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## FOREWORD

Although this work has been 'required reading' in Sufi circles for the last six and half centuries, there has until now been no readily accessible translation in any Western language. With a view to filling this gap, the present work was undertaken at the behest of the Sufi Trust.

In our translation we have relied on two main sources:
I. An edition by the noted Arabist, Dr Aloys Sprenger, based on two annotated Arabic manuscripts. This was published in Calcutta in 1845, under the aegis of the Asiatic Society of Bengal. A facsimile of this edition is to be found at the 'other end' of the present book.
2. A more recent edition (Cairo 1981) by Dr Mohammad Kamal Ibrahim Ja'far, which also refers to several manuscript sources. In the main we have followed the layout and above all the numbering scheme of the Sprenger edition; so that those versed in Arabic should have no difficulty in tracing our efforts back to the original text. However, we have on 1 number of occasions been guided by what seemed to be a more plausible version in the Cairo edition.
'Sufi Technical Terms' is an accurate enough rendering of the Arabic title of this work. An approximate phonetic transliteration might be: Isțilahāt al-Șūfiya. The full name of its author is: Kamāl al-Din Abi al-Ghanā'im 'Abd al-Razzāq al-Qāshāni*al-Samarqandi. For the sake of brevity we refer to him as Abdur-Razzaq al-Qashani, or, following Dr Kamal's lead, simply Qashani. As his name suggests, his forefathers came from central Asia. He died in A.D. $133^{\circ}$ ( $=730$ A.H.).

The original is divided into twenty-eight chapters, each corresponding to a letter of the alphabet. However, the ordering is not

[^0]that of the modern Arabic alphabet, but follows the so-called abjad order. There is no strict sorting system within the chapters themselves.

Inevitably, when il dictionary or glossary is translated the order of the section headings becomes randomised, so the English speaking reader has no means of tracing a term. We were not tempted to recast our English translation into alphabetical order, since for anumber of reasons we wished to keep in step with the accompanying Arabic text and avoid tampering unnecessarily with its structure. Instead of this, we have appended an index to the English text, thus actually affording the reader slightly more freedom of navigation than is available in the original.

Items in the text which have been marked with an asterisk are discussed in the notes which follow on pages 120-126. Generally these are references to the Qur'an, or other specifically Islamic knowledge. In rendering passages from the Qur'an we are indebted to the excellent work done by A. J. Arberry and Yusuf Ali. We have taken on trust the authenticity of the Traditions quoted by Qashani in his Glossary.

We have preferred the word 'glossary' to 'dictionary', since we wish to signal the fact that the subject matter contained in it is closely and coherently inter-related; and that while of course it may be consulted and 'dipped into' like any other work of reference, it is also possible and useful to treat it as a continuous text. It seems certain that its author thought so, too, since frequently $m$ train of thought may be observed to pass from section to section.

Both of us have worked on the text for upwards of three years. Intermittently, to be sure; but then it is in the nature of such work to be intermittent. In grappling with its subtleties, we have had the satisfaction of learning - great deal about the Arabic and English languages - not least of which was an insight into how much more, vastly more, there was still to learn. However, we both feel that the time we have spent in varying degrees of proximity to Qashani's 'World of Ideas' has brought us other, less quantifiable benefits; and it is these above all that we would wish to share with our readers.

Our preoccupation with how best to facilitate this sharing - or at least how to avoid vitiating it - has led us into many discussions, together and with associates and friends. We concluded that there is no single, inevitably correct procedure. It is as if in our travels a party
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## INTRODUCTION

## In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful.

Thanks be to God who, in the abundance of his grace, has spared our contemplative spirit from conventional scientific research,* and from the drudgery of transmitting information and deducing proofs - who has delivered us from all useless and superfluous talk and preserved us from all competitive wrangling and debate. For these things are sources of uncertainty, suspicion and doubt - causing one to stray from the right path and lead others astray. So praised be the One who has lifted from our eyes the veils of rivalry, diversity and complexity.

Blessings, too, be upon him who guided us from the darkness of the veils of majesty to the radiance of beauty: upon Muhammad, the Chosen One - and likewise upon his most excellent of families and companions.

When I had finished writing The Stations of the Wayfarers, $\quad$ commentary dealing with Ibn Arabi's book, Bezels of Wisdom, I also wrote interpretation of the Qur'an based on Sufi terminology. It transpired that this was unfamiliar to most proponents of the traditional or intellectual sciences; so I was asked to explain it to them. In my explanation I pointed out that the basic principles mentioned in that book for classifying people's spiritual stages may be extended to subdivide them into thousand further stages. I alluded to the method of deriving these subdivisions, without actually stating what they were; nor did I elaborate on their branches and levels, or declare their various categories. In order to gratify such people and assist them in their enquiries, I have now undertaken to add what has
so far been omitted. I have divided this treatise into two parts. The first part, consisting of twenty-eight chapters, describes the technical terms used - with the exception of the 'Stages', as these are thoroughly explained in the subsequent text. The terms are classified in abjad alphabetical order, to make it easier to look up entries one by one. The second part, which explains how all the various divisions are ordered and compiled, is arranged in normal book format with chapters and sub-headings. ${ }^{*}$

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## LETTER ALİF

## I ALIF

This letter is used to denote the Essence of Unity, namely Truth, since this is the start of all things in Eternity-without-beginning.*

## 2 UNION

means witnessing the existence of the unique and absolute Truth, in which all things in reality exist. Thus everything is united with it, seeing that everything that exists has its being in Truth. By itself it is nothing. Nor does this mean that anything has I prior existence of its own which subsequently becomes united, for this would be an absurdity.

## 3 CONNECTION

This arises when the individual observes his essence to be intimately linked with the existence of the One, while at the same time ceasing to consider the bondage of his essence to his own existence, and dropping his attachment to the latter. Thus he is able to see the link extending throughout existence, continually and incessantly transmitting to him the Breath of the Merciful, so that he may continue to exist within it.

## 4 THE ONE

The name given to the Essence when it is considered without recourse to its manifold specific qualities and relationships.*

## 5 ONENESS

To be considered while dropping all other considerations."

## - THE UNITY OF UNION

To be considered an it is, without attempting to prove or reject it, so that the relationship of the Presence of the One and the Presence of Oneness is included in it.

## 7 ENUMERATING THE NAMES OF GOD

This means the verification of the latter in the Presence of the One, by obliterating from the mind all worldly impressions, whilst maintaining awareness of the eternal Presence of Oneness. As for enumerating them in the sense of actually being moulded by them, that involves entering the Paradise of Inheritance through sound and obedient conduct - as is mentioned in the sublime words of God:
'These will be the heirs, who will inherit Paradise: they will dwell therein forever.' ${ }^{\prime}$

As for enumerating them in the sense of ascertaining and acting on their meanings, that involves entering the Paradise of Deeds, through a sound faith in God in the Abode of Requital.

## 8 states

Gi4fts showered upon the individual by his Lord. They either descend on him as his just entitlement for righteous acts that purify the Self and refine the Heart - or else they are sent down to him from Truth out of pure kindness. They are called States because it is by their means that the devotee evolves from the outward forms of creation and the lower depths of remoteness - to the hidden qualities and the higher stages of Nearness. That is the meaning of evolution.*

## 9 CHARITY

is the confirmation, through service, of the vision of the Divine Presence gained through the radiance of insight. That is: to see Truth precisely as it is represented by its very own attributes. For the devotee sees it in particulars but not in reality.* That is why the Prophet said, '... as if you saw him . ..',' because the individual only sees God behind the veil of his divine qualities, and even this he does with the eye of his own specific characteristics. So 'in reality' he does not see Reality at all: it is God on High who is the seer; whilst his place is simply to describe him; and, far from being at the Stage of Testimony, he is at the Stage of the Spirit.

## 10 DESIRE

A smouldering ember of love in the Heart, which cannot but respond to the summons of Reality.

## II THE THRONES OF UNITY

These are the Essential Names, the primary manifestations of the Essence in the Presence of the One.

## 12 THE NAME

In Sufi technical usage it is not the utterance of the Name which matters, but rather the essence of the thing named - whether one is considering w substantial quality, such as the Knower or the Capable, or minsubstantial quality, such the Holy or the Salvation.

## 13 THE ESSENTIAL NAMES

Names which do not depend for their existence on the existence of other Names; though they may be subjected to examination and explanation by means of the latter, as in the case of the Knower. They are also known as the Primary Names, the Keys to the Invisible, and the Master Names.

## I4 THE GREATEST NAME

The Name that sums up all the Names in one. It has been said by some to be the word allah, since this is the name of the aforementioned Essence in all its attributes. In other words, it is that to which all the other names refer. That is why 'Divine Presence' is the designation given to the presence of the Essence together with all the Names. According to us, however, it is the name for the Holy Essence just as it is - that is to say, the Absolute, the True - whether it be with all or some or none of the Names.

## 15 THE TECHNICAL TERM*

An infatuation that overcomes the Heart, and closely resembles being madly in love.

## 16 THE HEIGHTS*

This refers to the starting-point - the Stage of witnessing the Truth in every outward form that is irradiated with its qualities. It is Stage, too, with il commanding view over the outer regions. God Most High has said:
'And on the heights will be men who know each one by his marks.'*
The Prophet said: 'For every verse of the Qur'an there is an outer and an inner meaning, $\boldsymbol{w}$ starting point and an outer boundary.'

## 17 ESTABLISHED ESSENCES

The realities of the possibilities of sublime Truth.*

## 18 ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS

These are people lying outside the scope of the Pole-star.*

## TD THE VISEBLE HORIZON

The ultimate goal of the Stage of the Heart.

## 20 THE SUPREME HORIZON

The ultimate goal of the Stage of the Spirit: it is the Presence of Oneness, and the Presence of the Divinity.*

## 21 SAINTHOOD

Every Name of God added to one's material or spiritual stock.*

## 22 THE TRUSTED ONES

The followers of the Path of Blame, who do not display any sign in their outward behaviour of what is within them. Their students are transmuted to the stages of the noble-hearted.

## 23 THE TWO IMAMS

These are two persons: one of them is on the right of the Helper, that is to say the Pole-star, and his attention is on the Kingdom; the other is on his left, and his attention is on the King. The latter is on a higher level than his companion, and he is the one who will succeed the Pole-star.

## 24 THE MOTHER OF THE BOOK <br> The Primal Intellect.*

## 25 THE ETERNAL PRESENT

The full expanse of the Divine Presence within which Eternity-without-beginning merges into Eternity-without-end. For that which has its being in both, both are represented as in the present
time. Thus Eternity-without-beginning, Eternity-without-end and the present moment are all united within it. That is why it is called 'mystical time', and the 'source of time': for moments of time are simply patterns and alterations within it, by which its laws and forms are made manifest; while it endures exactly as it is, forever, endlessly - though it can combine with the subjective presence. As the Prophet said, 'Your Lord has no morning and no evening'.

## 26 EGOISM

This arises when Reality is qualified in any way, such as by saying 'myself, 'my soul', 'my heart', 'my hand', etc.

## 27 SELFHOOD

The verification of authentic Existence in terms of its degree of subjective identity.

## 28 Agitation

The movement of the Heart towards God Most High, as aresult of hearing the Warning - and heeding it.

## 29 THE SEVERANCE OF UNION

This is Separation after Union, with the manifestation and awarem. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ of plurality in Oneness.

## 30 THE MAINSTAYS

These are four men who are situated at the four corners of the earth north, south, east and west. Through them God protects these regions, since it is by this means that they come under his exalted surveillance.

## 31 THE FOREMOST NAMES

The first seven names, also known as the Divine Names. They are: the Living, the Knower, the Willing, the Capable, the Hearer, the Seer and the Speaker. They are the basis of all the other Names.

Some people, instead of the Hearing and the Discerning, have proposed two other names: the Liberal and the Just. It seems to me that these belong to the secondary Names; since liberality and justice require knowledge, will and capacity. Indeed they require all of the foregoing, in that they also depend on seeing to it that the correct
place is prepared to receive this outpouring of liberality and justice. They depend, too, on the appropriate prayer by the supplicant being heard - and answered with the word 'Be!', in I manner appropriate to the state of readiness of the person invoking these immutable essences. These two are like the names, the Finder, the Creator and the Provider, which are among the Names of Lordship.
'The Living' was placed foremost of all, because by its very nature living precedes knowledge and is I precondition of it. So naturally enough the condition should come before what is contingent on it. And yet it seems to me that 'the Knower' should have pride of place: because, just as leadership is a relative term which presupposes being followed, and it is more illustrious to lead than be led - in the same way knowledge ultimately presupposes something that is known. Life, on the other hand, requires nothing but the Living: it is the same as the Essence, in that it does not posit any related concept. So clearly knowledge is on a more exalted level of being.

That is why it has been said by some that 'the Knower' is the Primary Individuation* of the Essence, rather than 'the Living'; because 'the Knower' does not require any relationship such as existence or necessity, nor does it have to be preceded by anything such as leadership. Whereas, surely, walanced bodily constitution is $\square$ prerequisite for life, even though life is doubtless superior to this in rank.

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## LETTER BĀ ,

## $32 \boldsymbol{B A}^{\prime}$

This letter is used to designate the first created things; and these belong to the second level of Existence.

## 33 THE DOOR OF DOORS

This is Repentance, because it is the first entrance by which one enters the presence of the Nearness of the Lord.

## 34 THE GLIMMER

A light reflected from the Most Holy, which quickly fades. It is one of the first stages of revelation.

## 35 NULLITY

This is anything other than Truth. Hence it is non-being, since there is no real existence apart from the Truth. In the words of the Prophet: 'The truest verse uttered by an Arab is that of Labid:
"Truly, everything but God is null and void".'

## 36 THE SUBSTITUTES

These are seven men. If one of them goes on a journey, he leaves behind $m$ body of the same form, so that no one will know that he has gone. That, and that alone, is the meaning of the word Substitute. They are in the mould of the Prophet Abraham.

## 37 CORPULENCE

An epithet for the rapacious Self on the journey - the cutpurse of the waystations and stages of travellers and seekers.

## 38 LIGHTNING

The name given to the first appearance of that gleam of light which calls one to enter the presence of the Nearness of the Lord and to walk the path to God.

## GV INTERMEDIATE WORLD

An interval is something that stands between two things.* The expression is used interchangeably with the World of Ideas: i.e. that which separates material bodies from the world of incorporeal spirits - separates this world and the hereafter. This interval is 1 source of illusory revelation.

## 40 THE UNIVERSAL INTERVAL

This is the Presence of the One - the very first rank, which is the basis of all the various intervals. Hence it is known $\square$ the Principal Interval or the Greater Interval.

41 EXPANSIVENESS (also 42)*
When this arises in the Stage of the Heart, it resembles a sense of urgent expectancy in the seat of the Self. Its arrival inevitably summons up feelings of approval, kindness, compassion and companionship. The opposite of this is Contraction*, which is felt $m$ anxiety - as opposed to hopefulness - descending on the seat of the Self. However, when expansion arises in the Hidden Centre*, then God expands man in his external relationship with creation, whilst contracting him inwardly with compassion for creation. For God encompasses all things, while nothing can encompass him; his influence is felt in everything, while nothing influences him.

## 43 DISCERNMENT

A power of the Heart, when illuminated by the Sacred Light, whereby the reality and inward essences of things can be seen. It is analogous to the function of sight for the Self, by which means the shape and external form of things can be seen. It is the power which the wise have called intelligent or reflective. However, if it is illuminated with the Sacred Light, and unveiled under the guidance of Truth, then they call it the Sacred Power.

## 44 THE COW

An epithet for the Self when it has become ready for exercises and has developed the capacity to tame its desires - which are its very life. The Ram is another epithet for the Self in the state prior to this; while the term Corpulence is used after it has started upon the Path of Conduct.

## 45 INTUITIVEIMPULSES

Coming unexpectedly from the invisible, they suddenly seize the Heart and induce either Expansion or Contraction.

## 46 THE HOUSE OF WISDOM

The Heart which has been conquered by sincerity.

## 47 THE SACRED HOUSE

The Heart which has been purified from attachment to others.
48 THE SACROSANCT HOUSE
The Heart of the Perfected Man, which has become forbidden to anything other than the Truth.

## (0) THE HOUSE OF GLORY

The Heart which has reached the rank of Union, the state of Annihilation in Truth.

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## LETTER JĪM

## 50 ATTRACTION

This is the access granted to the seeker, in accordance with the divine favour prepared for him, to all that he needs in order to pass through the stages leading to Truth, without any discomfort or exertion on his part.

## 51 THE RINGING BELL

The summing up of the message in a single powerful blow.

## 52 THE BODY

That part of the Spirit which becomes visible and assumes a fiery or luminous form.

## 53 CLARITY

The manifestation of the Sacred Essence in itself to itself.

54 ClaRIFICATION
This arises when the Essence manifests itself to itself in its specific characteristics.

## 55 SPLENDOUR

This is the veiling of Truth from us through sheer glory, so that we may not know God as he really is, in his essential 'He-ness', as he knows himself. For none but He sees his Essence for what it is.

56 beauty
The manifestation of God himself to himself. When this takes place, there is a majesty in his absolute beauty which conquers everything, so that there is no one who does not see it. Such is the sublimity of
beauty. It also has 1 certain affinity with us, which draws it closer to us - and that is its manifestation in all things. As Shaybani put it:

> Your beauty goes bare-faced In the realities of all things, With nothing but your glory To conceal it.

That is why Beauty is Splendour: it is veiled behind specific instances. Thus for all beauty there is a splendour, and behind every splendour there is beauty. Since in descriptions of splendour there is a sense of concealment and glory, this implies exaltedness and power on the part of the Divine Presence, as well as humility and awe on our part. Conversely, since in descriptions of beauty there is $m$ sense of nearness and unveiling, this implies gentleness, mercy and affection on the part of the Divine Presence - and intimacy on ours.

## 57 COMBINATION

The coming together of high-minded endeavours to turn towards God and work in him and none other than him. The opposite of this is dispersal - the distraction of working within creation.

## 58 UNION

This is to witness Truth in the absence of Creation.*

## 59 UNION OF UNION

This is to witness Creation as existing through Truth. It is also known as Separation after Union.

## 60 THE PARADISE OF DEEDS

The outward paradise of delicious foods, wholesome drinks, and splendid women - as a recompense for good deeds. It is also known as the Paradise of Actions and the Paradise of the Self.

## 6I THE PARADISE OF INHERITANCE

The Paradise of Morality - the outcome of correctly following the Prophet.

## 04 THE PARADISE OF QUALITIES

The mystical paradise, arising from revelations of the holy Qualities and Names. It is the Paradise of the Heart.

63 THE PARADISE CN THE ESSENCE
The contemplation of the Beauty of the One. It is the Paradise of the Spirit.

64 THE HONOURABLE ONES
These are travellers journeying through the stations of their various selves, carrying as provisions their piety and devotion, until they reach the watering places of the Heart and the stages of Nearness, and their journey henceforward continues within God.

65 THE TWO ASPECTS OF LIMITATION AND EXPANSE These are two aspects of the Essence. On the one hand this may be seen from the perspective of purifying it from all that is susceptible to knowledge and reason; i.e. in terms of the real Unity, which has no room for anything other than itself, be it physical or intellectual. This is the aspect of Limitation. As the saying goes, 'None knows God but God.' Alternatively, it may be seen from the viewpoint of its outward appearances at all levels, in terms of the appropriate Names and attributes describing its infinite manifestations; and that is the aspect of Expanse. As the poem says:

Do not say her house is in the Eastern Highlands:
To Amiria every highland is a home.
Every spring is her alighting spot; In every derelict camp she leaves her trace.

66 THE TWO ASPECTS OF DESIRE
These are the aspects of Necessity and Contingency: on the one hand the desire for the manifestation of the Divine Names through the Established Essences, and on the other the desire for the Essences to manifest themselves through the Names. Now if the Lord shows himself in his qualities, then both wishes are granted; and they both stand out in equal dignity of rank.

## 67 THE JEWELS OF SCIENCE, PROPHECY AND DEEP

 KNOWLEDGEThese are the immutable realities which remain unaffected by vari-
ations in Holy Law among different nations and at different times. As God has said:

The same religion has he established for you as that which he enjoined on Noah - the which we have sent by inspiration to thee - and that which we enjoined on Abraham, Moses and Jesus: namely, that ye should remain steadfast in religion and make no divisions therein.*

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## LETTER DĀL

## 0 THE WEST WIND

An impulse arousing carnal desire and causing it to predominate. It has been likened to the west wind, because it originates in the physical side of human nature - as it were, the western, twilight zone. Its opposite is the gentle breeze from the east, whose impulse arouses the Spirit and causes it to prevail. That is why the Prophet said: 'I have been succoured by the easterly breeze, just as the tribe of ' $\bar{A} d$ was destroyed by the west wind.'*

## 69 THE WHITE PEARL

This is the Primal Intellect. As the Prophet said: "The first thing God created was a white pearl.' And the first thing created by God was the mind.

## LETTER HĀ ${ }^{\prime}$

## $70 \boldsymbol{H A} \boldsymbol{A}^{\prime}$

This letter denotes the Essence in terms of appearance, presence and existence.

## 71 HE

This is considered from the standpoint of absence and loss.*

## 72 DUST

is the substance in which God first imbued the form of the world. It is that intangible material which is known as Primordial Matter.

## 73 FAR-REACHING AMBITION

This is the first degree of aspiring to the Path, and it leads one to renounce the transient and seek that which endures.

## 74 DISDAINFUL AMBITION

This is the second degree, and whoever attains to it acquires an attitude of disdaining to ask to be paid for his labours, and his heart is filled with pride in the expectation of the rewards God has promised for good deeds. Thus he never ceases to contemplate the Truth and worships God to the best of his ability. So, with his face turned incessantly towards Truth, he seeks its nearness - until he seeks nothing else.

75 NOBLE-MINDED AMBITION
This is the third degree, which is not dependent on anything except Truth and has no regard for anything else. This is the highest of all endeavours, since it is not content with the attainment of mystical states or stages of development, or with simply coming to a standstill
at the Names and the Qualities. Indeed it aims for nothing less than the very fountainhead of the Essence.

76 CRAVING
This is when the Self inclines towards its natural needs, and shuns the higher direction in favour of the baser one.

## 77 SUGGESTIONS

Sensual thoughts.
78 attacks
These are what comes into the Heart by virtue of the time - rather than through any personal effort. They are also the Intuitive Impulses mentioned above.*

## 79 PRIMORDIAL MATTER

The name given by the Sufis to the thing within which the various forms are manifested. Thus, any hidden thing in which $n$ form can appear they call Primordial Matter.*


## LETTER WĀW

## 80 Wī

This letter denotes the universal aspect of the whole.
6 ONENESS
This is considering the Essence from the viewpoint that the Names originate from it, and its oneness remains with it despite its manifold attributes. ${ }^{*}$

## © THE ONE

The name of the Essence when considered in this light.

## 83 INCOMING THOUGHT

All the various mental images that may come effortlessly into a man's Heart.

84 EVENT
Whatever comes into the Heart from the invisible world, in whatever manner.

85 THE MEDIATOR OF GRACE AND ASSISTANCE This refers to the Perfect Man, who is the link between Truth and Creation by virtue of his affinity to both. As God has said (according to Tradition):
'But for you, I would not have created the heavens.'

## 86 THE ODD NUMBER

This means to consider the Essence on its own, dropping all other considerations, since Oneness has no relationship to anything, and nothing is related to it. For there is nothing in that presence originally.

In contrast to this, there is the Even Number, through consideration of which the Essences and the reality of the Names are determined.*

## 87 EXISTENCE

The realization that the Essence of Truth is in its essence. That is why the Presence of Union is called the Presence of Existence.

## 88 THE TWO ASPECTS OF PROVIDENCE

These are Attraction and the Path, which are the two sides of guidance.

89 UNCONDITIONAL AND CONDITIONAL
These are two ways of considering the Essence: in exclusive terms, leaving everything else out of consideration - and in terms of its own affirmation. Now the Essence of Truth is Existence, seeing that Truth itself is Existence. Viewed thus it is mabsolute; that is, it is the reality which is in everything. It will not admit of any comparison; because anything other than pure Existence is sheer nothingness. So how can a thing be compared with that in which it exists and without which it is totally void and non-existent? Thus everything other than the Essence belongs to non-entity and is something other than pure Existence, for its distinctive character is of no consequence. So everything is present within absolute Existence, and the latter is present within itself.

If you place on it the restriction of absoluteness, that is, the restriction that there should not be anything accompanying it, then it is the One, which was before, unaccompanied by anything. That is why the Sufis say: 'He is now as he was before.' If, however, you stipulate that there is something with it, then precisely the same restriction applies - that this thing exists within it and is non-existent without it. Doubtless its form was made manifest, and so Existence was added to it; but if you omit the addition, it becomes essentially non-existent. That is the meaning of the Sufi saying that 'Unification is the subtraction of additions'. He was right, whoever said that existence is identical with necessary reality, and that other than reality everything is merely incidental, because it is surplus to every essential quality. Thus there is no doubt that the blackness of the
black and the humanity of the human, for example, are things that do not exist; and without existence they are nothing.

## 90 THE PACE OF TRUTH

The aspect whereby $a$ thing really exists; for there is no reality to ${ }^{*}$ thing except with God. This is the significance of the words, 'Whatever direction you may turn, there is the face of God'." He is the source of the Truth which abides in all things; so whoever has seen the everlasting Truth in things sees the face of Truth in everything.

## 91 THE GOAL OF ALL SERVANTS

The Presence of the Divinity.

## 92 THE RECORD SHEET

The Universal Soul, which is the heart of the world. It is also the Preserved Tablet and the Clear Book.*

93 BEHIND THE OUTER COVERING
This is Truth in the presence of Unity prior to Oneness; because when it is in the presence of the latter, then as 1 consequence it becomes overlaid, first with the meanings of the Names and the realities of the Essences, then with spiritual forms, then with ideal forms, and finally with sensory perceptions.

## 94 THE ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTE OF TRUTH

This is the unity of Union; also essential necessity; also independence from created worlds.

## 95 THE ESSENTIAL ATTRIBUTE OF CREATION <br> Essential potential, and essential need.

## 96 REUNION

This is the real Unity connecting the inward and the outward. It may be expressed as the compassion preceding affection, which is referred to in the Tradition: 'I wished to be known, so I created the creation.' It may also be expressed by the permanence of Truth in things, for this interconnects each separate part of the multiplicity, until they $u$ all united; and by separation the sage restrains them from arising. Ja'far Sadiq said: 'Whoever can distinguish separation
from reunion and movement from rest has attained the perfection of stability in unification and has become thoroughly imbued with deep knowledge.' The purpose of movement is the Path, and that of rest is stability in the Oneness of the Essence.

The word Reunion may also be used to express the annihilation of the attributes of the individual within the attributes of Truth; and this results from verifying and interpreting the Names of God, in the course of enumerating them. In the words of the Prophet: 'Whoever enumerated them has entered paradise.'

## 97 THE REUNION OF SEPARATION

This is the healing of the rift, the repairing of the breach, the merging of distinctions - which is the manifestation of Unity within multiplicity. For Unity joins together its separate and scattered parts through the union of multiplicity. As the Separation of Union is the manifestation of multiplicity in unity, so multiplicity breaks up the union of unity, augmenting the manifestation of the latter through its own specific requirements, in the first stages of differentiation of the forms of a single face in different mirrors.

## 98 REUNION OF REUNION

The return after departure, the ascent after the descent. For each one of us has fallen from the highest ranks. It is that same Union of Oneness which is the absolute link between Eternity-withoutbeginning and the lowest depths of the world of warring elements. Some of us have been living in an extremely degenerate state and have fallen into the lowest of the low; while others have come back and returned to the Stage of Union by following the path to God and in God - by praising his qualities and losing themselves in them, until finally they reached true reunion in Eternity-without-end - just as they were originally in Eternity-without-beginning.

## 99 THE FULFILMENT OF THE COVENANT

This goes beyond what is declared by saying 'Yes indeed!' in the affirmation of Deity. When God said, 'Am I not your Lord?’ they answered 'Yes indeed!'*

For the common people it means religious observance, prompted by $\mathbf{a}$ desire for what has been promised and in fear of what has been threatened. For people of distinction it means devoted service to the
undertaking for its own sake, staying within its limits and being faithful to what it imposes, without desire, fear, or ulterior motive. For those of especial distinction, however, it means devoted service while abjuring any claim to strength and power.* But for the Lover it means not letting one's Heart expand to anything other than the Beloved.

One of the requirements of fulfilling the covenant of service is to sec that every fault that appears in oneself is due to oneself - and not to see perfection in anything save in one's Lord.

## TOO KEEPING THE COVENANT OF CONDUCT

This means not forgetting your own bondage and helplessness at those times when it is given to you to master and break your habits.

## IOI MOMENT OF TIME*

Whatever comes to mind in the Mystical State. If it derives from Truth then you should consent and submit to it, so that you may accord with the moment, with nothing else occurring to you. But if it is something related to personal gain, then you should force yourself to attend to what is more important to you. Do not occupy your mind with the past or the future: trying to remedy the past is a waste of time - and so is thinking about what is to come; because you may never attain it, and time will have simply passed you by. That is why the wise have said: 'The Sufi is the son of time.'

## 102 ETERNAL TIME

The Eternal Present.

## 103 THE HALT

This is the pause necessary between two Stages, in order to complete the remaining obligations of the first Stage and to prepare to be able to rise to the refinements of the second.

## 104 THE AUTHENTIC UNDERTAKING

The undertaking which has the intention of finding Truth.

## 105 THE PRIEND OF GOD

This is someone who is entrusted with the Truth and who protects it from subversion and would never let it or himself down, until he
reaches such perfection - is possible to mankind. As God has said:
'... and he will choose and befriend the righteous.'*

## 106 SAINTHOOD

This is the standing of a man in Truth when he has achieved the annihilation of his own Self such that the light of Truth is able to take possession of him and thus bring him to the ultimate stage of Nearness and Establishment.

## LETTER ZĀ

## 107 THE REPROVER

God's admonisher in the Heart of the believer. It is the light which comes flashing into his Heart, summoning him to Truth.

## 108 THE GLASS

Mentioned in the Light Verse." The glass is the Heart, the lamp is the Spirit, the tree, from whose oil the glass is lit up - like a 'glittering star' - is the Self. The niche for the lamp is the body.

## 109 THE EMERALD

The Universal Soul.

## 110 DURATION OF TIME

This is what is added to the subjective presence; it is the Eternal Present, mentioned above in chapter alif.

## III THE FLOWERING OF INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE

AND REUNION
These are the sciences of the Way, for they are the most honourable and enlightened of all the sciences, and they are the pre-condition for union with Truth.

## 112 THE OLIVE TREE

This is the Self when it has been prepared, through the power of thought, for illumination by the Sacred Light.

