

## Islam and Sufism: A Case Study of Qadriya Sufi Order in Construction of Islamic Society

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### Abstract:

This is an analytical form of study which explores the term Sufism and Qadriyah Sufi order. In this study it has tried to understand the term Sufism and its importance. Basically Sufism is a alternative word of mysticism which is universally used in the different religion of the world except Islam. There are different concepts and philosophys which interpret the word Sufism and mysticism. In Islam it is thought and considered in the meaning of the individual inner purity and piety. Sufism created simpacity and boosted up the society toward nobility and spirituality of mind and soul. After the initial phase of the historical evolution and development Islamic Sufism served the humanity through several Sufi orders on the basis of same faith under the the teaching of Islamic Shariah. Among these Sufi order Qadriya is one of them and it is considered as a universal Sufi order in the entire Islamic World. Primarily this research is abrief interpretation of the Sufiism along with the Qadriyah Sufi Order. It highlights the significance and role of Qadriya order in the construction of the society.

**Keywords:** Sufism, Islam, Qadriyah, Order, Society.

### **Discussion**

There are several opinion about the word Tasawuf by scholars various sayings about the derivation of the word Sufism, but the following derivations are described.

Sufism: "To be one, is to be attracted to oneness." In other words it define as, that this is the word, **Al-Suf:** "Woolen clothes" If Sufism is considered as the source of Al-Suf, then it means those who wear woolen clothes.

**Al-Safu:** "The meaning of love, sincerity, friendship" according to this substance, Sufi refers to a person who is free from the rewards of this world and the hereafter and has a relationship of selfless love and friendship with the true beloved. Built up.

Sufism is a reality that is a practical spiritual experience of Islamic teachings and spiritual qualities. It is a system of inner observation that faith in the unseen, when it passes through its gradual stages, turns into Iqan. Sufism is the inward observation of the qualities of belief. Sufism is the knowledge that gives practical confirmation of belief and faith. He cleanses his inner self from all filth, filth and all kinds of sin, and that is the name of Sufism, because Sufism is the name of purifying one's inner self. Shahrā Afaq says in the book "Kashf al-Mahjub".

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Sufism: "To be one, is to be attracted by complete oneness."

**Al-Safa:** "To be clean." It is Sufism to clean an object free from all external and internal pollution and make it clear and transparent.

**As-Safa:** This group is also called Sufis because their attributes are similar to those of As-Safa.

**As-Saf:** "Row, chain." It is as if the hearts of Sophia are in the front row in terms of presence in the court of Allah Ta'ala.

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Sufism is a mystical Islamic belief and practice in which Muslims seek to discover the reality of divine love and knowledge through direct personal experience. Sufism has played an important role in the formation of Muslim society and continues to play an important role in the Islamic world. Arguments in favor of Sufism include its comprehensiveness, spiritual dimension and emphasis on love, peace and tolerance. Arguments against Sufism include its distortion of Islamic beliefs, offensive behavior, and potential for confusion and deviance.

The Qadiriya family is related to Sheikh Muhyiddin Abdul Qadir Jilani, may God bless him and grant him peace.

The Qadiriya chain is also called Umm al-Salsil. In this family, apart from piety and purity, Shariat is strictly prohibited, and for inner beauty, there is also a keen eye on appearance. Sayyiduna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, may God bless him and grant him peace, not only taught it, but also practiced this approach. It was strictly observed that if there was any discrepancy with the practice of the Shariat, then it was kept away from the practice. In this regard, special attention has been paid to the observance of Sharia, but one has to go through the stages of shunning the world, austerity and struggle, and submission.

(It should be noted that Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, may God bless him and grant him peace, was a follower of Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal, may God bless him and grant him peace).

Hazrat Syedna Ghous, may God bless him and grant him peace, has taught this series in his book "Fatuh al-Ghaib". Hazrat Shaykh Syedna Abdul Qadir Jilani Gilani (RA), also known as Ghous Azam, is a very important Sufi of the Sunni Hanbali method, Shaykh and the founder of the Qadiriya chain. He was born on 1st Ramadan 470 AH corresponding to 17 March. He was born in 1078 AD in Gilan, the western city of Kermanshah Province, Iran, which is also called Kailan, and that is why his other name Sheikh Abdul Qadir Qilani is derived. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani is related to the spiritual lineage of Hazrat Junaid Baghdadi. Due to the services and thoughts of Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani has been given the title of Ghous-i-Azam Dastgir in the Muslim world. During the period when Syedna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani arrived in Baghdad, there were strange riots in all the countries of the Abbasid Empire. Crusader terrorists were planning to attack Syria. While after the capture of Antioch and Bait al-Maqdis, mountains of persecution were being unleashed on the Muslims - their dignity was insecure and their property was being looted.<sup>1</sup>

