

‘Aalo Taha Manabi’ul Barakaati’ – Translation and Brief Commentary

The auspicious qasidah, (poem of praise) ‘Aalo Taha’ is an eloquent presentation of heartfelt and flowing devotion and supplication to the Imams SA, the progeny of Taha Rasul Allah SAW. It stands out as perhaps the most famous of the qasidas of praise to the Imams SA recited in the Fatemi Dawat today. Many will know it when it is heard and be able to partake in its joint recitations in the majlis. With this amazing and outstanding excellence it carries a unique and amazing story with it. It was the regular and virtuous habit of Syedna Taher Saifuddin (ra) to write a qasida of praise to the Imams SA on every Eid al-Fitr. On one Eid, when Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA was coming down from his bethak room in Badri Mahal for the grand Eid Majlis, his personal secretary in his khidmat did araz to him, that “O Mawla, what of this year’s Eid qasida? It has not been written as yet”. Syedna Taher Saifuddin said to him immediately “write what I dictating to you”, and then and there, he composed extempore this most well-known qasida of the Fatemi Dawat. How beautiful and cursive is its sound, and here with the hope that more of us may also be able to share how deep and sincere is its content of supplication and description of the pure Imams, we present here a humble translation of Syedna Taher Saifuddin’s unique verses, with the raza Mubarak of Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin (tus), 53rd Dai, the Dai of our age, Mansoos of Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin (ra).

<p>The progeny of Taha [Rasul Allah] are the wellsprings of blessings</p> <p>They are the deliverance of the world in crises</p>	<p>١ آل طه منابع البركات</p> <p>وغيث الأنام في الكربات</p>
<p>They are the veils of Allah, in them Allah appears</p> <p>And they show the signs [of Allah] and miracles</p>	<p>٢ حجب الله يظهر الله فيهم</p> <p>فيرون الآيات والمعجزات</p>
<p>They are the people of knowledge and there is no doubt that with them</p> <p>Is the knowledge of that which has passed and that which is to come</p>	<p>٣ هم أولو العلم لا وراء لديهم</p> <p>علم ماض من الدهور وآت</p>
<p>They are the beneficent ones, that trace their lineage back to <i>Shaybata Hamd</i> [=Abdul Muttalib grandfather of Rasul Allah]</p> <p>And to the <i>Hashim of Khayr</i> (Goodness) [forefather of Rasul Allah], who laid forth the vessels of food [for all guests]</p>	<p>٤ كرماء ينمون شيبة حمد</p> <p>هاشم الخير صاحب الجففات</p>

They inherited from their grandfather, Mustafa [Rasul Allah] and Murtaza [Ali] The great virtues and graciousness of deeds	٥ ورثوا من جدّهم المصطفى وال		
	مرتضى المفخرات والمكرمات		
It is the threshold to them [the Imams] that the angels wish to kiss What thresholds of glory they are!	٦ عتبات ترجو الملائك طرا		
	لثمها يا لله من عتبات		
It is none other than them that Adam Nabi took the wasilah of At the time at which he supplicated near God with their names	٧ هل تلقى سواهم آدم ل		
	ل تلقى من ربّه كلمات		
Amongst them is the Imam Tayyib, the Imam to whom is bequeathed our life and soul [He is] the purest of the purest ones, the utmost goal	٨ منهم الطيّب الإمام المفدّى		
	صفوة الصّفو غاية الغايات		
You [O progeny of Taha] are my refuge, and you are my recourse On all of my difficult matters and times of darkness	٩ أتم ملجئى وأتم ملاذى		
	فى صعب الأمور والمعضلات		
My dependence and sustenance is upon you always Be I in activity or at rest, that is, in everything I do in my life	١٠ اعتمادي عليكم دائما فى		
	حركات تكون أو سكّات		

Through you the salvation of the world is sought O progeny of Taha who are the ones Allah is pleased with, from devastation	١١	بكم يرتجى نجاه الورى يا	
		آل طه الرضى من الهلكات	
I am in hope that Allah, my Lord, will change my misdeeds Through my love for you, into good deeds	١٢	أرتجى أن يبدل الله ربى	
		سيئاتي بجزاكم حسنات	
O progeny of Murtaza Ali, sieze each enemy Who wants destruction and sieze every revolting opponent	١٣	يا بني المرتضى عليّ خذوا ك	
		ل عنيد يبغى الفساد وعات	
Through them accept O Allah From the people of faith, their prayers and their fasting	١٤	وتقبل بهم إلهي من أه	
		ل الولاء الصيام والصلوات	
May Taha, the one whom Allah is pleased with, and his shining progeny Be blessed from the lord of the worshipping with <i>salawat</i> (prayers)	١٥	خص طه الرضى وغرّ بنيه	
		من إله العباد بالصلوات	