

(Fourth Dars on Page 142): Al-Habib ﷺ fondly remembered his shaykh ﷺ

Then al-Habib ﷺ said to as-Sayyid Muhammad bin Mustafa Abu Numay ﷺ.

What good days were those when I was with my uncle ‘Alawi bin Muhammad al-Haddad ﷺ in Java (Indonesia), was attached to him and learned from him and in the same way, al-Habib Muhammad bin Ahmad al-Mihdaar, al-Habib ‘Abdallah bin Muhsin al-‘Attas, al-Habib ‘Ali bin ‘Abd ar-Rahman al-Habashi; and in Hadramaut, my uncle ‘Alawi bin Tahir (al-Haddad) and my uncle ‘Abdallah bin Tahir, and al-Habib Ahmad bin Muhsin al-Haddar, and al-Habib Muhammad bin Haadi as-Saqqaf, and al-Habib Mustafa bin Ahmad al-Mihdar and others whom I saw and was attached to them ﷺ.

If only you were with them at that time and had seen them and had seen their gleaming faces shining like the sun. So I said to him, “O my master, we did not see them; however, we see you.”

So he said, may Allah be pleased with him, “You said the truth.”

Bakhta man qad ra‘ahum
aw ra’a man ra’ahum

Lucky are the ones who saw them
or saw the ones who saw them.