



## Dār-ul-Eḥsān Epistles ...

### Focus on: *Anfaq Fī Sabīl Allāh*

*Anfaq Fī Sabīl Allāh* (Spending in the Cause of Allāh the Almighty) by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali  
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### *To my Shaikh with Love* continued...

ailing and suffering mankind, he set up two huge hospitals where he had organised annually two eye camps for removal of cataracts, a common eye ailment in tropical countries. Since 1976 till his death, 142884 procedures were carried out successfully all free of charge, excluding 171 patients, blind by birth, who recouped miraculously their eyesight. The researcher has visited several eye-camps in session and collected necessary statistics on both in- and out-patients treated at these hospitals, taking in to account the quality of staff and equipment. In addition, the visits had helped meet some leading members of the 20,000 families of wandering ancient Indian tribes who received financial help for permanent residential accommodation and free education for their children to establish the facts.

Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees set up 568 Centres, quite a few overseas, for *Da'wah-o-Tablīgh al-Islam* (Invitation to and Spreading Islam).

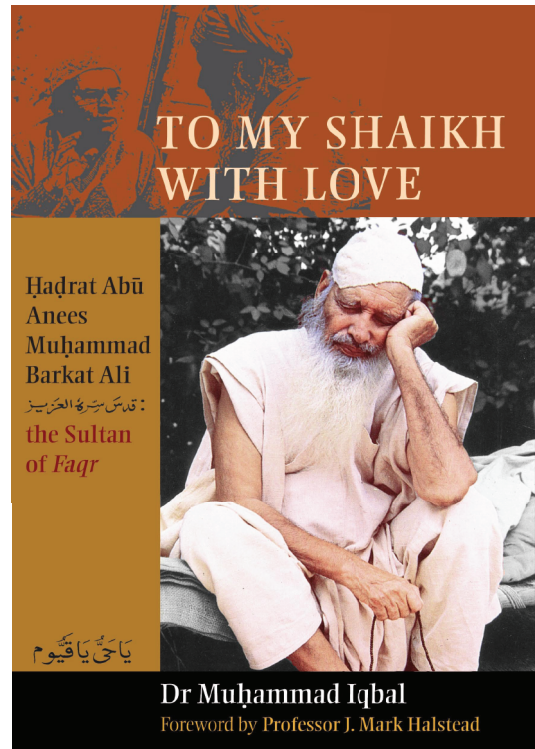
Barkat Ali had definitive views on the complicated principles in Islam of free will and predestination, *Waḥdat al-Wujūd* (Unity of Being) and *Waḥdat ash-Shuhūd* (Unity in Evidence), *fanā'* (extinction) and *baqā'* (everlasting life), and fundamentalism and modernism, and many different parameters of *taṣawwuf*. A great-educator saint of Islam, he commanded scholarship in juridical, theological and ontological aspects of the Faith. Besides his *Tartīb Sharīf* Volumes I-VI, he will be ever remembered for a novel *Sīra* (biography), *Asmā' al-Nabī al-Karīm* رحمۃ اللہ علیہ Volumes I-V, of the Holy Prophet ﷺ that enlists some 1437 holy names which he had gathered together from the *Holy Qur'ān*, *Aḥādīth*, the books on *Fiqh* (Islamic Jurisprudence) and even holy scriptures of other Faiths. Still another of his publications is *Makshoofāt-i-Manāzal-i-Eḥsān* (Manifestations of the Stages of Blessing) Volumes I-V, comprising different paradigms of good and evil moral traits. He published the monthly *Dār-ul-Eḥsān* since January 1971 until his death on 26 January 1997. These and some other titles from the corpus of his books have been reviewed and included in this biography in order to pinpoint the important spotlights for future researchers.

The board of trustees of Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees's shrine have also been interviewed for this study.

The research document i.e. the biography, have been prepared under the supervision of Professor Mark Halstead, Head of Community and International Education, Huddersfield University, and has been read by some close associates of Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. The final manuscript has been proof read by Professor Halstead who has written a stunning foreword to go with it.

The biography is dispatched for a review in the press, Urdu as well as English, as also The Book Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan. Some of the hundreds of thousands of Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees's English speaking devotees would wish to have a copy of this book.

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### Translators Most Wanted

This is simply to bring in to the notice of our viewers/readers, brothers and sisters, that we have been for some time now and still are engaged in translation in to English of two of the major works of our Shaikh Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, *Asmā' al-Nabī al-Karīm* and *Maqālāt-i-Hikmat*. It is hoped to publish the fourth of the five volumes of *Asmā'* before the end of the year, *in-shā Allāh*. Eleven of the thirty volumes of the *Maqālāt* have been published and the four rendered recently are currently in print. The translation work on the remaining volumes of these two books is in hand.

Also, a few magazines (chapters) of Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees's *Makshoofāt-i-Manāzal-i-Eḥsān* Volumes 1-5, picked randomly, have been translated and published, and uploaded on to the website. We are looking for translators, bilingual as well as well-versed in the juridical and mystical terminology, who would attempt one or two of the magazines, translate in to current English and pass on to us electronically. Thus it will hasten the process and publication that will acknowledge and credit the translators in print, of course. Beware! Check it with us before starting with the translation, thus avoiding duplication of effort. This is all *fī sabīl Allāh*, your contribution towards *Da'wah-o-Tablīgh al-Islam*. Incidentally, on several occasions the Shaikh addressed me during my visits to him, saying: "You (i.e. Muslims) are there in the UK not by proxy, but subject to the Divine Will in order to promote Islam in the West."

Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees's corpus of writings is an invaluable legacy that once converted to English will be our veritable tool for *Da'wah* activities in the West, *mā shā Allāh!*

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