



THE MIRACLES OF SULTANUL AWLIYA HAZRAT SHAIKH ABDUL QADIR JILANI

Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh

There are so many miracles of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) that volumes can be written about them. A few will be presented here to give us a glimpse into his spiritual status.

There was a wise and influential priest in Baghdad who had many followers. He knew Islam and the Holy Qur'an and had great love and respect for Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam). He was ready to accept Islam except for one thing; he could not understand and therefore accept the physical ascension (Me'raj) of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) to the heavens and beyond. The caliph introduced all the wise men and teachers of the time to the priest, but none could remove his doubts. The caliph then sent word to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) requesting him to convince the priest.

When Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) came to the palace he found the caliph and the priest playing chess. As the priest lifted a chess piece to move, his eyes met with those of the Shaikh. He blinked his eyes.... and as he opened them he found himself drowning in a river. He was shouting for help when a young shepherd jumped into the water and saved him. As he came out of the water he realized that he was naked and had been transformed into a young girl. The shepherd asked the girl where she was from and she answered from Baghdad. The shepherd said that they were at a distance of a few months journey from Baghdad. He honoured and protected her but as she had nowhere to go he eventually married her and had three children who grew up.

One day as she was washing laundry in the same river where she had appeared many years earlier, she slipped and fell in. As she opened her eyes.... the priest found himself sitting across the caliph, holding the chess piece and still looking into the eyes of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh), who said to him, "Now venerable priest, do you still disbelieve?" The priest was unsure of what had happened and thinking that it was a dream asked, "What do you mean?" The Shaikh asked, "Perhaps you would like to see your family?" and as he opened the door, there stood the shepherd and the three children. Seeing this the priest immediately believed, and he and his followers of about five thousand Christians all became Muslims at the hands of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh).

A young girl who was a follower of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) lived in Ceylon. One day she was attacked in a lonely place by a man intending to dishonour her. Helpless, she shouted, "Save me O my Shaikh Abdul Qadir!" At that moment the Shaikh was performing his ablution in Baghdad. People saw him stop, angrily grab his wooden shoe and throw it in the air. However, they did not see the shoe fall down. That shoe fell on the head of the man who was attacking the girl in Ceylon and killed him. That shoe is still kept in Ceylon as a relic.

One of the great Shaikhs of the time, Shaikh Muzaffar Mansoor ibn Al Mubarak (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) states, "I came to visit Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) with some students and I was carrying a book on philosophy. He greeted us and then said to me, "What a bad and dirty friend you are holding in your hand! Go and wash it!" I was awed by the Shaikh's anger, he could not have known the contents of this book which I loved and had almost

memorized.” When I thought of hiding the book somewhere and fetching it later, he ordered me to give the book to him. As I opened the book for the last time, I saw only empty white pages; all the writing had disappeared. When I gave the book to him, he browsed through it and gave it back to me saying, “Here it is, ‘The Book of Excellences of the Qur’an’ by Ibn Daaris Muhammad.” When I opened it, indeed it had been transformed as he said, and was written in the most beautiful calligraphy. Then he said to me, “Do you wish your heart to repent when you voice your repentance?” I said “Indeed I do.” He told me to stand up, and as I did I felt all of my knowledge of philosophy descend from my mind and sink into the ground, and not a word of it remained in my memory.”

Once Shaikh Abu Sa’eed Abdullah bin Ahmad Baghdadi (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) came to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) and complained about his sixteen-year old daughter Fatima, who had gone onto the roof of the house and suddenly disappeared from there. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) told him to go to a certain jungle at night. On entering this jungle he would see many sand heaps. He should sit on the fifth sand heap that he passed. He should draw a circle around him saying ‘Bismillah’ and he should then say ‘Abdul Qadir’. Towards the third portion of the night, he would find an army of Jinns passing by. They will look really frightening and fierce, but he should not fear. He should remain seated and wait. Exactly at the time of the first light, the most powerful King of the Jinns would pass that way and he would personally come to him and ask his problem. On the King’s request, he should explain to him his situation and then tell him that Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) has sent him.

Shaikh Abu Sa’eed Baghdadi (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) states, “I did as Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) said. After some time, I saw armies of Jinns in frightening forms passing by. They were very upset with me sitting in their path, but they passed without saying a word, as they did not have the courage to enter the circle. In the morning, the King passed and asked my request. When I explained my problem to him and told him that Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) had sent me, he got off his horse and stood with respect listening to me. He then sent the Jinns to summon back the Jinn who had captured my daughter. My daughter was brought back and the King ordered the mischievous Jinn to be beheaded.” When Shaikh Abu Sa’eed Baghdadi (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) asked the King about his respect for Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh), the King replied, “By Allah, when Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) looks at us, all the Jinns begin to tremble.”

Once, one of the followers of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) experienced Ihtilaam (wet dream) seventy times in the course of one night. Each time he would see himself with a different woman and upon waking up he would perform the ghusl. Some of the women he saw he actually knew and others were strangers. In the morning he went to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) intending to complain about his condition. Before he could say anything Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) told him, “You must not feel bad about your state during last night. I saw your name inscribed on the Lawh-e-Mahfooz and I discovered from what was recorded upon it, that you would be guilty of committing adultery no fewer than seventy times. So I pleaded with Almighty Allah on your behalf until he changed that for you so that instead of being a conscious real-life experience, it would merely be a wet dream.”

Shaikh Umar Abdul Bazzaaz (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) narrates, “One Friday, together with my master, Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) I set out for the mosque. No one greeted him so I thought to myself, “Every normal Friday, we find it hard to get to the mosque due to the crowds that gather around the Shaikh, so what is happening today?” I had barely

completed this thought when people came rushing to greet the Shaikh. He looked at me with a smile and said, “O Umar, this is what you wanted! Do you not realize that the hearts of the people are in my hand? If I wish, I move them away from me and if I wish, I attract them towards me.”

