## Sufi Concept: Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Says I<sup>-azwj</sup> -will Make you Like Myself<sup>-azwj</sup>

# https://youtu.be/Lx9zcWsm BQ

<u>Please watch the above video link - near the end of the above clip, speaker is referring to the following Hadith:</u>

يؤيّد هذا ما ورد في الحديث القدسي عن الرب العلي أنه يقول: عبدي أطعني اجعلك مثلي أنا حي لا أموت، اجعلك حيّا لا تموت، أنا غني لا أفتقر أجعلك غنيّا لا تفتقر، أنا مهما أشأ يكن أجعلك مهما تشأ يكن.

And it is reported by what is stated in the Holy Hadith about the Most High Lord-azwj that He-azwj says: "My-azwj servant, obey Me-azwj, I-azwj shall Make you 'مثلي' like Me-azwj. I-azwj am the Living, I-azwj shall not be dying, I-azwj will Make you living, not do be dying. I-azwj am Rich, I-azwj will not be poor, I-azwj shall Make you rich not to be impoverished. I-azwj Do whatever I-azwj so Desire, happens. I-azwj shall Make you such whatever you so desire, will happen!"1

Note: The above Hadith has no narrators, and is clearly referring to the Sufi beliefs – which have been condemned by the Masomeen<sup>-asws</sup> (see for example: <u>Sufis and Sufi Beliefs (hubeali.com</u>) )<sup>2</sup> -It is suffices to only consider two points from the above cited Hadith:

- (1) <u>No one can be similar</u> to Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> as Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> is 'مثلي' Similar only to Himself<sup>-azwj</sup>:
- (2) All Selves will die as Allah-azwj has Repeated said in the Holy Quran.

Ahadith related to both points are given in Appendices I and II.

<sup>,</sup> الجواهر السنية في الأحاديث القدسية (كليات حديث قدسي)، ص: 709

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Sufis have man-made rituals and beliefs that are claimed to be in the love of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> –The examples of earlier Sufis include Hassan Basri and Sufyan Al-Sowry who guided people to mystical rituals rather than the conventional practices of Rasool-Allah<sup>-saww</sup> which encouraged the learning of the Quran and Ahadith.

# (1) Appendix I: Nothing can Resemble Allah-azwj - only Allah-azwj has Resemblance to Himslef-azwj

وروي عنه أيضا - عليه السلام - أنه قال: اتقوا أن تمثلوا بالرب الذي لا مثل له أو تشبهوه من خلقه، أو تلقوا عليه الاوهام، أو تعملوا فيه الفكر، وتضربوا له الامثال، أو تنعتوه بنعوت المخلوقين فإن لمن فعل ذلك نارا.

And it is reported from him-asws as well that he-asws said: <u>'I-asws am saying, if you make a resemblance with the Lord-azwj</u> Who, there is no example for Him-azwj, or resemble Him-azwj from His-azwj creatures, or cast the imaginations upon Him-azwj, or utilise the thoughts regarding Him-azwj, and strike the examples for Him-azwj, or label Him-azwj with labels of the creatures, for the one who does that, is Fire (of Hell)".3

عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنْ أَبِيهِ عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي عُمَيْرٍ عَنْ أَبِي أَيُّوبَ عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ مُسْلِمٍ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ ( عليه السلام ) يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنَّ النَّاسَ لَا يَوَالُ بِهِمُ الْمَنْطِقُ حَتَّى يَتَكَلَّمُوا فِي اللَّهِ فَإِذَا سَمِعْتُمْ ذَلِكَ فَقُولُوا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْوَاحِدُ الَّذِي لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ.

Ali Bin Ibrahim, from his father, from Ibn Abu Umeyr, from Abu Ayoub, form Muhammad Bin Muslim who said,

'Abu Abdullah-asws said, 'O Muhammad! Do not cease speaking with the people until they (start) speaking regarding Allah-azwj. So, when you hear that, so (you better) be saying, 'There is no god except Allah-azwj, the One Who, there is nothing like Him-azwj'. 4

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ الْحُسَنِ عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ الْحُسَنِ الْعَلَوِيِّ وَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَنِ الْمُحْتَارِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْمُحْتَارِ الْمُمْدَايِيِّ جَمِيعاً عَنِ الْفَتْحِ بْنِ يَزِيدَ عَنْ أَبِي الْحُسَنِ ( عليه السلام ) قَالَ سَأَلْتُهُ عَنْ أَدْنَى الْمُعْرِفَةِ فَقَالَ الْإِقْرَارُ بِأَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُهُ وَ لَا شِبْهَ لَهُ وَ لَا نَظِيرَ وَ أَنَّهُ قَدِيمٌ مُمُّبَتٌ مَوْجُودٌ غَيْرُ فَقِيدٍ وَ أَنَّهُ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ .

Muhammad Bin Al Hassan, from Abdullah Bin Al Hassan Al Alary, and Ali Bin Ibrahim, from Al Mukhtar Bin Muhammad Bin Al Mukhtar Al Hamdany, altogether from Al Fatah Bin Yazeed,

(It has been narrated) from Abu Al-Hassan<sup>-asws</sup>, said, 'I asked him<sup>-asws</sup> about the lowest of the recognition. So he<sup>-asws</sup> said: 'The acknowledgement that there is no god apart from Him<sup>-azwj</sup>,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 3, The book of Tawheed, Ch 13 H 25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>) CH 8 H 3

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and there is neither a resemblance for Him<sup>-azwj</sup> nor a counterpart, and that He<sup>-azwj</sup> is Eternal, Affirmed, Existing without being absent, and that there is nothing like Him<sup>-azwj</sup>.<sup>5</sup>

عَلِيُّ بْنُ مُحُمَّدٍ عَنْ سَهْلِ بْنِ زِيَادٍ عَنْ طَاهِرِ بْنِ حَاتِمٍ فِي حَالِ اسْتِقَامَتِهِ أَنَّهُ كَتَبَ إِلَى الرَّجُلِ مَا الَّذِي لَا يُجْتَزَأُ فِي مَعْرِفَةِ الْخَالِقِ بِدُونِهِ فَكَتَبَ إِلَيْهِ لَمْ يَزِلْ عَالِماً وَ سَامِعاً وَ بَصِيراً وَ هُوَ الْفَعَالُ لِمَا يُرِيدُ وَ سُئِلَ أَبُو جَعْفَرٍ ( عليه السلام ) عَنِ الَّذِي لَا يُجْتَزَأُ بِدُونِ ذَلِكَ مِنْ مَعْرِفَةِ الْخَالِقِ فَقَالَ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَ لَا يُشْبِهُهُ شَيْءٌ لَمْ يَزَلْ عَالِماً سَمِيعاً بَصِيراً .

Ali Bin Muhammad, from Sahl Bin Ziyad, from Tahir Bin Hatim during a state of normality,

'He wrote to the man-asws (Imam Reza-asws), 'What is that without which the recognition of the Creator would be deficient?' So he-asws wrote to him: '(It is that) He-azwj does not cease to be Knowing, and Hearing, and Seeing, and He-azwj Does whatever He-azwj so Desires to. And Abu Ja'far-asws was asked about that without which the recognition of the Creator would be deficient, so he-asws said: '(It is that) There is nothing like Him-azwj nor does anything resemble Him-azwj. He does not Cease to be Knowing, Hearing, Seeing''.6

مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ يَحْيَى عَنْ مُحَمَّدِ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ عَنِ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ يُوسُفَ بْنِ بَقَّاحٍ عَنْ سَيْفِ بْنِ عَمِيرَةَ عَنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ بْنِ عُمَرَ قَالَ سَمِعْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللّهِ ( عليه السلام ) يَقُولُ إِنَّ أَمْرَ اللّهِ كُلَّهُ عَجِيبٌ إِلَّا أَنَّهُ قَدِ احْتَجَّ عَلَيْكُمْ عِمَا قَدْ عَرَّفَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ .

Muhammad Bin Yahya, from Muhammad Bin Al Husayn, from Al Hassan Bin Ali Bin Yusuf Bin Baqqah, from Sayf Bin Ameyra, from Ibrahim Bin Umar who said,

'I heard Abu Abdullah-asws saying: 'The matter of Allah-azwi, all of it is strange, except that He-azwi has Argued upon you with what He-azwi has Introduced to you all from Himself-azwi'.<sup>7</sup>

ابن الوليد، عن الصفار، عن البرقي، عن بعض أصحابنا، عن علي بن عقبة رفعه قال: سئل أمير المؤمنين عليه السلام بم عرفت ربك، فقال: بما عرفني نفسه.

