

Hazrat Makhdoom Ali Mahimi (R.A.)

Qutb-e-Kokan: The Pole Star of Mysticism

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## Preface

This eBook, presented by Barkateraza.in, chronicles the life, teachings, and spiritual legacy of Hazrat Makhdoom Ali Mahimi (R.A.), a revered Sufi saint known as Qutb-e-Kokan. His scholarly contributions, particularly his pioneering Quranic exegesis, and his spiritual eminence along the Konkan coast have left an indelible mark on Islamic mysticism in India. This work seeks to preserve his legacy and share his wisdom, reflecting Barkateraza.in's commitment to promoting spiritual heritage.



# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Hazrat Makhdoom Ali Mahimi (776–835 A.H./1372–1431 A.D.) was a distinguished Sufi saint and scholar of the Maghribi Akbari silsila, born in Mahim, Thane (now Mumbai, Maharashtra). Known as Qutb-e-Kokan, he was a pioneer in Islamic scholarship, authoring the first Indian exegesis on the Quran, *Al-Tafsir Ar-Rahmani*. His titles, including Faqih Ali Mahimi and Makhdoomul Aafaaq, reflect his mastery in jurisprudence and mysticism. Appointed Qadi by Sultan Ahmad Shah of Gujarat, he served the Muslim community of Thane with justice and wisdom.



## Chapter 2

### Lineage and Family

Hazrat Makhdoom Ali Mahimi belonged to the Nawait family of Arab origin, surnamed Paro, tracing their lineage to Hazrat Ja'far Tayyar ibn Abi Talib (R.A.). His father, Maulana Shaikh Ahmad bin Ibrahim (R.A.), a learned merchant and saint, is buried in Moutha, Jordan. His mother, Fatima bint Nakhuda Husain (R.A.), from the wealthy Ankolio family, was a pious woman whose prayers significantly shaped his spiritual journey. His sister married Sultan Ahmad Shah of Gujarat.





## Chapter 3

### Birth and Early Life

Born on 10 Muharram 776 A.H. (1372 A.D.) in Mahim, Hazrat Makhdoom Ali grew up in a scholarly and devout household. After his father's death at age nine, he was raised by his mother, whom he deeply revered. A notable incident reflects his devotion: when his mother fell asleep after requesting water, he stood by her side all night holding a glass, unwilling to disturb her. Her subsequent prayers for his success were divinely answered.



## Chapter 4

### Education

Under his father's guidance, Hazrat Makhdoom Ali mastered Quranic recitation with correct phonetics, theology, logic, philosophy, Hadith, and other Islamic sciences before age nine. After his father's passing, sources suggest he received mystical knowledge from Hazrat Khwaja Khidr (A.S.) on the Mahim seashore, though unconfirmed. His mother's prayers facilitated divine blessings, granting him vast knowledge of earthly and heavenly sciences, as narrated in biographies like *Damir al-Insan*.



## Chapter 5

### Spiritual Journey

Hazrat Makhdoom Ali was an Uwaysi Sufi, receiving spiritual initiation without formal affiliation to orders like Chishti or Suhrawardi. His mentor was Hazrat Muhiyuddin ibn Arabi (R.A.), whose doctrine of Wahdat al-Wujud he expounded. He spent much of his life in worship, dhikr, and contemplation, earning the title Qutb-e-Kokan for his spiritual eminence and influence along the Konkan coast.



## Chapter 6

### Role as Qadi

Appointed Qadi of Thane by Sultan Ahmad Shah of Gujarat, Hazrat Makhdoom Ali adjudicated civil and criminal cases for the Muslim community with justice and fairness. His scholarly reputation and piety earned him respect, and the Sultan honored him by marrying his sister to him, strengthening his ties to the ruling elite.





## Chapter 7

### Literary Contributions

Hazrat Makhdoom Ali authored 19 critically acclaimed works, including:

1. Al-Tafsir Ar-Rahmani: A pioneering Quranic exegesis, analyzing chapter connections and the significance of Bismillah and chapter titles.
2. Fataawa Makhdoomiya: Jurisprudential rulings.
3. Fiqah Makhdoomi: Islamic legal principles.
4. Khusus-un Na'am Fee Sharh-e-Fusus-ul-Hikam: Commentary on Ibn Arabi's work.
5. Zawarif-ul Lataif Fee Sharh-e-Awariful Ma'arif: Explanation of mystical concepts.

His works, praised by scholars like Shah Waliullah, are preserved in libraries in Mumbai, Bankipur, Berlin, and London, though the Mahim Dargah's library no longer exists.



## Chapter 8

### Miracles (Karamat)

1. Reviving a Goat: At age 10, Hazrat Makhdoom revived a dead goat thrown into the sea, commanding it to return home with him.
2. Saving a Merchant's Ship: He predicted the safe return of a ship lost for seven years, leading to the merchant's family embracing Islam.
3. Retrieving Jewels from a Well: He miraculously retrieved jewels thrown into a well, demonstrating divine favor.
4. Miraculous Hajj: He transported a young man to Mecca instantly, ensuring his marriage by fulfilling a condition to return first.
5. Transforming Fish Bones: Fish bones he placed in water turned into live fish, proving his detachment from worldly desires.



## Chapter 9

### Teachings and Legacy

Hazrat Makhdoom emphasized adherence to Shariat, devotion to prayer, and service to the poor. His generous nature and humility endeared him to all. His principal disciple, Shaikh Muhammad Syed Kokani (R.A.), carried forward his teachings. The Mahim Dargah, established in 1674, remains a spiritual hub, with his Urs attracting nearly three lakh visitors annually between December 13–22. A treasured Quran, possibly copied by him, is displayed on Laylat al-Qadr.



## Chapter 10

### Passing and Mausoleum

Hazrat Makhdoom Ali Mahimi passed away on 8 Jumada al-Thani 835 A.H. (February 1431 A.D.) in Mahim. His mother, who passed 40 days later, is buried beside him. His mausoleum in Mahim, Mumbai, is a revered site, with his Urs celebrated on 13 Shawwal. Historical records from 1694 and 1739 confirm the Dargah's significance, with fairs and processions drawing diverse crowds.





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## Closing Prayer

May Allah, through the blessings of His Beloved Prophet (PBUH), Hazrat Makhdoom Ali Mahimi, Hazrat Muhiyuddin ibn Arabi, and the Awliya Allah, grant us complete love for the Prophet, protect our faith, inspire righteous deeds, and fulfill our noble desires in this world and the hereafter. Ameen.