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(Surat Fussilat: 46)*

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مَنْ رَزَقَهُ اللَّهُ وَلايَةَ عَلِيٍّ ابْنِ أَبِيطَالِبٍ صَعٍ فَقَدْ أَصَابَ
خَيْرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَلَا أَشْكُ لَهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ، وَإِنَّ فِي حُبِّ
عَلِيٍّ وَوَلَاتِهِ عِشْرِينَ خَصْلَةً، عَشْرَةٌ مِنْهَا فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَعَشْرَةٌ فِي الْآخِرَةِ*

(Rasulullah SAW)

He who is given the sustenance/bounty (rizq - rozi) of the valaayat of Ali has attained the goodness of this world and the Hereafter, and I do not doubt that he will enter jannat. In Ali's love and valaayat are twenty virtues: 10 in this world (dunya) and 10 in the Hereafter (aakherat).

SYEDNA TUS DOA MESSAGE: Beirut, Paris & Kenya Attacks

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin strongly condemns the attacks on innocent lives in Beirut, Paris, and Kenya during this sad week of November. Syedna prays for all those who have lost friends and relatives and for those who have been injured. Syedna prays for the safety and wellbeing of all people who are the victims of conflict in all parts of the world. Syedna hopes and prays for the prevalence of justice and peace.



NEWS & EVENTS:
Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed ^{QAR} (Galiakot) - Poconos

SIJILL ARTICLE: Ten Virtues of a Mumin – (3) Piety & Scrupulosity (wara')

Having been blessed with the greatest virtue, the *valaayat* of Amirul Mumineen SA, it is incumbent on us to be worthy of such a great blessing that ensures our salvation. Rasulullah SA has said that "he who is given the gift (*rizq, rozi*) of the *valaayat* of Ali has attained the goodness of this world and the Hereafter, and I do not doubt that he will enter *jannat*. In Ali's love and *valaayat* are twenty virtues: 10 in

10 Virtues of a Mumin



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this world (*dunya*) and 10 in the Hereafter (*aakherat*)." The first of the virtues in this world is *zuhd* (renouncing materialism – lit. asceticism – see [Sijill Article 90](#)). The second of the virtues in this world is desire (lit. greed) to seek knowledge (see [Sijill Article 91](#)). During Ashara this year, Syedna TUS narrated this Hadith and explained the many facets of this Hadith and the individual virtues. Syedna introduced the Hadith saying that this is a *bishaarat* for the Shi'a of Amirul Mumineen SA. He added that in one sense, those with true *valaayat* would necessarily have these virtues. If for some reason one with *valaayat* does not possess these virtues, then upon hearing this bayaan he/she should make a firm commitment to acquire them. The third virtue is piety and scrupulosity (*al-wara' fi al-din*). *Wara'* refers to the virtue of being scrupulous (*parezgaar*) and pious (*deendar*). Syedna stressed that *wara'* entails bringing into action that which one has committed to in Misaaq - only making a commitment, without acting upon it, is not enough. Amirul Mumineen SA has said "If you have knowledge, you must act upon it" (*man 'alima 'amil*). This concept Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA has beautifully expressed in his Nasihat "*ilm na saathe laazim 'amal che*." Syedna al-Mu'ayyad al-Shirazi's advice is to live life in such a way that every breath becomes a step up on the staircase to the Hereafter (*aakherat*). Syedna al-Mu'ayyad continues that it is not easy to climb these stairs, just as it is not easy to earn a living in this world. Just as it is necessary to *work for a living* in this world, it is necessary to *work for aakherat*. It is not sufficient to simply say "I am a Mumin" without demonstrating it through one's actions. It is each mumin's responsibility to fulfill their commitments. Just as there

