

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وصلى الله على سيدنا محمد الفاتح الخاتم وعلى آله و أصحابه ومن آمن به

Understanding the *Faydah Tijaniyyah* - Part 1

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The Origins of the blessed *Faydah*:

The word *Faydah* means, “Flood.” It also means “An Overflow of Spiritual Grace”. As we are aware, our Master the *Qutb al-Maktum* (RA) predicted that a *Faydah* will come on his community, as is mentioned in the book *al-Ifadah al-Ahmadiyyah* by his close *murid*, Sidi al-Tayyib al-Sufyani (RA).

«قال سيّدنا الشّيخ رضي الله تعالى عنه وأرضاهُ وعنا به:

تأتي فيضاً على أصحابي حتى يدخل الناس في طريقنا أفواجاً أفواجاً. تأتي هذه الفيضة والناس في غاية ما يكونون من الضيق والشدة.»
((وكان يعني بهذه الفيضة ، أنه بفتح على كثير من اصحابه رضي الله عنه ، وكان لا يستبعد زمنها))

This *Faydah* was described by Sidna (RA) as possessing four characteristics:

- 1-It will come at a time when humanity will be facing extreme problems.
- 2-Large numbers of non-Tijani people will enter the Tijaniyyah when it comes.
- 3-Many people from the Tariqah will experience *Ma 'rifah* (The Gnosis of Allah)
- 4-It will come soon, not too late.

The renowned Tijani scholar of Marrakesh, *Arif-bi'Llah*, Shaykh Sidi Muhammad bin Abd-al-Wahid al-Nazifi (RA) pointed to these conditions in *al-Durrah al-Kharidah*. He wrote:

تدوم وتبقى مع دهور كثيرة
وفي آخر الزمان تأتي بفيضه
فيدخلها الوري أفويج رغبة
لما شاهدوه من لوائح وصلة

The Tariqah Tijaniyyah will persist, remaining through many ages
And in the latter times, it will bring forth a *Faydah*

Then mankind will enter it in droves, Longing
For what they witness of Divine connection blossoming (before them)

Therefore, Tijani Shaykhs after the *Qutb al-Maktum* (RA) waited for the blessed *Faydah*.

Then, in 1929, on the blessed night of the Mawlid-al-Nabawi, Shaykh al-Islam Ibrahim Niyass (RA) claimed that he was the *Sahib-ul-Faydah* and the *Faydah* will emerge on his hand, and that Sayyidna Rasul-Allah (SAW) and Shaykh Ahmad al-Tijani (RA) himself had confirmed it to him.

That is why the year 1929/1348 was known as the “*Aam al-Fayd*”, i.e. “The Year of the *Fayd*”.

He was only 30 when he claimed this and had a handful of followers. Most people thought he was mad. But the next 50 years proved them all wrong!

Soon thereafter, Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) proclaimed and explained the matter very clearly in his masterpiece, *Kashif al-Ilbas an Faydat al-Khatm Abi'l-Abbas* (Removal of Confusion from the *Faydah* of the Seal Abi'l-Abbas), where he stated in unequivocal terms that this predicted *Faydah* has appeared on his hands.

He also stated in the same blessed book that the hands of Sidna Shaykh Ahmad Tijani (RA) himself had written this book of his. This was the same as Sidna Shaykh al-Tijani (RA) had stated that the hands of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) himself had written his book *Jawahir al-Ma'ani*. And the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) had stated that the blessed words coming out of his noble Mouth were the Words of Allah Himself! *Fa'tabiru....!!!*

Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) also wrote in his mysterious *Mash-had of 1366 A.H.*, printed in the book *Sa'adat al-Anam bi-Aqwal Shaykh al-Islam* (compiled by Shaykh Tijani Cisse):

“So I praise Allah who made his (Shaykh al-Tijani's) favor on me, and decided with his *Fadl* to make the *Faydah* flow through me, and said, 'Take it from the Shaykh (al-Tijani) to You'.”

