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## Forty Wisdoms of Gratitude

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## Record Officers

There are now three Record Officers, by the grace of Allah. My 'azizan Rubina Barolia, Zahir Lalani and Eshrat Rumi. In order to extend the praise of every soul of faith, even the surface of the universe is not spacious enough. Here, however, we will mention only a few characteristics which are common to all mu'mins. That is, these pure souls are enriched with the ever-lasting wealth of faith, they are conscious of the sweetness of dhikr-u 'ibadat and munajat, informed about the pleasures of knowledge and wisdom and aware of the excellence of the greatest service of knowledge. Al-hamdu li'llahi rabbi'l-'alamin.

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## In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

Dear friends! Let us together do the *munajāt* of gratitude to Allah and continue to profusely shed tears for His countless bounties, until we come extremely close to the destination of annihilation. Because the light of guidance of God, the Prophet and the *ulu'l-amr* has shown so many miracles and so many great favours, due to whose abundance, beauty and majesty, I feel a wondrous kind of awe.

Dear companions! May I be sacrificed for you with great yearning! This was the reward of a lover-like giryah-u zārī and shedding of pearl-like pure tears, that I could reach the city and residence of my spiritual beloved (the Imam of the time). Al-hamdu lillāh! I was fortunate to meet some 'amaldārs and members of the jamā'at, who serve the Imam of the time (a.s.) day and night in his special closeness. God is witness to the fact that I was overwhelmed and ecstatic due to this tremendous happiness and joy. I conceived the dīdār of my spiritual beloved in those fortunate eyes, who time and again see the luminous countenance of the holy and pure Imam.

## I have a verse in Burushaski, which is:

Je atáşqalta ke gódigáari tawaafar Mawlaa! Úne mahabbate mélé órsam sise parwaana mayaam.

O (my) Mawla! If I cannot reach you for your circumambulation,

Then I will circumambulate those who are intoxicated by the wine of your love.

In view of a Qur'ānic example of Hazrat 'Īsā (And He has made me blessed wherever I may be, 19:31), we can say with certainty that wherever is the blessed personality of the Perfect Man, from there always continue to spread countless material and spiritual blessings. Just as the sun from its centre constantly emits the light and just as an evergreen garden spreads fragrance every moment in all directions, the chain of tavours and blessings continues from the holy luminosity, spirituality and personality of the exalted Imam.

Dear friends! You are not unaware of the fact that man is a microcosm, i.e. potentially every individual is a personal world. Thus he contains everything of the heavens and the earth within himself. How then can it be wrong to explain this principle that the soul of every individual, through knowledge and 'ibādat, can be annihilated in the Universal Soul and becomes ever-reaching and all-inclusive?

One of the numerous names of the angel of the Perfect Intellect (Universal Intellect) is "Hand (Praise)". Thus the ta'wil of "al-Handu lillāhi rabbi'l-'ālamīn" is: The angel Universal Intellect belongs to God, through whom He nourishes the personal worlds and this nourishing of them through the Universal Intellect is His special praise.

According to the Qur'anic law there is a great wisdom hidden in the verse (42:5), the ta'will implication of which is: Soon the heavens may rend asunder from the above and the angels do tashih of their Lord in the luminosity of the Universal Intellect and seek forgiveness for those who are on earth. This ta'will wisdom is hidden in the word "Hamd". Here it also becomes evident that the great angels do not pray for impossible things, nor do they seek forgiveness for criminals who cannot be forgiven. This shows that eventually every individual is going to attain salvation and Paradise, even though many people have temporarily entered the Hell of ignorance.

God says: "The earth will illumine with the light of its Lord, and the book will be set up, and the Prophets and

the Witnesses will be summoned." (39:69). Whether it is the individual Resurrection of the personal world, or the collective Resurrection of the external world, in every case the question arises: What is meant by the earth here? The planet earth or its inhabitants? The material light which is needed by the earth has already been given to it from the very beginning, then does it not mean that in the time of spirituality, there is going to be the pouring of the rain of luminous knowledge on all the people? However it is a different matter whether the downpour of such tremendous knowledge will be in the personal world, or whether it will be in the external world or in both of them.

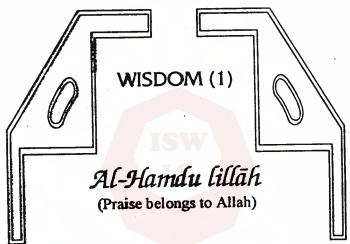
In every individual there exist in the form of subtle particles, all those who have passed away and those who are going to come in the future. Therefore, when a mu'min-i salik undergoes the individual Resurrection, it is considered the representative Resurrection of all creatures. That is, the collective Resurrection takes place hidden in the personal Resurrection. The other point is that the same personal Resurrection is the book of deeds of that mu'min-i salik and all the others.