are conditions and efforts required to develop a successful and profitable business, that are conditions and efforts required to be successful in the pursuit of *aakherat*. As the Qur'an Majeed asserts "Whoever acts righteously (does good deeds) – he does so for the good of his [own] soul" (Surat Fussilat: 46). The guarantee of salvation is assumed by the Imam, and in his seclusion by his Dai, but each mumin will carry the weight of his own deeds. Ranks and *darajaat* in *Jannat* are according to one's own deeds. The reward for good deeds is indeed great. Imam AS has said "Help us [to save you] by performing pious actions (*wara'*) and good deeds (*ijtihaad*)". Imam AS wishes to elevate us with him to *Jannat* and seeks our support and help in this endeavor. In all places in this world where admission is considered a "privilege" there are always conditions for entry. The condition for entry to *Jannat*, *aakherat*, is piety and purity. Syedna Qutbuddin said that in the days of Imam Husain (during Ashara Mubarak), we must especially commit to piety and purity. We must recompense for the time that has passed by acting and reforming our actions in the time that remains. This does not mean that we must live a life of anguish and pain. On the contrary. Amirul Mumineen SA has said describing pious men: "In this world, they reside in the most splendid of residences and consume the finest of delicacies.", but their *'amal* and action should also always be for *aakherat*. Syedna asserted: "let a day not go by without namaaz, without reciting the Qur'an and without remembering Allah Ta'ala." Syedna explained that it is the responsibility of each parent to ensure that their children are familiar with their obligations as mumin, with the environment of the masjid and with our culture, manners and *adab*. Syedna

added, "raise your children in this way, it is your (i.e. the parents') responsibility. You will feel Allah's divine grace here in this world and the reward in the Hereafter is exponential also."

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the *tawfeeq* and wisdom to follow the path of our *awliya'* in knowledge and action. May we be pious and pure. These are the virtues that make us good humans and these are the virtues that prepare us for *aakehrat*. May Allah Ta'ala grant longest life to Aqamola TUS in full health and *aafiyat* to continue to spread wisdom and guidance.

NEWS & EVENTS: Syedi Fakhruddin

Shaheed^{QR} (Galiakot) - Poconos

Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS delivered a powerful 2-hour bayaan on the occasion of Urus Mubarak of Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed Maula QR, on 27th Muharram ul haram, Sunday 8 November 2015, in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania (USA-East Coast). The following paragraphs describe the event and quote, paraphrase and summarize some of the salient points of the bayaan.



In the morning, Shz Dr. Abdeali Bhaisaheb recited the text of the Ahdul Awliya (Misaaq). Aqamola TUS led imamat for zohor-asar namaaz, and took safaqat of new misaaq-givers and all mumineen present. In the afternoon, Aqamola tus arrived for Urus majlis of Syedi Fakhruddin

Shaheed. The majlis began with Khatmul Quran and doa of Sadaqallah.



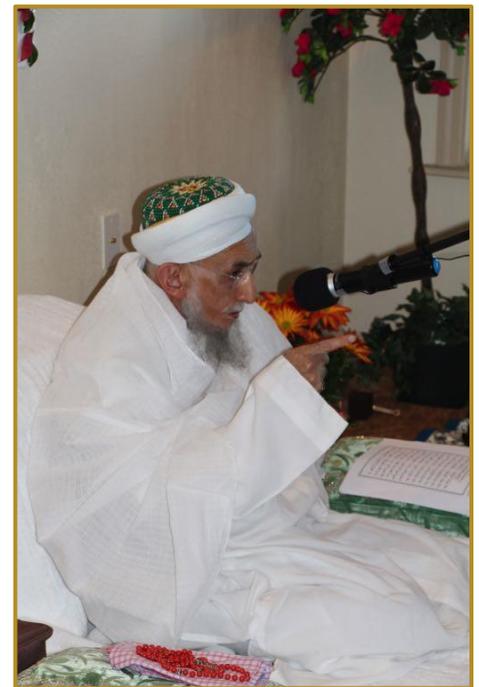
The Bayaan:

This is a long summary—still, it is but a drop from the ocean of Syedna Qutbuddin's flowing sea.

