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This month's focus on:

Lo lakalma khalaq-tal-aflak! (Had I not created you, I would not have created the Universe!)

Compositions in Devotion to Imam Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز

There remained neither the cruelty
Of Yazid, nor the injustice of Ziyad.
What remained however was the name
Of Hussain that is enlivened by Karbala!

Salam to the riding of the great rider
Salam to him on the spear, the Qur'an reciter!

What to say of the human being!
Even the angels would not be so worthy worshippers,
As Hussain Ibn 'Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا would come,
Affording the world the sight wondrous.
"O Lord! Forgive the *Ummah* (the Muslim Nation).
For the sake of our blood."
This would be the Hussain's رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ request
On the Day of Resurrection to Allāh the Bounteous.

Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ in the horse's saddle is the faithful warrior!
Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ in the shadow of swords is the love-worshipper!

Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ at the point of the spear is the Holy Qur'an reciter!

Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, his trampled corpse is the Divinely aspirator!

Hundreds of thousand *salams* to Hussain Ibn 'Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا!
Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ recited the Holy Qur'an supported on the Holy Prophet's صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ shoulder!

Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ the Prince of the Universe and the son in the lap of Fatimah!

Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ the great rider of Karbala, seated on the Holy Prophet's صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ back!

Hussain's رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ martyrdom is the point of pride for the Server of Kawther, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ!

When the decapitated sacred head of the Holy Prophet's صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ grandson and the prisoners of the *Ahl-e-Ba'yat* were presented to the Yazid's court, the lapel of Islam sustained a black scar that would never ever be washed off until Doomsday!

Faithfulness is the builder of destiny!
Destiny is the artist-maker of the portrait!
The portrait is the radiant beauty!
The radiant beauty is dignity personified!
'*Ishq* (intense love) is the trustee of dignity!
And dignity is the heritage of beauty!

The devotees call Karbala the Medinite image.

The Karbalians call the astute their heritage.

Whoever had his *Din* and the World plundered, pining for Shabbir,

The *faqir* and the contented call it the devotion, an immense elixir.

Whoever has Hussain رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ as his guide and the Path,

The devotion to the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Path of *Tariqat* is called the commentary to Andon.

The Holy Qur'an, the personified perfect.

When '*Ishq* presented itself to the audience of its Imam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ in order to pay its humble homage at the unique scene of the evening of the deserted, consternation set in, the tightening strings of the Heaven and the Earth began to break and itself lost its memory and all consciousness. Shaking, it asked: "What is all this?"

The voice was heard: "This is the sacred corpse of the Prince of the Universe, the son of the daughter of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the holy beloved, the perfect, the blessed, the beautiful, the pure, the rarefied, the beloved of the Provider of the Universe, may my soul be sacrificed for him; the dead body that was trampled over under the horses' feet after they had martyred him."

He beseeched again! "Who did it all?"

The voice was heard again: "This was not the act of the disbelievers, but of the members of the Holy Prophet's صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ *Ummah* who insisted, 'Hurry up with his killing lest the Friday large afternoon prayer is missed, thus putting the '*Ishq* in to the state of extreme wonder. It tore the gabardine to bare threads, put ashes over its face and head, read a heart-rending lamentation. It subsumed the scene in its sights, never at all leaving it out of its sight.

When *Faqir* presented itself to the audience of the evening of the deserted to offer its *salam* and humble tribute, it burst out of seams, looked around in amazement, shrugging his sight astray. It had never seen such like scene before. It had in front before a unique chapter of the account of beauty and love, faith and injustice written in blood on the grains of sand. It saw the totally scared innocent souls, the crumbled flowers of the orchard of the Holy Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the cut off limbs of the piles of martyrs, the burnt out tents, the burning ropes, the plundered household of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the decapitated head, the naked torso, and the trampled over corpse of the son of the daughter of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his family members sternly tied with strings.

