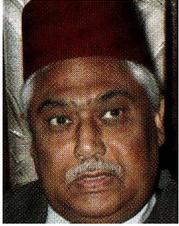


SHEIKH ABDURRAGHIEM HASAN SALLIE

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Abdurraghiem Hasan Sallie was born in Johannesburg and moved to Cape Town when he was twelve years old to reside with Sheikh M Salligh Abadie. Of the eight years under Sheikh M Salligh Abadie and his tutor the late Sheikh Achmat Behardien, he spent three years in Makkah. As a young man and an avid scholar who was Hafiz Quran, he specialized in Islamic Jurisprudence under Sheikh M Shakir Gamiendien. He has written twenty-nine books and is currently writing his thirtieth book on Islamic Legislation. (Sheikh is suffering from ill-health and humbly requests the readers' duah).

Let me quote the verse below that would better illustrate the love that it engendered in me to improve and expand my knowledge.

Allah says in the Holy Qur'an:

Behold! In the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, there are indeed signs for men of understanding.

Men who [make dhikr] remember Allah, standing, sitting and lying down on their sides and

contemplate about the creation in the heavens and the earth, [saying]:

“Our Cherisher! You have not created [all] this without purpose! Glory to You! Give us salvation from the torment of the Fire.

Our Cherisher! Verily, whom You admit to the Fire, truly, You have disgraced him; and never will the wrong-doers find any helpers.

Our Cherisher! Verily, we have heard the call of one [Muhammad] calling us to Faith [saying]: Believe your Cherisher! Forgive us our sins and expiate from us our iniquities, and make us die [in the state of righteousness] in the company of the righteous [believers].

Our Cherisher! Grant us what You did promise unto us through Your Messengers, and disgrace us not on the Day of Judgment, for You never break [Your] Promise.”

So their Cherisher accepted of them [their supplication and answered them], “Never will I allow to be lost the work of any of you, whether male or female. You are [members] one of another, so those who emigrated and were driven out from their homes, suffered harm in my Cause, and who fought, and were killed [in my Cause], verily I will expiate from them their evil deeds and admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow [in Paradise]: a reward from Allah, and with Allah is the best of rewards.”

Surah 3 (Al-i-'Imran), Verses 190-195

When I read the line 'these are indeed signs for men of understanding' it dawned on me never to stop studying Allah's deen. This verse made me realize that knowledge encompasses all fields of religious and secular learning and information, which must be supported by correct mental analysis and accompanied by careful consideration and intense concentration in order to arrive at a clear, honest and factual conclusion. This also made me realize that if I was to gain an understanding of anything I had to develop a perception of what was conclusive and definite such as the Words of Allah.

Alghamdulillah, Allah has inspired me to investigate some of His signs in order to appreciate and realize His great Power and His complete Will. I became incredibly motivated, through these verses to study the 850 Ayah on Science in the Holy Qur'an.

Through nature Allah has imbued me with the ability to recognize Him, and appreciate His Mercy. Through the intellect and spirit with which Allah has blessed me, I have been able to aspire to reach higher levels of spirituality and be able to share this with my fellow Muslims.

And finally, when the above verses were revealed, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said:
“Accursed are those who constantly read this and do not ponder over it.”
(Reported by ‘Ibn Marduyah and ‘Abd bin Humaid)

And Allah knows Best.

Inspirational Verses

The verses of the Holy Qur’an that had a profound effect and influence on my life and perception of the Holy Qur’an are the Verses 190-195 of the Surah Al-i-‘Imran. This came about when I, as a young man, studied tafsir Al Qur’an under my mentor, the late Sheikh Muhammad Shakir Gamiieldien. One morning as my mentor was analyzing the verses of this Surah to bring out its inner meaning and in order to conceptualise and perceive the wisdom of each syllable in Allah’s Words; a beautiful feeling of peace and serenity ignited a spark of inspiration in my soul to gain more knowledge.