

Wednesday Dec. 27

Gems of Light: Selected readings from the Shama'il [not shama'il but one of Imam Ghazzali's books]

- Different sense of the Human being. There is a 6th sense that is related to the heart of the individual
- This is what makes us special as human beings.

What does it mean to have a beautiful inward heart

- Perhaps you might say what does it mean these beautiful inward forms I will say to you, that I think you have love in your hearts for the prophets the scholars and the companions that I think that u can distinguish the differentiation between a just compassionate ruler and between an oppressor who is ignorant and staunch.
 - o Human beings are likely to go with the first one.
 - What about knowledge related to them:
 - o It is related to the knowledge know about Allah, the angles, the heavens, the sharia.
 - As for there abilities
 - o Its like the ability to overcome the shahawat (whispers)
 - The only important thing that matters is your inner beauty. There is an outer beauty but it isn't as important as the inner beauty.
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- What is the food of the heart? The body has food and the heart has foot. One of the imams use to like dates, that he use to eat so much dates, that the pits would cover his feet and he would count the number of pits and pray 2 rak'ah each. That was him for us we should at least say SubhanAllah for each food we eat.
- There are two things that cause us to love which are excellence that we love people that do good for us and the second is perfection.
- How can an individual be in remembrance of Allah at all times? There are 5 different levels of taqwa
 - 1) Taqwa al kufr – protection against anything that takes you out of Islam
 - a. Ahkam al Rida – apostasy. Throwing a mushaf – lead him to apostasy.
 - 2) Taqwa al muharamat – guard yourself from sins
 - 3) Taqwa al shubahat – guard yourself from the doubtful matters or from the offensive manners
 - 4) Taqwa al mubahat – guard yourself from even the permissible things. “We use to leave 9/10 of the permissible acts in order to protect themselves from haram acts” – Umar (ra). They wanted to set up a big barrier between them and kufr.
 - 5) Taqwa al wasilah al qalb – guard yourself from a notion of other then Allah.

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- Zaid ibn Harith when asked how are you, replied with “I have entered in the morning has a true believer” The prophet (saas) “look at what you said.” Zaid’s state very high. He said that he didn’t see a difference between gold and dirt. This is a hadith.
- The pleasure of the ‘arif who knows his Lord is greater then any pleasure that one can conceive us known as worldly pleasures.
- The food is the suitable thing to bring pleasures to the body and knowledge of Allah is pleasure to the heart.
- The likeness of the Qur’an to the heart is like the likeness of the soul to the body. As long as the soul is in the body, the body is alive. As long as the Qur’an is in the heart, the heart is alive.
- Not every single person walking in the world is alive. The Prophet (s) said “the one who makes dhikrAllah is alive and the one who doesn’t is dead.”
- Closing your eyes prevents you from seeing the external just like how the lower desires is a covering from the getting closer to Allah.
- These books by Imam al Ghazzali should be studied daily. The science of the heart need to be studied everyday. That’s why scholars like Imam al Ghazzali’s books.
- Halawa – not only physical sweets, but sweet of the heart. Lower your gaze – a halawa.
- As long as human beings don’t reach there true stage they are like animals.
- There are many signs of love for Allah. From the signs, the first one is one puts the commands of Allah before the commands of his nafs and his own soul and then he protects himself from scrulupous and he stays within the sacred law and someone who longs to meet Allah and so that he should try to overcome from dislike death except wanting to say in this earth and is there content with there decree of Allah.
- If you are beloved to Allah, then our in constant obedience of Allah and also of the people of Allah (scholars, ‘ulema) love that person than that person is beloved of Allah.
- Prophet Muhammad (s) said “I would have loved to see my brothers (and sisters).” The companions then said, “Are we not your brothers?” and the Prophet (s) replied “My brothers are my people that come after me that believe in me having never seen me.”

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