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THE
NOOR
EN
ALLAH
NOOR

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WA KULLA SHAIN' ASAINAHU FEE IMAMIM MUBEEN

Aga Ne Tope Hira Jag Mage Jane Te Ubho Gokul Mahelo KAA'N
NOOR NE TEJE ALI AGERO SAMINE TEJE SAMU NA JOVAE
'HAQIQI BADSHAH'

NOORUZZAJJAZOOR



SAMI MARO CHATUR SUJAN
APE SHEST DIWAN

SHIKESHAROSE THIR R
THIR RAYA JAMIN AS

NOORUZZAJJAZOOR

TIKE GALEME HAR HAY
RA MANEK JADEA

BHAVE TAKU DET HAY
SAHEB HAY DIL DARYA

HAZER JOMEJC DHANI, ANANT CRORI JIVEJO TARANEAR,
CHAUD BRAHAMANDJC NATH. GATIYEJO AADHAR,
DASMO NAKLANKI AVTAR MOWLA MURTAZA ALI
NOOR MOWLANA **SHAH KARIM** AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM
(Allahuma Sali Ala Muhammadin Wa Aale Muhammad)

- Sami Maraji Haria So Haria Ne Sukabi Haria,
Jo Hove Najar Tamariaji;
- Sami Maraji Mitha So Mitha Ne Kadwabi Mitha,
So Aa Gurke Vachane Fal Mithadaji.

PIR SADARDIN SAHEB

BISMILLAHIR - RAHMANIR - RAHEEM
ALLAHUMA SALI ALA MUHAMMADIN WA AALE MUHAMMAD

Ya Khudawind Aalmin,
Ya Pak Parvardigar,
Ya Rabb-Al Aalmin,
Ya Mowla Ali Shah Karim
Al-Husseiny Hazer Imam:

Our Most Humble:

GIRYAZARI

In the Holy Huzur Pur Noor of Our Beloved Noor Mowlana Shah Karim
Al-Husseiny Hazer Imam.

(A HOLY GINAN OF GIRIYAZARI

BY

OUR HOLY PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN, THE MUKHI OF THIS "FADTAL VELA")

- Eji Aash Tamari Shree Ho Kayam Sami,
Saheb Chinta Kije Ya Shah;
Sab Gatiye Shahake Khadere Umayo,
Shah Raj Rikhisar Ghar Dejo.....1
- Eji Ajkal Dasme Shah Tame Var Data,
Sami Mara Juna Te Vachan Sambharo Ya Shah;
Visavne Var Dio Kayam Sami,
Rikhisarna Jiv Sadharo.....2
- Eji Tu(n) More Man Vase Shah Tribhovar Sami,
Sami Mara Giyan Akhar Sudh Paiye Ya Shah;
Manek Moti Lal Zaver,
Chun Chun Kanak Lagaiye.....3
- Eji Karu(n) Sreva Tamari Shriho Kayam Sami,
To Mune Sarve Budh Ave Ya Shah;
Sohi Vachan Mara Mukh Mahethi Kadho,
Jo Saheb Tuj Bhave.....4

- Eji Bhali Batavo Ya Shah Buri Tajavo,
Har Doi Hath Tumare Ya Shah;
Tere Tarafko Karam Hamesha,
Paap Dosh Hamera.....5
- Eji Ati Aadhin Thaine Emaj Magu,
Sami Mara Venti Sunine Chint Dejo Ya Shah;
Tuj Bhave Sohi Kam Karavo,
Muj Seer Dosh Ma Dejo.....6
- Eji Kirpa Karine Dookh Daridar Tado,
Sami Mara Mahav Mukand Morari Ya Shah;
Tuj Truthe Nav Nandj Pamu,
Jo Hove Nazar Tamari.....7
- Eji Aash Karine Ya Ali Hu(n) Tere Dar Ubhi,
Kar Jodine Em Magu(n) Ya Shah;
Dejo Didar Tusi Mahavar Datar,
Ham Tere Charne Lagu(n).....8
- Eji Pir Hassan Kabirdin Sevak Em Vinve,
Sami Mara Ham Tere Sharan Murari Ya Shah;
Hi Jug Kud Kapat Jal Bharea,
Satse(n)thi Paar Utaro.....9

(TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE HOLY GINAN FOLLOWS SHORTLY)

YA ALI YA HAZAR IMAM,

With Thy Mercy and Divine Grace, glorify our
akubat (eternal life), akhirat (the Day of
Judgement), and chhelo dam (the last moments
of our lives).....AMEN

YA ALI YA HAZAR IMAM,

Grant us "Saddbudhi", the Right Understanding
so that we may always remain KHUDAWIND'S most
humble firmanbardar momins.....AMEN

YA ALI YA HAZAR IMAM,

Protect our children, and our future generations
from all evils and temptations of the Satan.
Ya MOWLA ALI HAZER IMAM, make them THY true
firmanbardar momins, "Dasond Sukarite Pura
(Perfect)" momins.....AMEN

YA ALI YA HAZAR IMAM,

With THY Mercy and Divine Grace, kindle THY
Holy "NOOR" ("Imanji and Ishqji Roshani")
in our children's hearts and souls.....AMEN

YA ALI YA HAZAR IMAM,

THOU art the Merciful Master, the Lord of
the Age, we pray YA KHUDAWIND with THY
Mercies elevate the spiritual grades of the
Ruhani of our Holy Pirs and Paygambar, also
Ruhani of the Momins (Qul Ruhani); and
grace them with THY "Hakiqati NOORANI
Didar", "Hakiqati Ruhani Eternal Khushali",
and the greatest of Spiritual Glories -
Eternal Grade of "FANNAH-FI-ALLAH".....AMEN

YA MOWLA YA HAZAR IMAM,

Forgive all our sins and bestow upon us THY
Zahir and Batin "NOORANI" Didar.....AMEN

(PAK KALIMA)

ENE KALAME KALIMA PAK:

HAQ ASHAHADO ANA LA ILAHA ILALLAH,

HAQ ASHAHADO ANA MUHAMMAD RASULILLAH,

HAQ ASHAHADO ANA AMIRUL MOMININ ALI SAHI ALLAH-

HAI ZINDAH, KAYAM PAYA, FARMAN SHAH PIR PAYA.

An Explanatory Translation of Ventijo Ginan
(Giriyazari from depth of heart and soul)
by our Holy Pir Hassan Kabirdin

(This Giriyazari is being said in the Holy Huzurpur Noor of Khudawind Noor Mowlana Shah Karim Al-Husseiny Hazar Imam, even in this age - at present - by the powerful Ruhani of our Holy Pir Saheb)

O Our Everliving, Eternal Swami,
Thou art our Absolute Hope: our Jamath
says Bandgi in Thy, Khudawind's, Holy Huzur Pur
Noor; Grace us always with Thy Noorani Shelter,
Noorani "Chhatra". O our Lord, bestow upon us
Rikhisar momins Glory, Prosperity, and Raaj or
High Spiritual Dignity.

Ya Mowla, during the present Kaliyug
Thou art our Beloved Master, Thou art our
Lord of the Age: Ya Mowla remember Thy
Old Great Promises, and dignify our souls
to the High Eternal State of Union with
Thy Khudawind's Divine "Noor".

O Our Lord, the Master of the Heavens, the
Master of the Worlds, the Master of the
Creation Underneath the World, Thou art
constantly on our minds, Thou art always in
our hearts. Ya Mowla Grace us with Spiritual
Knowledge and Vision so that we may experience
Thy Khudawind's Divine Mystery - in its
Perspective. Ya Khudawind, by Thy Blessings
may our lives be studded with Spiritual
Decorations of rubbies and pearls and may we
prove to be worthy, glorified momins.

Ya Mowla, O our Lord, through Thy Mercy and
Grace, we would be able to gain "Sadbudhi"
(Right Thinking and Intelligence); and with
Ginan we would gain the True "Shanakhate
Hazer Imam". O our Lord, we should always
utter good and sweet words which are much
liked by Khudawind.

