



SUFI RUHANIAT INTERNATIONAL

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90TH URS OF HAZRAT PIR-O-MURSHID INAYAT KHAN

Dear Ruhaniat Family,

This letter is an appeal to you to support the Sufi Ruhaniat International in your 2017 giving. The reasons now could not be more compelling nor the stakes higher.

Jesus says in the Gospel of Thomas that "The Kingdom of Heaven is spread out upon the earth, but men and women do not see it"¹. What you and I see now in 2017, and how we respond, become vitally important in this period when so many basic conventions of civil society are directly challenged and sanctioned ignorance and hate are on the rise. The incredible rate of change and the rampant disregard for the truth can make many of us feel as if we have entered an altered and ominous reality. And yet, this too is the kingdom of heaven for those with eyes to see.

Viewed from the dream state, this could be the time for retrenchment, confusion and capitulation. Viewed from the awakened state, this is how it is right now and we each do what must be done out of a greater calling from the Mystery. We already know that the essence of what we are can stand unmoved and invulnerable in the midst of chaos and ignorance.

The Ruhaniat can be seen as a web of sacred relationships through which we may remember the Eternal and Infinite as our true context. Among the many causes we can and must support at this critical time, the Ruhaniat holds a special importance. To me, the Ruhaniat's mission² and our collective work in awakened sacred relationship are the antidote for our delusional, time-bound and fearful human existence.

By now you are familiar with the Ruhaniat's many activities³ including programs for cultivating realization, healing ourselves and the earth, empowering youth, increasing wisdom, shaping capacity, and creating joy. We literally hold the human family and the world in an embrace of love. We mureeds need this touchstone for sanity and unity to be stronger than ever as we stand up for our world, for the planet and for those who are oppressed.

The Ruhaniat keeps the home fires burning for sanity and ecstasy, for compassion and generosity, for love, harmony and beauty, until our brothers and sisters can remember themselves and return home. SRI stands as a touchstone for a different and deeper truth - the truth of a Unity that lies before and beyond the mind. This truth endures all time and all universes. You and I play our roles now - the only question is where we are guided to serve and how much we are able to give.

Let's all remember to serve by giving generously to SRI in 2017. Your gift can be made online⁴ or by returning the enclosed response card. All who can see the "Kingdom of Heaven" amidst the confusion hold a special responsibility.

With love,



Sheikh Munir Peter Reynolds

¹ Gospel of Thomas, Saying 113

² Link to Mission Statement: <http://www.ruhaniat.org/index.php/aboutsri/welcome>

³ Link to Activities: <http://www.ruhaniat.org/index.php/work/sri-work>

⁴ Link to donate online: www.ruhaniat.org – click on 'Donate'



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARIAT & TREASURER'S DESK

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR CONSTANT CONTACT EMAILS?

You can sign up to receive Constant Contact emails on the Ruhaniat website www.ruhaniat.org
Go to 'About' and 'Sign up for SRI email'. Still not getting them? – *check your spam folder!*

ARE YOU AN AMAZON SHOPPER?

AmazonSmile is a website which is operated by Amazon which has the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. Sufi Ruhaniat International is registered as a charitable organization and so this is an easy way to further support our works. www.smile.amazon.com

DID YOU NOTICE A CHANGE ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL?

The post office in some areas will not deliver mail when an individual's spiritual name is included on the address label - many letters are returned to us as 'undeliverable'. To ensure better delivery, in some cases we are not using your spiritual name on the address label. **Your spiritual name is still recorded in the Ruhaniat database** – there is no need to contact us to let us of your spiritual name. Thanks for your kind understanding.

DO YOU USE PAYPAL?

Choose 'send money to friends or family' and there will be no service charges to you or the Ruhaniat if you are sending funds within the USA. Your donation go farther!

WITH DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, AND FOR YOUR WARM HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP
~ MAY ALL BEINGS BE WELL ~ MAY ALL BEINGS BE HAPPY ~ PEACE ~ PEACE ~ PEACE ~

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country: _____ Email _____

- Ruhaniat Monthly Contributor: I would like to help provide a stable income stream for this work ~ Please charge my credit card each month in this amount (provide card details below):**

___ \$101 ___ \$50 ___ \$33 ___ \$25 ___ \$14* ___ Other: _____

- One Time Donation: I would like to make a one time donation in the amount of:**

___ \$1,001 ___ \$750 ___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$160 ___ \$50 ___ Other: \$ _____

Payment Method Check enclosed - *payable to Sufi Ruhaniat International* Credit Card

Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp date: _____ Security Code (Back of Card): _____

- PayPal ~ send money to info@ruhaniat.org or go to the SRI website www.ruhaniat.org and click on **Support SRI**