

# THE SUBLIME NECTAR

The birth and the commemoration of the  
beloved Prophet

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In the Name of ALLAH, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful; may the peace and the prayers be upon the noble and beloved Prophet Muhammad, upon his family, his companions, and all those who perfectly follow him.

**« O ALLAH, send blessings on our Master Muhammad, who opened what was closed, who sealed what had gone before, the helper of Truth by the Truth, the guide to Your straight path, and on his family, may these blessings be equal to him immense position and grandeur. »**

Here is a minute glimpse of the supreme occurrence, the coming of he who was sent to every sincere heart desiring to know bliss both in this world and the Hereafter, an authentic and beneficial knowledge regarding this Gem of perfection, who has come to seal the Prophecy, to be meditated upon with an open heart.

ALLAH The Most High said:

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often.”  
(Surate 33 The Combined forces, verse 21)

These words are addressed to the whole world by the poor servant in ALLAH The Most High, Muhammad el Mansur el Muhieddine Tidjani, in order to re-establish in its entirety the dignity of our Master and Beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

This dignity has been too often tarnished by the words and deeds of people whose outward appearance is misleading because, in truth, their inner behaviour flouts the sacredness of the Very Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) by attributing things to him that have no basis or reality.

It is our duty to shed light on the divine gift granted to the whole of humanity about which ALLAH the Most High said: «And We have not sent you, except as a mercy to the worlds » (Surate 21 The Prophets; verse 107)

The honorable Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) came to us in order to teach us and to prepare us to meet the Lord of the Universe, to prepare

us in the best way for this inevitable encounter that will take place on the day of the last Judgement. On this day, no man will be able to give succour to another and no mother will be able to save her own child. Only the beloved (peace and blessings be upon him) will rise and intercede with ALLAH for those who have faith in Him.

Lord, I beg your forgiveness for our carelessness towards You, for not seeing the signs, so obvious, that our success and Your Approval (depend entirely upon your) can only be through the intermediary of Your Beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

O Lord, grant us Your Support and make us people who support the Noble Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) as You had said in your holy words:

«Those who follow the Messenger, the unlettered prophet, whom they find written in what they have of the Torah and the Gospel, who enjoins upon them what is right and forbids them what is wrong and makes lawful for them the good things and prohibits for them the evil and relieves them of their burden and the shackles which were upon them. So they who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him - it is those who will be the successful ». (Surate 7 The Heights, verse 157)

## The sublime nectar, the beloved Prophet

Ahmed (peace and blessings be upon him), he who is praised, born of the earthly union of the most noble and the most pure, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) was awaited by the whole universe. Never had a divine creation received as much praise from living beings both known and unknown to man, from the ghayb and from many others.

When he came into to the world, the ants in the bowels of the earth, the creatures at the bottom of the sea, all came to know of this event, so they felicitated each other and gave thanks and praise to ALLAH.

These words rose from the sky: «Here is the cause your existence, without which I would never have created you. » Some prostrated and others gave praise; the saviour of humanity was born.

When the time came for his worldly birth, he was presented to all the prophets who had gathered for the occasion to swear allegiance to him and to place between his shoulders that part of the prophecy that ALLAH had granted them, in order to seal the Seal of the prophecy in these words: “ عَظِيمٍ خُلِقَ لِعَالِي وَإِنَّكَ ” “And indeed, you are of a great moral character. ”

And also : “Muhammad is not the father of [any] one of your men, but [he is] the Messenger of Allah and last of the prophets. And ever is Allah, of all things, Knowing.” (Surate 33 The Combined forces, verse 40)

Certainly, fire was extinguished on earth, and in addition Hell was ordered to be silent and to refrain from all chastisement. Mercy had come. Not one single person could manifest discontentment in the face of this Divine Order except for he who ALLAH had cursed.

Among the occurrences that marked his birth, daemons were lapidated. Flaming projectiles from the sky fell upon them, and according to certain scholars, the tidings (news) that the angels brought from the sky became inaccessible to them. However, it is more widely known and remembered that the stoning of the daemon by the flaming projectiles occurred at the beginning of his mission.