Shaykh Ibrahim's Birthdate Points to the *Faydah*:

In fact, the words that are derived from Shaykh Ibrahim's birthdate (15th Rajab 1320 AH) are:

ولد صاحب الفيضة قطب أهل عصره رئيساً

“*Wulida Sahib al-Faydah Qutba Ahla Asrihi Raeesa*”

“The Bringer of the *Faydah* is born as the *Qutb* of the people of his era and (their) leader”

The eminent Nigerian scholar and Tijani leader, Qadi Ibrahim Kantaghora (RA) derived another sentence from his birth date:

لمولد نائب الختم

“*Li-Mawlid Na’ib il-Khatmi*”

“For the birth of the Vice-regent of the Seal’.”

In this is also a sign of Shaykh Ibrahim’s Ahmadi Tijani inheritance, as the birth date of Sidna Shaykh Ahmad Tijani (RA) corresponded with: **مولد الختم** “*Mawlid al-Khatm*” i.e. “The birth of the Seal”.

Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) Proclaims the *Faydah*:

In a forthright letter documented in the *Jawahir ar-Rasa’il*, Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) writes:

“And may your know that the Shaykh (al-Tijani), may Allah be pleased with him, mentioned a *Faydah* that would appear in the latter days, and some of the people of *Kashf* from the Disciples of Shaykh Muhammad al-Hafiz have said that the *Imam al-Faydah* will be 30 years old (i.e. when he appears). So understand my *Isharah*.

This is what I have told others before you, and I only tell it to those who believe in my words...

And I have complete conviction that all benefit is in my company, as per the assertion of the Prophet (SAW) himself and the assertion of the Shaykh al-Tijani!...

And I am well aware of my Matter as I have two Shaykhs:

My Shaykh in the *Zahir* is the Qur’an and Sunnah, and there is none that understands them better than me.

And my Shaykh in the *Batin* is al-Shaykh (Ahmad al-Tijani) and he does not leave my side for a second.

Therefore, how can evil come from the Qur’an and Sunnah, and the Shaykh (al-Tijani)???”

Shaykh Ibrahim wrote this letter at the age of 30 thus indicating that he is the *Sahib al-Faydah* as per the insight of the Hafizi Shaykhs. It is also interesting to note that Sidi Ali al-Tamasini (RA) remained the Supreme *Khalifah* of Sidna Shaykh al-Tijani for 30 years!

Also note that the latter part of the letter also points towards Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) being the *Qutb al-Ghawth* of his Age, but I will discuss that matter in a separate section.

The Manifest and Predicted Signs of the *Faydah*:

Al-Humduli'Llah, all three above-mentioned Signs of the *Faydah* (mentioned by Shaykh al-Tijani himself) were manifest in Mawlana Shaykh Ibrahim's case.

Firstly, he appeared with the *Faydah* during a time when the whole Muslim world was ruled by *kafirs* and even the whole *kafir* world was going through the Great Depression and World War.

Secondly, more people entered Tariqah Tijaniyyah at his hands than any other *Muqaddam* in the history of the Tariqah Tijaniyah. Some reports say 50 Million people.

About the large numbers of people entering into Islam and the Tariqah on his hands, Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) himself stated (reflecting on Allah's bounty):

And I - and all praise is for Allah - know of tens of millions of Muslims who took this Tariqah through me; and even more who were unbelievers, idol-worshippers and Christians before coming in contact with us; and even more who attained the Opening (of the Knowledge of Allah) through witnessing and beholding (the Presence of Allah) without any proof or reasoning. And it is as if I beheld Shaykh (Ahmad) al-Tijani reciting (to me): "They have chosen you for a matter if you only understood (its importance), so beware of your ego, lest you indulge in negligence."

Thirdly, millions of Shaykh Ibrahim's followers have experienced *Ma'rifah*, *Wilayah* and the Open Vision of the Manifestation of Allah. This is the *Fat'h al-Akbar* that the *Khatam al-Awliya* (RA) spoke about in the *Jawahir al-Ma'ani* and guaranteed for all Tijanis.

Most Tijanis would normally reach that state of *Fana fi'Llah* and *Baqa bi'Llah* only before they die and few experienced it early in their life. However, among the people of the *Faydah Tijaniyyah*, nearly all *murids* experience that...even young ones who are not even *muqaddams* experience the Extinction in Allah directly. This is a well-known thing which I have witnessed myself!

