

# Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir Simnani r.d

Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *rahmatullahi alayh* was born in 708 A.H., in Simnan, Iran.

His father Hazrat Sultan Saiyed Ibrahim Noor Bakshi *rahmatullahi alayh* governed the city for approximately 20 years. As well as being a highly noble and just ruler he was also a great scholar, theologian and Sufi. His mother Bibi Majida Saiyeda Khadija Begum (ra) was the daughter of Hazrat Kwaja Ahmed (rda).

Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *rahmatullahi alayh* started his education at the age of 4 years, 4 months and 4 days. Allah, the most sublime, blessed Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *rahmatullahi alayh* with immense ingenuity, intellect and knowledge. By the age of 7 they had already acquired and memorized the entire Quran al-Kareem by heart with seven types of qirat, and excelled in the study of Quran exegesis 'tafseer', narration and sciences of hadith, Islamic law '*fiqh*' etc. At 14 years they had mastered all the subjects including theology and philosophy, maturing into the most accomplished and proficient scholar. Amongst their notable teachers were His Eminence Mawlana Imad al-Din Tabrezi, Imam Abdullah Yafai at Makkah Mukarramah, Baba Mufrah (s/o the great Najm 'al-Din Kubra) at Iskandaria and Mawlana Ahmad Haqqani *ridwanallahu ta`ala aly'him ajma'een*

After the completion of his education Hazrat Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *rahmatullahi alayh* attributed a lot of his time in teaching. Amongst his pupils was his nephew Hazrat Saiyed Abdul Razzaq 'Noor al-Ayn' Jillani *rahmatullahi alayh* - 11th direct descendant of The Great Ghawth al-Azam, Saiyed as-Shaikh Abdul-Qadir al-Jillani (rda)

Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *Rahmatullahi alayh* was only 15 years old when his dear father passed away. It was not long after that he was crowned the sixth sultan of Simnan. When he was given the kingdom of Simnan the people were overwhelmed with the peace that spread through the country. The world enjoyed a river of justice. His justice was such that the wolves did not hunt the cattle, if an elephant were to stamp on an ant the ant would say how dare you stamp on me in the reign of Hazrat Makhdoom Ashraf Jahangir Simnani (rda). During his reign he appointed men of knowledge and wisdom as his counselors, so they would rule the kingdom with total honour, dignity and grace in serving his people. The people of Simnan were blessed with 12 years of complete peace and harmony; they embraced Sultan Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *Rahmatullahi alayh*, as a just and sincere king. However during this time Sultan Makhdoom Ashraf *Rahmatullahi alayh* never felt at peace within himself as the 'worldly ruler' of Simnan, so he would often spend time in the company of holy men and mystics. Due to his excessive love for Allah *Subhanahu wa ta`ala*, there was a burning

desire within him to transcend in the path of spiritual ascension; *marifat*. At the age of 23 he met HADRAT OWAIS AL QARNI (rda) in a dream, who nurtured him with the discipline and inspiration of the inner self. For almost 3 years he was so absorbed in the blessings and spiritual elevation acquired through the remembrance of Hazrat Owais Qarni (rda) that he lost all desires of his sovereign state and rule

**Hazrat Mohdhisee Azam-e-Hind has said:**

***“Simnan ka tukht chor kur Ghasul wara huwe  
Ye sultanat ke turk ne sultan bana diya”***

It was at the age of only 25, Allah (swt), commanded Hazrat Khidr *alaihis-salaam* to appear before Sultan Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf *Rahmatullahi alayh* in a deep rooted message. The message was to abandon the throne in search of his spiritual mentor (guide); Hazrat Shaikh Ala al-Haq Wadeen Ganje Nabat *Rahmatullahi alayh* in India, and propagate the message of Islam through peace and love

At once he notified his beloved mother about the meeting with Sayyidina Khidr *alaihis-salaam* and sought their permission to fulfill the task expected of him by the Almighty Lord. It was at this point that his mother revealed to her son that before his birth it was foretold that a saint '*wali*' would be born who would illuminate, inspire and guide the hearts of those drowned in the darkness of the world. She gladly gave her full approval and blessed her son to make this journey purely for the pleasure of Allah *Subhanahu wa ta`ala*

After two years of travel in 735 Hijri he arrived in Pandwa Sharif, Bengal. Hazrat PirMursheed met Hazrat Saiyedshah Allahul Haq Pandwi r.d. During his stay one morning whilst tying his loin cloth with the intention of never to depart from his Pir that at once his Pir appeared at once, Hazrat Sheikh asked “ O Saiyed in what work you are submerged” He replied I was tying my cloth to remain in your 'kidmat'. Sheikh Sahib replied “ tie it securely that it does not undo” . After hearing this Makhdoom Sahib replied “ I have tied it all leaving out all worldly desires, Insha Allah until I am alive they will stay out”. Sheikh Sahib congratulated him on his answer. On this Makhdoom Sahib decided that as of today onwards he would not marry nor will I stop in one place for too long. On these words Hazrat Saiyedshah Allahul Haq Pandwi r.d kept quiet for a moment and lowered his head. After a couple of hours he said ” Saiyed congratulations on being so big hearted, I have prayed to Allah SWT that your generations will continue from a member of your family and that you will be remembered for many years and that remembrance will be from that one member of your family”

**Hazrat Saiyedshah Allahul Haq Pandwi r.d. finished by saying:**

**Tarou huzur, Sukhaye geete nisha Aaj takazayee fazayat aye illa  
Baad baeeye zameene asaree tou, Dur nishane jaweda you mahema**

**Translated by Hazrat Ashrafi miya (r.a.):**

**Mila tum ko huq se, Mubarak peesur jo ehle nazar ka hou noore nazar  
Who awlaad he shahe jillan ke hain, Kurbut me Shahanee Simnan ke hain  
Who furzund ho ga, Bada neik naam zamanee ko pochayega faizein aam  
Who hain Ashrafi silsilay ka imam, karain naam Ashraf ka roushan madam.**

On hearing this Hazrat Ghaus-ul-Alam Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf Jahanghir Simnani R.d he fell to Hazrat Saiyedshah Allahul Haq Pandwi r.d feet.

**On this situation Hazrat Ashrafi miya (r.a) has written:**

**Mubarak hou, mubarak hou ye basharat Milan tum ko duree duryaee usrar  
Ghur ko khana kausee hain nisbat ke hain who taj shahou ke sujawat.**

Hazrat Ghaus-ul-Alam Saiyed Makhdoom Ashraf Jahanghir Simnani R.d listened to his Plrmursheed's words, and decided that he would no longer have any worldly desires and never get married, and would spend the rest of his leaving devoted to Allah SWT. This is why has no children of his own. But Allah SWT had to keep this generation going upto the day of judgement so he gave him a spiritual and religious child. During this period he received immense guidance and knowledge from his Pir.

**On this Hazrat Ashrafi miya (r.a) has written:**

**Aye illahul alameen jub terein faiseley se is zameen pur koye nishan kayum  
hota hain  
To in zameen pur uske asar mehrou maa ki turha daimee ho jate hain.**