Among the signs, the tidings from the sky were hidden from Iblis, who screamed in the same way that he had screamed when he was cursed, when he was expelled from Paradise, when the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) was born and when Fatihat el kitab was sent down by Revelation. This was related by Hafiz Al-‘Iraqiyy dans Al- Mawridou l-Haniyy d’après Baqiyy Ibnou Makhlad.

His Uncle Al Abbas (may ALLAH be pleased with him) left the following poem:

When you were born, the whole earth shone and the firmament could hardly contain your light! By the grace of this splendour, this light and this well-guided path, we can now hope to follow the way.

Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) would become the reformer of humanity and Master of the world.

Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is the brilliant proof of Divine Mercy, the one through whom the sun shines and the stars twinkle and the moon glows. He (peace and blessings be upon him) is without doubt the proof of the existence of the meeting with ALLAH. His faith, his truth and the dazzling particularity that has been granted to him by the Lord are reflected in his countenance.

The aura that emanates from him brings peace to the soul and the spirit of those who interact with him.

ALLAH (peace and blessings be upon him), in all His Magnificence, made him an abiding miracle. His superior physical and intellectual qualities are such that they cannot be described for fear of depreciating them. Throughout time, no other name has been more uttered than his, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

Because of him, ALLAH looked upon this world with mercy

Our Master Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), through whom ALLAH gives and takes, forgives mistakes and removes sins, but above all, he is the one through whom ALLAH accepts Men and Jins.

Within Him, The Eternal has reflected and contemplated HimSelf, in order to see only la ilaha ill ALLAH MOHAMMAD Rassouloullah.

He formed him in the most beautiful fashion and created you in his image, granting every living creature, known or unknown, a part of him.

Thus, everyone understood the importance of the arrival of our Master Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in this world and knew that the advent which ALLAH had already announced through his most noble messengers (peace be upon them), that is to say the end of this world, was rapidly approaching, and that the Lord of the Universe had initiated the countdown.

Of incomparable perfection, our Master Seyyidina Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) would teach the worlds submission to a single God, faith and perfection.

In the ancient Arabic text, it is written that the light surged from the center of the Earth and that with this light ALLAH illuminated the universe (el kawn). This light is that of the very noble Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

His mother tell that when she was carrying the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon

him) and brought him into the world, she saw a light rising from her, showing her the palaces of Shem.

On the subject of his own birth, el Mahbub (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said : “I am the accomplishment of the wish that was formulated by my father Ibrahim and the good tidings announced by Jesus. When she was carrying me, my mother saw a light flowing from her which illuminated as far as the palace of Cham.”

The exceptionality of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) rests from the fact that he was not only a great figure of his time but a great figure for all times and for all people regardless of any consideration concerning race, colour, nationality or geographic location.

The example that he gave was as valid for the Arabs of the seventh century as it is for human kind today, at the beginning of the twenty-first century. He is an excellent model for both rich and poor, young and old, governor and governed, for those of great intelligence as well as for those of ordinary intelligence. Allah made him his Emissary for the whole of humanity.

The morality of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) could not be simply reduced to a few traits of good behaviour, but spanned every aspect of his life. Kind, compassionate, loving, generous and humble, he was also strong, courageous, eloquent, wise and very perspicacious.

Although he was a great planner, an eminent organiser and thinker, he was also filled with faith, trust and piety for ALLAH.

Despite his active involvement in family and community life, he never neglected his prayers, his fast and his devotion to ALLAH. In truth, no one prayed more than he. He was an exemplary teacher, preacher, Imam, chief, statesman, judge, military commander; he was equally an exemplary husband, father, grandfather, business man, neighbour and friend.

Prior to receiving the honour of Prophetic Mission (Nubuwwah), he was known by the people of Mecca as «As-Sadiq Al Amin», that is to say the most truthful person, the most honest and trustworthy, traits of character that he maintained his whole life. He never broke a promise or a commitment. Even his enemies could not accuse him of dishonesty.

He demonstrated the greatest humility. He used to mix with the poor and sit among them, putting an end to the custom according to which people would stay standing

in his presence. He was content sitting in any place in a gathering and never sought to put himself above or before others. It could even happen that visitors would not know which person in the gathering was the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). Thus, when he entered Mecca, at the head of a great and victorious army, he demonstrated exceptional humility by touching his forehead to the saddle of his camel.

