

Hazrat Sirri al-Saqati (R.A.)

The Saalik of Malakoot: A Beacon of Tasawwuf

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## Preface

This eBook, presented by Barkateraza.in, narrates the exemplary life of Hazrat Abul Hassan Sirri al-Saqati (R.A.), a pivotal figure in early Sufism and the Peer-o-Murshid of Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi (R.A.). Born in Baghdad around 155 A.H., he was a towering scholar and ascetic, known as Saalik-e-Malakoot. His transformation through the dua of Hazrat Ma'roof Karkhi (R.A.) and his teachings on patience, humility, and divine love shaped the Saqatiya silsila. His mazaar in Baghdad remains a source of spiritual blessings.



# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Hazrat Sirri al-Saqati (R.A.) (155 A.H./772 C.E. – 253 A.H./867 C.E.) was a leading Sufi saint, scholar, and the first to openly teach tasawwuf in Iraq. A mureed and khalifa of Hazrat Ma'roof Karkhi (R.A.), he was also mentored by Hazrat Habeeb Raa'ee (R.A.) and studied under Hazrat Fuzail bin Ayaz (R.A.). As the maternal uncle and spiritual guide of Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi (R.A.), his Saqatiya silsila influenced numerous Sufi orders. Known for performing 1,000 nafil raka'ts daily, his mazaar in Shawneez, Baghdad, is revered.



## Chapter 2

### Early Life and Transformation

Born in Baghdad to Hazrat Mughlis (R.A.), Sirri al-Saqati initially ran a shop. His life changed when Hazrat Habeeb Raa'ee (R.A.) passed by, accepted his bread, and made dua, inspiring him to embrace tasawwuf. Under Hazrat Ma'roof Karkhi (R.A.), he clothed an orphan, receiving a dua that detached him from the world. A fire in Baghdad spared his shop, prompting shukr, but he repented for 30 years for not considering others' losses, showcasing his humility.





## Chapter 3

### Spiritual Training and Mentors

Sirri al-Saqati studied under Hazrat Fuzail bin Ayaz (R.A.) and was a Tabbe Taabi'een. He became a mureed of Hazrat Ma'roof Karkhi (R.A.), receiving khilafat, and served Hazrat Habeeb Raa'ee (R.A.). His close friendship with Hazrat Bishr Hafi (R.A.) enriched his spiritual journey. His rigorous training under these luminaries made him a master of zuhd and ma'arifat, establishing him as the Imam of Ahle Tasawwuf in Iraq.



## Chapter 4

### Miracles and Karamaat

1. Drunk's Transformation: Seeing a drunk taking Allah's name, Sirri washed his mouth. Allah revealed, "You washed his mouth for My sake; I have washed his heart for yours." The man was later found praying Tahajjud, transformed into a devout namaazi.
2. Pari's Melting: Explaining modesty to a female jinn (Pari), Sirri's words caused her to melt like wax, demonstrating his spiritual impact on even non-human beings.
3. Scorpion's Sting: While lecturing on patience, a scorpion stung him. He continued unmoved, refusing to show impatience, embodying his teachings.



## Chapter 5

### Ascetic Lifestyle

Sirri al-Saqati performed 1,000 nafil raka'ts daily, a feat unmatched even at 98. Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi (R.A.) noted he only rested at death. His humility shone when he repented for 30 years over a moment of shukr, fearing it implied superiority. He advised youth to perform good deeds early, as old age limited his own worship, despite his unmatched devotion.



## Chapter 6

### Compassion and Character

Known for kindness, Sirri al-Saqati gave generously, as noted by Hazrat Bishr Hafi (R.A.). His lecture moved minister Ahmad bin Yazeed to abandon wealth for a fageer's life, later dying in Sirri's presence. His humility was evident when he clothed an orphan at Hazrat Ma'roof Karkhi's behest, earning divine blessings that transformed his heart.





## Chapter 7

### Teachings and Aphorisms

Sirri's teachings emphasized ma'arif, humility, and obedience. His sayings include:

1. "An Aarif is like the sun, illuminating all; like earth, bearing all; like water, purifying hearts; like fire, brightening existence."
2. "A Sufi's ma'arif must align with zuhd, his inner knowledge with outer actions, and he must not conceal haram with miracles."
3. "One who cannot control his nafs cannot guide others."
4. "The heart reveals itself through tongue and face."
5. "True Sufis remain connected to Allah; separation is His greatest wrath."
6. "Obey Allah, and the world will obey you."
7. "A heart filled with worldly love cannot hold Allah's fear, trust, modesty, or closeness."
8. "The best conduct is enduring injustice without harming others."
9. "Forgiving despite power to retaliate earns Allah's forgiveness."
10. "Do good in youth, as old age limits worship."



## Chapter 8

### Interaction with Contemporaries

Sirri served Hazrat Ma'roof Karkhi (R.A.) and Hazrat Habeeb Raa'ee (R.A.), and was a close companion of Hazrat Bishr Hafi (R.A.). As the Peer-o-Murshid of Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi (R.A.), his maternal nephew, he profoundly influenced him, with Junaid calling him the most perfect Aabid and Zaahid. His Saqatiya silsila shaped Baghdad's Sufi landscape.



## Chapter 9

### Legacy and Influence

Sirri al-Saqati's Saqatiya silsila influenced major Sufi orders through his khulafa, notably Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi (R.A.). His open teaching of tasawwuf in Iraq set a precedent for later Sufi masters. His mazaar in Shawneez, Baghdad, remains a site of blessings, drawing devotees seeking spiritual solace.



## Chapter 10

### Passing and Mausoleum

Hazrat Sirri al-Saqati passed away on 13 Ramadan 253 A.H. (867 C.E.) in Baghdad, aged 98. During his final illness, Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi (R.A.) fanned him, but Sirri remarked, “Fire is stronger than wind,” urging focus on Allah’s love. His last advice was to avoid distraction from divine love. His mazaar in Shawneez, Baghdad, is a spiritual haven.





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## Closing Prayer

May Allah, through the blessings of His Beloved Prophet (PBUH), Hazrat Sirri al-Saqati, the Sahaba, Ahl al-Bayt, and all 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.