Ibn Al Waleed, from Al Saffar, from Al Barqy, from one of our companions, from Ali Bin Aqaba, raising it, said,

'Amir Al-*Momin*een-asws was asked, 'By what do you-asws recognise your-asws Lord-azwj?' So, he-asws said: 'With what He-azwj Introduced Himself-azwj with to me-asws'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>) CH 4 H 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of Tawheed (Oneness of Allah-azwj) CH 4 H 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Al Kafi V 1 – The Book Of *Tawheed* (Oneness of Allah<sup>-azwj</sup>) CH 4 H 3

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قيل : وكيف عرفك نفسه ؟ فقال: لا تشبهه صورة، ولا يحس بالحواس، ولا يقاس بالناس، قريب في بعده، بعيد في قربه، فوق كل شئ ولا يقال شئ فوقه، أمام كل شئ ولا يقال له، أمام، داخل في الاشياء لا كشئ في شي داخل، وخارج من الاشياء لا كشئ من شئ خارج، سبحان من هو هكذا ولا هكذا غيره، ولكل شئ مبدأ.

It was said, 'And how did He-azwj Introduce Himself-azwj to you-asws?' He-asws said: 'Not to resemble Him-azwj as an image, nor feel with the senses, nor compare with the people, near in His-azwj Remoteness, and remote in His-azwj Nearness, above all things, nor can a thing be said to be above Him-azwj, in front of all things, nor can it be said to Him-azwj, 'Front', inside the things not like a thing entered inside a thing, and outside from the things, not like a thing from a thing outside. Glorious is the One-azwj Who is like this, and no one else is like this, but things are originated".8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Bihar Al-Anwaar – V 3, The book of Tawheed, Ch 10 H 8

## (2) Appendix II: All Selves will taste the Death

## **VERSE 3:185**

كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ أَ وَإِنَّمَا تُوَفَّوْنَ أُجُورَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَ فَمَنْ زُحْزِحَ عَنِ النَّارِ وَأُدْخِلَ الجُنَّةَ فَلَ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ أَوْلَا أَكُورِ {185}

Every self shall taste the death, and rather you will be paid fully your Recompense on the Day of Judgement; so the one who is removed far away from the Fire and enters the Paradise he indeed has succeeded; and what is the life of the world except for a deceptive pleasure? [3:185]

سعد بن عبد الله، قال: حدثنا محمد بن الحسين بن أبي الخطاب، عن محمد بن سنان، عن عمار بن مروان، عن المنخل بن جميل، عن جابر بن يزيد، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، قال: «ليس من مؤمن إلا و له قتلة و موتة، إنه من قتل نشر حتى يموت، و من مات نشر حتى يقتل».

Sa'ad Bin Abdullah, from Muhammad Bin Al-Husayn Bin Abu Al-Khattab, from Muhammad Bin Sinan, from Amaar Bin Marwaan, from Al-Munkhal-Bin Jameel, from Jabir Bin Yazeed,

'Abu Ja'far-asws has said: 'There is none from a *Momin* except that there would be for him a killing (martyrdom) and a (natural) death. The one who gets killed (martyred) would be Resurrected until he dies (a natural death) and the one who dies (a natural) would be resurrected until he is killed (martyred)' (An Extract).<sup>9</sup>

فضالة عن أبي المغرا قال: حدثني يعقوب الأحمر قال: دخلت على أبي عبد الله عليه السلام أعزيه بإسماعيل فترحم عليه ثم قال: إن الله عزى نبيه (صلى الله عليه وسلم بنفسه فقال: (انك ميت وانهم ميتون) وقال: (كل نفس ذائقة الموت)

Fazalat Bin Ayoub, from Abu Al Magra'a who said, 'Yaqoub Al Ahmad narrated to me saying,

'I went over to Abu Abdullah-asws to condole him-asws for (the death of) Ismail. So he-asws invoked Mercy upon him, then said: 'Allah-azwj Consoled His-azwj Prophet-saww Himself-azwj, so He-azwj Said: [39:30] You shall pass away and they shall be dying. And He-azwj Said: [3:185] Every self shall taste the death.

