

Peer-e-Tariqat Hazrat Maulana Shah Abdul Aleem Siddiqui Rehmatullah Alaih

"AN ACCOMPLISHED SCHOLAR"

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*"My heart yearns to show its bleeding scars
And to teach everyone on earth the laws
Which might make blessed life span
This is my yearning and this is my aim
This is my intention and this is my claim
With this I yearn to scan the globe
And deliver to humanity the message of Hope"*



(An extract from a poem by Maulana Shah Abdul Aleem Siddiqui RA written in his college years)

Peer-e-Tariqat Hazrat Maulana Shah Abdul Aleem Siddiqui Rehmatullah Alaih is a shining luminary in the family of the first caliph of Islam Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq Radi Allah Taala Anho. He has not only captured the hearts of thousands through out the world but has also improved the lives of several people. He came from a very distinguished ancestral background who were all very well respected for their faith, piety, purity, sincerity and intelligence (All praise to Allah). As both scholars and teachers of Tassawuf they were all driven in the same blessed direction: preaching Islam and serving humanity. Their teachings focused on the reconciliation of shariah and tariqat. Their high spiritual devotion and their eagerness in the promotion of Tassawuf made them great Sufis of their time. People by thousands gathered around them, seeking their guidance and spiritual advice. Coming from such a divine lineage, this paved the road for Hazrat Maulana Shah Abdul Aleem Siddiqui Al Quaderi Al Madani Rehmatullah Alaihs spiritual quest.

BIRTH

It was in the blessed month of Ramadaan that the world welcomed the blessed soul and the physical being of Hazrat Saheb (Radi Allah Taala Anho). His terrestrial journey began on the 3rd of April 1892 (15th Ramadan 1310) at Meerut (U.P India). From the time of his birth he was immediately recognized as a gifted child with extraordinary potential, coincidentally during the time of his birth, another famous missionary Hazrat Syed Jamaludin Al Afghani Rehmatullah Alaih a direct descendant of the Holy Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihe Wassallam) was about to leave the world. Many sages had already foreseen this child as a roving ambassador of Islam. From the time of his birth he was instantaneously immersed into an atmosphere of deep religious and spiritual values. His mother was a deeply pious and caring woman while his father, Hazrat Abdul Hakeem Rehmatullah Alaih was an illustrious scholar as well as a highly and well-respected human being. His parents affectionately nurtured him with a healthy spiritual and an emotional environment. As his young years progressed he slowly inherited the knowledge and deep-rooted spiritual discipline of his father and grandfathers. Regardless of his tender age, because of his highly elevated spiritual capacity he was initiated into his fathers spiritual order.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

Maulana Sahab (Radi Allah Taala Anho) was an exceptionally intelligent child, since his childhood he proved to have an intellectual capacity beyond his years. He brilliantly finished the recitation of the Holy Quran at the age of 4 years and ten month at the Madrassa Islamia Arabia, Meerut. He studied Urdu, Persian, and Arabic from the blessed companionship of his father. At the age of only 9, his oratory skills matured and he consequently delivered his first public speech at the Jamma Masjid of Meerut. He mesmerized the audience for 90mins with his captivating eloquence. His father left this world when Maulana Sahab (Radi Allah Taala Anho) was only 12 years old. It was a very sad turn in his life but coming from one of the greatest faiths he put all trust in the Almighty and persevered in his Islamic studies and the betterment of humanity.