He (peace and blessings be upon him) was the most merciful person in the world. Allah (The Glorified, The Exalted) said of him: “a mercy to the worlds” (Surate 21 The Prophets; verse 107)”

He shared this quality with his family, his partisans, his friends but also with his enemies. Young and old, humans and animals, all benefited from his mercy. Even those who persecuted him in Mecca, killing his near and dear, taking his companions prisoner when they were defeated, were also forgiven. Steadfastness was a corner stone of his behaviour. Having determined a good practice or a beneficial path, he applied himself to it and observed it for ever, often repeating that: “The action that ALLAH loves most is the one which is regularly accomplished however small it may be.” (Al Bukhari)

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), has many names corresponding to his many qualities, mentioned both in the Quran and the Sunnah, here are some of his beautiful names:

Muhammad (the praised one), Ahmad (the most worthy of praise), Hamid (the bestower of praise and thankfulness), Ar-Rasûl (the Messenger), An-Nabî (The Prophet), Shahid (the Witness), Rasheed (the Righteous), Bashir (the one who brings good news), Nadhîr (the Warner), Da’i (the Caller who invites to ALLAH) ; Hadi (the Guide), Mahi (the one through whom ALLAH erases evil and disbelief), Fatih (the Conqueror), Rauf (the Pitying), Rahim (Merciful), Mujtaba (the chosen one) ; Mustafa (the elected one), Murtada (the approved one), As-Sadiq (the truthful one), Al-Amin (the faithful), Musaddiq (the one who strengthens the Truth), Habibullah (ALLAH’s beloved), Safiyyullah (the one that ALLAH has selected), Najiyyullah (The one protected by ALLAH), Shakûr (the grateful one), Kareem (the generous one), Hakim (The wise), Sayyid (the master, or the leader), Siraj Munir (Illuminating lamp), Jawâd (very generous), Adil (the fair one) and Khatam Ar-Rusul (the seal of the Prophets).

Allah (The Glorified, The Exalted) said:

“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do

so]. O you who have believed, ask [ Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [ Allah to grant him] peace.” (Surate 33 Al Ahzab, verse 56).

Following are some of the words eminent scholars about the noble and blessed birth of the Well Beloved (peace and blessings be upon him) :

The Sheikh Abu Shama (may ALLAH be pleased with him), who was the master of Nawawi, said that the Mawlid was the best of innovations (Bid'a Hassaniyya). Great scholars such as Ibn Hajar, Ibn Jawzi, Nawawi and others, have approved and even written short treatises on the benefit of Mawlid.

More importantly, it is said in the Holy Quran:

“In the bounty of Allah and in His mercy - in that let them rejoice” (Surate 10 Yunus, verse 58)

“So by mercy from Allah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. And if you had been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you. So pardon them and ask forgiveness for them and consult them in the matter. And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah. Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him].” (Surate 03 Al Imran, verse 159)

The sacred fire of Persia was extinguished, which had not occurred for one thousand years.

The room in which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) was born was bathed in light. Stars were seen approaching the new born baby, almost touching him. This phenomenon was seen and recounted by his mother and the midwife.

At this time when a small handful of honorable Wahabit scholars denounce innovation (bida'a) concerning the celebration of the Prophet's birth (peace and blessings be upon him), It seems important to re-establish the Truth.

In order to understand the subject, it is important to know that innovation (bida'a) is not a legal position, and as such, is not necessarily something to be rejected.

Imam As Shafi'i (may ALLAH be pleased with him) divided innovation into two parts: the first is known as "bid'a mahmuda" (approved innovation) and the second as "bid'a madhmuma" (disapproved innovation).

Sheikh An Nawawi (may ALLAH be pleased with him), Imam whose authority, greatness, rank and intelligence in all kind of Islamic knowledge is uncontested, classified innovation into five categories.