Syedna began his bayaan with Allah Ta'ala's divine words to Rasulullah SA, "If you were not existent, I would not have created the heavens" (*law laak lama khalaqtu l-aflak*). Allah created the skies, the earth, the universe, this whole world, for Rasulullah. Similarly, the Imam of each Age holds that very same high station: All the activity of this world takes place because of the Imam, because of the Imam's Dawat, because of the Misaaq that mumineen give to the Imam. That is the reason for existence; to give misaaq and attain the light. That is the road to Allah, to salvation. Rasulullah SA performed Nass on Maulana Ali SA in Ghadir-e-Khumm and appointed him his successor, and in a few months he passed away. At that time, the community turned away from Maulana Ali. Why did they turn away? Had not Rasulullah performed Nass in front of thousands? Now, can anyone maintain that Rasulullah should have done things differently? Why didn't he warn them? He did what he had to do. Allah's Rasul knows Allah's wisdom (hikmat) best. In this world, there is always give-and-take (len-den of qaza-qadar). Night follows day. This is Allah's hikmat. Similarly,

Allah's hikmat directs Dawat affairs. This is Rasulullah's Wasi's high station: Because of him the world continues, Dawat continues. If Rasulullah had not appointed Ali, his message would have been incomplete; his Dawat would have been incomplete. Allah revealed this verse on the day of Ghadir e Khumm: "Today I have perfected your religion, completed my favor upon you, and become pleased with Islam as the religion for you." (Surat al-Ma'ida 5:3.) Islam's completion, is only through the walaayat of Amirul Mumineen. Rasulullah says, "The followers of Ali are indeed triumphant" (*Shi'ato Aliyyin humu l-faizun*). Whosoever follows Ali, gives misaaq and bay'at to Ali, will win paradise. Love (*muhabbat*) alone is not enough. Along with love, you must give misaaq. Syedna Qadi al-Numan has written that what you believe in your heart, you must also express with your words and actions. You must give misaaq to the True Imam and the True Dai, in order to gain *najaat*. It is Dawat practice that when a new Imam succeeds an Imam who has passed away, he takes mumineen's misaaq. If someone says: "I believe in the 15th Imam but not in the 16th Imam," he does not in truth believe in the 15th Imam. The 15th Imam's imamate is only established when he performs Nass on the 16th Imam. That is when his mission is completed, perfected. Similar is the case of the Dais. These doctrines are recorded in books of Dawat. The Imam performs Nass on his successor, the coming Imam, when he sees in that sahib his own *shaan of imaat*, when that sahib reaches a station that is like his. He could never change the Nass. Sadiq Imam says the imamate passes from an Imam whose name is recorded in the

Preserved Tablet-*Lawhe Mahfooz* - to another whose name is also recorded in the Preserved Tablet-*Lawhe Mahfooz*. Once the Imam performs Nass on him, he must become Imam. In the concealment (*satar*) of the Imam, the Dai holds the highest station. What he knows, only he knows. Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA, at the young age of 28 years at the beginning of his tenure as Dai, said in a court hearing that, "What I know, no one else knows" (*maney jeh khabar chheh koi ney khabar nathi*). In Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin's testimony, he also similarly asserted his special knowledge, because he is the present Dai. Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA and Syedna Muhammad Burhanuddin RA have both bestowed him with pearls of the special knowledge of Dawat.



Like the Imam, the Dai only appoints his successor when he sees in him his own shaan of Dai-ship, when Allah and Allah's wali Imamuz zaman send ilhaam to appoint that sahib. Syedna Taher Saifuddin writes that a Dai only appoints one who is "like himself" (*la yuqimu illa mithlahu*). Like the Imam,

the Dai is *masoom* in this action; he will not pass away before appointing his successor, one who is like him.

Maulana Ali has recorded the names of the Dais in the Book of Knowledge (Kitaab ul Ilm). The Dai's existence signals the Imam's existence.

