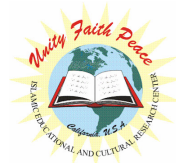


# In the Footsteps of the Beloved ﷺ

A Brief Biography of Hazrat Badshah  
Mian Qadri (may Allah sanctify his  
secret)



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## Definition of Abbreviations

- ﷻ May Allah Almighty send peace and blessings upon him
- ﷺ May Allah Almighty shower His mercy on him (or her)
- ﷻ May Allah Almighty be well pleased with him (or her)

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Ala inna awliyaa Allahi la khawfun AAalayhim wala hum yahzanoon

Behold! Verily on the friends of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve —**The Holy Qur'an 10:62**



The resting place of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup>, Karachi University, Pakistan

*The one who complains earns the displeasure of Allah and He is well aware of your state. Allah has put you in that state and it is Allah who will take you out of it. So why complain?"*

—**Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri** (may Allah sanctify his secret)

## Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri

(May Allah sanctify his secret)



### His Family Heritage

There are some personalities in the world who are chosen by Allah to take on a role that is beyond their self. They are not concerned with worldliness yet they seemingly live among society as common people with their hearts attached to none but Allah and to those who Allah loves. So great is the debt that society owes to them after the Prophets of Allah (peace and blessing be upon them) and the Beloved Sahaba Kiram<sup>ؓ</sup> (Companions)—may Allah be well pleased with them—that even generations to come can never repay it. These are none but the Awliyah-Allah (the Friends or Saints of Allah).

One such personality is Hazrat Shaykh Badshah Mian Qadri (may Allah sanctify his soul). Belonging to the noble family of the Bani Hashim, the grandfather, of the Shaykh, Shaykh Imam Hashmi<sup>ؒ</sup> emigrated from Baghdad, Iraq to South India with

the intention of spreading the message of Islam and the love of Mustapha ﷺ among those devoid of the message of light. Shaykh Hashmi<sup>ؒ</sup> belonged to the Qadiri Tariqah (*Silsilah Qadriyyah*). By the Grace of Allah, the great Shaykh Imam Hashmi (may Allah sanctify his secret) soon brought Islam by way of *Tableegh* to the inhabitants of distant small villages along the strip of Hyderabad including the towns of Aurungabad, Phipri, Jalna, Parbani and many other remote villages. Through his *Karaamat*, innumerable people entered Islam relieving them of sinful practices and beliefs such as magic and other bonds of ignorance. In this manner, this noble family settled in India and Islam spread through their guidance from generation to generation. Hazrat Shaykh Imam Hashmi<sup>ؒ</sup> had two sons and each generation thereafter followed, by the Will of Allah, with two sons in each generation. Each son would become learned in Islamic sciences but one would specialize in the Science of Shariah (Islamic Jurisprudence) and the other in the Science of Tasawwuf (Sufism). A generation later, Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> would be the one who specialized in *Tasawwuf*. He had two sons, Hazrat Hafiz Muhammad Abdullah Qadri and Hazrat Muhammad Ahmed Qadri (may Allah protect them both). This booklet is inspired by the shining examples of these two great personalities and their most honorable mother.

### His Hijrah from India to Pakistan

Born in Naag Jheri (India), the older son of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> had been blessed with eyesight. For the first six months of his life, the child had normal, healthy, and beautiful

eyes. Slowly, the child started losing his eyesight and Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> and his respected wife, Bismillah Bibi (Maqbool un-Nisa) decided to travel to Ajmer Sharif, the city of the great *wali* and Sufi master, Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz Hazrat Moinuddin Chishti<sup>ؒ</sup>, with the intention that they will serve the resting place of the great Sufi master by sweeping and cleaning the *mazaar* (resting place) and hoping that Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz<sup>ؒ</sup> will intercede on behalf of the child with Allah, after the child had completely lost his eyesight. After spending twenty-one days at the mazaar, the Shaykh had a dream in which Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz<sup>ؒ</sup> gave him the news that Allah will not return the eyesight of the child. However, the child will gain everything in the world and in the other-world. In the dream, the Shaykh was ordered to migrate to Pakistan, which had recently gained its independence from British rule and was a newly-found Islamic republic. When Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> arose from this vision, he shared it with his respected wife who confirmed the dream as a true dream because she also received news in a dream the very same night that the child's eyesight will not return. Taking this as a necessary order upon themselves from Khwaja Sahib<sup>ؒ</sup>, the family along with their son (Muhammad Abdullah Qadri) began asking around about Pakistan. Those who knew confirmed that, in fact, Pakistan is a new country and that they can take a train along with the throngs of people who were making *hijrah* (migrating) to a country created solely for the sake of Islam. Thus the family made their way to Pakistan directly from the *mazaar* of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti<sup>ؒ</sup> after they were given clear direction to migrate. They were never to return to their home, nor carry any worldly goods with them