In his book *Al-Qawa'id Al-Kubra*, he wrote: "Innovation is divided into that which is mandatory (wâjiba), forbidden (muharrama), recommended (mandûba), disliked (makrûha), permissible (mubâha). The appropriate method in order to decide is to examine the innovation in the light of the Law (qawâ'id al-shari'a). If it falls in the category of obligations (ijab) it is therefore obligatory, if it falls in the category of prohibitions, it is therefore forbidden (tahrîm), in the category of recommended, it becomes recommended, disliked if it concerns that which is disliked and authorized if it concerns authorizations."

The commemoration of the birth of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) was and is generally accepted by the vast majority of the shouyoukh of the Muslim world.

On the question of Mawlid, each and every one will be able to measure **the words of the experts in Islamic knowledge who have been working for centuries for Islam, compared to a handful of contemporary radical scholars who disparage this commemoration**, and consequently denigrate the particularity of our Master Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

**Sheikh Ahmad Ash-Sharabâsî** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) **said**: « We need to remember everything connected to the Messenger of God (peace and blessings be upon him) because he is the ultimate example for every Muslim. Thus, there is no harm in Muslims all over the world, benefitting from this occasion—the birth of the noble Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)-to study his Sunna, his preaching, his noble manners, and to develop their understanding of the religion and the book of their Lord, in as much it encourages them to perform pious deeds and (to work for the greater good) endeavour for the common good.” We should therefore understand that celebrating the birth of the noblest Messenger Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) is a good habit. There is no harm in Muslims taking care of it and gathering on this occasion, **on the condition that their celebration remains within the context that which God legislated and authorized.**

**Imam Suyuti** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) wrote a whole chapter on the validity of Mawlid in which he said: “A question has been asked concerning the commemoration of the Mawlid of Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) in the month of Rabi' el Awal: “What is the legal religious decision on this matter? Is it good or bad? Is the person who celebrates it rewarded or not? ” His answer was as follows: « When the commemoration of Mawlid brings people together to recite parts of the Quran, to relate stories of the birth of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), and the miracles that occurred at that time, it is one of the good innovations (bid'a hassana). Whosoever practices it will be rewarded because of his veneration of the Prophet's status (peace and blessings be upon him) and the joy that he expresses upon this honourable birth.»”

**Imam Assakhawi** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said in his fatawi: « The commemoration of Mawlid was innovated after three centuries. Subsequently, the people of Islam in the cities of many different countries have continually commemorated Mawlid, giving the different sorts of alms during the night, reading the story of his noble birth, and they all largely benefited from the merits bestowed upon them by the grace of his blessings. »

**Imam Al Shihab Al Qastalani** (may ALLAH be pleased with him), in his commentary on the Sahih Al Bukhari, said: “May ALLAH have pity on he who celebrates the nights of the month in which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) was born with the aim of reducing the suffering of those whose hearts are afflicted.”

**Imam Abu al-Khattab ibn Dihya** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) wrote a whole mujallad on the subject in which all the arguments and the names of the scholars who celebrated al Mawlid at his time are to be found.

**Sheikh 'Atiyyah Saqr** (may ALLAH be pleased with him), former president of the Fatwa Comitee at the university of Al Azhar As Sherif, said the following concerning the commemoration of Mawlid: « It is my opinion that there is no harm in doing this, particularly at this time when the young people have almost forgotten their religion and its glory, drowning in other celebrations that tyrannically dominate religious celebration. This celebration should be the occasion to meditate on the life of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), and to perform deeds that immortalize the souvenir of his birth (peace and blessings be upon him): for example, by building mosques or institutes, or any other good deed that links the person who contemplates it to the Messenger of God (peace and blessings be upon him) and his life. »

**Sheikh Ahmad ibn Zayni Dahlan** (may ALLAH be pleased with him), The Mufti of Mecca wrote: «The celebration of Mawlid and the remembrance of the Prophet (may ALLAH be pleased with him) is accepted by all Muslim scholars. »

**Imam As Subki** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said: «When we celebrate the birthday of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), a great state of togetherness fills our heart, and we experience a very special feeling. »

**Imam Shawkani** (may ALLAH be pleased with him): « It is authorized to celebrate the Prophet’s birthday (peace and blessings be upon him). »

**Mullah 'Alî Qari** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) held the same opinion in a book that he wrote specifically to uphold the celebration of the Prophet’s birthday (peace and blessings be upon him). In another text, he stipulates that Mawlid is a way

of honouring and showing that we hold the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) in a high esteem.