Hazrat Sheikh Aqeel Sanji was asked who are the Qutbs of this era? He said, the people of this era is hidden in Medina. No one knows it except the saints of Allah. Then he pointed towards Iraq and said that a foreign youth will appear from this side. He will preach in Baghdad. Every special and ordinary person will know his virtues and he will say that Kadmi Hasso Ali Rabeah Kal Wali Allah. My foot is on the neck of all saints of Allah. "قدمى هذه على رقبته كل ولي الله". So first Sheikh Ali bin Al-Hiti (may God bless him and grant him peace) stood up and placed his blessed foot on his neck, after that all the people in the assembly bowed their necks.<sup>2</sup> Sultan-ul-Arifin Hazrat Sultan Bahoo (may Allah have mercy on him) introduces Muhyiddin Abdul Qadir Al-Jilani in his subtle work "Shams-ul-Arifin" as follows. "A murshid should have such a vision like my Pir Muhyiddin that with a single glance, thousands of students drown some of the mureeds in the knowledge of Allah and some of them become eternally blessed by the Majlis of the Holy Prophet (ﷺ)."<sup>3</sup>

All the scholars and saints agree that Syedna Abdul Qadir Jilani is Madrzad meaning the born saint. It is well-known that you never drink milk from sunrise to sunset in the month of Ramadan, and it was well-known in Gilan that "a child has been born in the house of Sadat, who is born in the month of Ramadan." I don't drink full milk." In childhood, children are usually fond of sports, but you have been away from blood and fire since childhood. He said, "Whenever I intended to play with the children, I heard someone saying to me, O blessed one, come to me." Even in this environment of repression and barbarity and sedition and corruption, Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani was engaged in the study of knowledge in Baghdad - he learned various sciences and arts from the great sheikhs, scholars and jurists - he learned from the famous Muhaddithians of his time. Read books of Hadith. You were busy learning the rules and regulations of Islamic sciences for 30 years. After the death of Hazrat Al-Sheikh Abu Saeed Al-Mukharmi, the educational responsibility of his Madrasah was taken over by Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani the new

construction of the Madrasah was completed in the year 527 AH corresponding to 1133 AD.<sup>4</sup>

After Tehsil-e-Ilam, Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (RA) left the city of Baghdad and spent 25 years in the deserts and forests of Iraq. In 1127, he again settled in Baghdad and started teaching. Soon your fame and good name spread to Baghdad and then far and wide. For 40 years you took full part in the preaching activities of Islam. As a result, thousands of people converted to Islam. He started sending delegations to distant places to further spread the message. Syedna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani himself traveled far and wide for the propagation of Islam and visited the subcontinent and also stayed in Multan (Pakistan).

Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani wrote valuable books on topics such as Taliban Mullah, Usul and Faroo, Tafsir Kalam Elahi, Akhwal and Facts - some of them were published, some are in the form of manuscripts - most of the published works. It has been translated into many famous languages of the world. Many of his works have been translated into English in Europe and America. It is noteworthy that the terms and topics mentioned by him in these works are the Holy Quran and The topics, sayings and meanings in the blessed hadiths are exactly in accordance. Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani established a perfect educational curriculum aimed at the academic, social, cultural and spiritual training of the disciples and the acquirers of knowledge - through this curriculum all their Shariah, spiritual, external and internal needs are fulfilled. The training curriculum was chosen according to the age of the student or murid and this training curriculum consisted of several sciences and arts one after the other, which included memorization and recitation, beliefs and principles, interpretation of the Quran, Hadith, principles of Islamic jurisprudence and morals values. It was mandatory for the disciples to study both Fiqh and Sufism at the same time. Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, who completed his education and training, would send him to other places or countries for the propagation and publication of the religion of Islam. Started - After his death, his descendants and caliphs continued his mission - like other countries of the world.<sup>5</sup>

Even in Pakistan, countless people have been blessed with wealth of faith thanks to the blessed caliphs of your eyes - today the followers of Alia Qadria, many well-known scholars and Sufis are spread in many countries. In all these countries, the chain of Alia Qadria became the source of the completion of faith of millions of people and the acceptance of Islam by millions of non-Muslims.

The Qadiriya Order includes the practical training of Riazat and Mujahidah which includes worship with its full flavor, different prayers day and night and according to different months and days, as well as different azkar according to different months and days. Seclusion, manners of company and gatherings, taste for night vigils, meditation, understanding of gestures and signs, endurance of light manifestations and all such matters that the seeker needs from the beginning to the end - through this practical educational method the student learns. , the devotee is purified and the process of reformation becomes stable.<sup>6</sup>