## 113 THE OIL

This is the original light for the Self's preparation - and success lies with God!

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## LETTER HĀ ${ }^{\prime}$

## II4 THE MYSTICAL STATE

This is what comes to the Heart purely gratuitously, without any effort or inducement - in the form of sorrow, fear, expansiveness, contraction, desire or pleasure. When it appears, the characteristics of the Self go into abeyance, and the State may or may not do likewise; but if it endures and becomes $\|$ permanent characteristic, then it is called a Stage.

## 115 THE DEMONSTRATION TO MANKIND OF THE

TRUTH
This is the Perfect Man - like Adam, in that he was a proof to the Angels, as shown in the words of God: He said, 'Adam, tell them their names.' And when he had told them their names, God said, 'Did I not tell you I know the unseen things of the heavens and earth? And I know what things you reveal and what you were hiding.'*

## II6 THE VEIL

The imprint in the Heart of universal forms which inhibit the revelation of Truth.

## 117 THE LETTERS

The elementary realities deriving from the Essences, and from such screening entities as reason and the Self.*

## II8 THE SUBLIME LETTERS

These are the individual qualities that lie dormant in the most hidden part of the hidden world - like the tree latent in the date-stone. It was to them that the Sheikh was referring when he said:

We were sublime letters, till now never spoken, Belonging to the offspring of the highest heights.

I am you in him,
We are you and you are he,
And all in him is he:
Just ask the one who has arrived!*

## 119 FREEDOM

The release from enslavement to others. There are three degrees of freedom: Firstly, there is freedom from enslavement to carnal desires. Secondly, there is special freedom - from enslavement to aspirations, through the obliteration of the personal will within the will of Truth. Finally there is the most special freedom of all - from enslavement to custom and tradition, through their effacement in the revelation of the Light of Lights.

## 120 BURNING

A half-way stage in the process of Illumination, which draws the seeker towards annihilation. The process starts with Lightning, and ends with obliteration in the Essence.

## 121 KEEPING THE COVENANT

This means to remain within the limits set by God for his servants, neither omitting what is commanded nor committing what is forbidden.

## 122 KEEPING THE COVENANT OF LORDSHIP AND

SERVICE
Not to ascribe perfection to anything but the Lord, and not to ascribe defects to anything but oneself.

## 123 THE REALITY OF REALITIES

The Essence of Oneness that encompasses all realities. It is known as the Presence of Union and the Presence of Existence.

## 124 THE REALITY OF MUHAMMAD

This is the Essence in its primary individuation, for it contains all of the Beautiful Names and is itself the Greatest Name.

## 125 THE REALITIES OF THE NAMES

These are the various individuations of the Essence, and their
inter-relationships. Thus they are the qualities which distinguish the Names one from another.

## 126 THE TRUTH OF CERTITUDE

To witness the Reality of Truth during the stage of total Union in Oneness.

## 127 WISDOM

This is the knowledge of the reality of things, their precise characteristics, specialities and properties, and of the connection between causes and effects, and of the secret mechanisms regulating creation, as well as the appropriate action required:

And he to whom wisdom is granted receives indeed a benefit overflowing.*

## 128 EXPLICIT WISDOM

The sciences of Holy Law and the Way.

## 129 TACIT WISDOM

Refers to the secrets of Reality which are not understood very well by conventional scholars or the common people, and can thus be harmful and even destructive for them.

It is related that the Prophet was walking through the streets of Medina with his companions, when $■$ woman entreated them to come into her house. They went inside and there they saw alazing fire with the woman's children playing round it.

She said to Muhammad, 'Tell me, Prophet of God, who is more merciful: God to his servants or I myself to my children?'
'God is more merciful,' he replied. 'Truly, of all the merciful he is the most merciful.'
'Prophet of God, can you see ever wanting to throw one of my children into the fire?'
'No.'
'Then how could God throw his servants into it, seeing that he is the most merciful of all?

The narrator goes on to say that the Prophet wept and said, 'That is how God inspired me.'

## 130 UNKNOWN WISDOM

According to us, this is what has been concealed from us by the
countenance of wisdom behind the afflictions of certain people, such as the death of children, or an eternity in hellfire - for not only is belief in this required, but also acceptance of it as right and just.

## 13I UNIVERSAL WISDOM

This means knowing and working with Truth, and knowing and avoiding falschoods. As the Prophet said: 'Oh God, show we the Truth as it really is, and grant us the means to follow it; and show us falschood for what it is, and grant us the means to avoid it. Show us things $\quad$ : they really are.'

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## LETTER TTA ${ }^{\prime}$

## 132 RISING STARS

The first of the illuminations of the Holy Names to appear in a person's Heart. Thus his character and qualities are improved through the irradiation of his inner self.

## 133 THE PURE

Those whom God has safeguarded from transgressions.

## 134 THE OUTWARDLY PURE

Those whom God has safeguarded from criminal acts.

## 135 THE INWARDLY PURE

Those whom God has safeguarded from temptations, carnal desires, and attachment to others.

## 136 THE SECRETLY PURE

Those who are not distracted from God for so much as the winking of an eye.

137 THE SECRETLY AND OVERTLY PURE
Those who have undertaken to fulfil the obligations of both Truth and Creation, trying to do them equal justice.

138 SPIRITUAL MEDICINE
The knowledge of the perfection of hearts - not only their afflictions and ailments, and the remedies for these, but also the directions for keeping them healthy and warding off sickness.

## I39 THE SPIRITUAL PHYSICIAN

The Master who has the above knowledge, as well as the power to guide and complete the treatment.

## 140 THE WAY

The specific course of conduct followed by seekers on their way to God, passing through various phases and rising step by step through the developmental stages.

## 14I EPPACEMENT

This is when the customs of the traveller pass away totally in the attributes of the Light of Lights.


## LETTER YĀ'

## 142 THE RED RUBY

This is the Self, so called because of the blending of its luminosity with the darkness of attachment to the body - in contrast to disembodied reason, which is sometimes described as the White Pearl.

## 143 THE TWO HANDS

These are contrasting Names of God, such as either the Active or the Receptive. As God said to Iblis,
'What prevented you from bowing down before that which I created with my own hands?'*

Because the presence of the Names comprises two types of presence - the necessary and the possible - some have said that the Two Hands are indeed necessity and possibility; but in fact the contrast is more general than that. The active aspect may be compared variously with the Beautiful, the Sublime, the Gentle, the Vanquisher, the Beneficial and the Harmful; while similarly, the receptive aspect may be compared with the Friend, the Timid, the Hopeful, the Fearful, the Beneficiary and the Harmed.*

## 144 THE DAY OF ASSEMBLY

The time of gathering together and arriving at the Source of Union.

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## LETTER KĀF

## I45 THE CLEAR BOOK

This is the Preserved Tablet to which the words of God refer:
'Not a thing, whether fresh or dry, but is recorded in a clear book.'*

## 146 THE TOTALITY

A name for Sublime Truth, seen from the perspective whereby the presence of Divine Oneness comprehends all the Names. This is why we say 'one' for the Essence and 'all' for the Names.

## 147 THE WORD

The means by which to allude to every single quality, essence, reality and externally existing thing - in short to everything that is specific. Intellectual concepts, such as qualities, realities and essences, may be distinguished by means of the Essential Word; the invisible and the external by means of the Concrete Word; and the various incorporeal entities by means of the Authentic Word.

## 148 THE WORD OF THE PRESENCE

This refers to the word of God: 'Be!' - as shown in the words:
'For to anything which we have willed, we but say the word "Be!" - and it is." ${ }^{\prime}$

## 149 THE HIDDEN TREASURE

The Essence of Oneness that is concealed in the invisible. This is the innermost secret of all.

## 150 THE UNGRATEFUL

In Holy Law this refers to those who have abandoned the divine
precepts. In the Way it means those who forsake excellent virtues. In Reality it is those who desire something which God does not want; since they are contending with his wishes without knowing the reality of his grace.

## 151 FISSION

The existence of Fission does not dissolve Union. This means that the proliferation of the one and only Truth into distinct particularizations does not imply the dispersal of the Divine Whole or of the Oneness of the Essence.

## 152 THE MORNING STAR

The first manifestation of beatific visions. It may also be used to indicate someone who has verified the objective reality of the Universal Soul. From the words of God:
'When night enveloped him he saw a star ....'*

## 153 ALCHEMY

This is contentedness with what is present, and relinquishing the desire for what is absent. In the words of Ali, the Commander of the Faithful, 'Contentedness is a treasure which is never exhausted'.

154 THE ALCHEMY OF HAPPINESS
The refinement of the Self by protecting and purifying it from worthless things - and by seeking to acquire virtues and become adorned with them.*

## 155 THE ALCHEMY OF THE MASSES

This means to exchange the enduring goods of the other world for the ephemeral trifles of this world.

156 THE ALCHEMY OF THE ELECT
This is the deliverance of the Heart from creation and into the exclusive power of the Creator.

## LETTER LĀM

## 157 THE SIGN

The light of Illumination, which appears and then passes away. It is also called a flash of insight or an idea.

## 158 DIVINE NATURE

The life which pervades things. Human nature is its fixed abode; and that is the Spirit.

## 159 THE KERNEL

This is the mind when it has been illuminated by the Sacred Light and freed from the external husks of delusion and fantasy.

## 160 THE KERNEL OF KERNELS

This is the divine substance of the Sacred Lights, by which the mind is strengthened, and thus freed from the above-mentioned husks, so that it attains the sublime sciences - freed from the consciousness of the Heart, which is attached to creation and prevented from understanding what is veiled from conventional knowledge. This comes about through the beauty of the former Stage leading to the goodness of the latter.*

## 161 DISGUISE

The elemental form that envelops spiritual realities. God said:
'And if we had made him an angel we should have sent him as a man; and we should certainly have caused them confusion in II matter which they have already covered with confusion.'*

One such guise is the clothing of real truth in the forms of humanity. It is to this that the words of God refer in the Tradition.
'My friends are beneath my domes: none knows them but myself.'

## 162 ELOQUENCE

This is the means whereby the divine declaration is made to attentive ears concerning those things which God wishes to teach - either by way of divine communication, or via $a^{\text {e prophet, saint or friend. }}$

## 163 THE TONGUE OF TRUTH

The human being who has verified the manifestation of the pronoun 'I', by virtue of being its object.

## 164 SUBTLETY

Any sign of delicate spiritual significance. When one of these appears in the understanding, its meaning cannot be encompassed by words.

## 165 THE HUMAN SUBTLETY

This is the Rational Soul, which Sufis call the Heart. In fact it is the descent of the Spirit to a level close to that of the Self - to which in one aspect it is related, whilst in another it is related to the Spirit. The former aspect is called the Breast, and the latter the Heart.

166 THE TABLET
This is the Clear Book, and also the Universal Soul.*

## 167 SIGNS

These are sometimes used to indicate what appears to the senses from the World of Ideas - as in the case of 'Umar.* This is a pictorial revelation, whereas in its original meaning it is a spiritual revelation proceeding from the Most Holy.

## 168 RAYS

Radiant lights which shine for those novices who are of a delicate disposition. They are reflected from the imagination to the common sense; and they then become perceptible to the external senses, so that the subject seems to see lights, like those of bright stars, the sun and the moon, illuminating all around them.* This light is either predominantly violent and threatening, taking on a reddish hue - or else it is predominantly gentle and promising - in which case it has a greenish colouring.

## I69 THE NIGHT OP POWER

This is anight in which the seeker is favoured with special state of illumination, in which he learns his true potential and rank in relation to the Beloved. It is the time when the secker begins to arrive at the Source of Union and the stage of those who are matured in deep wisdom.*

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## LETTER MĪM

I70 THE ONE WHO HOLDS, THE THING HELD, AND FOR WHOM IT IS HELD
These are spiritual pillars; and they are also the reality of the Perfected Man. As God said:
'Were it not for you, I would not have created the heavens.'
Sheikh Abu Talib al-Makki writes:
"Truly the heavens are turned by the breath of the Children of Adam. ${ }^{\text {' }}$

And Sheikh Muhiyuddin Ibn al-Arabi writes:
'Praise, honour and glory be to God, who created the Perfect Man to be the teacher of the angels and caused by his breath the heavens to turn!'

Both of these refer to the above concepts.

## 171 SACRED WATER

The knowledge which purifies the Self from the defilement of nature and the squalor of vice. Alternatively it means to witness the Eternal through Illumination, and thus rise above the defilement of accidental phenomena.

## 172 THE ORIGINAL

This is an unalloyed augmentation of Oneness; seeing that the Essence of Oneness has precedence over the presence of Unity, which latter is the origin of all the designations and derivations of the Names; since their characteristics and associations are rational considerations.

## 173 (There is entry bearing this number)

## 174 STARTING POINTS AND END RESULTS

The former are the devotional duties, namely: prayer, almsgiving, fasting and pilgrimage.

The outcome of prayer is complete Nearness and real communication.

The outcome of fasting is abstaining from the forms of creation and from that which reinforces them - through Annihilation in God. That is why, in the sacred words of the Tradition it is said, 'Fasting is for me, and I shall repay it.'

The outcome of pilgrimage is the acquisition of wisdom and the verification of Permanence after Annihilation. For all the ceremonies and hardships of the pilgrimage are analogous to stations of the seeker and the Stage of the Oneness of Union and Separation.

## 175 THE FOUNDATION OF SUFISM

According to Abu Muhammad Ruwaym, this consists of three qualities: adherence to poverty and need, the attainment of certainty through liberality and altruism, and abandoning conflict and personal choice. ${ }^{\text {" }}$

## 176 THE ONE WHO IS CONFIRMED IN*TRUTH

Whomsoever God observes in every detail without becoming specific for him. For God is supreme: even though he may be witnessed in anything that is bound to $\quad$ name, attribute, aspect, viewpoint or specification - yet he is not himself restricted or bound in any way thereby. He is the Absolutely Binding and the Binding Absolute, far above binding and non-binding, absolute and non-absolute.

## I77 THE ONE WHO IS CONFIRMED IN TRUTH AND CREATION

Whoever sees that every absolute in existence has an aspect of restriction, and every restricted thing has aspect of freedom. Furthermore, he sees all of existence as a single reality, which has both an absolute aspect and a limited one subject to every restriction. Anyone who witnesses this through experience has been confirmed in Truth and Creation, annihilation and permanence.

178 THE ATTRACTED
Someone whom Truth has singled out for himself and selected for his own intimate companionship, purifying him with Sacred Water. Thus, by dint of all these favours and gifts, he has attained what is achieved in all the various stages and degrees of development, without himself going to the trouble of acquiring it.

## I79 THE UNEVERSAL MANIFESTATIONS

These are the outward expressions of the Keys to the Invisible, by which the gates between outward and inward existence are unlocked. There are five of them:

The first is the manifestation of the Essence of Oneness, the Source of Union, the Stage of 'Even Nearer'*, the Major Resurrection, and the manifestation of the Truth of Truths. This is the ultimate objective and the end of ends.

The second is the initial manifestation of the Intermediate World between death and resurrection, the Meeting of the Two Seas, the Stage of Two Bow-lengths, and the presence of the totality of the Divine Names.

The third is the manifestation of the World of Power and the unveiling of the Sacred Spirits.

The fourth is the manifestation of the Heavenly Kingdom and the celestial powers who uphold the divine decree in the world of the Godhead.

The fifth is the manifestation of the World of the Kingdom through visions and the wonders of the World of Ideas, and material powers in the lower world.

180 THE MANIFESTATION OF THE ACTIVE NAMES
The cosmic gradations which make up the world. Also: the records of illustrious deeds.

## 18I THE MEETING OF THE TWO SEAS

This is the presence of Two Bow-lengths, because of the meeting in it of the two seas of necessity and possibility.* It has also been stated that it is the presence of the totality of existence, seeing that the Divine Names and the cosmic realities are assembled in it.

## 182 THE MEETING OF DESIRES

The presence of absolute Beauty. For desire is attached to nothing other than the distillation of Beauty. That is why the poem says:

Let your longing heart wander where it will, There is no love other than the first Beloved.

And Shaybani says:
All of beauty is summed up in your face; Yet the details of it fill creation.

## 183 THE MEETING OF OPPOSITES

This is the Absolute Essence, which is the presence of the embracing extremities.

## 184 GENUINE LOVE

The love of the Essence precisely for its very own essence. Far from being a superfluous state of affairs, this is the source of all other kinds of love; and whatever love may exist between two beings has to do either with 1 correspondence in each of their essences - or with a concord of quality, rank, state or function.

## 185 THE PROTECTED

Someone whom God has preserved from delinquency, whether in word, deed or intent. Thus he does not say or do anything except what pleases God, and does not desire anything but what God desires, and does not strive for anything other than God's command.

## EXTERNAL OBLITERATION

The elimination of habitual characteristics and reprehensible traits, countering these with the affirmation which consists in carrying out the stipulations of worship and striving to acquire laudable qualities.

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The removal of the veil of theoretical knowledge and all its afflictions, and countering these with the affirmation of constant communion. ${ }^{*}$ This is achieved by eliminating the attributes of the seeker and the characteristic habits of his nature and behaviour, and irradiating him with the attributes of Truth and its nature and behaviour. As it has been said, 'I was his hearing, by which he heard, and his seeing, by which he saw.'

## 188 <br> THE OBLITERATION OF TRUE UNION

The annihilation of multiplicity in unity.

## 189 THE OBLITERATION OF SERVICE AND OF THE

 INDIVIDUAL SERVANTThis means ceasing to ascribe existence to the Essences, because these are subjective entities which have emerged in the Presence of Oneness as a result of scholary endeavour. They are thus information devoid of any substance whatsoever. Except insofar as the existence of Truth may become perceptible in them, both they and their world are non-existent possibilities. There are, nevertheless, traces of them in external existence, $\quad$ it is commonly understood.

Existence is none other than Sublime Truth itself, and no basis exists for ascribing any other connection outside this. Actions and effects are entirely subordinate to Existence. Since the non-existent has no effect, there is nothing active or present save Truth Most High alone.

For, seen in terms of his specific limitation within the form of the individual, which is $\square$ subjective matter, he is the worshipper. Seen, however, in terms of his absoluteness, he is the worshipped; while the individual himself remains non-existent. Thus both the individual servant and his service are obliterated.

As in the words of God Most High:
'And when thou threwest, it was not thyself that threw, but God threw.'*
or in his words:
'Three men conspire not secretly together, but he is the fourth of them, neither five men, but he is the sixth of them.'*
or in his words:
"They are unbelievers who say "God is the third of three"."
This affirms that he is the fourth of three and denies that he is the third of three; because if he had been one of them he might have been similar to them - he who is exalted and revered far above all such things. However, if he were the fourth among them, he would remain distinct from them in terms of their reality, existence and specific nature.

## 190 ERADICATION

This is the annihilation of individual existence in the Essence of Truth, just as Obliteration is the annihilation of one's own actions in the action of Truth, and Effacement is the annihilation of one's attributes in the attributes of Truth. Obliteration does not see effectiveness in anything except Truth; and Effacement does not see any quality in anything except Truth; while Eradication does not see existence in anything except Truth.

## 191 AUDIENCE

The presence of the Heart together with Truth amidst the profusion of the Names of God.*

## 192 FACING

The presence of the Heart tending towards $x$ contemplative state that is oblivious of everything other than itself; such that it does not see any other thing, since it is so remote from everything else.

## 193 THE CONVERSATION

This is a message from Truth, transmitted through one of the forms of the angelic world - like the call which Moses received from the bush.

## 194 THE RETREAT

The place where the Pole-star is concealed from those who have attained.

## 195 SUSTAINED EXISTENCE

This is the attainment of all that is needed for the phenomenal to sustain its continued and uninterrupted existence. For Truth sustains existence with the Breath of the Merciful, so that its being outweighs its non-being - which latter is a requirement of its essence without its existence. This is achieved by the processes of break-down and exchange in nutrition and respiration, and derives its support from the externally perceptible air.

As for inanimate beings, celestial bodies and spiritual entities, it is the intellect which determines, through the abiding superiority of their existence, which of them is predominant; while it is the sight of God which determines, through unceasingly bringing everything possible into existence, that renewed creation unfolds.

## 196 THE UNIVERSAL RANKS

There are six of these:

- the Rank of the Essence of Oneness;
- the Rank of the Divine Presence, which is the presence of the One;
- the Rank of the Incorporcal Spirits;
- the Rank of Active Souls: the World of Ideas and the Angelic World;
- the Rank of the World of Power, which is the visible universe;
- the Rank of Comprehensive Being, which is the Perfect Man, the total manifestation and collective form of mankind.

But we have said that there are five Manifestations and six Ranks.* The reason for this is that the Manifestation is the external aspect in which these Ranks are revealed. Now the Essence of Oneness camot constitute $=$ manifestation for anything else, since there is no aspect of plurality in it whatsoever - not even in learned and scholarly circles. The other Ranks are arranged in descending order and have both an inward and an outward Manifestation. However, there is no manifestation of the Oneness of the Essence other than in the Perfect Man.

## 197 THE MIRROR OF BEING

This is absolute and unique Existence, for it is only in this that the various worlds with their qualitics and propertics appear, and its own presence is thereby concealed - just like the surface of a mirror, which becomes invisible the moment that an image appears in it.

## 198 THE MIRROR OF EXISTENCE

This denotes the specifications relating to inner qualitics whose outward forms are created beings. For the qualities are inward, whilst the existence based on their specifications is external. Scen in this way, the qualities are mirrors for $\quad$ single existence to which their specific forms are allocated.

## 199 THE MIRROR OF THE TWO PRESENCES

This refers to the presence of necessity and possibility, which is the Perfect Man. It also refers to the mirror of the Divine Presence, because this is the appearance of the Essence together with all the Names.

200 THE EVENING TALE
The dialogue which Truth holds with the individual in his Secret

Faculty.* It is so called because conventionally this conversation takes place at night.

## $20 I$ THE PATHS OF TOTAL PRAISE

This refers to the commemoration of the Essence through full knowledge and direct vision of the essential Names, rather than by the attributive or active Names. This is because the Absolute Essence is the origin of all the Names of God. Thus of all the sublime ways of glorifying God, the most glorious is that absolute glorification which itself partakes of all his attributes; because if the one who was commemorating God were to praise him in terms of his own knowledge, generosity or capacity, then his glorification would be confined to that particular attribute. However, if he praises him using his essential Names, such as the Holy, the Glorious, the Salvation, the Most High, the Truth - and by other similar names which are the foremost of all the names - then in his glorification he embraces all of God's perfections.

## 202 THE ABODE OF THE GREATEST NAME

This is the temple in which Truth is housed: I mean the heart of the Perfected man.

## 203 THE BASIS OF DEEP KNOWLEDGE

The Presence of Oneness, which is the origin of all the Names.

## 204 THE CONSUMED

Someone who is annihilated in the Oneness of the Essence, so that no trace remains of him.

## 205 THE OBSCUREISSUE

This is the fact that the Established Essences remain in 1 state of non-existence, while the Truth, by virtue of its Name, 'the Light', illuminates their forms and apparently assumes their properties. Thus it transforms them over $\Perp$ period of time into $\llbracket$ new creation, by adding to them its own existence and specific make-up; while they remain in their initial state of non-existence. For if it did not hold constant sway over their existence by augmenting and developing them, then they would never have appeared at all.

This is a matter for revelation and intuitive 'taste' - something
which is repugnant to the understanding and rejected by the intellect.

## 206 THE RELAXED ONE

This refers to that one of God's servants, who has been acquainted with the secret of destiny. Since he can see that whatever has been decreed must take place at its fore-known time, and that whatever has not been decreed cannot happen, he is delivered from desiring or expecting things which will not occur, and from grieving over what has taken place. As God has said: 'No misfortune can happen on carth...'*

That is why Anis, Companion of the Prophet said: 'I served the Prophet of God for ten years, and he never said, of something I had done, 'Why did you do that?' - or, of something I had not done, 'Why didn't you do that?'

Such a person is never found to be other than even-tempered.

## 207 DAWNINGS OF VICTORY

The manifestations of the Names, since these are the keys to the secrets of the invisible world, and the illumination of the Essence.*

## 208 DAWNINGS OF THE SUN OF REALITY

Illuminations of the Essence prior to total annihilation in the essential Oneness of all.

## 209 THE DAWNING OF INNER MINDS

This refers to those to whom God has disclosed the innermost minds of people. He has illuminated them with his Secret Name; thus they can survey people's inner natures. Sheikh abu Said ibn Abi al-Khair was one such man.

## 210 THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN QUALITIES AND

 REALITIESThis is the arrangement of universal realities in accordance with the divine realities which are the Names. The Names are ordered according to the essential qualities; so that existing things are the shadows and forms of the Names, and the Names are shadows of the qualities.

## 211 THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE PRESENCES AND CREATION

This is the relationship of existing beings to the three presences - the presence of necessity, the presence of contingency and the presence of both of these together.

Any being whose relationship to necessity is stronger is of a more distinguished and elevated rank. So it has a higher spiritual reality, whether angelic, or pertaining to a celestial body.

Any being whose relationship to the contingent is stronger is baser and lowlier, and its reality is that of an inferior element or compound.

Any being whose relationship to both is equally strong is more complete; and its reality is that of humanity.

A person who is more inclined to the contingent, and in whom the characteristics of manifold contingency are present, numbers among the unbelievers.

Anyone who is more inclined to necessity, and in whom the characteristics of necessity are predominant, is foremost among men - one of the Prophets or Saints. Any person in whom both aspects are equal is a man of moderation among the believers.

As the inclination tends toward one or other of these two aspects, so do believers vary in the strength or weakness of their belief.

## 212 INSIGHT

This refers to the favours bestowed by Truth on the wise - either immediately, or arising from questions concerning what has happened to them. The word may also refer to the ascent into contemplative vision at the moment when this dawns.

## $2 I 3$ THE POINT OF DEPARTURE

The Stage in which the speaker actually experiences the verses of the Qur'an which he is reciting. His speech is illuminated by the quality which is the source of that particular verse.

As Ja'far Sadiq said: 'God has made himself manifest in his words for his worshippers; but they do not sec."

One day Ja"far fell down unconscious while in prayer. Afterwards, when asked about the incident, he answered: 'I did not stop repeating the verse until I heard it spoken by its Author.'

The Great Sheikh, Shahabuddin Suhrawardi, said of this incident
that at that moment Ja'far's tongue was like the burning bush of Moses, when the call came from it, 'I am God!'

However, I wish to affirm that the meaning of the 'point of departure' is more general than this. It is the Stage of witnessing the Truth in everything that is irradiated by its qualities - of which qualities that thing is the outward manifestation. But because it was said in ■ Tradition of the Prophet: 'There is no verse of the Qur'an without an outward and an inward meaning; for every letter there is an end point, and for every end point a point of departure.' - the meaning has become restricted to this sense.

## 214 SIGNS IDENTIFYING THE QUALITIES

These are organs such as the eye, the ear and the hand; since these are the locations where the meanings and the sources of the qualities become apparent. A sign is an outward indication, like a religious emblem or a signpost on the road.

## 215 THE FIRST TEACHER AND THE TEACHER OF THE

ANGELS
This is Adam, for God said to him: 'Adam, tell them their names.'*

## 216 THE SETTING OF THE SUN

The concealment of Truth within its own specific particulars, and the concealment of the Spirit within the body.

217 THE KEY TO THE SECRET OF DESTINY
The diversity of the Contingent Essences within cternity.*

## 218 THE FIRST KEY

This is the incorporation of all things as they are in the Utterly Concealed, which is the Oneness of the Essence - just like the tree latent in the date-stone. It is also called the Basic Root.*

## 219 RELEASE FROM SORROW AND ANXIETY

Faith in destiny.

## 220 THE BESTOWER

This is one of the names of the Prophet Muhammad, since it was he who confirmed the Names of God, and shone forth the light of
guidance upon them in all their intricate detail, and acted as their intermediary.

## 221 THE STAGE

This is the fulfilment of one's prescribed duties, for whoever has not fulfilled the requirements of the various Stations is not fit to progress to a higher level. Thus, anyone who has not verified the reality of Abstemiousness until he has made it his own, is not fit for the Stage of Trust; whoever has not verificd Trust is not fit for Submission and so on through all the Stages.

The word 'fulfilment' does not imply that none of the steps of the lower stage may be left incomplete before one is able to proceed to a higher one. The greater part of what has not been completed in the lower stage and its finer gradations will be rectified in the higher. Rather the intention is that one should become so solidly grounded in that particular stage that one actually becomes a part of it, and that the name associated with one's state, such as Abstinent or Trusting, is an exact description of the casc. The same applies to all the stages. It is called a Stage because it is the halting place of the Seeker on the Way.

## 222 THE STAGE OF DIVINE DESCENT

This is the Breath of the Merciful, by which I mean the appearance of authentic existence in the ranks of specific individuation.

## 223 THE EXALTED POSITION

This is the rank which is closest in dignity to (iod. It may also be called the Place. It is referred to in the words of God Most High: 'In a sure setting, in the presence of an almighty King.'*

## 224 FRAUD

This is following up blessings with misdeeds, sustaining mystical states without regard for propricty, and divulging signs and miracles without authority or restraint.

## 225 THE KINGDOM

The visible world.

The invisible world.

## 227 THE KING OF THE KINGDOM

This is Truth, in its function of requiting what the individual has actually performed of the tasks which were required of him.

## 228 THE ENLARGER OF ASPIRATIONS

This is the Prophet, because he is the medium for the outpouring of Truth and guidance to whichever of his servants God chooses, and he sustains them with the illumination and strength of the verses of the Qur'an.

## 229 EQUITY

This is justice, by which I mean fair dealings both with Truth and with creation

## 230 THE FIRST WAY

The diffusion of Oneness from essential Unity, and the manner in which all the Qualities and the Names evolve in the ranks of the Essence. Whomsoever God has shown the arrangement of the Names and the Qualities in all the ranks of the Essence has been set on the shortest route to the First Way.

## 23I UTTER SEPARATENESS

This is the Collective Presence, in which there is not so much as a trace of any other thing. Thus it is the place where all separateness ceases, the very Union of Oneness. It is also known as Implicit Scparateness, or the Presence of Existence, or the Presence of Union.

## 232 ULTIMATE KNOWLEDGE

This is the Presence of the One and it is called the starting point of the 'straight and even path'* - in view of the quickening Breath of the Merciful, from which spiritual forms become manifest in existence. It is known as the Station of Abasement, in which the descent of Truth takes place into the forms of creation; it is also known as the Station of Drawing Near, since within it creation draws near to the Truth. Another name for it is the Fountainhead of Liberality, since it is the source from which pours forth the generosity of Truth; and there are yet other names for it.

## 233 THE ESSENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

This is the relationship between Truth and the individual, and it may take one of two forms.

On the one hand the specific properties of the individual and the multiplicity of his attributes may have no effect on the fixed requirements of Truth and its unity; rather it is a case of him being influenced by the latter, and the darkness of his multiplicity being imbued with the light of the Unity of Truth.

