



THE ZIKR OF HUZOOR MUFTI-E-AZAM HIND

Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind Hazrat Imam Mustafa Raza Khan Qadri (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) had reached such an exalted level of spiritualism that his heart was in constant remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. As with the very special and chosen servants of Allah Ta'ala he used to engross himself in the remembrance and worship of Allah Ta'ala to such an extent that the parts of his body would sometimes split up and individually make the Zikr of the Name of Allah Ta'ala. Hereunder is a glimpse into the illuminated heart and Zikr of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh).

Once, whilst Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was on a journey by train to Calcutta, there was a Saadhu in the same couch as Hazrat. The Saadhu would suddenly jump up and look around carefully as if he had heard something. The Saadhu got up from his seat and walked to Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) and said, "O Holy Man! What kind of sound is this which is causing my heart to yearn so much?"

Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) called the Saadhu to sit close to him and said, "The Name of the One whom I worship has become part of my heartbeat and since this name has come into my heart, my heartbeats have become so loud and powerful that I hear it and those ears which are meant to hear it also hear it.

All around us there are numerous different sounds. You are listening to all these sounds and yet your heart is not being affected by any of them; instead you are able to hear the beating of my heart, which even those close to me are not able to hear; and this sound of my heart beating is causing you to yearn and is pulling you towards me. The main reason for this is that the thing that is causing you to be in this condition is not just a sound or noise, it is the Name that is being chanted which is giving off that special sound. It is that Name which is causing you to be in such a condition. Just as a thirsty person sees water and rushes towards it, your thirsty soul from birth has drawn you towards me. Up to now you have thought of your soul as being of no use and you tried to quench its thirst with poison (doing wrong and following the wrong path), and you know well that poison can never quench one's thirst. If you would have fed that poison to your mischievous desires, then it would have died but you fed it to your soul, and the soul does not die; instead it becomes overwhelmed with grief. If you wish to quench the thirst of your soul, you should chant the name that is in my heartbeat."

The Saadhu lowered his neck and placed his ears close to the heart of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh). Within a short while he said, "*Laa ilaaha Illallaah*" and the slowly and continuously he began to make Zikr, "*Laa ilaaha Illallaah, Laa ilaaha Illallaah.*" When Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) found that his heart was prepared to accept the oneness of Allah, he made him recite the Kalimah and brought him into the Deen of Islam.

He entered the train as Saadhu Bhagwandas and left the train as Abdullah, who with the special sight of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) became a Wali of Allah Ta'ala. After naming him, Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) said to him, "I know where you are going to and Alhamdulillah I also know very well that you now wish to remain with me forever, but you must go to where you had intended to go when you left your home. Complete whatever you need to do and return to Nainital. I will keep complete control of your Deeni and spiritual training."

Abdullah travelled with Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) up to Calcutta and thereafter, he only met spiritually with Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh).

After five years of spiritual training, Hazrat Abdullah (Rahmatullah Alaih) went for Hajj; he remained there in the love of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) for four years and eventually passed away there. SubhanAllah! Such was the condition of the Zikr of Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) that people's lives would change just by listening to his heartbeat.

Once, while in Bombay Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was residing at the home of one of his Mureeds, Haroon Bhai. He had made it clear to Haroon Bhai that no one should enter his room once he had retired for the evening.

One evening, after Maghrib Salaah, scores of well-wishers and Mureeds came to visit Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh). This continued until Esha and after Esha, he gave them advise and spoke to them for more than half the night. Eventually he requested everyone to rest and then went to his room.

After all the guests had left, Haroon Bhai had realized that Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) had not eaten as yet. He went towards Hazrat's room but quickly walked away when he remembered the command about no one coming into his room after he had retired for the evening. On one hand Haroon Bhai did not want to transgress the command of Hazrat and on the other hand he could not bear that Hazrat would sleep without having a meal at his house. He pondered on what to do for a long time.

Finally, in the love of his Murshid, he took a glass of warm milk and crossed the boundaries that had been drawn and entered into Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind's (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) room. When he went in, he was shocked to see that Hazrat's body was in pieces. His head was separated from the rest of his body and his hands were separated. At that moment Haroon Bhai thought that someone had martyred Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh); he screamed in shock and fell unconscious.

When Haroon Bhai regained his consciousness, he found that Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) was sitting at his head side and the other members of his family were sitting beside him. Haroon Bhai was in a state of shock and disbelief and was trembling in this condition. He could not comprehend what he had seen. Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh) smiled at him and said, "One should never be disobedient when given a command. The carpet drank the milk which you had brought. Go and bring me some more milk."

Haroon Bhai brought more milk and presented it to Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind (Radiallahu Ta'ala Anh). Hazrat took the glass of milk and said to the family, "Haroon is now completely fine." After they had all left, Hazrat drank the milk and said to Haroon Bhai, "I am Qateel-e-Ishq (one who dies in love). I live every day and die every day. You have discovered one of my secrets but you should not say this to anyone who is not aware of it. Sultanul Azkiya is a Wazifa that only the Awliyah Allah can bear. If the power of Sultanul Azkiya has to be unleashed on a mountain, then even the mountain will turn to dust. We too get separated into pieces, but Allah Ta'ala's Grace and Mercy Envelopes us." SubhanAllah!

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the Taufeeq to love the Awliya Allah, to learn from their lives and to practice upon their teachings, Allahumma Ameen.