According to Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani, a Sufi is not someone who separates from the world and lives in isolation, although taking a solitary place for the sake of training is a different things, that is why you It established a strong relationship between and prevented those actions that cause the breakdown of social unity. In the same way, he not only made a plan to save the devotees from earning halal sustenance without hard work, living on the donations of helpers, asking questions from the people, but also from all such issues that would bring them down from their social status. Rather, taught them the rules and regulations of trade and halal livelihood along with trustworthiness, he said, "Be tolerant with the rich and humble with the poor - make the company of the poor obligatory upon yourself and treat them with courtesy and generosity - the disciple should not be weak in front of the shouts of the rich and Do not be greedy for this gift of them, because there are great dangers for the religion and morals of man in their happiness.<sup>7</sup> He used to give *fatwas* according to the religions of Hazrat Imam Muhammad bin Idris al-Shafa'i and Hazrat Imam Ahmad bin Hanbal. He used to continue These traditions are also found that he used to issue fatwas on the religion of Hazrat Imam Abu Hanifa Numan bin Thabit bin Numan al-Kufi.<sup>8</sup> Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Qadir was deceased and he had complete knowledge of 13 sciences related to Sharia and linguistics. Among them were the art of recitation, the sciences of interpretation of the Qur'an and Hadith, jurisprudence, conflict, principles and the sciences of vocabulary.<sup>9</sup>

Dr. Yusuf Zeidan an Egyptian Scholar stated three important points regarding the continuity of the Qadria order and its universality:

1. Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani based his Alia Qadiria chain on the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the

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Prophet (ﷺ) because both of them are the main sources of Islam -

2. Sayyidna Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani has many children, so after his death, his descendants kept the teachings of his family alive.

3-Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani based his line of Alia Qadiria on the Holy Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet (ﷺ) because both of them are the main sources of Islam. Therefore, many Sufis of his orders from different countries of the Islamic world received education and training under his shadow.<sup>10</sup>

The righteous person of all times is the one who avoids forbidden and illegitimate actions, honest, truthful and pious, drawn towards the Hereafter, a follower of the Shariat and a follower of the Sunnah. Nowadays, due to not sitting in the gatherings and company of pious and pious people, and because of their reluctance to join them, very few people are blessed with the perfect and true religion that is rooted in their hearts and minds. By sitting in the company of the people of Allah and the people of reform and welfare, one learns humanity, one gets the education of love, compassion and benevolence towards others, and one's heart is cleansed from deadly diseases like malice and envy, malice and enmity, ingratitude and arrogance. In place of humility, patience, gratitude and contentment, the heart is enlightened by noble morals. "The example of a good neighbor is like that of a perfume seller, even if he does not give you (perfume), his fragrance will still reach you, and the example of a bad neighbor is like a blacksmith's furnace if his spark catches you. Even if you don't burn it, you will definitely smell its smoke."<sup>11</sup>

Hazrat Shah Kamal Kethali came to India. Shah Kamal. Kabir became famous with the nicknames of *Malik Al-Ashaq Far Wal-Arad Ulal Dayal*. His lineage traces back to Piran Pir Dashgir Mehboob Subhani Sheikh Abdul Qadir Jilani in the 12th past. He was born in Baghdad. Your father's name was Haji Syed Umar. Hazrat Makhdoom Shah Fazeel Qadri received Kharqa Khilafat. After performing Hajj, on the order of Murshid Kamil, he said goodbye to Baghdad and left for India. In Indian Subcontinent Qadriah Order also worked with full zeal and zest. Dipalpur, Kamalia, Lahore, Ludhiana, Payal, Agra, Delhi, Ajmer and Ahmedabad (Gujarat). When you stayed in a city and people knew your greatness, you would change the city. In the last part of his life, he came to Kaital (Karnal District). This area was empty of preachers for a long time. From your grace the fountains of spirituality burst not only in Kanthal but in the whole of India. During his travels in India, he had many spiritual encounters with Hindu yogis. Eventually, Jogi Musharraf converted to Islam. The names of Babasil Puri and Baba Kopal Das are prominent among them. The light of your lit candle can be seen shining on the shrines of Batala, Lahore, Sir Hind, Rampur and Pilibhit today. The tradition of Sajjada Nashin continued from your generation. In 1947, due to partition and circumstances, he migrated to Pakistan and settled in Multan, but eighty percent people of Kaithal are living in Dera Ghazi Khan. When they came to know that you were residing in Multan, they came to meet you and expressed their desire to stay permanently at Dera Ghazi Khan through Abdur Rahman Kah Khan Sheikh Muhammad Sharif and Muhammad Umar Sahib Jodha. He consulted his mother and she said that the people of the city deserve it more, so after his mother's approval, he came and settled in Dera Ghazi Khan in January 1950 at the insistence of Sheikh Muhammad Umar Jodha Sahib. Sheikh Sahib's forefathers were converted to Islam at the hands of Hazrat Ali, and that is why his caste is called Kamale.<sup>12</sup>

### Conclusion

Abdul Qadir Ghouth al-Azam gave a new life to Tariqat with his God-given spiritual perfections in his lifetime, millions of people benefited from this method and became familiar with the sweetness of faith and were equipped with Islamic life and morals. The number of recipients cannot be counted - all the Sufis associated with you have brought universal peace, brotherhood, love, respect for humanity, reformation among the people through their teachings. Humanity, compassion and equality etc. have been nurtured, so not only your Aaliyah family has been blessed with universal fame, but the religion of Islam has spread rapidly throughout the world.



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