from their home. They left everything behind including some very important relics (*tabarrukaat*), and many spiritual aspirants. Such was their depth of belief, devotion and loyalty to the order they received from their spiritual guide and *murshid*, the great Khawaja Ghareeb Nawaz<sup>ؒ</sup> of Ajmer Sharif.

Up to this day, in India, with the legacy left behind by this family especially in a place called Karar Gaon, many aspirants still visit the *chillahs* or spiritual retreats of the ancestors of this noble family for spiritual benefit and continue to benefit from the *barakah* of these places.

### His Early Life in Pakistan

After crossing over into Pakistan and staying in the bordering town of Khipro, this noble family of the Bani Hashim family settled in Karachi, where they were blessed with a second son, Mohammed Ahmed Qadri. It was in Karachi that the family educated their sons with whatever means that they had. The Shaykh would teach Qur'an to children never accepting or seeking any recompense for his efforts. Rather, he started his small business making toys and little things for children, the proceeds from which he would spend mostly on educating his children. His sons would receive a traditional Islamic education directly from him, and he directly educated his older son, Mohammed Abdullah, to become a *hafiz* of (one who memorizes) the Holy Qur'an.

## The Personalities He Loved

In Karachi, Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>رضي</sup> served as an Imam. Those who knew him loved him tremendously. He himself truly loved the *Ulema* (the scholars of the religion) and shared his company with people like Maulana Abdul Hamid Badayuni<sup>رضي</sup> the great Sufi and leader of the Pakistan movement whom Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had named *Fatah-e-Sarhad* after he was instrumental in convincing the Pathans to side with Pakistan; Shaykh Abd-e-Mustapha Azhari the great *Shaykh ul-Hadith* (hadith scholar) and son of the well-known Maulana Amjad Ali<sup>رضي</sup> who had written the encyclopedia on Hanafi Fiqh—the *Bahar-e-Shariat*); and Maulana Abdus-Shaheed Tonsvi<sup>رضي</sup>.

Among the great *awliyah*, he truly loved Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz Hazrat Moinuddin Chishti<sup>رضي</sup> and attributed all that he possessed to his spiritual river (*fez*). He dearly loved Ghauth ul-Azam—Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jilani<sup>رضي</sup> and one is not surprised to know that Allah took him into His Divine Presence in the Month of the *Urs* of Ghauth ul-Azam, in the month of *Rabi'uth-Thaani*. He would frequent the *mazaar* of Hazrat Baba Mangopir<sup>رضي</sup> the *khalifa* of the famous mystic of Pak Pattan, Hazrat Baba Farid ud-Din Ganj Shakar<sup>رضي</sup> and he had a special connection with his *mazaar*. His older son Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdullah Qadri would spend twenty-two years of his life leading *Tarawih* prayers in the *masjid* at the *mazaar*.

His considered his life's capital the love and honor of the Beloved of Allah, our Nabi Kareem ﷺ.

He was a man of few words but when he spoke, he spoke from the Qur'an, which he had read over thousands of times. He was once asked about his friends—if he had any—he stood up, went in to his room and brought a copy of the Qur'an saying, “this is my friend. The Qur'an is my friend.” He was never known by those who loved him to have ever missed his prayers (*salaat*) or to have performed his *salaat* through makeover (Qada) prayers, no matter how sick he was, even in his last days. And when he prayed, he prayed engrossed in the love of Allah (*mustaghriq*) and unaware of all else but Allah.