Alternatively, the individual might acquire the attributes of Truth and verify all its Names. If these two alternatives are in harmony with each other, such $\triangleq$ person is precisely the perfected individual that is being aimed for. If only the first alternative occurs without the second, then it is known as the Beloved Companion. Acquiring the second alternative without the first is an impossibility. In both alternatives, however, there are many gradations.

Concerning the first case, this is the result of the strong dominance which the light of Union exercises over the weakness of multiplicity - as well as the power of the properties of Necessity over the much weaker properties of Contingency.

As for the second alternative, this depends on the extent to which the individual is able to encompass both his verification of all the Names and his own incapacity to verify only some of them to the exclusion of others.

## 234 THE ENRAPTURED

These are angels in ecstatic contemplation of the Beauty of Truth who are unaware that God has created Adam, so intense is their absorption and involvement in witnessing Truth. They are those exalted ones who were not required to perform the prostration, due to their absence from everything save the Truth, and their passion for the light of Beauty; and hence they seek nothing apart from that: " They are also called Cherubim.

## 235 DEATH

In Sufi usage this is the taming of selfish desire, since the latter is what constitutes life. It is precisely towards this self-love that all lusts and natural bodily needs incline. If the Self inclines towards a lower level, it pulls the Heart, which is the Rational Soul, down with it towards its centre; and thus the Heart dies to the real life of learning which belongs to it by right, and lives instead a life of ignorance.

However, if the Self is tamed and dies to its own lusts, then the Heart proceeds on its natural way of Genuine Love to its own world: the world of holiness, light and essential life, which is not susceptible to death at all.

It was to this kind of death that Plato was referring when he said: 'Dic to desire and you will live according to your nature.'

The impeccable Ja'far Sadiq said: 'Death is repentance.' And in the words of God,

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‘... now turn in repentance to your Creator, and slay
yourselves.'*
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He who has repented has killed his own Self. That is why, when Sufis put Death into categories, they classify thwarting the Self as 'the Red Death'.

When the Prophet Muhammad returned from holy war against the infidel and said, 'We have returned from the lesser holy war to the greater' - they asked him what the 'greater holy war' might be. He replied, 'It is the struggle against the Self.' In another Tradition it is said: 'The holy warrior is he who has waged war against his own Sclf.'

He who is dead to his desire lives through right guidance far from crror, and through knowledge far from ignorance. When God Most High says: 'He who was dead, and we gave him life . . '* he means 'dead' through ignorance, and 'we gave him life' through knowledge.

They have also called this death, Universal Death, to stand for all the various kinds of death.

## 236 THE WHITE DEATH

This is hunger, and it is so named because it illuminates the inward and brightens the face of the Heart. Thus any follower of the Path who docs not assuage his hunger will die the White Death. In so doing he will revive his intelligence; for overeating kills intelligence, and whenever a person's gluttony dies, his astuteness is restored.

## 237 THE GREEN DEATH

This is the wearing of the patched garment made of discarded and worthless rags. If one is content to give up beautiful clothes for this, and merely limits oneself to a decent covering sufficient for the performance of prayers, then one has died the Green Death. The life
of such im person has become green through his abstemiousness and the blooming of his countenance in the verdant grace of the essential beauty within which he lives. As the poem says:

As long as his honour is unstained, Whatever cloak he wears is fair.

Once when Shafi was seen dressed in shabby, worthless clothes, some ignorant people criticised him for it. He replied with these verses:

What if my shirt is not worth a penny?
I have bencath it a soul of priceless love.
Your garb is a sun: beneath its radiance - darkness;
Mine is black night, beneath which lies - a sun.

## 238 THE BLACK DEATH

This is enduring the suffering occasioned by people. Onc is not oppressed by the harm they do, and is not hurt, but rather takes pleasure in it as something coming from the Beloved. In the words of the poem:

Sweet is the blame for desiring you;
So let them blame me for my love of your memory.
Seeing myself to be just like my enemies,
I made up my mind to love them, too;
May 1 fare as well with you
As I have fared with them!*
You belittled me, so I made myself small;
But who is more honoured than one thus scorned?
Such a person has died the Black Death and is annihilated in God, since he sees all the abuse inflicted on him from a viewpoint in which all actions are annihilated in the one action of his Beloved; and, what is more, he sees himself and others all amnihilated in the Beloved. Henceforth he lives by the existence of Truth, sustained by the presence of absolute liberality.

## 239 BALANCE

The means by which man arrives at correct views, apt sayings and fair deeds, and is able to distinguish these from their opposites.

It is that kind of justice which is the shadow of the real Unity
comprising the knowledge of the Holy Law, the Path and Reality. These are only verified by someone who has gone through the realisation of the Stage of Oneness of Union and the Stage of Separation.

The Balance of the people of externals is Holy Law; the Balance of people of inwardness is $\square$ mind illuminated by the Sacred Light; the balance of the exceptional is the Path; while the balance of the most select of all is Divine Justice, which is not realised except in the Perfected Man.

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## LETTER NŪN

## 240 PROPHECY

This is information concerning the divine realities - the knowledge of the Essence of Truth, its Names, Qualities, and Decrees. It consists of two parts: the prophecy of exposition, and the prophecy of legislation. The first comprises statements about the knowledge of the Essence, the Qualitics and the Names. The second, in addition to the foregoing, involves the communication of the decrees, the inculcation of morality and wisdom, and the administration of government. The latter applies particularly to the prophetic mission.

## 241 THE NOBLE

These are forty persons whose charge it is to rectify the affairs of the people and bear their burdens. They are none other than the administrators of the rights of mankind.

## 242 BREATH

The soothing of the Heart by the subtleties of the invisible world. For the Lover it is companionship with the Beloved.

## 243 THE BREATH OF THE MERCIFUL

This is the existence of the Onc God, augmented in its reality by the spiritual forms which are the Essences and their states in the Presence of Onencss.

It is called thus as an analogy to the way in which human breath may be varied to produce vocal sounds. Although in itself it is simply air, the intention is to animate and release the inner Names that come under the domain of the Name of the Merciful. It is made up of the things that are in these names, and they have their being through its power, just as human animation is the result of breath.

## 244 THE SELF

This is the term for that subtle, ephemeral substance which is the vehicle for the vital energy, the senses and the voluntary bodily movements. The wise call it the Animal Soul. It is the intermediary between the Heart, which is the Rational Soul, and the body. It is referred to in the Qur'an as the Olive Tree '... the blessed tree, neither of the east or the west . . '- by which the human race and its blessings will increase.* Thus it is neither of the 'eastern' world of incorporeal spirits, nor of the 'western' world of physical bodies.

## 245 THE COMMANDING SELF

The Self which inclines towards bodily nature, and commands one to sensual delights and lusts, pulling the Heart downwards. Thus it is the abode of evil, the fountainhead of reprehensible morals and wicked deeds. God says: 'The self commands what is evil.'*

## 246 THE ACCUSING SELF

The Self which has been illuminated by the light of the Heart, to the extent that it becomes aware of its habitual heedlessness. Thus it awakens and begins to improve its condition, vacillating between Godliness and its natural state; so that whenever a misdeed occurs through its natural propensity towards evil, it is corrected by the divine admonitory light, and it starts to blame itself and turn in repentance to the door of the Forgiving, the Merciful. This is why God expressly mentions it in oaths: 'No! I swear by the accusing self!*

## 247 THE SERENE SELF

The Self whose enlightenment has been completed by the light of the Heart, so that it has divested itself of base qualities and has been moulded by laudable moral conduct and orientated toward the way of the Heart, generally following it closely and progressively rising to the sacred world - free from sin, assiduous in its devotions, rising step by step, until its Lord addresses it in these exalted words:

> 'O serene self, return unto thy Lord, well-pleased and wellpleasing: enter among my servants, enter Paradise!'*

## 248 THE CHIEFS

Those who have ascertained the Inner Name, and have thus seen into
the inwardness of people and discovered their secret thoughts. For them the veils have been drawn back from the faces of the secrets. There are three hundred such individuals.

## 249 THE CONNUBIAL BOND DIFFUSED THROUGH ALL ITS ISSUE

This is the favour of the Living God, alluded to in his words: 'I was a hidden treasure and I wished to become known.' The words 'I was a hidden treasure' indicate that the priority of hiddenness and absoluteness, over manifestation and specific individuation, is an eternal and essential precedence. The words 'and I wished to become known', indicate a fundamental inclination and an essential love, which is the link between the hidden and the manifest, the later being indicated by the words 'to become known'. It is this connection which is at the root of the notion of 'the Connubial Bond diffused through all its issuc'.

The single requirement of love is the appearance of the characteristics of Oneness, diffused throughout all the levels of ordered individuation - all of it in the minutest detail, leaving nothing out. This is what preserves the unity of multiplicity, in all its forms, from division and dispersal. Thus the connection of that unity with multiplicity is the Connubial Bond. This may be seen firstly on the level of the Presence of the One, with the Oneness of the Essence in the forms of individuation and the oneness of the totality of the Names; then with the oneness of secondary existence on all its levels and the worlds which arise on its account; and then even in producing an outcome in terms of teaching and learning, feeding and cating, male and female. This love that requires both affection and lovableness indecd this knowledge that requires both capacity to learn and informedness - this is the first flowing of unity into multiplicity, and the appearance of the triad of impact, receptivity and activity, which is the source of existence; and this is what is meant by the Connubial Bond diffused through all its issue.

## 250 THE END OF THE FIRST JOURNEY

The raising of the veils of multiplicity from the face of Unity.

## 251 THE END OF THE SECOND JOURNEY

The raising of the veil of Unity from the multiple facets of inner knowledge.

## 252 THE END OF THE THIRD JOURNEY

The cessation of the limitation of the two opposites, the outward and the inward, through the attainment of the Source of Union.

## 253 THE END OF THE FOURTH JOURNEY

This occurs upon the return from Truth to creation, in the Stage of Uprightness. It is the Oneness of Union and Separation, while witnessing the diffusion of Truth within creation and the disappearance of creation in Truth, so that the Essence of Unity may be seen in the forms of plurality, and, conversely, the multiplicity of the forms may be seen in the Essence of Unity.

## 254 THE GIFT

Anything that is bestowed by Truth on the People of Nearness, such as robes of honour. Every such robe conferred by God upon someone may be called thus. It may also mean special honours bestowed upon individuals.

## 255 THE LETTER NÜN

This occurs in God's exalted words: 'Nūn: by the pen ....* Nūn is concise knowledge in the Presence of Oneness, and the Pen is the presence of the full details.

## 256 LIGHT

One of the Names of God. It is his radiant manifestation in his Outward Name, by which I mean external existence in all its cosmic forms. It may be applied to anything that unveils the concealed aspects of the sciences of the Essence and the divine events that banish the world from the Heart.

## 257 LIGHT OF LIGHTS

Truth Most High.

## LETTER SİN

## 258

THE PRECEDENT
This is the eternal providence, referred to in the Qur'an in the words: ‘. . . and give good tidings to the believers, that they have a sure footing with their Lord.' ${ }^{\text {* }}$

## 259 THE WAYFARER

Somcone who is travelling towards God. While he continues on his journey, he is halfway between the aspirant and the one who has arrived.

## 260 FLOATING

This refers to those fine particles known as Primordial Matter. They are extremely.obscure, and have no existence in themselves other than the forms which they assume.

## 261 THE VEIL

This is anything that screens you from what is important to you like the veil of existence, or holding to conventional customs and acts.

## 262 SCREENS

The forms of the worlds, and the outward manifestations of the Divine Names, which are to be discerned behind them. As Shaybani put it:

You have become manifest to the worlds from behind their screens: So you revealed only what those screens could grasp.

263 VEILS
This term is applied especially to the human bodily forms flowing between the visible and the invisible worlds.

264 THE ADORATION OF THE HEART
The annihilation of the Heart in Truth, such that while this illumination is being experienced, nothing may occupy it or divert it from its total absorption.

## 265 CRUSHING

This means the wasting away of the devotee through grief.

## 266 THE FINAL LOTE TREE

This is the Greater Intermediate World, which is the ultimate conclusion of everyone - and of all that they do and know.* It is the last of the designatory ranks, and there is no rank higher than this.

## 267 THE SECRET

This is what is characteristic of everything belonging to Truth in its creative aspect - as is referred to in the words of God:
'For to anything which we desire we but say the word "Be!" and it is.'*

Hence the saying that none may know Truth except Truth, and none seck Truth except Truth, and none love Truth except Truth because the secret is precisely the seeker, lover and knower of the Truth. As the Prophet says: 'I knew my Lord through my Lord.'

268 THE SECRET OF KNOWLEDGE
This is the reality of knowledge; because in reality knowledge is tantamount to Truth - only seen from a different perspective.

## 269 THE SECRET OF A STATE

What may be gathered from it concerning God's intention.

## 270 THE SECRET OF REALITY

Whatever does not conceal any of the reality of Truth in all things.

## 27 I THE SECRET OF THE ILLUMINATIONS

This is the witnessing of everything in everything; and it takes place through the unveiling of the Primary Illumination in the Heart, so that it may witness the oneness existing collectively among all the Names. For every name is an attribute of all the other names, by
virtue of their unity in the Essence of Oneness; and their distinctness is the result of appearing in the world of specific instances, which are their forms. Thus everything is witnessed in everything.

## 272 THE SECRET OF DESTINY

This is what God discovers about every individual in Eternity, concerning which of the states that he experienced during his existence have made an impression on him. For God does not pass judgement on anything other than that which he has personally ascertained in its eternal condition.

## 273 THE SECRET OF DEITY

The fact that Deity depends on that which is deified. This is because it is relationship with Eternity which has to have two components. One of these component parts is the deificd, which is none other than the Established Essences - themselves in non-being. Now that which depends on the non-existent is itself non-existent. That is why Sahl said:
'There is a secret to Deity: if it became apparent, Deity would become null - due to the nullity of that on which it is dependent.'

## 274 THE SECRET OF THE SECRET OF DEITY

This is the appearance of the Lord in the forms of the Essences, so that the latter subsist through him and exist through his existence, by virtuc of being the object of the self-subsistent Lord manifesting in his individuation. They are, in this respect, deified servants, and their Lord is the Truth. Thus in fact Deity never occurs except in the Truth, and the Essences are non-existent by themselves in Eternity. So the secret of Deity has a secret of its own, which is manifest and not void.

275 THE SECRETS OF THE TRACES
The Divine Names, which are the inner aspects of the created worlds.

276 THE LAST NIGHT OF THE MOON
The obliteration in Truth of the follower of the Path at the moment of his final arrival. It is to this that the saying of the Prophet refers:
'With God I have a time . . .'
And in another Tradition God says:
'My friends are beneath my domes - none knows them but myself.'

## 277 THE ABUNDANCE OP THE HEART

The verification by the Perfected Man of the reality of all the intermediate worlds of contingency and necessity. For the heart of the completed man is indeed this intermediate world. Hence the Tradition:
'Neither my earth nor my heavens can contain me; yet I am contained in the heart of my faithful servant.'

## 278 JOURNEYS

This refers to the orientation of the Heart towards Truth. There are four such journeys.*

The first is the journcy towards God from the Stations of the Self until the Visible Horizon is reached - which is the final Stage of the Heart and the commencement of the various illuminations of the Names.

The second is the journey within God, assuming his qualities and verifying his Names, until the Supreme Horizon is reached. This is the end of the Stage of the Soul and the Presence of the One.

The third is the ascent to the Essence of Union and the Presence of Oneness. This is the Stage of Two Bow-lengths, so long as duality remains; but if the latter is removed, then it is the stage of 'Even Nearer', which is the end of sainthood.*

The fourth journey means travelling in God and through God, which is the stage of Permanence after Annihilation, and Separation after Union.

## 279 THE ABOLITION OF VIEWPOINTS

This is the viewpoint of the Oneness of the Essence.

## 280 THE SESAME SEED

Knowledge too subtle for expression.

## 28I THE REQUEST OF THE TWO PRESENCES

This is the request arising from the presence of Necessity, in the language of the Divine Names, sceking from the Breath of the Merciful to be manifested in the forms of the Essences. Likewise it is the request arising from the presence of Contingency, in the language of the Essences, seeking to be manifested in the Names. The Breath of the Merciful always lends its support by answering their requests.

## 282 BLACKNESS OF FACE IN THE TWO ABODES

This is total annihilation in God, such that the subject has no existence either inwardly or outwardly, in the visible or the invisible world. This is authentic poverty - returning to the original nonexistence. Hence the saying: "If true poverty is perfected, then it is God.' And God is the Guide.*

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## LETTER ‘AĪN

## 283 THE WORLD

This is the Sccond Shadow - which is none other than the Existence of Truth made visible in all its contingent forms. Because of its appearance in these specific particulars, it is termed both uniform and diverse.

When we consider Truth's augmentation of the contingent, the latter has no existence execpt by dint of this one relationship. Otherwise existence would be identical with Truth; and in the science of Truth the non-existence of the contingencies is established as being their essential characteristic. For the World is = form of Truth; and Truth is the essence and spirit of the World. These specific claborations in the single existence of Truth are propertics of its outward Name, and this in turn is the revelation of its Inward Name.

## 284 THE WORLD OF POWER

The world of the Divine Names and Qualities.*
285 THE WORLD OF COMMAND, THE WORLD OF THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM AND THE INVISIBLE WORLD The world of spirits and spirtuality, since these exist by the command of Truth, without any material or temporal intermediary.

286 THE WORLD OF CREATION, THE WORLD OF THE KINGDOM AND THE VISIBLE WORLD
The world of bodies and mass: that which exists subsequent to the command of substance and time.

287 THE WISE
This refers to those for whom God has made visible his Essence,

Qualities, Names and Actions. For deep knowledge is a condition that arises through personal experience.

## 288 THE LEARNED

People whom God has informed of everything mentioned above, but through conviction rather than personal experience.

## 289 THE COMMON PEOPLE

This refers to those whose knowledge is limited to Holy Law. The learned among them are termed 'experts of customary form'.

## 290 THE GREAT REPROACH, AND THE THING GREATLY

 HATEDThis is breach of trust, either by saying what one does not do, or by making $a$ promise which one does not keep. In the words of God Most High:
'Very hateful is it to God, that you say what you do not.' ${ }^{\text {* }}$
He also said:
'Will you bid others to piety, and forget yourselves while you recite the book? Do you not understand?'*

The words, 'Do you not understand?' imply that they are ignorant which is a great reproach.

## 291 WORSHIP

For the common people this is the utmost self-abasement.
For the Elect - those who have corrected their relationship to God

- their veneration lies in the sincerity of their intent and the manner in which they follow his Path.

For the Elect among the Elect - those who have experienced themselves established in him in their adoration - they worship him for himself in the Stage of the Oneness of Union and Scparation.

## 292 SERVANTS OF GOD

Pcople who have been illuminated by the Divine Names. If they have verified the reality of one of the names, and have been imbued with the quality which is the reality of that name, they become related to God through the adoration and contemplation of its
divinity. The adoration of Truth from the standpoint of its divine sovereignty is by virtue of the perfection of that special Name. Thus one such person is called the 'Servant of the Provider', and another the 'Servant of the Mighty', and yet another the 'Servant of the Benefactor' - and so on.*

## 293 THE SERVANT OF GOD

The man whom Truth has illuminated with all its Names, so that there is no devotec of Truth who is in 1 more exalted stage than he is. This is duc to his having ascertained the Greatest Name of God and acquired all its qualitics. That is why our Prophet was especially distinguished by the bestowal of that Name. In the words of the Qur'an:
'When the servant of God stood calling on him, they were well-nigh upon him in swarms.'*

Actually this name should only be used for him, and for the Pole-star of each ensuing age, from among the heirs to his succession; however others have, as it were figuratively, been called Servant of God. The characteristic of every one of God's Names is in all of the names taken together, by virtue of the oneness and the unity of all the Names.

294 THE SERVANT OF THE COMPASSIONATE epitomises the name of the Compassionate and is a mercy to all the world in general. Thus no one with the capacity for this is excluded from his compassion.

295 THE SERVANT OF THE MERCIFUL
exemplities the name of the Merciful, and bestows his mercy particularly upon the pious, the virtuous and those with whom God is pleased. But he is vengetul towards those with whom God is angry.

296 THE SERVANT OF THE KING
Whoever masters himself and others by acting according to God's wishes and commands. And he is the severest of God's creatures upon his own nature.

## 297 THE SERVANT OF THE HOLY

The person whom God has exempted from being veiled, since his Heart has no room in it except for God. It is the person whose Heart is able to encompass the Truth. As God says in the Tradition: 'Neither my earth nor my skies can contain me; yet I am contained in the heart of my faithful servant.' It is through its own vastness that Truth is purified of everything else; for when Truth has become manifest nothing else remains. Thus nothing may contain the Holy except the Heart that has been purified of the worlds.

## 298 THE SERVANT OF THE SALVATION

Someone to whom the Truth has made itsclf manifest in the name of the Salvation, so that it preserves him from any misfortune, blemish or fault.

## 299 THE SERVANT OF THE FAITHFUL

The person whom God has safeguarded from punishment and calamity, and to whom the people have entrusted their persons, their property and their honour.

300 SERVANT OF THE PROTECTOR
Someone who with great vigilance witnesses the emergence of Truth. Thus he attentively observes himself and others, whilst the Truth is fulfilled for everyone who is entitled to it; since he is the one who embodies the name of the Protector.

## $30 I$ THE SERVANT OF THE MIGHTY

This is whomsoever God has irradiated with his power, so that no misfortune in the world may overcome him, and he conquers everything.

## 302 THE SERVANT OF THE ALMIGHTY

restores whatever is broken or defective; because the Truth has restored his state and subjected him to the irradiation of this name, putting every situation right and mastering it.

## 303 THE SERVANT OF THE HAUGHTY

The person whose pride has been annihilated in his humility before the Truth, until the grandeur of God constitutes the stage of his pride and through Truth he comes to feel superior to all others and refuses to abase himself before them.

304 THE SERVANT OF THE CREATOR
Determines things according to the purpose of Truth, since this has been revealed to him in the course of appraising the characteristics and organisation of creation. Consequently he will not ordain anything except by God's decree.

## 305 THE SERVANT OF THE MAKER

This is close in meaning to the preceding entry. It refers to someone whose work has become frec from contradiction and disagreement; so that he will not do anything which docs not befit the presence of the Name of the Maker: balanced, appropriate, free from contradiction - as in the words of God Most High:
'Thou seest not in the creation of the All-Merciful any imperfection. ${ }^{*}$

This is because the name 'Maker', with which this person has been illuminated, is one branch of the many subdivisions of the Names which come under the Name of the Merciful.

## 306 THE SERVANT OF THE FASHIONER

neither visualises nor fashions any image, unless it corresponds to the Truth and conforms to its likeness. This is because his actions have their origin in the creativity of God Most High.

307 THE SERVANT OF THE FORGIVING
forgives whatever wrongs may be committed against him, and veils in the behaviour of others what he would wish to be concealed of his own behaviour. God has concealed his misdecds and irradiated him with his forgiveness; so he treats others in the same way that God has treated him.

## 308 THE SERVANT OF THE VANQUISHER

Someone whom God has made successful by backing up his efforts to subdue his own Self. He has been irradiated with the name of the Vanquisher and is thus able to overpower anyone who is hostile to him and defeat anyone who fights against him. He influences existence without himself being influenced by it.

## 309 THE SERVANT OF THE MUNIFICENT

Someone whom Truth has irradiated with the name of the Generous, so he gives what ought to be given to whom it ought to be given in the manner in which it ought to be given, without secking recompense and without any ulterior motive. He simply extends assistance to the worthy people of God, because he is the instrument and manifestation of God's generosity.

310 THE SERVANT OF THE PROVIDER
A person whose livelihood God has enlarged; so he uses it to intluence God's servants, spreading it before whomsoever God chooses; since it was God who laid this wealth and blessing at his feet. Thus he cannot fail to arrive at $\begin{aligned} & \text { place where blessings and benevolence are }\end{aligned}$ showered upon him.

## 311 THE SERVANT OF THE OPENER

Someone whom God has given the knowledge of the secrets of the keys in all their variety, unlocking for him all controversies and vexed questions. God sends down to him the triumphs of mercy and such blessings as he is able to grasp.

## 312 THE SERVANT OF THE KNOWER

This refers to anyone to whom God has imparted mystical revelations - intuitively, not through study or thought, but merely through natural clarity and the support of the Sacred Light.

## 313 THE SERVANT OF THE CONSTRAINER

God has scized hold of such a person, causing him to restrain himself and others from what is unseemly for them. Nor is he extravagant with God's wisdom and justice, but rather holds back from devotees whatever is not appropriate for them. For they are held tightly in his restraining hands.

## 314 THE SERVANT OF THE EXPANSIVE

Someone whom God has caused to be delighted with mankind. With God's permission he lavishes on them whatever of his own self and substance will gladden them and make them happy. This is in keeping with God's command, for be has illuminated him with the Name of the Expansive; and hence it is not contrary to Holy Law.

## $3 I 5$ THE SERVANT OF THE HUMBLER

abases himself before God in all things. He lowers himself thus because he sees that the Truth is in God.

## $3 I 6$ THE SERVANT OF THE EXALTER

looks down on all things, because he sees them with other eyes, raising himself above his own level because he operates from within Truth, which is the supreme level.

However, it may be the reverse of this. Firstly, when, through the manifestation of the Name of the Humbler, the individual puts himself below everything else, in view of his own absolute nonexistence and nothingness. Or, in the second instance, the illumination of the individual with the Name of the Exalter causes everything else to be elevated because he sees the Truth in it. The latter, in my opinion, is worthier, since the wise man seeks compassion in order to acquire that quality himself. Thus he becomes merciful, as opposed to pitiable - the latter mode of compassion being the lot of the ordinary person.

## 317 THE SERVANT OF THE STRENGTHENER

Someone whom Truth has irradiated with the Name of the Strengthener, so that he lends strength to those among his friends whom God has supported with his might.

## 318 THE SERVANT OF THE HUMILIATOR

The manifestation of the attribute of humiliation. Thus Truth humbles into abasement all those of his enemics whom God has disgraced, in the Name of the Humiliator, by virtue of which such a person has been illuminated by God.

## 319 THE SERVANT OF THE HEARER AND THE SERVANT

 OF THE SEERSomeone who has been irradiated by these two Names, so that he has acquired the quality of hearing and seeing the Truth. As is said in the Tradition: 'I was his ears with which he heard, and his eyes with which he saw.' Thus he hears and sees things with the ears and cyes of Truth.

## 320 THE SERVANT OF THE JUDGE Whoever judges God's servants by the divine verdict.

## 32 I THE SERVANT OF THE JUST

acts justly with the people in accordance with the Truth, since he is the manifestation of God's justice. However, justice is not identical with equality, as the ignorant imagine. Rather it is the fulfilment of the right of everyone who is entitled to justice, and the provision of it for him in accordance with his deserts.

## 322 THE SERVANT OF THE GENTLE

is kind to God's servants, because he has insight into the occasions for kindness, due to the delicacy of his perception. Thus he is able to perceive inner states, and form $\quad$ channel for the subtlety of Truth to reach its servants, and provide support for them without their knowing it; and this by virtue of the gentleness which he acquired through the manifestation of the Name of the Gentle. This is something beyond the reach of perception.

## 323 THE SERVANT OF THE ADEPT

God has exposed to him the knowledge of things before and after they come into existence.

## 324 THE SERVANT OF THE CLEMENT

is not in any haste to punish those who do him wrong. Rather he shows patient forbearance, and endures both the injuries of those that harm him and the impudence of the foolish. Thus he wards off $\sin$ with something better.

325 THE SERVANT OF THE GLORIOUS
Truth has irradiated him with all its majesty; and he abases himself in utter humility before it. God glorifies him in the eyes of his other servants, and exalts his repute among the people, who honour and revere him because of the appearance in him of the marks of greatness.

## 326 THE SERVANT OF THE PARDONING

 completely pardons : crime and conceals it from the Servant of the Vanquisher. Thus he is always forgiving. Truly the Servant of the Pardoning abounds in forgiveness.
## 327 THE SERVANT OF THE THANKFUL

is constantly thankful to his Lord, because he never sees a blessing which does not emanate from him. Even though it may come in the form of tribulation and adversity, he can still perceive the blessing within it. As the Caliph 'Ali said: 'Praise be to him whose mercy to his friends increases even in the midst of his most intense retribution, and whose vengeance upon his enemies becomes ever harsher amidst the abundance of his mercy.'

## 328 THE SERVANT OF THE MOST HIGH

His worth has surpassed that of his fellows, and his aim has risen aloft in his quest for excellence. He has risen far above the ambitions of his brethren and has attained every high rank and every sublime perfection.

## 329 THE SERVANT OF THE GREAT

has become great through the grandcur of Truth, and has been magnified by its greatness, perfection and superiority over creation.

## 330 THE SERVANT OF THE PRESERVER

God has preserved him from every evil in his deeds, his words, his states, his thoughts and both his inward and his outward behaviour. He has illuminated him with the Name of the Preserver, until this quality of protection flows from him to those around him. Thus it was said of Abi Sulaiman Darani that no evil thought came to his mind for thirty years - nor to the mind of any companion of his, so long as they were together.

## 331 THE SERVANT OF THE NOURISHER

God has given him an insight into the need of the needy - how much, and when - and has enabled him to deal with it in accordance with his knowledge, without addition or deduction and without being either ahead of time or behind.

## 332 THE SERVANT OF THE RECKONER

God has made him carefully calculating concerning himself - even down to each breath he takes - and has enabled him, and whoever is of a like mind, to maintain this.

## 333 THE SERVANT OF THE SUBLIME

God has exalted him with his own glory, so that he is held in awe by all who see him. The sublimity of his rank arouses reverence for him in their hearts.

## 334 THE SERVANT OF THE GENEROUS

God has called on him to bear witness to the name of the Generous, so he has been irradiated with generosity and has accordingly verified the reality of worship. For generosity requires a knowledge of its own scope, without overstepping its limits. Such a person knows that man has no possessions, and that nothing belongs to him except that which is liberally bestowed by God Most High, such is his generosity to his servants. Thus the generosity of the Lord is especially apportioned to whomsocver he chooses.

Likewise he will not see $■$ fault committed by someone without covering it up in his generosity; and no one will do him any harm without being forgiven by him for it, and without being repaid for it with the noblest of dispositions and the most beautiful of deeds.

It is related of the Caliph 'Umar that when he heard God's words: '... what blinded thee to thy generous Lord?'* - he replied, 'Thy very generosity, O my Lord.' The sage, Sheikh Ibn Arabi said that this was of proven instructional value.

