

OUR MUKHI OF THIS "FADTAL VELA" (EYE OF KALIYUG)

Holy Pir Hassan Kabirdin

Our holy Pir HASSAN KABIRDIN was born in OUTCH village of BHAWALPUL, PUNJAB on Thursday, 22nd Shaban 742 A.H. He was a great philosopher, he was very gentle and affable in his manners, and most inspiring in his preachings. Pir HASSAN KABIRDIN'S GINAN-E-SHARIF show clearly how profound and devoted was his LOVE for the IMAM of the time, MOWLANA SHAH ISLAM SHAH (A.S.), and how great was his devotion to our SATPANTH ISMAILISM. From a very young age, PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN'S father PIR SADARDIN gave him exercise in the practice of IBADAT.

Because of PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN'S IBADAT, he could perform miracles. One of the miracles is related here. Upon seeing a group of Hindu pilgrims from Bhawalpur departing for their ritual bath in the GANGA (GANGES), PIR SAHEB told them that instead of their going to the holy river, he could bring it to them. And so the miracle happened. The pilgrims saw the waters of GANGA advance towards them, and they bathed in them, after which hundreds of them were converted to SATPANTH Religion by PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN.

PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN once brought back to life a Balotch at Multan. Sultan Mahomed who governed Multan at that time, anxious to hear the inspiring sermons of PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN, often paid him a visit and on his death was buried at OUTCH SHARIF according to his wish.

When PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN'S father, PIR SADARDIN, left for Persia to receive the HOLY DIDAR of MOWLANA SHAH ISLAM SHAH, leaving PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN behind because of his young age, PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN suffered from his desire to pay a personal homage to Imam MOWLANA SHRI ISLAM SHAH. Incapable of resisting this desire for long, PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN took some cotton and wove it into a long band of material. He made a turban along the length of which he inscribed the verses of a GINAN "ANANT NAV CHHUGA," dedicated to MOWLANA SHRI ISLAM SHAH in moving terms. All this took PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN six months and six days. This period coinciding with the time during which a wall of iron was erected on the path of his father PIR SADARDIN. Taking the turban,

PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN left for Persia to pay personal homage to MOWLANA SHRI ISLAM SHAH. On his arrival in Persia, he had the unexpected honour of having a Holy Audience with IMAM SHRI ISLAM SHAH at KAHEQ village in the north of ISPHAN, not very far from the actual MAHALLAT. He found our Beloved IMAM SHRI ISLAM SHAH Seated Bareheaded on HIS "TAKHT" or HOLY THRONE OF IMAMAT. Humbly, with his heart filled with fear and veneration, he entered in the Presence of IMAM SHRI ISLAM SHAH, performed BAIYAT or ACT of ALLEGIANCE, and with much respect placed the turban at the HOLY FEET of IMAM-E-ZAMAN. IMAM SHRI ISLAM SHAH with HIS IMMENSE GRACE deigned to lift it up with HIS own hands and placed it on HIS HEAD. After a short while, IMAM SHRI ISLAM SHAH removed the turban and placed it on the head of PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN as a symbol of his "PIRATAN." PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN described this event as one of the most memorable ones:

SHAH ISLAMSHAH TAKHTEJ BETHA,
TARE DIN HUA RAHEMANJI;
SIRBANDH LAI GURNE MUSTAK DIDHA,
TARE SIR NAGA KARI NARJI BETHA --
ALI ANANT....

THE LORD, SHRI ISLAM SHAH WAS SEATED ON HIS THRONE,
THEN HIS GRACE DESCENDED ON ME;
AND TAKING THE TURBAN, THE LORD PLACED IT ON MY HEAD,
AND THEN HE SAT BAREHEADED.

It was in this way, during the sacred HOLY DIDAR of MOWLA ALI, MOWLA SHRI ISLAM SHAH the title of "PIR" was given to PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN Mabaap.

PIR HASSAN KABIRDDIN returned to INDIA and began his missionary work in his official capacity as PIR and effected conversions with the greatest of success. Some people out of jealousy tried to hinder his work. They threw stones at him and planned to take his life.

However, when PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN happened to come face to face with them, a sudden change took place in them as though by a miracle. They found themselves overcome with affection for him; their enmity evaporated in the air and they even came to submit to him completely. Such was the influence attributed to PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN by SHRI ISLAM SHAH, THE LORD. Hardly had his look rested upon a Hindu before the latter was converted to SATPANTH or ISMAILISM.

One day, a man came to the Pir to tell him, "You are completely exhausted by your journey. Your feet are covered with blisters from the necessity of walking on the burning sand, and your skin is cracked from the rigours of the cold. Do you not resent all this in your heart?" PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN replied, "With the GRACE of HAZAR IMAM, I have lost all notion of my physical existence, my body is like a corpse and as such, no distress is able to afflict my heart."

Another time, someone asked PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN what "PATIENCE" meant, to which PIR replied, "If one were to amputate all your limbs, if all sorts of afflictions were to fall on you, if ants were to devour each root of your hair, and if for all this you did not utter one complaint, then truly, that would be PATIENCE."

Having accumulated the knowledge of several languages and local dialects in view of his work, PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN composed numerous GINANS full of fervour and rich in thought which would spiritualize all of us if only one would put them to practise. In PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN MABAP'S Holy GINANS he places particular emphasis on the essential principle of LOVE and DEVOTION to the IMAM-E-ZAMAN and of "TASLIM" or complete and perfect OBEDIENCE to THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" HAZER IMAM in the Temporal and Spiritual Domains. These two exercises which are incumbent upon all the believers, determine the "IMAN" or "FAITH" as opposed to the general acceptance of the word "ISLAM." For "ISLAM" is "AL-IQRAR" or profession of faith whereas "IMAN" is the confession with the knowledge "AL-MARIFA" of THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR." Indeed, all this is equally true of all the GINAN-E-SHARIFF of HOLY PIR SHAMSH and PIR SADRUDDIN.

PIR HASSAN KABIRUDDIN died in the year 853 A.H. at OUTCH SHARIF, the place of his birth, where one finds his mausoleum. His brother PIR TAJDIN, known by the KHOJA'S of SIND under the name of SHAH "TUREL," continued the work of PIR.



**MARIFAT OF
DASOND**



In All Religions...

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD

(an Extract from "Religions of the World" by H.G. Wells)

ISLAM: AN ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION to the WILL of GOD. The Islam Religion is of 'SELF-SURRENDER.'

CHRISTIANITY: Lay not up for yourself TREASURES upon EARTH where Moth and Dust doth corrupt and where Thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourself TREASURES in HEAVEN where neither Moth nor Dust corrupt.
No one can serve two Masters.

BUDHISM: The GOAL of BUDHIST is that he shall not want anything. The craving for wealth, power, and gratification of personal ambition lead to misery and disappointment. It is what Carlyle called "DIVINE DISCONTENT," which according to BUDDHA is the root of all MISERY in life.

SIKHISM: He who is dyed with GOD'S PRAISES never loveth the world. Make the DIVINE WILL your own and obtain HIS GRACE through SELF-SURRENDER — an ABSOLUTE SURRENDER in Mind, Body and Spirit to the WILL of GOD.
Through prayers and self-surrender alone, the DIVINE GRACE descends.

ZOROASTRIANISM: The ESSENCE of Religion is TRUTH. All the world is but DUST. But RIGHTEOUSNESS ends not for it is DEATHLESS. The Religion condemns the quest after Material welfare alone. It exhorts man not to acquire the riches of the Material World at the cost of the spirit. For he who destroys the spiritual world shall possess neither the celestial light nor the Paradise of AHURA MAZADA.

JUDAISM: In the "Ethics of Father" it is asked who is the Hero, who is the Rich? The reply is He who is satisfied with his lot. One must surrender oneself to the DIVINE WILL, humbly in fear of GOD.

He who sacrifices a whole OFFERING shall be rewarded for a whole OFFERING.

HINDUISM: SACRIFICE is made the synonym of SELF-EFACEMENT, SELF-SURRENDER, SELF-RENUNCIATION. This body therefore has been given us only in order that we may SERVE all Creation with it. Therefore says the GITA, he who eats without offering YAGNA, eats STOLEN food — YAGNA or SACRIFICE came with Creation.

JAINISM: This Religion believes that the World is formed of everlasting ATOMS and therefore it will exist eternally. Each soul is infinite and retains its individuality since time immemorial. The principles JAINISTS abide by are the desisting from destroying or hurting any life, not uttering falsehood, not stealing, and non-possession or self-denial.

It can be observed from the above principles of the Great Religions of the World, that each one of them preaches SELF-SURRENDER and SACRIFICE. The reason they give for this is PURIFICATION of our Minds, Hearts, and Souls. It is only with PURE Heart, Mind and Soul that one can achieve TRIUMPH in the Spiritual World. THIS would mean the vanquishing, finally, of Births and Re-births through PURIFICATION, while imparting the detachment from this Material world. All in all, a DIGNIFIED STATUS is achieved in the ETERNAL WORLD.

The HOLY QURAN, HOLY BIBLE, HOLY GITA, and other Religious Scriptures, clearly and emphatically urge the payment of TITHE or DASOND as a principal obligation. This TITHE or DASOND is the RIGHT of GOD or "NOOR JO HAQQ." And we momins are fortunate that this "KHUDAI-HAQQ" is being offered to the RIGHT AUTHORITY.

Now, dear readers, with this General Introduction, please read on the whole section in these Notes on "DASOND," THE RIGHT OF ALLAH.

'Code of Conduct'

(EXTRACT FROM A CHAPTER IN KAZI NO'MAN'S BOOK)

WHAT IS DUE TO THE IMAM FROM THE PROPERTIES OF MOMINS

God says to Prophet Mohammed "TAKE FROM THE PROPERTIES OF YOUR FOLLOWERS A 'SADAQA' i.e. A PORTION IN CHARITY WHICH WILL PURIFY THEM AND KEEP THEIR HEARTS CLEAN." It is also called 'Zakat' because in the words of the holy Quran it is meant for the 'tazkiah' i.e., the purification of the hearts of the Muslims.

God has made it obligatory on all Muslims to take out the 'Zakat' from their properties and hand it over to the Prophet or his descendants. In the lifetime of the Prophet the Muslims used to pay 'zakat' to the officers who were appointed by him for this purpose. They were the persons in charge of the collection who have been mentioned by God in His book.

O momins, may God bestow His mercy on you. Realise the significance of the proper use of what God has entrusted with you. Communicate this to one another. Argue out this case with those who hold different views on this. None of them will have any doubt left in his mind. In addition to the 'zakat' the momins are required to pay the 'khums' the one-fifth of their earnings. The holy Quran says "BEAR IN MIND THAT OF WHATEVER YOU EARN THE FIFTH PART BELONGS TO GOD." Imam Jafar Sadiq greetings be on him says, "The khums belongs to us, the Imams. The people have no share with us in it." The sentence 'the one-fifth belongs to God' means it is to be given away for the sake of God and for a reward from Him. It is meant for the Prophet in his life time and after him it is meant for the Imams from his 'Ahle-bait.'

Imam Jafar Sadiq, greeting be on him, says "God has made it obligatory for the 'momins' to pay us one fifth of their earnings. It belongs to us as a matter of right. He who denies us this right and does not give us our share, will have no claim on God and will get no reward from Him."

This 'Khums' or the 'zakat' which God has enjoined on you to pay does not belong to you. It is not a part of your property.

It is the 'amanat' of God and the Prophet in your hands. God has warned you in His holy book against the misappropriation of 'amanat.' He says "O Momins, DO NOT DECEIVE GOD OR THE PROPHET AND DO NOT MISAPPROPRIATE THE 'AMANAT' IN GENERAL. YOU KNOW (THE CONSEQUENCE) (Holy Quran Ch. 8 V 29). In this connection the Prophet says "The property does not decrease by the payment of 'zakat' or 'khums.' This is not to be taken in the literal sense. For, the property does decrease when the 'zakat' or khums is taken away from it. What the Prophet intends to say is this. The khums or zakat which you are enjoined upon to pay is not a part of your property which is in your hands. Since it is to be taken away it does not belong to you. What is left behind belongs to you. The zakat or khums is the 'amanat' of God with you. He has ordered you to guard it.