Simply by taking the *Salat-ul-Fatih* from Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) or one of his *muqaddams* and then reading it regularly, one experiences the in-depth *Ma'rifah* of the *Hadarat al-Butun* of God, His Prophet and the Seal of Sainthood. The people of the *Faydah* call this process, 'The *Tarbiyah*.' Even some members of the family of Shaykhuna al-Tijani (RA) took the *Tarbiyah* from Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) and his *muqaddams* and experienced the *Ma'rifah al-Ilahiyyah*.

One of Shaykh Ibrahim's senior disciples, the great Tijani *Muqaddam* al-Haj Hasan Dem al-Futi (RA) stated as mentioned in the *Riwayat al-Hasaniyyah*:

"And among his (i.e. Shaykh Ibrahim's) amazing matters is that Allah Almighty granted him a great Opening that He did not grant to any other Saint; which is

that He Opened for all his disciples the Knowledge of *Tawhid* (Divine Oneness), which is the *Ma'rifah-bi'Llah*."

Eminent Nigerian *Khalifah*, Mallam Tijjani bin Uthman (RA) wrote about the *Ahl al-Faydah*:

صاح عج نحو الهمام
ذي الفيوضات السوامي

ذوق أدنى صحبه قد
فاق أدواق العظام

Sahi 'Ujja Nahwa 'l-Humami
Dhi'l- Fuyudati 's-Sawami

Dhawqa Adna Sahbihi Qad
Faqa Adhwaqa 'l-Izami

O My friend! Travel to the Noble One (Shaykh Ibrahim)
The Possessor of lofty Spiritual Emanations

Indeed, the Spiritual Level of his smallest disciples
Surpasses the levels of the great saints

Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) Speaks about Himself and His Disciples:

Referring to the great Openings Allah has granted him and his disciples through the *Faydah*, Sidna Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) wrote:

كفيت صحابي في الطريق عناء
فكلهم بال جذب نال مناء

وأشكر ربي ليس سري عاقراً
فأصغر أتباعي أنيل فناء

ولم يكن للأقطاب قبلي مثل ما
لذا العبد من فيض يروق سناء

فأكسير هذا العبد حب محمد
وكنزي أن أثني عليه ثناء

Kafaytu Sihabi fi' t-Tariqi Ana'a
Fa-Kulluhumu bi'l-Jazbi Nala Muna'a

Wa Ashkuru Rabbi Laysa Sirri Aaqiran
Fa-Asgharu Atba'i Unila Fana'a

*Wa Lam Yakun Lil-Aqtabi Qabli Mithla ma
Li-Dha 'l-Abdi min Faydain Yaruqu Sana'a*

*Fa-Iksiru Hadha 'l-Abdi Hubbu Muhammadin
Wa Kanzi an Uthni Alayhi Thana'a*

I have sufficed my disciples from all difficulties in the Path (to Allah)
For all of them will gain their Desire (of *Ma'rifah*) by *Jadhb* (the Divine Pull)!

And I thank Allah that my Secret is not sterile (i.e. unproductive)
For even the smallest of my disciples has been granted the *Annihilation* (in Allah)

And indeed, even the *Qutbs* before me did not attain
The Bright and Shining *Fayda* that this Slave attained

For the Elixir (of the success) of this Slave is the Love of Muhammad (SAW)
And my treasure is my praising of him most often

And furthermore:

وصول جميع الماسكين بحبائيا
تحققه من لم يكذب بربيا

وجوبي فياف في المعارف لم ترم
فقد قصر الأقطاب عن درك شأويا

بفضل إله الناس جل جلاله
وحب رسول الله طه نبئيا

حلفت يميناً إنني لا يحبني
سوى أسعد والعكس في حال بغضيا

وإن خطوطي لأنام سعادة
فلم يشقى من رأني وخطيا

وقد علم الأقوام أني خديمه
فوصل حبيب الله يلقى بوصليا

وما قلت قولي شاطحاً متبجحاً
وما مسني سكر يغيب عقليا

وما قلت هذا دون إذن وإنني
لأكتم سرّاً لا يبّاح لغيري

*Wusulu Jami al-Masikina bi-Habliya
Tahaqqaqahu man lam Yukadh-dhib bi-Rabbiya*

*Wa Jawbi Fayafin fi 'I-Ma'arifi lam Turam
Faqad Qasura 'I-Aqtabu an darki Sha'wiya*

