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The Book of  
**The Great Name of Allah**

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***Shehu Uthman Dan Fuduye'***

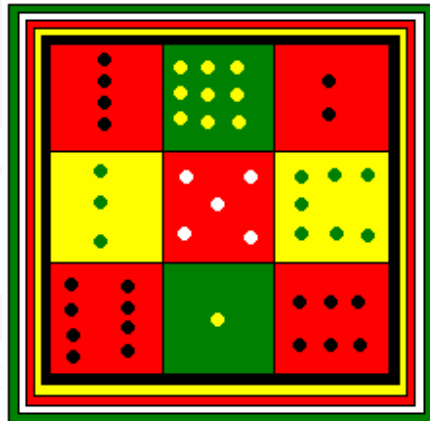
May Allah be pleased with him and engulf him in His  
mercy – Amen

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Included

**The Munaajaat of Sidi Ma`aruuf' I-Karkhi**

May Allah be pleased with him



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In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. All praises are due to Allah the Lord of the worlds. Blessings and peace be upon the most noble of the Messengers, our master Muhammad, and upon his family and all his Companions. May Allah be pleased with the masters among the *Taabi`een*, the Right Acting Scholars, the four *Mujtahid Imams*, and those who follow them with *Ihsan* until the Day of Judgment.

To continue: Says the poor slave in need of the mercy of his Lord, **Uthman ibn Muhammad ibn Uthman**, may Allah engulf him in his mercy. This text will be very beneficial, Allah ta`ala willing. It is a treasure from among the treasures of the King of the devout, which was given to me as license by my paternal uncle and teacher, the **Imam Muhammad Sanbu**, on Tuesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month of *Ramadhan*, the year 1191 *hijra*.<sup>1</sup>

### The Secrets of the *Basmala*

Realize that the noble *basmala*<sup>2</sup> is composed of four words: *In the name of* [بِسْمِ]; the expression of majesty [اللَّهِ]; the Beneficent [الرَّحْمَنَ]; the Merciful [الرَّحِيمَ]. The first word points to the personal pronoun of the Name that comes after it. As for the word that comes after it, it is the Great Name, which is *Allah*. This is because the Great Name is the name of majesty and is the axis (*qutb*) of the Divine Names to which they all return and around which they all revolve. The name *Allah* is like the distinguishing mark of the remaining Divine Names. This is because if you were to ask for example: ‘Who is the Beneficent (*ar-Rahman*)?’ Then you would say: ‘Allah’. Then, this would be the answer regarding the remainder of the Divine Names related to it. The Beneficent (*ar-Rahman*), the Merciful (*ar-Rahim*) are two Divine Attributes of this noble Name. For each of the three Divine Names there are intrinsic qualities (*Khawwaas*) and secrets (*asraar*), which only Allah ta`ala can enumerate. In this text, I will relate to you some of the intrinsic qualities of these Divine Names in order that you may be connected to the secrets from its secrets and thus you will in turn make supplication for me.

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<sup>1</sup> This occurred around 1777 C.E. when the *Shehu* was about 25 years old, some five years after he began his mission of calling people to Allah ta`ala. This was during the beginning of the rule of Bawa ibn Baabaari over the kingdom of Gobir. As for the above cited *Shaykh* Muhammad Sanbu, he was one of the key teachers of the Mukhtasar and its famous commentary by al-Karashi as *Shaykh* Abdullahi ibn Fuduye` said in his Tazyeen`l-Waraqaat: “*Shehu* Uthman use to inform me that our maternal uncle, Muhammad Sanbu ibn *Shaykh* Abdullahi ibn *Shaykh* Muhammad ibn Sa`d, the erudite grandfather of our mother, used to attend his reading of the al-Mukhtasar. He was extremely learned, having memorized most of what he read and it was he who read to them the commentary of al-Karashi. Whenever *Shehu* Uthman made a mistake, or let something slip, this maternal uncle of ours would correct it for him without looking in the book. This was due to the fact that he had memorized the entire commentary of al-Karashi. He then traveled to the land of the two Holy Places, made the pilgrimage and resided there for ten years. He then returned and reached the town of Agades. It was there that he died, may Allah be merciful to him.” It is clear that the *ijaaza* which the *Shehu* received from this maternal uncle occurred before his *rihla* to the east.

<sup>2</sup> This means the *Bismillahi`r-Rahmani`r-Raheem* – In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful.