In his book concerning authorized innovations, **Imam Abu Shama, the Sheikh of Imam Nawawi** (may ALLAH be pleased with them), said: « In this day and age, the best innovation (bida'a hassana) is the remembrance of the Prophet's birthday (peace and blessings be upon him). On this day, people donate generously, performed acts of adoration, demonstrate their deep love for the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), and profusely give thanks to ALLAH The Al-Mighty for sending His Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him) to them and preserving the Sunnah and the Sharia. »

**Imam as-Sakhawi** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said : « Mawlid was introduced three centuries after the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). All Muslim nations celebrate it and all the Ulama (scholars) and the body of scholars has accepted it, adoring ALLAH alone, giving alms, and reading the life story of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). »

**Imam Mohammad bin Abu Bakr Abdullâh al-Qaisi al-Dimashqi** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) confirms its legitimacy in several of his works.

**Hafiz Ibn Hajar al-Haytami** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) «Just as the Jews celebrate the day of Ashura by participating in the fast to give thanks to ALLAH, we should also celebrate the day of Mawlid. »

**Ibn Hajar 'al-Asqalani** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said that the proof of this was to be found in the hadith sahih in which a companion asked the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him): «Why, O Messenger of ALLAH, do you fast on Mondays? Seyyidina Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) replied: “Because it is the day on which I was born. » Thus, Imam Ibn Hajar al-'Asqalani said: «Even the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) himself commemorated his own birthday. »

**Ibn Hajar** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) also declared (or words to that effect) : « We give thanks to ALLAH for giving us the gift of a special day either for a great blessing or to avert disaster. Subsequently, this day is celebrated each year. The consequences of God's grace lead to different forms of adoration such as prostration, fasting, giving alms and reciting the Quran. What greater blessing is there than the appearance of this Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), The Prophet of Mercy, on this day of Mawlid?»

**Ibn Al-Jawzi** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) composed a book of poetry and Sira intended to be read during Mawlid celebrations.

**Sheikh Hisham Muhammad Kabbani** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) wrote: « The celebration of the Prophet's birthday (peace and blessings be upon him) is an act which all the Ulema (scholars of the Muslim world) have accepted and continue to accept. This signifies that ALLAH approves because, according the hadith of ibn Mas'oud (may ALLAH be pleased with him), written in the Musnad of Imam Ahmad: "That which the majority of Muslims considered to be right is true for ALLAH, and that which the majority of Muslims consider to be false is false for ALLAH. »

Imam **Shams ud-Din ibn al-Jazri** (may ALLAH be pleased with him), The Imam of the reciters, wrote a book entitled «The perfume of good tidings of the blessed birthday. »

**Sheikh Al Qardawi** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) also gives his approval of the celebration of the Mawlid in these terms: «These days, the celebration of the Prophet's birthday (peace and blessings be upon him) signifies the celebration of the birth of Islam. On such an occasion, we should remind people how the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) lived. I think that this celebration, if they are undertaken in an appropriate fashion will serve a great purpose, that of bringing Muslims closer to the teachings of Islam and to the life and the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). »

**Al-Hafiz Ismaïl Ibn Kathir** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) The famous exegete (author of the Tafseer of the Quran) also authorises the celebration of Mawlid and praises this celebration (festivity) in one of his works. He said: «The night of the birth of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), was a magnificent, noble, blessed and holy night, a night of joy for all believers, pure and radiant with lights, an inestimable reward »

**Sheikh ibn Taymiyya** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) wrote: « Even if our predecessors did not observe the Mawlid and for good reasons, there is no contraindication. »

He also says in his encyclopaedia of Fatwa: « Celebrating and honouring the birth of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and making it an exceptional moment, as some people do, is a good thing holding great rewards, because of the good intention of honouring the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). »

So even Ibn Taymiyya, an important figure for the Wahabit, said that there is no harm to celebrate it.