*Bi-Fadli Ilahi 'n-Nasi Jalla Jalalahu
Wa Hubbi Rasuli'Llahi Taha Nabi'iyah*

*Halafu Yaminan Innani La Yuhubbuni
Siwa As'adin wa 'I-Aksu fi Hali Bughdiyya*

*Wa Ma Qultu Qawli Shatihan Mutabajjihan
Wa Ma Massani Sukrun Yughayyibu Aqliya*

*Wa Ma Qultu Hadha duna Idhnin wa Innani
La-Aktumu Sirran La Yubahu li-Ghayriya*

All those who hold on to my rope arrive (in the Presence of Allah)
This is apparent to anyone who does not deny Allah

And indeed I have traversed into fields of *Ma'arif* not entered by anyone!
Indeed, even the *Qutbs* have fallen short of comprehending my Attainment!

By the Grace of Allah, Glorified is His Glory
And the through the Love of His Messenger, Taha, my Prophet (SAW)

I take an solemn oath that none loves me but
A fortunate person! And the opposite is true for those who hate me

And indeed, my writings are a blessing for mankind!
He will never be unlucky, who has seen Me or My writings!

Indeed, the Nations know that I am the Servant of the Prophet (SAW)
By gaining Me, one will gain the Beloved Prophet of Allah (SAW)

And I do not make this statement of mine in Ecstasy or in Vanity
And neither have I been afflicted by a Spiritual Intoxication that removed my mind

Indeed, I did not make this (above) statement without Permission
And indeed, I hide a Secret that cannot be revealed to none but me

The Shaykh-al-Islam also writes:

طويت و سهلت الطريق إلى الحق
لكل مرید الوصل للحق بالحق

طويت علوم العارفين بأسرها

بشمي ريا المصطفى صاحب الصدق

*Tawaytu wa Sahhaltu 't-Tariqa ila 'l-Haqqi
Li-Kulli Muridi 'l-Wasli lil-Haqqi bi 'l-Haqqi*

*Tawaytu Uluma 'l-Arifina bi-Asriha
Bi-Shammi Rayya 'l-Mustafa Sahibi 's-Sidqi*

Indeed, I have rolled up and made easy the Path to the *Haqq* (Allah)
For every seeker who desires to reach God through God

Indeed, I have folded (i.e. combined in me) the Knowledges of all the *Arifs*
Because I smelt the Fragrance of the *Mustafa*, the Truthful One (SAW)

The Nigerian Tijani *Khalifah* Shaykh Abu-Bakr Atiqu (RA) writes in the footnote to this couplet:

“(he means) He made easy the Path to Allah for all sincere seekers, therefore they arrive to Allah (SWT) in the shortest period. And this we have seen!”

All of this is nothing but the *Barakah* of the *Faydah Tijaniyyah* promised by the *Qutb al-Maktum* (RA). May we continue drinking from it forever. *Amin*.

Shaykh Ibrahim's Depiction of the *Faydah*:

About the spread of the Divine Knowledge on his hands (and the attribution of that to the *Faydat al-Tijani*), Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) wrote:

حملت سر خاتم الولاية
جمعت بين الذوق والدارية

ففاض مني سره فلا احد
يقصدني ما عرف الله الصمد

سواء الذكران والنسوان
سواء الصعلوك و السلطان

ومرة اخري ترون عجبا
من فيضة الختم امام النجبا

وذاك كله فيضة التجاني
مدد مصطفى الوري العدناني

وذاك كلا منة المنان
احمده في السر والاعلان

اوجدني حقا لجبر الكسر
فاتني وكيل سر السر

*Hamaltu Sirra Khatam al-Wilayah
Jama'tu Bayna 'd-Dhawqi wa'd-Dirayah*

*Fafaada minni Sirruhu fala Ahad
Yaqsuduni; Ma Arafa Allah as-Samad*

*Sawa'un iz-Dhukranu wa 'n-Niswanu
Sawa'un as-Sa'luku wa 's-Sultanu*

*Wa Dhaka Kullan Faydat al-Tijani
Madadu Mustafa 'l-Wara 'l-Adnani*

*Wa Marratan Ukhra Tarawna Ajaba
Min Faydhi Dha'l-Khatmi Imam al-Nujaba*

*Wa Dhaka Kulluh Faydat al-Tijani
Madadi Mustafa 'l-Wara 'l-Adnani*

*Wa Dhaka Kullan Minnat al-Mannani
Ahmaduhu fi' s-Sirri wa 'l-l'ani*

*Awjadani Haqqan li-Jabri' l-Kasri
Fa-innani Wakilu Sirri 's-Sirri*

I carried the Secret of the Seal of the Saints (Ahmad al-Tijani)
I combined in me both the Experiential Knowledge and the Rational One

