

Hazrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn

The family of Hadrat Sultan Sayyad Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir Semnani Rahmatullahi 'alayh came to be known as 'Khandan al-Ashrafiya' and the forefather of this dynasty in Asia is Hadrat Sayyad Abd'al Razzaq Noor al-Ayn Rahmatullahi 'alayh. This family came to be known as 'Ashrafi Sadaat.

Before Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Rahmatullahi 'alayh passed away, he designated his dearest nephew and adopted son Hadrat Abd 'al Razzaq Noor al-Ayn Rahmatullahi 'alayh as his natural successor. His quest was to continue Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf's Rahmatullahi 'alayh mission of preaching Islam and the propagation of the Chistiya Qadiriya Silasil for the spiritual well being of humanity. Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn Rahmatullahi 'alayh was also a direct descendent of His Eminence Ghawth al-A'zam As-Sayyad Shaykh Abd 'al-Qadir al-Jilani Radi 'Allahu 'ta'ala Anhu.

Hadrat Abd 'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn Rahmatullahi 'alayh was born in Hama, Syria between 750 - 752 H. He was the son of Hadrat Sayyad Abd 'al-Ghafur Hasan al-Jilani Radi Allahu 'anhu. It was on one of the many travels of Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu that when he used to visit Syria, and see his cousin Hadrat Sayyad Abd 'al-Ghafur Hasan al-Jilani Radi Allahu 'anhu he was entrusted Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Noor al-Ayn Rahmatullahi 'alayh. At the age of only twelve he had left his family to join his great uncle Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu. Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu loved and cared for his nephew and brought him up as his own dearest son, and his Khalifa [spiritual successor]. They remained together like father and son until Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu passed away.

During this time Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu taught him everything he knew, and shared his vast knowledge with his close nephew. It was in this period Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu bestowed the title of 'Nur al-Ayn' which means 'Tranquility to the Eyes' to Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn Radi Allahu 'anhu.

One day the topic of the children of Pious Saints was put to Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf r.d he answered "It is not commonly found that the children of pious saints follow their parents footsteps, but I posses such a pious saint that he is not just the son of a pious saint but his job is to produce pious saints, others give birth to their children through their wombs, I have given him birth through my eyes"

On this thought Hazoor Alla Huzrat Ashrafi Miya r.a has said:

**Huwe Sahe Simnan ke ankhoun se paida
Lakub Noor-ul-Ayn unko Huzrat ne bakhsha
Dua Shah Ne di tere awlaad me how
Humesha wali aur mukhbooli yukta**

The honour of Tabe Taabein (serving the sahaba) is very difficult to achieve but with the devotion of Hazrat Khidar (a.s) and Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Ridda Hajj

Baba Ratan Hindi (r.d) Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) was able to achieve this honour. He traveled the entire world by foot on three occasions. For the following 68 years Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) stayed in the company of Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) traveling with him to many places.

Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn Radi Allahu 'anhu's thirst for even more knowledge took him to many places with his spiritual mentor Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu, and very soon he had built up an enviable reputation as an eminent and leading sufi of his time. He spent many days in the company of other great sufi scholars and wali [awliya] where he obtained many blessings and 'faiz' from them. During the time he remained in the company of Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu he came into contact with 114 great Saints around the world. It was in one of these meetings he received the title of ' Shaykh al-Islam' from Hadrat Shaykh Qassam Radi Allahu 'anhu in Turkey in the presence of Hadrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'anhu.

Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) was very proud on the way Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) would handle his talks and gatherings and would say “how Hazrat Niazamuddin (r.d) is as proud of his disciple Hazrat Amir Kusro (r.d) to that intent I am as proud of Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d).” He continually prayed for Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) that his work and spiritual assistance would continue till the day of judgment.

One time in Jamia Masjid, Damascus Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) was taking a gathering with his Kalifas and Masheikh (Ulamas) when Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) came up in the conversation he answered with “ Allah (swt) has given me two blessings One is Seerah and the other Sar, meaning Allah (swt) has given me seen and unseen blessing both which I have given to my son Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d).

At another time in Saliha Masjid, Damascus Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) fell very ill at which all his Khalias and Masheikh's stayed and looked after him at this very hard and unpleasant time. All of which wondered who he would made his predecessor to take charge of all his duties. When Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) eventually recovered he called for his son Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) and made him his predecessor and said “I have made you by predecessor by the will of Allah (swt)”. He then made the announcement to all and told them that they should not question as to why I have given the honour to Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d), I have done only what Allah (swt) has asked me to do.

Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) has said that he once received a thought spiritually which said Aye Ashraf which one blessing have we given you that is the dearest, he replied with “ You have given me countless blessing that is dear but there are four for which I will not be able to give enough thanks and on the day of judgment those are the four I will be most proud of Insha Allah, these are firstly that you gave me birth in the family of the beloved Prophet Mohammed

(SAW), secondly that I was given the honor to have 'Bait' from Sheikh Ala-ul-Haq Wadeen (r.d) and was able to serve him, thirdly I have been given immense blessings both seen and unseen and fourthly I have been given two pulses one is Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) and the other Sheikh Kabir-ul-Abbasee (r.d).

At one point Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) has said that I have seen 114 Masheikh's (saints) from whom I have received knowledge and followed them wherever they went. All this that I have received is by the Sadka of my Pir Mursheed.

**Dar sare muwe mun zuba gurdud hur zuban buwe baya gurdad
Sare muwe byanee shukrana nutwa num Yusud nisha gurdad**

meaning

**Gar mere badan ke sab roungte zuban ho jaye aur har zaban mein so
hazaar bayan karne ki takat paidan ho jaye
phir bhi hum shukranaye dualatein Makhdoom wa Murshedee ada nahi kar
sakhte (meaning we cannot be thankful to our Pir)**

All those blessings that were received by Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) from the very first moment he passed on all of them to Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) and always gave him a share in his dua and blessing.

Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) was married to Sayyidina Bibi Sultana Khatoun (r.d.a), she was from the family of Shehede Shoudha Hazrat Sayidina Imam Hussain (r.d) and Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) was from the family of Hazrat Imam Hassan (r.d). This is why the generations of Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) are called Hassani Hussaini Saiyed.

Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf Radi Allahu 'Anhu made his Janasheen [spiritual successor] after his departure from the world Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) then spent his entire life along Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) with his family at the tomb of Hazrat Ghaus-ul-Alam Saiyed makhdoom Ashraf Jahanghir Simnani (r.d) spreading the word of Islam doing 'Tableeg'

Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) was blessed with five children, Hazrat Saiyed Shamsuddin (r.d) was the eldest he passed away at the age of 18 years, his blessed tomb is at Nihar Shareef, Kichoucha Shareef. Hazrat Saiyed Hassan (r.d) was the second child, his blessed tomb is opposite Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d)'s tomb. Hazrat Saiyed Hussain (r.d) was the third child whose blessed tomb is beside Hazrat Saiyed Hassan (r.d)'s tomb. Hazrat Saiyed Farid (r.d) is the fourth child whose blessed tomb is in the city of Ayodhia, U.P beside the tomb of Hazrat Shamsuddin Faryaad Rus awadi (r.d) who is the khalifa of Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d). Hazrat Saiyed Ahmed (r.d) is his fifth son whose tomb is in U.P, India. It is because of their generations that the Existence of the Khanwade Ashrafiya came to be.

Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) has said that Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) was once in a gathering and said the following words

“I have sacrificed myself on you and gave you all that I had from countless blessing to knowledge, I prayed to Allah (swt) that your children would be naek and makhbool and that in every generation you will have one Salik and one Masjoob and that one will have everything that I have.”

On hearing these words Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) fell to the feet of Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) who picked him up and put his head in his lap.

Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) once addressing all those that had gathered said " Nur al-Ayn is my true son, he who will deviate from him will get nothing, and he who will remain with him, will get success in both worlds."

Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d) departed from the world on 7th Zil-Hajj, 872 Hijri his blessed tomb is in Rasool Pur Kichoucha Shareef besides Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf (r.d) under the same dome.

By taking the immense blessing from Sarkar Shah Miran Saiyed Ali Wali Sarkar (r.d), Haji-ul-Harmain Hadrat Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d), Hazrat Ghas-ul-Azam Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf Jahanghir Simnani (r.d) I pray that there devotion and love stays in our hearts.

In the honour of such pious saints Ala Hazrat Imam Ahmed raza Khan (r.d) has said:

**“Tere nasle paak me hain bacha bacha noor ka
Tu hain ehle noor tere sara ghurana noor ka.”**

**Mankhabhut Saiyed Abd'al Razzaq Nur al-Ayn (r.d)
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**Ghaus-e-Azam ka faizane Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq
Awlade shahe Simnan Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**

**Gawd me lein kar farmaya Shahe Simnan nain
Hain kutbo kain sultan Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**

**Shahe Simnan nain nazar se aap ko payda kiya
Ashrafiyat ki paichaan Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**

**Ashrafi kya suniyat kain hain muhafiz ehle bait
Mera to hain ye iman Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**

**Aap ke laal nain rakha jab kadam virane main
Ho gaya hain gulistan Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**

**Aap ki auwlaad main dekhi hain aise taakatein
Murdoun main dali hain jaan Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**

**Saiyede Rais Ashraf hain wali kamil bare
Irfan hain un pain kurbaan Saiyede Abd'al Razzaq**