**Imam Qastalani** (may ALLAH be pleased with him) said : « In his book Janaiz (Funerals), Bukhari has entitled a full chapter «Dying on Monday». In this chapter,

there is a hadith related by Aicha (may ALLAH be pleased with her) on the question that her father, Abu Bakr (may ALLAH be pleased with him), had asked her: «On which day did the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) passed away? » She replied: «On Monday. » Then he (may ALLAH be pleased with him) asked: «What day is it today? » And she (may ALLAH be pleased with her) answered: «O father, today is Monday. » So then he said (may ALLAH be pleased with him): «I hope to die before tonight. »

Imam Qastalani continues: « Why did Abu Bakr (may ALLAH be pleased with him) request to die on a Monday? So that his death would coincide with the day on which the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) passed away, in order to receive the Baraka of that day. Was there any objection to the request Abu Bakr (may ALLAH be pleased with him) to die on a Monday with the intention of benefitting from its Baraka? Therefore, why would people today refuse to honour the day of the Prophet's birth (peace and blessings be upon him), with a view to receiving his Baraka?»

Upon the passing away of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), Hassan ibn Thabit delivered the following eulogy:

“I say, and only he who is totally deprived of sense, would be able to accuse me of being mistaken

I will never cease to praise him

Maybe this will grant me eternity in Paradise

With the Chosen in whose support all my hope resides.

And I endeavour to attain this day.”

Finally, it is written in the Sahih El Bukhari:

« Each Monday, Abu Lahab is freed from his chastisement, in his tomb, because when he was alive he liberated his servant Thuwayba when she brought the news of the birth of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), his nephew.”

Let us therefore celebrate this birth properly by reading the Quran and the Hadith, by evoking ALLAH profusely and by making donations and giving gifts. Let us thank ALLAH for granting us this grace, that of Islam of course, but especially that of the birth of the noble and most holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him).

# In Praise of The Beloved from my Beloved

« O my Beloved, every day that ALLAH grants us remembrance of You, is for us a celebration. What would these worlds be without your blessed birth? A broken heart, a worthless life, a chaos. I say to you on this blessed day, for ever, in all ages, you will always be Ya Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) the joy of my life, my contemplation, my orientation, until my extinction in You, full of love. I have found comfort from my grief upon your return to the Creator praying upon You, contemplating You, in your exhortations, but most of all in following You. O my Beloved, wait for me, I am coming. Our Master (Ya Mawlana), do not leave me a single instant bereft of the thought of you, without beholding you. This life is tasteless when I cannot see you: “You are the best intoxicating nectar that I cannot stop drinking.”

O Humankind! Give thanks for this divine gift that cannot be replaced by your fathers or your mothers: the day when none of you will be able to help the other, only one man will dare to present himself before God, (in order to) and intercede in your favour, although you have neglected and denigrated him – yes, denigrated him – with your laziness, all the time busying yourself with the aim to worldly success whereas in reality the only success is to be with HIM.

Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) will prostrate on your behalf as he did in this world so that not a single soul (would fall from his blessed grasp) would slip out from his blessed hand. He will know how to dialogue with His Lord, and once again The Merciful will grant his request, for how could He refuse it when He had sent him as mercy to Humankind.

I love You, o my Beloved. Inebriate me over and over again without respite as long as I am at your side. **You are the knowledge of the Almighty, the doorway to (the) divine contemplation, but only an infinitesimal part of the elite have understood this.** Intoxicate me my Beloved, make my love for You transcendent (el ‘achkou filahi). Today, it is unthinkable for me that You turn Your Gaze away from me, my heart is not strong enough and the tearing asunder of my entrails is the only escape in order to reach Your side.

Allah said in His very holy words: “Say, “If the sea were ink for [writing] the words of my Lord, the sea would be exhausted before the words of my Lord were exhausted, even if We brought the like of it as a supplement.”” (Surate18 Al Kahf, verse109)

The knowers of ALLAH associate this (sea) with the Prophet Muhammad (peace

and blessings be upon him). There is no end to what we can write about the Beloved (peace and blessings be upon him).

**Finally, we conclude with these most beautiful of words, the holy words from the Surat 93/Verse 11: “But as for the favour of your Lord, report [it].”**

**Mohammad el Mansour el Mohi-eddine Tidjani**