Then from me overflowed His Secret, so there is no one...
Who follows me and does not Know Allah, the Self-Sufficient

Whether they be Males or Females
Whether they be servants or King (i.e. they will all know Allah)

And once again you will see amazing matters
From the *Fayd* of this Seal (of Saints), the Leader of the Chosen (Masters)

And all of that is the *Faydah* of the (Shaykh Ahmad) al-Tijani
The Assistance of the Chosen One from (the tribe) of Adnan (The Prophet SAW)

And all of that is the Gift of the Generous Lord!
I Praise Him in private and public

Indeed, He Created Me to bridge the Gap (between God and His Creation)
For, I am the Vice-regent of the Secret of the Secret

The Sahib al-Faydah al-Tijaniyyah's Unending Call to Allah:

Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) stated about his unending Call towards Allah:

فلا أنال راحة للقلب
و في البسيطة يعصى ربي

*Fala Analu Rahatan lil-Qalbi
Wa fi 'l-Basitati Yu'sa Rabbi*

My heart cannot find peace
As long as my Lord is disobeyed on this earth

In the above couplet is also an indication that the Tijani *Faydah* of Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) will last and flourish till the Day of Judgment because disobedience to Allah will continue till then.

And mentioning the purpose of his Complete Manifestation, he writes:

و الأمة قصدي فيهم أن أسوقهم
إلى حضرة الرب الرحيم إلها

في الخلق أحنى عليهم و تعلم هل
مدى الدهر مني و البعيد كما دننا

*Wa 'l-Ummatu Qasdi fihum an Asuqahum
Ila Hadrati 'l-Barri 'r-Rahimi Ilahuna*

*Wa Ta'lamu Hal fi' l-Khalqi Ahna Alayhimu
Mada 'd-Dahri Minni, wa 'l-ba'idu Kama Dana!*

And my goal with the *Ummah* is to
Guide them to the Presence of our Lord the Merciful One

And you know that there is none who is more Compassionate on the Creation
Than Me, ever, and those far are as those near (in gaining *Ma'rifah* from me)

Then mentioning the perfection of this Grand *Faydah*, he writes:

وفیضة التجانی قد تدفقت
بیند والأنوار قد تفتقت

وحضرات القدس قد تحققت
وتلك الأعجام قد تفوقت

Wa Faydat al-Tijani Tadaffaqat
Bi-Yaounda, Wa 'l-Anwaru Qad Tafattaqat

Wa Hadarat al-Qudsi qad Tahaqqaqat
Wa Tilk al-A'jamu qad Tafawwaqat

And the *Faydah* of the Tijani surged
In Younde, and the Lights (of Guidance) broke out

And the *Hadarat* of the Divine Presence have been fulfilled
And the non-Arabs surpassed!

The People of *Tarbiyah* will particularly enjoy the last lines. *Wallahi!*

Sayyidina Shaykh Hassan Cisse's Testimony:

Shaykh Hassan (RA) said the following about the *Faydah* in front of the entire leadership of this Tariqah in his Seminal Speech at the *International Tijani Conference* in Fas 2007:

"It was only due to the grace of Allah to the people of this Tariqah, and the continued flow of Divine assistance in the Tariqah Tijaniyyah, that the Tijani Flood (*Faydah*) has become manifest. And this simply proves true the words of Shaykh al-Tijani himself.

If we ponder upon the words of the Owner of the *Faydah*, it will be clear to us that the signs of the emergence of this *Faydah* did not appear in anyone but Shaykh Ibrahim Niyass, may Allah be pleased with him. Indeed, through him, people entered the Tariqah in droves and multitudes, from all races, Arabs and non-Arabs; all of whom arrived at the Gnosis of Allah, through (direct) witnessing and beholding (the Presence of Allah), and not by the way of (deductive) evidence (*dalil*) or material proof (*burhan*).

By Allah, most of the great Tijani scholars of Shaykh Ibrahim's era testified to his being the Bringer of the *Faydah*. Indeed, Allah honored him with that which we never heard before from our Shaykhs.