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Forthcoming Events:

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| 19 Dec 09 | Death Anniversary of Sayyiduna Umar Farooq <small>رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ</small> |
| 28 Dec 09 | <i>Yawm al-Ashura</i> (Martyrdom of Imam Hussain <small>رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ</small>) |
| 16 Jan 10 | Death Anniversary of Ḥaḍrat Barkat Bibi, Makhduma Dar-ul-Ehsan <small>رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا</small> |

Focus on: Lo lakalma khalaq-tal-aflak! (Had I not created you, I would not have created the Universe)

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Since the early period of Islam and throughout the ages Muslims have held the belief that as soon as Allāh the Almighty had created the *Nūr* of His own, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said in excitement: “*La ilaha ill Allah!*” Hearing this Allāh the Almighty said: “*Muḥammad-ur-Rasul Allāh!*”

The *Hadith al-Qudsi* has it: “I was a hidden treasure. When I intended to be known, I created the creatures.” The *Muhaddithin* have interpreted the word creatures to mean the perfect person i.e. the Holy Prophet ﷺ, because Allāh the Almighty had first of all created his *Nūr* of His own. This has been further explained in another narration by Ḥaḍrat Jabir رضي الله عنه who beseeched the Holy Prophet ﷺ: “Who did Allah the Almighty create first of all?”

The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied: “O Jabir! Allāh the Almighty created first of all your Prophet’s (i.e. Muḥammad’s *Nūr*) of His own *Nūr*. At the time there were neither the *Lauh* (Tablet) nor the *Qalam* (Pen), neither the Heavens nor Hell, neither the firmaments nor the angels, neither the Earth nor the Sun and the Moon, neither the jinns nor human beings.” – (*Hajjatullah ‘Ala ‘Alamin*, P38)

Hadrat Imam Qastalani رحمته الله عليه writes in his *Muwahib ad-Dunya VI*, p8 that the Prophet Adam عليه السلام had the *kunyat* Abu Muḥammad and at his birth read the *Kalimah Tayyibah* written on the curtains of the Exalted Throne.

The author Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز quotes a long *Hadith* reported by the well-known *Muhaddith* Abdul Razzaq رحمته الله عليه on the authority of Hadrat ‘Abdullah Ansari رضي الله عنه (i.e. Ḥaḍrat Jabir) whom the Holy Prophet ﷺ gave full details of the genesis of Universe from the *Nūr* of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

In sum, everything of the Universe stems from the *Nūr* of the Holy Prophet ﷺ who on the Day of Promise in answer to the Almighty Allah’s statement ‘Am I not your *Rabb*’ led the whole Universe to answer: “Yes, You are!” The Holy Prophet ﷺ along with all the Prophets prostrated before Allāh the Almighty and said twice ‘Yes, You are!’ Allāh the Almighty also sought the vow of the Prophets who promised to obey and follow the Holy Prophet ﷺ as the following *Qur’anic* Verse has it:

Behold! God took
The Covenant of the Prophets,
Saying: “I give you
A Book and Wisdom;
Then comes to you
A Messenger, confirming
What is with you;
Do you believe in him
And render him help.”
God said: “Do you agree
And take this My Covenant
As binding on you?”
They said: “We agree.”
He said: “Then bear witness,
And I am with you
Among the witnesses.”

– (*Al-Imran* 3:81)

Obedience to Allāh the Almighty cannot be taken to be complete until obedience of the Holy Prophet ﷺ has been vouched, for He says: “Obey Allāh and (My) Prophet so that you have mercy!” As well as He has said: “Have what the Messenger gives you and refrain from what he stops you from.”

The Divine commandments above insist on practical demonstration by way of His worship correctly. The Faith does not mean to accept it verbally.

The chain of prophethood has continued uninterrupted even after his ﷺ corporeal demise. The *Muwahib ad-Dunya* has it that ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umro bin Maghwiya (d. 228 AH) came to the Holy Prophet’s grave, plainting about his misfortunes and supplicating for his forgiveness. He heard from him ﷺ saying: “You have been forgiven”

Towards the end of the magazine, the author writes about the Holy Prophet’s (ﷺ) Divine appellation of *Rehmatun-lil-‘Alaminth* that he has most succinctly dealt with.