The Imams have every right to test their followers by asking them to part with their properties or to probe their loyalty by different means. God tested His prophets by putting them to all sorts of trials and tribulations. I cannot mention them because they are outside the scope of my subject.

O momins, if any one of you is put to test by the Imam, then let him bear the trial with patience. The easiest of such trials is the test in money. You must bear in mind that no time is fixed for the Imams for such trials. They can test their followers at any time and in any way they like when they want to raise them to a high position. They are empowered to do what they like. There is no time limit to their power. Your duty is to submit to them voluntarily. God says "HE WHO VOLUNTEERS TO DO GOOD THINGS, DOES THE BEST THINGS FOR HIMSELF." (Ch. 8 V. 184 Baqra Holy Quran.)

With regard to the use of their khums or zakat by the Imams, they are the masters of their affairs. They can do what they like to do with the money they get from you.

In short, O momins, it is your duty to pay to the Imams the khums, i.e. the fifth part from your earnings. You are nothing more than the depositories of something that belongs to God. It is an amanat in your hands. God wants to test you. He wants to see which of you is

more virtuous. God has repeatedly reminded you of this duty in His Holy Book. O the devotees of God, fear God. Be honest in the return of the amanat to Him who has deposited it with you.

Imam Jafar Sadiq, greetings be on him, says "NONE OF THE DUTIES OF GOD ON MAN IS MORE SERVICE THAN THE RETURN OF THE AMANAT TO HIM FROM YOUR PROPERTY. MANY PEOPLE ARE RUINED BY THE NEGLECT OF THIS DUTY. SEE THAT YOU PUT BACK THIS AMANAT IN THE HANDS OF THE IMAM OF YOUR TIME. IT IS NOT A PART OF YOUR PROPERTY." With all this, if one does not pay the amanat and leaves it behind of his heirs, then he is the greatest loser. He loses everything. Not only does he lose his prestige but he also loses his faith. God says, "WHEN DEATH APPROACHED TO ONE OF THEM, HE SAID 'O GOD, GIVE ME BACK THE LIFE IN ORDER THAT I MAY DO WELL WHAT I HAVE NEGLECTED TO DO.' IT IS NOTHING BUT A MEANINGLESS EXPRESSION. (Chap. 23 V. 99-100 Al Mo'minoon Holy Quran.) Imam Jafer Sadiq, peace be on him, says that "the words 'What I have neglected to do' in the above verse of the Quran refer to the nonpayment of the dues of the Imam of the time which God has enjoined on man to pay. If one does not pay the zakat his prayers will not be recognised. No one deceives God in the payment of zakat on his property excepting the infedls." God says "WOE TO THE INFIDELS WHO DO NOT PAY THE ZAKAT." (Chap. 23 V. 24 Ha'meem Sajda Holy Quran.)

We must bear in mind that one is not free from his obligations if he pays the zakat to those who are not entitled to receive it. O momins pay what you have been enjoined upon to pay to none but the Imams. Let me bring it to your notice that in this matter none of your opponents is a greater enemy of yours than you yourselves. If you conquer yourselves. If you conquer yourselves you will have no difficulty in the discharge of your duty. God says YOUR OWN SELF IS THE EVIL-DICTATOR. (Verse 6-7 para 53 Yusuf Holy Quran.) The prophet says "Passion is a kind of a deity which is worshipped by people." God says in this connection "DON'T YOU SEE THOSE PEOPLE WHO TAKE THEIR PASSION TO BE THEIR GOD." (Para 13 V. 23 Al Jathiya Holy Quran.) Again the Prophet says "The zakat does not come out of the hands of the momins unless he relieves himself from the clutches of seventeen devils, every one of whom holds him back and orders him not to pay." God says,

"BEHOLD, YOU ARE THOSE WHO ARE INVITED TO EXPEND PART OF YOUR SUBSISTENCE FOR THE SUPPORT OF GOD'S RELIGION; BUT THERE ARE SOME OF YOU WHO ARE NIGGARDLY AND WHOEVER IS NIGGARDLY, IS NIGGARDLY TOWARDS HIS OWN SOUL. GOD IS SELF-SUFFICIENT AND YOU ARE NEEDY. IF YOU TURN BACK, HE WILL SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER PEOPLE IN YOUR STEAD WHO SHALL NOT BE LIKE YOU." (Part 25 V. 38 Mahammad Holy Quran.)

In conclusion, O momins, subdue yourselves. Do not allow yourselves to come in the way of the discharge of your duties. You must realise that you have to pay only a small portion of what God has given you and that is God's property which He has entrusted with you. There is no way out of it. He says "YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT OF WHATEVER YOU EARN ONE FIFTH BELONGS TO GOD AND THE PROPHET." (Chap. 47 V. 41 Anfal Holy Quran.) This is applicable to everything that you acquire by way of spoils in the war or what you earn by business or by manual labour or what you get from the Imams themselves in the form of remuneration for your work. You have to take out the khums of everything that you have acquired by this means. It matters little whether what you have got is much or small. It is your duty to pay the Khums to the Imams or those who are appointed by them to receive it on their behalf.

KHUDAJO MAAL: "NOOR" JO MAAL

DASOND--MALEVAJBAT--USHRA ALLAH

The Right of ALLAH

(For the Stability of both the Spiritual and Temporal Worlds)

Most IMPORTANT discussions on the subject of DASOND-MALEVAJBAT have been going on, amongst the ASHABS (JAMATHI MEMBERS), since the time of our Beloved Prophet MUHAMMAD RASUL KARIM S.A.S. (say Holy Salwat: ALLAHUMA SALI ALLAH HUMANNADAN WA AALE MUHAMMAD) DASOND (USHRA ALLAH) or KHUMS and ZAKAT are two most important principles of ISLAM. In the HOLY QURAN, the Almighty ALLAH has made reference in THIRTY-ONE places to DASOND.

A person who pays DASOND is called a "MOMIN." The title of "MOMIN" is admired and yearned for by all -- one is happy and delighted to be called a "MOMIN." On the other hand, the one who does not believe in Religion is called a "MUNAFIQ." Calling someone a "MUNAFIQ" would hurt that person. What charm and happiness lie in leading the life of a "MOMIN"! and what shame and pain lie in the life of "MUNAFIQ."

A momin who pays DASOND in GAT JAMATH is rewarded in this world, as well as in the next. Our Holy Pir SADARDIN SAHEB says in GINAN-E-SHARIFF:

EJI DASOND SAHEBJINE AALIE,
TO SUKHI RAHIE SANSAR;
SESHTRA GHANERO AAGAL NIPJE,
PAMO MOKSH MUGAT DIDAR.

O momin, give DASOND to MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM and you will be happy in your life.
O momin, if you give DASOND you will achieve MOKSH (SALVATION), MUKTI (SPIRITUAL FREEDOM) and HOLY NOORANI DIDAR of "SAQI-E-KAWTHAR," the ONE who is the MASTER OF THE FOUNTAIN OF THE NOOR -- MOWLA MURTAZA ALI: You shall achieve THE MOST UNIQUE BATUNI NOORANI DIDAR.

O momin, from the point of view of material wealth, a person who does not pay DASOND, a MUNAFIQ, leaves behind after death a larger

sum than one who does pay DASOND. The MUNAFIQ who didn't fulfil his Religious obligations and did not pay DASOND saved a large sum of money, well, but of what use is this Wealth after death? The Almighty ALLAH says in the HOLY QURAN:

(SURATAL NISSA (IV) Ayats 39 and 40)

What have they (to fear) if they believe in Allah and the Last Day and spend (a right) of that which Allah hath bestowed upon them, when Allah is ever Aware of them (and all they do)?

Lo! Allah wrongeth not even of the weight of an ant; and if there is a good deed, He will double it and will give (the doer) from His presence an immense reward.

Again THE ALMIGHTY ALLAH says:

(SURATAL AL-BAQAR (II) Ayats 261 and 281)

The likeness of those who spend their wealth in Allah's way is as the likeness of a grain which groweth seven ears, in every ear is a hundred grains. Allah giveth increase manifold to whom He Will. Allah is All-Embracing, All-Knowing.

And guard yourself against a day in which ye will be brought back to Allah. Then every soul will be paid in full that which it hath earned, and they will not be wronged.

It can be clearly seen, according to our HOLY QURAN and GINAN-E-SHARIFF, In 'AKUBAT' the ALMIGHTY ALLAH, as per HIS DIVINE PROMISE, shall give handsome rewards to those momin RUHANIS who will have had FAITH in ALLAH during their lives and who sacrificed DASOND. Such most fortunate momin RUHANIS will be, undoubtedly, tremendously and delightfully happy because of their PROSPERITY in the next world.

On the other hand, the person who did not keep FAITH in ALLAH and did not pay DASOND during his life on this earth shall be obviously in a most miserable state. He will suffer poverty ETERNALLY -- his misery shall be DISHEARTENING with TOTAL DISAPPOINTMENTS, endlessly, in the ETERNAL WORLD. Our HOLY PIR SADARDIN says in GINAN-E-SHARIFF:

EJI SAMINA DAL JYARE CHAALSHE,
TYARE SAT DHARAMNU THAYSHE VAHEVAR HO;
UNIYACHARI TIYA(N) UBHA RAHESHE,

FAL LAHESHE SACHA YAAR HO --
DUDH MA DEEKHO VIRA KAARMU,
ENE DUDHE TE PADSHO JANJAL HO;
DAAG DEKHO VIRA ALI TANO RE,
SACHE SHAH TANO.

meaning: In 'AKUBAT,' my SWAMI RAJO shall carry out JUSTICE. At that time my SWAMI RAJO, THE ALMIGHTY ALLAH, according to HIS 'KOL' (PROMISE) shall grace the momins with the ETERNAL REWARDS -- those who have most faithfully fulfilled their obligations in their lives and paid DASOND regularly in GAT JAMATH. The momin RUHANIS shall be tremendously happy to see themselves highly Prosperous and Dignified with all the Spiritual Glories. Whereas, the persons who grabbed 'NOOR JO MAAL,' 'KHUDAI HAQQ' (DASOND - MALEVAJBAT)... Pir Mabaap says it shall all turn against them -- into DARKNESS, it shall be 'KARMU' or the most terrible and painfully disappointing time.

ITMADI KAMADIA KASSIMALI ZAVERI highly served our Beloved IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH. He was a TRUE MOMIN and used to spend thousands of Rupees during PADHARAMNI MUBARAK in INDIA of our Beloved forty-eighth IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH. ITMADI KAMADIA KASSIMALI used to pay DASOND -- MALEVAJBAT in GAT JAMATH very regularly, but in order to impart good impressions to our JAMATHS, MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMED SHAH once drew the attention of ITMADI KASSIMALI saying:

"ITMADI KASSIMALI, you spend thousands during my PADHRAMANI, I shall positively reward you in this world and the next."

"ITMADI DASOND BARABAR DENA, KABI DASOND MALEVAJBAT BARABAR NAHI DEGA TO AKHARAT ME KHAYGA KYA? (If you will not fulfil your duty of paying DASOND regularly what will you sustain yourself on in the AKUBAT, in your ETERNAL LIFE?)"

ITMADI KASSIMALI KAMADIA and his family, as usual, maintained regular payment of DASOND for their lifetimes.

O momins, dear brothers and sisters, let us think seriously upon this matter. In the daily course of our lives, even for only a single day if we do not get the right food or drink, we feel unbearable unease -- we feel pain and headache. In QIYAMAT, where a day is exceptionally lengthy -- a day of QIYAMAT equals FIFTY THOUSAND YEARS of our mortal world, what will the RUHANI do without sustenance?

Our PIR SADARDIN MABAAP has given us timely WARNING of the GREAT DAYS of the ETERNAL LIFE where all RUHANIS have to one day go -- after this worldly life is over.

