



Shaikhul Hadeeth, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya Kandhelwi (rahimahullah), was one of the great luminaries of the recent past. Allah Ta'ala had accepted him for the service of deen in various fields, especially in the science of hadeeth. Apart from the detailed academic works that he had prepared in Arabic, the Fazaail e Aa'maal and Fazaail e Sadaqaat are a great testimony to his expertise and mastery in this field. Their acceptance throughout the world and the multiple languages into which they have been translated are clear signs of the calibre of the author and the level of his sincerity and acceptance in the court of Allah Ta'ala.

One of his daughters was married to Moulana In'aamul Hasan (rahimahullah), the third ameer of the effort of tableegh. Moulana In'aamul Hasan (rahimahullah) had once succumbed to an illness which lasted for over two years. Due to his weak, ailing state, his wife was required to remain by his side in order to tend to him. She thus remained in Kandhla for the entire duration of his illness, separated from her family who were in Saharanpur.

During that period, her father, Moulana Muhammad Zakariyya (rahimahullah), continued to write letters to her in order to give her the support and courage that she needed. In these letters, together with giving her support and encouragement, he also highlighted the importance of nursing her ailing husband, constantly turning to Allah Ta'ala and engaging in virtuous deeds.

In our own lives, we also occasionally face situations which call for words of consolation and encouragement. Translated within are a few extracts from the various letters that he had written to his daughter. It is hoped that these words will rekindle the flame of hope within us and remove all thoughts and feelings of despondency.

These letters further serve to demonstrate the vital role that a parent needs to play in encouraging his/her daughter to be of service to her husband.

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