At the age of 16, in 1913 he graduated with distinctions in his Theology degree. He pursued his education at the Divisional College of Meerut where he studied modern subjects and Law. His motivation to proliferate Islam inspired him to acquire more knowledge. He met with Hazrat Maulana Shah Ahmad Raza Khan Bareilly (Radi Allah Taala Anho) who was then the greatest living Islamic scholar, who had agreed to become his mentor. During his apprenticeship with Hazrat Maulana Shah Ahmad Raza Khan Bareilly (Radi Allah Taala Anho) he had the opportunity to absorb many lessons and teachings from this great scholar. He acquired an advanced knowledge in Quranic Rules, Hadith, Tassawuf and the four Islamic laws in Mecca and Madina under the strict guidance of Sheikh Ahmad As-Sams (Radi Allah Taala Anho) of Morocco, Sheikh As-Sunnua (Radi Allah Taala Anho) of Libya and Maulana Abdool Baqi of Ferrangi Mahal of Madina. Maulana Sahab (Radi Allah Taala Anho), also studied the Arabian Medicine System from Hakim Qazi Inteshanuddin of Meerut. The knowledge of medicine imparted to him had proven to be of great help for his humanitarian efforts and serving the ailing population in many countries.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Peere Tariquat Hazrat Maulana Abdul Aleem Siddiqui (Radi Allah Taala Anho) was already swimming in the ocean of Ishq (love) that led him to adhere to a stable spiritual life. His mission started when he was ordered by his spiritual teachers to visit the Holy Land of Mecca. His journey to Mecca was the culmination of his spirituality, it was at that pinnacle moment that his lessons in Baatin (inner) had to be lived in "zahiri (exterior). He set himself, body & soul to the pilgrimage in 1919. His life took a different turn when he stepped on the doorway of our Beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihe Wasallam. He was warmly welcomed, as our Beloved (Sallahu Alaihe Wassallam) blessed the heart of Hazrat Saheb. Immediately he was convinced and inspired that he was a man chosen by Allah The Almighty and our Beloved prophet (Sallahu Alaihe Wassallam) to sacrifice his entire life to the service of humanity. His mission was handed over by beloved Prophet (Sallahu Alaihe Wassallam) to his heart and soul. This was when his real journey commenced.

He endured many painful obstacles and tribulations, but continued to persist through them with admirable patience. His heart was set to acquire the inner knowledge that he was taught during his early years. His approach to Tassawuf and spirituality was a distinctive feature that differentiated Hazrat Sahab (Radi Allah Taala Anho) from other living scholars. The desire to spread the teaching of Islam became so intense, that he traveled far and wide not only to spread Deen Islam and to enrich peoples conception about spirituality but also for the gratification of his soul.

***"Dunya Chaani Alaam Mein Phira, Paar Tera Shuragh kahin Na Mila
Jab Chasame Basirat se Dekha, hein Dil ke Andar Tu Hi Tou".***

He traveled through out the entire globe for 30 years with that sacred inspiration and mission: **to revive humanity and reveal the truth to everyones heart**. He was not only a scholar, but also a highly endowed spiritual master conveying the message. He brought spiritual illumination to the hearts of thousands; Muslims and Non Muslims. His prayers had given hope to many that were struck by incurable illnesses. People around the world felt the sweetness of his presence. Many were attracted by his sincerity, others by the manifestation of a divine light, which encompassed his entire being and many others, by his friendly and compassionate attitude. His blessed presence and spiritual magnetism had given new impetus to the religious and social lives of thousands. He had gained a high esteem in everybodys heart and continues to be remembered by so many as a great Sufi and spiritual leader.

Hazrat Sahab was such a highly endowed Sufi that his intelligence conquered eminent persons such as leaders and statesmen of different religious beliefs. His spiritual achievements were enormously admired and many political leaders and businesses sought his guidance in their matters. He had instilled purity and spirituality in the hearts of those he met. Even the celebrated intellectuals of the west had the opportunity of admiring this great saint of Islam. We cannot forget the infamous encounter between Hazrat Sahab (A Theologian) and George Bernard Shaw (A Scholar).

ACHIEVEMENT

Hazrat Sahabs main intention was to help Mankind by means of instigating the knowledge of Islam. One of his achievements was the pressure he gave the Arabian government, with the support of the Muslims Leaders around the world, to eliminate the unjust imposition of the Hajj tax. The Saudi government clearly understood his concern and the next year itself the Hajj tax was reduced.

In the wake of his visits to different part of the world, he urged Muslims to build orphanages for the helpless youths, infirmaries for the destitute, hospitals for the suffering, spiritual assemblies for spiritual discipline, libraries for the preservation of the Islamic traditions and intellectual heritage, several masajids, organizations of Ulemas for the coordination of Islamic forces, Muslim youth Brigade & Muslims scouts for the physical and moral discipline of the youth.