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Chairman of Dār-ul-Eḥsān Publications Passes Away

We report with the utmost sadness that Dr Muhammad Ashraf Zafar, aged 57, a leading homeopath and champion of the alternative medicine in the UK has passed away on 23rd December 09 (06 Muharram al-Haram 1431 AH). The deceased migrated from Pakistan to the UK in 1972 and took up a bridging course at Westbourne College of Homeopathy followed by a brilliant career and practice in Manchester ever since. For his erudite knowledge and experience in the field, he wrote on the subject for the consumption of the masses who believe in the efficacy of this branch of medicine regularly in the Daily Jang Sunday Supplement and had been for some three years also presenting a weekly programmes on the Manchester Digital TV. Because of his popularity his consultations were much sought after and, therefore, he held branch surgeries in major towns of Yorkshire and Lancashire and further afield.

The late Dr Zafar has been affiliated with leading professional organizations and above all to Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز, the spiritual founder and head of the seminary Dār-ul-Eḥsān in the District Faisalabad (Pakistan) who had appointed him as an *Amīr* and allotted the Dār-ul-Eḥsān Markaz 441 in Manchester City where he initiated regular sittings of daily *dhikrullah* since 1983 in addition to the usual *Da’wah* activities.

The deceased has been one of the founder trustees and more recently the Chairman of the Dār-ul-Eḥsān Publications Charity. He was, indeed, a generous brother whose memories will ever remain with us. We will miss his candid contributions, financial and administrative, and benign presence on the Board of Trustees.

We pray to Allah the Almighty for the good of the departed soul and patience for the bereaved over this indispensable loss! Amen! He has left behind him a widow and five children.

- Dār-ul-Eḥsān UK

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continued:
Faqr could not bear to see the painful scene of the *Ihsq* bathed in dust and blood, chopped off head of the Leader of the Faith in the jungle of desertion, the parched of thirst lips and the sacred corpse trampled over by the horses hooves of the

grandson of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the intense desperation all round, the savage silence, the alarming affliction. It shed the tears of blood, lost its self control and consciousness, went in to a mercurial unrest and shook like the slaughtered. Then it struck hard, decimating the building of highness in to bricks, broke in to pieces the tumbler of taste, threw away the turban of decoration, ceased the songs of comfort, broke the strings of the guitar of pomp, break to pieces the dress of fame and name, wore the gabardine of remorse, dressed in the thread bare dress, held the tumbler of patience and disappeared from the sights that it was never ever seen again in any shape or form. It never let this scene of devastation slip out of his mind. Rather, it travelled all the stages of the worldly life with this guiding sight!
Al-Hamdulil- Hayy-ul-Qayyūm!

The scholar of the history of the descendants of Adam عیالیکلام turned over the pages, turned and searched and took account and cognizance of the amazing and strange scenes. At long last, it reached the point where it saw an innocent baby thirsty of water and put down a final word:

“An independent set the limit of independence. Asghar ﷺ was choked with thirst. He asked for water. He replied smiling, “Those at Karbala drink blood, not water!”

The chapter of Your independence was dry and dreary. The baby Asghar ﷺ watered it thus perfecting it! *Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!*

The Words of Wisdom by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز *continued-*

7548. *FAQR* is the trustee of the Distribution of Charities by the Holy Prophet ﷺ, abounding in not the least stinginess. It is pleased to give away rather than taking.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7549. THE end of the day for every day is but an account of Hussain ﷺ.

The summary of the night for every night is but the Ascension.

What else do the day and night have except this?

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7550. THE World History has not seen any scene of the day better or worst than the Day of Karbala.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

The observers of the Universe have unanimously declared the Day of Karbala as the day superior to all days.