### His Personality

His nature was that of a true human being and his character was a reflection of the Beloved of Allah ﷺ. He possessed a very pleasant personality and never asked for anything from others or his family. He was known for his patience, perseverance, and humility. He worked hard all his life, but was never known by his children or his respected wife to have ever complained about his food, his clothing, or the difficulty of the heat (of the Subcontinent) while fasting. He fasted habitually outside of Ramadan. He used to say, “The one who complains earns the displeasure of Allah and Allah is well aware of your state. Allah has put you in that state and it is Allah who will take you out of it. So why complain?” His respected wife testified that never once did he complain about the food she had prepared for him. And when Allah would put hunger upon him, he would never ask for his family to prepare it but would be well content with dry pita bread which he

would dip in salt water and eat. This was his habit. He wore simple clothes and was never concerned about them being ironed, as long as, by Shariah, they were clean and permitted him to worship Allah.

### His Last Days

In the year 1999 A.C., Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> became gravely ill and doctors pronounced his clinical death to those who loved him. But such was not the fate that Allah had willed for him. In a landmark medical event, Allah revived him and he lived for nine more months passing on to his children and spiritual aspirants (*mureedeen*) all he had earned through spiritual *mujahadah* (struggle) and spiritual exercises. He passed on to the Realm of Divine Grace on the 19<sup>th</sup> of *Rabi'uth-Thaani* 1421 Hijri in the year 2000 A.C. Those who attended his *janazah* (funeral) including Dr. Yunus of Karachi University and others witnessed that a cloud hovered above his *Janazah* wherever it went with a very pleasant drizzle accompanying them throughout the funeral procession in the sweltering heat of July 22 in the year 2000 A.C.

Without a doubt, Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> was among the ranks of those who lived in this world solely seeking the pleasure of Allah, Most Exalted, and when he left the world, his prominence became well known as a *kamil wali of Allah*, a champion of truth, and *the righteous*—a *Qutb* of Allah. His life and his other-life was a reflection of the verse of the Qur'an:

Qul inna salatee wa nusukee wa mahyaya wa mamatee lillahi rabbi  
al-AAalameen (6:162)

Say: "Truly, my prayer and my service of sacrifice, my life and my  
death, are (all) for Allah, the Cherisher of the Worlds:

### His Karaamaat

Many charismatic actions (*Karaamaat*) were attributed to Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> by the leave of Allah. Those who loved him would often see him in their dreams. Several people have seen him on Pakistan TV performing the pilgrimage (*Hajj*) after he had passed away. The place of his burial in Karachi University was surrounded by harsh thorny bushes and snakes frequented the graveyard. Very few ever visited the graveyard out of fear. After he was laid to rest in the cemetery, a road was built to the cemetery with road lights and many people frequent it now. The place of his burial was selected previously and a number of people had attempted to use the spot but without any luck, as a very large rock would be found in the spot that could not be removed. The caretaker, Muhammad Yusuf, approached the family and reminded them that the spot is impossible to bury anyone there because of the large rock. Nevertheless, his younger son Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Qadri said, "try once more." As they dug the grave, the rock was nowhere to be found as Allah had selected the spot only for Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup>. Among others, the Dean of Islamic Sciences in Karachi University, Dr. Abdur Rashid, Dr. AbuZar Wajidi, were witness to this *karaamat*. His *Janazah* prayer was in the Lawn of *Jama-e-Karachi* (Karachi University) and was attended by many great *ulema* (Islamic

scholars) including Maulana Fakhri of Madrassa Hamidiyya Razviya who lead the *Salaat ul-Janazah* (the funeral prayer).

In the year 2000 A.C., Pakistan had remained under drought for almost five years. While many were praying for rain elsewhere in the country after a very long time, several people visited his *mazaar* to pray *salaat ul-istisqaa* (prayer for the sake of rain). To the amazement of those who prayed at his *mazaar*, Allah sent rain down immediately and it rained for almost a week, until people went back and prayed to Allah by the *waseelah* (means) of this *Qutb* and *Wali* of Allah to stop the rain as it was becoming difficult for people, at which time the rain subsided.

In the year 2006, Karachi had not received rain for almost three years. On the day of the annual *Urs* of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> on July 22, through the experience of many including those who wrote this booklet were present and read *Maghrib salaat* at the *mazaar*, there remained a pleasant breeze all the way to the point where they completed *Fatihah* and *Burdah Shareef* at the *mazaar*. The moment just before the attendees stood up to leave the *mazaar* greeting this great *wali* of Allah, cloud bursts were heard in the distance. By *Isha* time as the call to prayer was made (*adhaan*), the rain downpour began in Karachi, and soon spread throughout the country. Many will testify to this *karaamat* of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup>.