EJI ARDH LAKH VARASH NO EK DAADLO,
AKHAR JAMANA MA THAY;
TIS DIN PADE PASTAYSO,
BHAI SO DIN "MAHADAN" MAHE.

meaning: ONE DAY of the ETERNITY is equal to FIFTY THOUSAND YEARS of this life. O momin, one shall be terribly sorry and regretful on the Day of MAHADAN (In the event one does not fulfil the most sacred duties of DUA and DASOND.)

ALHAMDULILLAH! we are all positively TRUE DASONDI momins, we pay "NOOR JO MAAL," "KHUDAI HAQQ" regularly in GAT JAMATH therefore we are FEARLESS in this world and in the next ... AMEN. It is merely for the purpose of KNOWLEDGE that this article has been written -- it is written in good spirit. We are all TRUE MOMINS and we have already been accepted as the most loved momins and spiritual children by our Beloved SAMI RAJO MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM. Therefore, Rejoice! Rejoice! O momins, rejoice and fulfil all the sacred duties -- HOLY DUA, BANDGI and DASOND SUKARIT -- always -- AMEN.

We shall now revert to take a look at the most beautiful verses of GINAN-E-SHARIFF which tell about DASOND-MALEVAJBAT: the advantages, importance, and serious lasting effects upon human life. Our Beloved MUKHI SAHEB of "FARTAL VELA," PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN has explained so clearly in the verses of "ASHAJI -- HARI ANANT -- HARI ANANT":

ASHAJI SUNKAL MAHE DASOND LIKHANI,
TIS DIN DASOND LIKHANIJI;
GUR GINAN VED VICHARO,
DASOND VINA NAHI CHHUTO --
HARI ANANT ANANT, HARI ANANTEJO SWAMI SHAH,
ANANTEJO ANTA TUHI JANEJI.

meaning: Before the Creation, at the time of 'SUNKAL,' ALLAH gave HIS DIVINE ORDER for DASOND. O momin, if you refer to GINAN-E-SHARIFF and all the Scriptures you will come to know that without the DASOND there is no SALVATION of the ATMA (RUH).

ASHAJI DASOND VINA DHIN NA JANO,
FAL SOHI NA FALEJI;
MOOD SUKA TENA SARVE FAL SUKA,
ANE SUKI TE DADOI-DAL --
HARI ANANT ANANT, HARI ANANTE JO SAMI SHAH,
ANANTEJO ANTA TU(N)HI JANEJI.

meaning: O momins, we are most fortunate to be born in "SATPANTH DHARAM." But it is hard to achieve benefits from Religion if DASOND is not paid regularly. Take the example of a tree: If the roots are withered, the whole tree shall perish. Similarly, DASOND is the ROOT or FOUNDATION of RELIGION, without DASOND one cannot achieve benefits from RELIGION. If DASOND -- "NOOR JOMAAL" is not fulfilled in GAT JANATH, it would mean that we have not followed SATPANTH DHARAM perfectly.

One cannot attain "ISHQ" or "IMAN" without fulfilling duties of DASOND and DUA regularly: and if for our Beloved MOWLANA SHAH KARIM HAZER IMAM (MOWLA MURTZA ALI, "NOOR-EN-ALLAH NOOR") we do not acquire IMAN and ISHQ, then apparently we are afflicted by SPIRITUAL POVERTY in our lives. For such persons, as mentioned in the verse of ASHAJI, "FAL SOHI NA FALE" or the follower of SATPANTH will not be benefitted. In other words, there shall not be the DIVINE SHELTER, DIVINE PROTECTION, or DIVINE GRACE of HAZER IMAM for the one who does not pay DASOND.

But it does not mean that HAZER IMAM'S GRACE or MERCY is WITHDRAWN, the person, himself, RUNS AWAY or turns his back from THE "NOOR," THE LIGHT. HOLY PIR SADARDIN says in GINAN-E-SHARIFF:

EJI EK SAROVAR SINCHYA ROPYA,
EK HARIA NE DUJA SOOKA;
NUGRE RAHA NAHIRE PAAI,
BHAI SAT VINA TE SOOKA.

ALLAH, THE MERCIFUL and COMPASSIONATE, showers HIS BOUNDLESS BLESSINGS on all, but lo! you find some trees green, fruit-bearing and eye-pleasing, while some are dry and eye-sores. The dry trees (persons) are NUGRA, or those in spite of GURU (MURSHID HAZER IMAM), they do not care for GURU'S HOLY FIRMAN. FIRMAN BARDAR momins gain and are benefitted in MOWLAJO DIN (SATPANTH).

The life of a BEDASONDI becomes SHELTERLESS, his life turns into BEBARQAT. Even if the BEDASONDI is a millionaire, he will never, never be happy at heart or soul. BEDASONDI are never contented, neither

materially nor spiritually. The BEDASONDI is deprived of BARQATS obtainable from our Beloved MOWLANA HAZER IMAM. If the root is deteriorated, all the branches of the tree wither: BEDASONDI'S family, his children, all suffer in many respects, they become discontented, unhappy and are frustrated in life always.

ASHAJI SUKA FAL SO KUCHH NAHI BHAVE,
TENU MODHU(N) FAAT FAAT THAYEJI;
KHARA PANI SAROVAR KAHIE(N),
TE PIDHE TRASHANA NA JAY -- HARI ANANT....

meaning: Fruit that is dry or juiceless, no one will even taste: one who eats will spoil his mouth -- he will be disgusted. Pir Mabaap says, water in the seas is in abundance, but, after all, it is salty. Anyone drinking it does not quench his thirst, on the contrary thirst increases.

This means that total DISSATISFACTION and UNHAPPINESS is felt by the one not fulfilling Duty of DASOND, even though he might have accumulated immense wealth. The wealth is UNPURIFIED, ie. wealth from which DASOND -- "KHUDAI HAQQ" -- has not been paid. It is as salty water, not yielding satisfaction in the heart.

ASHAJI SHAHNA DIDAR TAKHATEJ BETHA,
TIYA DASONDNU PUCHHEJI;
JIBRAIL TIYA PUCHHVANE AAVE,
DASOND VINA SARVE JUTHA -- ALI ANANT....

meaning: MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, DASMA NAKLANKI AVTAR, is on the THRONE of HOLY IMAMAT: MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, on the DAY of JUDGEMENT shall be Seated on the "NOORANI" TAKHAT and HAZARAT JABRAIL shall question the RUHANIS on DASOND. The excuses of those who ignored the fulfilling of the Sacred Duty of DASOND will all be taken as untrue.

ASHAJI DASOND NA DIDHI NE KIRIYA KIDHI,
TE SATI HUO APARJI;
DASOND VINA TE UNCHO NAHI CHADYO,
TENE AAVI DIDARNI KHOT -- ALI ANANT....

meaning: Persons who take all the other benefits of DHARAM except that of paying DASOND, their RUH shall not rise High in IBADAT BANDGI. Such persons shall, spiritually, be the losers -- there shall be no HOLY DIDAR in AKUBAT for them.

ASHAJI CHEATRIS KRODI PURA DHARMI,
SIRI ISLAMSHAH NE BHETYAJI;
DASOND KARAN JIV DULAVYA,
TE CHOVIS GAYA GHOR ANDHAR.
ALI ANANT ANANT, YA ALI ANANTEJO SAMI SHAH,
ANANTEJO ANTA TUHI JANEJI.

meaning: PIR MABAAP says, during the REIGN of MOWLANA SHRI ISLAM SHAH, momins were very pious and performed all the religious ceremonies, they were PURA DHARMI -- RELIGIOUSLY PERFECT. But, unfortunately, TWO-THIRDS of the JAMATHI members did not pay DASOND. AS a result, they were trapped in GOR ANDHAR, the INVISIBLE CAGE from which it is impossible to escape.

YA ALI THOU ART ETERNAL BADSHAH,
YA ALI THOU ART THE MASTER OF EVERYTHING IN THE BILLIONS OF
UNIVERSES,
YA ALI THEE, AND THEE ALONE, KNOWETH THE MYSTERY OF THY VAST
CREATION,
YA ALI -- YA ALI -- YA ALI.

EJI SATGURNI PANTI ALAGI KARO,
ANE PACHHE KARO POTANO AHAAR;
TE MAHE THASE BARKAT GHANI,
TENNO SENSO MA AANSO LAGAAR --
CHETO RIKHISARO GUR KAHE,
SACHA SATGURE EM KAHYA.

meaning: O momins, first and foremost, keep aside the amount of DASOND from your net earnings. Afterwards, and then only, you can eat your meals with contentment and satisfaction. You shall positively achieve tremendous BARQATS -- O momins, do not have doubt in this matter.

EJI TE APANE DIDHA VINA NAHI CHALSE,
TAMO SUNO HO MUNIVAR BHAI;
MANKHA JANAM MATHE THERAVIA,
E SAU SAUNA MATHE CHHE BHAR -- CHETO....

meaning: O momins, be ASSURED that DASOND is a MUST. No one can rest in peace if DASOND is not given as it is KHUDAJO MAAL, it is NOOR-JO MAAL. O momins, our soul has been granted DIGNITY of 'ASHRAFAL MAKHLUKAT,' the most Superior among ALLAH'S Creation, and the ALMIGHTY ALLAH with HIS GRACE and MERCY has granted us the 'MANKHA AVTAR' or HUMAN DRESS on the condition that we shall fulfil our obligations of DUA and DASOND. Everyone is therefore duty-bound for DASOND by our HAZER IMAM.

EJI NAR AUNE DASOND JO AALSO,
TO TAMARA VADHASE RIDHI-SIDHI PUTRA PARIVAR;
IMAN SALAMAT TENA RAKHSU(N),
APNO NAR ALI CHHE SIRJANHAR -- CHETO....

meaning: O momins, if you will submit the Humble Offering of DASOND, MALEVAJBAT to MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, then you will prosper in worldly position, while also you can be certain of High

Rewards in the Next World. And ALLAH shall protect your IMAN which is so Unique and Priceless a treasure. Remember, O momin, the DASOND you are offering, is to our MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, THE CREATOR of Both WORLDS -- HE shall REWARD you in Both the WORLDS...AMEN.

DASOND to combat Adversities

DASOND is the powerful WEAPON to combat against any misfortune in life. No doubt, the misfortunes that have already crystallized cannot be avoided (these are called KISMATI and QUDARATI DUKHO or MISFORTUNES from one's past lives, and the person brings them with him for the suffering during this life. They are there to PURIFY him. Such situations are always cheerfully acceptable because of the strength, courage and patience through IBADAT-BANDGI, DUA, and DASOND. "MARA MOMAN BHAI RATA," Pir Mabaap says my momins are never unhappy: they may at times feel sad, but never unhappy because they carry "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI in their hearts.) but through DASOND one can stand firm and steadfast at the time of adversity. Through DASOND momin gets boundless courage to face the hardships in life.

Alwaez HAJI, at this juncture, gives a real life example of a TRUE ISMAILI MOMIN and tells of how he was saved, how his mother saved the family by her timely advice.

In 1976, at the time of PADHARAMNI MUBARAK of our Beloved MOWLANA SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM and BEGUM SALIMAH in KARACHI, Alwaez HAJI was the guest at a friend's house, a man who was originally from DAR-ES-SALAAM.

This man had started business in KARACHI with a capital of Rupees 300,000, but unfortunately he had lost half of his capital within a few years. This worried him terribly. The gentleman told his mother of the calamity: "O Maaji, what will happen to us now, we are losing money every year."

His mother advised him, "Beta, tell me the truth, do you pay DASOND regularly in JANATH KHANA?"

"Ma! I have no income, from where and how shall I pay DASOND?"

His dear mother, out of her affection, advised her son, "Beta, your late father never failed to pay DASOND in life. He never had his meal without paying MALEVAJBAT. I strongly recommend you to give DASOND — even if you have no income, pay upon your present home expenses and do not worry. Pay TODAY, without a single moment's delay! You will be happy that you followed my advice."

"Do not worry at all. Pay KHUDAI HAQQ and leave all burden on HAZER IMAM, MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, the SUSTAINER of the BILLIONS of UNIVERSES. HE is 'ROJINO PURANHAR,' BESTOWER of 'ROJI' in BATIN, HE gives 'ROJI' to all therefore HE will give us too."

