



Tariqa Shadhuliyya

Sidi Shaykh Muhammad Sa'id al-Jamal al-Rifa'i said:

The Tariqa of the Prophet Muhammad is one. It is the same way as that of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. If you want to know the way to reach God, then pray five times a day and make dhikr. This way of the Shadhiliyya is the straight way. You do not need many months or many years; but one hour is all that is necessary to know the Tariqa and to know your God. All of you come as children to Him and so I must give you the understanding of who you are. You are from the Knowers (al-`Arifun). If you are not in knowing, then you are in the beginning of knowing and this is a beginning which the ends of most of the ways have not yet reached. There is only one way, no more ways; all ways converge here.

Muhammad is the 'insan al-kamal and through him all the knowledge (ma'arifa) from Adam until now is ours because the truth is within our hearts. This is the way of the "Muhammad of the time" or the "Jesus of the time." He is the Prophet of the Holy Light (Imam al-Huda). Turn back to the Way of Muhammad which comes through him; it is the Truth and its embodiment.

This Way is the way to know God. I knew this after a meeting of only one hour when I met my Shaykh Abd'ar-Rahman as-Shadhili. No way is faster than this one and no way has more knowledge. The shaykh takes the hand of the murid and says to him, "Now you are facing God, face to Face." And the shaykh says, "This is who you are. (Ha unt)." You see that your eye is really the Eye of God. There is only one eye.

The Tariqa Shadhiliyya is the way of the person who forgets all things and returns back to the truth as in the beginning; a child in the Presence of God. You cannot see more than Him or hear of any other place. You cannot speak without Him. You are with God, in God, to God in the origin of all things. You do not sleep, you are not tired, you watch everything. And so you meet your love to the end which has no end. Then you are together; you are one thing only, without borders, without above or below, without right or left. You are in this station and this station is in you: fana al-mutlaq (annihilation in the freedom of God); the start which has no start; the end which has no end.

The stations and steps begin in the first moments with your shaykh. Your food is the love of politeness and peace and agreement to all the orders without saying why? or what? You are always a witness in the garden and the garden is the Truth of God. Because here you are so near the King of kings, you only say what He gives you to say. God cares for the people who seek the Truth. He takes the hand of the lovers in knowing and takes their hearts to Him always, forever, face to face.

Pray for Muhammad and his family and the awliya (saints) and lovers of the truth. There is no difference amongst them, of who they are, where they have come from and what they are saying. They speak the language of God, because they are His children and lovers. The Maker of the people teaches them the truth. I ask God to open our hearts to Him that all our things will be in His Hands. We ask Him that we may not be ashamed when we meet Him. We ask Him that there may be no veil between us and Him and to make us always under His eyes and orders, hand to hand, joining.

All of this comes from the hidden knowledge of Him. This is the first time in my teaching that God gives me permission to give or to show all that is written in these meetings. I do not know what is the wisdom of God in all these things, but I think you must surely be the sons of God, the eyes of the truth of Muhammad. After you leave you will return to give this message of the real to the people. Then you are like guides. You are the light in this world; this weeping sad world. You will be with the prophets and messengers of God. You will be asked by God about the message. If you have received it, you must give it, because you will take the people from the darkness to the light; from death to life and from hating to loving. For this, God permits you to be the prophets of the love of Him, giving His kindness. This is your work, like the work of the candle which is light; with the Love of God, give light to those whose way is dulled. Then you will live and they will live in the Compassion of God and the prayers of Him forever. You are the people of Him in the reality forever. You are always in the garden. My Master and my King, the Owner of this world, is with you always because you are His children. Amin.

*"When you remember the Name, you find everything.
Every meaning, every message, every holy book is in the Name."*