Hazrat Sahab (Radi Allah Taala Anho) also encouraged the publication of several magazines such as Muslims Digest and the Ramadaan Annual (South Africa), The real Islam (Singapore) and the Prophets Birthday Annual (Mauritius). He himself compiled his missionary works in terms of books or articles under the following titles:

- ▶ Bahare shabab For Youth
- ▶ History of The Codification of Islamic Law Cultivation Of Science By Muslims
- ▶ A Short Catechism Of Islam
- ▶ Meeting Between A Shavian And A Theologian
- ▶ The Universal Teacher
- ▶ The Universal Religion
- ▶ The Islamic Ideal
- ▶ Quest For True Happiness
- ▶ The Meaning Of Worship
- ▶ Women & their Status in Islam
- ▶ The Forgotten Path Of Knowledge
- ▶ Islam answers To The Challenge Of Communism
- ▶ Kitabbut Tassawuf (Urdu)
- ▶ Zikre Habeeb and many others

VISIT TO CANADA

In 1939 Hazrat Abdul Aleem Siddiqui (RA) became the first Sufi saint to spread Islam and explain the meaning of Tassawuf in Canada. He initiated the project of the first Masjid that was built in Edmonton, Canada. He successfully carried out his mission by converting thousands of non-Muslims in North America. He was also given the opportunity of expressing his thoughts in Toronto where he once again captivated his audience. He instilled the Sufi traditions which are still kept alive by many other Sufis and muhibeens. Hazrat Sahab (Radi Allah Taala Anho) was deeply convinced that Tassawuf and spirituality was the gateway for non-Muslims to comprehend Islam. He also firmly believed that the Sufis are most suitable successful in converting people to Islam.

Alhamdollillah, through his prayers, Allah has accepted for this land to be blessed by other Sufis and the light of Noore Mohammadi (Sallahu Alaihe Wassallam) continues to burn North America.

HIS BODY RESTS IN JANNATUL BAQI

It was the 22nd of Zil Hadj (August 22, 1954) at the age of 63 after a last visit with our beloved Prophet Sallallahu Alaihe Wa Sallam that Hazrat Maulana Shah Abdul Aleem Siddiqui Al Quaderi Rehmatullah Alaih left this world for the hereafter. Allah the Almighty had responded to his prayers, as he always wanted to be buried in Madina Munawara. His body rests peacefully at the Jannatul Baqqi near the tomb of Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqua Radi Allahu Taala Anha.

THE SPIRITUAL CHAIN OF SUCCESSION / SPIRITUAL GENEALOGY

Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha Sallallahu Alaihe wassallam

Hazrat Ali Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Hazrat Hasan Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Habibbe Nil Ajamiyi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Dawood Datt Tairri Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Marouf Fil Karoukhiyi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sirriyi Nis Saqa - Tiyyi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidit twa-I-fatti Abil Qasim Junaid Baghdadi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abi Bakr Nis Shibli Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abdil Wahidi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abdil Azeezi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abil Farahi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abil Hasani Aliyil Qurayshi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abi Saidi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Sayyidina Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani Ghawse Azaam Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Abdil Razzaq Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidil Abdil Swalihil Faqeer Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Ahmad Shah Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Shihabbiddin Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Shamsid Deene Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Alaa-id Deen Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Nouri Muhammad Shah Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Abdil Jalaalis Sahra-yi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Bahaawal Shee Qalandar Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abil Maali Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Muhkamid Deeni Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Shah Amir Baa Laa yayru Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abdil Lateef Fil Bourriyyi Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Durweishi Muhammadin Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Shah Ahmad Shah Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Abdil Lateefi Thani Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Madhe Shah Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyiddi Aazam Ali Shah Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Sayyidi Muhammad Ghawse Ali Shah Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Maulana Muhammad Abdil Hakeem Al Qadiri Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Ahmad Mukhtaar Siddiqui Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Shaikh Tareeqat Maulana Shah Muhammad Abdul Aleem Siddiqui Al Qadiri Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Hazrat Mubalighe Islam Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqui Al Qadiri Radi Allahu Taala Anhou

Sajjidana Nashin Hazrat Maulana Shah Mohammad Anas Noorani Saddiqui