In the Wise Qur'an there is a complete answer for every question based on knowledge. For instance, it can be asked: What are the things, i.e. bounties and favours in Paradise for its people? The answer to this question can be found from numerous sacred verses. One of them is: "For them in it (Paradise) is what they desire; and with Us there is more." (50:35). Now suppose there is a mu'min in Paradise who wants to be resurrected with the Holy Prophet, so that he may observe the extremely great secrets of mi'rāj, he will certainly attain this supreme bounty. Because according to the law of "all in one", all existed in the mercy of the worlds (the Holy Prophet). And it is also the law of God that every individual has to submit and return to him willingly or unwillingly (3:83) and returning to God is possible only through the straight path of the true religion (Prophet and Imam) which leads to mi'rāj.

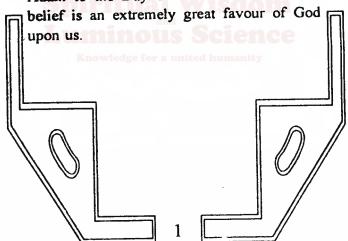
My spiritual brothers and sisters! I know that all of you cherish spiritual progress with heart and soul and also continue to struggle for it. Nevertheless, it is my suggestion that in order to attain the highest spiritual progress, you should also use the knowledge of certainty in addition to ordinary and special 'ibādat, because without true knowledge, there cannot be any significant spiritual progress with 'ibādat only.

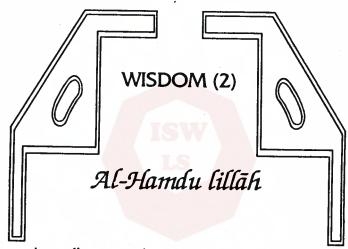
The article "Forty Wisdoms of Gratitude" is for all in general, and specifically for those whose souls, prayers and remembrance continue to refresh my heart and mind every moment. What should I say in praise of the great hopes of those dear friends who believe in Monoreality! May we all be sacrificed with ardent love for the holy personality of he who in his perfect generosity granted us this revolutionary concept. Al-hamdu lillah (Praise belongs to God).

The most humble servant, Nasir al-Din Nasir Hunzai, London, 9th July, 1993.

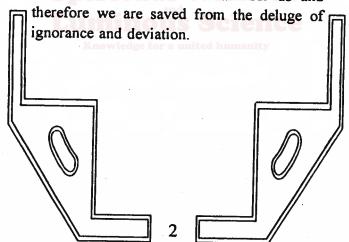


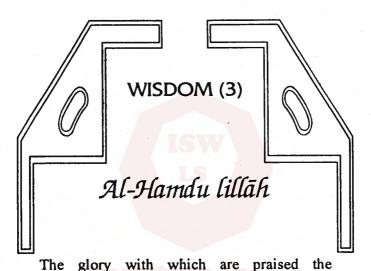
We Ismailis believe that the Light of Imamat is present and living from the time of Hazrat Adam to the Day of Resurrection and this belief is an extremely great favour of God





According to the Hadith of the Holy Prophet, Ahl-i Bayt, namely the Imam of the time, is like Hazrat Nuh's ark for us and

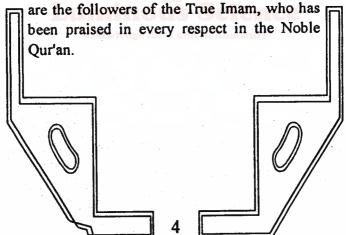




progeny of Hazrat Ibrahim in the Wise Qur'an (4:54), today belongs to the progeny of Hazrat Muhammad (s.a.s.), namely, the Imam of the time. In this sense it is incumbent upon us to thank God that we are linked to the Treasures of Qur'anic wisdom.

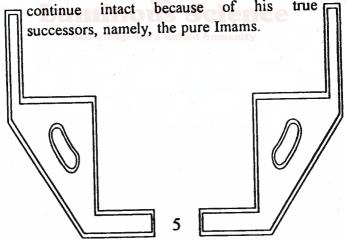


Mawla 'Ali was like Hazrat Harun and the Imam of the time has the Light of Mawla 'Ali. Thus millions of thanks to God that we



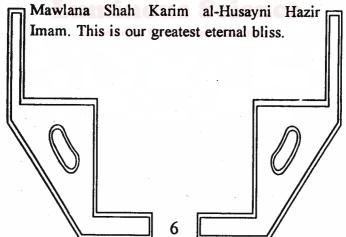


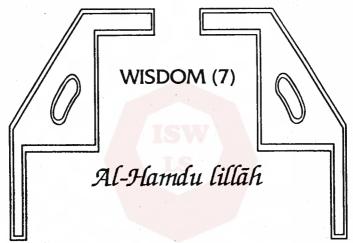
The religion of Islam became perfect with the Holy Prophet and this perfection of religion as well as the completion of favour continue intact because of his true successors, namely, the pure Imams.