Syedna gave examples from history, where false claimants had raised false claims against Imams and against Dais. Majority does not count – Haqq counts. *Haqiqatan kon chhey Dai, ehney maaney, yeh haqiqatan mummin chhey.*

One Imam has said that if you have to crawl on your hands and feet to go give misaaq, you must still do so. Do not hold back for worldly reasons. No one knows the number of their remaining days on this earth. Syedna gave the example of Rasulullah's Muhajirin, and explained their sacrifice in detail.

Syedna expressed happiness and pride that there are many with him today who are following their example. Syedna said the world is a place of trials and *imtihaan* for mumineen.

Maulana Burhanuddin knew what was best for the preservation of his Dawat.

He did what he had to do. No one knows more how to preserve Dawat than Syedna Burhanuddin. Syedna Burhanuddin performed Nass immediately on Syedna Qutbuddin within a month of Syedna Taher Saifuddin's wafaat and kept it concealed for reasons of hikmat.

Syedna Burhanuddin's Dawat continues today. The silsila remains unbroken because Syedna Burhanuddin's successor, Syedna Qutbuddin, is among us today. Syedna Qutbuddin recited Syedna Taher Saifuddin's verse which says I have firmly resolved to offer my life (fida) for my Mawali Tahereen, the Fatemi Imams. By the Imam's vasila, he prayed to Allah for Fathe Mubeen.

He recited Syedna Taher Saifuddin's verse, "Your Dawat is the Ark of

Salvation, it sails forth cutting through enemies' storm waves." Syedna asserted forcefully that storm waves might threaten, but they will pass.

Those individuals who are like storm waves, their threat will pass. Dawat will remain.

Syedna exhorted mumineen to follow the seven pillars (*da'aim*) of Islam. He urged mumineen to work for this world and the next, and quoted the Imam's words, "Religion is not only prayer and fasting; rather, it means to build a flourishing life in this world and the next" (*laysa al dino sawman wa salatan faqat balid dino imaratu d-dunya wa-l-akhirah*). However, when you are faced with a choice, a bifurcation, when one road leads to *dunya* and another *toakhirat*, choose—as per the instructions of Isa Masih—the path to akhirat.



Syedna narrated the history of Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed and his shahadat bayaan. He bestowed priceless pearls of doa for mumineen, especially those who were serving the Dawat and Dai, and most especially in the legal case. He also bestowed special doa for those mumineen who had come today. He beseeched Allah Ta'ala to grant them peace, and bliss (*sa'aadat*) in this world and the next. He ended the bayaan with a moving recitation of Husain Imam's shahadat.

After Syedna's bayaan, Syedna Taher Saifuddin's qasida, salaams for Syedi Fakhruddin Shaheed, and marsiyas for Husain imam were recited.

Janab Moiz bhai sab and mumineen who had gathered from several different cities offered khayr maqdam. Syedna led maghrib-isha imamata namaaz, and mumineen received sharaf of qadambosi and had the opportunity to do araz. The program ended with niyaaaz and salawaat jaman.

Photos of the Majlis are presented on FatemiDawat.com

ANNOUNCEMENT: Ashara Mubarakah 1437H Broadcast Videos Still Available

Due to the tremendous interest in the broadcast of Shz Taher bhai saheb Waaz during Ashara, the full Waaz videos will be available for viewing until Chehlum for those who have not had the opportunity to view and listen to waaz.

1437H HIJRI CALENDAR UPDATED

We are pleased to repost the final complete Misri Calendar for 1437H along with the main miqaats, parallel Gregorian dates. The calendar is presented in printable (A4) PDF format. A version with namaaz timings for Mumbai is also available. We are happy to send versions with namaaz times for specific cities upon request. Please send your request to info@fatemidawat.com. We are also working on a .csv file of our calendar which mumineen can import into their existing calendar on their PC/MAC or google calendar.



This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Qutbuddin's office and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatemidawat.com.

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Sijill is an Arabic word which literally means official letter. It was a term often used in the Fatimid chancery. The name is inspired by the most auspicious letter 'Sijill-ul-Bisharat'.

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