



THE SPIRITUAL CHAIN

- Silsila -

Introducing the spiritual lineage of the spiritual guide:
Shaykh Muhammad al-Yaqoubi



A brief journey through the unbroken kinship of spiritual guides, heart to heart and hand in hand, upwards to the Best of Creation (may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) continuing through the Arch-Angel and unto the One - Allah.





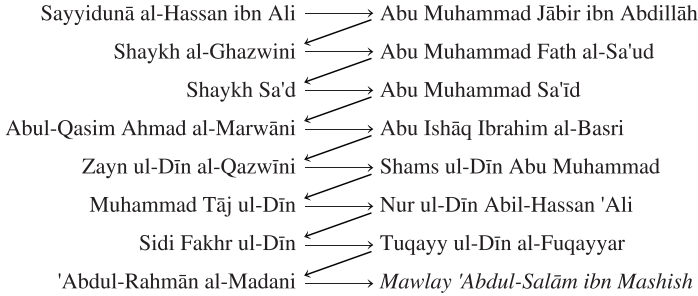
The Blessed Chain of the Shadhili Way

Our Master Muhammad

The Messenger of Allāh
May the peace and blessings of Allāh be upon Him



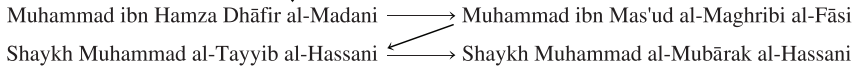
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Imam Al Sharani (d.1565) said that someone with an *isnad* is like a link in a chain, wherever he moves, the whole chain moves with him.

The spiritual chain connects the seeker of spiritual guidance to a guide, who has already trodden the path with their own spiritual guide. This unbroken chain of master and student or guide and guided continues up to and includes the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

The continuity of the chain, binding together student and master back to the Prophet (peace be upon him), assures the seeker of knowledge that the source of this knowledge and the light that he is receiving is from the Prophet (peace be upon him) and ultimately Almighty God.

This meticulous method of preserving the religion has protected it from pretenders and charlatans who, by intention, naivety, or through ill-education have distorted the pristine teachings of the spiritual path in Islam.

A manifestation of this living spiritual chain connecting back to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) is found in established Sufi masters, for example, Shaykh Muhammad al-Yaqubi (top 40 most influential Muslims 2020).

For those interested in the spiritual way, it is a means of security and confidence knowing that they are connected to a true and genuine spiritual guide, who has been vested with an authority to guide people to God- a permission that ultimately originates from God.

'I accompanied the Sufis and received from them but three words: their statement that time is a sword: if you do not cut it, it cuts you; their statement that if you do not keep your ego busy with truth, it will keep you busy with falsehood; their statement that deprivation is immunity.'

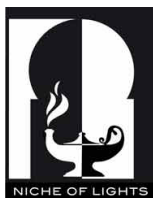
Imam Shafi`i (d. 204 AH)

'Three things in this world have been made beloved to me: avoiding affectation, treating people kindly, and following the way of tasawwuf.'

Imam Shafi`i (d. 204 AH)

'This school of ours is bound by the principles of the Book and the Sunnah.'

Imam al-Junayd al-Baghdadi (d. 297 AH)



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