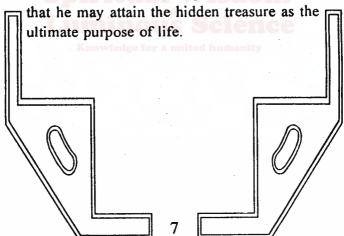


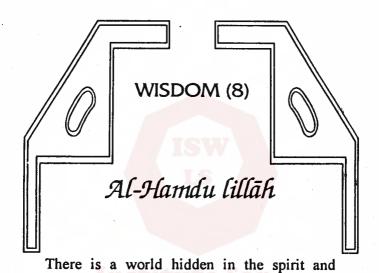
We are Muslims. We are devoted friends of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (s.a.s.) and Mawla 'Ali and the sincere murids of



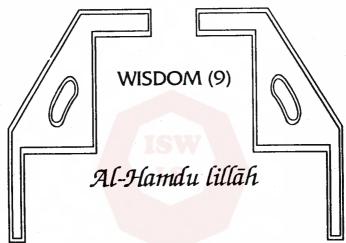


A mu'min is born to remain alive forever, and the purpose of his coming to this world is to attain ma'rifat (recognition of God), so that he may attain the hidden treasure as the

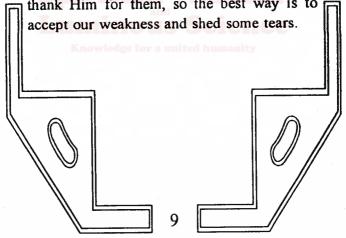




spirituality of every mu'min and mu'minah which is equal to the external world and in which is the personal kingdom of Paradise with every kind of bounty.

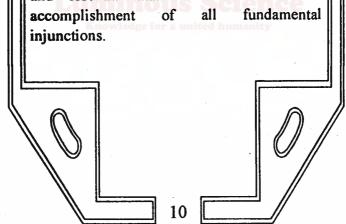


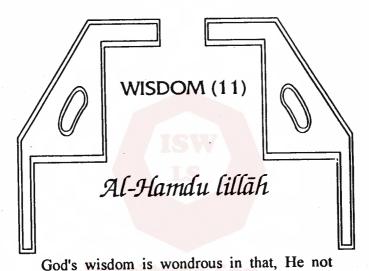
In the exoteric aspect and esoteric aspect of religion there are so many favours of God that we can neither count them, nor duly thank Him for them, so the best way is to accept our weakness and shed some tears.



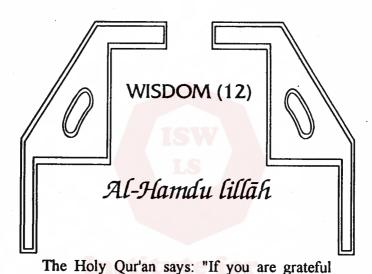


The chain of the Light of Imamat is the Rope of God which we the Ismailis have held firmly. And this act is so fundamental and essential that in it is hidden the accomplishment of all fundamental injunctions.





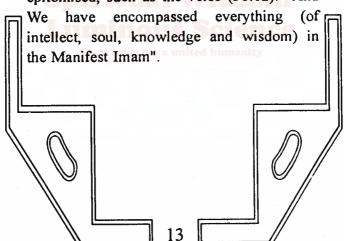
only keeps His things spread, but also enfolds them whenever He wants, just as the Holy Qur'an is spread out in 114 surahs and is also enfolded in the Ummu'l Kitab (Suratu'l Fatihah). Therefore, the reward of its recitation is equal to that of the entire Qur'an.

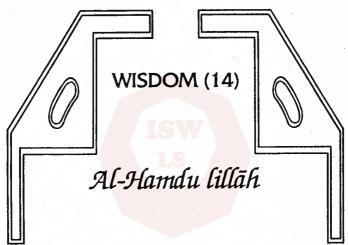


(to Me), I will increase (My favours) upon you". (14:7). It so happens that by gratitude light is shed on the favours of God and their value and greatness increase, whereas due to ingratitude they are overcast by darkness.

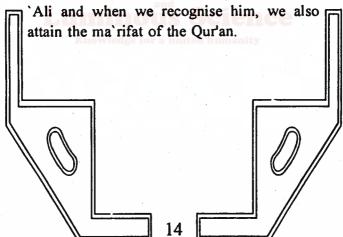


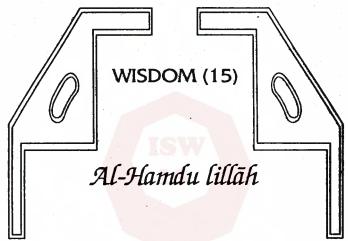
There are representative verses of the Wise Qur'an in which the entire Qur'an is epitomised, such as the verse (36:12): "And





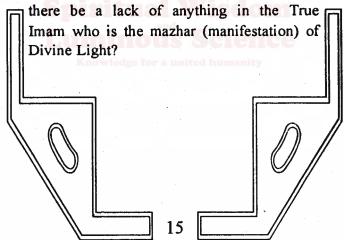
"The Qur'an is with 'Ali and 'Ali is with the Qur'an". This means that when we study the Qur'an, we also find the Light of Mawla 'Ali and when we recognise him, we also

