

ولو قيل لي

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In Praise of Imam
Abū al-Ḥasan al-Shādhilī

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وَلَوْ قِيلَ لِي مَنْ فِي الرَّجَالِ مُكَمَّلٌ *** لَقُلْتُ إِمَامِي الشَّاذِلِيُّ أَبُو الْحَسَنِ

If I were asked, "Who among men is perfected?" (after the Prophet ﷺ and his ṣahābah) ❖ I would say, "My Imam, al-Shadhili Abu al-Hasan."

لَقَدْ كَانَ بَحْرًا فِي الْعُلُومِ وَرَاسِخًا *** وَلَا سِيَمًا فِي عِلْمِ الْفَرَائِضِ وَالسُّنَنِ

He was an ocean of knowledge, deeply rooted, ❖ especially in the science of inheritance and the Prophetic traditions (i.e. *fiqh* and *ḥadīth*)

وَمِنْ مَنَهْلِ التَّوْحِيدِ قَدْ غَبَّ وَارْتَوَى *** فَلِلَّهِ كَمْ أَرَوَى قُلُوبًا بِهَا شَجَنٌ

From the spring of Tawhid, he filled his vessels and drank copiously; ❖ how many hearts afflicted by trials did he revive for Allah?

وَحَازَ عُلُومًا لَيْسَ تُحْصَى لِكَاتِبٍ *** وَهَلْ تَحْصُرُ الْكُتَّابُ مَا حَازَ مِنْ فَنٍّ؟

He acquired sciences that no writer could count ❖
— can books ever encompass the sciences he mastered?

فَكُنْ شَاذِلِيَّ الْوَقْتِ تَحْظَى بِسِرِّهِ *** وَفِي سَائِرِ الْأَوْقَاتِ مُسْتَعْنِيًا بَعْنُ

So be a Shādhilī in this time to attain his secret, ❀
and at all times be a Shādhilī, and you will be sufficed.

فَأَنِّي لَهُ عَبْدٌ وَعَبْدٌ لِعَبْدِهِ *** فَيَا حَبْدًا عَبْدًا لِعَبْدِ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ

I am his servant, and a servant to his servant ❀
oh, how great it is to be the servant of the servant of Abū al-Ḥasan!

إِذَا لَمْ أَكُنْ عَبْدًا لِشَيْخِي وَقُدُوتِي *** إِمَامِي وَذُخْرِي الشَّاذِلِيِّ أَكُنْ لِمَنْ؟

If I am not a servant to my Sheikh and my exemplar, ❀
my Imam and my treasure, al-Shadhili — then whom would I serve?

فَيَا رَبِّ بِالسِّرِّ الَّذِي قَدْ وَهَبْتَهُ *** تَمُنُّ عَلَيْنَا بِالمَوَاهِبِ وَالْفِطَنِ

O Lord, by the secret You granted him, ❀
Bestow upon us Your gifts and insights!