To sum up, such a person will not attach any significance to the faults of God's servants, when weighed against the generosity of God Most High, nor will he sec any limit to the blessings pouring forth from that generosity. Thus he becomes the noblest of people, since his actions are the result of the generosity of his Lord, with which he has been illuminated and towards which he has been striving.

## 335 THE SERVANT OF THE LIBERAL

is the manifestation of the Name of the Liberal and the channel of God's liberality towards his servants, such that no one in creation is more liberal than he. And indeed, why should this not be so? - sceing that he gives so generously of himself to his beloved that his Heart is attached to nothing clse.

336 THE SERVANT OF THE VIGILANT
sees that his Guardian is closer to him than his own Self, as he observes the annihilation of the latter and its passage into the
illumination of the Name of the Vigilant. Thus he will not go beyond any of God's limits, and no one is more assiduously attentive to these than he is. When his friends are in his presence, he watches over them with the vigilance of God Most High.

## 337 THE SERVANT OF THE RESPONSIVE

has responded to the call of truth, and obeyed God on hearing the words: '. . . answer God's summoner. '* So God has answered his call by illuminating him with the Name of the Responsive. Thus he answers all the prayers of God's servants, since he is part of the collective answer that God has given. For God has answered him in these words:
'And when my servants question thee concerning me, I am near to answer the call of the caller when he calls to me; so let them respond to me. ${ }^{\text {* }}$

Such a person can see their call as his own, by virtue of the nearness and unification necessary for faith to be experienced - as shown in the words:
‘... and let them believe in me." can encompass everything, the length and breadth of it, and nothing can encompass him, due to the broad scope of his comprehension at all levels. He never sees $』$ deserving individual without bestowing on him some of his grace.

## 339 THE SERVANT OF THE JUDICIOUS

God has enlightened him concerning the occasions for wisdom in his affairs, and has enabled him to say and do the right thing. He never sees any gap without filling it, or any imperfection without correcting it.

## 340 THE SERVANT OF THE LOVING

His love of God and all his saints has been perfected; so God loves him and spreads the love of him throughout his creation. Thus everyone loves him, except the ignorant and the dull-witted. The Prophet said: 'If God loves a servant of his, he calls Gabriel to him and says, "I love such and such a person, so you love him, too." And
so Gabriel loves him, and makes $■$ proclamation in heaven, saying: "God loves this person, so you, too, must love him." And the denizens of heaven love him and prepare a favourable reception for him on earth.'

## 34 THE SERVANT OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS

God has glorified him among men because of the perfection of his character and qualities, and because he has verified the virtues of God. Thus the people glorify him for his grace and the beauty of his nature.

## 342 THE SERVANT OF THE REVIVER

God has revived his Heart with true life, after he has voluntarily died to the characteristics of the Self - its lusts and longings - and made himself a manifestation of the Name of the Reviver. Thus he revives through knowledge those who are dead through ignorance, and arouses them to search for Truth.

## 343 THE SERVANT OF THE WITNESS

sees the Truth bearing witness to everything; so he witnesses it in himself and in the rest of God's creation.

## 344 THE SERVANT OF THE TRUTH

Truth has illuminated him, thus safeguarding him from falsehood in his actions, his words and his states. Thus he sees the Truth in everything, because it is that which is constant, necessary, selfsubsistent. That which is called 'correct' is invariably false and transitory; whereas he sees the forms of Truth as Truth, and those of falsehood as falsehood.

345 THE SERVANT OF THE GUARDIAN
sees Truth in the forms of the causes affecting all the actions which people who are veiled from the Truth ascribe to those causes. Thus he disregards the causes and assigns these things to the One who assumes and accepts responsibility for them.

## 346 THE SERVANT OF THE POWERFUL

has been given strength by the power of God to vanquish Satan and his cohorts - the forces at work in his own Self, such as anger, lust
and greed. After which he has been given the power to conquer his enemies among the jinn and devils of mankind; so that nothing in God's creation can resist him without being vanquished; and none may show hostility towards him without being overcome.

## 347 THE SERVANT OF THE FIRM

is solid in his religion and unaffected by those who want to lead him astray. He is not the sort who can be tripped up and diverted from the Truth, such is his forcefulness; for he is firmer than every firm thing. Thus the Servant of the Powerful is the one who affects everything, while the Servant of the Firm is not affected by anything.

## 348 THE SERVANT OF THE PATRON

God has taken him into his care from among the righteous and the believers. The Most High says: '. . . and he takes into his protection the righteous.' - and: 'God is the protector of those who have faith.'* Thus such $\quad$ person protects, through God's patronage, his near ones among the belicvers and the righteous.

## 349 THE SERVANT OF THE PRAISEWORTHY

Truth has irradiated him with its laudable qualitics. Thus pcople praise him, while he himself praises none but God.

## 350 THE SERVANT OF THE QUANTIFIER

has verified this Name in its manifestation to him, and Truth has illuminated him with it, so that he knows the number of all that has existed and will exist; and he has a comprehensive and quantifiable knowledge of everything.

## 35I THE SERVANT OF THE INITIATOR

God has given him an insight into the very beginning, so that he witnesses the beginning of creation and the command. Thus he initiates, with God's permission, such good deeds as are his to initiate.

## 352 THE SERVANT OF THE RESTORER

God has enlightened him concerning the return of creation and all things in it to him; so, with God's permission, he returns what ought
to be returned to him. He experiences his future life and his return to it, which is the finest happiness there is.

## 353 THE SERVANT OF THE QUICKENER

Truth has illuminated him in the Name of the Quickener. Thus God enlivens his Heart for him and empowers him - like Jesus - to revive the dead.

## 354 THE SERVANT OF THE MORTIFIER

God has caused him to die to his own Self - his greed, his anger and his lust. So his heart has become enlivened and his mind illuminated by the life and light of Truth, until he affects others by mortifying the power of the Self through the determination impressed on him by God. Such is the quality with which God has illuminated him.

## 355 THE SERVANT OF THE LIVING

Truth has irradiated him with its eternal life; so he lives within God's everlasting life.

356 THE SERVANT OF THE ETERNAL
witnesses the consummation of things through Truth; so that he is illuminated by God's everlastingness and takes charge of the interests of humanity, staying true to God and constantly observing the commands which God gives to his people via his Eternity, assisting them in their undertakings, with their subsistence, their welfare, their very lives.

## 357 THE SERVANT OF THE FINDER

God has singled him out for existence in the very Union of Oneness. Thus he found the One, existing through the existence of the Existence of Oneness, and was able to dispense with everything elsc; because whoever wins this has won everything - losing nothing, wanting nothing.

## 358 <br> THE SERVANT OF THE GLORIOUS

God has honoured him with his qualities and given him what he is ready for - and what he is capable of bearing - of his splendour and honour. He is like the Servant of the Illustrious.

## 359 THE SERVANT OF THE ONE

God has imparted to him the Presence of the One and revealed the oneness of the totality of his Names, so that he grasps what can be grasped and understands what can be understood by contemplating the facets of God's Beautiful Names.

## 360 THE SERVANT OF THE UNIQUE

stands alone in time - the Master of Duration. To him belongs the title of Major Pole-star, and attainment to the Primordial Oneness.
$36 I$ THE SERVANT OF THE EVERLASTING is the outward manifestation of the Everlasting, and can withstand the impact of misfortune and channel the benefit of good works on God's behalf to eliminate suffering. Such a person is the locus of God's perception of the world as he rules over it.

362 THE SERVANT OF THE MASTERFUL
has been irradiated with the Name of the Masterful and has witnessed the mastery of God over all destinies. Thus he takes the form of the divine hand, which, when it strikes, nothing can stop. He witnesses God's influence on everything and the permanent conneccion of the support of existence with things which are non-existent despite the fact that they are cssentially non-existent. He also sees himself as essentially non-existent, even though he is influenced by God's mastery over all things.

## 363 THE SERVANT OF THE POTENT

is like the foregoing, except that this individual witnesses the ineeption of the process of coming into existence, and experiences this state.

## 364 THE SERVANT OF THE PROMOTER

God has given him preference and made him one of the people of the first rank. And so, being illuminated with this Name, he affords advancement to anyone who is entitled to be offered the Name, together with every appropriate action.

## 365 THE SERVANT OF THE RESTRAINER

God has enabled him to impede any excessive person who rebelliously oversteps God's bounds. Thus by virtue of this Name he restrains every rapacious tyrant, and returns him to his limits, and
deters him from tyranny and oppression. The same applies to any actions which God may have sparked off in certain people, and which it may be necessary to restrain.

## 366 <br> THE SERVANT OF THE FIRST

has witnessed the primacy of Truth over everything and its Eternity-without-beginning. Thus he becomes the first to verify this Name before all the others in the various developmental stages - each vying with the other in devotion and the race towards good works - and before all those who came to a standstill with creation. All this by virtue of his verification of Eternity-without-beginning. For phenomena are the hallmark of the created universe.

## 367 THE SERVANT OF THE LAST

has witnessed the hereafter of God and its permanence after the annihilation of creation; and he has verified the meaning behind God's words: 'All things on earth perish: only his face abides, most majestic and bountiful. '* For the aspect of permanence has arisen in him; so he endures in his permanence - safe now from annihilation, by dint of having undergone it. This would seem to be a characteristic of some of God's saints, or even most of them.

## 368 THE SERVANT OF THE OUTWARD

has emerged through acts of devotion and charity until God reveals to him his literal Name, the Outward, by which he is known. So this person assumes the characteristics of outwardness, calling on the people to adorn themselves with visible perfections. He tends to prefer anthropomorphism to pure abstraction, as was the case of the calling of Moses. That is why he promised the people paradise and physical pleasures, and glorified the Torah for its large size and its gold lettering.

369 THE SERVANT OF THE INWARD
has gone deeply into the transactions of the Heart, and is sincerely faithful to God. So God has sanctified his Secret Faculty and irradiated him with the Name of the Inward, until his spirituality becomes dominant and he surveys the inner mysteries and reports about the things of the invisible world, calling people to mystical perfections. Such a person tends to prefer pure abstraction to
anthropomorphism, as was the case with the calling of Jesus - the calling to the heavenly, spiritual things of the invisible world, as well as to poverty and retirement from society.

## 370 THE SERVANT OF THE RULER

God has made him the ruler of the people by manifesting in the form of the Name of the Ruler. Thus he rules himself and others in the divine administration, and executes God's justice among his people, calling them to the good, commanding them to do what is lawful and shun what is not. So God has honoured him and made him the first of the Seven whom he keeps in the shadow of his throne. Such a person is the just sovereign, the shadow of God an God's earth. His is the weightiest balance of all, because the good deeds and charitable acts of the people are put into his scale without their own reward being reduced in any way. For it is through him that God establishes his religion in them and carries them towards good works; so he is God's hand and helper, and God is his supporter and protector.

## 371 THE SERVANT OF THE SUPREME

The Supreme is the one who attains a superior degree of consciousness to the rest; and his servant is someone who is the outward manifestation of this - someone who does not stop at any perfection or level of sublimity he may have reached. Rather he strives for higher perfection through his aspiration to rise to even greater heights. For from his higher level he has witnessed true, absolute, holy sublimity, without any restriction. So he never ceases his quest for the sublime in all its perfection. Do you not see how the most excellent and highest rank of people was addressed in these words of God: ' . . . and say, O my Lord, increase me in knowledge!'*

## 372 THE SERVANT OF THE PIOUS

has become imbued with all the various kinds of piety - in reality as well as in appearance - so that there is no type of piety which he does not show, and no form of bounty which he does not bestow.

True piety is this:
To believe in God and the Last Day, The angels, the Book and the Prophets,
To give of one's substance, however cherished,
To kinsmen and orphans, the needy, the traveller, beggars,

> And to ransom the slave,
> To perform the prayer, to pay the alms.
> And they who fulfil their covenant
> When they have engaged in a covenant,
> And endure with fortitude
> Misfortunc, hardship and peril,
> These are they who are true in their faith, These are the truly godfearing.*

## 373 THE SERVANT OF THE RELENTING

has returned to God, constantly turning away from himself and away from everything other than Truth - until he witnesses true Unity and accepts the repentance of all who have turned to God in contrition for their sin.

## 374 THE SERVANT OF THE AVENGER

God has appointed him to carry out the punishments prescribed for his servants, within the framework of Holy Law, without showing pity or mercy. As God said:
'And in the matter of God's religion let no tenderness for them scize you. ${ }^{\text {'* }}$

## 375 THE SERVANT OF THE PARDONER

His forgiveness of the people is great and his punishments are few. Indced no one ever does him any harm without being forgiven by him for it. The Prophet said: 'God is forgiving and loves forgivencss.' He also related the following:

There was once a wealthy man, before your time, whose only virtue was that he used to command his servants to show forbearance to anyone in need. God said: 'Forbearance belongs more by rights to us than it does to him: therefore let him be forgiven.'

## 376 THE SERVANT OF THE BENIGN

God has caused him to manifest divine benevolence and mercy; so he is the most gracious of God's creatures towards mankind - except concerning the punishments decreed by Holy Law. For he sees what the legal punishment is, and what it is that obliges him to impose it for the crime which through God's decree has come under his
jurisdiction. His judgement is a mercy from God upon the wrongdoer, even though externally it may appear like vengeance. This is something which is unknown except intuitively among the elite. Thus what is outwardly the administration of mpunishment is inwardly the very essence of compassion.

## 377 THE SERVANT OF THE LORD OF THE KINGDOM

has witnessed the dominion of God over his Kingdom; so he sees himself as belonging purely to God, along with all his other possessions. Thus he becomes confirmed in his service to God, and not at all concerned with his own property, or anything of the sort. God therefore rewards him by making him a manifestation of the Lord of the Kingdom, since nothing has the power to distract him from his Lord. He has become free from the slavery of existence, owning everything through God, not himself; for he is God's servant in the true sense.

## 378 <br> THE SERVANT OF THE MOST MAJESTIC AND

## NOBLE

God has made him majestic and noble because he has acquired his characteristics and verified the reality of his Names. And as his names are sanctified, glorified, purified and illuminated, the same befalls their outward manifestations and forms. None of his enemies can see him without being filled with dread of him and submitting to him because of the majesty of his rank; and likewise there are none near to him who do not honour him, since God has done so. Such a person treats the friends of God with reverence and holds God's enemies in contempt.

379 THE SERVANT OF THE EVEN-HANDED
is the soundest of people in terms of his fairness. He takes what is rightfully his and gives it to others without their being aware of it. This is because he deals justly, according to the justice of God, with which he has been illuminated; so he accords everyone his rights and removes every injustice that he may come across. He sits on a throne of light, lowering those who ought to be lowered and raising up those who ought to be raised. As the Prophet said, 'The even-handed stand on platforms of light.'

380 THE SERVANT OF THE UNIVERSAL
God has combined all his Names in him and made him a manifestation of his universality; so he gathers together in the divine totality everything of himself and others that has been scattered and dispersed.

## 381 THE SERVANT OF THE INDEPENDENT

God has made him independent of all created beings, and given him all that he needs without his having to ask, except implicitly in the language of potential. For such a person has realised the poverty of his own essence and his utter need for God throughout the whole range of his endeavours.

## 382 THE SERVANT OF THE BENEFACTOR

After perfecting his independence, God has made him the benefactor of mankind, facilitating their needs and removing their shortcomings. This is achieved by virtue of his own high aim, which God has supported from his own capacity by illuminating the Name of the Benefactor in him.

## 383 THE SERVANT OF THE PREVENTER

God has protected and restrained him from anything that might cause his corruption, even though he may himself desire and like it, considering it a means to his welfare. Such things as wealth, reputation, health, etc. God has made him experience the meaning of his words:
> 'Yet it may happen that you will hate a thing which is better for you; and it may happen that you will love a thing that is worse for you.'*

Anyone who has verificd the reality of this Name prevents his friends from doing what is harmful and corrupting for them; and it is through him that God prevents corruption, whatever its source, even though people may reckon that what is forbidden is the advantageous and prudent thing to do.

## 384 THE SERVANT OF THE HARMFUL AND THE BENEFICIAL

God has made him witness that he does whatever he wants to do, and has revealed to him the unity of actions; so that he does not see any harm or benefit, any good or evil, that does not come from him. If he
verificd both these Names and became il manifestation of them both, then, through his Lord, he might become both beneficial and harmful to the pcople. However God has conferred on some of his servants only one of the two, making some a manifestation of the Harmful - like Satan and his followers, and others $\begin{aligned} & \text { manifestation of }\end{aligned}$ the Beneficial - like Khidr, and those who have an affinity with him.

## 385 THE SERVANT OF THE LIGHT

has been irradiated with the light, so he experiences the meaning of the exalted words: 'God is the Light of the heavens and the earth.'* Light is the visible, by which everything becomes apparent in being and knowledge, for he is the light of the worlds, by which we are guided aright. As the Prophet said: 'O my Lord, let there be light in my heart!'

## 386 THE SERVANT OF THE GUIDE

is the manifestation of this Name. God has made him a guide to his creation, speaking eloquently and sincerely of the Truth, and communicating what has been commanded and revealed to him - as did the Prophet, both directly and through hereditary transmission.

## 387 THE SERVANT OF THE CREATIVE

has witnessed the creativity of God Most High in his essence, his qualities, and his actions; and God has made him a manifestation of this Name, so that he is able to create things which others would be incapable of achieving.

## 388 THE SERVANT OF THE ENDURING

God has made him witness his everlastingness, and caused him to endure when all else has been annihilated. He worships him with the pure adoration which is inherent in his specific individuation. For he is both worshipper and worshipped, general and particular, specific and real; since neither form nor trace of him remains when the face of the Enduring becomes manifest. As God says in the holy Tradition, 'Whomsoever I have slain, his blood price is charged to me; and for anyone whose blood price is charged to me - I am that blood price.'

## 389 THE SERVANT OF THE INHERITOR

is the personification of this Name, which numbers among the
necessary attributes of the Servant of the Enduring. For if he endures through the immortality of Truth, after the annihilation of his own Self, it follows that he must inherit what Truth bequeaths of everything after it has been annihilated, in terms of knowledge and possessions. Thus he inherits the knowledge, wisdom and guidance of the Prophets, for they have merged with the totality.

THE SERVANT OF THE MATURE
God brings him to maturity by irradiating him with this Name; as he said of Abraham, 'We gave Abraham aforetime his rectitude.' So he begins to guide humanity towards God and towards their welfare in this world and the next - both their livelihood and their ultimate destination.

## 39I THE SERVANT OF THE PATIENT

is steadfast in his affairs by virtue of the illumination within him of this Name. Such a person is in no haste to blame or punish or avert misfortunes; and he is patient in his struggles and whatever acts of obedience God requires of him, and whatever trials and tribulations he may inflict on him.

## 392 THE ADMONITION

The means by which a lesson is learnt concerning good and evil in the outwardly visible states of people, and what happens to them in the world, and the way in which information about them is communicated to the hereafter and the abode of retribution. It also makes clear the state of the admonisher and the inner conditions of things and their secrets; so that the consequences of events become apparent to one, and the wisdom of the hidden faculty, and what one's aim ought to be.

The Prophet said: 'I was commanded to keep my speech for commemoration, my silence for thought, and my glance for admonition.'

Included with this is the transition from seeing wisdom in the external aspects of creation to the vision of the sage, and from the externalities of existence to its inwardness, until the Truth and its qualities are seen in everything.

## 393 THE EAGLE

For Sufis this sometimes expresses the Primal Intellect, while at other times it expresses nature in its totality. This is because they refer to the Rational Soul as 1 'dove', which the Primal Intellect snatches up, like an eagle, from the depths of the lower, physical world, to the sublime world and sacred outer reaches of space. Alternatively it may be snatched and captured by nature, and fall down with it to the lower depths. That is why both have been called the Eagle: the difference between them lies in the context.

## 394 THE CAUSE

An expression for the continuing preservation of the individual in work, state or stage, or his continuance in form or attribute.

## 395 CLOUDS

According to us, this is the Presence of Oneness, because no one knows it except God, for he is behind the veil of majesty. It has also been said that it is the Presence of the One, which is the origin of the Names and the Qualities; because the fine clouds are a thin screen between heaven and earth, whose presence forms a barrier between the heaven of oneness and the earth of the plurality of creation.

The Prophetic tradition is not very helpful here: when the Prophet was asked, 'Where was our Lord before he created creation?' he replied, 'In heavy clouds'.

The above-mentioned Presence is destined for the Primary Individuation, because it is the abode of multiplicity and the appearance of the Names and their interrelationships. Everything that becomes individuated is by that token created, and constitutes the Primal Intellect. The Prophet said: 'The first thing created by God was intellect.' Therefore there was nothing before he created the first creation: only afterwards. There is further evidence for this in that the advocates of this teaching call this presence the Presence of Contingency. The presence of the union between the principles governing necessity and contingency and human reality - all of this comes under the heading of created things. Admittedly, Truth illuminates this presence with the attributes of creation: all of which logically requires that it did not exist before creation was created.

An alternative possibility is that by creation the questioner meant the creation of the material world. in this case the 'clouds' become the Divine Presence, which is known as the Universal Intermediate

World, and this is helpful in answering the question of where the Lord was, since the Divine Presence is the Source of Lordship.

## 396 SPIRITUAL PILLARS

These are the things which support the heavens, as is indicated by the exalted words: 'God is he who raised up the heavens without pillars you can see.'* This implies that there are unseen pillars; and these are the soul, heart and self of the universe; and they are also the reality of the Perfected Man. The latter is known only to God, for as he has said: 'My friends are beneath my domes - none knows them but myself.'

## 397 THE 'ANQA' BIRD

A metaphor for Primordial Matter, because, like the 'Anqa' bird, it cannot be seen and does not exist except figuratively; so it is an intellectual concept denoting the absolute Primordial Matter which is common to all physical bodies. The Major Element.*

398 THE MAJOR ELEMENT
This is the 'Anqa' bird.*
399 THE WORLDS OF APPAREL
These are all the levels downward from the Presence of Oneness. For the Most Sacred Essence lowers itself through its individuation within these levels, and takes on the characteristic garb of the Names as well as their spiritual and allegorical qualities, and becomes clothed in them - right down to the sensory level.

400 THE ESTABLISHED ESSENCE
This is the reality of a thing in a scholarly context. It has no existence of its own, being merely established in the knowledge of God. Its rank is secondary to that of real existence.*

40I THE ESSENCE OF THINGS
Sublime Truth.

402 THE EYE OF GOD AND THE EYE OF THE WORLD
This is the perfected human being, who has verified the reality of the Greater Intermediate World.* For God casts his eyes on the world
and confers on it the mercy of existence, as in the words of the Tradition:
'But for you, I would not have created the heavens."
Alternatively it refers to the human being who has verified the Name of the Seer, since all of the things which he sees in the world he sees by virtue of this Name.

## 403 THE ESSENCE OF LIPE

This is the inward aspect of the Name of the Living, and whoever has verified its reality has drunk of the water of the essence of life. Whosoever has drunk this will never die, because he has his life by virtue of the life of Truth. Every living thing in the world has its life through this man's life, in that his life has its being in the life of Truth.

404 THE RECURRING FEAST
Whatever it is that returns to the Heart from millumination - or any sort of mystical experience of illumination.*


## LETTER FĀ ${ }^{\prime}$

## 405 LOOSENING

The opposite of Binding, seen in terms of the claboration of absolute matter into its specific forms.* Alternatively, it is the manifestation of everything that is inward in the Presence of the One, such as the interrelationships of the Names; and it is the emergence into view of whatever essential matters lic concealed in the Essence of Oneness, such as the universal realities subsequent to their particularization in the outside world.

## 406 OPENINGS

All that is opened up to the individual by God, after having been closed to him: outward and inward blessings, such as livelihood, scrvice, knowledge, wisdom, revelation, and so on.

## 407 IMMINENT VICTORY

Whatever has unfolded for the individual from the Stage of the Heart and the appearance of its qualities and perfections while he traverses the Stations of the Self. This is what is alluded to in the sacred words, ' . . help from God and imminent victory.'*

## 408 MANIFEST VICTORY

Whatever has unfolded for the individual from the Stage of Sainthood and the irradiations of the Divine Names, which clarify the attributes and perfections of the Heart. This is indicated in God's words: 'Surely we have given thee a manifest victory, that God may forgive thee thy former and thy latter sins,' - sins meaning the characteristics of the Self and the Heart.*

## 409 ABSOLUTE VICTORY

The highest triumph, and the most perfect: it is whatever has unfolded for the individual from the illumination of the Essence of Oneness and immersion in utter Union, through the annihilation of all the forms of creation. This is alluded to in the words: 'When comes the help of God, and victory . ..'*

## 410 COOLING OFF

The abating of the ardour of the quest, which is necessary before $\quad$ start can be made.

## 411 THE PIRST SEPARATION

The veiling of Truth by creation, and the continuance of the forms of creation in their present state.

412 THE SECOND SEPARATION
Witnessing creation being sustained by Truth, and seeing unity in multiplicity and multiplicity in unity, without the subject being veiled by either of them.

## 413 THE PROOF

The detailed knowledge that distinguishes between Truth and falsehood. The Qur'an is the inspired compendium of knowledge which unites all realities.

## 414 THE SEPARATION OF UNION

The proliferation of the One, manifesting at the levels which are the manifestation of the features of the Essence of Oneness; which features, in fact, are simply subjective and unverified assumptions except when the One Truth displays itself in their forms.

## 415 THE SEPARATION OF THE QUALITIES

The manifestation of the Essence of Oneness and its qualities in the Presence of the One.

416 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE EMULATOR AND THE VERIFIER
The Emulator is someone who acquires moral excellence and praiseworthy qualities in a forced and affected manner. But since he shuns vice and blame, he does have traces of the Divine Names. The

Verifier, on the other hand, is someone whom God has made the embodiment of his names and qualities. He has irradiated him with them, thus obliterating the habitual patterns of his character and personal attributes.

## 417 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERFECTION AND HONOUR

Perfection is an expression of the attainment in the human being to the divine assembly and the cosmic realities. Thus whoever has greater fortune with the divine Names and the universal realities, and manifests them more completely, and in whom the divine assembly, with all its qualities and names, is predominant - will be more perfect; whereas anyone whose fortune in these things is less will be inferior and further from the rank of the divine deputyship.

As for Honour, this is an expression of the level of the intermediate links between a thing and its creator. Thus whenever the links between Truth and creation are fewer, and the properties of necessity prevail over those of contingency, then that thing is more honourable. On the other hand, whenever the links between creation and Truth Most High are more numerous, then that thing is baser. That is why the Primal Intellect and the angels close to God are more honourable than the Perfected Man, whilst he is more perfect than they are.

## 418 THE SPLIT

The division between Truth and creation, through individuation and its consequences.

## 419 THUSNESS

The message of Truth, as opposed to the World of Ideas.*


## LETTER ȘĀD

## 420 THE MASTER OF DURATION AND THE MASTER OF

 MOMENT AND STATE has verified the reality of the first assembly of the Intermediate World, and is apprised of the realities of things outside the control of time; things, that is, outside the control of his past and future actions - except for those in the Eternal Present, which is the vehicle of his states, his qualities and his deeds. For this reason he handles time by . process of folding and unfolding, and he handles space by 1 process of contraction and expansion. He is someone who has verified alike the realities and natures of the many and the few, the long and the short, the great and the small. For unity, diversity and quantity are all merely accidental phenomena; and while he operates with them in his imagination, and likewise in his intellect, his behaviour is validated and becomes comprehensible through contemplation and direct revelation. Thus the verifier of Truth, as he deals with the realities is active in a mode which goes far beyond the limits of sensory perception, imagination and intellect; and he controls and modifies accidental phenomena.
## 421 THE FAIR OF PACE

has verified the Name of the Generous, and its manifestations - as did the Prophet of God. Jäbir once said. 'No one ever asked the Prophet for anything and had him say no.'* If anyone asked him to mediate with God on his behalf, he would never refuse the request. As Ali, the Commander of the Faithful pointed out, "If you need anything of God, start by invoking blessings on the Prophet; then ask for what you need: God is far too generous, when two things are asked of him, to grant one and reject the other."
'The person who verified the inheritance of the Prophet's liberality
was Ash'ath, one of the hidden ones. Of him the Prophet said: 'There's many an Ash'ath, driven away from door after door, who, if he were to entreat God, would not be refused.'

Such a person is called 'fair of face', because of the tradition of the Prophet which says: 'Seek what you need from the fair of face.'

## 422 THE EASTERLY BREEZE

This refers to the merciful zephyrs that come from the eastern, spiritual direction and are a stimulus to good.*

## 423 THE SINCERE FRIEND

A person who has taken sincerity to the utmost. He has perfected his belief in cverything issuing from the Prophet of God - knowledge, sayings and deeds - through his inner purity and his closeness to the inner nature of the Prophet, such is his high degree of affinity with him. It is for this reason that in God's book there is no distinction in rank between the two, as is shown in the words
> 'They are with those whom God has blessed: prophets, sincere friends, martyrs and righteous men.'*

The Prophet said: 'Abu Bakr and I are like two race horses: if he had run faster than me, I would have believed in him; but I was the faster, so he believed in me.'

## 424 THE AUTHENTICITY OF LIGHT

This is revelation without any subsequent veiling. It has been compared with lightning that produces rain, so it is called true, while lightning that is not followed by rain is called false. The state of the seeker in whom illumination is followed by veiling is one of confusion. However, if revelation has brought him to the Stage of Unity, this is called the True Light, since there is no veiling or concealment afterwards.

## 425 RUST

Whatever has been precipitated on the Heart, as for example the murky darkness of the characteristics of the Self and the forms of existence. These obscure one's capacity for the realities and the irradiations of the lights. This is assuming that the condition has not yet crystallised. If crystallisation has reached the limit of exclusion
and total concealment, then it is called Possession, which is described below.*

## 426 THE THUNDERCLAP

The annihilation in Truth through the illumination of the Essence.

## 427 THE ELITE

Those who have verified purity, as opposed to the cloudiness of unreality.

## 428 THE IMAGE OF TRUTH

This is Muhammad, by virtue of his verification of the reality of oneness and the one. It may also be expressed by the letter Ṣäd, as was indicated by Ibn Abbas." When he was asked about the meaning of that letter, he said: ' $A$ mountain at Mecca where the throne of the Merciful was situated.'

## 429 THE IMAGE OF GOD

The Perfected Man, who has verified the realities of the Divine Names.

## 430 THE CELLS OF REMEMBRANCE

The divine states and the abodes of spirituality which safeguard the commemorator from being separated from the One he is commemorating and which concentrate his aspiration entirely on him.

## 43I SAFEGUARDING THE WILL

This is when the Self ceases to see anything take place which is not the will of God. It means experiencing everything that happens as being the will of Sublime Truth.

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## LETTER QAF

## 432 THE FIRST TENDENCY

The Source of Sources. It is also the Primary Individuation.

