

## **Knowledge of Tasawwuf**

In the Preamble of Luari Ja Lal, by Dr. Gurbakhshani, the Sixth Sajjadah Nashin of Dargah Luari Sharif, Hazrat Imam-ul-Arfeen Pir Haji Ahmad Zaman (Q) writes:

“The knowledge of Tasawwuf is of the greatest glory; due to its blessing, (as because of the blessing of Tasawwuf) all kinds of distresses and difficulties in this world and in the hereafter are eliminated and salvation is achieved.

“By the prayer, intention and attention of an erudite of this knowledge i.e. perfect saint, hundreds of thousands of creations achieve the supreme bounty of salvation in both the worlds, and by his sublime attention innumerable sufferings of the living being are alleviated and by his blessing limitless bounties and mercies are bestowed. It is the miracle of this knowledge that change in the fate takes place and the affairs of this world and the hereafter, which seem impossible to human sagacity, become possible and easy. It is imperative for each and everyone to acquire this sacred knowledge and solicit this learning.

“By the sacred knowledge of Tasawwuf, the human being acquires the destination of Qurb (divine proximity) and reaches the sanctified world. It is said in Hadith Qudsi: ‘Noble saints are extremely near and close to and in communion with Almighty Allah and except their Lord, the Creator, no one knows their gradation and dignity.’ It is (stated) in the Hadith Sharif: ‘Provision of sustenance and showering of rain are due to the beloved of Allah.’

“This knowledge of Tasawwuf is acquired through two means:

“(1) A true seeker, with utmost attention should acquire physically the knowledge of Tasawwuf from a perfect spiritual guide and should act according to his guidance and precepts. Or, those, who are known as guides and preachers (Allaihim-ur-Rehmat-Wa-Rizwan) of this knowledge, he should read attentively biographies, life-sketches, precepts and sayings of these noble saints (Qudus Sarahum) and should remember life events of honourable saints and whatever directions and admonitions are given by them for the novice, he should strictly adhere to those with courage; and,

“(2) The second mean purely depends upon the Divine Grace and His Benevolence in which there is no physical need of spiritual guide, teacher or any book to seek guidance from. It is (stated) in Hadith: ‘My Lord taught me and then my knowledge became perfect.’ It is also (stated) in Hadith Sharif: ‘The knowledge of firsts and lasts is known to me.’ Ostensibly, the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him) was unlettered and many noble saints are known as uneducated and without any physical association, they, spiritually, reached the supreme stations.

“The availability of the savant of the knowledge of Tasawwuf is a matter of great fortune and such pious personalities, who have the knowledge of spiritualism are rare, besides, to reach the excellence without acquiring a guide is also not possible, therefore, by

perusing the life accounts of noble saints and biographies of pious persons and paying due attention to their life accounts, one gets ample guidance to the secrets of knowledge of Tasawwuf and lights and beneficences are irradiated on the heart of the seeker.”