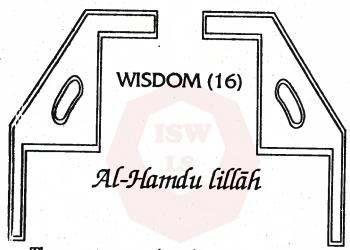




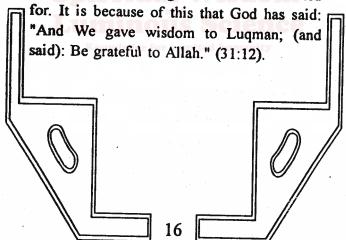
The true Imam is the fountainhead of Light.

If in the external sun there is everything for the creatures of the solar system, how can there be a lack of anything in the True.



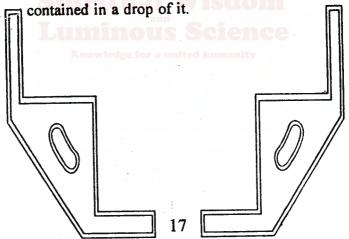


The greatness and eminence of spiritual bounties are such that without wisdom they can neither be recognised nor be thanked



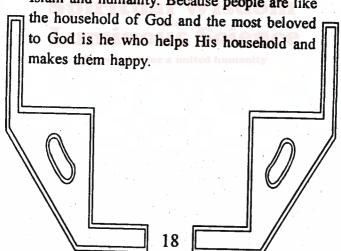


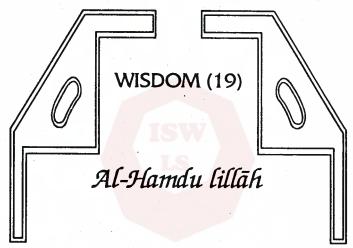
The spiritual ocean can come to and be contained in a drop of it, whereas the material ocean can neither go to, nor can be



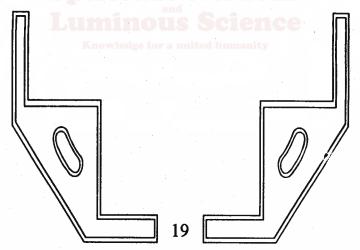


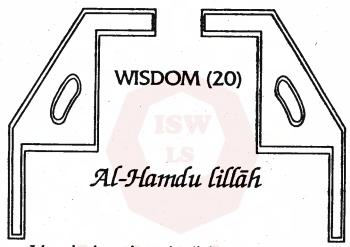
Our religion is the religion of well-wishing. We like the betterment and well-being of Islam and humanity. Because people are like the household of God and the most beloved



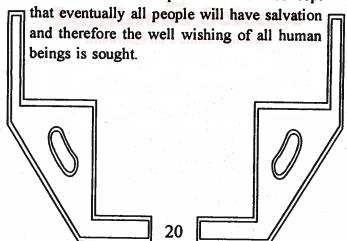


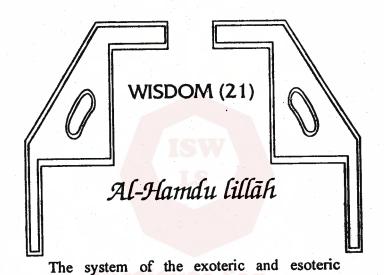
In our Holy Tariqah there are excellent examples of shari'at, tariqat, haqiqat and ma'rifat.



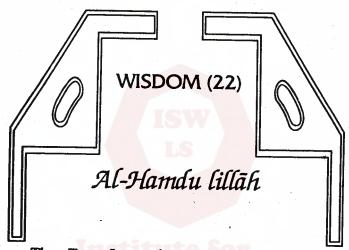


Islam is the universal religion. Its examples and proofs are found in the Ismaili Tariqah. Because in this Tariqah there is the concept

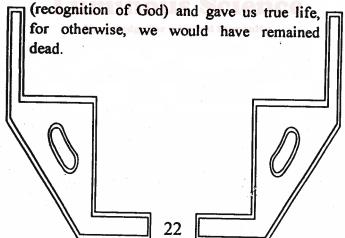


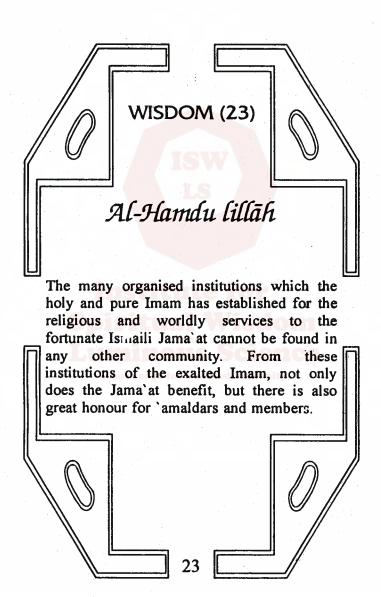


guidance of the Imam of the time is unique and unprecedented, due to which our fortunate jama'at is attaining the success and eminence of this world and the next.