433 THE TENDENCY TOWARDS MANIFESTATION
This is the initial love indicated in God's words: '. . . and I loved to be known. '*

## 434 THE TWO BOW-LENGTHS

This is the stage of the relatedness of the Names in terms of the contrast between the Names in the divine command known as the circle of existence. For example, initiating and repeating, descending and ascending, active and receptive. It is the union with Truth, whilst retaining distinction and dualism. This has been described m Connectedness. There is no higher stage than this, except the Stage of 'Even Nearer' which is oneness in the very midst of the Union of the Essence - described in God's words,
$\because$. . or even nearer. ${ }^{\text {* }}$
There, in place of high degree of subjective distinction and duality, there is pure annihilation and the total effacement of all forms.

## 435 SETTING OUT FOR GOD

This means to awaken from the sleep of heedlessness, to arise from idle slumber and start out on the journey to God.

## 436 ARISING WITHIN GOD

This is uprightness in the Permanence which follows Annihilation and the traversing of all the Stations. It is the journey from God to God within God, by divesting oneself of the forms in their totality.

## 437 CONTRACTION

takes hold of the Heart, as has been mentioned in connection with those things which oppress it, such as rejection, loneliness, etc. This has been mentioned in passing as the counterpart of Expansiveness. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ Contraction mostly occurs after Expansiveness, as $\varpi$ consequence of the bad conduct of the seeker while he is in the latter state. The difference between this pair and that of fear and hope is that the latter are associated with anticipated desire and repulsion in the Stage of the Self. Contraction and Expansiveness, however, are linked to the present moment and not to the future.

## 438 THE FOOT

This is the precedence by virtue of which Truth holds cternal sway over the devotee. It especially applies to the means by which Truth fulfils and completes the preparations for the final gift to him.

In the words of the Prophet, 'Hell keeps on saying, "Are there any more?", until the Almighty brings his foot down on it, and it calls out, "O my back, my back!" ' However, what is alluded to here by the word Foot is the fact that the foot is the last part of any form; thus it is the last of the Names to which Truth exposes the devotee; and if the latter becomes attached to it and verifies its reality, he will be perfected.

## 439 THE SURE FOOTING

This is the beautiful precedence and the ample gift that was commanded by Truth Most High for his upright and faithful servants. In his own exalted words: ' . . . and give thou good tidings to the believers that they have a sure footing with their Lord.' ${ }^{\text {' }}$ The word 'sure' here means the best of all.

## 440 NEARNESS

An expression for the fulfilment of pledge, previously made in the earliest time, between Truth and the individual, as is shown in his exalted words: ""Am I not your Lord?" They said, "Yes, indeed!"'* The term may also refer to the Stage of Two Bow-lengths.*

## 441 THE SHELL

This refers to any outer knowledge which protects inner knowledge, which is the kernel, from corruption - as in the case of Holy Law
protecting the Sufi Path, and the Path protecting Reality. If someone does not guard his state and his path by means of Holy Law, then it will become corrupted and his path will lead him into confusion, causing him to wander and stumble, a prey to suggestion. Likewise, anyone who does not fervently seek by means of the Path to arrive at Reality, and who has not safeguarded the latter by means of the former, will find that his reality has been corrupted; and this will lead him to heresy and atheism.

## 442 THE POLE-STAR

The locus of God's sight throughout the world and throughout all time. He is in the mould of the angel Isräfil.*

## 443 THE MAJOR POLE-STAR

This is the rank of the Pole of Poles - the esoteric aspect of the prophecy of Muhammad, which is the exclusive property of his heirs. This is due to the Prophet's unique brand of perfection: no one may become the Seal of the Saints and the Pole of Poles, except by virtue of the inner aspect of the Seal of Prophethood.

## 44 THE HEART

An incorporeal, luminous substance located midway between the Spirit and the Self. It is the means by which humanity verifies reality, and sages call it the Rational Soul. Its inner aspect is the spirit, while its vehicle and external aspect is the animal soul, which mediates between heart and body. Thus in the Qur'an it is likened to a crystal and a shining star. In God's words:

> The likeness of his light is as ■ niche
> Wherein is a lamp
> The lamp in a glass,
> The glass as it were $■$ glittering star
> Kindled from a blessed tree,
> An olive that is neither of the east nor of the west.*

The tree is the Self, the niche is the body, which is the centre of existence, and the levels of revelation are the likeness in the world of the Preserved Tablet.*

## 445 RESTRAINTS

Anything which restrains i human being from the requirements of nature, the Self and desire, and which keeps him away from these things. They also refer to the help given by the Names and the assistance given by God to the People of Providence on the journey towards God.

## 446 RESURRECTION

Resurrection into eternal life after death may be divided into three types. The first is the resurrection, following physical death, into a life within either the higher or the lower Intermediate Worlds, depending on the state of the dead person during his life on earth.* For as the Prophet said:
'As you live, so shall you die; and as you dic, so shall you be resurrected.'
This is the Minor Resurrection, as is indicated in the words of the Prophet: 'When someone dies, his resurrection has already taken place.'

The second is the resurrection, after voluntary death, into the eternal life of the Heart in the Holy World. As it has been said: 'He who dies a voluntary death will live out his natural life.'* This is the Intermediate Resurrection, referred to in God's words:

Can he who was dead, to whom we gave life, And in light whereby to walk amongst men, Be like him who is in the depths of darkness, From which he can never come out?*
The third is the resurrection, after annihilation in God, into the life of reality, whilst enduring within Truth. This is the Major Resurrection, which is indicated in God's words: 'Then, when the great catastrophe comes ...'*

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## LETTER RĀ ${ }^{\prime}$

## 447 THE SHEPHERD

This is someone who has verified the wisdom of the science of administration - someone capable of managing the organisation which is necessary for the welfare of the world.

## 448 POSSESSION

The veil that screens the Heart from the Holy World when it is taken over by sensual states and the darkness of the body, in such - way that the light of divinity becomes totally obscured.

## 449 THE LORD

A name for the Truth, seen from the standpoint of the relationship of the Essence to really existing things, whether they are spirits or physical bodies. The relationship between the Essence and the Established Essences is the starting point of various Divine Names such - the Capable and the Aspirant; and its connection with the physical world is the origin of the Names of Lordship such as the Provider and the Protector.

The Name of the Lord, therefore, is a special one, which logically implies the existence of a subordinate who will affirm it, and that of God implies the establishment and individuation of that subordinate. Everything that becomes visible in the universe is a form of the Name of the Lord, which is nurtured by Truth, who takes hold of and does what he does with it; while it turns for its needs to Truth, and he is the one who provides it with whatever is asked of him.

## 450 THE LORD OF LORDS

This is Truth, seen from the viewpoint of the Greatest Name and the Primary Individuation, which is the starting point of all the Names,
and is the ultimate goal. To him are directed all desires, and he is the focus of all seekers. It is to this that his exalted words refer: '. . . and that the final end is unto thy Lord.'* The Prophet is the embodiment of the Primary Individuation; so the lordship that is his particular province is the Major Lordship.

## 451 CLASSES OF THE NAMES

There are three of these: Essential, Qualitative and Functional. When the name is applied to the Essence from the standpoint of derivation and individuation, then the standpoint is cither $\quad$ purely relative, inconsequential matter, like the Independent, the First, or the Last; or else it is not relative, like the Most Holy, or the Salvation. This class is entitled the Names of the Essence.

Alternatively, it has an existential meaning, which is viewed by the mind without it exceeding the Essence, or going beyond the scope of the mind, for that would be absurd. Either it does not depend on the understanding of others, like the Living, or the Necessary, or else it is dependent on the understanding of others without their existence, like the Knowing, or the Capable. These are called the Qualitative Names.

Finally it may depend upon the existence of other things, like the Creator, or the Maintainer; and these are called the Functional Names, because they are the source of actions.

## 452 BINDING

The unified totality of substance known $m$ the major binding of the absolute element prior to the creation of the heavens and the earth. Loosening took place after their individuation within creation.*

This term may also be applied-to the relationships of the Presence of the One, taking into consideration its non-manifestation. Indeed it may be applied to anything inward and invisible, like the realities concealed in the Essence of Oneness, before its elaboration in the Presence of the One - like the tree latent in the date stone.

## 453 THE COMPASSIONATE

A name for Truth, seen from the standpoint of the Names which are in the Divine Presence, and from which existence, and the perfections appertaining to it, flow out in abundance into all potentialities.

454 THE MERCIFUL
A name for Truth, seen in terms of the flood of spiritual perfections such misdom and unity - which pour down upon the people of faith.

455 GRATEFUL COMPASSION
Compassion which is the consequence of past blessings in the work, and it embraces everything.

## 456 OBLIGATORY COMPASSION

The compassion promised to the devout and the charitable. In the words of God:
‘... and I shall prescribe it for those who are godfearing.'*
and:
' - surely the mercy of God is nigh to those who do good.' ${ }^{*}$
This is contained within the term Grateful Compassion, because the promise of it to the worker is the purest kindness.

## 457 THE MANTLE

This is the manifestation in an individual of the qualities of Truth.

## 458 RUIN

This is when an individual declares the attributes of Truth to be false. God says: 'I shall turn from my signs those who wax proud on earth unjustly.' It is derived from the word meaning to perish, and hence means destruction. God Most High said: 'Grandeur is my cloak and Majesty my loincloth; and if anyone disputes with me for either of them, I will shatter him.'

459 FORM
This is creation and its attributes, because forms are traces, and for everything other than God, its traces are $\boxminus$ result of its actions. This is what the writer meant who said, 'Form is a description taking place in Eternity-without-end of what took place in Eternity-withoutbeginning.' For created things and all their attributes exist by the decree of God.

460 THE FORMS OF COGNITION AND THEIR MARKS
These are the five senses of the human being. They are forms of the Divine Names, such as the Knower, the Hearer, the Seer, which have manifested themselves in the veils of the bodily frame - idly waiting at the threshold of resolution, midway between Truth and Creation. Thus, if anyone discovers that his own Self and all its characteristics are merely traces of the Truth, its qualities and the forms of its Names and its images - such a person has discovered the Truth.

## $46 I$ FRIVOLITY

Coming to a standstill at the pleasures of the Self and the demands of its nature.

## 462 DELICACY

This is spiritual subtlety. It may also be applied to the subtle medium that connects two things together, like assistance arriving from the Truth to the devotee, in which case it is called the delicacy of descent - or else like the means by which the devotee approaches Truth, through knowledge, deeds, correct morality, and the attainment of elevated Stages; and in this case it is called the delicacy of ascent or elevation.

Alternatively, delicacy may be applied to the science of the Way and the science of conduct, and everything conducive to the subtle refinement of the Secret Faculty in the individual and the eradication of the coarseness of the Self.

## 463 THE SPIRIT

In popular usage, this is the incorporeal human subtlety. In the parlance of physicians it is the subtle vapour produced in the heart which is susceptible to the life energy, sense perception and movement. This they call the Self. Those in between, who are able to understand the universal and the particular, call it the Heart. The sages, however, do not make a distinction between the Heart and the primary Spirit, and they refer to it as the Rational Soul.

464 THE GREATEST SPIRIT, THE OLDEST, THE FIRST
AND THELAST
The Primal Intellect.

THE SPIRIT OF INSPIRATION
The one who communicates to the Heart the knowledge of hidden things. It refers to the angel Gabriel, and may also be applied to the Qur'an, as is indicated by God's words:
'Exalter of ranks is he, possessor of the throne, casting the spirit of his bidding upon whomever he will of his servants. ${ }^{\text {'* }}$

## TESTIMONY

The influence which presents itself to the Heart as a result of contemplation. It is that which attests for him that he has genuinely been favoured in his contemplative vision - either with intuitive knowledge, which he did not possess until then, or else with Ecstasy, the Mystical State, Illumination, or the Vision of God.

## 467 THE GATHERING OF DIVISION

The unifying of distinctions through the ascent from the Presence of the One to the Presence of Oneness. Its opposite is the Division of Gathering, which is the descent from Oneness to the One, the State of Permanence after Annihilation in the summons to perfection.

## ROVING

This is an expression of movement. The watermill is called 'wayward' because of the frequent gyrations of the millstone. People also say the water 'strayed' from the river if it floods its banks, due to excess of water and the narrowness of the river. In traditional Sufi parlance, however, it refers to the movements caused by the Secret Faculties of ecstatics, when their rapture is so powerful that it overflows the vessel of their preparedness.

## 469 THE EVEN NUMBER

This is creation. The oath '... by the even and the odd,' is sworn because the Divine Names become verified through creation, so that whatever does not combine the even number of the Presence of the One with the odd number of the Presence of Oneness will not manifest the Divine Names.*

## 470 THE VISION OF GOD

The sight of Truth by Truth.

## 471 THE VISION OF THE PARTICULARIN THE UNIVERSAL

Contemplating multiplicity in the Essence of Oneness.

472 THE VISION OF THE UNIVERSALIN THE PARTICULAR
Contemplating Oneness in multiplicity.

## 473 THE EVIDENCE OF TRUTH

These are the realities of the worlds, for they bear witness to the Creator.

## 474 THE EVIDENCE OF UNITY

These are the individuations of things, because everything has its own individuation of Oneness, which makes it distinct from other things. As it has been said, 'In everything he has a sign showing that he is one.'

475 THE EVIDENCE OF THE NAMES
The diversity of various beings in terms of states, characteristics and functions. Thus, for example, the Prosperous bears witness to the Provider, the Living to the Quickener, the Dead to the Fatal, etc.

## 476 MATTERS

Actions.

477 ESSENTIAL MATTERS
The viewpoint that the emblems of the essences and the realities are in the Essence of Oneness: just as the tree, its branches, leaves, flowers and fruit - are all in the seed. It is these which become manifest in the Presence of Oneness, and which become differentiated through the written word.*

478 THE MASTER
The Perfected Man in the science of Holy Law, the science of the Path, and the science of Reality. In all of these he has attained the utmost degree of perfection, through his knowledge of the evils of
the various selves, their maladies and ailments - and through his knowledge of how to treat them, and his ability to cure them and undertake their guidance - providing the Self is willing and amenable to being so guided.

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## LETTER TĀ,

$479 \mathrm{TA}^{\mathbf{\prime}}$
This letter stands for the Essence, seen from the viewpoint of specific individuations and multiplicity.

480 FAMILIARISATION
This is illumination in external sensory perception, familiarising the novice seeker with purification and refinement. It is called Practical Illumination, because it takes the form of images of ways and means.

## 481 ILLUMINATION

The lights of the invisible world, manifesting in the Heart.*
482 PRIMARY ILLUMINATION
This is the Essential Illumination, and the illumination of the Essence by and for itself.'

It refers to the Presence of Oneness, which has neither properties nor form, since the Essence is the pure existence of Truth, whose unity is precisely itself. For anything apart from existence, seen in terms of existence, is nothing other than absolute non-existence which is pure nothingness. So, having its own unity, it has no need of any particular unity or specific individuality to distinguish it from anything else, since there is nothing there in the first place from which to differentiate itself. Thus its unity is, precisely, its essence.

This unity is the source both of Oneness and the One, because it is identical with the Essence, in the sense that it is completely unconditional. In other words, the absolute, which by its nature includes the condition that nothing is included with it, is in fact Oneness; whilst that which carries the condition that something must be included with it is the One. The realities of the Essence of Oneness
are like the tree latent in the seed, which is the most hidden of hidden things.

## 483

SECONDARY ILLUMINATION
This is the means by which emerge the Established Essences of the Potentialities, which are the concern of the Essence of God Most High himself, and that is the Primary Individuation, with its universal quality and capacity. For the Essences are the first information concerning this, and the individuality which is the vehicle of visionary illumination. In this illumination, Truth descends from the Presence of Oneness to the Presence of the One by means of the relationship of the Names.

## 484 VISIONARY ILLUMINATION

The manifestation of the presence that is known by the Name of 'The Light'. It is also the manifestation of the Truth in the forms of God's Names in the worlds which are its forms. And that manifestation is the Breath of the Merciful, by which everything is brought into being.

## 485 VERIFICATION

The vision of Truth in the forms of its Names, which are the worlds and the Essences, in such 1 way that the verifier is neither veiled by the Truth from creation, nor by creation from the Truth.

## 486 SUFISM

The acquisition of the Divine Qualities.*
487 CHANGE
This refers to the veiling of the properties of mexalted mystical state or stage by the effects of a lowly state or stage - and to the gradual disappearance of this condition. The final result is the change, in the stage of the comprehensive irradiation of the illuminations of the Divine Names, in the state of Permanence after Annihilation.

Ibn Arabi said: 'According to us, this is the most perfect of the Stages; whilst to most others it is an incomplete stage.' This is because what he meant by Change is Separation after Union, in which the multiplicity of the separation does not veil the oneness of union: and that is the Stage of Oneness of Separation after Union,
and the revelation of the real meaning of God's words: 'Every day he is upon some labour.'* There is no doubt that this is the highest of the Stages, and according to the Sufis it is the highest degree of authority.

As for the change which is the last of the changes, it is at the beginning of Separation after Union, when the creator becomes veiled, through the manifestation of the effects of multiplicity, from the properties of Unity.

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## LETTER KHĀ ${ }^{\text {, }}$

## 488 IDEA

Any kind of message which occurs to the Heart; alternatively something which arrives without any conscious effort on the part of the individual. Such messages may be divided into four types:

Divine Idea - the first of the ideas, called by Sahl 'the first cause' and 'the piercing of the mind'. It is known as the force or influence, and is something which does not plunge impulsively into things.

Angelic Idea - the prompting to whatever has been recommended or decreed, in short, to everything that is righteous. It is known as inspiration.

Selfish Idea - everything which concerns the pleasures of the Self. It is known as impulse.

Satanic Idea - whatever prompts the contradiction of the Truth. God Most High says: 'Satan threatens you with poverty and bids you unto indecency.'* And the Prophet said: 'The call of Satan is the denial of Truth and the threat of evil.' This is known as temptation.

According to the yardstick of Holy Law, it is expressed thus: whatever shows nearness to Truth belongs to the former two groups, and whatever shows an aversion to Truth or a contradiction of Holy Law belongs to the latter two. It is like a secret conversation, in which anything tending to contradict the Self forms part of the first groups, while anything tending towards desire and the convenience of the Self forms part of the latter ones. For the truthful and the pure of heart, in the presence of Truth, it is easy to tell the difference between the two tendencies - through the resources and assistance of God.

## 489 <br> THE SEAL

Someone who has crossed all of the Stages and reached the extremity
of perfection; and it is in this sense that the seal proliferates and multiplics.

## 490 THE SEAL OF PROPHECY

The person through whom God has set a scal on the prophethood. There is only one such person, namely our Prophet Muhammad.

## 491 THE SEAL OF THE SAINTS

The person through whom the welfare of this world and the next is attained to perfection. When he dies, the whole order of the universe is disturbed. He is the Rightly Guided One, the Maldi, the one who is promised at the end of time.

## 492 THE PATCHED ROBE OF SUFISM

This is what the disciple puts on from the hand of his master, who enters his will and enables him to gain forgiveness. There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, by wearing the garment of intent, he is inwardly enveloped in the Master's qualities, just as outwardly he is clothed in his mantle, which is the garment of comfort, both inwardly and outwardly. God Most High said:
'Children of Adam! We have bestowed il garment on you to cover your shame, and for adornment: but the garment of righteousness - that is the best. ${ }^{\text {* }}$

A second reason is to receive the Master's blessing, in that he clothes the pupil with his own blessed hands. Another reason is to acquire the particular mystical state dominating the Master at the moment of investiture, in which he sees with penetrating vision, illuminated by the Sacred Light, what it is that the disciple needs in order to raise the obstructing veils and adjust himself in preparation. For if the Master comes to know the state of the one who repents in his hands, then he knows by the light of Truth what he needs. So he brings this down from God, until his heart is imbued with it, and it emanates from his inwardness to the inwardness of his pupil. Yet another purpose is the link forged by the robe between the student and the Master, so that there will always remain in contact of hearts and $\square$ affection between them, constantly reminding the former to follow the path, the customs, the character and the states of the latter. Thus the Master is $\quad$ I true father to him. As the Prophet said,
'Fathers are of three kinds: the father who gave you birth, the father who taught you, and the father who brought you up.'

## 493 KHIDR, THE GREEN ONE

Khidr stands for Expansiveness and Elias for Contraction.* As for the question whether Khidr is $n$ human individual who has been alive since the time of Moses, or a spiritual being, who assumes the form of whoever is guided by him, this is something which I have not verified. However, it would seem that the concept of Khidr is assimilated in the form of one of his dominant attributes, which then disappears and becomes the spirit of that person. Alternatively, it is the Holy Spirit.

## 494 COMPULSION

This is a call summoning the devotec to his Lord in such a way that he is unable to resist its bidding.

## 495 SINCERE FRIENDSHIP

The verification by the devotee of the qualities of Truth. He becomes so permeated with the Truth that he will not relinquish any of its qualities. Such an individual thus becomes a mirror of the Truth.

## SECLUSION

This is the secret dialogue with Truth, in which one does not see anything other than that. This is the reality and meaning of seclusion. As for the form it takes: it is a fervent plea for this condition, while secluding oneself for God and cutting oneself off from others.

497 THE RENUNCIATION OF HABITS
This is the verification of the reality of service in accordance with the command of Truth, so that nothing prompts one to heed the call of one's own nature and habits.

## 498 RENEWED CREATION

This is the connection of the support of existence, through the Breath of the Merciful, with every contingent thing. This is due to the essential non-existence of the latter, when viewed apart from its sustainer, or the abundance of existence incessantly pouring into it, so that at every instant it becomes a new creation. This is because of
variations, with the passage of time, in the relationship between creation and itself, and the persistence of its own essential non-existence.

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## LETTER DHĀL

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face of the One and Only in its Essence. Nor does he have any difficulty contemplating the multiplicity of the manifestations of the Oneness of the Essence, by which he is illuminated. Similarly, he is not veiled by the Oneness of the face of Truth from witnessing the multiplicity of created things; neither does he have any trouble witnessing the Oneness of the Essence revealing itself in the manifestation of multiplicity. The perfected Master, Ibn Arabi, referred to the foregoing three ranks in these words:

So in creation lies the essence of Truth If you are a man of insight; And in Truth lies the essence of creation If you are a man of reason;
But if you were a man of insight and of reason,
Then you could not help but see:
The essence and the form of $\quad$ thing are one.


## LETTER Ḍ̂AD

## 504 THE SPECIAL ONES

There are special people among the people of God, whom he holds back because they are so precious to him. As the Prophet said:
'Among God's creation there are the special ones, whom he clothes in brilliant light and causes to live and die in prosperity.'

505 SPLENDOUR
Seeing things with the eye of Truth - the Essence of Truth.


## LETTER ẒĀ

## 506 THE EXTERNAL ASPECT OF CONTINGENT

 PHENOMENAThis is the manifestation of Truth in the forms of its essences and qualities. It is what has been called secondary existence. It may also be referred to as the outward aspect of existence.

## 507 THE SHADOW

This is the secondary existence that is apparent in the individuation and properties of the contingent essences. The latter are non-existent entities that only become apparent by virtue of the Name of the Light, which is the external existence that has been attributed to them and which veils the darkness of their non-existence. Thus the external light reflected from their forms becomes a shadow; since the appearance of a shadow is due to the presence of light. God Most High says:
'Hast thou not regarded thy Lord, how he has stretched out the shadows?'*

In other words: how he extended secondary existence for the contingencies. So darkness, in contrast to this kind of light, is nonexistence, and every darkness is an expression of the absence of any light coming from something which by its nature ought to be lit up. That is why godlessness is called darkness: due to the absence of the light of belief in the heart of a human being, who ought by his nature to be enlightened. God Most High says:
'God is the protector of the believers; he brings them forth from the shadows into the light. ${ }^{*}$ *

## 508 THE FIRST SHADOW

This is the Primal Intellect, because it is the first essence that appeared in God's light and received the form of multiplicity which is the concern of the Oneness of the Essence.

## 509 THE SHADOW OF GOD

This is the Perfected Man, who has verified the reality of the Presence of the One.


## LETTER GHAĪN

## 510 THE CROW

This stands for the universal body, because it is at the utmost distance from the Sacred World and the Presence of Oneness, and because it is devoid of consciousness and luminosity. It is given this name because the crow is the symbol of remoteness and darkness.
$5 I I$ THE FILM AND THE VEIL
Whatever covers the mirror of the Heart with rust and dulls the eye of insight, spreading over the face of its mirror.

## 512 WEALTH

Complete dominion. For the wealth of the Essence is none other than Truth, since to this belongs the essence of everything. The wealthy among the devotees is someone who through Truth has become independent of everything else. For if he is successful with the existence of Truth, he will succeed with everything. Not only that: he pays no heed to transient existence, but simply gains his desire and rejoices in the contemplation of his Beloved.

## 513 THE HELPER

This refers to the Pole-star, at a time when he is being sought as a refuge. He is not called this except at such in time.*

514 THE MYSTERY OF THE ESSENTIAL IDENTITY
This is the Essence of Truth, from the standpoint of nonindividuation.

515 THE HIDDEN MYSTERY AND THE GUARDED MYSTERY
This is the secret of the Essence and its innermost nature, which is
known to none apart from itself. That is why it is guarded from others, hidden from their minds well as their sight.

516 THE ERROR WHICH FALLS SHORT OF POSSESSION* This is the Rust which is mentioned above. For rust is 1 thin veil that is made visible through purification and eliminated through the light of illumination resulting from an enduring faith. As for Possession, this is $m$ thick veil that forms an obstacle between the Heart and the belief in Truth. The error consists in being distracted from the vision of Truth, and being veiled from it, despite the correctness of one's conviction.


## NOTES ON THE TRANSLATION

Numbers refer to entries in the Glossary.
References to the Qur'an are given in the format $\mathrm{Q} \mathrm{NI}_{\mathrm{I}} . \mathrm{N}_{2}$, where $\mathrm{NI}_{1}$ is the chapter or sura number, and $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ is the verse or aya number.

Introduction
conventional scientific research: in Qashani's day this referred exclusively to Islamic theology and jurisprudence.
second part: unfortunately we only have the first part of Qashani's work at our disposal - the Glossary of Sufi Technical Terms.
1 In Sufi thought a distinction is made between Eternity-without-end (abad) and Eternity-without-beginning (azal). Cf. entry 25.
4 Cf. entry 82.
s Dr Kamal Ja'far merges this with the previous entry, so that it reads: 'When Oneness is considered, all other considerations are dropped.' Cf. entry 81.
7 Q.23.10.
8 evolution: the Arabic for 'state' (Hal) derives from a root meaning to evolve or be transformed. Hence the word-association in Qashani's definition, which has to be underlined, since the force of the English term is - static. This is a recurring problem when translating between languages as diverse as English and Arabic.
9 devotee: this word ('abd. servant or slave) is scattered profusely throughout the text. Like its Persian counterpart (banda) it frequently means no more than 'a person', 'an individual', 'one' (especially in the genteel usage meaning ' I '). One has consequently felt free to render it in a variety of ways.
... as if you saw him: $\|$ reference to the Prophet Muhammad's injunction, 'Worship God as if you saw him'.
is The 'fechnical serm' itself seems to have fallen by the wayside.
16 The Heights: This is the title of Sura 7 of the Qur'an.

And on the heights . ..: Q. 7.46. There are several interpretations of this passage (See Yusuf Ali, op. cit. note 1025). The Heights (or battlements, or ramparts) are seen by some as a kind of purgatory, whose denizens, while not yet in paradise itself, are nonetheless able from their relatively elevated spiritual vantage point to survey both heaven and earth and discern which of the approaching travellers are destined to be 'Companions of the Garden'.
17 Steingass (see Bibliography) has: 'Figures emblematic of the names of God'.
18 Pole-star: see entry 442.
20 presence: the Arabic concept (hadra), used frequently throughout the text, is altogether richer, with undertones of majesty and dominion.
2I It is unfortunately not possible to feel confident that we have unravelled the ambiguity of this entry. The Arabic letters m/k may be read variously $\exists$ 'property', 'dominion', 'kings', or 'angel', according to which diacritical points are added. None of the manuscripts agree.
24 Traditionally the 'Mother of the Book' refers either to the first Sura of the Qur'an, or else to the eternal archetype, from which the physical Qur'an is said to derive.
31 individuation: this concept (ta'yin), which is used liberally throughout the book, has given us much to think about. We have variously rendered it as 'specification', 'individuation', 'instantiation', 'instance', 'elaboration', etc. The notion seems close to that of the emergence from the (Platonic) World of Ideas into the World of Appearances, subject to space, time and number.
39 Literally 'interval' (barzakh): this is traditionally thought to lie between death and resurrection.
41 Dr Kamal's version merges the next two entries into one.
Contraction cf. 437.
Hidden Centre (khafa'): a reference to one of the "subtleties', or higher functions of the mind. Cf. Shah: The Sufis, The Perfumed Scorpion; also Shah Waliullah: The Sacred Knowledge.
s8 Creation (khalq) also implies the creatures within it - especially people, humanity. In Sufi thought the term is frequently balanced and contrasted with Truth.
67 Q.42.13.
68 Cf. 422.
71 Traditionally the third person masculine pronoun (hu) refers to God.
78 Cf. 45
79 Primordial matter (hayuli): cf. the Aristotelian term hyle.
81 (also 82) Cf. entries 4 and 5.
86 Cf. 469.
90 Q.2.115.

92 Preserved Tabler: Q.85.22. This refers either to the Mother of the Book (see note on entry 24) or, more generally, a record held in Eternity of the transactions of mankind.
Clear book: Q.6. 59.
99 Q.7.172.
strength and power: mextremely common exclamation in the Muslim world is, 'There is no power and no strength save in God.'
101 The text uses two closely related terms for "time': wagt is rendered as 'moment of time', and zaman (entry 110 ) as 'duration of time'.
105 Q.7. 196.
108 Q.24.35.
115 Q.2.33.
117 ... such screening entities: not found in Sprenger.
118 lbn-Arabi, Manazil al Insaniya (Stations of Humanity). The quotation is garbled in the Sprenger edition, so we have followed Dr Kamal Ja'far.
127 Q.2.269.
143 Q. 38.75 . Note that some of the names given in this entry are not described elsewhere in the text.
145 Clear Bnok: Q 6.59.
Preserved Tablet: Q.85.22.
Cf. entry 92.
148 Q.16.40. Cf. Q. 3.47 and Q.36.82.
152 Q.6.76. This famous verse continues ' $\ldots$. and (Abraham) said, "This is my Lord." But when it set, he said, "I do not love those that set." "
154 Alchemy of Happiness: this is also the title of a brilliant work by al-Ghazzali.
160 Presumably 'former Stage' refers to the Kernel (159) and 'the latter' to the Keruel of Keruels.
161 Q.6.9. The context is given in the opening words of the previous verse: 'They (the unbelievers) say: "Why is not an angel sent down to him?"' The nub of the argument is that for humanity to be able to perceive an angel, the latter would have to come in the guise of a human being; and then, as Yusuf Ali points out in his commentary. '. . . they would say: "We wanted to see an angel, and we have only seen a man!"" The Arabic root of the headword for this entry (LBS), which figures prominently in the quotation from the Qur'an, has an interesting spectrum of meanings: to clothe, cloak, obscure, contuse.
166 Cf. entries 92 and 145.
$167^{\text {'Umar. sccond Caliph of Islam. }}$
tox common sense: the Arabic retains what the English has lost - the notion of a sense which unifies the other five outward senses.