Ya Mowla, we are sheer instruments of Khudawind's
Will, it is therefore our most humble prayer:
Thou grant us strength that we should fulfil all
our duties: Let all our humble services be
chosen by Thee, Khudawind. O our Lord, our lives
should always be spotless, without any blame.

O Our Beloved Hazer Imam, Thou art "Mukund Morari",
or the Vanquisher of Evil. The moment, O our Lord,
Thou pleaseth, Thou art delighted, Thou bestoweth
"Nav Nand" (Spiritual Gifts); this is the most
wonderful Achievement for momins! Ya Mowla Thy
Sweet "Noorani" Vision is full of Mercies and
Spiritual Love, it gives momins' hearts and souls
boundless Spiritual Enlightenment.

Ya Mowla Murtaza Ali, Ya Shah Karim Hazer Imam, we
have come to Thy Holy "Noorani" House with 'Nek
Umeds', Great Desire of Thy Khudawind's Holy Zaheri
and Batuni Noorani Didar. Ya Mowla Murtaza Ali
Hazer Imam, we absolutely surrender to Thee, we
prostrate before Thee, O Divine "Noor-e-Ali";

Pir Hassan Kabirdin prays most humbly as Thy obedient servant.

Ya Mowla Ali Hazer Imam, the present Kaliyug is polluted, full of vices and evils; in this age the influence of Satan is so great and so powerful, therefore, Ya Mowla, we most humbly pray: Protect us always from the Satani Influence. Ya Mowla, Grace us with the Salvation of our souls; shower upon us Thy Divine Blessings so that our souls are saved from Calamity and Catastrophe.

O Our Lord Hazer Imam, guide us unto the "Siratal Mustaqim", eliminate and vanquish the wrongs from our lives; Ya Mowla "Bhali and Buri", Virtue and Vice are under Thy Influence and Power. Ya Mowla, when Thou art Pleased, Thou giveth "Sadbudhi", whereas when Thou art Displeased or Annoyed, we are unsafe - "Kubudhi" attacks us.

Ya Ali, Ya Hazer Imam, we are easily mistaken, we are sinners, therefore we most humbly and sincerely pray: Ya Mowla, save us from the grip of Satan, there should always be Thy Constant Divine Grace and Mercy upon us.....AMEN.

(A splendid elaboration on what "NAV NAND" means can be found on Page



PREFACE

HOLY FIRMAN MUBARAK OF MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH

The Philosophy of TEN INCARNATIONS (DAS AVTAR) should be taken and explained in the light of Islamic Principles; also the understanding of ALLAH'S NOOR, whose Lineal Descent is from even before the Creation, should be given. The Principles Pir Sadardin during the time of Shri Islam Shah has explained, they should be explained in a similar manner.

(Kalam-e Imam-e Mubin, II, p473)

Very important and significant questions were asked to me by the students of the religious adults' Ginan Class in Edmonton. Among these, a few major ones were as under:-

- (1) Why are our First Holy Imam Mowla Murtaza Ali and His Divine Successor Imams called "DASMO NAKLANKI AVTAR"?
- (2) Who were the previous NINE AVTARS, any History?
- (3) What is the Meaning and Philosophy of AVTARS?
- (4) What is the purpose of KALIYUGA? And are any details of PRE-YUGAS available?
- (5) What is the purpose of DASOND, IBADAT, and SERVICE in Human Life?

In explanation and answer to these and similar questions, I have explicitly told my students in the various lectures about the PURPOSE and SIGNIFICANCE of THE MOST HIGH, THE DIVINE POWER, THE "NOOR" (LIGHT OF ALLAH) - Independent, Omnipresent, Omniscient, who is beyond human thinking and horizon yet HE is AWAL - AKHAR - BATIN - AND ALWAYS ZAHIR OR PRESENT WITH US.

The Brilliant History of the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR", the History of the Almighty ALLAH'S Manifestation in His Own Creation, tells about the DIVINITY'S, Sole Sustainer's, Omnipresence through the eons of HIS Creation's Existence - He was PRESENT in the very beginning, is PRESENT at this period in time, and will be PRESENT until Eternity.