The TRUE MOMIN son was very sensible and intelligent, without any argument he said "AMEN" to his dear mother.

Seven or Eight months after the above advice, he still did not find any noticeable improvement in his business -- still loss continued. THE MASTER of the HEAVENS was TESTING him, it was the period of "KASOTI" (TEST). But the man passed his SPIRITUAL EXAM with distinction. He kept on paying DASOND (Rs. 250) regularly, while also saying his DUA-BANDGI -- with PATIENCE.

After only another month, the situation took an amazing turn! He got a big customer buying a supply of goods worth Rs. 25,000 daily from the factory. (A normal day used to be Rs. 2,000 only.) Consequently instead of loss, he began to make huge profits -- he now earned a daily profit of Rs. 8,000. The business was still continuing in the same spirit six months later. The mother was much delighted to know of her child's prosperity. A great misery and misfortune was combatted with DASOND.

How ALLAH Tests HIS momins can be seen from yet another real life incident in the life of LATE MUKHI ISMAIL HAJI of KILOSSA, TANZANIA. During the period, ALLAH also protects and benefits HIS momins by giving them Courage, Patience, and a Higher Purified IMAN and ISHQ.

The incident took place in the year 1927. MUKHI ISMAIL HAJI had been rendering unique service to IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH and the JAMATH for several years. MUKHI ISMAILBHAI was in 'CHALU' service of GAT JAMAT when, while he was in JAMATH KHANA, his shop caught

fire and the shop with all the merchandise (65,000 sh worth) was all burnt to ashes. Nothing had been insured.

Some people unwisely said to MUKHI SAHEB, "O ISMAIL MUKHI, you always pay DASOND in time and yet you have lost your property." But ISMAIL MUKHI knew very well that he was, spiritually, under TEST, he prayed to MOWLA BAPA: O SAMI RAJA TU(N) LAJA RAKHANHAR....

A true momin never Regrets, never is Discouraged, never is Disheartened because he knows MOWLA ALI MOWLANA HAZER IMAM is with him. He continues his prayers and Absolutely RELIES upon HAZER IMAM for HIS GRACE — he keeps boundless PATIENCE.

ISMAIL MUKHI very politely told our brothers that it was MOWLA BAPA'S Wish and he must submit himself ABSOLUTELY before MOWLA ALI HAZER IMAM: "I am not interested in your uninspiring, discouraging talk. Such talk is fatal to our spiritual lives. I do not think you are among my well-wishers.

"O my dear brothers, I never expected from you such worthless and miserable thoughts. As true momins of HAZER IMAM, I expected Noble Thoughts, FAITH, MOWLA JO ISHQ and CHOOST IMAN.

"O dear brothers, you know not of HIS MYSTERY (KHEL), it is HAZER IMAM'S 'QUDRAT,' MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM'S SUPREME POWER that works in 'HAR SHAY' ie. in Each and Every Particle. HIS SUPREME POWER Controls the Weather, the Atmosphere, Fire, Water, Nature, and also each and every Human Being's Thoughts: it is by HIS Wish that in momin's heart LOVE and IMAN is created."

As soon as the news about the fire reached (Spiritually, through BATIN) MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH, it was MOWLA SHAH MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM that provoked in the hearts of some Ismaili merchants a readiness to loan stock worth 100,000 sh. to MUKHI ISMAIL to restart his business. ISMAIL MUKHI said with CONFIDENCE, IMAN and ISHQ, "I can feel, I can see with my Spiritual Understanding that my MOWLA RAJO wishes to rebuild my DESTINY with new environment and circumstances."

MUKHI ISMAIL'S destiny began to change for the most favourable with HAZER IMAM'S GRACE. His newly started business flourished to such an extent that in TWO years he earned what he had never done in his whole life.

ISMAIL MUKHI underwent the TEST with his IMAN and ISHQ remaining absolutely unshaken. His IMAN and ISHQ were highly purified by "CHOKHI DASOND" (PERFECT DASOND), and because of his IMAN he was highly confident. He relied strongly, firmly, absolutely on MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM! His "IMAN" and "MOWLA JO ISHQ" brought tremendous Prosperity -- in worldly matters -- within a very short period, while spiritually he became highly dignified and highly glorified.

Through DASOND momins gain POWER, through DASOND momins can stand as FIRM as mountains under any Adversities that may afflict them in life. Our fore-fathers and fathers have left for us such a Heritage! We have only to follow the footsteps of our ancestors: the Heritage of STRONG, UNSHAKABLE FAITH (IMAN). It is a Priceless Heritage we shall maintain and impart to our generations by teaching them and talking to them of the Beauties, Charms, Benefits, Achievements, Glories and Dignities of DASOND and MOWLA JO DHIN, DHIN of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM. Say Salwat, O momins: ALLAHUMA SALI ALA MUHAMMADIN WA AALE MUHAMMAD.

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Our fathers and fore-fathers were TRUE MOMINS, they followed SATPANTH, the Religion of the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR," and followed staunchly the HOLY FIRMANs of the "NOOR." Because of such 'FIRMANBARDARI,' and especially because they lived as ONE SPIRITUAL FAMILY -- with UNITY -- they were most of them bestowed with HAQIQATI VISION and BATUNI "NOORANI" DIDAR.

The Love one has for one's spiritual BROTHERS and SISTERS is so very unique: the LOVE for RUHANI BHAI and BEN is the LOVE for KHUDAWIND HAZER IMAM. It should be from the depth of our hearts. When we see someone unhappy, in adversity, we should feel hurt just as our Beloved HAZER IMAM would feel, and if we cannot materially be of help, we must say a prayer immediately -- to make MOWLA happy.

In the HOLY FIRMAN BOOK of FIRST VISIT of MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH to ZANZIBAR in 1899, MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH most graciously made FIRMAN that in the JAMATH I can see there are SEVEN MOMINS who are at the stage of PIR SADARDIN. Who were these momins? What ideals did they follow: they were regular, nay PERFECT, at

BAITUL KHAYAL BANDGI, DUA, DASOND, JAMATH KHANA HAJRI, and they were having "NOORANI" DIDAR practically every day!

A day when they did not have experience, NOORANI LAHAWA, they sought after a solution — how to make MOWLA BAPA happy? They would go into town, meet with a few Ismaili families, and ask them if they were in any social or economical adversity. They did their best to impart advice, help, or to say prayers. And believe me! O momins, on the very same night! during BAITUL KHAYAL BANDGI, HAZER IMAM most graciously gifted such momins with Special BATUNI LAHAWAS, SPIRITUAL BENEFITS. This, O momins, is our "MOWLA JO DHIN": this is ISMAILISM, the TRUE SPIRIT of ISMAILISM.

Pir Sabza Ali, Vazier Ismail, Mukhi Meghji Mulji, Vazier Hoodbhai, Bazier Rahim Basaria, Vazier Saleh, and many other momins of this category, achieved so much from MOWLAJO-DIN, from MOWLAJO-GHAR. When they left this FA'NI DUNYA they achieved HAQIQATI KHUSHIALI, "NOOR" JI KHUSHIALI, 'AKHAND' NOORANI DIDAR.

Say Holy Salwat: ALLAHUMA SALI ALLAH MUHAMMADAN WA AALE MUHAMMAD.

DASOND and PURITY

Food eaten without DASOND is UNHOLY and IMPURE. Food taken after paying DASOND becomes HOLY and PURE; and the one who eats such pure food, his life becomes purified -- in fact his SPIRITUAL VISION becomes exceptionally powerful. Our Ismaili momins have proved these facts by their practising of the Ideals. They have set immortal examples for our JAMATHS and particularly for OUTSIDERS.

The Ismaili momin, the late RAJPAR KARMALI, passed away from this material world in 1926 at the age of 65. He had owned a farm in the KOKOTONI area in ZANZIBAR, and coconuts and cloves were the main crops.

The late RAJPAR KARMALI became physically blind in 1921. In spite of his condition RAJPAR used to go to JAMATHKHANI daily and punctually. He used to go walking! without the help of anyone: he never used to take a stick even!

Another Mr Hussein Jiva Moti, an Ismaili merchant of ZANZIBAR, once asked the late Mr Karmali regarding his condition and courage to walk to J.K. daily, "Why is it that you refuse a lift to J.K.?" Mr Karmali said, "If I sit in a car I shall have to talk on worldly matters. It is better therefore if I go alone and remember the SWEET HOLY NAME -- YA ALI, YA ALI, MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, YA ALI, YA ALI, YA MUHAMMAD, YA ALI ..."

Mr Hussein Jiva and a friend of his, Mr Karmali Rawji, had occasion to go to the farm of MUKHI RAJPAR. They were there about lunch time and were immediately served fish deliciously cooked with coconut (TUI JO SAAG), together with MOFA bread.

After lunch the two gentlemen asked Mukhi bapa: "DO you have children?" Mukhi bapa's wife answered them by reciting a verse of GINAN-E-SHARIEFF in a sweet melodious RAAG (tune):

EJI KENA CHHORU NE KENA VACHHRU,
ARE KENA MAI NE BAAP;
ANTA KAL JAVU JIVNE EKLU,
SATHE PUNYA NE PAAP.

meaning: Whose children? Whose father and mother?
At the last moment only your PAAP and PUNYA
accompany you, ie. your Actions during life.

MUKHI RAJPAR told the gentlemen, "Listen dear brothers, I wish to tell you the most important matter in life. If, till the last breath we are able to maintain IMAN and ISHQ upon MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM, then we will positively become in UNION with the NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR MOWLA ALI: we shall Achieve NOORANI DIDAR for certain. Once this is Achieved there remains no deficiency of anything in life -- this means we will have EVERYTHING! We have to beg from our Beloved HAZER IMAM and say, 'YA MOWLA we have craving for THY ISHQ, for THY ZAHERI and BATUNI NOORANI DIDAR, YA MOWLA encircle our lives with THY DIVINE PRESENCE and LOVE which are the most PRECIOUS things in momins life.' If only we asked for 'MOWLA JO ISHQ' from the depth of our hearts, we should get from HIM what we ask both in this world and the next."

MUKHI RAJPAR reiterated, "Well, now we will stop talking further. Tell me the purpose of your visit, can I do anything for you?"

HUSSEIN BHAI said politely, "Mukhi bapa, can you see anything with your eyes, even a little?"

"No, my dear brother, not even a bit."

"Then, how are you able to walk to Jamath Khana for six miles, up and down, without using a stick!"

Mukhi RAJPAR replied, "My Worldly Vision is gone but my Spiritual Vision is highly developed. Only the Spiritual Vision is the TRUE, the GENUINE -- and through the power of my Spiritual Vision, O dear brother, I can reach Jamath Khana.

"Over and above this, I can see how many coconuts there are in each of the trees on my farm. I know in advance! how many coconuts the trees shall yield in the season. I always tell my wife in advance what quantities of cloves and coconuts my farm shall yield for the year, and I employ the number of labourers accordingly. I still keep all the accounts of my farm crops -- my estimates have always proved accurate and perfect."

The gentlemen asked MUKHI RAJPAR how it was possible to have gained such status and good fruits in life.

Mukhi RAJPAR replied, "O Dear brothers, if 'DASOND MALEVAJBAT,' the HAQQ (RIGHT) of HAZER IMAM is offered in GAT JAMAT, first, before eating food, then the LIGHT of IMAN and ISHQ in the heart upon our Beloved HAZER IMAM is enhanced to the extent that one does not compulsorily need the JISMANI ANKHO or physical eyes.

"I do not have physical eyes, but I can see everything because of the PURITY of my inner vision which developed through CLEAN and PURE food. I never eat my meal unless I have paid DASOND and this has been my practice for the last FORTY YEARS -- the purification of my mind, heart and soul. DASOND is the 'MASTER KEY' by which one can change the DARKNESS of life into LIGHT -- 'NOOR' in life. Through this LIGHT, Material and Spiritual progress comes easily.

