of them are enjoying the favours of heaven and have forgotten me, No one knew that she, who served shall also join them whom she served, within in a year. Kindness, Goodwill, sharing the grieves and sorrows of every one, helping the needy and poor, hospitality, and special kind attention towards the poor religious students, were the prominent features and qualities of my respected mother.

She used to call on the young students of Hifz Level, at home and served them the breakfast, if they had no accommodation in the hostel, she used to arrange accommodation for them at home. Students used to give her, their torn cloths for sewing, if any student got ill, he used to ask her to prepare dietetic meal for him, and she used to make the same, if any student had a visitor he used to take tea and other servings from her, students

frequently took sugar and pickle etc from her. She was always very very helpful for the needy and poor and it was her most prominent and dominant quality. She was very helpful to my father in the growth and development of the school as my father was not very well aware of the native language. Mother of my mother got severely ill and got paralyzed and she was continuously on bed for two and half years, she was unable to even go to urinate etc. my mother server her mother a great deal and her dedication and passion for serving her mother can't be depicted or illustrated by any words in the dictionary and we never ever either heard any word of complaint nor saw any expression of pain. If her children ever asked her to have a rest, she replied, the woman, who is being served by me, your grandmother, but she is my mother, if you do care for the comfort of your mother, why should I not care for the comfort of my mother, some times she spent whole night sleepless.

She was very simple, innocent and open-heart type of personality. Cleverness, which often found in the women, had no concern with her. Thoughts of revenge and grudge were far far away even from her imagination. If any foe of her even passed a smile, she used to immediately forget all previous contentions, teasing and pains and behaved and treated the one like same is her best friend, due to her extreme innocence she faced some troubles too, but the fact is that as per Hadith

المؤمن غر كريم "a believer is incen and tender" and she was the

perfect living example of this hadith. May Allah shower him with blessings on account of pains suffered in this world.

Two weeks earlier to her death, she had gone to Karachi to visit my younger brother Muffi Munir Ahmad Akhon. At time of Isha in night a peanuts seller came to sell peanuts, brother went out and bought some peanuts from him. Next day as routine he came again, my mother said, poor peanut seller is calling, buy some peanuts from him, my brother replied, today I have brought some fruit to eat, my mother said he has come to sell peanuts just for us, because we had bought peanuts yesterday, and he is hopeful today, if we do not buy, his visit will go in vain, my brother said, dear mother they come and pass by daily, on hearing this my mother got bit annoyed and with some anger said do not prefer only your own benefit, but care for the others too. Just consider, he is roaming in the streets at this hour of night, peanuts may have not been sold, that's why he is roaming, and his wife and children may have been waiting for him go and buy some peanuts so that he may earn some thing. Subhan Allah (All the Grace and Dignity for Almighty Allah), what a precious lesson she delivered with so much simplicity. She had an eye, which could see needs of others beyond the personal interests. This incident is purely an expression of her very kind and sympathetic nature. In this way peanut was daily bought till her stay in Karachi. If all the mothers bring up their

children in this manner, society shall become a piece of heaven and peace and harmony of life shall be restored.

Once she went to a house, where Television was on, when my saw, she immediately observed her Pardah, she was told that people being viewed on the screen can't see us, she replied how could it happen. Look at them; they are seeing us with their wide-open eyes.

What a rare example of simplicity in this fast and modern society, which itself demand that such gadgets and appliances which promote the sin and vulgarity, should be remained in dark, May Allah absolutely eliminate such things from the society.

Thousands of women of the city learned Quran Sharif from her, She was very found of recitation of Quran, even at the time of her death she was reciting Quran. Azan of Isha had been called, she felt pain in her heart, she asked that she may be helped to complete her Isha Prayer, and said "perhaps it is my last prayer" others women in the house suggested that you may rest a bit, there is a lot of time for Isha prayer, but she her self faced her towards Qibla while sitting on the bed and started prayer. Other women in the house felt the severity of her pain and laid her on bed. She said my time has come, she beg a pardon for all acts and deeds, and said If any one is aggrieved by any act of mine, please forgive me. Then she closed her hands over each other and saw towards the sky and said make

my eternal life better, make my eternal life better and she sad the Kalma Sharif thrice, and hiccough was started to her. My brother Khaleel Ahmad Akhon rushed to bring the Doctor, but she has passed away before he arrived back. My mother died on 9th Jamadi-ul-Awal 1414 Hijri, i.e. 5th December 1992 on Sunday night at 8:00 O' clock, right 11 months after the death of my father. My mother died in the Sunnah Age (her year of birth is 1929) انا لله وانا اليه راجعون

According to her wish, and with the kind permission of Hazrat Molana Muhammad Yahya, respected caliph of Hazrat Shah Abdul-Qadir Raipuri, she was buried in the graveyard of Dinpur Sharif towards the feet of my father. Funeral prayer was lead by me(the author). Her only sister alive lives in Jono village District Saharanpur who is the daughter in law of Late Hazrat Qari Ikram-ul-Haq who was the caliph of Hazrat Shah Abdul-Raheem Raipuri.