The Brilliant History of the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" is positively the Greatest of all Histories. It is so Unique and

Mysterious that it would be impossible for a lay man to write in its proper perspective. However, our Holy Ismaili Pirs, with the DIVINE BLESSINGS from the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" were spiritually inspired through BATUNI BANDAGI to submit before us the Untold History of the DIVINE "NOOR"'s Existence on this material World since SOONKAL, through CREATION and ages of KARANS, KALAPS to this last KALIYUGA of the four YUGAS. It is a Perfect and Grand History.

Whether the "ZAHIR NOOR" of the DIVINE EXISTENCE, EVERPRESENT on this earth, Manifested as the FISH (in the first MACHH AVTAR), or the DIVINE LIGHT Manifested on the TREE at the Sinai Mountain for Moses to witness, or the DIVINE LIGHT Manifested in the Garbs of RAM, KRISHNA, SHRI BUDHA (ADAM), the Manifestations or "AVTARS" are of the SAME "NOOR". It is the "NOOR" of MOWLA SHAH MURTAZA ALI (A.S.), THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR".

But, apparently, human beings by nature tend to look at things through their material vision. We visualize colour, size, shape and form - think in terms of CAST, CREED, and SECT - and we hardly think or visualize things in terms of the CHAITANYA-NOOR, THE LIGHT OF GOD. THE CHAITANYA-NOOR can only be experienced by the GRACE of ALLAH. The "NOOR" (DIVINE GUIDE) has Its Own Independent Plans and Missions. HIS Visions are unmaterialistic, spiritual, exclusive - absolutely UNIQUE. HIS DIVINE VISION and MISSIONS are not bound at all to limitations. ALLAH, THE LIGHT OF THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH is therefore beyond SPACE, TIME, CAUSE and CAUSATION, is Free and Independent to Appear and Act in the Manner He Desires.

While studying the subject of AVTARS, one has to think HIGH through the HAKIQAT and MARIFAT, and through MARIFAT one can easily grasp the Matter in its perspective. One who has attained such VISION can know the Purpose of the DIVINE MISSION of THE VARIOUS AVTARS whether it being usual or unusual from human thinking and outlook.

Also, it is a strange fact that some of the people have the misconception that SHRI VISHNU and ALI were/are Different Beings. Our Holy Scriptures give explicit assertion that MOWLA ALI'S "NOOR" was in the beginning before the Creation and MOWLA ALI Incarnated in different Garbs as SHRI VISHNU, RAM, KRISHNA and eventually HIS DIVINE Manifestation, "NOOR", became Visible in SEHNTAR DVEEP (ARABIA) as professed in our Holy Ginans.

DUAPUR KAN BUDHH AVTAR,
SOLSEHSTRA GOPIYU(N) SHAHJIYU(N)
MATHURA MINJAR:
TRUTHO GATIYEKHE SHAH DEV MURAR -
SIREVO SHRI ISLAMSHAH MAHEDI DASHMU AVTAR ALI.

In the Ginan-e-Shariff "PACHHME AAYA SHAH PARTAK PAYA", Our Pir Sadardin Mabaap, most joyfully, and by the emphatic use of words, says that the Gopiyu(n) of Mathura during Lord SHRI KRISHNA'S time were "Shahjiyu(n)" Gopiyu(n), SHAH NOOR MOWLA MURTAZA ALI'S GOPIS: the word used is "SHAHJIU(N) and not "KRISHNAJIU(N)". Our Pir Sadardin gives a challenge that look at the MYSTERY of my Beloved NOOR MOWLA MURTAZA ALI SHRI ISLAMSHAH, it has always been, - since ANADIKAL, Time Immemorial - all the time, THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR", "NOOR-E-PANJTAN PAK", NOOR MOWLA MURTAZA ALI who appeared, from one place to another at one time in one Aspect and another time in another, on our earth.