ثم انشاء يحدث فقال: انه يموت أهل الأرض حتى لا يبقى أحد ثم يموت أهل السماء حتى لا يبقى أحد الا ملك الموت وحملة العرش وجبرئيل وميكائيل

<sup>(</sup>Extract) مختصر بصائر الدرجات: 17

Then he-asws built on the discussion and he-asws said: 'The inhabitants of the earth would be dying until there would not remain a single one. Then the inhabitants of the sky would be dying until there does not remain a single on, except for the Angel of death and the bearers of the Throne, and Jibraeel-as and Mikaeel-as.

ثم يجئ ملك الموت حتى يقف بين يدي الله عز وجل فيقال له: من بقي - وهو أعلم - فيقول :يا رب لم يبق الا ملك الموت وحملة العرش وجبرئيل وميكائيل فيقول: انى قد قضيت على كل نفس فيها الروح ان تموت

Then the Angel of death would come until he pauses in front of Allah-azwj Mighty and Majestic. So He-azwj would Say to him: "Who remains?" – and He-azwj would be more Knowing. He would be saying: 'O Lord-azwj! There does not remain except for the Angel of death, and the bearers of the Throne, and Jibraeel-as and Mikaeel-as'. He-azwj would Say: "Say to Jibraeel-as and Mikaeel-as, and let them both die!' So the two Angels would be saying during that: 'O Lord-azwj! We-as are both Your-azwj Messengers and Your-azwj trusted ones'. He-azwj would be Saying: "I-azwj Have Judged upon every self in which is the spirit that it would be dying!"

ثم يجيئ ملك الموت حتى يقف بين يدي الله عز وجل فيقال له: من بقي؟ - وهو اعلم - فيقول: يا رب لم يبق الا ملك الموت وحملة العرش فيقال له: قل لحملة العرش: فليموتوا

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ثم يجئ ملك الموت لا يرفع طرفه فيقال له: من بقي؟ فيقول: يا رب لم يبق غير ملك الموت فيقول له: مت يا ملك الموت فيموت ثم يأخذ الأرض بشماله والسماوات بيمينه فيهزهن هزا مرات ثم يقول: أين الذين كانوا يدعون معي شركاء؟ أين الذين كانوا يجعلون معي الها آخر؟

Then the Angel of death would come not raising his eyes. So He-azwj would be Saying to him: "Who remains?" He would say, 'O Lord-azwj! There does not remain apart from the Angel of death'. He-azwj would say to him: "Die, O Angel of death!" So he would be dying. Then He-azwj would Seize the earth by Hisazwj one Hand, and the skies by His-azwj other Hand, and He-azwj would Jolt it with one jolt, then He-azwj would be Saying: "Where are those who were being called upon Along with Me-azwj as associates? Where are those who were made to be as other gods along with Me-azwj?'10

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Kitab Al Zohad – Ch 14 H 216

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### **VERSE 21:35**

Every self shall taste the death, and We Try you with the evil and the good as a Fitna, and to Us you shall be returning [21:35]

الطبرسي: روي عن أبي عبد الله (عليه السلام): «أن أمير المؤمنين (عليه السلام) مرض، فعاده إخوانه، فقالوا كيف تحدك، يا أمير المؤمنين؟ فقال: بشر. فقالوا: ما هذا كلام مثلك.

Al Tabarsy -

It has been reported from Abu Abdullah-asws that: 'Amir-Al-Momineen-asws was ill, so his-asws brothers visited him-asws. They said, 'How do you-asws find yourselfasws to be, O Amir-Al-Momineen-asws?' So he-asws said: 'A mortal'. They said, 'This is not a talk like you-asws (normally talk like)'.