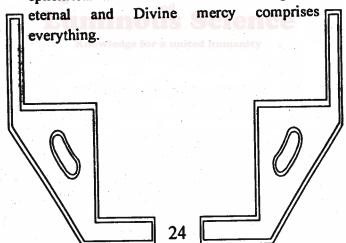
The True Imam has conferred immense favours upon us through our great Pirs, who made us drink the water of life of ma'rifat (recognition of God) and seven the life

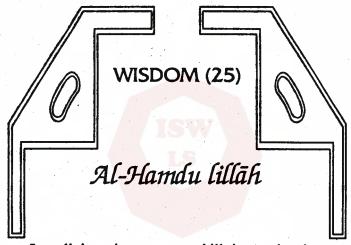




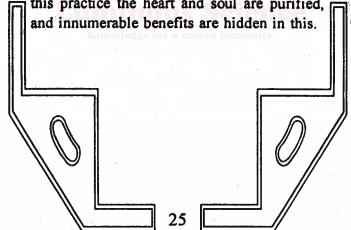


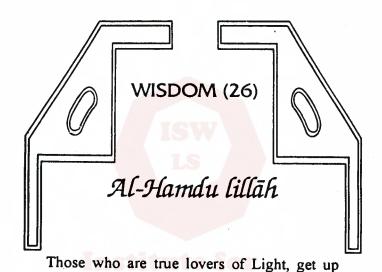
Physical hardship is temporary and spiritual comfort is permanent. This world is ephemeral and the next is everlasting and eternal and Divine mercy comprises



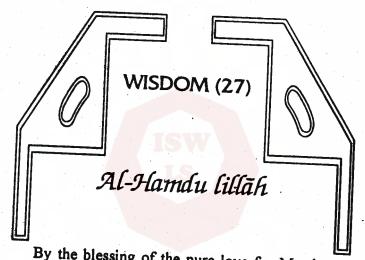


In religion the greatest skill is to develop humility and soft-heartedness and the greatest science is giryah-u zari, because by this practice the heart and soul are purified, and innumerable benefits are hidden in this.

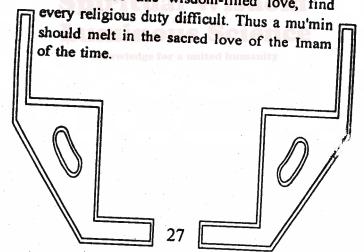




at night for the luminous 'ibadat. They say in their hearts: We have to go for the didar of our spiritual beloved. The spirituality of such lovers progresses day by day.

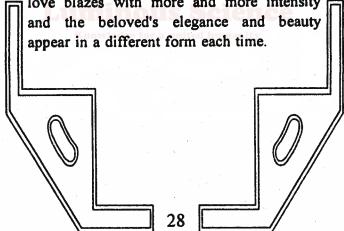


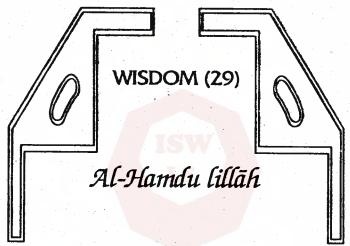
By the blessing of the pure love for Mawla, every difficulty becomes easy and those that do not have this wisdom-filled love, find



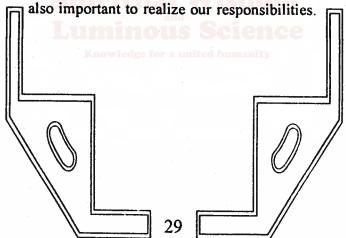


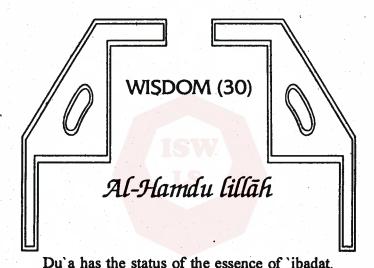
In reality, love for the Light is special for a mu'min. It is a matter of immense happiness that by knowledge and 'ibadat the fire of love blazes with more and more intensity and the beloved's elegance and beauty appear in a different form each time.





All of us are the exalted Imam's spiritual children. Reflecting on this we will come to realise how truly excellent this is, but it is also important to realize our responsibilities.



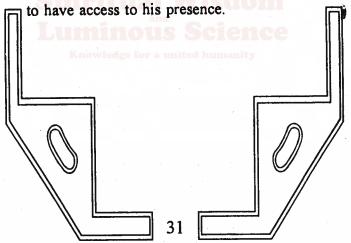


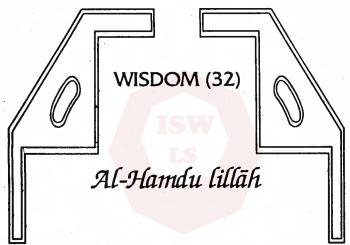
Thus those who are commanded to recite du'a are granted the gift of the 'ibadat of angels, because angels continue to do du'a and dhikr.