## The Secrets of the Name Allah

I say, as for the first Divine Name, which is the name *Allah*, its intrinsic qualities is that it increases certainty (*yaqeen*) and facilitates reaching one's praiseworthy objectives with regard to the Divine Essence (*ad-dhaat*), the Divine Attributes (*as-sifaat*), and the Divine Actions (*al-af`aal*). For whoever is persistent in reciting this Divine Name every day one thousand times utilizing the following formula:

يَا اللَّهُ يَا مَنْ هُوَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ

“O Allah! O He who is the One whom there is no deity except Him.” Allah will provide him with the perfection of certainty (*kamaal 'l-yaqeen*). Whoever says:

يَا اللَّهُ

“O Allah!” one thousand times on Friday before the *juma`a* prayer, Allah will make easy all of his spiritual objectives and desires. Whoever recites this Divine Name much over an ill person whom the doctors were unable to cure, that person will be made healthy as long as his appointed time has not come. Among the important treasures for securing human influence upon the beings of the spiritual realm (*ar-ruhaaniyyaat*) is by saying three times:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَأَنْ تَفِيضَ عَلَيَّ مُشَاهِدَةً سِرًّا شَرِيفًا لَطِيفًا نُورًا جَلَالًا جَمَالَ إِقْبَالٍ لَأَهْوَيْتِيكَ وَتَصُبَّ عَلَيَّ أَنْبَابَ مِيزَانِيبِ سَحَائِبِ مَوَاهِبِ رَحْمَةِ رَحْمَتِيكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّحِمِينَ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. All praises are due to Allah the Lord of the worlds. Blessings of Allah be upon our master Muhammad, Your servant and messenger, the unlettered Prophet, and upon his family and Companions. Inundate me with the direct witnessing of the beautiful, majestic, subtle, noble, secret light responsive to the world of Your divine realities. Pour upon me the juncture of the clouds of mercy and the gates of Your divine gifts from the world of Your divine mercy. O Most Merciful of the merciful. Verily You have power over all things. Blessings and peace be upon our master Muhammad, the unlettered Prophet, upon his family and Companions.” Then recite the following one hundred times:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى نَبِيِّ خُلِقَ مِنَ النُّورِ وَهُوَ نُورٌ

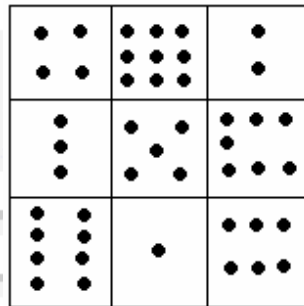
“O Allah send blessings upon the Prophet, who was created from Allah's light and he is light.” Then recite the Name of the Divine Essence (*Ism'd-Dhaat*) 4356 times. You should utilize this *dhikr* using the above formula for nine days for anything that you desire. I swear by Allah the Mighty that you will not complete this action except that Allah will take care of your needs. For this reason you should safeguard this from other than its rightful people.

Among the intrinsic qualities of the Divine Name *Allah* is for the purpose of subjugating all of the spirits (*al-arwaah*) then recite the Noble Divine Name in the following manner for one thousand times:

اللَّهُ اللَّهُ

“Allah! Allah!” However you should recite *Ayat ‘l-Kursi* four times at the end of every one hundred and also send blessings upon the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace utilizing any formula you like. You should be persistent in this every night for at least 40 nights. Then as a result you will see that which will cause you to rejoice from the obedience of the spirits and their being established for your service in everything you desire. You should employ something from *musk* perfume oil at the time that you recite the above.

In order to obtain control over one of the Angels called Myrmidons (*az-Zabuun*) you should write the *basmala* three times along with the following threefold square and place in it *cubeb* and the seed of *baraka*. Place this upon your table or upon any place your desire. Then you will see that which will make you rejoice. You should utilize this on Thursdays. The following is a description of the threefold square:



Whoever recites the following three hundred and thirteen times upon his palms full of dust from an ant colony:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ سَيُهْرَمُ الْجَمْعُ وَيُولُونَ الدُّبُرَ \* بَلِ السَّاعَةُ مَوْعِدُهُمْ وَالسَّاعَةُ أَذَىٰ وَأَمْرٌ

“In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful. *The gathered host will be defeated and will turn on their tails. Indeed the Hour is their final destiny and the Hour will be more afflicting and bitter.*” He does this with the intention that Allah will take revenge against his enemy and anyone who acted unjustly towards him. He should then throw the dust into the road, Allah ta’ala will take revenge against his enemy and dishonor him.

Whoever desires to obtain sound comprehension and memorization and to remove stupidity and forgetfulness should write the chapter called *al-Faatiha* seven times and wash it down with water from a well. Then drink it with honey for seven days.