HAFIZ SIRAJ AHMAD AKHOON.

Hafiz Siraj Ahmad is eldest in all brothers and sisters. Earlier to him a brother Riaz Ahmad was born, who died at the age of two. Brother Hafiz Siraj completed the mormorization of Quran and education upto Dora-Hadith level, in the same institution. (Jamial –UI-Uloom Eidhtgah, Bahawalnagar). Then he adopted the field of business but along with business he also helped the father in the administration of the institution. He also completed the formal education upto class sixth. He has been shouldering

the responsibilities of key positions of Jamiat Ulam-e-Islam (f) at district level. Some of his children have memorized the Quran and others are scholars.

RESPECTED ELDER SISTER

After Brother Hafiz Siraj, at second position is our elder sister, who was named Mehr-un-Nisa by our father, inspired by the name of his sister. She was given the religious education. When she was matured for marriage, her hand was sought by many famous and rich families, but my father refused them all and he called one of his student Qari Meer Muhammad who belonged to Chitral Buedy, and had graduated from this institution and had learned the art of recitation from Qari Abdul Malik of Lahore and was performing his responsibilities as speaker and prayer leader in a mosque of Lahore. My father called him and with his consent and approval married our sister to him. He was appointed as Library Manager in the school and addition duty of Arabic Teacher was also assigned to him, in the middle school supervised by the institution. When that school was nationalized, he was also appointed as Government School teacher, and he died in the said service. All the children of my sister are highly educated.

DR. JAMIL SABIT AKHON.

Dr. Jamil Ahmad Akhon is at No. 3. My father where he memorized 17 Paras but later on due to too much strictness of Hifz Teachers, he denied to continue further earlier sent him to

Hifz class. Then my father admitted him in the school. Where he passed his matriculation examination and went to F.C. College Lahore, where he passed the F.Sc. Exam with distinction and got admission in the Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, Bahawalpur, and completed his M.B.B.S and then he further studied different courses in Medical Field, even with so much material success, he is not left behind on religious level, but he is very religious person with strict following of Sunnah and is also disciple of Qutab-e-Lahore Hazrat Molana Syed Anwar Hussan Nafees Shah (R.A) and Hazrat Shah Sahib (R.A) has also allowed caliph hood to him. One of his son is memorizing the Quran, others are having the formal education.

JALIL AHAMD AKHOON (THE AUTHOR)

In children of Hazrat Niaz Muhammad Khotni (R.A), the author is at number four. In 1978 I passed matriculation examination with science in first division. Then I was admitted in Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karahi, where, by the grace of Almighty Allah, I studied eight years and graduated along with this in year 1986 I also passed intermediate examination from Karachi Board. It was the peak time of Jamia Islamia Banori Town, and each and every teacher of the jamia was the master of his field and was also at very high spiritual level and by the Grace of Almighty Allah I was really very very much benefited by their guidance and teaching. Along with this in year 1980, I also got spiritually attached with my holy, respected, spiritual guide, his

excellence Hazrat Molana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar (D.B).

In year 1987, in the very beginning, my father assigned the duty to teach 10 books along with the management of the institution. I always gave my best to keep the confidence of my father. In the last year of age my father spent most of his time in prayers and Zikr, and he used to say to my mother that “Jalil is my heart” along with these responsibilities, with the kind supplications and attention of my father, I also got My graduation and Post graduation Degrees in First Division from Isalamai University Bahawalpur. In May 1991, the board of management of the institution assigned me the responsibility of administration and in January 1992, my father ordered me to accept the responsibility of Sheikh-ul-Hadith (Master of Hadith) when he was admit in hospotal due to death . Along with all of this, in year 1996, my respected spiritual guide Hazrat Moulana Alshah Hakeem Muhammad Akhter Sahib (D.B) also assigned me the responsibility of further spiritual guidance. May Allah enable me to fulfill the expectations of all of my elders and to give me enough strength to shoulder all these responsibilities in a fine manner (Ameen)

Although I was got married in the year 1987, but Almighty Allah blessed me with the children in the year 1998 and I have been gifted with a Son Muhammad Talha Niaz and a daughter Durda Jalil, whom are now studying. I supplicate to my LORD, May

Allah make them Hafiz, Qari, Scholar, and HIS obedient men and may bless them with all the favours of this world and thereafter.

My father gave special attention on my training at practical level. He never let me to even wear a colored cap, and never let me to go out of the school without white Turban (Imama). He also help me to learn and taught about the psychology of the people and trained me how to guide people. He guided me at each and every step of teaching and administration of the institution and with his kind attentions Almighty Allah made all these difficult tasks easier for me.

If, ever I went on a religious or preaching journey, he was always worried about me, and he had bounded me that whenever I return in the night, I must inform him with my arrival even if he is sleeping, I had to awaken him, as his tension was released with it.

May Allah Shower his grave with HIS blessings.