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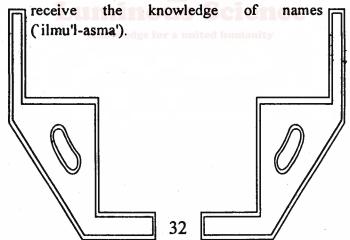


The exalted Imam has two doors: the external and the internal, so that it may be possible for all murids of both near and far



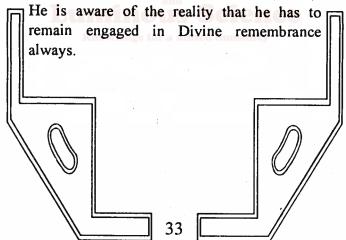


The secret of secrets of the Light of Imamat is that in this Tariqah it is commanded to do luminous 'ibadat so that the pure souls may



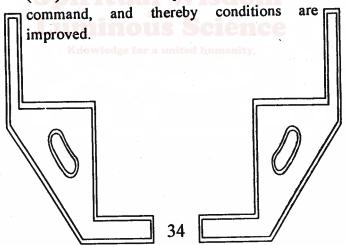


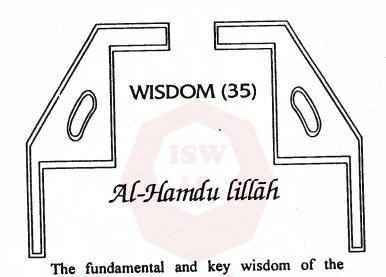
A mu'min always remembers God whether he is in comfort or in hardship, for it is by this that his heart remains satisfied (13:28).



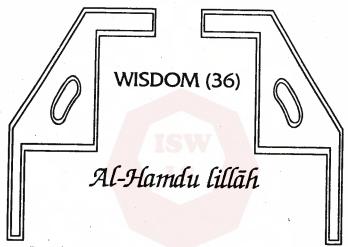


The 'ibadat of mu'mins reaches the Supreme Throne and merging into the Word of "Be (kun)" becomes the power of the Divine command, and thereby conditions are

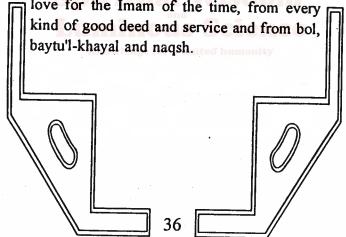


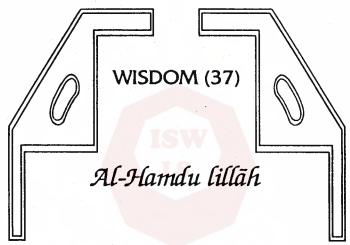


Ismaili Tariqah is that every individual should progress spiritually by attending Jama'at Khanah, because it is an extremely sacred and blessed place.

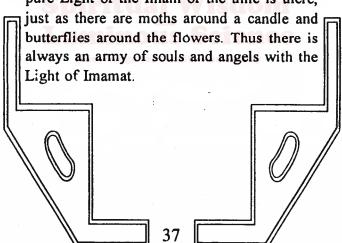


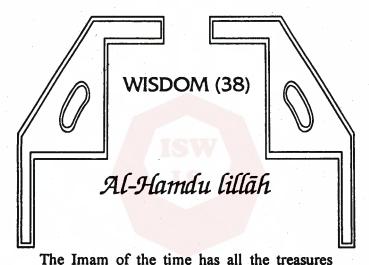
Jama'at Khanah is the workshop of Light, where Light is created from dhikr and 'ibadat, from knowledge and advice, from love for the Imam of the time, from every kind of good deed and service and from bol



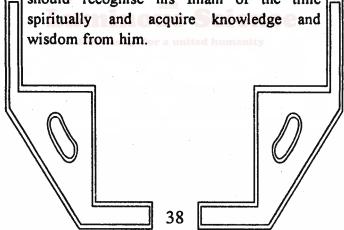


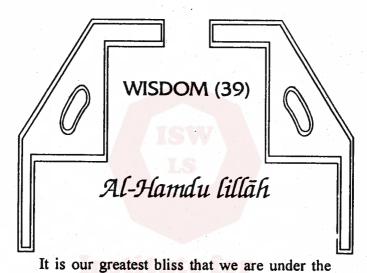
Angels and good souls are present in Jama'at Khanah, because the sacred and pure Light of the Imam of the time is there,