"You have just heard about how DASOND brings progress in life, now I will tell you of the adverse effects upon one's life by the not paying of DASOND, ie. grabbing of ALLAH'S HAQQ by 'CHHANI CHORI.'

If IMPURE food is taken in, it acts adversely, lowering one's dignity while gravely retarding progress in life."

Mukhi RAJPAR said, "I am originally from CUTCH, NAGALPUR. I earned my living upon a farm, I used to take my products for selling from BHUJ to MANDVI. My daily earning was Rs. 2.50 only (20 cents), out of which I fed the cattle Rs 1.50's worth. This left me with a net income of Rs 1.00 (less than 10 cents!). I used to pay DASOND on this income regularly. From the farm I also used to send grain and other products as DASOND to JAMATH KHANA, and only after this practice would we eat our meals. Yes, we were very strict in our practice.

"In the same village as mine I had a neighbour, who while one day leaving home for a short visit to BHUJ, left for his wife ONE Rupee to buy food and to pay DASOND. But when evening came, because of a friend's sudden visit she couldn't go to Jamath Khana. She postponed the payment of DASOND until the next evening and bought food stuff in order to entertain the guest.

"The guest requested that he be put up for the night. And after everyone had gone to sleep, the man awoke and grabbing many of the valuables in the house -- watches, clothes, etc., he left.

"The next day, the man of the house returned and discovered what had happened. He was very angry, but lo! the wife admitted that it was not the fault of the thief but her own that she had entertained the friend with IMPURE food. After eating the food the guest's mind must have been vitiated. The house owner and his wife on the same evening took CHANTA from MUKHI SAHEB in JAMATH KHANA."

MUKHI RAJPAR said, "This incident, since it happened has opened my eyes. It was a great lesson to me. Since that day, I have never had my meal without paying MOWLA BAPA'S, YA ALI'S HAQQ -- NOOR JO MAAL. I had started this farm with just ten plants of coconuts and ten of cloves, but with the BARQAT of DASOND I am well-off economically, my net income today is Rs. 20,000 to 25,000 a year (very handsome indeed for that time!)."

Eating PURIFIED food (with DASOND paid) there is POSITIVE BARQAT, BARQAT and BARQAT, to the extent that is beyond description. One should have FAITH and PATIENCE.

How "DASOND JO MAAL" is Protected by MOWLA MURTAZA ALI

MUKHI Nizarbhai and MUKHIANI Tajubai narrated an interesting incident to the author Alwaez Shamsuddin. Upon hearing it one is thrilled and a prayer instantly enters one's mind that Ya MOWLA, how? how? THEE taketh care of DASONDI MOMIN -- Billion thanks, Ya MOWLA....

Some time in 1977 a man stole jewellery worth \$500 approximately from the store of Nizar Mukhi. The person left the store but Nizar Mukhi tracked him down to a nearby hotel. He told Mukhi Saheb that I am coming to pay you, and Mukhi Saheb left him. But he did not appear and there was no way to trace him.

However, surprisingly! the next morning the Postman came to the shop and returned the stolen goods. The man had packed the jewellery and requested the Post Office to make special delivery of the package to Mukhi Nizar of Richmond.

Everything was there except a small chain. The man sent the chain another day later with an enclosed letter of apology.

What BARQAT of DASOND?! What safety of DASOND JO MAAL!
What Safety for those who pay MOWLAJI HAQQ!

At the same shop, another incident occurred four months later. A man came in, wore a leather coat, and made off with it. Mukhi Nizar called the police and while he was explaining to them how it had happened, the man reappeared, returned the jacket and gave himself up to the police! Truly incredible.

But these are facts of events that actually happened -- and also worthwhile knowing about. These are the benefits of DASOND MALEVAJBAT. MOWLA BAPA, MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM, by HIS BATUNI "NOORANI" POWER, Protects his momins and the property of momins. Those who try to rob momins of their property are frightened terribly in their hearts and are unsuccessful.

WHY does ALLAH demand DASOND?

From the time a man is born on this earth, the ALMIGHTY ALLAH, in order the man is happy, with HIS DIVINE GRACE and LOVE places at

his disposal all the resources that keep him alive and happy. For example, AIR, WATER, SUNLIGHT are all "NYAMATS" from ALLAH, GRACE from NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR, MOWLA MURTAZA ALI.

ALLAH, therefore in TESTING the man for his gratitude and love asks him to make SACRIFICE of the thing he most loves. HE asks the man to pay DASOND in the form of money, and when the momin fulfils his duty, in other words, has offered ALLAH his HEART, then the momin becomes CLOSER to his CREATOR.

The author of a book titled "DIVINE GRACE" asks "Do you know how much it would cost you to buy all the AIR you need to breathe in a year?" And he answers that one breathes nearly 15,000 dollars worth of air per year from the atmosphere.

Also, all the famous actors and singers, who from their talent earn millions of dollars annually, are making money from the ALLAH given GRACE. When the singer or actor dies, he is useless or worthless.

Because of ALLAH'S GRACE, man can live, and live happily. But ALLAH tests him:

(HOLY QUR'AN Sura III verse 186)

Assuredly ye will be tried in your property and in your persons

The ALMIGHTY ALLAH says in the HOLY QURAN (Sura III verse 92)

Ye will not attain unto piety until ye spend of that which ye love. And whatsoever ye spend, Allah is aware thereof.

A man loves most in life his possessions, money, property, family, etc., ALLAH says sacrifice DASOND, or your possessions in HIS Name and gain REWARDS, O TRUE MOMINS.

In order to Reach the SUPREME SPIRITUAL STAGE of "FANAHI-ALLAH," one must, must pay "CHOKI" DASOND in GAT JAMAAT. Our Holy PIR HASSAN KABIRDIN Mabaap says:

"AACHHA MAHETHI AACHHERO DIJE,"

or sacrifice in the NAME of ALLAH that which is PURE and BEST, offer the PUREST of the PURE.

DASOND is the "NOORANI KHORAK," "FOOD" for the DIVINE "NOOR." From the CLEAN and PURE ("FOOD") OFFERINGS the momin shall be Rewarded by the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" HAZER IMAM with PURE DIVINE LOVE in the heart, with "AMIJAL" from the "SAQI-E-KAWTHAR" MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM. For our Beloved SWAMI RAJO, this is what HE spiritually ENJOYS and is made HAPPY with: EATING the 'FOOD' which is given HIM through the PURE LOVE of momins. This is the "BATINI" Significance of DASOND: THE SPIRITUAL NOORANI ATTACHMENT BETWEEN THE MOMIN AND THE BELOVED HAZER IMAM, THE LOVE AND BATUNI "NOORANI" DIDAR of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM.

In an extract of an article that appeared in the 'TODAY' magazine dated 24th June 1961:

Every PENNY I receive as IMAM reverts to them in one way or another. Believe me, the money means nothing to me personally. The only thing that matters in my life is the love of my faithfuls and the best way of serving them.

(SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM)

No GURU nor MURSHID in the world shall ever do, or can do for their followers, what has been done for us by our Beloved HAZER IMAM MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, either in the Worldly manner or the Spiritual, Eternal manner.

It is said that Hazrat ALI used to perform miracles; but even magicians perform conjuring tricks. Hazarat ALI'S Miraculous Powers lay in taking people ALL THE WAY TO 'LA MAKAN.' This is the Greatest Miracle!"

(IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH)

We pay DASOND for ourselves only, ourselves only, in order to secure our own lives in this and the next worlds. Following are important and serious HOLY FIRMANS of MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH made at MADAGASCAR in 1946:

Those who do not pay MALEVAJBAT (DASOND) are the enemies of the IMAM'S SPIRITUAL KINGDOM. They do not recognize the HOLY IMAMAT of HAZER IMAM. And IMAM does not care for them, there are millions of my believers. IMAM does not depend on your money.

Do you know who created this world and for what purpose the world exists? IMAM IS THE CAUSE OF THE CREATION. This world could not exist without IMAM and if IMAM desires the world would disintegrate in a moment.

Murids (followers) should understand that for the proper running of the RUHANI RAJ, they must pay MALEVAJBAT, DASOND.

DASOND is the "HAQQ (RIGHT) of KHUDAWIND. It is "NOOR JO MAAL." DASOND can never be forgiven. What is forgiven is the 'BHUL CHUK' or the negligible sum that is sometimes overlooked -- and only if unintentionally. This can be forgiven by CHANTA in GAT JAMATH. But ALLAH never forgives DASOND, HE TAKES HIS RIGHT BY HIS OWN WAYS -- BY WIND, STORM, FIRE, THEFT, DISEASE, etc. HE TAKES HIS RIGHT UNFAILINGLY AND ONLY THE TRUE MOMINS KNOW ABOUT HIS DIVINE ACTIONS. Momins know what happens to those who are Negligent in fulfilling their Obligation, and also about the consequences faced. How one's Spiritual Life, IMAN and ISHQ, is affected, is known to momins.

DASOND is MOST, MOST important. DASOND is for PURIFICATION of the SOUL. Can one say, "Forgive me, I do not wish myself PURIFIED?" DASOND can never be forgiven. Still, if one insists on living an IMPURIFIED Life, what will be the status of such a person? The IMPURIFIED SOUL cannot rise but remains FALLEN always, always

BAZIER, JIVA BHANJI of RANGOON once requested IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH, "Ya MOWLA, Ya KHUDAWIND, forgive me DASOND of ONE DAY only."

MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH said, "Vazier, DASOND cannot be forgiven even for a DAY. Vazier, why do you want forgiveness of ONE DAY'S DASOND? You never fail in your duty."

"Ya MOWLA, I am regular in payment of DASOND, but I am concerned of the day when I shall die. For that particular day I am afraid I shall miss my DASOND. I want to absolutely safeguard my ETERNAL LIFE, Ya MOWLA, I pray forgive me for the one day only."

"It is impossible Vazier," MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH said, "I will not forgive you unless you can prove to me that you have done very noteworthy service to my spiritual children, to my Jamath, and I

am convinced of your sincerity of service. I shall than consider forgiving DASOND for only the one day. Otherwise, you should pay DASOND, A DAY BEFORE, in advance, ie. PAY TOMORROW'S DASOND TODAY."

From the above, it can be clearly seen that the STABILITY of the ETERNAL LIFE depends wholly and strictly on DASOND. Because of DASOND, IMAN and ISHQ, flourishes, "NOOR" is enlightened in the heart of momins. DASOND means PURIFICATION, DASOND means LIGHT, ROSHANI, DASOND means IMAN and ISHQ, DASOND means EVERYTHING in LIFE, without DASOND there is TOTAL DARKNESS in this world and the next world.

What is the value of the life of a person in the ETERNAL world who has not paid DASOND? Those who have no IMAN, or no ISHQ upon THE "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR," their status in the ETERNAL WORLD will not be worth the dust in the road. To Glorify AKUBAT, to glorify DEATH, DASOND is the ANSWER. In AKUBAT "MOWLAJO ISHQ" and "IMAN" are Vital Spiritual Treasures upon which the RUHANI can live ETERNALLY in PEACE, HAQIQATI KHUSHALI and HOLY DIDAR.

Our lecturer, Alwaez S.B. HAJI recollects an occasion of 1945. The late missionary NASSER ABDULLA, lecturer of "MARIFAT NA PHUL" came to him and mentioned that he wanted to see MUKHI SAHEB, ABASSBHAI MOLEDINA.

Alwaez HAJI urged him to tell his reason for wanting to see MUKHI SAHEB. The late missionary NASSERBHAI, who was much advanced in IBADAT BANDGI of BAITUL KHAYAL, was unfortunately in an unfavourable economic condition and could not pay his DASOND dues.

Late missionary NASSERBHAI ABDULLA with tears in his eyes said, "Shamsuddin, I am in a terrible state, my downfall in IBADAT is unbearable for me, I have fallen, I have fallen because of my blunder in not paying DASOND. Shamsuddin, if MUKHI SAHEB can help me I would like to take "CHANTA" of BAKSHAMNI this evening in GAT JAMATH. Do you think MUKHI SAHEB will help me?"

