

‘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).

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

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	والمكرّمات
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	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	تلقّى	سواهم	آدم	ل
				تلقّى	من	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	الطيب	الإمام	المفدى	
				صفوة	الصفوة	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	
				في	صعاب	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	في	
				تكون	أو	سكنات

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