AJKAL VARE SHAH PACHHME AAYA,
NAR NARAYAN SHAH PARTAK PAYA;
BHULARE GAFAL JENE JANAM HARAYA - SIREVO.
KRODIYU PAHENTALIS GHOR ANDHAR,
JENE NA JANIYO HEE VICHAR;
DAMO DAM VIRA MARA SHAH SAMBHAR - SIREVO.

Our Pir Mabaap goes on to say, in the verses following the one above, that because of Non-Recognition of the "NOOR-E-ALI", of Non-Understanding of this PHILOSOPHY of the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR", FORTY TWO CROR RUHANIS have been, forever, Completely DETACHED from THE "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI. Therefore, our Pir Sadardin says, O Momins, you should have a Deep KNOWLEDGE of this PHILOSOPHY, you should create the RUHANI VISION for this KNOWLEDGE.

When, O Momins, such a VISION has been created, then, while BEHOLDING the HOLY DIDAR of our Beloved KHUDAWIND NOOR MOWLA MURTAZA ALI SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM (ALLAHUMA SALI ALA MUHAMMADAN WA AALE MUHAMMAD), you shall be Awe-Striken: THOU! art my LORD, THE ONE who played Raas with the Gopis in the ASPECT of SHRI KRISHNA! What Magnificently Charming ROLES were played by THEE, our LORD, who art before us today in the ASPECT of the Age! What a Sweet Vision, SHUKRANLILLAH - ALHAMDULILLAH!!!

The HOLY DIDAR of such RECOGNITION and VISION will definitely burn away the SINS of JUGA-JUG of the RUHANIS', whereas HOLY DIDAR without this Recognition is an INCOMPLETE RECOGNITION of the ZAHER NOOR of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM. So, O Momins, for this VISION we must ever pray! AMEN.

Our youths of the Ginan Class in Edmonton deserve high compliments for posing the most significant questions on the subject of "DAS AVTAR" and the Grand History of the DIVINE "NOOR", this subject being unfamiliar and unknown to most of the students and the Teaching Staff of the Religious Classes.

To study "DAS AVTAR" as a Knowledge and to retain this as a Reference is INDISPENSABLE to students; without such notes it would be almost impossible to understand Holy Ginan-e-Shariff adequately. Mowlana Shah Karim Al-Husseiny Hazer Imam has laid particular stress on the studying of Ginans, on the following and maintenance of the "WONDERFUL TRADITION" for generations and generations to come.

Our Holy Pirs have given us a wonderful Heritage. It is an Imperishable, Unique, Spiritual treasure for us and our future generations. It is a "DIVINE TREASURE", as our Holy Pirs have shown in GINAN-E-SHARIFF a Comprehensive, Grand History of the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR", from the beginning of the Creation until the advent of our most Beloved Prophet Hazarat Muhammad Rasul Karim S.A.S. (Allahuma Sali Ala Muhammadin Wa Aale Muhammad).

This History is a Grand, Grand History, the Greatest of all the Histories of the World. It is a Perfect History of "THE NOOR", so Rare that it cannot be found in its PERFECT nature in any of the Scriptures of the world. Even great scholars, historians and learned personalities were amazed to know these Facts that were contained in our Holy Ginans when they were submitted as genuine proof in the High Court of Bombay during the well-known AGA KHAN CASE of 1908.

Assuredly! we do not at all worship the NINE PAST AVTARS. We Ismailis are staunch believers in THE DIVINE "EVER-LIVING NOOR-E-IMAMAT", THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" (LIGHT UPON LIGHT) as specifically mentioned in the Holy Quran. Our Holy Pirs while showing the Philosophy and History of "DAS AVTAR" have at the same time very clearly said in Ginan-e-Shariff.

EJI GANGA BANARAS MAT JAO GODWARI,
RAM BHAJAN AAB KAYSA -
ALI DHA RUP BHAYO RE NARAYAN.

Meaning: O Momin, do not go for Pilgrimage nor worship Rivers GANGA, VARANISHI (KASHI) and GODAWARI. Why worship RAMA and KRISHNA of the past when EVER-LIVING DIVINE "NOOR" OF MOWLA MURTAZA ALI IS ALREADY INCARNATE IN "SENTER DWEEP" (ARABIA). HE IS THE EVER-LIVING NARAYAN, THE EVER-LIVING RAM, AND THE EVER-LIVING KRISHNA.

