



MURSHID HIDAYAT INAYAT-KHAN MEMORIAL

It is such a privilege to join all of you in remembrance of Murshid Hidayat.

Murshid Hidayat holds a place in my heart as a kind father, an innocent child, a helpful friend, and an inspiring teacher.

His constant reminder and emphasis to me over these years was the importance of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood Activity and holding to the Ideal of a Worldwide Spiritual Liberty.

Perhaps it would be a good to reflect upon the words regarding these two subjects first by Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan and then by Murshid Hidayat Inayat-Khan.

In Three Objectives of the Sufi Movement by Pir-o-Murshid we are given as the third objective this:

To help to bring the world's two opposite poles, East and West, closer together by the interchange of thought and Ideals, that the Universal Brotherhood may form of itself, and man may meet with man beyond the narrow national and racial boundaries.

Pir-o-Murshid Inayat Khan speaks of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood thus:

Remember my friends that if you studied Sufism and all the problems of metaphysics and philosophy for twenty years, and if that spirit of brotherhood were not developed in you, no progress has been made. Or if you meditated for thirty years in solitude, and if you communicated with God, and yet if the spirit of brotherhood had not developed in you, no progress is made.

In Murshid Hidayat's words:

As we march courageously onward through the darkness of human ignorance, steadfastly displaying the banner of spiritual liberty, we may perhaps discover that truth could be interpreted as an invitation to become as living altars of all religious beliefs, communicating in each one's language.

Our first duty to others is to make the best out of ourselves so that we might become some day an example, that others may, if they choose, then pluck the fruits of our experience.

Several years ago while sitting with Murshid Hidayat and Murshida Aziza in their Murad Hassil office, God Bless them both. I asked Murshid Hidayat what he would recommend as a life long practice. He directly looked at me with the customary twinkle in his eye, took a deep breath and said,

"The Kasab Breath daily with the thought of Worldwide Spiritual Liberty in Brotherhood and Sisterhood, uniting the East and the West".

This is share with you for your consideration as a daily practice. Know that as I do this practice daily, I will do so holding all of you in my heart.

I offer my reverence, my love and my gratitude for Murshid Hidayat's life.

May Eternal and Perpetual Light Shine Upon His Blessed Soul. Amen.