



SUFI RUHANIAT INTERNATIONAL

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Beloved Friend of SRI,

What is your soul's path in this ever-unfolding, miraculous life? What calls your heart to follow and soar?

Is it the path of the sage, or master? The path of *Jnana*, of *Ilm*...

Is it the path of the saint, or devotee? The path of *Bhakti*, of *Ishk*...

In both paths, we are given the hope and promise of global and personal transformation.

"By our feelings and attitudes, we either raise or lower the whole humanity...The Master, the Saint, the Bodhisattva place their consciousness in this great stream, in this ocean of love, and by sending forth their thoughts of loving-kindness they benefit the whole humanity."

"The nature of deliverance is not apart from the finite existence...Nirvana and Samsara are of the same essence. And what is the sage? The sage is...[one] who has carried that [discipline] over into the mental sphere from the physical. And what is the saint? The saint is one who has gone still further and carried this discipline into the heart, in other words into the whole of life."

"The devotee is intoxicated by the love and light of God and longs for nothing else but to be bathed in the Universal Spirit; that one is a devotee, and sometimes a saint. But there is another stage: to be bathed in this ocean, to drink of the cosmic wine and not be drunk. This is an ultimate stage of sobriety...which makes one a sage."

- Hazrat Murshid SAM (Samuel L. Lewis, Sufi Ahmed Murad Chisti),
The Bowl of Saki Commentary

In our Sufi Ruhaniat International family, we are so blessed not only to have voluminous teachings on these proven paths of spiritual liberation and service, but to have human models in whose footsteps we can find our way: Hazrat Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan, Hazrat Pirzadi Noorunissa Inayat-Khan, Hazrat Murshid SAM (Samuel L. Lewis, Sufi Ahmed Murad Chisti), Hazrat Murshida Vera Justin Corda ("the American Murshida"), Hazrat Murshid Moineddin Jablonski, and many, many more both in the unseen realms and walking beside us here on Earth.

The question I ask each of us to consider today is one of *dana* ("generosity"): How do we value what has been freely given to support us on our soul's journey? What is it worth to be part of this community, this wisdom stream, that freely provides such powerful and accessible resources to us, and reaching far and wide beyond the circle of our family, to all the world, to generations to come?

Is it worth what a new mobile app would cost? Or a new journal?

Is it worth the cost of a trip to the barbershop or salon?

Is it worth the price of a nice meal at a favorite restaurant?

Is it worth the amount spent monthly on entertainment?

Is it worth the cost of a day-long workshop? A weekend workshop? A week-long workshop?

Is it worth a heart-felt gift of gratitude in estate planning?

I encourage us each to seek and find a generosity that authentically expresses the value of what we've received and will continue to receive. Let us give in gratitude for past blessings we and others have received, and in service to the person we want to be in the future, to the world we want to see arising.

Please find enclosed the Rays of the Ruhaniat – a list of a few of the things that will manifest from our giving; and also the return donation card which outlines the options through which you can send a donation to the Ruhaniat.

Thank you, in advance, for your beautiful, powerful generosity, for your wise gift from the heart that is sure to return to you a thousand fold in countless ways. Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Thank you for your commitment to grow and blossom as a saint, as a sage, as a Sufi. Now is the time. We are the One.

Towards the Perfection of Love, Harmony, and Beauty,

Farrunnissa Rosa

Sheikha Farrunnissa Rosa



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WITH DEEPEST THANKS FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

~ MAY ALL BEINGS BE WELL ~ MAY ALL BEINGS BE HAPPY ~ PEACE ~ PEACE ~ PEACE ~



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