What wonderful! concepts and explanations are expressed by our Holy Pirs in Ginan-e-Shariff. Also Imam Mowlana Sultan Muhammad Shah has said in His Holy Firman that we do not have to follow NINE AVTARS but we should follow and read always the History of Nabi-e-Karim Hazarat Muhammad Rasul S.A.S. and the History of AALE NABI and AWLADE ALI - THE HOLY IMAMS.

However, at the same time, Mowlana Sultan Muhammad Shah, at the Ismailia Mission Conference at Dar-es-Salaam in 1945 has laid stress on the knowing and understanding that the Manifestation of the DIVINE "NOOR" (MACHHA AVTAR) appeared on the earth as a Witness when there was no other Creation but FISH. The Most Wonderful History of "DAS AVTAR" and the History of the "DIVINE NOOR" presented in our Holy Ginan-e-Shariff is exclusive and should prove an excellent, indispensable Reference for aspiring students and the teaching staff of our religious classes.

These class notes will also give a useful guide-line showing our good relations with the great Societies and Religions of the world. We know for instance, who the "KHUDAI NOOR" was during the period of ISSA NABI (PROPHET JESUS), who "KHUDAI NOOR" was during the time of PROPHET MOZES and that finally THE LAST, OUR HOLY PROPHET, THE MOST BELOVED HAZARAT MUHAMMED RASUL KARIM S.A.S. declared MOWLA MURTAZA ALI as the FIRST IMAM. THE DIVINE IMAMAT (THE "NOOR-E-PANJTAN PAK") is THE AWAL, THE AKHIR, THE ZAHIR, THE BATIN, and as per "DIVINE KOL (PROMISE)" of Nabi-e-Karim Hazarat Muhammad Rasul Karim S.A.S. is perpetual and shall remain perpetual on this earth as "Unbroken KHUDAI NOOR" till the Day of Judgement, the Day of QIYAMAT:-

ALLAH-O-AKBAR!
SUBHAN ALLAH!
SHUKRAN LILLAH!
ALHAMDO LILLAH!

LA ILAHA ILALLAH, MUHAMMAD RASULILLAH, AMIRUL-MOMININ
ALI SAHI ALLAH: ALLAHUMA SALI ALA MUHAMMADIN WA AALE
MUHAMMAD.

To any one who diligently and conscientiously studies the History of THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR", it will positively impart a True "SHANAKHATE HAZER IMAM": THE "NOOR-E-PANJTAN PAK", HAZIR, ZAHIR, MOWLA MURTAZA ALI is OUR BELOVED SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM (ALLAHUMA SALI ALA MUHAMMADIN WA AALE MUHAMMAD).

Each and every Instance quoted in the Notes is not just interesting from the Historical point of view but also it is highly instructive and thought provoking from the Religious point of view, giving a guide-line for one's material and spiritual, ETERNAL Life. As an example, consider the one Major Event in the History whose vital points in the explanation of DAS AVTARS are as follows:

- (1) A Major Diversion in the DIVINE MISSION, an EPOCH-MAKING Event took place during the KRISHNA AVTAR. SHRI KRISHNA by His Own DIVINE WILL changed HIS Dress from HINDU ASPECT TO SHRI BUDHA (ADAM) MALECHHA or MUSLIM ASPECT.
- (2) It is most interesting, although the incident is deorable and most pitiable, that during the KRISHNA AVTAR, a BRAHMIN MANEKCHAND well versed in the VEDAS (Religious Scriptures) became very selfish, arrogant and treacherously DECEIVED PANCH PANDWAS (the momins of the time).
- (3) A significant DISCOURSE took place between the PANCH PANDWAS and the NINTH AVTAR, SHRI BUDHA (ADAM).
- (4) PANCH PANDWAS were the true Momins of the DWAPUR YUGA, so MANEKCHAND'S deceiving PANDWAS was a real TRAGEDY. In accordance with the LAW of the DIVINE "NOOR" and the PRINCIPLE of ETERNAL REWARDS AND/OR ETERNAL PUNISHMENT*, what a suffering has been sustained by the SOCIETY of the DISHONEST BRAHMIN MANEKCHAND! The "NOOR" changed from HINDU Aspect to MUSLIM Aspect, consequently the SOCIETY is completely 'cut'off' from the Attachment with the DIVINE "NOOR" (LIGHT OF SHRI VISHNU - THE ALI) since the period of DWAPUR YUGA. This is entirely because of DISOBEDIENCE or NAFIRMANI.

