

Salutation of the Resplendent Sapphire

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Verily Allāh and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: “O you who believe, send blessings on him and salute him with all respect.” [Qur’ān 33:56] O Allāh! Bless and grant peace to him whom You made the cause of splitting asunder Your illimitable secrets, and of breaking forth Your lights of absolute mercy. Thus becoming the delegate of the Lordly Presence and the successor of Your secrets of Divine Essence. For he is the very jewel of the oneness of Your Independent Essence and the very manifestation of Your pre-eternal attributes. So, by You and from You he became a veil from You, and a secret from the secrets of Your unseen (world), by which You are veiled from Your creation. For he is the talismanic treasure and the overflowing ocean.

So, we ask You, O Allāh, by his eminence with You and his honour before You: make our bodies flourish with his works, our hearing with his words, our hearts with his lights, our spirits with his secrets, our selves with his states, our innermost states with his ways, our inner core with his witnessing, our vision with the lights of the countenance of his beauty, and the last of our deeds in what pleases him. Until we behold You through him and him through You. So, I am a delegate from the two presences through the two presences, indicating each of them through one another.

And we ask You, O Allāh, to bless and invoke peace and blessings upon him in a manner befitting his honour and rank, and through which You unite and draw me nearer to him by the purity of their (i.e., the peace and blessings) love. And gift me, by way of them both, the fragrance of the God-conscious folk, and bestow on me through them the gift of the purified; for he is the protected secret and concealed unique jewel. For

he is the jewel enclosed within the shells of Your hidden secrets, and the unseen realm from which things known to You are selected. So, he is unseen from Your unseen and an alternate form of the secret of Your Lordship, such that he became, by that, a manifestation via which we infer unto You.

And how should it be otherwise, when You informed us of that in Your Book with Your words: “Surely, those who pledge allegiance unto thee (O Messenger) pledge allegiance only unto Allāh. The Power of Allāh is above their power.” [Qur’ān 48:10] All doubt has left us, and we have been apprised. O Allāh! Make our guidance to You be by means of him, and our dealings with You from the lights of obeying him.

O Allāh! Be well pleased with those You have made exemplars, whose hearts You have made lamps of guidance, who were freed from the bondage of others and the blemishes of all stains, from whose hearts appeared pearls of meaning which formed necklaces of realization for the people of foundation. You chose them from the reaches of predestiny to be among the companions of Your chosen Prophet, and You preferred them to support Your religion; hence they are the elect masters. O Allāh! Bestow a manifold increase of Your good pleasure upon them—the Prophetic Household, the Prophetic Clan, and all those who followed their footsteps. O Allāh! Pardon us, our parents, our scholars, our brethren in Allāh, and all of the Believing men and women; those who are obedient and those who bear the burdens of sin.