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Instructions of M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen (*Rai*)
 Those Who Will Come In Search Of God
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M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen (*Rai*):

I am speaking to the children of this society (this Fellowship) — to about a hundred children who have taken refuge within the Guru.

Only if you take refuge within the Guru and rest within him, can you get the grace. You must take your heart and place it within the Guru's heart. You must take your responsibilities and place them into the responsibility of the Guru. If you dedicate your body, your possessions and your life to the Guru, the body of the Guru will become your body. Your life will become the Guru. The body of the Guru must be your body, your body must be the body of the Guru, and your life must become the Guru himself.

Once you give everything into his responsibility, it will be the Guru who will live within your body. He will be the life within it. To give everything into his responsibility and live in that manner will be the way to attain a higher state.

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If you want to reach God, you need a Guru. You need a Gnana Guru who is a Qutb. He must be one who has qualities similar to God. He must have all of God's actions. To take refuge within such a Guru, remain within him and see God, you must disappear within the Guru and then the Guru must disappear into God. The disciple and the Guru will be two flames of Light. God will be one. Then they (the disciple, the Guru and God) will be three flames of Light — a Triple Flame, three dissolving into One.

The children have to understand this process. This is not only for you. You have a Guru, and that Guru will take you on the good path. However, you do not just have any guru; you have a very unique Guru who might be here on this earth for only a little while longer. If there are children who come to you afterwards, you must tell them what I am telling you now. Children, I am asking you to gather them into the responsibility of the Guru.

The Guru you have could be a (real) Guru. You might not see that Guru now, but if you look at him, after you give your responsibilities to him, you will understand who

that Guru is. In order to see that Guru, you will need firm faith and determination. He will not be seeking your help. He will act only according to God's commandments. He will not entangle himself with your food, your help or your efforts. Therefore, children, the words that he speaks, each one — because he has not studied — when the words come, wherever they come from, whoever they come from, they come as spoken sounds. He speaks through the Agency of the sounds at the time that the words come. He will speak only like that.

When he speaks, he will not say a word without the command, the permission and the sound of God. For each word he speaks, there will be four or five (divine) witnesses present. It is like that. It is a secret. Your Guru is a secret. You are a secret. The world is a secret. God is a secret. The foundation for the knowledge of these five kinds of secrets is faith, certitude and determination. You must have determination.

But do not think that you are the only ones who must escape and survive. You must embrace those children yet to come, those who will come to depend on your Guru. Treat them with love and integrity, with God's compassionate qualities, with the right to patience, tolerance and peacefulness, with Truth, with God's three thousand qualities and good thoughts.

If they come to your group and ask, if they say they want to join you, if they ask you for the Guru, you must show them your qualities and your love. It is your solemn duty to take them on the good path, like yourself, in order that they, too, may reach God. You must accept them.

The reason is that the world is a wonder. It is magic and magic always brings fatigue. During the dance there is joy; when the dance is over there is fatigue. Only when the fatigue comes are the good and the evil, the weariness and the energy of the body known.

At that time of tiredness, when they need medical treatment, when death is approaching and their youthfulness is gone, when they are tired and exhausted, they might come running to you, crying, "O God, protect me! You need to show me God. Where is God?" When they come like that, you must accept them, embrace them as brothers and sisters and teach them what you have been taught; you must give them what the Guru gave you.

Each one of my children must try to help them go on the good path. Every child. This is what I am requesting of these hundred children. It will be good if you take them to the good path. Accept them and share the state you have reached, the good path you have achieved.

To teach using the Guru's words is *gnanam*, divine wisdom, most exalted *gnanam*. To recite the Guru's words is *gnanam*, most exalted *gnanam*. On that path, faith, certitude and determination, the Guru's teaching, the Guru's words, the blessing of the Guru's presence will bring this secret to life.

Teaching them in this way — placing his hand on their heads — it is only if he (the Guru) accepts them, that God will accept them.

[Readers' Note: This selection is from a talk given by M. R. Bawa Muhaiyaddeen (*RaI*) to the first 100 Members of the Fellowship in 1972. We recommend reading the entire talk, titled "How To Reach God," on pages 155-173 of *The Map of the Journey to God*.]