All the details on the SUBJECT of "DAS AVTARS" have been explained and told in our Holy SASTRAS - BUDHA AVTAR by Pir Sadardin, BUDHA AVTAR by Sayyed Imam Shah, PARAB PANDVANO, MOMAN CHETAMANI, ASAL DUA, SILSILE IMAMAT, SINDHI TEXT BOOKS, etc. Most of these books are now out of print! This small effort as an explanation on the subject of "DAS AVTAR" should prove worthy, useful and answer the significant questions that are being posed by our students everywhere.

Recognition of MOWLA ALI'S DIVINE "NOOR" is graced exclusively to the faithful MOMINS. It is through HIS GRACE only that "NOOR-E-PANJTAN PAK'S", MOWLA ALI'S SHANAKHAT is achieved. Our Most Beloved SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZAR IMAM IS HIMSELF THE BEARER OF THE "NOOR-E-PANJTAN PAK". SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZAR IMAM IS HIMSELF HAZARAT MOWLA MURTAZA ALI - HIS "NOOR", THE OMNI-PRESENT FROM AGE TO AGE, AND THE ETERNAL.

O MOMIN SAY SALWAT: ALLAHUMA SALI ALA MUHAMMDIN WA AALE MUHAMMAD.

*In the ETERNITY there is no Concept of TIME, therefore NAFIRMANI results in PUNISHMENT (DETACHMENT from THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR") eternally, and conversely FIRMANBARDARI means ETERNAL REWARDS - the two are "worlds" apart!!!

May our Beloved Hazer Imam Shah Karim Al-Husseiny, THE LORD OF THE AGE, shower upon us all, His Choicest Blessings and give us courage and ability to understand the Deep Knowledge of our Ismaili Faith - The Faith of THE DIVINE "NOOR-E-ALI".....AMEN.

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Translation of the Inscriptions on the
Front Photograph

Hazaar Bar Mayne Yaad Ki,
Taswir SHAH KARIM Ki;
Nirali Hay Magar Taswir,
Jo Aaj Dekhi Hay.....

O my Beloved SHAH KARIM
HAZER IMAM,
I have Beheld THY Unforgettable HOLY DIDAR
on many an occasion -
SHUKRANLIALLAH!
But Today THY HOLY DIDAR that I Behold
is Something Else Altogether-
Exclusively Charming!!!
(Allahuma Sali Ala Muhammadin Wa Aale
Muhammad)

Tere Payrome BARKAT Hay,
Tere Hathome QARAMAT Hay,
Aur Tere Ankhome JADU Hay,
Tun Kon Hay?
O SHAH KARIM, muje Teri
Paychhan Chahiye!

I Visualize PROSPERITY in THINE Steps,
I Visualize CREATIVE POWER in THINE Hands,
I Visualize MAGIC in THINE Eyes -
Who Art THOU?
O PRINCE KARIM, I Pray For THY Recognition!

NOTE

The Subject of "DAS AVTARS" and the Truly Magnificent History of The "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" being unfamiliar to most of us students of the Class of Alwaez Shamshuddin, we thought it of utmost necessity that we compile the Lecture Notes in this permanent, bound form.

The Set of Notes is essential because it revives interest and promotes understanding of the True ESSENCE and SPIRIT of our HOLY GINANS in which appear the DIVINE Names of SHRI VISHNU, RAM, KRISHNA, etc. - each, in Their Own Perspectives, THE "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI Who Incarnated in the various AVTARS before finally HIMSELF making the Advent in Arabia as "DASMO NAKLANKI AVTAR".