Once whilst Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) was delivering one of his lectures, a person by the name of Abul Mu’aali was present in this gathering. He was seated directly in front of the great Saint. During the course of the lecture, Abul Mu’aali found that he needed to answer the call of nature. He tried to suppress this need because he found it disrespectful to leave the gathering of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh). He could no longer suppress it and decided to leave when Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) walked down the pulpit (Mimbar) onto the second step and threw his shawl over him. As this happened, Abul Mu’aali found that he was no longer in the gathering, but rather in a valley with beautiful lush vegetation. It was beautified even more by a stream, which flowed through it. He immediately answered the call of nature, performed wudhu and then prayed two rakaats Salaah. As he completed the Salaah, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) took the shawl off him and he found, to his amazement, that he was still in the gathering of the great Saint and he had not even missed one word of the lecture. However, much later Abul Mu’aali discovered that he did not have his set of keys with him. He then remembered that when he was transported to the valley by Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) he had hung his key ring on the branch of a tree beside the stream. Abul Mu’aali states that some time after this incident, he had the opportunity to go on a business expedition. During this journey, he reached a valley and rested there. He then noticed that the valley was the same place where he had been transported during the lecture. When he went beside the tree, he found that his missing keys were still hanging on the branch of the tree. Subhaanallah!

The students of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) state that once he was delivering his lessons as usual to them when suddenly his blessed face turned red and beads of perspiration covered his blessed forehead. He then placed his hand into his cloak and remained silent for a short time. After he removed his hand from inside his cloak, drops of water began to drip from his sleeves. Due to his spiritual state, the students did not ask him any questions but rather, they recorded the date, day and time of this astonishing event. Two months after this incident, a group of traders, who had come by sea to Baghdad, arrived and presented various gifts to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh). The students were very confused by this as they had never seen these traders in Baghdad before. When they asked the traders the reason for them bringing the gifts, they said that two months earlier, whilst they were sailing to Baghdad, their ship was caught in a fierce storm. When they realized that there was a real danger of sinking, they called out to Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh). When they called out to him, they found that from the Unseen a hand lifted their ship to safety. When the students compared this narration to the incident in the Madrassah, it was confirmed that it was the same date, day and time in which the great Saint (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) had put his hand into his cloak. Although Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) seemed to be placing his hand into his cloak, but in reality, he was stretching his hand into the sea to assist those who called for his assistance. Subhaanallah!

A woman of Baghdad who was very impressed by the fame of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta’ala Anh) decided to leave her son in his care and said, “Take this child as your own, I renounce all right to him. Raise him to become like you.” The Shaikh accepted the child and started to teach him piety, spirituality etc. After some time the mother came to see her son and found him thin and pale and eating a crust of bread. She was angry and asked to see the Shaikh. When she came upon him she found him well dressed, seated in a pleasant room and eating a chicken. She

exclaimed, "While you eat your chicken my poor son, whom I left in your care, has nothing but a piece of dry bread!" The Shaikh placed his hand over the bones of the chicken and said, "In the name of Allah Who revives bones from dust, rise!" The chicken immediately became alive and it ran about the table saying, "There is no God but Allah and Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is His Messenger and Shaikh Abdul Qadir is the friend of Allah and His Messenger!" Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) then turned to the woman and said, "When your son can do this, he can also eat whatever he wishes."

Once Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was delivering a lecture and Shaikh Ali bin Haiti (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was seated in front of him. During the lecture Shaikh Ali bin Haiti (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) fell asleep. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) saw this and descended from the Mimbar and stood in front of the sleeping Shaikh Ali bin Haiti (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) with both his hands folded in respect. After a while Shaikh Ali bin Haiti (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) awoke to find Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) standing in front of him. He immediately stood up in respect. Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) smiled and said, "The reason I am standing in front of you is because you were seeing Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) in your dream and I was seeing Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) with my physical eyes."

Shaikh Adi ibn Musaafir (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) states, "On one occasion while Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was giving a lecture, a shower of rain descended from the sky. This caused some of the members of the audience to disperse, so he raised his head towards the heaven above and said, "Here I am, gathering people together for Your sake and You are scattering them away from me like this." The rain at once stopped falling on the courtyard where the lecture was taking place, though the downpour continued unabated beyond the perimeter of the schoolhouse and not a single drop of rain fell on the session." Subhaanallah!

There was a great Saint by the name of Shaikh Ahmad Jaam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) who used to travel on a lion wherever he went. In every city that he visited it was his habit to ask the people of the city to send one cow for his lion's meal. One day he travelled to Baghdad, and sent one of his disciples to Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and commanded that a cow be sent to him, as a meal for his lion. The great Ghaus (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was already aware of his coming and had already arranged for a cow to be kept for the lion. He sent one of his disciples with the cow to Shaikh Ahmad Jaam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and as the disciple took the cow with him, a weak and old stray dog which used to sit outside the home of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) followed him. The disciple presented the cow to Shaikh Ahmad Jaam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) who signalled to the lion to commence feeding. As the lion ran towards the cow, this weak old dog pounced on the lion. It caught the lion by its throat and killed it by tearing open its stomach. The dog then dragged the lion and threw it before Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh). On seeing this, Shaikh Ahmad Jaam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) humbled himself before the great Ghaus (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and asked for forgiveness for his arrogant behaviour. This shows the strength of a weak old dog due to its Nisbath (connection) with the blessed stoop of Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh). It also shows that even animals recognize and are loyal to the Awliya Allah.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us true love for Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and may we, like the weak old dog, always be at the feet and service of Sultanul Awliya Hazrat Shaikh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh, Ameen.