

COMMEMORATION BOOK – FAZAL INAYAT KHAN: ‘HE LOVED’

Next year, Arch Ventures Press aims to publish a commemoration book in honour of Murshid Fazal Inayat Khan to mark the impact of his work and vision at the twenty-year anniversary of his passing.

We wish to ask if you will please contribute a memory of Murshid Fazal that exemplifies his style of spiritual teaching. Any words of personal reflection, thoughts on your experiences, poetry, story or the recollection of a chilla would be appreciated, as well as images.

We also value your contribution if you are inspired through any of the mureeds and friends of Fazal or have been touched by the spirit of Murshida Sitara Brutnell.

Your contribution to this book will serve as the basis for an archive of material linked to Murshid Fazal’s time and his ongoing influence, embracing also the story of Four Winds. The book will not be a comprehensive statement on Fazal as such a publication would more properly be a task for Sufi Way, which owns the copyright of his lectures and poems.

What we plan is a sketch of the unique years we had a part in, as a nugget towards a more comprehensive overview in the future. It allows an opportunity for mureeds and friends to reflect on experiences and also provides those after us access to the most subtle messages.

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Next year is 100 years after Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan set out for the West. If you have any reflections on Hazrat Inayat Khan's guidance especially as connected to Fazal's work, then do please also submit to Rahima via contact@archventures.org.uk

Whilst it may seem early to make this request, the work will take time to develop in collaboration with the editorial team. Rahima is the overall editor of the book, supported by Ashen, Khalil, Yeshen and Zohra. Any suggestions or funds towards print costs are welcome.

Your swift response and indication of what you can contribute would be appreciated. For print purposes, we ask that your contributions be short and succinct, i.e., 550 words of prose or 40 lines of poetry max...

Images would well serve so kindly submit what you can. All originals will be returned. If you have a query about images or on the book then contact Ashen: ashenv@aol.com

Ashen offers a poem with this letter, which, for her, expresses the spirit behind this project.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to hearing from you. With much love,

Rahima, Ashen, Khalil, Yeshen, Zohra

Breaker of Seals

(in memory of a friend)

Your singular gesture – love reborn in your voice –
brought alive sounds and words that cut to the core –
convincing us – before we saw their code as the quickening sword
to split another outworn mask.

You called on us to reach beyond the known – overstep the aim –
dissolve the norm and break the seal of truth – again – and again.
We dug our riverbeds – and then you passed –
broke our hearts and cast the shadow of your myth on us.

Grit remains your gift – and a flame – willing the desire
for every true ideal to manifest – each dream a sacred shell
in which the pearl is polished to perfection –
until it will be crushed, freeing light, unsurpassed.

Ashen