ALWAEZ HAJI could not answer but was truly touched by the tragedy of this noble and religious man's. This is the effect of DASOND on the SPIRITUAL BANDGI: the UNIQUE CHANCE of "NOORANI" DIDAR had gone.

But eventually, by the GRACE of HAZER IMAM, Hasserbhai had BAKSHAMANI and CHANTA, thereafter his RUH thoroughly enjoyed MOWLAJA MITHA DIDAR, he was happy and gay, full of HAZER IMAM'S LOVE and AFFECTION in his heart. He achieved the KINGDOM of THE GREAT COUNTRY.

O momins, the significance of DASOND can be fully realized by the momin who has advanced in IBADAT, by those who are presently already in the ETERNAL WORLD, while it shall become known to us in the ETERNAL LIFE to come after this life.

O momins, therefore give DASOND with LOVE and DEVOTION to our MASHUK HAZER IMAM. in return MASHUK HAZER IMAM Showers upon us, day and night, constantly, HIS DIVINE BLESSINGS. HE purifies our RUH and we momins become CLOSER and CLOSER to the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM, until eventually at the time of death, we shall not be separate but be "ONE" with the "NOOR" of HAZER IMAM. This is the UNIQUE CHANCE for which our RUH has been craving for many YUGAS, for millions and billions of births.

A Great Unfathomable MYSTERY of ALLAH

At the mere age of EIGHT! our Beloved FORTY-EIGHT IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH Ascended the THRONE of DIVINE IMAMAT of "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" MOWLA MURTAZA ALI.

Dear brothers and sisters, please ponder over the Photograph of MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH seated on the TAKHAT. Scrutinize closely the photo and your amazement at this occasion will increase. MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH in his childhood age of only about EIGHT years, physically appears very small. The JAMATHI veterans standing around the TAKHAT must be remembering MOWLANA AGA SHAH ALI SHAH, father of MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH who physically left this world, at the same time wondering worriedly about how the young IMAM could lead the Ismaili JAMATHS the world over.

But their questions were all solved when MOWLA MURTAZA ALI'S DIVINE "NOOR," MOWLA ALI JO UDTALISMA (FORTY-EIGHTH) JOMEJO DHANI, MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH Declared before the congregation at the INSTALLATION to the SPIRITUAL THRONE of IMAMAT in INDIA in 1885

THE UNIQUE OCCASION OF THE
INSTALLATION TO HOLY IMAMAT
OF
OUR BELOVED FORTY-EIGHTH IMAM MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMED SHAH

NOOR MOWLANA MURTAZA ALI, MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH is seen Seated on the TAKHAT MUBARAK at the age of EIGHT years.

The Occasion is most exclusive and unique in the History of the World! This INCREDIBLE, AMAZING Event astounded the whole world: MOWLA MURTAZA ALI'S NOOR, MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH Became THE SOLE MASTER and SPIRITUAL KING of the millions of ISMAILIS the world over: and only at the age of EIGHT!

AVALONA ALIYUN VA AAKHERONA ALIYUN,
VA AVASATONA ALIYUN VA KULIONA ALIYUN.
(Kalame MOWLA MURTAZA ALI)

ALI was the FIRST, ALI shall be the LAST; for always
it is ALI, and MY GADIVARAS (SUCCESSOR) is ALI HIMSELF.

MOWLA MURTAZA ALI-HIMSELF-THE KHUDAI NOOR Appeared in the DRESS of MOWLANA SULTAN MOHAMMED SHAH. The DIVINE ROLE of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM is ABSOLUTELY Unfathomable!

O momins, pose and ponder a while at the Photograph -- it is MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HIMSELF ... "THE SIRJANHARJO BHED"....

SHAH AALE NABI KU RAJ MUBARAK HOVE,
NOOR AIN ALI KU RAJ MUBARAK HOVE,
HOVE, HOVE,
JI AAJ RAJ MUBARAK HOVE

MOWLA MURTAZA ALI SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY HAZER IMAM
(Allahuma Sali Ala Muhammadin Wa Aale Muhammed)

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HH THE AGA KHAN ON THE THRONE OF IMAMATE



(Saturday, 19th ZILKAD, HIJRA 1303):

O JAMATH, do not think that I am small. My Grandfather is AMIRUL MOMININ MOWLA MURTAZA ALI and my Grandmother is JANNATE KHATUN BIBI FATIMA. I am the "NOOR" of ALI and NABI. O Jamath, rest assured that the DIVINE LIGHT ("NOOR") of ALI is in ME and is present before you today.

The Occasion reverberates the one when, some billions of years ago, MOWLA MURTAZA ALI appeared before Hazarat JABRAIL. JABRAIL asked MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, "Who are you?" MOWLA MURTAZA ALI was in Appearance only about the same age as MOWLANA SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH was at ENTHRONEMENT time. "AS far as I know, there is no one here except ALLAH, THE ALMIGHTY, and myself," JABRAIL said.

MOWLA MURTAZA ALI seriously said, "Beware! I am the MYSTERY OF ALLAH: HU(N) SARJANHARNO BHED CHHU(N)." Immediately HAZARAT JABRAIL'S wings were burnt (this incident is told fully a little later).

So MOWLA MURTAZA ALI in the DRESS of IMAM SULTAN MUHAMMAD SHAH, FORTY-EIGHTH JOMEJO DHANI, Appeared before the JAMATHS in INDIA, at the age of EIGHT years, and made the following important HOLY FIRMANS on the subject of DASOND (MALEVAJBAT) (DARKHANA JAMATH KHANA, BOMBAY 1885):

O Jamaths, today is the day of Idd-el-Hajj. Celebrate today as IDD, eat good food, wear nice clothes, use sugandhi (perfume), and be merry. Also all the JAMATHS should rejoice and celebrate KHUSHIALI because MOWLA MURTAZA ALI'S "NOOR," AWLADE ALI and NABI, is Seated on the THRONE of IMAMAT.

The "NOOR of MOWLA ALI is always PRESENT in this world. Those who are momins can see the DIVINE MYSTERY of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, they can see the "QUDRAT" of MOWLA ALI. But those whose hearts are not clear, even when they see OUR "QUDRAT" they will not believe it to be so. They are spiritually blind.

Such spiritually blind people have the false notions that our MURSHID demands money. Their such notions are baseless. Anyone who pays MALEVAJBAT (DASOND) to MOWLA MURTAZA ALI with love and devotion, with ISHQ and IMAN, they shall be rewarded ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND times in the next world.

The ones who offer MALEVAJBAT half-heartedly, their offering shall be in vain, useless. We shall not reward them. We do not touch such DASOND, it is like a thorn tree which yields just thorns. The fruits reaped will be sour, of the same nature.

The true momins offer MALEVAJBAT and this DASOND is deposited in "BAITUL MAAL," to be used for noble, charitable purposes. They shall reap spiritual "BATUNI" benefits that are supreme.

Remember O Jamaths, do not think you can be exempt from paying DASOND, all Religions of the world and their scriptures preach DASOND.

O Jamath, it is the Right of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM. If you will fulfil your obligation, well and good, it is in your own good interest. Whereas if you will not fulfil in this life the duty of DASOND, you shall have to pay at "QIYAMAT."

If you understand sensibly and pay MALEVAJBAT, you shall be happy because of your rewards, otherwise you shall repent miserably.

O Jamath, I am the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, I am PRESENT before you in this world. We change our DIVINE DRESS, we Adopt a DIVINE DRESS, but the "NOOR" is the SAME, the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI which has always been PRESENT since time immemorial. The "NOOR" that Descends is the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI (ALLAHUMA SALI ALLAH MUHAMMDAN WA AALE MUHAMMAD).

I am the Bearer of the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI is always PRESENT in this world. The DIVINE Throne of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI shall remain EVER-PRESENT till the Day of "QIYAMAT."

O Jamath, I belong to MY true momins and MY true momins belong to ME. When all shall meet in AKUBAT, MY momins shall perpetually be with ME. Those who shall have offered MALEVAJBAT, DASOND, during their life-times shall positively be highly rewarded in AKUBAT. In HOLY QUR'AN, "USHRA ALLAH" is quoted, "USHRA ALLAH" means DASOND.

O Jamaths, I give you these Firmans because WE have granted you OUR DIVINE KOL (DIVINE PROMISE), and you in return have given US KOL of DASOND. Now, those who shall submit MALEVAJBAT, which is the RIGHT OF MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, on the Day of QIYAMAT they shall be "AZAD" or free from CHORYASI LAKH AVTARS.

I give you all these Firmans lest you say that our MURSHID IMAM is small and does not give us Firmans.

O Jamath, in this world though you do business and earn money, remember this world is not your Home. This world is a foreign place for you, when you will go to your Home in AKUBAT then those who have made EARNING shall rejoice immensely -- all their "KAMAI" shall be at their disposal. But those who will have incurred a loss, ie. ignored OUR Firmans, they shall regret for their disgraceful condition. Therefore keep MY Firmans in your hearts and always do good for others.

O Jamath, I am the "NOOR" of MOWLA MURTAZA ALI, I am not afraid of anybody, OUR Holy House of ALI and NABI is the House of "SABRA" (TOLERANCE) -- KHANAWADAN.

O Jamath, on the day of HAJJ, HAJIS visit Mecca for acceptance of HAJJ. O Jamath, those who wish to perform BATUNI HAJJ should be punctual in Religion, have absolute faith in HAZER IMAM, love their fellow beings, perform Baitulkhayal Bandgi, never tell a lie, and know the HALAL from the HARAM. The benefits of all these are so great that it is impossible to put into words.

IMAN, FAITH is so precious, MOWLA ALI loves IMANDAR MOMIN. For example NOOSERI was a true momin, he recognized MOWLA ALI as "ALI SAHI ALLAH." MOWLA MURTAZA ALI killed NOOSERI seventy times, each time bringing him back to life -- every time he persisted in saying "ALI SAHI ALLAH." Then came the DIVINE ORDER, "NOOSERI is a true momin, his generations shall be true momins -- NOOSERI and his generations shall not be questioned on the Day of Judgement because of unshakable IMAN on ALI SAHI ALLAH." NOOSERI achieved such a great dignity -- all was because of his supreme IMAN.

Those who have lost IMAN in life, have lost everything! Those who have maintained IMAN, they possess everything in life! KHANAWADAN, KHANAWADAN.

(O momin, please say HOLY SALWAT: ALLAHUMA SALI ALLAH MUHAMMADAN WA AALE MUHAMMAD.)

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HOLY GINAN WHICH TREATS THE SUBJECT OF DASOND:
EJO HUN BALAHARI TAME SHAH RAJA, BY PIR NASIRUDIN

EJI HUN BALAHARI TAME SHAH RAJA,
RAJA HET DHARINE JUG BANDHOJI.
EJI NAHI KUCHH DIANA TO NAHI KUCHH LIANA,
BHAI VANRE VAVE KEM LUNSHOJI.
EJI PURAN KHADHE TOI NA DHARANA,
TAME MATARE KHAO SHAHKI GUNJJI.
EJI MITHADE KHADHE HOYSE KADWAI,
BHAI MATARE KHAVO JIV LOBHEJI.
EJI DASOND KHADHE RANJAT HOYSE,
TO TAME KIYARE LIYA SHAHKA NAAMJI.
EJI SHAHJI KE NALE EK NIVALA,
SO ANDHE KATI LAI KHAYAJI.
EJI CHORKE NALE PAKAD LAI AYA,
TENE KOI NA KEWE JIV SADHAJI.
EJI TATIA THAMBIA TENE BATHA BHARAVSE,
BHAI KU(N)KU KARE JIV DADHAJI.
EJI JEM GHADULA JAAY MAHE KUVA,
TEM AAP GHADAGHAD BANDHIYAJI.
EJI PIR SHAMSKA BETA PIR BOLEA NASIRUDEEN,
AME AMI KANCHOLE SAHEB LAADHAJI.

Explanation of GINAN-E-SHARIFF, EJI HUN BALIHARI TAME
SHAH RAJA

O my LORD KHUDAWIND, I am dedicated to THEE and I submit before THEE, THOU art the GREATEST KING. THOU Created the World out of THY Deep LOVE and AFFECTION.

