In Praise of Imam Abū al-Ḥasan al-Shādhilī

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1. If I am asked who is the perfect man (after the Prophet ﷺ and his ṣahābah),
   I would say it is my imam, Imam Abū al-Ḥasan.
2. He was an ocean of knowledge and firm as a mountain,
   Especially in the knowledge of fiqh and ḥadīth.
3. And from the mines and springs of tawḥīd, he filled his vessels to the maximum. How many hearts that were ill, he revived.
4. His knowledge cannot be enumerated in writing.
   How would writers write about his knowledge and its branches!
5. Be a Shādhilī in this time to be attached to his secret.
   And in all of your times be a Shādhilī and you will be sufficed.
6. I am his servant, and the servant of his servant. How good it is to be a servant of the servant of Imām Abū al-Ḥasan.
7. If I am not a servant or slave of my shaykh and exemplar,
   My imam and my suffice of Shādhilī – to whom would I be a servant?
8. O Lord, by that Secret which You granted him,
   Bestow upon us Your gifts and gracious bounties.