One more recent event occurred during the typhoon (hurricane) in Karachi in June, 2007. According to Reuters, Saturday June 30, “The onset of the rainy season has brought severe weather

to much of South Asia, killing more than 500 people in storms and floods in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan over the past week. Hardest-hit has been Pakistan. A cyclone struck southwestern Baluchistan province on Tuesday; three days after a storm battered the nation's biggest city, Karachi, killing around 250 people.” If one were to see the roof of the *mazaar* of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> they will find that it is constructed of tin sheet metal with stones holding the sheet metal down. While most of the billboards in the city of Karachi were destroyed killing several people as the billboards came down upon bystanders, not even a single sheet of metal was moved as a result of the fierce torrential winds that wreaked much havoc around the city.



**Mazaar Shareef of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri (may Allah shower His mercy on him) Karachi University**



**A billboard in Karachi destroyed among hundreds of others in after a typhoon ripped through the city**

### His Spiritual Lineage and Family

Not only was this family blessed with the noble family lineage of our Beloved Nabi Kareem ﷺ, but Allah has also blessed them with the spiritual lineage in five of the *salaasil-e-Awliyah*

(spiritual chains of the Friends of Allah) in *Tariqah*. Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> received *khilafat* in the *Qadriyyah*, *Chishtiyyah*, *Naqshbandiyyah*, *Suharwardiyyah*, and *Rafa'iyah salaasil*, (spiritual chains) each *silsilah* traces its spiritual roots back to the Beloved Prophet of Allah, Hazrat Muhammad Mustapha ﷺ. The respected sons of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri, Dr. Prof. Muhammad Abdullah Qadri, and Dr. Prof. Mohammed Ahmed Qadri (may Allah protect them both) have also received *khilafat* in these *salaasil* from several chains.

Dr. Prof. Muhammad Abdullah Qadri holds the distinction of being the only physically blind personality in the world who has ever gained a Ph.D. in the discipline of Political Science. He has established an all-women's Islamic university in Karachi where numerous women have earned degrees in various Islamic sciences. He also serves in the post of Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Karachi, Pakistan. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah Qadri has also completed the eighteen-year Dars-e-Nizami (Traditional Islamic System) Islamic Scholar program. His specialization in Islamic sciences is several, but his emphasis is in Islamic Jurisprudence. Presently he is working as the Chairman, Department of Political Science, University of Karachi, Pakistan. He is also a *Shaykh-ul-Hadith* at the Women Islamic Missionary University, Karachi, Pakistan.

Dr. Prof. Muhammad Ahmed Qadri (may Allah protect him), the younger son of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> is currently the Founding Director of the IECRC (Islamic Educational and

Cultural Research Center), based in Northern California. He is a renowned scholar from Pakistan who taught at various colleges including the University of Karachi, Pakistan, for over twenty years. He has expertise both in modern education as well as traditional Islamic sciences having completed as well the Dars-e-Nizami traditional Islamic program. He has also studied with scholars from Al-Azhar University, Cairo. Dr. Qadri currently resides in Vancouver, Canada with his respected wife. His specialization in Islamic sciences lies in *Tasawwuf*. His Western educational background is in Political Sciences for which he has earned a Ph.D. In 1995 Dr. Prof. Muhammad Ahmed Qadri traveled with a delegation from the Pakistan government to India (Ajmer Sharif), where over a million people attended the Urs of Hazrat Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti<sup>ؒ</sup>. He was taken inside the mazaar next to the resting place, where he performed two cycles salaah, and the *Dastar* (a turban) which is symbolic of *Khilafat* in the *Chishtiyyah silsilah* was wrapped around his head, by the *Mutawalli* of the *mazaar* Shaykh Sahibzada Syed Abdur Rauf Chishti, who himself hails from Pakistan, in Golra Sharif (Rawalpindi) Pakistan.