169 The Night of Power ('. . better than 1 thousand months!' - Q.97.3) is traditionally located in the holy month of Ramadan. Some specify it as the night of the 27th (the night of the 'descent' of the Qur'an); whilst others say that the precise date in unknown and thus only the alert will benefit from it.
175 This entry is missing from Sprenger's edition.
179 Even Nearer: 10 reference to Q.53.9, where it is said (presumably of the Archangel Gabriel) that he '. . . was at a distance of two bow-lengths, or even nearer'. See entries for 278 and 434.
181 Cf. 434.
187 theoretical knowledge: theology and jurisprudence.
189 but God threw: Q.8.17. At the battle of Badr, in which the Muslim forces were greatly outnumbered, the Prophet Muhammad threw a handful of dust at the enemy, which, as Yusuf Ali comments, was 'symbolical of their rushing blindly to their fate', and it '. . . had a great psychological effect'.
Three men conspire . . : Q.s8.7.
They are unbelievers. . .: Q.5.76. An allusion to the Nicenc doctrine of the Trinity.
191 Audience (muhadara): Steingass glosses that as 'a degree of mystic contemplation of the Deity'. It is also the standard Arabic for 'lecture'.
196 five Manifestations: sec entry 179.
200 Secret Facuity (sirr): see Shah, The Sufis, p. 295-299; also Shah Waliullah of Delhi, The Sacred Knouledge, Chapter 5.
206 Q.s7.22. The complete verse runs: 'No misfortune can happen on earth, or in your souls, but it is recorded in 1 decree."
207 Steingass glosses 'victory' (faih) as 'Divine Grace bestowed on those advanced in Sacred knowledge'.
215 Q.2.33.
217 Contingent Essences (al-A'yan al-Mumkinat): this phrase is listed by Steingass - "the most excellent of creatures".
218 Basic Root: this is also a standard term for the triliteral (occasionally quadriliteral) radical consonants, from which the vast majority of Arabic words are formed.
223 Q.54.55.
232 Q.20.135.
234 prostration: i.e. to Adam.
235 Plaro: the inference to be made from this remark is that a life given over to the senses is not "natural' for humanity.
... Now turm in repentance . . .: Q.2.54.
He uho unas dead. . .: Q.6.122.

238 May I fare well with you . . .: the poet's 'enemies' were instrumental in his self-realisation.
244 Q. 24.35 (the Light Verse). The word 'self' (nafs) in Arabic and arabised languages has vastly more reverberations than it does in English; so it has often seemed necessary throughout the text to emphasise it by such devices as 'his own self', rather than simply letting it be weakly assimilated as the mere reflexive pronoun 'himself'.
245 Q.12.53.
246 Q.75.2.
247 Q.89.27.
255 Q.68.1.
258 Q.io. 2.
266 Q. 53.14 : ' . . . the Lote tree, beyond which none may pass.' An image of the last stunted vestiges of vegetation and shade before the desert proper begins. A metaphor for the Intermediary World (see 39 \& 40) between death and resurrection.
267 Q.16.40. Cf. Q. 3.47 and Q.36.82.
276 The full Tradition runs: 'I have a time with God when neither any prophet sent by God nor any angel set near to God is able to encompass me.'
278 Joumeys: Cf. 250-3.
Even nearer: Cf. entries 179 and 434.
282 Blackness of face: a metaphor for extreme poverty.
284 Steingass glosses this as 'the highest heaven'.
290 Very hateful. . .: Q.61.3.
Will you bid others. . .: Q.2.44.
292 The following 99 entries, which describe the characteristics of Servants of God, may help to explain the popularity among the Muslims of proper names of the format 'Abd al- (+ one of the 'ninety-nine' names of God).
There are in fact more than ninety-nine in common use, so we may take the term to mean 'quite $■$ large number'. Many of the definitions throughout the Glossary involve the extensive use of cognate words, feature which is virtually impossible to sustain in translation. This is especially true of the entries on the Servants of God. For example, the short section 356 contains no fewer than eight words based around the root QWM.
293 Q.72.19.
305 Q.67.3.
334 Q.82.6.
337 Q.2.186.
$348 \ldots$ and he takes ...: Q.7.196.
God is the protecter . . .: Q.2.257.
367 Q. 55.26.

371 Q.20.114.
372 Q.2.177.
374 Q.24.2.
381 implicitly in the language of potential: i.e. his deeds and his being are themselves the only prayer he needs to utter.
383 Q.2.216.
385 Q.24.35.
390 Q.21.51.
396 Q.13.2.
397 Steingass glosses that as follows: ". . . known as to name but unknown E to body; hence anything scarce, rare, wonderful, difficult or impossible to be got.'
398 Without entry like this, no dictionary would be complete.
400 Cf. entry 17.
402 Note that the Arabic for 'eye' ('ain), which is used with great frequency throughout Qashani's text, can also mean 'essence'. Other meanings are: well, spring, best part, individual, self, important person, cash, property, and the name of a letter in the alphabet. In short, it is not an easy word to translate.
Greater Interval: cf. 40.
404 Standard Arabic for a holy festival.
405 Cf. 452.
407 Q.61.13.
408 Q.48.1.
409 Q. 110.1.
419 thustess (fahuaniya); Derived from fa huиa, which Steingass gives as "indeed, but it is".
421 Jäbir, an carly Sufi, often known in western writings as Geber the Alchemist.
422 Cf. 68.
423 Q.4.69.
425 Cf. 448.
428 Letter Șäd being the initial letter of the word Sadiq - truc, genuine.
433 Cf. 249.
434 Q.53.9. Cf. entry 179.
437 Cf. entry 41.
439 Q. 10.2.
440 Q.7.172. Cf. 434.
442 Isräfil, the angel of deatin, who is to blow the trump of doom.
444 Q. 24.35 (the Light Verse).
Preserved Tablet: Q.85.22.

446 voluntary death: Cf. the Prophet Muhammad's famous admonition: 'Die before you die'. The implication is 'dying to the world'.
Can he who was dead . . .: Q.6.122.
... the great catastrophe ... Q.79.34.
450 Q. 54.42.
452 Cf. 405.
456 ... and I shall prescribe . . .: Q.7.156.
surely the mercy of God . . .: Q.7.56.
458 Q.7. 146.
465 Q.40.15.
469 Q.89.2. Cf. entry 86.
477 the written word: Manuscripts vary, between qalam, and pen - and 'ilm, science. In either case the inference is similar: that the Established Essences are secondary phenomena.
481 For $\begin{aligned} & \text { discussion of illumination (tajalli) see Shah, The Sufis, pp 297-9. }\end{aligned}$
486 Here is yet another interesting definition of Sufism. It helps to explain Qashani's extreme preoccupation with the Names of God, as reflections of the Divine Qualities. It is suggested that by contemplating the reflections the qualities themselves may be acquired.
487 Q.65.29.
488 Q.2.268.
492 Q.7.26.
493 Khidr. $■$ legendary figure who discovered and drank the water of life. He symbolises a guiding spirit which is present and active in every age. The mysterious personage, described in the Qur'an as 'one of our servants', who gives Moses some object lessons in higher knowledge, is generally taken to be Khidr. (Q. 18.62-82) Sometimes also he is equated with Elias - and even St. George, the patron saint of England.
507 Hast thou not regarded ...: Q.25.4.5
God is the Protector. . .: Q.2.257.
si3 'Helper' is $\square$ somewhat lame rendering of the Arabic gauth. 'Redeemer' might be better, except that this word has been given an exclusive, once-and-for-all connotation in Nicene Christianity - whereas the implication is that there is an exemplar of the gauth in every age. The standard Arabic meaning is: (a call for) help.
516 This title is a mnemonic expression (al-ghain dun al-rain). Cf. entries 425 and 448.

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3. Italicized section numbers refer to section headings.
4. Throughout the Glossary the following words occur $\begin{aligned} & \text { © frequently that it }\end{aligned}$ would serve little purpose to include each instance in the index: God, Truih, Essence, Names, Heart, Self.
5. In keeping with the Glossary, the Names of God are grouped under the heading 'Servant' (c.g: Servant of the Almighty).

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اليه ولا يسمى فى فير ذلك الوقت فونا


- ذات الحقق بامتبار اللاتعيّر
 سر الذات وكنهها الذي لا يعرنه الا مو ولهذا كان مصونا مس الافيار مكنونا مש - العقول والابصار

 ويزول بنور التجلي لبعاء الايهان معغّ واما
 العلب والايهان بالحمق والغين ذهول من - الشهود اواحتّجاب منه مع صمهة الامتِّقاد
(197)

 - باب الغبـ

لكونه في فاية البعد مرع مالم الغدس العـد والمصضرز الاحدية ولهلوّا مس الادراك -والنوريه والغراب منل فی البعد والسوان
 القلبب من الصداء ويكلّ هبس البصيرةً و
- يعلو وجd مرآتها

لهس الا المهق اذ له ذات كل سُي والثي والغني

 -بلمطلوب واستبشر بشهود المُمبوب

 بتعينات الاميان الممكنه واعكمها التى هي شعدومات ظهرت باسهة إلنور الذي مو الوهود الغارجى المنسوب اليها فيستر ظلّلة
 خالمظل بالنور وددميته في نغسه نال الله تعالى لا تلم ترالى ربك كيف مدّ الطلّل ابى بسط الموهود الاضافي هلى المككنات فلظلـة بازار هذا الثور هو العدم وكل طلا
 ولهذا سـى الكفر ظلمذ لعدم نور الابيمان مس ثلب الانسان الذي مس شانه أن يمنور بل تال تعالى الله ولْي الذين آمنوا يهرجهم مس الظُلمات اللى النور الآية •
 اول هين ظهرت بنورا تعالى وتبلت صورز الكُترن التى مي شؤون اليحدن الذاتبة
(17e)
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نفى الهلق عين الحمق ان كنت ذا مير ونى الحمق مبر الهلق ان كنت ها ما مغل وان تـنت ذا مبر ومقل نها ترى سوى مبر شُي واهد فنه بالشكل الفغائن ع الله الذير يضنّ بهم لنغاستهم منده كـا ثال مليه الصلونا والسلام اب لله ضنائر مس ڤلفه البنسهم النور الساطع ينهيهم في

 - مير المقن

- باب الظاء
(
 -الاضافي وقد يطلق علمه ظلمر الوجود
(19p)
(
 ( مرأة الكحت لظهور المق عنده واختفاء

(
 ولا يعتجْب بامدهها مر الآ خر بل يرى الوجود الوامد بعينه معا مس وجه وخلفا


 كثمومامر ولا .تهتجب باحدية وجه الـجق عن شهود

 المراتب الثُلب اشار الشيغ الصاع الـا *ميهى الديس ابب الامرابی في توله
(17p)
 لاضتلاف زسسب الوجود المه ع ع الانات
- واستّهرار عدمه في زاته
- 

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بالـىت في اثناء البوارت المتوالبة عند ادنى لبـث مب التتهلمب البوتِ فازا زاد وبلغ

اوسط معام الشهود يسمى شربا فازا بلغ النههاية يسمئ رياً وزلت بـعـبـ صفاء السر

E を

 كاهرا والمین باطنا فيكون المهت عندا مرأه
 * مْ
(191)
*بهيث لا يتمالك دفعها (
 يظهر عليه شيِ مس صغاته فبكون العبد

 بهيث لا يرى فيرا هذا حعيثة الهلوة

- ومعناها واما صورتها فهي ما يتوسل بهِّ المى هذا المعنى هس التشّلك الى اللّ

والانعطاع من الغْر
( C ) ( C )


- الى معتضّى طبعه ومارته
 الوجود مس نفّس الرممن الى كل مهكن لانعد|مه بذاته مع ثطع النظر عس موجد8 الـر وفيضاءٌ الوجود عليه منه على التواللي عـيضان E
(17•)
فلبه به فيسري مس باطنه المى باطر

 ويذعرْ الاتباع ملى الاوقات فی طريقته هيرا - سيرته واخلاته واحواله حتى يبلغ مبلغ
 الصلوز والسلام الآباء ثلْنَّ اب


 شخصط انسانبا بافبا ( مس زمان موسحى هلمه السلام الى هذا العهد او روهانباع) نتمنل بصورته لمب يرمدا نغير مهققى هنذى بل مد يتمنل معناع له بالصغه الغالبذ مليه ثم يضمهلّ وهو روح ذلك -الشخهع او روح الفدس ( ( P ( الخطر": • داميةَ تدمو العبد الى ربه
(ini :
الدنيا والاَّخرَّنهايةَ الكمال ويختّلَ بهوته نظام
-العالم وعوالمهدى الموعود في آخر الْمّانِ



 بلباسه وهو لباس التعوى ظاهرا وباطنا فال الله تعالى قد انزلنا مليكم بلباسا يواري
 ومنها وصول بركة السُيخ الذي لبسه مس يده المبارزة اليه ومنها نيل طا يغلب هلى الشمين


 استمداده فائه اذا وتف هلي حال مص
 المه فنّستبزّل من اللم ذلك جتى يتّصف
(10^)
الشيطان تحذيب بالمق وايعاد بالشر ويستى وسو امبا ويعبَر بمبزان الشرع فـا فيه قربة نهو مس الاولْيْن وما فيه كراهة إو مخالفة شرما فهو مر الاَخرين. ويشتبه الهباهات を النّس نهو مس الاولين وما هو اقرب الى
 والصّادق الصاني العلب الهاضهر مع الهقى سهلل عليه الغزق بينهها بتبسير الله
* وتوفيقه
 باسرها وبلغ نهاية الحكها ونها المعنى
- يتعدّد ويتحكنر

النبوأ ولا يكون الا وامدا وهو نبينا محمد
- صلي الله مليه وسلم وصغا

(lav)

آثار

* باب الماء

 وما كان خطابا نهو ملى اربعة إفسام
ع ركابْى وهو اول الخْواطر ويسهيه السهل

 بالدنع • وملكى وهو البامث ملى مندوب

 مظ النغس ويسمى هاجسا ": ومْبطانى ومو ما يدعو الحى مهنالفة الهن فال الله تعالى الشبطان يعدكم الْغتر ويأمركم بالغسشماد وقال النبي صلى الله ملب وسلم
( (لملنك تصديق بالهت و وعد بالضير ولَّغَ)
(109)
 (PAV)
 او مقام دني وعدمه ملى التعانمب وآخرا التلويس في معام تبملى الجّمع بالتمجليات الاسهائيْ في حال البقاء بعد الفناء وانها قال الشيخ محيى الديس تديى اللب روها انه مندنا اهكمل المعامات ومند الاكثرير.
 الجمع اذا لم يكن كعرنَ الفرق ماجته من وحده الجمع وهو مقام اجديةّ الفرن - قوله تعالى كل يوم هو فی شاب ولا شك" انه إملى المِامات ومند هذه الطَآتة ذلت نهإية التّكعيس "ش واما التلوير الذي هو آضر التكؤِنات نهو مِند مبادي الفرق بعد

(100)

اعلان الممحنات الثابتَّ التى هى شؤن



 الحضرة الاحدية المى .الـهضرز الوامدية

- بالنسبة عالاسمائيغ

المسهى باسم النور ومو ظهور المحق بصور اسهائه فى الاك كوان التى هي صورما وذلك الظُهور هو نغَس الرهمس الذي
- يوجد بم الK
 - $\bar{\varepsilon}$ اسحائه التى

-ولا باءخلق عن الُحقّ
( 10 F )

وهو تجلى الذات وهدها لذاتها وهي اسم إلحضرة الاحدينٌ التى لا نعت فيها ولا رسم ان الذات التين هب .الوجود ( العق المهصن وحدتُه مينُه لان ما سوى الوجود) مس حيث هو وجود ليس الا العدم


 مين ذاته وهذه الوحدز منشاُ الاحدية والواحدية لانها مير الذات مس حيث يشرط ع اهي اعنى لا بشرط شيُ الى المطلق الذين
 وهو الاحدية وكنه بشرط ابن يكون مغه عيّ وهو الوإحدية والمقائق فى الذات الاحمديغ - كاُشجرةز فى النواة وهي فيب الغيوب


 (lVa)
e
 هِّه التتصميل فيها لعلهه بآفات النقوس وإمراضها وادوائها ومعرفته . بحوائها . وتدرته
 - و وتغت -
(ll (PV )
ع التعنيات - التعيناءٌ والتعدو|دت

C التقيلات

|لمسبينَ تانيسا للهريد المبتدي بالتزعكينَ
والتمفبةغ ويسمى التجلي الفعلى لظهورا

- في مور الاسباب

- الغيوب
( 10 A )
|لكهْرْ في الذابت الا مديل"

* فـ الصمثر
(PVr)
- فانها تشهد بالمحكِون
(pve
 با

 *
- الشيون ج (

اعتّار تْقوش (Pvv) الاميان و'للهعائن عالشّهرو واغهانها و اوراقها وازهارها
(101)
 الاحديه" ويعابنه صدع الشُعب وهو النزول مس الاحدية اللى الواحدية" هال البقاء - بغد الغناء للحموة والنكهيل



 اسار الواجدير اذا توبي وجدهم بهيث
_ $\overline{z^{\dot{3}}}$
 بالشنع والوتر لاب الاسهاء الا'كهية" انهـا يتهعقى بالفهلى فما لم ينضم مغعية" الحضضرو الوامدية" المى وترية" اليهفرة الاحدية" "لم

تظهز الاسهاء الآلهية


- (pvi)
(12.)

للكعليات والجزيُيات القلب ولا يغرت
الهكماء بيس العلبب والروح الاول ويسمونها

- النغس الناطعة)
* الار الرا
- هو العقل الاول

 يطلى ملى الْترآن وهو المشار اليه في موله تبالى ذو العرش • يلتى المروح مر امرا * على مس يشاء سن عباد * إب
 المُاهدهٌ وهو الذى يشهد له بصهةٌ هكونه
 لدني لز يكـ, له فكا او وجل او هال - تجلم

(189)

ومتتضى طبامها


 العبل ويغال لها رفبعة ( النزوول كالوسبلة التى يتقرب بها العبد الى الى الحق مس العلوم والاعمال واخلاق السنيةّ والمقاماتت

 الطريغة والسلوك وكل مايلطّف به سرّ العبد
ع ونزؤز كا

الانسانيه المجرّدنَ وفي اصطلكج الاطبآء غو
ألبيار اللطيف المتولد فى القلبس القابل

اصطلامهم النغس فألمونط بينهها المدرك عالمتوتمط ع
(IPA)
غلهمر E الارض لغير المن منفول من الروي الذي هو الهلاك ثال الله نعالى الكبرياء راهل ع ردايُي والعطمة ازارى فهر نازمنى وإمعار

 الرسوم مي الآثار وكل ما سوى الله آثارو الناشيُُ مر النعاله واياه مني مس مال الرسم نعت يجري فى الابد بُبا جرىن فـ


 مسامرُ الانسان لانها رسوم الاسهاء الالْهية جـكالبليم والسهبع والبصير ظهرت ملى هورة الرغاء
 وصغاتها كلها بانها آثار المقق وصفانه ورسوم

(ifv)
 الكعمالات المعنوية ملى اهل الا الايهان
* كالمعرنة والتوحبد

を

-التي وسعت كل شئ

للمتَتْين والمحسنين في قوله تعالى ( فساكتبها
-اللذي



- مهص المَنم

- الهمق هلى الع

صفات الكمق بالباطل ماصرف عس الياتي الذّين بتكبزوس في


## (197)

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 الغير كالفالق والرازز وتسمى هذا اسهاء - الانسال لانها معادر الانعال اجهال بالعنصر الاعطم المطّق المرتوق خبل شلف السسوات والارض المفتوف بعد تمينهـا

 قبل تناصبلها قى المَضرأ الوامديذ مثل - الشجرًْ في النوا

 منها الوجود وما يتبعه مس الكهالات ملى اللانى - مبيع المكنان
(180)
(fه.)
 منشاُ جمبع الالاسهاء وفايغ الغايات اليه يتوجه الرْبات كها وهو الماوب لجممع المطالب
النسبّة واليه الاشارنَ بعوله وابن الى ربّك المنتهى لاثنه عليه الصلوزغ والسبلام مظهر


* الربوبية العظمحى الاول

 رلذات بامتبار نسبة" وتعين وذلك الاع الا الما المر عدمي نسبجي مسهن كالغني والاول والآخراوفيرنسبِي كالقدوس والسلام ويسمى
 نعتبرا العقل من فبر أب يكون زايدا هلمى الما الذات شارج العقل فانه ممال وهو آتا إ لا يتوقف ملي تعظل الغير فكالمهي
( 1 p F )
 الــدـا! الوار
- بالك
 نسس الخات الى الموجودات العبنية ارواما
 الامبان الثابتنه هي منسّاء الاسهاء الالَهين كال大t الذارجين هي منساء الاسهاء الربويتغ كالرّزات والمفنيظ فالزب اسم فامْ يعنصىى
 تبوت المألوء وتعينّه وكل ما ظهر مس


 —— يطلبه منه


ماتٌ نتّد مامت نهادته و ثُانيها الانبعاثـ
 الابدبة لِ كالم المُدم كما مْبل مر مات


 التاس الائ ونالثبا الانبعان بعد المناء



بال1
(الم المق (PPV)

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( 1 ep)
توله تعالى مثل نورا كبشجـكون فيها مصباح ( المُمباح في اِجاجة الزجاجه كانها كوكب درب توند مس شُجرزi مباركن زيتونة لا شرقية ولا فربئه) والشُبرن مى $\bar{\varepsilon}$
 " فى الوجود ومراتب التنزلات بنثابة اللوح

 مقتضبات الطبع والنغس والهوىا ويردْمه منها ومى الاْمداد الاسدالئذ والتايبدات الالّهية لامل العناية فى السيز اللى اللمه -والتوهيه نسهر
 الحميوة fلابدية . وذلك على ثلْلثة ازسام اولها الانبعاث بعد الموت العبيعى الى عيواً فين اهدي البرازغ العلوية او المسفلبة بعسنب

(181)
(FAN)
 رب.'ن و هو ملى تلب اسرافيل هلبه

عو المُبي~ الكمرى (RRF;
 الصلوi: والسلام فلا يكون الالورئته لا ختصصاصه هليه الصلوة والسلام بالا كهملية فلا يكون خاتم الولايذ وتطب الانطاب الا ملى

 يتوسط بين الروج والنغسهو هو الذي
 الناطعג والروجُ باطنُه والنّفس .الحيوانية مبركب وظامرا المتزبطةغ بينه و بير الْهسد
 والكواكب الدري والروح بالمصباح في
(1p.)
( والممهبة الجّيلة التى هكم بها الهق تعالى



 الازل


 الباطب الذى هو لِّهَ مس الغساد كانسريعة
 حاله و طريتّه بالشريعذ نسد هالد وآلتْ طرِيتُهُ هُوسْا و موى و وسوسه ومى

 والالهـاد
(179)

 البسط لسوُ ادب يصدر مس السالث في هال البسط والغرق بينهها و بيس الخرف والرجاء انَّ تعلّق الـهوف والرجاء بالمكرو والمرفوب المتونّع في مغام النغس والقعبضُ والبسط انما يتعلعان بالوقت الهاضر X تعلّق لها " بالاجهلع







 مس اسهd الذي اذا اتتصل به وُ تمققى عمل
(1ra)
الامر الآلمي المسمى دايرi الوهود كالابی|
والامادi والننزول والعورج والناملبة والعابلية
 المببز هنه بالاتْمال ولا املم مس مذا مكام المهع. الذا تينه المبرْ منه بعوله تعالى او اونى لارتغاع التتهيز والاثنبنية الاعتبارية منـاك بالغناء الممنى والطهس الكلى للرنوم كها
 الففلة والنهوض بس سنة الغترأ هص الاخذ فى السير المى الله
 بعد الغناء والعبور ملى المنازل كلها والسير بلاس (انت بال大لزة
 $\bar{m}$ بوارد يشير الىى ما يوصنه هم الصّة
(lv)
 صرش . الزحهـ.



النغرق عس مذك,

- $\overline{\text { ع (PP|) }}$

روُغذ وتوع شُي بارادذ غير إله و شُهود وكؤ
هـبع الانياء بارادi المق تعالى
-باب
(PFP)
وهو التعبـ الاول

المُبار اليها بعُوله, اعببت أ امرف
(Ppf) الاسهائي بامتبار الثؤابل بين الاسهاء في
(179)

إبثته ماله فازا بلغ الصسْف به مغام الدرد ع - الجمع سمي صدق النتوز اذ لا استتار بعد8
-ولا اختفاء


 واذا المربانجالكمىع الرسوخ حد المرمان و الهجاب الصعلً
صمي رينا وانا كما ذكر

-الذاتي

كـدر الغيريّة


 مباس رضى النّه هنهها هيu سُل عن

(14:)



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حاجتير فيمّضي الحسا ويهنع الا خرى

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علثه السلام زنب اشعنت مدفوع بالابوابِ
لو اقسم منى الُّه لابرْ و انها مسهـ صبيم
الوججه لقّله صلى الله عليه وسلم اطلمبا
المحرانُم عند صباح الموجو8

(140)

البامثة ملى الخِير
 الذي كمل في تصديق كل ما جاء به رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ملها وتولا ونعلا بصغاء باطنه وقربه لباطر النبي ملى الله F في كتاب الله تعالى مرتبة بينهما في قوله تعالى اولثك الذيّن انعم الله مليهم مس النبيين والصديقين الشهدرا والصالهير و قال صلى الله مليه وسلمُ انا



 صادقا ان الذي لم

(1pp)
 ط ${ }^{\text {o }}$ E
 سوّ "له زضمي النّه عنا ازا كانت للت المى الله


 حاجتيم فيتضمي احدهـا ويهنع الاخرى
 ثرو! شُعث مب الاخغْياء الذهي نال فبه علبه اللسلام زنب اشتُتْ مدفوع بالابواب
 الُوجه لقوله صلى الله علبه وسلم اطلبوا


(1pr)
المطّع هلى حعائق الاشباء الذارجُ عس هصكم الزمان وتصرّات د'ضيه ومستُقبله
 و افعاله فلذلك يتصرف في الزعمان بالطي"

 فى القليل والكئير والطويل وإلعصير ه العظيم والصغير سواء اذ الوحدة و الكثرْز

 الهنم تصرفه فيها فى الشهود و الكشف الضّرُح فان المتمقق بالمق المتصرف
بالكهقائق يفعل ما يغعل في طور وراء طورٍ الطو'ر الحست و الومم والعتل و يتسلط ملى

* العوازض بالتغيبرو التبديل
 الاسم الجمواد و مظهريته و لتحقق رسول الله
(1ry)


 المق والخلق اقلّ و اهكا الوجوب ملى المى الما
 وِكلها كانت الوسانط بينه و بيب الحق تعالى اكثركان الشُيُ اخنَ نعلى هنا يكون العنل الاوّل والملان:كَ المترّبون مس الانسان الكامل اشسِف وذلث الانسان - منهم
 - بالتعير و توابعه
 * المكافهة في فالم المنال
- بإبا لهار * مامسا (PR.). هو المتحقن بجمعيّة البرزخية الاوالى
( $|r|$ )
- بروز الوامد المهق بصورها
 باوصافها في الحضرز الوامدية
 هو الذى يكتسب نضائل الاخلاق والاوصاف المحمدة تكلغا وتعمّلا و يجتَب الرذائل والذمانم







 بها اتمّ والجمعية الاكهيه بجميع صفاته
 كان حظه منها اقل كاب انتصى وعب مرتبة
(1r.)
 * ع اية






فن الوحدة صرن غير احتجاب صاحبه
* باحـهـا
 بيس الهحت والباطل والقّرآن هو العلم
 ( $\mid$ ( ${ }^{\prime}$ ) فُ المُاتّب التي ڤي ظهور شوّوت الذالت
 امتبارإت
(1pi)
 ألأبد مر مقام الْعُلهب وظهور صعاته و
 "ا
* مريْنـ


 المشار اليه بقوله تعالى انّا فتّسنا لك فتحها صبينا لِيغنر لك النّه ما تقدّم مر زنبك وol تاضّر يعنى من الصفاتٌ النْفسية و - العلبية
 او


(18a)
 الحيوأ الذى مس شر.ه لايموت إيثاً لكونغ هيّا بحبوةٌ الحف وكل حيّ في العالم يهحيب



التجلمي او وقت التجلي كـي

- ابا با

 كل ما بطر في المهنرة الواحديغ مس
 في الذات الامدية مس السُؤرك الذاتيه كالجقايف الكونبة بعد تعينها في المهارج
 مس الله تعالى بعد ماكان مغلفا هلبه من النعم الظا هرةً و الباطنة كالارزلّى والعبادرة و ا'اعلوم والمعازف والمكا شغغات د مُبر ذلك
(liv)

النازلة عس الهصضرة الاحدية لاب الذات



المثالبة الم المسسية فيلتّبس بها
الـحضرة العلمبئ ليست بموجوردة بل معدومة ثابتة ذي ملم الله والمرتبة الثانية من
الخلغي

(P.P)

الكامل المتحققن بسقيعة البرزجية اللببرى


الافلاك و الانسان المتهعق بالانم البا لان كل 1

- فانه يبصر بهخاً الاسم

$(149)^{2}$




E
*الآهيذ منساُ الربوبية

 السموات بغير ممد ترو نها نانه تلويج الحى عهد لا ترونها وهى روح العالم و قلبه و

 تِّهت قبابي لا يعر نهم فيري
 لا ترى אالعنقاء ولا يوجد الا مع الصورi




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\frac{-}{i}
$$


(140)
 لانه سُل ملبه السلام اير كان ربنا قبل
 المضرة تتعبر. بالتعيـ الاول لانها
 |الاسهائِة و كل ما يتعير نهو مهلوقن فهي الععل الا ول كال عليه السلام اوّل
 ان يـغلى الهلق الاول بل بعده والدلبن على ملك ان العائل بهنا العول بیمىت

 و المعفيتة الانسانية ( وكل ذلك مر فبيلى


 يـفلق الُلفلق اللهم الا ان يكون مواذ ألسانل
(IPE)
و ذلك انهم يعبرون م. النغس الناطفغ بالورفاء و العقل الاول يـنتطفها مبن العالم
 العالم العلوي و اوج الفضاء الفنسى
 و تهوى بها الم المضبضن السفلم كثيرا فلهذا يطلق العفاب عليها و العفا الغرت


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 ونيل هى الحْضرٍ الواهدية التى الا منها" الاسماء و الصفات لان العماء

 بين شهاء عالاحذئ و بيس إرض الكثرأ
(IMP)
الازيات
( ا ( P 4 R)
النام فن النهير و الشّر وما جرى اليهم

 والى بواطى الامور وخْياتها حتى
 - 4 i ${ }^{2}$ وol



 الفـكيم ومد فَاهر الوجود الىى باطنه هتحى

* يُرى المَّ
保
(1pr).
* (9 ¢ هو مس لوازم مبد الباقي لانه $3 \mid$ الكان باقيا
 يرث ما يرثه المحن مس الكـل بعدفنانهم مس العلم والملك نهو يُرث رلانبباء علومهم - و معارثهم وهداليتهم لدخولهم في الكا
 هذا الاسم (فنه هعها فال الابرامبم مليه




 i العقوبات والمواخذات ولا يستعهبل في رفع المسلَّبات "و يصبر في المجاهدات وما امرٍ الله به مس الطامات وما ابتلاا
(191)
*الهم اجعلني نورا (rat
(raq) ( جعله الله هاديا لِفلف الله, ناطفا عـ المجق بالصدق مبلّغا ما امرو به وانزل البه كالنبى صلى الله الهي - بالاصالة و وْرْثُتُه بالتبعية (PAV)
تعالى بديعا فى ذاته و صغاته و انعاله وجعله الله مظهرا لهذا الاسم فيبدع مج (raA) بقاهد وجعله باقيا بيقائه عند فناء الكل
 زهو العابد و المعبود تغصمبلا و جمعا و تعيّنا و هعيتهُ اذ لم يبق رسمه و اثرو عند


(10.)