After listening to the very interesting, knowledge-providing, and thought provoking talks on the subject of "DAS AVTAR of SHRI VISHNU (MOWLA MURTAZA ALI)" one came to know of the fact that it was the same SHRI VISHNU or THE ALI who was PRESENT, is PRESENT, and will forever be PRESENT - "HAYBI ALI NE HOYSEBI ALI". One is deeply impressed by "SAMIJI NA CHALITRA" or MOWLA ALI'S Mysterious and Unfathomable DIVINE ACTION of CREATION. What Magnanimity and Precision the DIVINE PROJECT has! All such thought-provoking, awe-inspiring History of the "NOOR-E-ALI" should give us a lasting imprint of "SHANAKHATE HAZER IMAM" in our lives.

My dear brethren, these notes also contain writings on "VIRAT SWARUP", "RAJA GOVERCHAND", "TO MUNIVAR BHAI", "KANIPA SAMVAD", "DASOND", "MERAJ", and some few more. Please take time to read - and reread - them carefully and thoughtfully, there will be a tremendous gain for you: one's IMAN and ISHQ upon MOWLA ALI HAZER IMAM increases thousandfold - nay! not only a thousand but millionfold. One will gain THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE, "GINAN". With MOWLANA HAZER IMAM'S GRACE, one gets Spiritually Enlightened Insights into the deep Philosophical, Spiritual, Marifati Thought of our Holy Pir Mabaaps which has so brilliantly and beautifully been knitted into the concepts, historical depictions, language and imagery of their GINAN SHASTRAS. The GINAN SHASTRAS are indeed "NOORANI".

Reading through, you will stop many places in awe at the "NOORANI" verses or lines of GINAN-E-SHARIFF: What Magnificence our Pir Sahebs have knit into each and every word! Each of the words are priceless PEARLS overflowed out of the Deep Ocean of the heart ("JAJO JAJO SAMOODARIYANI LAHER, MARA MAN-NA MANELA MOTI LAVAJO"), giving Immense RUHANI KHUSHI or SPIRITUAL HAPPINESS.

This Knowledge is not an end in itself but leads one to the ESSENCE of our "NOOR JO SATPANTH DHARAM": the awe and submission

before the Unfathomable "MOWLA ALI JI QUDRAT"; I sincerely pray that may our Beloved NOOR MOWLANA SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM grace my brothers and sisters the same I was from the reading of these articles (besides the craving to follow-up more and more our SATPANTH DIN in order to gain MOWLA JO RAJIPO and the GRACE of SPIRITUAL LAHAWAS).

The Literature of the Notes before you, you will undoubtedly find, are DIVINELY inspired - Mowla Bapa has employed the pen of Alwaez Shamsuddin! The Subjects covered are in the manner of 'SHAN-E-MOWLA ALI', and are therefore treated at length. It is hoped that the reader-momin will appreciate and enjoy the contents of these Notes in all their minutest of details, and also the simple, "narrative" style that has been employed.

Also, our readers will realize that it is quite a daring effort to put our SATPANTHI Thought, which has hitherto been mainly expressed in Gujerati, into popular form for our English-Speaking public. We have freely made use of words of Gujerati, Arabic, Persian, etc., which are common in our Religious Tradition, only sometimes giving their English equivalent, while at other times pre-supposing familiarity.

Regarding our Ginan-e-Shariff, we have adopted a very simple method for transliteration, and therefore there exist unalleviable difficulties, besides the one of variation in the words themselves in the different Gujerati Ginan-e-Shariff texts available. Secondly, not all the verses from Ginan-e-Shariff quoted in the Notes have been identified by Pir or Title, as some acquaintance on the part of the reader has been presumed. And finally, for the translation of our Ginan-e-Shariff, it has not been possible to give a word for word, literal translation, nevertheless, a paraphrase of the verse under discussion in the sense it is being referred to (this is what should be given, considering the purpose of these Notes!) has been attempted.

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