O momin, Our LORD has been so King and Favouring to us, so bear in mind one important factor: you shall not reap fruits unless you sow the seeds. Only if you give, can you expect fruits, but if you do not give then certainly you will not get anything. (In another GINAN-E-SHARIFF:

EYE (N) TAME DESHO TO AAGAL JAI LESHU,
NAHIKA VANRE SUKRITE JURI JURI MARSHO

If you will give DASOND here in this life then you shall REAP in abundance, and if you will not do so then you shall immensely REGRET in the next world -- you shall suffer and die without SUKRIT, the NOBLE offering of DASOND.)

PIR Mabaap warns the ones who do not pay DASOND, "Do you know that you have been most fortunate in attaining MANKHA AVTAR -- and that also, in SATPANTH, "NOORJO" DEARAM. You have attained this after 8,400,000 AVTARS ie. after:

300,000 births in Plant kingdom,
900,000 births in Water kingdom,
1,000,000 births in Bird kingdom,
2,000,000 births in Animal kingdom,
1,100,000 births in Insect kingdom,
and 400,000 births in Human kingdom.

During each of these AVTARS you have eaten, filled your stomach enough, AREN'T You SATISFIED YET? Pir Mabaap questions.

The billions of years that our souls have been Separate from the "LA MAKAN," THE "NOORANI" DARYA, our souls have evolved through the CHORYASI LAKH AVTARS. Out of all these, birth in the SATPANTH ISMAILI DHIN is the Final One for the RUH (ATMA) before it becomes "ONE," in UNION, with the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM. (Say SALWAT: Allahuma Sali Ala Muhammadin Wa Aale Muhammad.) You should offer prayers to your KHUDAWIND WHO has Created you, looked after you day and night, and provided you with food -- HE GIVES YOU LIFE. In spite of all such GRACE from our LORD, you do not want to pay DASOND?!

Pir MABAAP says, what is it going to do to you, consuming the share of what actually belongs to your LORD? It is DISGRACEFUL that, with satisfaction, you eat the share of food of your LORD KHUDAWIND. Later it shall turn to be extremely bitter: do not stir such wrath in your LORD.

By grabbing DASOND, Frustration and Unrest shall afflict your mind and heart. Why then should you grab it? -- merely the portion of your KHUDAWIND, a PORTION just "NIWALA" ('HIKDO GATTO KHUDAJO'), you eat away! Pir Mabaap most regretfully says that the BEDASONDI eat DASOND BLINDLY and also they become Spiritually BLIND. They shall be arrested on the Day of Judgement as the THIEVES of ALLAH'S RIGHT, and shall be extremely sorry.

Pir NASIRUDDIN, son of PIR SHAMS says, I have had MULAKAT and HOLY DIDAR of my MOWLA RAJO, I am exceptionally fortunate. But I found my SWAMI RAJO with Selfless, Sincere, Pure LOVE from my heart.

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YA MOWLA, our most humble prayer in THY HOLY HUZUR PUR NOOR is:

AMARU IMAN SABIT RAKHJO,
JETHI UTARIE PAHELE PAAR;
BIJU ETALU AME MAGIE,
VARAMVAR HOVE TAMARA DIDAR --
CHETO RIKHISARO GUR KAHE SACHA
SATGUR EM KAHYA.

O our LORD MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM,
Safeguard our IMAN so that we can cross the
Ocean with our tiny boat.
We pray, O our LORD KHUDAWIND, bestow upon us
THY HOLY NOORANI DIDAR. AMEN.

YA MOWLA TARI ANANT DAYA ANE KRAPATHI, AMO JAMATH NE DASOND
SUKRITE PURE RAKH, ANE TAMARO ZAHERI BATUNI NOORI DIDAR EJO.
AMEN.

Akhund Bhagat

AKHUND BHAGAT lived in JIRAK, SIND-PAKISTAN at the time of IMAM MOWLANA AGA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH AL-HUSSEINY (A.S.). AKHUND'S family was very devoted to IMAM MOWLANA AGA HASSANALI SHAH, and because of this devotion the DARKHANA JAMATH KHANA was established where they lived -- at JIRAK.

JIRAK, is a beautiful town -- although small in size, it has beautiful weather and lovely gardens -- it is about 350 feet above sea level. This is the place where the SEVENTY-TWO SHAHIDS were buried after they fought against the BALOCHES at the time IMAM AGA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH came to INDIA from IRAN.

AKHUND BHAGAT used to write books of ILM and GINAN for KNOWLEDGE and PUBLICITY amongst the JAMAATHS. He was very learned, his books were presented in the Bombay Court when the "HAJI BIBI CASE" was conducted. AKHUND was a Waezin, but he never praised, nor glorified himself in his waezes. He was very humble and considerate.

ALWAEZ BHAGAT AKHUND worked hard, laboured himself, and from whatever bread he earned he paid DASOND, MALEVAJBAT regularly in JAMATHKHANA.

BHAGAT AKHUND was well respected within the JAMAAT, he always attended BAITULKHAYAL IBADAT punctually. Because of his BAITULKHAYAL BANDAGI, by the GRACE of HAZER IMAM, he was able to perform MOJIZA (MIRACLES).

AKHUND was very kind by heart, he was never self-conceited, and he always said, "I am a SINNER, just an ordinary person, how can I be boastful."

When AGA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH later moved the DARKHANA from SIND to BOMBAY, SINDHI ISMAILIS used to go to BOMBAY for HOLY DIDAR either by small boats or by foot. It was a very tough journey to BOMBAY -- there were no ships nor railways at the time.

On one occasion, AGA SHAH HASSANALI MABAAP sent a HOLY MESSAGE for AKHUND BHAGAT with SINDHI ISMAILIS who had gone for HOLY DIDAR to BOMBAY. "Dear Jamath, when you go back to JIRAK convey my BEST LOVING KHANAWADAN to my BHAGAT AKHUND. Tell him not to cry or shed tears in my love. Tell him I am Happy with him, the FIRE of HELL is not for him because he belongs to me and I LOVE him immensely."

Upon hearing the message of HAZER IMAM, AKHUND began to cry like a child. It was almost a tragic scene. The people even, who had delivered the message, were affected by his cry. "AKHUND! you should feel happy about the message you have received from our Beloved HAZER IMAM. Today the MASTER of the WORLDS -- this world and the next -- has been immensely pleased with you. You should be delighted!"

BHAGAT AKHUND replied, "HAZER IMAM is THE KING of KINGS, today HE is pleased upon me, but I am thinking of the rest of my life. I am thinking about my love, devotion, and IMAN which should remain unshaken till the last breath of my life. I am worried on this matter."

"HAZER IMAM, Oh my LORD, PROTECT me always, PROTECT my life in this and the next WORLD, PROTECT my SPIRITUAL DIGNITY -- this world is merely TRANSITORY. Oh my Beloved HAZER IMAM, I pray THEE shower THY CHOICEST BLESSINGS upon us, this is my soul's most humble prayer."

AKHUND BHAGAT said before JAMAATI members, "There have been momins, who after serving HAZER IMAM for a long time during their lives, became ARROGANT -- their 'KARNI' (GOOD ACTIONS) were condemned. MUNJA SAMI RAJA RIDO MA DULAIYEYE, YA MOWLA KIRIYA E MA VINASIYE HOJI (GINAN-E-SHARIFF), O my LORD HAZER IMAM help me that my heart should remain unshaken, O HAZER IMAM, protect me so my 'KARNI' is not forfeited. I am still living in this material world lest I should be victimised by SATAN, I pray to THEE, oh my LORD HAZER IMAM, protect me always from the onslaught of the DEVIL-SATAN."

AKHUND was religiously well versed and knowledgeable. He was much advanced in BAITULKHAYAL BANDGI, he had been very fortunate in achieving HOLY BATUNI "NOORANI" DIDAR of our Beloved HAZER IMAM MOWLA MURTAZA ALI. He was a true ASHIQ constantly remaining in Spiritual LOVE with MASHOOQ HAZER IMAM.

HAZER IMAM'S true ASHIQ-MOMINS never become arrogant, they remain HUMBLE during their entire lives. The more the BLESSINGS of HAZER IMAM are showered upon them, the more they say "TAWBA, TAWBA, I am a SINNER, I am not but worth the dust."

Now, we will tell of one of the hardest incidents in the life of AKHUND BHAGAT. AKHUND was honest and sincere, a true MOMIN. But the people did not realize his INTEGRITY and IMANDARI. The JAMATH of BOMBAY once accused AKHUND BHAGAT, and EXCOMMUNICATED him ... until he was eventually saved by HAZER IMAM SHAH HASSANALI SHAH.

During one of AKHUND BHAGAT'S regular trips to BOMBAY, he overheard, after SUBHUJI DUA, a few DINDARS (JAMATHI MEMBERS) assembled in the varandah of JAMATHKHANA discussing Religious matters. They were discussing the meanings of a few verses of ASHAJI (ANANT AKHADO) which pertained to "DASOND."

One of the group members said that DASOND has to be paid only on what we eat, while another member said that when we go in front of MUKHI SAHEB for "DUA" our ten fingers of the two hands we join together comprises DASOND.

After BHAGAT AKHUND had heard all, one of the AMARDARI asked BHAGAT AKHUND to give explicit explanation on DASOND. BHAGAT AKHUND explained, "O my dear brothers, if you do not take it ill I would wish to explain very clearly on this subject. The true meaning of DASOND is that one has to pay ONE EIGHTH on one's Net Income: for one Rupee, one must pay two Annas. This must be submitted in Jamathkhana to Mukhi/Kamadia or Mukhiani/Kamadiani. From honestly earned income, MALEVAJBAT-DASOND must be submitted regularly."

"Those who do not fulfil their obligation of DASOND, their 'DIN-DHARAM' or Religious Abode becomes without FOUNDATION. Not only that, but they are considered to belong to the group of KORVAS (KORVAS were Opponents of SATPANTH and the AVTARI PURUSH SHRI KRISHNA VISHNU VAR DATAR MOWLA MURTAZA ALI). 'DASOND VINA DIN NA JANO,' there is no Religion without DASOND."

AKHUND BHAGAT then quoted a HOLY FIRMAN of IMAM AGA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH:

YAZID stopped the supply of drinking water from IMAM SHAH HUSSEIN (A.S.) at KARBALA, and because of this their faces -- YAZID'S and his armies' -- will be HALF BLACK at QIYAMAT. But those who shall not pay MALEVAJBAT-DASOND, their faces will be even WORSE.

The members of the JAMATH did not like what AKHUND had told them. They were prominent and influential men, they spoke harshly at AKHUND, and decided to EXCOMMUNICATE him. At the time there was no Constitution, so influential Ismailis could easily do injustice to an innocent member of the JAMATH. AKHUND BHAGAT was instantly victimized. He could not say anything, he was shocked.

With due respect to the group he went outside the JAMATH KHANA and sat down under a tree in BAITULKHAYAL BANDGI. He sat for a long time -- and without food or drink. About FOUR HUNDRED ISMAILI brothers and sisters urged AKHUND BHAGAT to end his fasting. They also promised to stand by BHAGAT AKHUND. But he explained to them politely, "Well, you have come to support me, do not be upset, I am grateful for your good feelings towards me. Have patience my MOWLA, HAZER IMAM is with us, He shall come in the very near future." MUKHI VARIND of KANDI MOHOLLA was also present at the time.

"O my brothers and sisters, think for a while, if at all we were to raise opposition, it will be an opposition against whom? -- do you know? Opposition against GAT JAMATH. No, my dear brothers and sisters, it should never happen. Opposition against GAT JAMATH is opposition against our Beloved HAZER IMAM.

"My Beloved HAZER IMAM shall come to my assistance."

And so it happened. On the THIRD DAY, MOWLANA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH Mabaap upon arriving in BOMBAY from POONA, immediately went to BHAGAT AKHUND. With Deep Affection and Love, MOWLA BAPA asked AKHUND, "AKHUND, how are you?"