بهنا الاسم منع اضهعابه مها يضرمّم ويغسدهم ومنع الله به الفساد حبث اتي ولو حسبوا فيها منعولا خبرهم وصلاحهم
 ! ! ! ! توحيد الانعال فلا يرى ضرأ ولا نغعا ولا
 الاسدير وعمار مظهرا لهـا كان ضارآ نافعا للناس, بربهّ وقد خصى الله تعالى بعض مبادء بامدهها فثّط فجمل بعضّهم مظهرا لضر كالشيطان. ومن تابعه وبعٌضهم مظهرا

لنغع كالخضر ومس ناسبه
 للّور فيمنهذ معنى توله تعالى الله نور السموات والارض والنور هو الظاهر الذى ئهر به كل شُي هِ كونا وعلها نهو نور في العالمبن يُثِّدِى به كما تال مليه السلام
(199)


隶
(rar)
الغناج بانماجحج
كال
وسذّ غالاتهم بهمته النّي المذها الله تعالى
T ا (rar)

 و'اشهله معني توله تعالى عسى ان تكرهوا
 وهو شّرّ لحـم وقد جاء فى الكطمات الْقدسيةّ ان مر هبادي مس افقرتُه ولو افْنيتهُ لكان شُأ له وأن عر مبادى مر امر ضتّهُ ولو Clan صبادى اُدّرهم
(11^)
ع لاك لا لا لله اياه ومو يكرم اولياء8 تعاللى و

(PVG)
 ولا يعرفه زلك الغير لانه يعدل بعدل الله

 م
 يجهب رنعه كا قال مليه إلسلام المتسطون

هلمى منابر مس بنور
 ع مظهرا لبامعية جميع. اسهائلّ وجعله مظهرا لبامعيته فجمع بالجمعية الال لهئَ كل

* نغسه وفير
 جمهو الكفلايق وإمطا، كل ما امبّاج الثّ
(IIV)
علم يـله



(rvV)
 مر جملة ملتكه فتهققن بعبوديتّه صتى |مْتْغل بعبوديته لمولا8 مها ملكه ايا8 وaن
 الملكت اذ ل ربه وكا حّر صن رت الحعون مالك للامباء
e عبل

\& الله واكرمه لاتّصانه بصفاته وتـققْغ باسـائه



(117)
 حدود8 في عباد8 ملى الوجه المشرو ع ولا
 (PVQ) الناس وقلّت مواخذته بل لا يجنحى مليه امد الآ غفاء فال النبى صلى الله عليه وسلم ان الله مغو يسب العبا العو وفال حوسب رجل مهن كاق ( نبلكم فلم يوجد له مس المهر شُيِ الا اله كان رجلّا موسرا وكاعٌ ) يامر فلهانه با'نتجاوز مس المعسر تال ع *
 لرأنته ورممته فهو ارأف خلق الله بالناس الا الي الحدور الشُرمية فانه يرى الُمد وما

(110)



 و وصق كل بتقيد فلا يزال يطلب إلعلوع) فى جمبع الصـمالات الا ترى اكرم الـلايت

- زدني ملها
(PVM)

 "

z (rvp)


-ناب الى النه ص. جريمتّه
( 11 )
التشبيغ كا كانتت دموة هيسى مليه السلام الى السهوات والروهانيات وهالم المغبب
 (pv.)
 عَالمياسة ع مدله فى عبارها يدعوهم اللى الهير ويامردمْ ينهامر ع تعالى وجعنه اول السبعة الذْير يظلّلهم اللهُ في طل مرثه وهو السلطان العادل طل
 المسنات الرمايا وخيراتهم توضع في ميزانه مس فبر أن ينُع مس اجورهم شباُ اذ به
 جع
- يد8 وناصر والله مو"يّدء وهانظه
 العلو صن ادراك الغير وعبد الذى هو

النبافى عليُه فيبفى بیعائه وامث الفناء قلقائه وقد يتُصف بهها نعضى اوليائه * أكترهم (i)
 والـحـرات حتى كشف الله له عن استهي الططامر قعرنه بائه الظظاهر وإنّصف بظاهريّهته
 وا'نتر ت بها ورجْع التُشبيه على التُنزيه كها كانتت دعو8ْ موسى عليه السلام ولهذا
 التورهُّ بالعجم الكبير وكتابتها بالذهبـ ( المعْملات العقلبيْ واخلص لله وذدّس الله
 روهانتئه وأشرف فلى البواطن, واخبر مـ


(IIP)
متعالَ بالطْبات فهو يؤِّرِ بهـا الاسم كل رهاد ع طاغ طادٌ ويردء المى حدّ ويردعه من. التعدى والطغيان وكذا كـل ما يعب تاخير! مس الافعال وفد يیهمعها الله

لاقوام
يمامل を ع ( الـمق ملن كل شُّ وازليته فيكون هوالاول بتحتنه بهنا الاسمّملى إلكل في مقامات المسابقة الى الطامات والمسارمة الى



- المدوت



 ربك ذو المللال والاكرام بطلوع الوجم
(111)
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 الله في هميع المقدورات بتجلمى الاسم العادز

 تعالى في الكل ودوام ايصال مدد الوجود الى المعدومات مع عدمبنها بُواتْها فبرى الـا


بقدرَ اللة في الاشباء وكذا (

الا يجاذ وحاله

 هذا الانم له كل مس يستهمق التقديم باسهـ،

- وكلّ ما يجب تعديهه مس الانعال
 عليه كل مغرط مجاوز عن هدوره تعالى
(11.)

بالكل فلا يفعد شبا ولا يطلب شبا' (PQA)
 -مهد8 وشرفغ كعبد المُمهد
 الحضرi الواحدية وكشف له من اهدين
 وجماء


- بالاهُ الاوّل الارئى
( يصمدٔلدنع البلبّات وايمال امداو الكميرات as ويستشنع به المى الله لدنع العناب وامط واه الثواب ومو ثهلِّ نظر الله الى العالز
(1.9)

اهياء. المُتى كعيسي علنه السلاءم (PAP) نفسه مواه وفضبه. ومهوته فهيهي تلبّه وتنور
 باماته قوى نفسه او نغسه بالهيه الموثُرز


* بها
(


 بيصالـ الملفق قَّها بالله معبيا لاوامرد في

 (rov) بالوجود ني مبس المّمع الامدية فوجل

$(1.1)$


- الناس وا
( P 0. ) بهظهريّته له فتّهلم الـمون له به فبعلم عدد

 ( P (1)






e


(1-v)
- و
(F\&) مبر العوى
 قوى نغسه مر الغضب والُّهوا وا'هوى



E مبر لمنيّن ق (PPV)
الذ النىّ
 كل متين فعند الفوب هو الموثر في كل شُئِ
 (FAA)

 فهو' يتولى بولاية 'الله 'اولباء مر
- المؤمنين والصالهمبر
(1-9)
بالحميوi الحقّقينَ بعد موته الارادى عـ صفات نغسه وشهواتها والموايُها وجعله مطهرا لاسم الباهث نهو يهييي موتى الجهل -بالعلم ويبعنهم ملى طلب الجمق (


فَنرو. مس هُلْه (Ppp) فعهمة في افعالة وانواله واحمراله عن الباطل ثيرى المق في كُل سُّي لانه الثابت
 ( زائل ثابت به بل يراه وي صوز الـهى

- حتا والباطل باطبا (PPه) موو بالاسباب فاملا لجمنع الانعال التي


(1.0)

بمواقع المكمة في الاشباء ووْققه للسدآد في الفول والصواب فى العهل فلا برى خلًا
 ( ولاولبائه جمبعا فاحبه الله والنى مهـبته
 الثمعلين مال النبي صلى الله علبه وسلم اب الل اذا اصب مبد| دا جبرئبل فقال اني اهب فلانا فأمبُّه فيهبه جبرنبل نم ينادى في السباء فبقول الن الله يهب


* له الْبول في الارْ (PPI) الناس لـعِّال اخلافه وصفاته وتمفته بافلاق الله فيمبّهدوبن لفضله ومسر. غ

(1.8)
 (PRy) الهقى والطامه حي. مسع قوله اجبيوا داعي
 باسمه المجيب نيهيب كل مس. دعاء مس
 التي اوهبل عليه لاجابته تعالى بله في قولم تعالى ُ وانا هاُلِك عبادى هني فاني قريبب اجيب دمؤ اللداع اذا دهان فليستجبيوا
 القربب والتومبد اللازم للايمان الشههودي

(PPA) شهِ مْضا بجمبع المرابتب بلا يرى مسنهعفا الا اعطار - مس فضله

ع
(1.4)

لكريم كال كرمُك ئا ربٌّ ونال الشّمن لعارف مصمي الدير ابر. العربي هـا

 تغالى وزنا ولا يرى المجميع نِعْمَ تعالى هند فيض كرمه قدرا فيكون اهكرم الناس لصدور نعله من كـزم ربّه الذي تجهلي

- له ربهع أه وقس عليه
 وواسطغُ جود8 ملى عباره فلا يكون :اهود منه ثي الهلق وكمف لا وهو جاد بنُغسغ
- لمهبوبهُ فلا يتعلق بعلبه ما مدا
 الرُبْ اليه من نغسه ادراكا لغنائها وزهابها في نجلي الاسم الرقبب فلا يهاوز هتا من مدود اللّة تعالى ولا احد اشد مراهانز

(1.0)

لثنغسه هتى في انغامه ورْتغه اللفيام ملبها
وفلئ كل مس تابعه للمسبن (PRP) حتى هابه لل مس رأه بجلالة تدرا ووتع في قلبه الهبية منـه (tpp) الس بسقِينه العبودية بمعتضاء فان الكرم نعصّي
 فيعرف أن لاملك للعبد فلا يجد شيأ ينسب اليه الا يجود به على عباد8 بكرمه
 مس يشاء وكنا لا يرى ذنبا مس اصد الا وهو يستره بكرئه ولا يجني علئه احد الآ الا ويعغو عنه ( يستره بكرمّه ) ويقابله باكرم الخصال واجهل الْعال قمل اب ممر رضمى

(1.1)

شّ شم اخوانه وحاز كل رتبة مليّه وبلغ - كل فضهلة سنئ E (rpq)


* الجلق
 في افعاله واقواله وإحواله وخواطر8 وظواهرو وبواطنه مس كل سوء فتجلى فنه باسم الهعفيط هتى مرى المفظ منه في جلسائه كا يُهكي عن ابي سليمان الداراني انه
"
ولايبال هلبسه ها دام جالسا معه (pri) ماجه المُمتاج وقدرها ووقتها ووفقّه بانجهامبا

- ولا تقذّم على وقتها ولا تأَر منـ

- ( $1 \cdot$. )


 لظهجر آنار العظمهن ملى ظاهرو ( وسترها من عيد الغغًا, فهو دانُ الغعُران ومبد الْغغار كثير الغغران ( $\mu \mathrm{Pr}$ )

 والنُقهن لانه يرى فُ باطنه النعدة كها فال
 نْعمته لاعدائه في سعهُ ز رهمته واتّسعت
 العانى علم اتمانه وارتغعت ڤمته في طلب المعالثئ
(99)
- مبر ( $\mathrm{Cl\mid l}$
 تُعالى ولين العسل جو الْتِساوِى كعـا
 * هق وتوفبرٌ مليه بهسب استحعانه ع (PR")
 مظًّلا ملى البواطمس و وإسطةٌ للطف المق بعباده وامدأره وهم لا يشعرون بة للطفغ بتّهلي الاسم اللطيف فيه وهو الذى لا لا * يدركـ الابصار الا (rpr)

علم عله بالاشياء مبل كونها وبعده (rpe) يُجنى علبه بالعقوبة ويْحملُم منه ويتمهل اذيّغ مس يوذيه ومغاهنه السعها ويدفع السيثة * بالتّن طى اaسن
(91)

 لان العارف يظلب الرحهة ليتصف به فُّهير رهيها لا مرهوما لاك ذلك نصبب

العامي مس الرحهن
(P|v)

 فيذل بذذلْية الحـق كلّ مس اذلّ الله مر.


 وبصرٍ كما فال كنتُ سدعه الذى به به يْسع
 E - الاشباء بسعغ اليحق وبصر (pro) الله تعالى على عباده
(9A)
صرنا والثاتى لتجلمى اسه الرافع له يرفع ع الـئ
 لان العارف يطلبب الرحهة ليتَصف به فيصير رمبا لا مرهوما لاك ذلك نصيب

العامي مس الرمهن

 (P|A) مبر الهُ ل

 (| 19 )


 C8 - الاشباء بسمغ الحمق وبصر (rp.) -الله تعالى على هباد8
(9v)



 فبرسل عليهم باذنغ مس نفسه وماله ما يعرحون به وينبسطون موافعا لامرا لانة يبسط بتجلى اسهـ الباسط فلا يكون مغالغاً لشرعه



* المق

كل شُي لنظره البه بنظز السونى والغير
 هو رثبع الدرجابت وند يكون بالعكس لاث

F
(9v)



 فهرمل عليهم باذنة مس نفسه وماله ما يغرحون به وينبسطن موانغا لامرz لانة يبسط بتجلى اسهي الباسط فلا يكون مهالأا لشرعه
F z
* الـق
( $1 / \mathrm{l}$ )
كل فُي لنطره البه بنظز السونى والغير
 هو رفبع الدرجات وته يكون بالعكس لاث


(97)

جودة ومظهرُ

 الله ان ينببط له لان اللث جعل في في فدمه السعة والبركن فلا ياتي لَّ الا حيث تبُارك

فيه وبغيض الخَيريّة
(M|) مبر الغتّاح هو الذى امطاه الله علم
 به الخصووات والمغالق والمعضلات والمضايق ارهل ع

- النعة
 الحششفى مر لدنه بلا تعمل وتغكر بل همهرد ع مجّرد الصفاد النطريت وتائيد النور * القدسي ( $/$ ) عبر التابل • مُن فبضd الله الله فجعله قايضًا لنفسه وفبرر مـا لا يليق
(90)
h
 يصوّر الا ما طابق المق و وافق تصوير



 له بتجلَّى غفاريته فيعامل عبادْ بانه
$\bar{i}$ * ( بتدائبد8 لقهر فوى نغسه فتّهلي له باسهـ
 بارزا وعاداه ويوتثر فى الاكوان ولايتآثر منها با
 |الوجه الذي ينبني بلا موض ولا فرض ويّد اهل عنايته تعالى الامد|د لانئه وامطنة
(98)

مئي ونْعصه لأن إلحّق جير حاله وجعانه


مستوليا
 فيتحبر بالمهق ملى ع عا سولاء فلا يتذنل
$\bar{\varepsilon}$

- للغير
(r.p) مبر المالت " هو الذى يُلّرّ الاشياء على وثق مراد الحنى كُتجليه لد بوصف

 مَ هلة العلم c ت تلا يفعل الا ما يناسب مضور الاهم ع أباري
 تعالى ما ترى فی خلق الرمهن مس تغاوت لان الباري الذئ تبجلى له شعبة من شعب الاسماء المى شى ع تهـت الاسم

المؤصن ومق وسع الحَقْ قدّس من الغير اذ لا يبقى عند تجلّي المجق شُيْ فبرا

الاهكوان
-




- ذواتهم و اموالهم واعراضهم

 نفسه وفيرا بايغاء حق كِلِ ذى حتى علبي
- لظعونه مظهر اسم المهبهـ




(9p)
ورتّه بْبعبّته وان اطلق ملى فبره مجازا
لاتصّف كل اسم مس اسهائه بمهمعها


 * احذ مر رحمته بِسسب قابلِّة استعدادٍ
 نَغتص اصلم و رضّ الله عنه وينتقم مسر فضب
- الله مليه
 وفبرو بالتهرف فيه بها شاء الله و امرا به

نهو اشذّ فلق (لله ملى هِلبقته

 وسع ثلبُه الِّى كها تال اتعالى لايسعني ارضمي ولاسمائي و يسعني تلبُ. مبدى
(11)
 يعبُدونه بهِّف في معام امدية الغرت والجمع


 هقيعة ذلك الاسم (نسبوا الميه بالعبودبة
 كلمق سن هيث ربوبيبه لهم بكمال ذلك

 (19r)



 نوله وآنه لا كام عبد الله يحموء فلم يكن هنا الاسم بالمقيقّة الآ له ولالاقطاب مس
(9.)

صel ع ع شهود ج
(ran)


 した اللعهد إ0ا بأن يقوزل l لا يخعل أو يعهن بعا بع ج الUُه الن تعُولوا اتأمرون النّاس بالبّر وتمسرو انفسكم و!نتم
 بقّوله افلا تععلّون عار عظمهم

 النسبةّ المى النَواس ع ج
(19)

والغبر باعتبار اضافته الى المكنات اذ لا لا لا لا لا
 فالوجود مين المحن والممكات ثابته ملى
 فالعالم صورة الحق والمق مويّة العالم و روحُ وهذه إلتعينات نى الوجود الواحد


- الباطن
(raf)
- 

(1) (1ه0)
*

- وجدت بامر الحهق بلا وامطذ مارّة ومدّة

"
* يوجد بعد الامر بهارّة ومدّهُ
(PNi)
(A^)
- احدية" النُات
 (PAl) (PI) ( مس حضرة الوجوب بلسان الاسماء الالهبية" من E E الطالبّ" نمُ نغس الرحمن ظهورها بصور |الاعبان وصن حضرأ الامكان بلسان الاميان ظهورها بالاسهاء و امداد النفس ملى
* الاتصال اجابة سوالهها ابدا (PAF) فح الله بالكلية" بهبث لا وجود لصاحبنه ظُامرا و باطنًا دنيا وآمرْ وهو الغُعر الهعيقى والرجوع الى العدم الاصلى ولهنا *اذا تز النعر نهو الله (والله الهاديع)
- باب العير.
 آلآ وجود الحق الظاهر بصوز المحكنات كلا فلظهور3 بتَعناتها سمّى باسم الستوى
(Av)
ولا سهائى واكن وْتِعْنى تلب مبدي
- المرْص.
(pva)

 الانق المبين وهو نهايه" معام الُعلب و الما ولم مبتدا" التجليات الاسهائية" الثّانى هو السبر


 الى هين البهع والـهضرز الاحايل" و مو معام قاب توسين مأ بغيتِ الالْنينية" فاذا

 الله للتَكمبل وهو مقام البقاء"بعد الغناء والغرق بعد البمع (PV9)
(n9)


 الربوبية فنى المتبعة الا يالمّق والاعيان

* (iva)

الثّ هى بواطش الاكوان



 $\bar{\varepsilon} \bar{e}$
$\bar{e}$
$\bar{e}$

- غيرى
(pvv) الكامل بسقبنة" البرزغية" المجامعة" للامكان. ©

(Av)
ولا سهاُئى وأكن وْتِعْنى تلب مبدي
- الموْمر
(pva)


 هبتداُ التجليات الاسمائية" الثانتى هو السير قى الله بالآتصاق بصفانه والتهعقّ باسهائه

 الى فيب الجمع والكضضرة الاحديةّ و مو

 الولاية" والسغً رالزابع هو السير بالله من الله للتكهبل وهو مقام البعاء"بعد الغناء
- والفرق بعد الُمبع

(n9)
 موهود3 بوجودء فهى عبيد هربوبوت من.



- هر به طهرت ولم تبطل (ivo)

التى مى بواطش الاكوان



 ( (VVV) الكامل بهقيعة" البرزفمية" المجامعة" للامكان.


( $\wedge$ •)
 بالتعينات التى تظهو فـى الاكان التّب



اموالها التتى تظهز عليها مند وجووها
 مَى الازل
*

- (PVP)

المُبوب لكونها نسبغّ لا بذّ لها مر المنتسنبين
وامد المنتسبين هو المربونب وليس الآ
الاميان الثابتة وني العدم والموتوفـ على
المدوم معدوم ولهذا قال سهل للربوبية
 لبدلان ما يتوقفو قليه
(pvp)

(Ap.)


 مو الطالب للمقن والممب له والعارف بغ كها فال النبي صلى اللّ مليه وسلم مرنتٌ ربي بربي (P7A ) العالم ع - بالامتبار (P19) - الله فيها يغن (pv.)
 (rvi).
 المديه ع الاول للعلب فيشهد الاهدّية الجمعينة بين الاسماء كلها لاتصاف كل اسم لبجميع
(Ar)


 الانسانية المرفاة بي. عالم الغيب والشهادة

- والحف والهلف


 ( - تهت الفهر

 و علؤلهم و حى ناية المراتب الاسمائين ملومهم ع الع "! إلتى لا تعلوها رتّة


(A")
ملى كل ما يكشف المستور من ألعلوم الذخاتئه والواردات الا لهية التى تطرد الكون
- م العلب

- باب السين
 |لاليها في التنزَيل بقوله وبشَر الذير آمنوا
-ال لهم قدم صدق . هند ربهم
 المتوسط بين المريد والمنتهي مادام فـ السير ( 190 ) hall بالهيولى لكونها فبر واضنهة ولا موجوون
| الا بالصور لX بنغسها




(A1)
* 


 هو احديهّ. الجمع والفرت بشهود انْدراع
 الُمق حتى يرى العير الواهدز في صور

 البُرب مس مِلْع المِضاء و قد تطلق ملى
 $\frac{i}{6}$

- بالافراد (
 -



(A.)

الكضضرة الواحدية الحدية الذات
 المجود الاضافى في جممع المراتب والڭكوان = حاردٍ الُقياس والثعليم و'لتعلم والغذاء والُغتذى ولذهر والانثى نهذا المحبُ E المُتضضي للعالمية والمعلومية هو اول سريان الوحدة في الكثنزَ ونظهور الثثليك الموجب للايجاد التانبير والغاملية والمفعولية و ذلك
 E E

- الكثرة مس وجه الوهدا ?
 * (rar) التليد بالضدير. الظلامر والباطر بالحمصول

عص وجوا السرايُر وهم ثلْمهالغ (
 مهففيا (نامببت الث اُمرف فان توله كنت كنزّا ) يشبر الى
والاطلكت ملى الظهور والنغعز سبعا ازلبا ذاتبا منع التعينع وتوله نُامببت اب أُمرف • يسْير المى ميل
 والظهور المُبار اليله بان امرف فتلبك الوصلذ هي اضمل النكاح الساري في جميع الذرارىى فان الوحد8ُ المقتضبيْ لِهب ظهور شُئون الامدينّة تُسرِى فى همبع مزالتب التعينات
 وتغاصبل كلبانها بسبث لا يهـلو منها شُّ
 الصور صن الستان والتُركة كاتُران تلك الوصناً اللكثرً هو ومله النكاح الوا في مرتبغ
(va)
 بالإقسام بها فی توله تصالى .لا إمسم بالنفس

- اللوامه
( المنس الطمئت"


توجهت المى جهن الغلب بالكليغ متابعة للعسهة


 الدرجات هتى خاطبها ربها بفقوله با ابتها
 مرضية فادخلن في هبادى وادخلمي جنتي للتهجرنغ

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\bar{i}
$$

 الباطم فانرئوا ملى بواطر الناس فاستخرئما اواستخرجوا

(vv)

 الارواع المجْردة: ولا من فربن مالم الابجساد.

- الحعنبنة
 إلطبيعة البدنية وتامر باللذات . والتشهوات
 السغلبن نهجي مأوى السر ومنبع الاخلاث
 ان النغس لامّارز بالسوء .








الفنوبب و مو للمصب الاتسن بالمُمبوب

 اللتى هى الاهعان واطوالها فـ الجضصرi
الو|حدية مسیى بي تشّبيها بنغس الانسان
المنتلف بصوز المهروف مع هكونه موا
 ثـى ترويم الاسهاء الد|خلة تهست ميطن
 الاشْباء فيها و كونها بالعوز كترويع الانسان - بالتنغفس
(PRP) الهامل لْعو8 الهمبوا والحسس والمركة الاراذيغ



(vo.)


 - به الا الانسان الكامل
-
 من معرثة ذات المهى و المحانه و صغانه

E
 و نبوا التشريع والاولى ${ }^{2}$ و الانباء همن معرنة الذات والصغات والاسماء والثانبه ذلك مع تبلبغ الامكام والثاديب
 T. (R1)
 * مْقوت الْلهلق لافير و

(ve)
 حظّى منك حظّى منهم • و اهنتّني © ع

 الافعال فى نعل مهِبوبه بل بروُيغ نغسه و انفسهم فانبي فى المُمبوب وهينُذ يهية


الوبود ع المجون المطلن

 الهسيد ع - والافعال الجميلة و تهييزها مس اضلارها و
 المستهلة ملى ملم الشريعة والطريتة والهعفيعلة
 الغرى .الطاهر هو السرع و ميزان امل الباطس
(ve)
 حيى به و استغني من التهمل العارضيَ

 -النلم هرضه ولّا روىى الشانعي رصي الله منه في نوب

$\vec{E}$
E



E - فثوبك شدس تيّ -ونوبي لِّلُ تصت ظلمته الشهس

$\overline{6}$

$\bar{e}$





(vp)

 ارْن فاحبينا يعثى ميتا بالجهل فاحييناه بالعلم غіت - الجهامع لهميع انباع الموتات
 -الباطر و يبيهن وجه التلب فاذا لم يشيع السالت بل X يزال هائعا ماتت, بالموت
 تهيت الفطنة (فم) ماتت بطنته هيبت

- $\quad$ ( $\quad$ (

 مر اللباس المجهيل بذلك و الهتصر ملى ما يستر العورًا و يصم فيه الملوناً فنى

( $\mathrm{v}, 1$ )

 بالجهل فاذا ماتت النغس هی هواها بقععه
انصر'فـ
 عالمعع عالم العدس والنور والمهيوة الذاتيَّ التى لا تقبل المُت الم الك والى هذا الموت اثنار رفلاطون. بقوله مُت بالارادن تحسى بالطبيعة
 الصادق هليهها السلام الموت هو التوبن قال الله تعالثي فتوبوا اللى بارئكم فاقتلوا انغسكم فمر. تاب نفد فتلل نeسه ولهذا اذا اذا
 بالموت الاحمر ولما رجغ رسول الله صلى الله عله وسلم مس جهاد الكغار قال رجعنا

E نقالوا مس الجهاد الاصغر المى المههاد الاكبر شالوأ يا رسول الله وما الجهاد الاكبر تال الا بهخالفة رلنعس و في هديث آخر المجاهد
(v.)

كثيرةً امبا فِ الآمر الاول فبحسب شـدة فلبة"
نور الومدة. ملى الكثرة: وضعغها وقواً استيلاء
هe
 تستعه بلاسماء كلها ومدم بالتتهفقى بيعضها

- دون البمبصن (rpq)

 السالون

 - الكبوْبون
(المر (PRQ)
النُس فان صيوتها به ولا تميّل الى لذّاتها
 مالث المى الجهة السغلية جنبت القلب
(i1)
 الننس الرحهانى النّى منه تظهرع عور الثلنى فانها تظهر بالوجوه ومنزل التدلّى



- فير زلك مه (PPP)



 بصفات الحق ويتهعتق باسهائه كلا فان
 المعصود لعينه واب اتغفق الامر الاول بدون
 بدون الاول مسهل وي كلا الامربر مراتب
(71)


* والايات
( Ppq)


 الصفات ولاسماء في رتبع الذات وصب
$-\bar{i}$ رتبة اشهده اللغ ملى ترتّب الاسساء والصغات

- انرب السبل مس المنهع الاول
 ليس للفير فهها مبى ولا انر نهـى مهعل الهارن ع يسبى منقطع الاثبياءع وحضرزء الوجور
* ومضبرة الهمع

( 7 )
قانعا. و متولا 'كذنا خي المجمبع فانة اتها
"
- (PMP) الرهعانى المني ظهور الوجود الجعانى
- فـ هراتب
_ $\quad$ ( $\quad$ ( C المr)
 .المكاس ومو المشار الهِ بعوله تعالى
- فى مقعد صدو هند مليك. مقتدر ( الم (PR). وابثاء الهال مع سوه الاوب والظب الآيات والكعرامات من غير امر ولا هـخ
* ( - (PNa)
 (Prv)
 (p+1) مُمّ الْمَم جو النبي صلى آنله ملنه
( 1 v )
قانعا. و متولا 'كذنا في الجمجبع فانة انما

 الرصمانى المني ظهور الوجود المعانى
- فى مراتب التعبئنات

E ارمع المنازل 'هند الله وفد يطنق مليهأ .المكان وعو المشار البه بقوله تعالى
- فى مععد صدو عند ملبك. مقتدر
 وابفاء المال مع سود الادب


 (prv)


(71)
( Pr.)