### The Secrets of the Names *ar-Rahman ar-Raheem*

Then seal this book with the fourfold square of the Divine Names *ar-Rahmaan r-Raheem* (the Beneficent, the Merciful) to obtain its benefits and well-guarded secrets. It is the following:

ر	ح	ح	ر
ح	ح	ر	ح
ح	ر	ر	ح
ر	ح	ح	ر

It should be utilized in every need whether warding off harm or gathering benefit. Whoever writes it once and gives it to drink to his wife, she would not do anything that he dislikes. Whoever writes it upon a small piece of paper and throws it in running water and then says:

يَا رَبَّ هَذَا الْكِتَابُ كَتَبْتُهُ إِلَيْكَ لِتَقْضِيَ حَاجَتِي وَهِيَ كَذَا وَكَذَا

“O Lord this book, I wrote for You so that You can take care of my needs which are so-and-so.” He will have his needs taken care for him, whatever they may be. Whoever writes it with saffron and rose water upon a piece of paper and have it worn by a single unmarried woman, she will soon find marriage. Whoever writes it with *musk*, saffron and rose water and wears it himself will be safe from all things that may cause fear and his debts will be taken care of. Whoever writes it upon a piece of paper and wears it upon his right upper arm and then ask from any person to take of his needs, he will take care of them for him. Whoever writes it in his palm and then recites over it:

يَا رَحْمَنُ يَا رَحِيمُ عَدَدَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

“O Beneficent O Merciful to the number of the Messengers.” Then he should mention what is on his mind. He should then go to sleep, then there will come to him during his sleep some people from the *jinn* who will explain what his needs are. Whoever writes it for seven consecutive weeks then washes it with water, and then drinks most of it and takes the remainder and wipes his face and chest; then Allah will enrich him greatly. Whoever writes it and wears it in his place of business will gain much profit. Whoever writes it upon a piece of paper and it is given to a weak person to wear, he will become strong, or if it is given to a woman who has difficulty given birth, she will give birth very fast; or if it is given to a person who is weak in conjugal relations, he will find sexual strength. Whoever writes it in the palm of his right hand and then shakes someone’s hand, that person will love him exceedingly. Whoever writes it, washes it with water, drinks part of it, then mixes the remainder with perfume oil, wipes his face with it, and then enters upon a ruler, he will show him respect and regard and then take care of his needs, Allah ta`ala willing.

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ  
Glory be to your Lord, the Lord of Might above what they describe Him.  
And peace be upon the Messengers and all praises  
Are due to Allah the Lord  
Of the worlds.

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**This is the Munaajaat of the *Shaykh* of the *Shaykhs* the **Knower of Allah Ma`aruf al-Karkhi, may Allah be pleased with him****

In this supplication is the Great Name of Allah and it should be recited for needs, while in a state of complete purity and after doing two *raka`ats*, seeking forgiveness of one's sins, and sending blessings upon the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace. Then ask for your needs after reciting the Munaajaat. It is in the following expression:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ الْغَفُورُ الْغَافِرُ الْمُعْطِي الْوَهَّابُ الْهَادِي أَنْتَ رَبُّنَا وَخَالِقُنَا وَرَزَاقُنَا  
وَأَنْتَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ أَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ كَمَا كُنْتَ مَعَنَا وَأَتَوَسَّلُ بِكَ إِلَيْكَ بِجَاهِ أَفْضَلِ خَلْقِكَ وَخَاتَمِ أَنْبِيَائِكَ  
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّكَ وَرَسُولِكَ وَبِأَوْلِيَائِكَ أَجْمَعِينَ أَنْ تَغْفِرَ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ تَسْتَرَّ عَوْرَتِي وَتُعْطِيَنِي  
مَسْأَلَتِي فِي الدَّارَيْنِ فَإِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى كُلِّهَا وَبِكُلِّ إِسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ فَأَنْتَ  
أَهْلُ التَّقْوَى وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ

“In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful. O Allah the Much Forgiving, the Pardoner, the Giver, the Granter, the Guide. You are our Lord, our Creator, and our Provider. You are the Subtle the Aware. I ask you by means of You as You are with us. And I seek intercession with You by means of the countenance of the best of Your creation and the seal of Your Prophet, our master Muhammad, Your Prophet and Messenger, and by means of all Your protected friends, that You forgive us, and our children. I ask that You conceal our private parts and give me what I ask of You in the two worlds. For it is You that we worship and You that we seek for assistance. I ask You by means of all of Your Beautiful Names and by means of all the Names that You possess. For verily You are deserving of giving fearful awareness and forgiveness.”

Then recite *al-Fatiha* seven times, *surat'n-Nasr* seven times, and the prayer upon the Prophet, may Allah bless him and grant him peace seven times (using any method you like). Then recite: *Yaa Hayyu Yaa Qayyum* (O Living O Eternal) ninety-nine times.

This is the Munaajaat of Sidi Ma`aruf al-Karkhi, may Allah be pleased with him. All praises are due to Allah the Lord of the worlds. Here ends the Book of the Great Name of Allah.



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