

Taajush Shariah a great Islamic scholar

Tajush Shariah Akhtar Raza Khan is one of the best Scholars in the present era. The almighty Allah has blessed him with sound knowledge and ability to give correct Islamic verdicts. He belongs to a family who is known for producing great Scholars like Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him), Mufti Azam-e- Hind (May Allah be pleased with him). His nobility and holiness is in his blood. His whole family is famous in all over the world for guiding on the path shown by the beloved prophet. The family of Imam Ahmad Raza (May Allah be pleased with him) is famous for severing Islam and Muslims fraternity in all parts of the world.

Taajush Shariah, Hadrat Allama Mufti Mohammed Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari al-Qadiri, son of Mufassir-e-Azam (May Allah be pleased with him), Hadrat Maulana Ibrahim Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him), son of Hujjatul Islam, Hadrat Maulana Haamid Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him), son of Imam-e-Ahle Sunnah, Mujaddid-e-Deen-o-Millat Ash Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him) was born on 25th of Safar 1942, in the district of Saudagran, which is situated in the city of Bareilly Shareef, in India.

The name given during his Aqeeqah (It is the Sacrificing of one or two sheeps on the occasion of the birth of a child, as a token of gratitude to Allah.) was “Mohammed”. He was also given the name of “Ismail Raza”. However, now he is famous with the name of Akhtar Raza Khan Azhari.

Taajush Shariah started his basic education under his father (Mufassir-e-Azam, Hadrat Maulana Ibrahim Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him), Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam-e-Hind Allama Mustafa Raza Khan (May Allah be pleased with him) and many other respectable scholars of Islam. Then he went to Alazhar University for higher education. Where he spent 3 years of education and returned at the age of 25.

He is a great Sunni Scholar, thinker, speaker, reformer of ummah, researcher, Faqeeh (An Islamic scholar who can give an authoritative legal opinion or judgment.) and Muhadith (Muhadith scholar of Ahadeeth sayings and traditions of the Holy Prophet

Muhammad, May Allah bless him and grant him peace) and great sufi and he is at home and expert in all the fields.

Taajush Shariah's relation with his Master transcended reaching to the chain of spiritual (and actual) and ancestors who were the source of his spiritual authority. Through eminent figures as the Hazrat Sayyiduna Abdul Qadir Jilani (May Allah be pleased with him) whose source of authority was in the final analysis their descent from the beloved Prophet Muhammad (May Allah Peace and blessings be upon him).

A golden story :

Dr. Abdul Naeem Azizi (ex secretary of Tajush Shariah when he toured Pakistan in 1986) He told after returning that “during his (Tajush Shariah) stay in Pakistan He visited great, great grandson of Huzoor Ghaus -e- Azam (May Allah be pleased with him) “Saiyidina Alauddin Jilani”(Allah's mercy be upon him). He went with 20 to 25 disciples to meet him, when they started talking Saiyidina Alaudiin Jilani started praising Tajush Shariah in Arabic he said:" Akhtar you will shine like stars". When Tajush Shariah asked him to pray to almighty for him then He said: that “Huzoor Ghaus -e- Azam(May Allah be pleased with him) have already bestowed lots of blessing on Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza(May Allah be pleased with him) and Mustafa Raza, you should take the blessings from him and distribute among others followers of Islam” and then he prayed for him.(Pandrah Rozah Gazi e Millat Kolkata November 2003)

Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani (May Allah be pleased with him) played a very important roll in Taajush Shariah's life, he is more popular and more identified by this chain that is sisila Qadriya. Though he was also affiliated with the Chishti, Naqshsbandi, and Suhrawardi Sufi chains and finally the place of the beloved Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) as a pivotal figure in his life. He composed a number of poems in devotion to this great Grand Master Hazrat Abdul Qadir Jilani (May Allah be pleased with him).For example:

صدقہ رسول پاک کاجھولي ميں ڈال دو ہم قادري فقيرہیں يا غوث المدد

(Oh Ghausa -e- Azam please put the blessings of the prophet (May Allah be pleased with him) in my lap. We are Qadri (chains from Huzoor Ghaus -e- Azam) beggars please give us the blessing and help us)

His ‘Love for the beloved Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him):

Taajush Shariah has made his 'Love for the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) not only a motto for his life but also a mission for his life. According to him the fundamental of all Muslims, the beloved Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's Peace and blessings be upon him) is the holiest by all and beloved of Almighty Allah Himself who has lavished praises on him again and again in the Holy Quran in boundless measures. It is very essential for every Muslim believer to become an obedient slave of the Prophet Muhammad (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him). Because the Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) said:

"None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind". (Bukhari shareef Volume 001, Book 002, Hadeeth Number 015) and other Hadith, Narrated By Abu Huraira : Allah's Apostle said, "All my followers will enter Paradise except those who refuse." They said, "O Allah's Apostle! Who will refuse?" He said, "Whoever obeys me will enter Paradise, and whoever disobeys me is the one who refuses (he will not enter the paradise)." (Bukhari shareef Volume 009, Book 092, Hadeeth Number 385)