Yā-Ḥayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7551. WHAT a lot of blessings is contained in the night of *Hazirat al-Quds!* The Night of Ascension won the night.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7552. THE terminology for the back-biting house is the Club or the terminology for the Club is the Back-biting House!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7553. THE tears are the washing of sins whether shed in love or remorse.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7554. THE routine is but natural.

Anything against the routine is but strange.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7555. NOTHING is unexpected of bad governance.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7556. YOU say: “I do it! I write it!”

Say this: “Allāh the Almighty does! Allāh the Almighty makes to write!”

Only see this: “What does Allāh the Almighty do?”

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7557. YOU do not know Allāh the Almighty; nor do you believe in Him, nor His *Dhāt*, nor His Attributes.

Had you believed in Him, you would have found His *Uluhiyyat* (Highness), *Rabbubiyyat* (Lordship), *Samdiyyat* (Independence), *Majdiyyat* (Innovation), *Ahsaniyyat* (Goodness) right in front of you!

You do not believe in *Rabb* (Lord), but believe in the means; even though means are but because of *Rabb*.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7558. WHENEVER anyone accepted with a smile the wisdom of Your Nature, the Nature showered His grace, mercy and blessing unto him.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7559. YOU may learn by heart the knowledge of the whole world! Until and unless you believe in ... *howa ma'akum ana ma kuntam* (He is with you wherever you may be!), you can neither be happy nor settled.

As soon as you believed, you became the pleased and settled, the distance is done away with, the life is intoxicated and fulfilled.

You have been studying for the whole life. Read this: ... *Allāhu hafizi, Allāhu nasiri, Allāhu haziri, Allāhu naziri, Allāhu ma'i! Fallāhu khayrun hafizun!* (Allāh is my Guardian, Allāh is my Supporter, Allāh is All-Present, Allāh is All-Seeing, Allāh is All-Present and Allāh is the Best Guardian!)

The Spirit reports of its *Rabb* (Lord). The reporting of the Spirit is but the truth!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7560. THE *Zakāt* is not given to hoard but to dispense.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7561. YOU are present and I am absent.

May You grant the good fortune of presence!

The absent is the alien.

He is the present who is never at all absent even for a moment.

The absent becomes a victim to the dangers of time.

The present is ready to fly away (from dangers).

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7562. YOUR remembrance alone remembered the forgotten remembrance.

He said: "... *Alastu berabekum!* (Am I not your Lord?)

Hearing this, the memory came back, it did again and again.

Why should it not have been. Because You alone are our *Rabb* (Lord)!

The same voice rebounded: "... *Qālu balā!* (Said: 'Yes!')

Confess with the heart and mind. These two statements alone are to be remembered that you are forgetting about.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7563. BECAUSE of the fear of Allāh the Almighty alone the mercy descends. Fear Him, and repent repeatedly.

I am the greatest carrier of tales! As well as I am the greatest back-biter. *Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!*

Until you refrain, how could the mercy descend?

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7565. IT would have been that telling lies, carrying tales, back-biting and jealousy, the four of them would have declined, wiped out and disappeared gradually because of the strength of the Faith. On the contrary, what to say declining, they are increasing woefully and so much that no point is safely out of their reach.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7566. LOVE and *faqr* are inseparable companions of each other.

Whenever love landed, it did so along with *faqr*.

Love never befits without *faqr*.

Love is the spirit of *faqr* and *faqr* is the honour of love.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7567. EVERYTHING of the liar is a lie, the statement the lie, the promise the lie, the agreement the lie, the oath the lie. All in all nothing is the truth.

Fear Allāh the Almighty, Seek His refuge! Lies eat away everything.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ, may my soul be sacrificed for him, says: "When the servant tells a lie, the (guardian) angels run away from him for a mile." - (At-Tirmidhi)

Hearing this, the grandsire laughed and laughed no end, saying: "As it were, my angels would always be away from me."

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

The Holy Prophet ﷺ was asked: "Could a true Muslim be a coward?"

He replied: "Yes!"

Then he was asked: "Could a true Muslim be a back-biter?"

