



**A Sufi Message**  
**The Infinite and the finite, Part 2**

**Social Gathekas 31, What is Wanted in Life?**  
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Gayan 332, Chala 11: *Time and space are but the length and breadth of the infinite. (HIK)*

The work that a Sufi considers their sacred work has nothing to do with any particular creed nor with any particular religion; it is only this simple thing which I have just said: *to be in rhythm with life's conditions and to be in tune with the infinite.*

How can you act in accord with life? Instead of being frightened by life's condition, meet it and observe it keenly and then try to **harmonize** for that time with that condition. The next effort is to **rise above it**, if it is adverse. For instance, a young Arab was sleeping in the field and a serpent happened to walk over his palm and he in his sleep unknowingly held the serpent with all his might. Therefore, the serpent was helpless and could not bite. As soon as he awoke from his sleep he was frightened at the sight of the snake in his hand, and he at once let it go. As soon as the serpent was out of his hand, the first thing it did was sting.

One can manage a condition better when it is in one's hand than when the condition has been lost; then the situation is out of one's hand. For instance, if a person is cross or has lost his or her temper, the natural tendency is to give the person back the same as they gave. The outcome is a struggle; it culminates in disappointment. But when the person is cross and has lost his or her temper, he or she is the weak one at that time, and that is the time that you can manage the person. That is the time that the situation is in your hand. That person is weak, you are strong.

***Ya Kaza*** ([Click for Pronunciation](#)) / ***Ya Kadr*** ([Click for Pronunciation](#))

- Qadha (Kaza) and Qadr (Kadr): qadha (kaza) the unlimited Divine aspect of life, qadr the limited individuated aspect of life.
- There are two forces in the universe, Qazā, the divine force that is working through all things and beings, and Qadr, the free will of the individual.
- Sufis call the smaller will Qadr, the greater Will Qaza.
- According to the Sufis there is Qaza, universal will, universal power; and Qadr, the individual power.
- In Sufi terms the one is Qaza, the other Qadr. **Very often the individual power will not surrender and consequently it is crushed.**
- This shows that there is a struggle between what we call life and the life which is behind it. **In Sufi terms we call these two aspects of life.**
- **Interpretation:** Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

The first thing is to meet the condition as it is, and the second thing is to better the condition. The less conflict one can use in it the better; the more one can avoid the conflict, the better it is. For instance, you are travelling through the wilderness and you meet a robber who says. "I am going to take your life unless you give me your purse." I say that in order to meet this situation the first thing you can do is reason with the person and get out of the danger without having to kill him or her. We cannot always avoid conflict and we must not turn our backs if it comes to conflict. After all, life is a struggle, and we must be ready to struggle, only struggle must not make us drunk so that we lose the way of peace which is the first consideration. We must not be like a boxer who is always looking for another person with whom to box.

What is the other way? The way of tuning oneself to the infinite. That way is by the way of silence and meditation. It is by thinking something which is beyond and above all things of this mortal world and giving some moments of our life to that which is the source and goal of all of us, in the thought of getting in tune with that source. In that source alone is the secret of our happiness and peace.

**Practice: Ya Kabir (yaa ka-BEER) ([Click for Pronunciation](#)) / Ya Mutakabir (yaa mu-ta-KAB-bir) ([Click for Pronunciation](#))**

**Al-Kabir** is the station beyond time and space, beyond expansion and contraction. It is incomparable vastness.

**Al-Mutakabbir** is an ultimate transcending process. And al-Mutakabbir, since it is dynamic, can lead outside and then go back into the time and space continuum. One way to experience the absolute is through our willingness to let go of our own definitions, our own boundaries, and our own comfort zone, whether these boundaries are in the mind or the physical reality.

Invoking **Ya Mutakabbir** is undertaking the continual action of dissolution of the boundaries. Whenever we reach a boundary, an irresistible wave will gently erase that boundary. And then comes another expansion and another boundary. So the continual action through **al-Mutakabbir** is that it will not stop at any boundaries or any comfort zone. When we come to **al-Kabir** there are no more boundaries. There is no more time. Time and space are themselves boundaries, but **al-Kabir** is like a boundless ocean.

- **Al-Kabir (The Greatest, The Perfection of Greatness)** is beyond time and space. It is incomparable vastness. It is like a boundless ocean. Kabir denotes the One whose essence is greatness.
- **Al-Mutakabbir (The Supremely Great, The Possessor of all Rights, The Perfection of Greatness)** is an ultimate transcending process. Invoking Ya Mutakabbir is undertaking the continual action of dissolution of the boundaries. Al-Mutakabbir reveals Divine Greatness and Power at every moment and in every incident! Mutakabbir is an empathic form of the root k-b-r. Meaning what?
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