These are famous tradition of Holy Prophet (May Allah's Peace and blessings be upon him). Taking both the traditions together, there comes out a result that a true Momin ("The Believer". Someone who trusts in Allah and accepts and follows His Messengers, (May Allah bless him and grant him peace) is one who unconditionally surrenders before the will of Allah and His Holy Prophet (May Allah Peace be upon him). His likes and dislikes have no meaning. Taajush Shariah loves the lovers of Allah and His Prophet (May Allah's Peace and blessings be upon him) and says in his speech all Muslims must be love him. As prophet (May Allah Peace be upon him) said: "One, who loved for the sake of Allah, opposed for the sake of Allah, gave for the sake of Allah and refused for the sake of Allah, completed his Iman".(Sunan abi Daud, Hadeeth Number 4683) He composed a number of poems on beloved Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) for example:

جہاں بانی عطا کردیں بھری جنت بہہ کردیں نبی مختار کل ہیں جس کو جو چاہیں عطا کردیں

(The prophet (saw) have been given the authority by Allah to give any thing to his ummah, he can give paradise and the whole world).

Taajush Shariah as a great Mufti:

A mufti is one who issues or Islamic verdicts (fatwa), and supposed to be a doctor of

Islamic jurisprudence. Of course, he is a savant of savants, who works with great sagacity, understanding and responsibility. Taajush Shariah is a renowned mufti in the whole world. From every parts and corner of the World people ask for fatwa (Islamic verdict), Taajush Shariah replies them with ample references and quotations from Holy Quran, Hadith and other authentic books. He gives Fatawa (Islamic verdict) in Urdu and English, his English Fatawa (Islamic verdicts) known by " Azhar-ul-fatawa" which published in Durban, south Africa, A series of five book related to Islamic verdicts (fatawas) is ready to be published.

Taajush Shariah as an Author:

He is not only great scholar but also a great author of Islamic books. He wrote a number of wonderful books on burning topics for examples:

(1)Al Haqqul Mubeen Part 2. (2) Difa Kanzul Imaan Parts 2. (3) T.V. Aur Video Ka Operations (4) Miratun Najdia Bi Jawaabil Bareilwiyah Parts 2 (5) Tasweero Ka Shari Hukm (6) Sharah Hadith-e-Niyah (7) Hadrat Ibrahim Ke Waalid Tariq Ya Aazar (8) Difa Kanzul Imaan (Booklet). (9) Ekh Aham Fatawa (10) Taqdimu Tajjali Aslam. (11) Hashia Sharah Qasidah Burdah.(12) Kya Deen Ki Mohm Poori Ho Chuki.(13) Safee-ne-Bakhshish.(14) Hashiyah on The Bukhari Shareef (15). AsshabatuNujoomul Ihtida. And etc.

And the writing work will be on in the future. If Allah wills. (Insha'Allah) He is not ordinary writer, he have class of his own and his writings reflect the love for Prophet (May the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him), Huzoor Ghaus -e- Azam (May Allah be pleased with him) and Imam Ahmed Raza (May Allah be pleased with him).

Taajush Shariah as a translator:

Translation does not mean substitution of words only. Translation is what reflects the true sense. Every man who knows English and Urdu cannot translate an Act into Urdu. He is not supposed to be acquainted with the legal terminology as the purpose of legislature without the translation of any Act or legal matter is impossible. But Taajush Shariah is a great translator, he translated a number of books in Arabic, Urdu and English for examples:

(1)Almotaqad al Muntqad (Arabic to Urdu). (2) Shumool- al- Islam (Urdu to Arabic)
 .(3) Hadi ul kaaf (Urdu to Arabic) (4) Azlal anqa min bahr e sabqatil atqa) (Arabic to Urdu) and etc.

Students of Taajush Shariah

A tree is known by his fruits. A teacher is known by his students. Taajush Shariah taught a number of persons for examples:

(1)Allamah Mufti Sayed Shahid Ali Razvi (2)Maulana Anwar Ali Razvi (3) Maulana Nazim Ali Razvi (4) Maulana Kamal Ahmad Khan (5) Maulana Jameel Ahmad Khan (6) Maulana Muzaffar Hussain Khan(7) Maulana Zulfikhar Khan (8) Mufti Ubaidur Rahman Razvi (9) Maulana Wasi Ahmad Razvi (10) Maulana Saleemudeen Razvi (11) Maulana Sheerudeen Razvi (12) Maulana Mujjibur Rahman Razvi (13) Maulana Sajjad Alam Razvi (14) Maulana Sharf Alam Razvi (15) Shahibzada Asjad Raza (Hadrat's son) (16) Maulana Atiqur Rahman (17) Maulana Shahabudeen Razvi.

We pray for him in court of Allah May give him the strength powers and good health and the strength to continue serving the Ahle Sunnah Wa Jamaah as an inspiration to the sincere seekers of truth by every means Ameen.

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