 ( فانّ مه لم يستوف حقوق ما فيله مس المنازل لم يصح له الترقى المى ما نوته كسا انَ
 ملكة لم يصح له التوكل ومى لم يتسقن بهِقوت التوكل لم يصم له التسليم وعلم جّا في جميعها وليس المراذ من شـا الاستَغفاه ان لم يبق هلئ بِيْنَ مس درجات المفام السافل حتى يمكّ لا لألترتي الى المقام العالى فان اكثر بعقايا المسافل ودرجاته الرميعة عانـا يستدرك في العالى الما
 فيله بهيث لا يهول فيكون حالا وصدن اسهة مليه بهمصول معناه باي يستّى
(71)


- راضةٔعنور الهداية جليهم ع و واسطتها
 فانّ مس لم يستوف حقوق ما فيله مر المنازل لم بصح له الترقى المى ما فوته كها الم مر لم بتحعقت بالقنامة حتى يكون له ملكثّ لم يصح له التوكل ومى لم يتحفقن . بهعوق التوكل لم يصم له التسليم وهلم جّا في جميعوا وليس المراذ من شـا الاصتيغاه ان لم يبق علبه بِعَهْ مس ورجات المقام السافل هتى يمكّ للا الترتي الى المقام العاللى فان اكثر بعايا المسافل و درجاته الرميعة عانثا يستدرك في العالى
 ڤيله بهيثث لا يـعمل فيكون حالا وصدف اسمه مليه بهسصول معناه باب يس يستى

كالْعِّن والاذن واليد فانها المحالَ التحن يظهر بها معاني الصغات و اصولهُنا
 - ومعالم الط
 آيم همليه السلام لقوله تعالى يا آدم - المبئهم بإمهائهم ( $\mid$ ( 9 ) مغرب الشمس

(r|v)


كلها ملى' ها هى جليها في فنبب الغبوبه
الذي هو اهدية الذات كاليُسجرةٍ فىالنواء

* يسمي بالـهروفب الاصلية

- الايهان بالْقدر
(78)

هى مصدر تلن الآية كهـا قال الامام جعفر بن مهمد الصادق لقد تجلّى النه لعباده غي كلامه ولكن لا يبصرون وكان (رضى. اللهع عنه ) ذات يوم في المصلؤ فهر مغشبا عليه فسئل مر ذلك فقال ما زلـت
 الشيخ الُكبير شنهاب الُدير السهروروى الـا قدس الله روحه كان لساب اللامام جعغر بس مهمد الصادق في ذلك الوقت كسهرة موسى مليه السلام عند ندراُه ْ منها بانّي النا الله ولعمرى الّ المطّلع افم من ذلك وعو مقام شُهود الحق فى كل شُيْ متجلبا بصغاته الى ذلك السُحُ مْظهرُهِا لكن
 الآ ولها طهر وبطش ولكل حرف حد ولكل

* حدَ مُطْلع خْصَوه بذللت (PIP)

نضعانت حقيثة سغلية منصرية بسيطةٌ او مكبهُ ركل ما كان نسبته الى الَّهع اشد
 الامكان اميل وكانت احكا الكثرة الأمكانية نيه افلب كان مس الكغّار وكل صر كان الى'الوجوب اميل واحكم الوجوب فيه

 مس المؤمنيس وبسسب المبتلآت المبل



ابتداء ${ }^{\text {c }}$ المهوادث وند يطلق ملى استشراف المشاهدها

هند طوالعها ومبادب برونها
 تلاوت آيات كلامه متجلما بالصشنة البتي
(97) لمبا الميم

هلى ضمايُر النامس وتّللى له باسهـ الباطبر تتشرف ج فيُشرفع على البواطن وڭاب الشيم البو سعيد بن ابی الهيبر فدس الله روحه

- احدهم
 ترقّب الهعاين الكَونبَّ ملى المعايق الالهية التى هي الاسماء وترتّب الاسهاء على الشُؤن الذاتبه فالاهكوان ظلال الا الاسماء وصورها والاسماء ظطلال الشؤت
 اتتساب الاكهوان المى المضضرات الثلفث اعلى حضرة الوموب وحضبرة الامحكاب وهضرة الجمعع بينهها فكل ما كاب الا الاهكوان نسبته الى الوجوبه افوى كان
 بنسيته المى الامكاب اقوي كا اهن وادنى
(71)

الله تعلى على سر الالقدر لانه يرى انَ كل معدور يجبب وقوعه فى وتته المعلوم وكل ما لِّس بمتدور يمتنع وقوعه فانتواح مس
عالط على ما ثات كها كال الله تعاللى ما اصاب مس مصيبة فى الأرض الآيه ولهذا فلّ


 - هذا الانسان الا الملألم



* الذات
(r.1)

الذات قبل العناء "لتامَّ في عير امدية
-الجمع

(9.)

بابـ)


- الانسانٍ

نi
( ( $/$ ( F )


الاحعية بهيث لا يبعى منه رسم


النور الى الوجود الظاهر في مورها وظهورا

 مع بغائها على العدم الاصلى اذ لولا گُوام ع عبوامُ ترجّم وجودها بالاضافة والتعيس بها

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(01) با

الوجوبب والامكان ثو الانسان الكمل وكنا
 جمهع الاسمهاء
 سرا لانها في العرف مى المحادثة ليلا
( 101 ( 1 (

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { الذاكرألذات بالاسماء الذاتئه دون الوصفية } \\
& \text { وألغعلية مع المعرفة بها وثهورها وذلك ان }
\end{aligned}
$$






 السبوح والسلام والعلي والهق وامثالها التى هى ابنية: جمبع الاسهاء نغد مدّم التعظهم بَهميتع كهالآه
(an) يظهر فيه هذء المراتبب والذات الامدية لِست مهجلى لنيٌ اذ لا اعتبار للتعدد قيها عاصلا حتى عالعالمينَ والمعلومية فهى

 ولا مجلى لاحدية الذات الإ الانسان

- يقيد
( 19 v ( الوحدانى لا الاكوان و اوصانها واحكامها بـتشتي ع
 (191)
 فان.الشُوُن باطنة والوجود المتعير بتعيناتها طاهر فهر هِا الوجه كانت الشُؤن مرايا * للوجود الواهد المتعير. بصورها الوه (199) (الح" الحْرْن.
(ov)


الرحمانى بالوجود جتى يتو جم وجود8 على عدهة الذى مو مقتضى \$آته بدون

 واما فى الجمهادات والافلاك والووجانيات الظامرللحصوس فالعقل يحـط م بدوام رجهأن وجودها
 في كل آن خلقا جديلر كما يأتي
E $\overline{\text { E }}$ (199)
 هضرة الواحدية ووبرتبَ الارواح المبرزدَ وَ
 فالم الملكوت وموتَبَة عالم الملك ومو عالم
 الكمل الذى هو مجلى المّميع وصورؤ
 والمراتب ستّهعان الململى هو المُظهر-الذى
(07)

باسبالممت
 لىالرجود رمعأع لا يرى فى الوجود فعلاع للشق الا للحق و الثانى لا يرى لشُ صغهُ الا للهمن والثالث
-لا يرى وجودا الا للحقى

-الاستغاضة مس اسهائه تعالى




صورز مس مالم بللك كالنداء لموسى من

- الشّهرة

*الانراد الواصليس

 جتى يبقى فان الهِق يُهِدٌ مس النغس
( $\Delta \Delta$ ) الهق تعالى ومده فهو الُعابل بأمتبار تعينه
 شوُنه الذا|تبة و هو المعبمدو باعتبار اطلاقه و
 ; العبوديغ مهمؤز كا ذال
 الحى فوله تعالى ما يكرين مس نجّوى ثلثة
 و قوله لُقد كفر الذُيس مالوا ان اللذ ثاللث

 مثلهم تعاللى
 صينهم باعتبار الوجود او فهيرمم بامتبار تعيناتهم عينهم بامتبار هعيقبتهم (19.) الامن \# فناء وجود العبد میى ذات المحى كها أن المُمو فناء افعاله في فعلل الـهو
(: $=$ )
 بنرّع ارصاف الُعبا و رسوم اخلافه رامغاله بتجئبات صغات ا'كُمق واخلاقه وافعاله كـا قال كنتُ سمعْ الذّى يُسْعُ به الحديث

*)
(109) اضافات أوجود الى الاميان فلن الاعبان
 بـعك العالمئ نهي معلومات معدومة العين ابند| الX ابنّ الوجور المحق ظهرفيها فهي مع كونها مدكنات معندومه لها آثار في الُوجون :الظّامر بها وبصورها المعلومة والوجود ليس ال الس الجم تعألى والاضافة نُسبية ليس لها وجود في الْهارج والانعال والتاثيرات ليسث الا تابعة للوجود اذ المعدوم لا بوثّو قلا نامل ولا موجود IX

ए المطeقَ التني ڤي هضرز تعانق الاطراف

E. عنها لذاتها لا باعتبار امر رايؤ لانها اصل جميع انواع المّهبات وكل ما بير اثنيرن قهي اما لمناسبةً في ذاتيهها او لاتّبّاد في زوصف او مرتبة او حال او نعل"
 صن. المُالغات فى النُول والغعل والارادر فلا يعول ولايغعل الاّا ما يرضى به الله ولا يريد الآلا ما يريدء الله ولا يمصّد الا
E امرا امر " الزامر
 العادن والذهال الذمينة ويعابله الاثبات الذىى هو اقامة اهكام العبادة وإكتُساب - الاخلا (lav) ممو ارباس السـراير ق هو ازالة العلل
(هr)

* التَآمس مبلى عالم الملك بالك الصورى وعجئئب عالم المثال والمدبّرات
- مبا لى ج- الكونية جـي العالم السغلى (1A.) (1) . الكونية التي هي اجزاء العالم وآنار
- الافعال
 قوسير لاجتماع بـحىى الوجوب والامكان فيّها وفيل هو حضرة جمع الوجود باهتبار اجتّاع - الاسهاء ألآهية" والمقائق الكونية" فيها


 ونا للمهنيب الاول " وتال الشيبانى رحهة" الله
 عندرجهكتمجـل * "لكِنه في العالمُين مغمّل "
(01)
 بهاء قدسه فهاز مس المنح والمواهب ما فازبه بجمبع المتامات والمراتب بلا كلفة المكاسبب

والمتاهب
 هى مظاهر مغاتيح الغيوب التى انعتحت



 الِحتائق ومو فاية الغايات ونهاية• النهايات
F F الارو النيحرين ومقام قاب توسيس وحضرز جمعينَ
 أُمبروت وانكشاف الارواح القدسية الإلابع مجلم عالم الملكوت والميبّبات الساواوية والعانيمين بالامر الالهى في مالم الربوبية
( 0. )
 بالفقر والأْتقار والتسققى بالبذل والايثار و

ترك التعرض والاختياز

 يقيل تعبن اوحيثّة فانه لاينتمصرفيه ولا يتقيد بع او



 أَ كل مطلق فی الوجود له وجه الىى
 بل يرى كل الوجود مقيقةَ واحدة له وجه مطلق و وجه مقيّد بكل قيد ومس شاهد هذا المشهد عُوتا كان متحتعًا بالحق والبشلى المشهود

* والغناء والبقاء - المrر (|va)
ما سوى الله لذلوصع محبنَ المجق ونهاية الصوم هى الامساك مس اللموم الغلقبئ وما يقوّيها بالفناء في البله ولهذا فال فى

ونهاية المج الوصول الىى المعرفة والتحعقن بالبعاء بعد الفناء لان المناسك كلمكا وضعت بازاء منازل إلسالك الى النهاية
- و مقام احديّه الجّهع والغرق

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { باعتبار تُتدم الذات الاهمدية بمى الهضريز } \\
& \text { الوإحدية التي هي منشاً التعينات و } \\
& \text { النسب الاسمائئن والْصفات والاضافات } \\
& \text { اعتبارات عتلين } \\
& \text { * (lve) } \\
& \text { العباذات أي الصلوٌْ والزكوًا والصوم والُمع }
\end{aligned}
$$

(Pん)

- بالبـ المبم


 e الar $\because \dot{\circ}$ الآفلات فأل الشيخ ابو طالب المكي تكس



 الانساب الكامل معلّم إلملك ولدار سبعانه و تعالى خشَريفا و تُنويها عبانغاسي الغْلَك كل كل
* ذلك انـارَ الحى ما ذكر
 النفس من دنس الطباع و ونجس الرنأئل الطبان

- للهدث فان الهحدث تبهس

 الصوري و بالمعنى الاول صن الكـعْفـ

 اللبد|يات مر ارباب النْفوس الضععيغة الط'شوز فتنعكس مر المضبال الى المس


 فلبهَ انْوار الُمْهر والوميل على النْعس فتضضرب المى المِهرز و اما هس غلبة انوار اللطوع - والومه فتضربب المى الْفضرة والفقوع (179)
 بالنسبهّ الى مصمبوبه و هي وتّت ابتد|> وصول السالث الي مين البجهع و مقام * البالغين
(Pq)
اللمستع التلميع




* بـطهرية الآسم المتكلم

يلوح منها فى الفهم معني لاتسعه العبارُ الهُ


 مبناسبغ لها بوجه و منا سبِّة للروع بوجه و -يستّى الوجه الازل الصـار والثاني الفواد

- الصعلئ


(80)

السt
ह. الو


- الصأف ev قشور الاوهام والتّهنيلات
(iv.)

 الماقلية إدرإك الْقلب إلمتعلى بالصعبون المصونغ

 (اللبسس الصورة العنصرية التي تلبسن المقائت الروحانية فال الله نعالقى ولو جعلناء ملحعا لِجعلناء رجلا و تُعالى ولو جعلناء ملحعا لِجعلناه وجلا و
وَ وّل
e
- 



ب الهـزيت القدسي بقوله تعطالى اولیانٌي

( $\beta$ )
 النْفس الكمية مبر توله تعالِّل فلها

- عليه اللبل

الكيهاء


* كيهاء ع النمسِع ع باجتناب الرزاتل و برّكئها علها واكتساب



 "الصـون بأمتّيمار المحع"ون.
بانب
(


(Pr)
 المفأركانت بالـ大ا

 ان نقول له كه فيحون فهى صورز - الارادة الكلية
 المكنونذ في الغيب ومو بطش كل باطِ



 $\frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon}$ ع (|a|)


- الخا تا تا

(pp)
الهابللا ¿ والهائب والراجهي والمائف والمنتفع والمتضرر


اللى عهر المهع

* باب الكا
( اPA) المراد بقوله تعالثى ولا رطب ولايإس الِّلا
* في كا
 الهضرز الواحدية الاتهية الجمامعة للاسمهاء كالها ولهغا يفال احذ بالذات كل الا بالاسهاء
 المطات والموجودات الْارجية ونى الجمهلة عـلا كل متعير وفد يخص المعقولات مر المامياتع

(i1)
(1\%)

رالتوتى ع نى المعامات
 بالكينَ فى مئفات نور الانوار والله عالهادي
النسسا لكهيةغ
-باب

 العقل المفارقً المعبرَ منه بالدرز البيضاء (أليران (ler)
 بيديَي ولا كانت المضري الاصهائيغ تمجمع حضرتي الوجوب والامكان ڤال بعضهم
 والْقى ان التعابل امم مس ذلك فان الغامل قد يتعابل كالجممبل والمجلبل واللطيف
( $\beta$.) $\quad$ (bll
誁 (|pr) *
* 

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 (| ( F )

عهر.
 حقوبّ المئ والِّلّ جميِا لسعئه برماية
|الجانبيرن
(IPV)
الُقلوبس , افاتها و امماضها
بـكِيفية حفظ صهتها , امتّلالها و ازالة،
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العازفس بذلن الْقادر ملى الارشاد والتّكهيل
( 1 q) $\quad \mid$ | 4
النّز ذكبف يلقى الله عبيدا فيها وهو



- اوحى الله المي
 علينا وجه ال'مكمة في ايهجاده كيلام بعی اللعباد و موت الاطفال واليفلود في النّار فيهب الايهان به والرضاء بوقوعه و اعتقاد
$\bar{i}$ كونه مدل g
 به و معرنة الباطل والاجتناب عنه كها قال
 اتْبامه و ارنا الباطل بالطلا و ارزفنا اجتّنابه
(i!
* باب


( P )
هب هليه و ارتباط الاسباب بالمسببات و نظامانهباط ع" اسرار انضباط نظأم الموجودات والعهل

* خيرا كثيرو

* الشُريعة والطريقة


 روب اب رسدل الله صلى الله، عليه و"ـلم أَ اصساله ذ'نسهت ملبه امر|'ا ان بدخلوا منزلها فدخلُوا فبها مراوا نارا مضطرْهُ و اولاد عالمراة يلعبون هولها نتالت يا نبي النه

 يا وسول الله اهب اب العُى ولدي في
:- ;
我
- 



- 2er $\underbrace{7}=$
- 



- ت~"


- En -
- ~

- ع -

(rq) !





-وصل

 فس رق الشهوات وصريةّ الخاعة ع روب المرادات لفناء ارادتهم في ارادة المقن ومرية


 اللى العناء التي اوايلها تحق و اواخرها - الطهس في اللذات


(rv) إبالطا
-امر ولا يوهد هزث ما نهى
- 

ع
الا الى العـ


-الجمع و حضرأ الوجود

النعيم الاول فله الاسهاء العسنى كلها و

- هو الاسم الامطم

و نسبها لانها صغات تتهيز بها الاسها
- بعضها صש بعض

-i'نجّ
. .

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(r9)


 ان ع -

- وصل
(119)

الهر.
 المرادات لُعناء ارادتهم في اراد8 المهوّ وصرية فْاعة المهاعهْ

لا'نمسانثم اوهع الى الْفْناء اللتّه اوايلها كوّ و اواْرها - Ul|l
lo (IN1)

(ra)


- والله الموفق
- اب العهاء
 الموهبة مس غير تعمّل واجتلاب كـمزن او او خوف او بسط او مبض او شوق او و تزول بظهور8 صغات النفس .سواء يعقبه




 (119) المّا جب الطباع الصور الصعونية فى الثلبب المانعة لقبول تهلمى الهعائق

( F )
باب الزاء

النور ع زهو الفؤز المُغنوف فبه الدإمي له الحى
* المحى
(1-1) الزجاج" المشار اليها في آية النّور
هى القلب والمصباح هو الروح والشجراٍ التي يتّقد منها الزجاجهَ المُبّبّة بالكوكب





الُمُل" " هى علوم الطريقة لكونها اشرف العلوم و. انورها وكونا الوصلة المى المق المق
- متوتغة عليها


(rr) !
الونت ) ولهذا قيل الصوني (ابن
- الوفت


 الاول والتثئع لـا يرتغى اليه بآداب وان
- الثاني

- مراد الـمق (ا

 بالفذلان هتحل يبتّغه فى الكهال مبلغ إلرجال الصالهيبن
 هند الغناد عن نغسه و ذلك بتولى العق


و ووناء بها اخذْ على العبد بلا عِ رفبةُ ولا رهبة

 الاتساع لغير المُمبوب وس لوازم الوفاء بعبد
 رالجعا الثك ولا ترى كهالا لغبر ربك

 يمنسك مر التصرفات وخرٌ العادات
 كان مس تصريف المهى نعللك الُرِضاء و الاستسلام لا يهطر ببالل فيرو وات كان مها يتعلق

 إلوتع ع الماضهي تضييع للوفتِ (وكنا اللغكر فيها

( +1 ) إسب الواو


 التتى هى المصل المطلن ادنى المهاوي وهو عالم المعناعي المبتضادتا
 اسفل المسافلين ومنا مر رجع وعا الد مقام المجهع. بالسلوت اللى الله


- كن في

 صيث قال الله تعالى السـت بربكم قالوا
 هس الوميد وللِّاصهَ العبوديةّ على الوقوف

(r.) أسبالوا,

 المرا: بالمركة السلوك وبالسكون القرار فی
 فناء العبد باوصانه فى اوصاف الهقن ومو


| احصاها دخل الجّن
 الغرق وهو ظهور الوهدتْ في الكثرز فان الوحدة واصلة لفصولها بتتهجاد الككرز بها و الها
 vis ظهوز الكثرة في الومدة فان الكعثرة ناصلة الـة لوصل الومدة مكترةً لها با لتعينات المُوجبة لتنوع ظهور الوهدة فى القوابل المختلغة (اهتلاف اشكل الوجة الواهحد في المرا يا
*)
(pq)
 الثِابِيْ وما بعدها يتلمبس بهعانى. الاسهاء و هقايت الاعمان ثم بالصور الرومانية نم
 ( 1 ( 1 ) والوهوبس الذغاتي وإلغنى عن العالمين
 الذذاتى والفعز الذاتي
 بثن البطون و الظهود وته يعنر بل عن شبن الرمهة بالمهبة المهار اليها فى ونوله




 الإصادق رضى الله عنهـا مس عرف الفصلل
(PA) بإبـألر|,
 الواجب و فير حفيعة كل مهكه لانه زاند

 فير وجردء وهو بدون الوجود معدوم
 لاحفيقة لشى الا به تعالـُ وهو المشار اليه ذهو ع

 الهّ
جه - الالوهية
 تلب العالم وهو اللوح المهغوط والكعبَابـب
* المبيـ


هو الوجود مس هيث هو وجود ذأن اصتبّبَّه كذ! كو ذهو المطلن اي المقيعةّ المتى مع كل

العدي


المعدومه

 لا يكوو معه شی نهو الامه اللذي


 هو به موجود و بدونه معدوم وقد تجلمى في
 الاضانة فهو معدوم في ذاته ومذا معني تولهم : التوهيد اسقاط الإضافات وند
باسبا, (") (")

الغيب باحي طريفً كا
 الرابطة ع الانسان الكامل الذى هو الواسطة' بير


الله لولأبُّ لما خلعنتُ الانفلاك
 العبازاتِ ج الاعتبارات فاب الاحدية لا نسبة لها المى
 تلك المصضرة اصلا بهلاف الششغع الذبى باعتبارو تغينت الامبٌان و هعايق الاسهاء


 اللذان هـا جهتا الهُداية
 الذات بـعسب سقوط جميع الاعتبارات ولغسب إنباتها فان" ذإت الجق

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\text { (PD) } \quad, ~ \text { l }
$$

الكِلوئ بابُنوجه إلى النُّهُ السغلية

* الثهو ( ( v v)


البواد8 المذكورغ
 الـى ما يظهر فيه مر الصور فكل باطس

> يظهر فيه صورزً يسونّه هيولى *


 تكثرها بالصغات
 (A~) الوار (AR)
E المعانى مש فبر تعئّل بـر العبد

(pe)
 تلبُه ان يسبتئل بتوتع ما وعده اليّنه مر النوانب علم العمل كلا يغرغ مر ع التو بهة ع
$\bar{i}$ $\bar{\sigma}$

 -للبا للعرب منه الى طلع ما ما مباه (VQ) الثالثة وهى التح لا تبعلى الا بالمن ولا لاله
 ترضى بالاموال والمغامِاه ولا بالومنوف مع الاسهاء والصغات ولا تغند الآ مير الذات

 ". الهمة ترجه العلب رتصلس بجهمغ تورا الروهانية الله جانب العى لِّول كال له اوِ لغيرا منا مك كتابه التعريعات.
(rp)
\& إست الها
هاد بالدبور
(覌 (19)
 ;لله
-
-
ب mes: :
E اشمن
المغورد


- والفغف

则

*
(Vr) الباعثنذ على طلنب الباقي و ترك الفانتي (VP)

(re) بابسالرال
الاول
العلوم e ( vv) (
الـهعايقي التيب لاتتبدل ولا تتغيز باختلافس





ولا تتغرتوا فيل

- باب الدال

 مس جهلَ المغرب لانتْنائها مس جها الطبيعة المجسهانية التي هى هعرب النور النور ويعابلها الحببول وهي ولمح الصباء التي تاتي مس جهة المُرق وهي صولة وامية
 الصلوة والسلام نُصرْتُ بالصبا و اُُلْكتُ

يغهم و يعغل وهو اعتبار الوهدة العقيقيغ التي لا تنساع معها للغير ע ال وهودا ولا تعغّلا و هو الهيى كقولهم لا يعرف اللةٌ睤 المراتب باعتبار الاسماء والصغات المقتضهية
 (شعر) *


- كل
- و الها منزل ملى
- و
 والامكانية وهـا طلب الامهاه الربوبئ



(r.) بانسب الميم

الهنيه
 تستح هنة الاممال وجنة النفس
 المعاصلة بعسس متابعة النببي صلى الله

عليه و صلم
 تِّجلات الصنات والاسماء الالَهيةً وهي

- هنه القلب



 والطاهة ما لم يصلوا الى مناهل الغلبّ و معامات العُرب حتل يكون سهرمم فى الله

(19)

 ؤجوزاء كل جلال جمال ولما كان في المجلار و نعوته معنى الاحتجابن والعزة لزمه
 إلخضوع والهيبة منا ولما كان في الجمهال ; نعوته معنى الدنو" والسغور لزمه اللطف وله والرحمةَ والعطف مس الهصضرة الالآهية و و
-الانس
 اللى الله والاشتغال به مها سوالا وبازانها

- بالخلي
* 



- و يسْى الغرق بعد المجمع

(1^)
باسب الْمح

تمثمل

* 

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لذ|ته

 يعرفت هو ذاته فانّ ذاته سبهانه لاير|ها

* -JV.1 (0?)

 يوار وبو هلوّالجمها وله ونوّ بیلنو به هنا

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(IV)

* او تمضفا

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(PV)
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c المهرم (PA)

(Pq)


- بإ
(a.)
- الصناية اله
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多 (01)

 يسع الاشياء ولا يسعه شُيْ و يوّثّر في
 ( ( المبير" ( )



 انما اذا تنورتن بنور القدس و انكشنف حجبابها

 للرياضةٌ وبدت فيها صلاحية قهع الهوكـ

 - فـ السلوت (fo)
(10)




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 والتعين الاول الذهى هو اصل البنرازخ كلها و لهذا يسبى البرزخ الاول والامطم والاكبي

 و الثى تبول و لطف و رهمة و انس وا يقابله العبفى كالمهف في معابلة الرجاء في معام النفس

(18) 时

هناب الوب
 الاتلس وينطغف صريعا وثى من الطنلـ

الكشف ومباديه
 للمى المصلؤ والسلام امصتق ببت تاله العوبب بُول
 (m) (m) البوا مر مونع
 البّل لا هنْ وعم ملى علب إبراهبم عليه السلام

 محإِل السالكهن
(1F) با
 طبعا وعندى اس العالم بذللت اولى لانى
 اشرف مس الماموم والعلم يغتضي بعد الذي قام به معلوما والهيونة لايقثفضي
 اللنسبة واهط كون العلم اششرف منها فظامر



 المزاج المعتدل . للبدن شرط الميموا ولا شك
 * باب

 ( H ( P )
(19) بالمبا

- مهاز" نظرو تعالى
( 1 ( 1 )

 والمنتغم وهني اصول الاسهاء كلها وبعضهم

 لاحتياج الجود والعدل المى العِلم والارادة









( 11 )
ع وتْعباتت يظهر كابـت علن E ع اله
- 


 u (V)



* تها


 fll $\boldsymbol{f}^{\text {t }}$, X


(1-) باهبا لـن لم يظهروا مها في بواطنهم انرا علمى

- اهل الغتون
(t) (r) )
 و نظرو في الملكوت و اللّغر عن يسارو


 (ro)
 و كلامها في الوفت الـا العاضر لظهور فى الازلع") ملى المايين الابد وكون كل هير منها مهمع الازل و الابد فيتَهد به الازل والابد والوت الماضر فلذا ولا " $\bar{\varepsilon}$ : و مرون لان"ّآلآنات الزمفانية نقون عليه
(17)

 ها الى الاطراف مال الله تعاللى وملى


 (
*** (1A ) * نظر القطبّ

 و"بي الـفضبرا الواهدية" والمضرi الالومبية ع $\overline{v^{3}}$ *



## (a)



وجودها ملى وجود الغير فال توتغت ملى
إمبار: وتعقله كلعلنم وتسبى الاسماء الاؤلّيذ

اللداس
\$لموصوفة بهجمع الصفات الح ألُمساء بهمع

ملم شغبرz الذات مع بمبع الاسهاء و

 منيها لو بعفها اولا مع واهح منها لعوله

 الثملب ومو تريب مس الهينان
(v) الابـ الــت

معنى.التّرقى
 مشاهدأ العهفرة الربوبييه بنون البصيرز الى e روُية المقى موصوفا بصغاته بعير صفتّهعنهو


كلالارير المغينيقع


معام الروح

العلبب متنضبية لا هابة دوامي المقيلة

لكونها مطاهر الذات اوّلا في المسرا
الوإمديغ
 بل هو ذات الهسيس بإمنبار صغة وهودية
بالسبالعـ (9 (1)


واللبقاء. ببقاء .المهضوز الاحاية واهط احصاؤها
 بصههة المتابعة وهي المشار اليها بعوله تعالثى اولثك بم الوارثونن الذيّن يرثون الفُردوس
 معانيها والعمل بغهاويها فانه يستلزم دخول





 الصرقات المقية ودرجات العرب و ذلك هو
(0) بالمبا
(H ( H )

 به معدوما بنغسه لا مر هوثث أن له وهورا هاما اتَّهل
 بلاوجود وهودי بعينه واسعاط اضافته الله فيرى انتصر
 بلا إنعطاع هتى يبتى موهودا بئ

ع الصنات والاسهاء والنسْب والتمينات عُنه ( ) ( )


(P) المبـ المـ






 الثناني نهرتّب ملى ترتيب الكتاب مبيّن فی كل كسم تُتاريع كل بابب باب - الغسم الإول ثـانبه وعشروس بابا - باب الالف

الاغمبيّ الى الهق من صيث هو اول
الاشباء فى ازل الآزال
(r) بابـالمن
 نور المجها و صمهبه فْير صصهب و آل

- الـ فرفتُ مس تسويد شُرح كتاب منازل
 العككم وتاويلات القُرآن الحكيم مبنياعٌ اصطلاهات الصوفيةَ ولم يتعارنها اكثر اهلع
العلوم المنعولة والمععولة ولم يشتهو• بينهم ذّلث سأوني ان اشرحها لمه ومد الم الم الم الم الم في ذلك السرc. المى ان الاصول المذكورةٍ



 صدّيتُ للاسعاف بسو"لمَ ع وزدت على ذلك ترويها لِبولهم بيان ما اُهْمِل هـ


المهد لله الذى نجّانا مس ببامث العلوم
الرسمبة بالمّ والانضال •ولالهنالا بروح

* المعاينذ مس مكابدا الننفل والاستدلال

والنغنًا مها لا طائل تحته مس كثرا الثيل والغال • ومصهنا مر المناظرi والمعارضة
والتلاف والجدال ". فانها منار الشبه ومظانّ
الريب والشك والضلال والأضلال
فسبحان مس كشف مس بصائرنا همهب

E

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { كتاب } \\
& \text { امططلا هات الصوفيف تصنيف } \\
& \text { كبال الدين ابی الغنايم مبد الرزاف } \\
& \text { بن همال الدين الكانى } \\
& \text { السرتندي }
\end{aligned}
$$

## كناب



## (4)






[^0]:    -This is often spelt with in letter käf: käshäni, or cven käshi.

