

Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque Noorul Ain Ashrafi Jilani (R.A.)

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Preface

This eBook, presented by Barkateraza.in, narrates the illustrious life of Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque Noorul Ain Ashrafi Jilani (R.A.), a distinguished Sufi saint of the Chishti Ashrafi order and spiritual successor of Hazrat Makhdoom Syed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (R.A.). Known as Noorul Ain, his spiritual radiance and scholarly contributions illuminated Kichhochha Sharif, leaving an enduring legacy. This work aims to honor his contributions and perpetuate his teachings, aligning with Barkateraza.in's mission to preserve spiritual heritage.

Chapter 1

Introduction

Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque Noorul Ain Ashrafi Jilani (709–872 A.H./1287–1468 A.D.) was a revered mystic and scholar of the Chishti Ashrafi order. Born in Hama, Syria, he left his homeland at age 12 to join his spiritual mentor, Hazrat Makhdoom Syed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (R.A.), in India. As the spiritual son and successor of Hazrat Makhdoom, he played a pivotal role in spreading the Ashrafi silsila, earning titles such as Noorul Ain, Shaikhul Islam, and Makhdoomul Aafaaq.

Chapter 2

Lineage and Family

Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque was a Hasani Sayyid, tracing his lineage to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) through 23 generations, via Imam Hassan Mujtaba (R.A.), and to Hazrat Ghausul Azam Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani (R.A.) through 11 generations. His father, Hazrat Syed Abdul Ghafoor Hasan Jilani, was a pious scholar from Hama, Syria. As the cousin of Hazrat Makhdoom's mother, he was entrusted to his care, becoming his Farzand-e-Manwi (spiritual son), thus integrating into the Khanwada-e-Ashrafia.

Chapter 3

Birth and Early Life

Born in 709 A.H. (1287 A.D.) in Hama, Syria, Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque was entrusted to Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir Simnani at age 12 during one of the latter's visits to Syria. His father, Hazrat Syed Abdul Ghafoor, and his mother, a cousin of Hazrat Makhdoom, relinquished their rights, allowing him to accompany his mentor to India, where he was raised as a son and spiritual heir.

Chapter 4

Education

Under Hazrat Makhdoom's guidance, Hazrat Noorul Ain memorized the Quran with mastery of seven Qirat styles within a year. He excelled in Hadith, Tafsir, Fiqh, Usul-e-Fiqh, Kalam, and Tasawwuf. A notable incident during a journey to Mecca involved Hazrat Makhdoom ensuring his education by retaining scholar Moulana Azam Jamaluddin Bakhshi on their ship, rewarding him generously to complete teaching Mohtasabi to Noorul Ain, demonstrating his commitment to his disciple's learning.

Chapter 5

Spiritual Training

Hazrat Noorul Ain's spiritual journey was shaped by his unwavering service to Hazrat Makhdoom Simnani. For 68 years, he remained devoted, accompanying his mentor across travels and serving diligently. His spiritual stature was evident when Hazrat Makhdoom tested his abilities by tasking him to guide Amir Ali Beg Turki to mysticism, resulting in the latter's transformation into a learned mystic within hours, as narrated in Lataife Ashrafi.

Chapter 6

Relationship with Hazrat Makhdoom

Hazrat Makhdoom regarded Noorul Ain as his spiritual son, declaring, “I have brought Noorul Ain into being by my eyes.” Their bond was profound, with Hazrat Makhdoom bestowing divine secrets and blessings upon him. During a severe illness in Damascus, Hazrat Makhdoom affirmed Noorul Ain as his successor, silencing other disciples’ ambitions. He stated, “Noorul Ain is my true son; he who deviates from him will gain nothing.”

Chapter 7

Spiritual Succession

On 28 Muharram 808 A.H., before his passing, Hazrat Makhdoom appointed Noorul Ain as his Janasheen (spiritual successor), entrusting him with the Ashrafi silsila's leadership, his blessed Khirqa, and divine secrets. Addressing his disciples, he declared, "Noorul Ain is my true son; he who remains with him will succeed in both worlds." Noorul Ain's heartfelt plea at his mentor's passing and Hazrat Makhdoom's consoling words underscored their unbreakable bond.

Chapter 8

Marriage and Progeny

Hazrat Makhdoom arranged Noorul Ain's marriage to Sultana Bibi from the Sadat-e-Marehra family, after verifying her lineage through his book Ashraful Ansaab. They had five sons: Syed Shamshuddin, Syed Hasan, Syed Hussain, Syed Farid, and Syed Ahmad, all renowned for their piety and scholarship. Hazrat Noorul Ain appointed Syed Hasan as his Sajjada Nashin, continuing the Ashrafi legacy in Kichhochha.

Chapter 9

Titles and Spiritual Status

Hazrat Noorul Ain's titles included Noorul Ain (Light of the Eyes), Shaikhul Islam, Makhdoomul Aafaaq, and Qudwatul Abraar. The title Noorul Ain was bestowed by Hazrat Makhdoom, who said, "I have created Noorul Ain with my eyes," reflecting his spiritual eminence. Hazrat Shaikh Qaseem of Turkistan, a revered mystic, conferred the title Shaikhul Islam, praying for his prominence in his era.

Chapter 10

Contributions and Legacy

Hazrat Noorul Ain compiled Maktubate Ashrafi, preserving his mentor's letters. He spent much of his life in worship, meditation, and spreading Islamic teachings. His khulafa, including his sons and others like Hazrat Khwaja Abdul Azeez, propagated the Chishti Ashrafi silsila. His descendants, such as Ala Hazrat Ali Husain Ashrafi Miyan and Muhaddise Azam Hind, continued his legacy of scholarship and spirituality.

Chapter 11

Miracles (Karamat)

1. Transformation of Amir Ali Beg: By Hazrat Noorul Ain's spiritual focus, Amir Ali Beg became a mystic and answered complex scholarly questions, as tested by Hazrat Makhdoom.
2. Meeting with 114 Saints: During travels with Hazrat Makhdoom, he gained blessings from 114 Sufi saints, enhancing his spiritual stature.

Chapter 12

Passing and Mausoleum

Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque Noorul Ain passed away on 7 Zilqa'da 872 A.H. (1468 A.D.) in Kichhochha Sharif. Before his passing, he assigned spiritual jurisdictions to his sons: Syed Hasan (Kichhochha), Syed Hussain (Jaunpur), Syed Ahmad (Jais), and Syed Farid (Bara Banki). His mausoleum, located east of Hazrat Makhdoom's shrine in Kichhochha, remains a spiritual sanctuary. His Urs is observed on 7 Zilqa'da.

Chapter 13

Blessings for His Progeny

Hazrat Makhdoom prayed for Noorul Ain's descendants, stating, "I have included your progeny in the divine treasury; if they adopt contentment, they will never be dependent." He prophesied that each generation would include a Rijalul Gaib and a Majzoob, with one inheriting his spiritual state. These blessings manifested in luminaries like Muhaddise Azam Hind and Sarkar-e-Kalan, whose contributions endure.

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Closing Prayer

May Allah, through the blessings of His Beloved Prophet (PBUH), Hazrat Syed Abdur Razzaque Noorul Ain, Hazrat Makhdoom Syed Ashraf Jahangir Simnani, the Ahl-e-Bait, 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.