Both brothers trace their spiritual lineage in a second chain of the *Qadriyyah silsilah*, by way of Maulana Yaseen Amjadi<sup>ؒ</sup> (see note below), the *Khalifa* of Hazrat Maulana Amjad Ali<sup>ؒ</sup> the renowned author of the Hanafi Fiqh encyclopedia, the *Bahar-e-Shariat*, to Hazrat Ahmed Raza Khan Bareilvi (may Allah sanctify his secret) the renowned author of *Salaam-e-Raza*. Among other *salaasil*, Dr. Prof. Muhammad Ahmed Qadri (may Allah protect him) also has *khilafat* in two chains

in the *Rafa'iyyah silsilah*, with one from Shaykh Hashim ar-Rifa'ii of Kuwait. Both sons of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> also have *khilafat* in the *Naqshbandiyyah*, *Chishtiyyah*, and *Suharwardiyyah salaasil*. **Note:** In the week before the *Urs* of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> just two days before publishing this brief biography, the eminent and most loved and respected Maulana Yaseen Amjad Ali<sup>ؒ</sup> was taken to meet his Lord and Creator. His loss is felt by many among in the Ahl us-Sunnah community and the Muslims in general worldwide. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew, loved and respected him. May Allah for ever keep him in His Infinite Mercy – Ameen!

The respected wife of Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> resides in Karachi, along with her son Prof. Dr. Mohammed Abdullah and his family in the *Aastaana* (the home of a *wali* of Allah) on the Karachi University campus. This family continues to be a means of *barakah* and *fez* for spiritual aspirants who loved Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup> and who find the reflection of their beloved murshid (spiritual guide) in his family, who have carried on the same tradition of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti<sup>ؒ</sup> of “love for all, and harm to none” and that which is the core of the Bani Hashim—patience and perseverance in face of extreme hardship.

For the love of Allah Most Exalted and His Beloved Messenger ﷺ, may the spiritual river of grace continue to flow from this blessed family and touch all those who seek guidance and a true example of what it means follow our Beloved Prophet ﷺ —Ameen!

## Daily Spiritual Exercises for the Seeker

The following five daily treasures of remembrance and exercise (*awraad*) are from the family of the Qadriyyah, Chishtiyyah, Naqshbandiyyah, Suharwardiyyah and Rafa'iyyah salaasil (mostly by way of the Aaliyah and Mazzaqiyyah spiritual lineage). They are hereby given—specifically—to all of the *Mureedeen* and *Mutawassileen* (those connected to) Hazrat Badshah Mian Qadri<sup>ؒ</sup>, to the *Mu'mineen* and *Mu'minaat* who love the Beloved of Allah ﷺ and his blessed family, and to the *Mu'mineen* and *Mu'minaat*, in general, with special permission granted by Dr. Prof. Muhammed Ahmed Qadri (may Allah protect him). May Allah make it a means of contentment, peace, and comfort for all afflicted with the trails and tribulation of the world and the other-world – Ameen!

### After Fajr (Qadriyyah Wird) recitation

1. Durood Shareef (Prayer upon the Beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ) –100 times
2. 'Astaghfaar (*Astaghfirullah or Astaghfirullaha Rabbi min kulli zambin wa atubu ileyhe*) –111 times
3. Ya Baasitu –72 times
4. Ya Raheemu –100 times
5. Kalimah Tayyibah –*La ilaha ill-Allahu Muhammad ur-Rasulullah (s)* – 11 times
6. Ya Razzaqu Ya Fattahu –100 times;
7. Ya Ghaffaru Ya Allahu –100 times

### After Zuhr (Chishtiyyah)

1. Durood Shareef –100 times
2. Ya Baasitu –100 times
3. Ya Kareemu –100 times
4. Ya Allahu –100 times

### After ‘Asr (Naqshbandiyyah)

1. Durood Shareef –100 times
2. Ya Allahu –500 times
3. Ya Qadi ul-Haajaat – 100 times
4. Ya Hall al-Mushkilaat – 100 times

### After Maghrib (Suharwardiyyah and Qadriyyah)

1. Durood Shareef –100 times
2. Ya Baasitu –72 times
3. Ya Ghaffuru –100 times
4. Ya Hayyu Ya Qayyum –100 times
5. Third kalimah (*Subhan Allah wal-hamdu Lillah, wa la ilaha ill-Allah, Wallahu Akbar, wa la hawla wa la quwwata illa Billahil-‘Aliyyul-Azeem*) –100 times
6. Ya Allahu –100 times

### After ‘Isha (Rifa’iyyah)

1. Ya Allahu Ya Kareemu – 100 times
2. Ya Ghaniyyu Ya Mustaghniyyu – 51 times
3. Innaka la Samiy ud-Dua – 101 times
4. Inni arju bi Rahmatika Ya Allah –11 times
5. Durood Shareef –101 times