



# UTTERANCES

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## Part 1

Utterances is a collection of the words of wisdom uttered by Fakhru'l Islam Qutbe Mauritius Hazrat Maulana Muhammad Ibrahim Khushtar Siddiqui Qadri Razvi (Rahmatullah Alaih), in order to bring us closer to Almighty Allah and His Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), and hence closer to reality.

### Time, health and life

The Day of Jummah is a day of favours, blessings and peace, and it is sad if we do not take advantage of such a day. Thursday has already gone by and it will not come back again. We should, therefore make good use of the present because the past is the past and will never come back again. The Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) advises us to pay all due respect to time. Hence, we should avoid going to places where people waste their time in idle talk, and we should take the firm resolution to use time with the intention of pleasing Almighty Allah.

Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) added that Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) counsels us to consider good health as a blessing. We should therefore devote our young days, when we are most energetic, conscientiously and perform as many commendable actions as we can. Who knows what may happen to us in our old age, when generally we are in a state of decrepitude. It is a pity, remarked Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih), that many old men are so engrossed in worldly matters today that they have no time for worship and remembrance of Allah. Our Beloved Aaqa (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has said that you should give all proper consideration to life before death overcomes you.”

If we want to understand the deep meaning of this Hadith, we should go the cemetery and spend some time there. We shall come to realize that many members of our family, friends and acquaintances are lying buried there, and soon our turn shall come. Since we shall have to leave this world, we shall think twice before committing anything reprehensible. Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) then quoted the following didactic saying of Shaikh Saadi (Rahmatullah Alaih), “Take care of your life before somebody announces your death.” And finally he quoted the following couplet from the mellifluous pen of A’la Hazrat Imam Ahle Sunnat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh):

*Utharthe chaand dhalthe chaandini jo ho sake karle  
Andhera paak aatha he ye dho din ki ujaali he*

The moon is waning, perform the maximum good actions as you can  
The brightness is but for a little while, utter darkness will soon be coming

### Real progress

The student, the teacher, the professional, the businessman, nay, everybody is in search of progress and his mind is focused. The question which therefore arises is, “What is progress and how do we attain it?” We should right from the start, get it out of our mind altogether that real progress is based on nationality, community, race, culture, status, money or education. That does not mean as a community that we should be against advancement and education.

The Holy Qur'an states that man will really move forward if he has faith and does good deeds. Otherwise, he will necessarily be in loss. Today, what we need is men of faith who are prepared to perform virtuous actions with tremendous will and perseverance. We must not forget that people that are virtuous are beloved to Allah.

Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) then advised that to strengthen our faith we should sit in the company of the men that are beloved to Almighty Allah. He related how a Companion of the Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) was assured paradise simply because he had the good fortune of looking devotionally at the Beloved of Allah, Muhammad Mustafa (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) but once. On his part, whenever Hazrat Imam Abu Hanifa (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) would feel a bit restless, he would search the company of his own student Habeeb Tai, who was an outstanding Sufi.

Fir'oun was a very opulent man but was constantly at a loss. Abu Jahl had much knowledge, but he too was at a loss. Hazrat Sa'ad (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh), a Companion of the Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), had some riches and was told that he would be a bit late to enter paradise as some time would be taken to 'balance his accounts'. Needless to say, emotional tears freely flowed down his face. Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) quoted another saying of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) where it is related that the majority of people in paradise would be those whom we consider as 'simple'.

Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) further stated that it is fine if we have faith and perform good actions, but we should try to do something more, namely encourage others on the Path of Truth and steadfastness. Right away such a task is not easy but we should not turn back. We should try our best to prevent any wrong action and we should not be afraid to speak the Truth whenever anybody else is spreading mischief.

We cannot live in this world without any problems and, when we encounter them, we should bear the problems with a calm mind. In the Holy Qur'an, it is stated that Allah Ta'ala is with those who show patience. We should therefore not lose hope as our Helper is none other than Almighty Allah Himself. After all, He is ever ready to challenge all those who are hostile to His friends, who, as we know, bear much hardship without any complaint.

### **Proper planning for a peaceful life**

Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) said that it is easy to lead a righteous life, but on the other hand, it is difficult as well. It is easy for those who create a plan and organize their activities properly. Realizing that this world has been created for them, they consider that material possession, honestly earned, is to a certain extent essential. They do not, however, allow themselves to be enslaved and trapped by this world, and they take cognisance of the fact that they have been created for the hereafter. These individuals therefore live peacefully, happy and content. On the other hand, those who have no aim and objective and who do not recognize the next world are restless.

Those who enjoy peace are keen to pay a visit to the cemetery where they get the feeling that their stay in this world cannot verily last forever. After all, they tell themselves that, if the Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, Hazrat Khwaja Muinuddeen Chishti Ajmeri, A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan and the galaxy of other Awliya Allah (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anhum) have left this world, they themselves can never remain here permanently and they act accordingly.

To bring home the temporary character of our stay in this world, Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) told the story of a wise man that went to the palace of a king, insisting to stay in the castle, saying that the palace was an inn. When the king asked how is his palace an inn, the man asked, "Who used to stay here before you?" He replied, "My father." When asked who stayed there before his father, he replied, "My grandfather." The man pointed out, "An inn is that place where one traveller leaves and another comes in his place. When your grandfather left, your father came in his place, then your father left and you took his place, and tomorrow when you pass away your son will stay here, therefore your palace is an inn, where one person comes and another person goes."

Lastly, a short note on Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was recounted. A Saint said that he had seen Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam Hazrat Shaikh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) by the Ka'bah praying that he be blind when he rises on the Day of Resurrection so that he might not see the sins he had committed during his lifetime. The message is clear, emphasized Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih); we must think of the Day of Judgment and adopt a humble attitude, because we will have to answer to our Creator, Almighty Allah.

### **Do not waste time on irrelevant things**

Hazrat Shaikh Sayyiduna Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) has said, "O young man, do not occupy yourself with that which is irrelevant to you as you would miss that which concerns you! Thinking of the states of another person and his faults are things that are of no concern to you, while reflecting on your faults and shortcomings is of your concern. Do not speak about things that are of no concern to you, for the Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) has said, "One of the results of the excellence of a person's Imaan is neglecting that which does not concern him." Your faults are your business, but the faults of others are of no concern to you."

### **Die not except as a Muslim**

Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) chanted the following verse from a Naath written by A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh):

*Oos gali ka gada hoon may jis me  
Maangeteh taajidaar phir the he*

Of that court (Rasoolullah's Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), am I a beggar  
Where even all the princes and sovereigns seek favours

He then advised us to always be in that company in which Allah and His Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) are remembered, and requested us to make Dua so that we stand firm on the Right Path till our last breath. Quoting again from A'la Hazrat (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) he said:

*Oonhe jaana oonhe maana na rakha ghair se kaam  
Lillah hilhamd mein dunya se mussalman gaya*

I revered Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam), always loved him and never had dealings with the corrupt and misled people, Praise be to Allah! I am leaving this world as a true Muslim

Maulana Khushtar (Rahmatullah Alaih) stated that we must not go here and there. We must have an unflinching faith and hold fast onto the message of the Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) as transmitted to us by the spiritual luminaries. If we do so, a cool breeze will rustle at last, and we shall, by the Grace of Allah, leave this world as true believers.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the Taufeeq to put these beautiful words into action and may He in His Infinite Mercy make us true lovers of His Beloved Rasool (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) and grant us the blessing of dying as true believers, Ameen.