

Dars (on Page 144): Al-Habib’s grandfather نفعنا الله advised his son when he was going to India to set up business, to do the work of Islamic da‘wa as well

And he (my master) said, may Allah ﷻ be pleased with him.

My grandfather al-Habib Tahir bin ‘Umar al-Haddad نفعنا الله said to his son Muhammad نفعنا الله when he was journeying to go to India.

“I advise you O my son, not to be too much engrossed in business, rather, call people to Allah ﷻ as well. And in the same way, if you see people who are possessed with the love of Allah ﷻ, do not belittle them or oppose them.”

So when al-Habib Muhammad نفعنا الله reached India, he busied himself in business, then began to invite people to Allah ﷻ, from town to town.

When he reached one of the towns in India and invited people to Allah ﷻ, some people of the town came to him and said to al-Habib Muhammad, “O Habib! With us is our brother under that tree. He has cut himself off for ages. He neither eats nor drinks. So we request you to go to him and speak to him, perhaps he might return.” So al-Habib Muhammad went to him and said to him, “Your brothers have told me to ask you to return to them and be with them.”

The man remained silent and looked at al-Habib Muhammad. So al-Habib Muhammad repeated his request the second and the third time. So the man said to al-Habib Muhammad, “What did your father tell you when you set out on your journey?” or “he said to you this and this. I will return to my brothers for your sake and for the sake of your father.” So the man returned to his brothers.

Or, as al-Habib نفعنا الله said (in his own words).