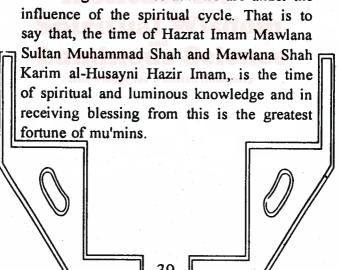


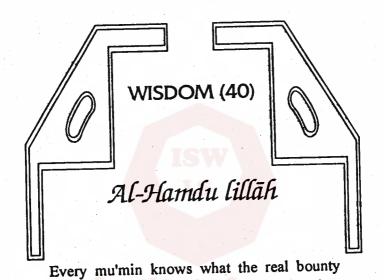


of knowledge and wisdom. Thus the wisdom of every mu'min lies in the fact that he should recognise his Imam of the time spiritually and acquire knowledge wisdom from him. or a united humanity









of Islam is and is also grateful for it. Thus
let us pray that the Lord of the worlds
grants us courage and success to recognise
the bounties of religion! Amin, O the Lord
of the worlds!

Nasir al-Din Nasir Hunzai
London 29th June 1993
In commemoration of
the visit to France

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# Manqabat-i Nur-i Imamat (Glorification of the Light of Imamat)

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(Rhymed in English by Sara Punja)

1. Question After our beloved Prophet
Who became our Guide?

Answer Ali, the chosen one who
Fights on Allah's side.

Question Why did God call Ali
 The Manifest Imam?
 Answer To guide us on the right path
 And keep us safe from harm.

3. Question Who was chosen at Ghadir, Who did Allah find?

Answer Ali, the Prophet's successor The very best of mankind.

4. Question Who carries our religion's flag,
Who leads the spiritual fight?

Answer Ali, the consistent attacker
And keeper of the Light.

Question After God and His Apostle,
 Who must we obey?
 Answer Our Imam, the Light of God,
 Judge of the very last day.

6. Question Who was so brave in battle,
Whose mount was known as Duldul?

Answer Ali, the sovereign of men,
Commander of the faithful.

7. Question When did the holy Light
Of our Imam first arise?
Answer At the beginning of time
From Allah, the Wise.

8. Question Who is the keeper of all knowledge, Who holds the key?

Answer The Imam of the right path Ali, and only he.

Question Who is the door to religion?
 Tell me O wise one!
 Answer Ali, the pure Light
 More glorious than the sun.

10. Question When did the chain of the Light begin?

Answer When Adam was chosen To lead man from sin.

11. Question Why did all the angels to Adam prostrate?

Answer Because the Light was in Adam, As in Ali, the great.

12. Question Who is the Apostle's soul,
And soldier on Allah's side?

Answer King of the kingdom of devotion
Ali, our beloved guide.

13. Question Indeed he is the one
But where can he be found?

Answer Seen with inner eye,
When your heart is sound.

14. Question Who has been chosen,
Who bears the Throne Divine?

Answer The Light of the Imam,
Allah's holy sign.

15. Question Who wears God's ring, With the gem of wisdom?

Answer Our holy Imam that Rules religion's kingdom.

16. Question Tell me, what is it
That surrounds everything?

Answer The essence of Imamat
Our religion's king.

17. Question Is there an everlasting lamp
That shines a perfect light?

Answer Yes, the Light of Imamat
That illumines inner sight.

18. Question O Nasir! Who says our Imam is very far from here?

Answer Yes, but only physically For in my heart he's near.

#### An All-Embracing Prayer



(Rhymed in English by Sara Punja)

- May the Holy Imam's believers gain happiness from his care, May honour and eminence be for all of you to share.
- In both the worlds let all guidence be from the Imam, May you be rich in soul and safe from any harm.
- 3. May all your hearts be illumined by Mawla's light, May you have the wealth of spititual sight.
- Today through obedience to Mawla the true;
   Tomorrow may peace and paradise be with you.

- May the gardens of love for Mawla flourish in you, May the fragrance of flowers keep you humble and true.
- May all of Mawla's farmans be your life's role, To give you understanding and energy of soul.
- Through religion and faith may your hearts unite, May you all be loved in God's holy sight.
- May all of your actions be good and not few, May Mawla help you in all the things you do.
- In both worlds may all your wishes come true, May all Allah's favours be bestowed upon you.

O Nasir! Say Amin
 when the Lord is in sight,
 May you attain blessings
 from the Sultan of Light.



## Transliteration of Non-English Words

'Alī (a.s.)

'Amaldārs

'Azizān

'Ibādat

'Ilmu'l-asmā'

Ādam (a.s.)

Al-Hamdu lillah

Āmīn

Baytu'l-khayāl

Dīdār

Du'ā

Ghadīr

Giryah-u zārī

Hadīth Haqīqat

Harūn (a.s.)

Imām Mawlānā Sultān Muhammad Shāh (a.s.)

Imāmat

Ibrāhīm (a.s.)

Islām

Jamā'at Khānah

Mawlā

Mawlana Shah Karim

al-Husaynī (a.s.)