So he-asws said: 'Allah-azwj is Saying: *and We Try you with the evil and the good as a Fitna [21:35]*. So the good is the good health and the (financial) self-sufficiency; and the evil is the illness and the poverty'.<sup>11</sup>

#### **VERSE 29:57**

Every soul shall taste the death, then to Us, you will be returning [29:57]

قال: وفي رواية أبي الجارود، عن أبي جعفر (عليه السلام)، في قوله: يا عِبادِيَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنَّ أَرْضِي واسِعَةٌ يقول: «لا تطيعوا أهل الفسق من الملوك، فإن خفتموهم أن يفتنوكم عن دينكم، فإن أرضى واسعة،

(Ali Bin Ibrahim) said, 'And in a report of Abu Al-Jaroud,

'From Abu Ja'far-asws regarding His-azwj Words: *O My servants, those who believe! Surely My earth is vast [29:56]*, He-azwj is Saying 'Do not obey the mischievous people from the kings.

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So if you fear them that they would be tempting you away from your Religion, then My-azwj earth is vast'.

And He<sup>-azwj</sup> is Saying: 'In which state were you?' They are saying, 'We were weak in the earth'. They are saying, 'Did not the earth of Allah happen to be capacious, so you could have emigrated therein?' [4:97]'.<sup>12</sup>

عنه: عن أحمد بن محمد بن عيسى، و محمد بن الحسين بن أبي الخطاب، و عبد الله بن محمد ابن عيسى، عن الحسن بن محبوب، عن علي بن رئاب، عن زرارة، قال: كرهت أن سأل أبا جعفر (عليه السلام) عن الرجعة، فاحتلت مسألة لطيفة لأبلغ بما حاجتي منها، فقلت: أخبرني عمن قتل، مات؟ قال: «لا، الموت موت، و القتل قتل».

From him, from Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Isa, and Muhammad Bin Al Husayn Bin Abu Al Khattab, and Abdullah Bin Muhammad Ibn Isa, from Al Hassan Bin Mahboub, from Ali Bin Ra'ib, from Zurara who said,

'I disliked to ask Abu Ja'far-asws about the Return (Raja'at), so I occupied myself asking subtle questions in order to reach by it, my need from these. So I said, 'Inform me about the one who is killed, dies?' He-asws said: 'No. The death is death, and the killing is killing'.

قلت: ما أحد يقتل إلا و قد مات؟ قال: «قد فرق بين الموت و القتل في القرآن، فقال: أَ فَإِنْ ماتَ أَوْ قُتِلَ و قال: وَ لَئِنْ مُتُّمْ أَوْ قُتِلْتُمْ لَإِلَى اللَّهِ تُخْشَرُونَ

I said, '(But) there is no one who is killed and he has died?' He-asws said: 'He-azwi has Differentiated between the death and the killing in the Quran, so He-azwi Said: so if he dies or is killed [3:144]; and Said: And whether you die or you are killed, it is to Allah you shall be Gathered [3:158].

فليس كما قلت– يا زرارة– فالموت موت و القتل قتل، و قد قال الله عز و جل: إِنَّ اللّهَ اشْتَرى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَ أَمْوالْهُمُّمْ بِأَنَّ لَهُمُّمُ الجُنَّةَ يُقاتِلُونَ فِي سَبيلِ اللّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ وَ يُقْتَلُونَ وَعْداً عَلَيْهِ حَقًا.

So, it is not as what you say, O Zurara! The death is death and the killing is killing, and Allahazwi Mighty and Majestic has Said: *Allah has Bought from the Momineen their own selves and their wealth for this, that for them would be the Paradise; they are fighting in Allah's Way, so they are killing and are being killed; a Promise upon Him, a Right [9:111]*'.

قال: قلت: إن الله عز و جل يقول: كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ أ فرأيت من قتل لم يذق الموت؟ فقال: «ليس من قتل بالسيف كمن مات على فراشه، إن من قتل لا بد أن يرجع إلى الدنيا حتى يذوق الموت».

<sup>(</sup>Extract) – تفسير القسّى 2: 151

<u>Sufi Concept</u>: Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> Says I<sup>-azwj</sup> -will Make you <u>مثلی</u> Like Myself<sup>-azwj</sup> www.hubeali.com He (the narrator) said, 'I said, 'Allah-azwi Mighty and Majestic is Saying: Every self shall taste the death [3:185]. So is it your-asws view that the one who is killed has not tasted the death?' He-asws said: 'The one killed by the sword isn't like the one who dies upon his bed. The one who is killed, it is inevitable that he returns to the world until he tastes the death". 13 مختصر بصائر الدرجات: 19. 13

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