



Call of the Divine

The Voice of the Ansari Qadiri Rifai Tariqa
Hearts Find Peace Only with Allah's Zikr

We Need to Be Positive

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Bismillah Al Rahman Al Rahim [In the name of Allah, The One Who Acts with Mercy, The Source of Mercy]. All praise belongs to Allah. Allah owns everything. All power belongs to Allah and not to us. May Allah's peace and blessings be on Prophet Muhammad and his family and on all the other prophets and their families.

We need to be positive. I want to give you a message from our Pirs. They said, "No matter how negative it is, end every conversation with a positive sentence." For example, *ayat-ul Asr*, says, "Human beings are up for a disappointment, except the ones who believe and do good works and wish each other patience."

Allah has created everything. We are on the positive side of Allah. Allah wants us to get positivity so there will be balance in the world. There is so much negativity and it is easier to change positivity to negativity, but it is harder to change negativity to positivity. So, in other words, it is harder to be positive; it is easier to be negative. It is our design. But let me ask you this, how do you see this? Do you see this as a negative thing or positive thing? The truth is this – it is easier to be negative than positive. This is the system. What do you think? Is this a negative or positive system? I want to hear from you.

Murids responses:

Positive. The difficulty makes us work and develop.

Positive. We have to work hard to be positive.

Because it is Allah's it is good. We must choose Allah actively. It is positive.

Positive. If it weren't hard, we would not be conscious of it.

Yes, everybody's comments are true to a certain extent. The thing is, you have to show Allah that you really want to choose Him and in order to do this you have to make an effort. If everything was easy, how would He know you are really making an effort? That is why this system will bring us closer to Allah, because you will truly be evaluated for your effort.

As you can see, you saw positivity in the whole system. Now I will give you some physical facts. Every cell has a positive and a negative, like a magnet. You have a positive energy and a negative charge. So if you keep looking for negativity, you will see negatively. And if you look for positivity, you will see positivity.

In reality, everything is balanced. What we are doing on earth is being tested for our reactions, for our advancement, for our feelings, for our love; we are tested for our loyalty, etc. And these games that are being played on us bring these out and these go with you – you carry them with you – wherever you go. You cannot take the money, you cannot take the fame, you cannot take this or that. But what goes with you is your own action. Whatever you do with your two hands is what you take with you into the next phase of your life. And that will determine your placement in the next phase. Whatever it is and whatever you do is between you and Allah.

Now, as Ansaris, it is not our job to judge. It is not our job to be jury. Our job is to love Allah as much as we can. Our job is to learn Allah as much as we can. And by the way, we learn Allah *now*. The best time to learn Allah is *now*. Not tomorrow, not yesterday, but *now*.

You can stop time, if you want, when you are with Allah and you don't mind what is happening around you, you don't control it, you don't have a say-so and you don't want to have a say-so, you don't have an opinion about these things, and you are not looking for the future. And when you are not looking for a future, then time has stopped. You know it is Allah. And *now* is always *now* because Allah is always *now*.

So, positivity is the direction to Allah's love. Negativity is the direction away from love. Negativity is the direction to you and your *nafs*. Positivity is the direction to Allah and not your *nafs*. Positivity is agreeing, surrendering, accepting Allah's decrees and obeying Allah's decrees, accepting Allah's kingdom and kingship. Negativity is the opposite of all this. You try to be God. You try to put down your laws and regulations. You want to control everything and everybody and this brings you to *khusr*, disappointment, not to find what you were expecting because Allah is Allah and not you.

Friendship with Allah is positive. Love with Allah is positive. Allah already showed you what is positive and what is negative. Unity is positive; separation is negative. Sharing is positive; stinginess is negative. Knowledge is positive; ignorance is negative. You can make a whole list yourselves.

So, my children, I love you all. It is very hard to live in a society where your eyes are open and you can see the lies and betrayals and people going after money and power and ignoring their Creator. And in these situations, I am asking you, because Allah is asking you, to find positivity. If you cannot do something positive, the minimum you can do is pray. Pray for guidance, pray for justice, pray for peace. That is all I can tell you now. Salaam Alaykum.

– Es-Seyyid Es-Shaykh Taner Ansari
Tarsus Mountains, Turkey
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I am seeking light

The nur of the world in your eyes
It's secret in your smile.
I seek faith
To stand strong and believe
The road upon which I walk follows
The footsteps of the enlightened ones

I am asking for assistance
I seek to find the light of the world
The essence of the creator
The spirit of the divine that rings out through his creation
The essence of his knowledge
I seek to find

But light can never be sought out easily
It asks to be recognised, acknowledged, not found
Because I acknowledge light in you, the light in I and the light in everything
Because I acknowledge
I don't need to be found
Finding you has been enough

I recognise myself
My smile the mirror image of that childlike gaze
The secret of the world on the tip of my tongue
Exposure dawns and I am revealed,
The secret of the secrets
I have already shown you enough for
I seek to be recognised.
You don't need to find me if you can already see

– Zara Ali
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Mauritius

This is a poem written after listening to a discussion of the Qur'an in Mauritius. An elderly man quoted a verse on light, and as I walked to the car it became internalized. I wish I could remember the verse as it was quite literally taken to heart. All I remember is what it inspired in me, which was the opening line of the poem: I am seeking light. – ZA

Editors' Note: Although the language style of the *Call of the Divine* is American English, we have kept the British English spelling of *recognised* in the poem by Zara Ali.

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