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In the Name of Allah, The One Who Acts with Mercy,
The Source of Mercy

In every age, there comes a need to return to what is most essential, to what gives life meaning and warmth. Our time is no different. The heart of our path, and indeed the heart of Islam itself, is love. But not just any love, it is the love that connects us to Allah, to His Messenger (pbuh), and to one another in sincerity and care. This is the meaning of *Aqim al Wuddah*: to establish a connection of love.

Love is not merely a feeling. It is something we build, nurture, and uphold. It is a bridge that needs presence and consistency. In a world that often measures success by wealth, position, or self-interest, *Aqim al Wuddah* invites us to pause, and to reconnect with the inner thread that joins all hearts to, and in, *Al Wadud* [The Loving One; The Source of Love].

This issue:

This article introduces a monthly series on *Aqim al Wuddah*, its meaning and how it is lived, insha Allah.



It reminds us that the first act of worship is not ritual, but relationship, how we turn toward our Creator, and how we treat His creation.

The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself." This love is not sentimental, it is deeply spiritual. It is the love that forgives easily, and heals with every touch. It is the love that helps us see Allah's signs in people, in nature, and in the flow of everyday life. It is what turns ordinary moments into connection, and companionship into a mirror of sacred friendship.

Through this monthly series, we will explore what it means to live *Aqim al Wuddah* every day, in every moment, in our homes, in our circles of *Zikr* [repeated remembrance with contemplation], and most importantly, in our own hearts. We will draw from the Quran, from the example of our beloved Prophet (pbuh), and from the guidance of our teachers in our tariqa, who walked this path of love with humility and clarity.

Each reflection will aim to make this teaching real, something that we can all live by. Because love, when love is purposefully established for the sake of Allah, becomes the very ground upon which the soul grows. It is the essence of being human, and the secret of walking the Sufi path.

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