

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



A Short biography of Hazrat Bandagi Miyan Shah-e-Dilawar RZ

(The Fifth Caliph of Imamuna Meeran Syed
Muhammad Mahdi-e-Mau'ood Juanpuri AS)

نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُصَلِّي عَلَى رَسُولِهِ الْكَرِيمِ وَالْمَهْدِيِّ الْمَوْعُودِ الْعَظِيمِ

Hazrat Bandagi Miyan Shah-e-Dilawar RZ was the nephew (Sister's son) of Raja Rai Dalpath, the Ruler of Gaud Bengal. The Sultan Husain Sharqi's soldiers captured him after Rai Dalpat's defeat. He was only 12 years old and was very handsome. Sultan Husain Sharqi gave him to his sister Saleema Khatoon for adoption, who did not have any children. Saleema Khatoon brought him up as her own child. However, Hazrat Shah Dilawar RZ continued to be in a state of ecstasy/jazbah and used to be deep thinking. It was said that once in his dream, he heard the words, "La Ilaha Illallah, Muhammadur-Rasoolullah." Ever since he lost all interest in worldly affairs. This unawareness was because he had seen Hazrat Imam Syed Muhammad Mahdi-e-Mau'ood AS at the battlefield. When Saleema Khatoon did not see any worldly interests in Hazrat Bandagi Miyan Shah-e-Dilawar RZ, she sent him to the Imam of the Last Era, Mahdi AS, because she knew that he was capable of serving Mahdi AS better.

Hazrat Mahdi AS was performing the Wudu (Ablution) for the Zuhr Salah/Prayers/Namaz. He had reached the stage of Masah (purifying, wiping the head) when Shah-e-Dilawar RZ arrived. Hazrat Mahdi AS said, “He is not Dilawar, but he is Shah Dilawar.

We have accepted him, Allah Most High too has accepted him.” Then, Hazrat Mahdi AS performed the Dugana-e-Tahiyatul-Wuzu, called Hazrat Shah Dilawar RZ, and instructed him in the Zikr-e-Khafi (The hidden remembrance of Allah). Hazrat Mahdi AS then held the right hand of the Shah Dilawar RZ and said thrice, “Become the Mureed (disciple) of Allah. Say, “La Ilaha Huin Nahin”. Then, Hazrat Mahdi AS placed his hand above the hand of Shah Dilawar and said, “Become the purport (Murad) of Allah, and say, Illallah Toon hai.” These two breaths of Hazrat Mahdi AS enlightened Shah Dilawar RZ. Everything between the Empyrean and the nether region of the earth became visible to him as a grain of mustard on the palm of his hand. Then Hazrat Shah Dilawar RZ went into ecstasy/jazbah. They shifted him to a Hujrah (Room) and made him stay there.

Danapur:- At Danapur, when he saw Bibi Ilhadadi RZ, wife of Hazrat Mahdi-e-Mau’ood AS, and Hazrat Meeran Syed Mahmood (Sani-e-Mahdi RZ), son of Hazrat Mahdi AS acknowledged him as the Promised Mahdi AS, Hazrat Shah Dilawar also acknowledged him and became his disciple. Soon after, he entered a spiritual trance and was unable to accompany Hazrat Mahdi AS on his Hajj Pilgrimage. Therefore, he was left in the Mosque of Miyan Durraj RZ at Danapur. After that, Hazrat Mahdi AS

proceeded to the Hajj Pilgrimage. Then, he returned to Gujarat and stayed in Ahmadabad.

One day, Hazrat Shah Dilawar suddenly regained his consciousness and smelled a pleasant perfume. He said, “It is the fragrance of my Master, Mahdi AS and stood up. Following the fragrance, he traveled 300 miles and reached Ahmadabad and rejoined Hazrat Mahdi AS. From then on, he accompanied the entire life of the Promised Mahdi AS.

It is narrated that some As-Haab-e-Mahi AS were sitting together and were allegedly discussing in order to introduce themselves. One of them said, “He is from the family tree of Sayyiduna Abu Bakar Siddiq RZ, and someone else said he is a Farooqi, etc.”

Hazrat Shah Dilawar was listening quietly, sitting there. He could not say anything about his own family tree. All of a sudden, Hazrat Imamuna Sayyiduna Mahdi AS loudly said from his Hujrah, “Miyān Dilawar, you can take this Banda’s name (in your family tree).” This short statement of Mahdi AS has great depth and teaches us a lesson of equity among the Mahdavi Brotherhood.

Later, Hazrat Shah Dilawar RZ became the Fifth Caliph of Imamuna Hazrat Mahdi-e-Mau’ood AS.

Hazrat Shah Dilawar RZ left this perishable world on the 2nd Zulqada 945 H/1537-38 AD in his own Dairah, which was in Borkheda, West of Aurangabad, near Chalisgaon in Maharashtra, India.

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There were 1400 Fuqara in his Dairah, of whom 12 were

his Khulafa. Hazrat Miyan Abdul Malik Sujawandi RZ was one of his great Aalim-e-Deen and the Author of “Sirajul-Absaar,” which was written in reply to the “Risala-e-Al-Radd.” Of Shaikh Ali Muttaqi Muhaddis.

The Glad Tidings/Basharatein of Bandagi Miyan Shah Dilawar RZ

The glad tidings/Bisharatein) Given by Imamuna Syed Muhammad Juanpuri Mahdi AS in favour of Bandagi Miyan Shah Dilawar RZ are the following:

- 1) The first glad tidings/Bisharat is “Scholar of the heart (‘Alim-e-Dil).”
- 2) The second glad tidings is, “His vision spans from the earth to the sky in such a way as seeing a grain of mustard in the palm.”
- 3) The third glad tidings is, “King of kings (Shah-e-Shahan).
- 4) The fourth glad tidings is, “After me, ask for the Explanation of a dream or reverie (Mua’mila) from Miyan Dilawar.”
- 5) The fifth glad tidings is, “Just as twelve people received Glad Tidings from this servant, twelve people will receive Glad tidings from you.”
- 1) The sixth glad tidings is, “The scholars of the apparent and esoteric knowledge will sit on their haunches before you.”
- 7) The seventh glad tidings is, “The daughters of Syed and Sheikhs will desire to marry you.”
- 8) The eighth glad tidings is, “Rajmati was capable of my service, and it is for this reason I gave her to you.”

9) The ninth glad tidings is, “The sword will not perform its job over you, just as it does not perform its job over us.”

10) Hazrat Mahdi AS said, “Wherever this servant is present, Miyan Dilawar is there, and wherever Miyan Dilawar is present, this servant is there.” He further said, “No person will overcome you.”

11) Hazrat Mahdi AS said (to Miyan Dilawar RZ), “Where there is one, you are the second. Where there are two, you are the third. Where there are three, you are the fourth. Where there are four, you are the fifth.” He further said, “You are the first, and you are the last.” He further said, “You are more respectable than respected persons (Ashrafaun se Ashraf ho).”

I pray Allahu SWT to guide us all, Mahdavi, in the footsteps of Hazrat Shah Dilawar RZ and guide us to learn the Love of Mahdi AS, which is the Ishq-e-Mahdi As, as well as the Love of Allahu SWT and practice Mahdavia Teachings sincerely in our everyday life consistently.

آمِينَ ثُمَّ آمِينَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَ آخِرُ الدَّعْوَاةِ اَنَّ لِحَمْدِ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ۔

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