AKHUND raised his face upward and looked towards HAZER IMAM MOWLA MURTAZA ALI. There were tears of JOY and HAPPINESS in his eyes, he could not utter a word from his mouth. After a few moments he said, "YA MOWLA, YA KHUDAWIND, everything is ROSHAN (KNOWN) to THEE." AKHUND was still shedding tears of joy.

At this moment, Beloved IMAM AGA HASSANALI MABAAP'S Heart was deeply touched to see the condition of His beloved Momin Bhagat. MOWLA BAPA'S eyes were filled with Love-tears. MOWLA BAPA just could not see that BHAGAT AKHUND was in adversity. MOWLA BAPA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH said HOLY FIRMAN:

"AKHUND, I am unhappy to see you in an unhappy state. I know you have not had food for the last three days -- I also, have not touched food for the last three days: you didn't sleep the last three nights -- I also was without sleep. I know well you are innocent and faultless, and it is good you submitted before the JAMATH -- one should obey the JAMATH and our Holy BANDHARAN."

"O my Beloved HAZER IMAM, I am a SINNER, GUNEHGAR, I submit my heart and soul to KHUDAWIND'S HOLY FIRMAN. I am looking forward to hearing THY DIVINE ORDER," prayed AKHUND.

IMAM MOWLANA AGA SHAH HASSANALI MABAAP said HOLY FIRMAN to JAMATH of BOMBAY:

"O JAMATH, your excommunicating AKHUND BHAGAT was unfair -- he talked to you on ILM (KNOWLEDGE). O JAMATH, AKHUND is my ASHIQ (LOVER.)"

The JAMATH present asked if the FIRMAN quoted by AKHUND BHAGAT regarding those who do not pay DASOND was the FIRMAN of HAZER IMAM. IMAM AGA SHAH HASSANALI SHAH said: "If the faces of those who do not pay DASOND are BLACK on the DAY of QIYAMAT, then it is a great leniency of Allah upon them. There is no doubt that those who shall not pay DASOND, which is the 'RIGHT OF ALLAH,' ALLAH shall punish them Unfailingly.

"O JAMATH, AKHUND is my TRUE MOMIN, TRUE ASHIQ (LOVER). The JAMATH should now take ONE and a QUARTER PAISA and give him CHHANTA."

MOWLA BAPA'S FIRMAN was followed immediately.

How Wonderful and Charming!! MOWLA BAPA - HIMSELF - came to BOMBAY: for the purpose of protecting HIS Bhagat. AKHUND BHAGAT was a true momin and he served HAZER IMAM'S HOLY HOUSE for his lifetime. He made his life worth living by earning AKUBAT, ie. great benefits of the ETERNAL WORLD.

O momins, we should take the best of lessons from the life of AKHUND BHAGAT, and help ourselves build for our ETERNAL LIVES by saying our prayers regularly, attending JAMATH KHANA regularly, and paying DASOND-MALEVAJBAT regularly. DUA and DASOND are so important that without either of these two PILLARS, our lives in the NEXT WORLD would doubtlessly be Meaningless. May MOWLANA HAZER IMAM SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINY, our BELOVED LORD, GRACE upon us "SHANAKHAT" and "HAQIQI UNDERSTANDING." AMEN.

Spiritual & Temporal Benefits

Those who are faithful in the fulfilment of their duty and obligation of paying DASOND in "GAT JAMAATH," and in addition, do so with LOVE and DEVOTION for HAZER IMAM are benefitted thousands fold in this world and the next world. It is beyond our power or ability to imagine or estimate the benefits of paying DASOND regularly. The achievements of DASOND are so great that they cannot be bought at any price. It is the GRACE of "NOOR-EN-ALLAH NOOR," HAZER IMAM that in HIS Boundless MERCY and GRACE, our Beloved HAZER IMAM accepts our DASOND.

Despite the inability to know or to fully understand the extent of the benefits of DASOND, THE RIGHT OF ALLAH, some facts are mentioned below:

1. The Highest Reward that is gifted by our Beloved HAZER IMAM to DASONDI is that, by His Immeasurable GRACE, HAZER IMAM accepts the DASONDI as His Spiritual Child and also as His Spiritual Devotee (MURID or FOLLOWER). This is so wonderful! A great Spiritual Dignity a DASONDI achieves in his life: "SPIRITUAL CHILD OF HAZER IMAM."
2. A faithful DASONDI is constantly Protected under the "NOORANI CHHATRA" (DIVINE SHELTER). DASONDI is bestowed with the Rarest of Gifts in both worlds: the Gift of "ABHAY DAN" or FREEDOM FROM ALL FEARS. In this world, DASONDI is protected against all evils, and in the next world, DASONDI'S soul shall rest in Eternal PEACE of AKHAND HAQIQATI KHUSHALI and "NOORANI" DIDAR. How safe! -- both in his Temporal and Spiritual Lives -- is the momin who follows HOLY FIRMANS and fulfils the obligation of DASOND regularly.
3. A faithful DASONDI is perpetually graced, by our Beloved HAZER IMAM, with HIS DIVINE LOVE. TRULY BEAUTIFUL! the Supreme Status achieved by the RUHANI - KHARI DASONDI RUHANI.
4. A faithful DASONDI'S IMAN is fully protected until the last moment of his or her life. The DASONDI'S RUHANI, therefore, becomes PURIFIED (PAK, PAVITRA) and in UNION with THE "NOOR" - DIVINE LIGHT of MOWLA ALI SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINI HAZER IMAM.
5. A faithful DASONDI'S children, grandchildren, all become TRUE FIRMAN BARDAR MOMINS, meaning the ASHIQS of HAZER IMAM. They are fully safeguarded in their lives.
6. A faithful DASONDI'S life is always protected against AFAT-BALAS, MISFORTUNES, ADVERSITIES, DISEASES, ACCIDENTS, etc. He gets "GHABI" HELP (INVISIBLE HELP) from our Beloved HAZER IMAM.

7. A faithful DASONDI is positively EMANCIPATED from "LAKH CHORYASI AVTARS," approx. Eight and a Half Million Births which are most Fatal and Degrading for the RUHANI. Instead the DASONDI'S RUHANI gains ISHQ, and IMAN, which is "NOOR," the Spiritual Wings of the RUHANIS to reach the ASMAN'S and ARSHE AZIM, the DIVINE TAKHAT of MOWLA ALI.
8. The IMANDAR DASONDI is Dignified in both the worlds. The DASONDI is known as HAKIQATI MOMIN. And the DASONDI HAKIQATI momin, through his ISHQ and IMAN lives a life of PEACE in both the worlds. There are always ALLAH'S Choicest Blessings upon the DASONDI.
9. The faithful DASONDI makes a SURE, STEADY, but LASTING Progress in his material and spiritual lives, added with BARAKATS. The BARAKATS are such that the DASONDI although he does not have much materially finds and feels that his life is full of ZEST, PEACE, HAPPINESS, ENLIGHTENMENT and PROSPERITY. All this is because of the tremendous BARAKATS of DASONDI which purify and freshen his life.
10. The BARAKATS for DASONDI are such that the DASONDI achieves RUHANI PEACE - Peace and Contentment of the heart and soul. The DASONDI experiences MARIFATI KHUSHIALI or SPIRITUAL ECSTASY.
11. At the time of the DASONDI'S passing away from this material world, his LAST BREATH is perfected. The DASONDI is like a "MASTANA SHINHA" - like a LION of DIGNITY and BOLDNESS. There is a SMILE on the face of the DASONDI. He is emancipated from the shackles of pains, prongs, and adversities or the "JANJAL" of the material world.
12. The DASONDI gets "HAKIQATI SHANAKHAT" and INSPIRATION by which his actions are full of wisdom. Therefore the DASONDI leads a pious life -- with SADBUDHI and SHANAKHAT.
13. Because of one's past lives' actions which have already crystallised, one has suffering, pain, peace, happiness -- this is what is called "NASIB." Such is the Law of Nature. A DASONDI momin comes across sufferings in his life, but with DASONDI'S BARAKATS they are minimized. He gets PATIENCE, TOLERANCE, COURAGE and HUMILITY, the great DIVINE BARAKATS which remain undiminishable and lasting in the mind, heart and soul of the DASONDI.
14. AIR, WATER, FIRE, etc., which are the Creation of ALLAH always protect the DASONDI at all times. Not only these elements, but also 'PANOTIS' or the Destructive Stars which are actually meant to destroy the lives of men in this and the next worlds. The Terrible STARS (PANOTIS) in fact derive power and life from the SUPREME MASTER HAZER IMAM, THE "NOOR-E-PANJTAN PAK," the SUPREME "QUTUB" TARO (STAR), and utilize their power to help the DASONDI always when they are come across -- under the DIVINE ORDER of THE "QUTAB" TARO, "PANJTAN PAK" SHAH KARIM AL-HUSSEINI HAZER IMAM.
15. MOWLANA HAZER IMAM protects DASONDI in this mortal world of 'MAYA,' which is full of Deception and Illusion. NOOR HAZER IMAM with HIS Boundless MERCIES saves the RUHANI of faithful DASONDI: under any circumstance, the momin does not feel much hurt in his heart -- for any worldly loss of wealth, health, or even loss of material life.

DASONDI is never unbearable hurt for anything wrong that happens during his life. This is a Great BARAKAT of "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR" MOWLA MURTAZA ALI HAZER IMAM.

16. The DASONDI, during IBADAT, experiences 'RUHANI KHUSHI', or DIVINE HAPPINESS. DASONDI achieves Spiritual Progress, and Boundless RUHANI power which enables him to reach the Spiritual Ultimate Destination, "LA MAKAN" - the SUPREME STAGE of the RUHANI.
17. It is because of DASOND that the momin gets "HAKIQATI SHANAKHAT" and "HAKIQATI PAYCHHAN." Through this Enlightenment, the momin's RUHANI becomes entitled to remain in EVERLASTING PEACE under the "NOORANI CHHATRA" of HAZER IMAM in the ETERNAL WORLD.
18. After death, for DASONDI MOMIN, there is AKHAND "NOORANI" DIDAR, AKHAND HAKIQATI KHUSHIALI and ETERNAL LIFE. IT IS AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DASONDI RUHANI IN HIS LIFE.

These are some of the great benefits for DASONDIS. We can now see why all the Great Religions of the World give particular stress to DASOND or TITHE. But most fortunate are those who fulfil their obligation of DASOND to the "SUPATRA" or DIVINE AUTHORITY, the "NOOR-EN-ALLAH-NOOR," HAZER IMAM.

We human beings eat food (ROJI), we take maximum advantage of SUN, AIR, WATER and many many NYAMATS and BAKSHISH - GIFTS from ALLAH; we humans therefore have to pay "HAQ" or "THE RIGHT OF ALLAH."

Those who do not pay DASOND, their wealth, their material assets and their lives become automatically WITHOUT BARAKATS. In spite of enormous wealth, his total and absolute possessions give no PEACE of mind, heart or soul. For these people, all religious scriptures clearly express the following:

- (i) There is no peaceful life without DASOND.
- (ii) There is frustration without DASOND - unhappiness, unrest throughout one's life.
- (iii) There are SUNLESS DAYS or "GHOR ANDHAR" (ABYSMAL DARKNESS, IGNORANCE) for the RUHANI that does not pay DASOND.

HIS RUHANI condition becomes miserable in this and the next worlds. WITHOUT DASOND RUHANI WILL NEVER BE EMANCIPATED: WITHOUT DASOND RUHANI IS AUTOMATICALLY ENAGED IN THE INVISIBLE CAGE FROM WHICH IT IS TRULY BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION HOW ONE CAN ESCAPE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, live a thrifty life but do not fail in your obligation of paying DASOND in GATH JAMATH. PAY DASOND WITH CHEERFULNESS, WITH ALL THE HUMILITY OF YOUR HEART AS IT IS ALLAH'S GRACE UPON US THAT OUR DASOND IS ACCEPTED WITH "KHANAWADAN." DASOND IS THE RIGHT OF THE "NOOR" HAZER IMAM.