Mi'rāi

Mu'min-i sālik

Munājāt

Murīds

Naşīr ('Allāmah)

Nüh (a.s.)

Nür

Pirs

Shari'at Sūrahs

Sūratu'l-Fātiḥah

Ta'wīl

Ta'wili

**Tarīqah Tarigat** 

Tasbīh

Ummu'l Kitāb

#### The Divine Throne was and is on Water

The ta'wil of the Throne being on water or the water under the Throne (11:7) is that the Pearl of Intellect which is the Divine Throne is the fountainhead of knowledge and therefore, the ocean of knowledge is under it. Then how lucky are Nizar, Rahim and Fatimah, the beloved children of President Fath Ali Habib and Advisor Gulshakar, who were taught ta'wil from their very childhood and they are still learning it with great zeal.

## Friendship of Knowledge

This example of friendship of knowledge is worthy of appreciation which has been presented to the circle of knowledge and wisdom by Nawshad Panjwani, a member of Idarah-i 'Arif, America Branch. He is a great mu'min and soft-spoken.

# Water of Life of Knowledge

Water of life of knowledge to the thirsty for knowledge and wisdom through Fath Ali Habib, Life President of Khanah-i Hikmat and his angel-like Begum Gulshakar, Advisor and their fortunate family.

## Spiritual Purification

How lovely are Nadir Ali and Nasreen, the two children of Noor Ali Mamji and Yasmin Noor Ali Mamji! How lucky they are that despite living in America they helped in constructing a canal of knowledge for spiritual prosperity and spiritual purification.

#### Perennial Prayer

In the loving memory of late Hisammudin Poonja, the father of Shamsah Akbar A. Alibhai, an active member of Idarah-i 'Arif, America Branch.

# All-inclusive Service of Knowledge

The President of Khanah-i Hikmat, Fath Ali Habib suggests that we should give certificates to the President of Idarah-i 'Arif, Muhammad Abdul Aziz and his wife Secretary Yasmin and other 'azizan who are in the front line of service. I would like to say that a certificate would not serve the purpose, rather it would be better to write about their services in the books from time to time, so that their meritorious achievements may be seen by all and the future generation will learn high-ambition from them. President Muhammad Abdul Aziz and his fortunate begum Secretary Yasmin are among the angels who walk on the earth. The list of their meritorious services is very long. It was through them and their kindness that I found dear and kind friends in the jama'at of America who highly appreciate knowledge. I hope that they will spread the light of knowledge there. Another golden achievement of my 'azizan Muhammad Abdul Aziz and Yasmin is the recording of 1500 audio cassettes. If they had not arranged to do this recording, then the useful speech of at least one thousand hours would have evaporated into the

#### Karimabad Branch

The Holy Prophet says: "Quest of knowledge is obligatory upon every Muslim man and woman." (Ibn Majah: Kitab-i Hadith). To put this command into practice the 'azizan of Karimabad Branch come from very far. They do not like to lag behind in any service for knowledge. It seems that the light of guidance has chosen them for knowledge and 'ibādat. They are among the true lovers of the Imam of the time. They greatly relish the secrets of knowledge and wisdom. Let us pray that the Lord of Honour may grant every mu'n in and mu'minah the treasure of ma'rifat.

#### **Everlasting Good Deeds**

Mr. Nazir Sabir, President of Khanah-i Hikmat, Islamabad Branch, is among those who greatly appreciate and patronize knowledge. He knows very well that the book of knowledge and wisdom is the first and foremost among the everlasting good deeds. (See the book: La'l-u Gawhar, P.19)

#### Heavenly Dining Table

One of the names of true knowledge is the heavenly dining-table which is arranged by some of the servants of the Imam of the time and in this meritorious deed they are together from the very beginning and they are: Mr. Nasrullah Qamaruddin, the Vice President of Khanah-i Hikmat and Mrs. Aminah Nasrullah and it is a matter of great pleasure that in this service their beloved children also follow in their footsteps.

A Gift of Knowledge

Through Abdul Majid Panjwani, Audio-Visual in-charge of Idarah-i 'Arif, America Branch and his fortunate family, to the moths (lovers) of the light of knowledge.

#### Acknowledgement of Great Services

I acknowledge the meritorious services of Idarah-i 'Arif, Yasmin Noor Ali Branch, America. This reputed branch has rendered meritorious deeds in spreading the light of true knowledge. This branch consists of these four 'azizān: Noor Ali Mamji, Yasmin Noor Ali and their beloved children Nadir Ali and Nasreen.

My 'azizān in the east and in the west: God is witness that from the mention of all my 'azizān I receive enormous strength and happiness in my heart. Ask why? Because the knowledge of Monoreality has unified all our souls potentially, therefore tomorrow on the Day of Resurrection we are going to be revived actually like a single person. Then think what will be the state of delight and happiness? This is a practical glad news of the supreme Paradise. In such a unity there will be the manifestation of every individual and in every manifestation there will be the Divine manifestation.



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