The Bringer of the *Faydah* (Shaykh Ibrahim Niyass) did not stray even a finger's breadth from the teachings of Shaykh al-Tijani. He always made clear that his own popularity was through the continued spiritual support of Shaykh Tijani, may Allah be pleased with him.

Long ago, the Bringer of the Tijani *Faydah*, Shaykh Ibrahim Niyass said that his call would encompass the horizons and spread all over the earth. And he had predicted this at a time when his community was only a few people living in the village of Kosi, a farm outside of Kaolack, Senegal. Thirty years after his passing, we witness today that the Tariqah has indeed reached every corner of the world, as he said it would, may Allah be pleased with him."

يقول شيخنا الشيخ الإمام الحسن علي سيسى رضي الله عنه:

" فكان من فضل الله على أهل هذه الطريقة وبقاء لسريان المدد فيها أن ظهرت الفيضة التجانية مصداقا لقول الشيخ التجاني رضي الله عنه - تأتي فيضة على أصحابي حتى يدخل الناس في طريقتنا أفواجا أفواجا تأتي هذه الفيضة والناس في غاية ما يكونون من الضيق والشدّة -

وإذا تأملنا كلام صاحب الفيضة وجدنا جليا للعيان أن أمارات ظهور هذه الفيضة لم تظهر إلا على يد الشيخ إبراهيم انياس رضي الله عنه. وقد دخل الناس بواسطته إلى الطريقة أفواجا أفواجا أصنافا صفوفًا عربا وعجمًا وصلوا إلى معرفة الله بالشهود والعيان لا بالدليل والبرهان.

ولقد والله شهد للشيخ إبراهيم الجلة من علماء عصره من أهل الطريقة المعتبرين بأنه صاحب الفيضة ولقد أكرمه الله بما لم نسمع لأحد من مشائخنا.

وآدابه ولم يجد صاحب الفيضة قيد أنملة عن تعاليم الشيخ التجاني ويصرح دائما أن هذا الإقبال ودوام سريان المدد من مدد الشيخ التجاني رضي الله عنه.

وقديما قال الشيخ إبراهيم انياس صاحب الفيضة التجانية إن دعوته تعم الآفاق وتمتد على البسيطة وقد تنبأ بهذا وقاله لما كانوا أفرادا قلائل في قرية (كوسى) في محافظة

كولخ بالسنگال واليوم بعد رحيله بثلاثين سنة نرى الطريقة تصل إلى كل مكان في العالم كما قال رضى الله عنه. "

An Advice and a Warning from Shaykh Ibrahim (RA):

In a straightforward letter to one of his father's Tijani disciples, Shaykh Ibrahim wrote:

"From Ibrahim bin al-Shaykh al-Haj Abd-Allah al-Tijani...to...

Know that I am advising you for Allah and by Allah, and know that you and whoever else, are only Slaves of Allah and Disciples of the Shaykh (al-Tijani). And indeed, Allah has decreed in His Eternal Decree that this *Faydah* would flow in the Tariqah Tijaniyyah at the hands of its Owner, may Allah be pleased with him.

He (Shaykh Ahmad Tijani) is it's Owner, and he may put it wherever he wishes with the Decree of Allah. And indeed, the *Faydah* will cover the Horizons with the Power of Allah. None can stop it or limit it, for it must spread to every place on this Earth where the Tariqah Tijaniyyah exists.

And indeed, Allah has afflicted some shaykhs and leading *muqaddams* to conspire against it and make false claims (against it), in order to extinguish the Light of Allah. However, Allah refuses except that His Light should be fulfilled.

You are my beloved since I was small boy, therefore I wrote to you, and I warn you to be from those who wish to extinguish the Light of Allah. I warn you out of compassion for you and not due to an eagerness for the spread of the *Faydah* (though you).

For, the *Faydah* will spread with the Power of Allah. Whoever, tries to cover it will only make it more obvious, and whoever tries to turn away the people from its Bringer (i.e. Shaykh Ibrahim), will only turn away people from himself and not from the *Faydah*.

And observe with eyes of your heart and you will see the Truth of what I am telling you.