KHALIL AHMAD AKHOON.

My brother Khalil Ahmad Akhon is at No.5, He passed his matriculation and then he also got admission in Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi, he was class fellow of the president of Jaish-e-Muhammad Molana Masood Azhar, but he did not found the atmosphere of the Karachi favorable for his health and he got ill and could not continue his religious education. However, he got his postgraduate degree (M.A.) and entered in

to Government Service. Along with his service he has been teaching English to the students of the institution and used to represent the institutions at different forums. He also is a strict follower of Sharia. His children are studying one of them has memorized the Quran; one of his son is nympholept and is a cause of blessings.

MUFTI MUNIR AHMAD AKHON

My brother Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhon is the elder son-in-law of Hakeem-ul-Asar, Hazrat Molana Muhammad Yousaf Ludhyanvi Shaheed, details of his marriage even has already been provided by earlier. He is at No.6 in brothers and sisters. When he passed his matriculation examination, I (the author) took him to the Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi, where he studied up to fourth level. Then due to ailing health, he returned to Bahawalnagar. He spent two years and studied "Tozeeh-e-Talveeh" from me (the author) Then he got admission in Jamia Imdadia Faisalabad, for studying Mishkawat Sharif, then again went to Karachi to complete his hadith education, at completion of Hadith education he was married. Then he got specialization in Fiqah, and got its Degree. After Specialization in Fiqah, he started serving in Jamia Tayyiba Mosque D-Block, Nazimabad Karachi as Speaker and prayer leader along with this he also taught at Jamia Banoria Site Karachi. Then he left Jamia Banoria and started conducting lectures for

Specialization of Fiqah in the office of “Khatam-e-Nabowat” Purani Numaish, Karachi. Then he left the service at Jamia Mosque Tayyiba also and founded an institution namely Jamia Zakriya Yousifia which is adjacent to the mosque of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed and started the initial level of Nizami Syllabus.

After the Martyrdom of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed, he migrated to New York America and started serving in the Islamic center as Mufti and administrator and by the Grace of Almighty Allah still serving the religion there very well. He was also allowed the caliph hood by Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaeed, and in his supervision he started the work of spiritual guidance. After the martyrdom of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed he sought the guidance of Hazrat Molana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar who also allowed him for further spiritual guidance. Now a day he is in New York where he is serving the purpose of spiritual guidance along with teaching and preaching of Islam. Moreover he is also serving the religion through electronic media through his website;

www.kitabummunir.com

Whereas he also writes a column in weekly Akhbar-e-Jehan for interpretation of dreams. May Allah be pleased with efforts. His children are also in New York, where they are getting both formal and religious education.

MUFTI KHALEEQ AHMAD AKHOON.

Mufti Khaleeq Ahmad Akhon is at No.7. He is younger son-in-law of Hazrat Ludhyanvi Shaheed. When he passed the middle examination, I (the author) took him to Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi, where he completed the Quran Sharif with "Gardan" in four years, and he was certified by Imam Al-haramain-Al-Sharifain Sheikh Abdullah Ibn-e-Subal, and supplicated for him. He also returned to Bahawalnagar after my (author's) return and started the Nizami Syllabus and studied most of books from father and me (the author). He studied for some time in Jamia Imdadia, Faisalabad. Then completed the Hadith Studies from Jamia Islamia Banori Town, Karachi and got Specialization in Fiqah from Mufti Habib Ullah Khairpuri from his institution at Sarafa Bazar Karachi. Then he returned to Bahawalnagar and started teaching at Jamia Islamia Eidgah and started conducting the lectures for Specialization in Fiqah. Now days he is serving as the head of Fatwa Department and also teaching some portions of Hadith Syllabus. He is also allowed for spiritual guidance from Hazrat Syed Anwar Hussain Nafees Shah and from Mufti Munir Ahmad Akhon, he used to go for long journeys in the country and abroad. His children are studying.

NYMPHOLEPT SISTER.

Sister at No. 8 is nympholept, who is commonly addressed as "Baji Ayesha" my father and mother both gave special care and attention to her and made special will for taking care for

her. She is a source of blessings and favours of Alalh not only for us but also for the whole locality, we reckon here very close to Allah, and her supplications found quick positive response.

YOUNGEST SISTER.

Youngest Sister is Fazila Fatima. Who was sent to Madarsa Taleem-un-Nisa Gojra after her formal education upto matric level, who completed the two years course of “Fazila” after her return she also learned the art of Recitation of Quran. Now days she is serving the branch of Jamia-ul-Uloom, named as Madarsa Ayesha Lilbanat Mohallah Telian Wala Bahawalnagar. Keeping in view the principle of our father, we married her to a migrant religious scholar Molana Abdul Salam Baig, who, by caste, belong to the tribe of our father. He is graduate from Jamia-ul-Uloom Banroi Town, Karachi and is teaching in the Jamia-ul-Uloom Bahawalnagar, up to the Hadith Syllabus. Youngest sister also has children whom are studying.