He answered: "Yes!"

He was asked again: "Could a true Muslim be a liar?"

He replied: "No!" - (Malik/Behaqui)

Grandsire! Our conversation is in fact loaded with exaggeration. None except the holy souls in this world are seen there who would not have ever spoken a lie in his life or would not have told a lie having repented once. Hearing this everybody showed the signs of disgust, made some noises and went silent.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7568. NOBILITY is popular with all.

Rudeness is burdensome.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7569. THE age changes the dress, but not the heart.

The heart remains unchanged, much the same.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7570. ḤADRAT Sulayman's (عَبْدُ الْمَلِكِ) ring presented a hurdle in his way to the Heaven. He will enter the Heaven five hundred years after all the Prophets, peace be upon them.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7571. O THE Grandsire! Nothing of our earnings proved useful anyway to the world; it served the *Din* and only, *Ma sha Allāh*, for *dhikrullah*, *Da 'wah-o-Tabligh* and selfless service to the creatures.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7572. ON the top of the list, the internationally (acknowledged), the accepted of Islam and the most infinitely valuable, are the prisoners.

Except the prisoner, everyone can ask anyone for everything. The prisoner is helpless, imprisoned and locked inside. There is no trace of freedom at all. *Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!*

An Account of the King's Attention and his Commandment:

A king came back to his city that the city dwellers had decorated (to welcome him). Everyone had decorated their amenities outside their houses. The prisoners were not aware of any news of anything, big or small. They only knew their own gauntlets and the chains. Some of them had their heads clean shaven and some had the heavy hearts with grief. Some amongst them had their hands and feet cut off, and they had only the gauntlets and the chains, the only ornaments round their necks.

When the king came to the city, he found it decorated and made orderly. When he reached the place where there was the prison, the king climbed down his horse and walked on. He called the prisoners to his front, gave them silver and gold and made many promises. One of the king's companions asked: "O the one searching for the secret, do tell me the one. You have just seen a lot of decoration and ornaments and have found your city

decorated with *oxone* and *deeba* (the kind of silken cloths). The people are showering gold and diamonds and spreading amber and musk in the air. You saw it all, but stayed away from all this. I do not understand it at all. After all, what does it all mean?"

"Are you staying in the prison in order to see the clean shaven people? There is nothing worth seeing but the prisoners' clean shaven heads. The prisoners who have the hands cut off are all but murderers. Why are you standing by them?"

The king replied: "The decoration of the other people amounted to but the children's play. Everybody was demonstrating his state of utmost pride. They all have committed some error. Only these prisoners have presented something of my interest. Had my command not carried here, how could the heads of these prisoners be shaved i.e. these prisoners are obedient to me? As my command is carried here the most, I have, therefore, stopped here. The city dwellers all are full of pride, intoxicated not knowing anything around them. Because of my command these prisoners are suffering from labour and hardship. Sometimes their heads are shaved off. Sometimes their heads are snapped. Sometimes they live at land and sometimes at sea. They are always sitting idle waiting for my order when to be taken out and hanged.

"Indeed, the prison is to me beautiful like a garden. Sometimes I look at them and sometimes they look at me."

The job of the wise is to carry out the order. No doubt the king must visit them in order to see this state. - (Lisan at-Tayr; Sharah Muntaq at-Tayr, p162/3)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7573. THE most accepted of all invitations is that of the prisoners.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7574. THE not-fasting is thirsty even though he is drinking.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7575. FAME is the most effective strike of the Satan.

The exaggerated praise is the root of evil.

Whenever anyone got spoiled did so because of this.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7576. BECAUSE of the misdemeanor of a single person affiliated to any organisation the whole of it is defamed.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7577. THE net gain of the knowledge as a whole is *dhikrullah*.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7578. THE world comprises giving and taking.

Faqr is but selfless!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7579. TILL to-date no one at all has ever disclosed the secret of the inward. That what got disclosed was not the hidden.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7580. SERVICE is welcomed.

Thanks to service and only.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!



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