Therefore, what is necessary for you is to try to persist in *Suluk*, if you can, so that you may be from those people about whom the author of the *Munyah* (Sidi Tijani bin Baba al-Shinqiti) said: 'A Group of Shaykh Ahmad Tijani's Disciples are those whose rank is so great that one hair from their body is more valuable than all the Qutbs of this Ummah put together'.

Otherwise, remain in the state you are in and do not do anything, and know that nothing happens in the Kingdom of Allah save what He desires."

يقول صاحب الفيضة التجانية الشيخ ابراهيم عبد الله انياس الكولخي رضي الله عنه:

«... و قد قرر الله تعالى من سابق حكمه أن إفاضة هذه الفيضة في الطريقة التجانية على يد صاحبها رضي الله عنه، وهو صاحب الفيضة يضعها أين شاء بتقدير العزيز الجبار. والفيضة تعم الآفاق بحول الله وقدرته لا يمسكها أحد ولا يوقفها أحد ولا يحبسها شيء، لا بد تمتد على البسيطة حيث كانت التجانية، وقد ابتلى الله بعض المشايخ وبعض الرؤساء المقدمين بإعمال المكائد وادّعاء الدعاوي الكاذبة طلباً لإطفاء نور الله ويأبى الله إلا أن يتم نوره، وأنت حبيبي منذ أنا يافع، فلذا كتبت إليك، واحذر من أن تكون ممن يريدون إطفاء نور الله شفقة بك، لا حرصاً على ظهور الفيضة فإنها تظهر بحول الله وقوته، ومن أراد كتمها فلا يزيد لها إلا ظهوراً، ومن أراد تنفير الناس عنها وعن صاحبها فإنما ينفر الناس عنه لا عنها، وانظر بعين قلبك فترى صدق ما قلته،...»

Meaning of the Term “Sahib al-Faydah”:

Note also that the title, “*Sahib al-Faydah*,” doesn’t mean that the *Faydah* “came upon” Shaykh Ibrahim (RA).

Rather, the *Faydah* came upon the followers of Sidna Shaykh al-Tijani (as predicted), however it came through Shaykhuna Ibrahima Niyass (RA).

Indeed, every *Arif* knows that such Major overflows of Divine Grace (or *Shu’un Ilahiyyah*) are always manifested through a Human Being, as he is the *Khalifah* and Executor of the Divine Will.

History is a witness that this Grand *Faydah* came upon millions of Tijanis, but through Shaykh Ibrahim (RA).

So the term “**Sahib al-Faydah**” means, the “**Catalyst of the Faydah**”.

Shaykh al-Haj Abd-Allah al-Alawi al-Mishri writes in *al-Indhar wa al-Ifadah*:

“As for the profusion of *Fat’h* among the disciples of Shaykh Ibrahim (RA); it is something evident! Even the non-Tijani will see it! The *Akhir Sa’ah* (Last Hour) Egyptian Magazine estimated the disciples of Shaykh Ibrahim to be more than

thirty million, in its Issue of August 6 1975. And a large number of them are *maftuh alayh* (have achieved the Spiritual Opening). There is nothing strange about that, as the Prophets (SAW) guaranteed it! And Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) was the carrier of the banner of *Tarbiyah* (Spiritual training) in the Tariqah Tijaiyyah”.

No Compulsion:

Nevertheless, believing in this *Maqam* of Ibrahim has nothing to do with the principles and rules of the Tijani Tariqah and can only be recognized and realized through a Spiritual Opening and very high *Dhawq*, unrestricted by any *Hijabs*. Therefore, no one is obliged to believe in it or accept it. *La Ikraha fi d'Din!*

But fortunate are those who do! For safety lies in believing what the *Awliya* have said about themselves and others.

Shaykh Ibrahim (RA) advised the one who did not want to accept his Divinely endowed status:

“And observe with the eyes of your heart and you will see the Truth of what I am telling you....Otherwise, remain in the state you are in and do not do anything”.

In other words, if your heart is not inclined to this Ibrahimi Reality, then keep quiet and mind your own business. Do not criticize it or undermine or deny it, for that will bring about your own disaster. May Allah protect us. *Amin*.

Was-Salam

Servant of the Tijani Door

Fakhruddin bin Ahmad al-Tijani

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إلى ربنا القطب المكتوم والبرزخ المعلوم خاتم الولاية المحمدية وصاحب الحضرة الأحمديّة
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