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# AQIM AL WUDDAH

TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION OF LOVE

## Witnessing: A Form of Aqim al Wuddah

*Bismillah Al Rahman Al Rahim*

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

“Allah is Witness that no one stands as *ilah* [higher power] but Him; so do the angels and the people of knowledge and science (witness), as He maintains His creation in justice.”  
*Aal-e Imran* [The Family of Imran]: 18

Our theme this year is *Aqim al Wuddah: Establishing and Witnessing the Loving Connection of Allah*. This connection already exists. The question is whether our hearts are awake enough to witness it.

The Sufi path teaches that there are levels of certainty. We begin by learning. We read, reflect, study the Quran, and seek understanding. Yet knowledge alone is not the destination. There comes a point where what was once understood intellectually begins to be experienced directly. The certainty of knowledge becomes the certainty of witnessing. Then, through continued devotion and sincere effort, that witnessing settles into the certainty of truth. At that stage, knowledge is no longer merely something we possess; it becomes something we live.

One of the great gifts Allah has given the human being is the ability to be a *shahid*, a witness. Part of our purpose is to witness Allah. Every moment is an opportunity for this witnessing.

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* [to establish a connection of love] 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].

- Shaykh Nishaat Ahmed Siddiqi



Whenever we learn, observe, or become aware, Allah is present through His Name, *Al Shahid* [The Witness]. When you witness these signs in yourself and the universe, you see Allah's love. The connection is always there; our task is to notice it.

Witnessing is not only directed outward. We are also called to witness ourselves. We must learn to observe our thoughts, intentions, reactions, and states. There are moments when peace descends into the heart, when balance returns, or when we suddenly feel close to Allah. These moments are precious. Rather than rushing past them, we should pause and recognize them. We should say to ourselves: "This is my connection to Allah." By paying attention to these moments, we begin to understand how Allah is teaching us through our own lives.

Connection and witnessing go hand in hand. Whenever the heart connects sincerely, peace follows. When Allah grants a *hal* [temporary spiritual state], we feel renewed, refreshed, and drawn closer. These moments remind us that Allah is Peace, Love, and Unity. Through intention, *rabita* [purposeful spiritual connection], and remembrance, we train ourselves to recognize Allah's presence more consistently.

To witness Allah is not only to witness what is easy or pleasant. Life contains joy and grief, strength and weakness, expansion and contraction. Yet in every state, the invitation remains the same: turn towards Allah. Witness Allah in what unfolds before you and within you and allow every experience to become an opportunity for connection.

Ultimately, the testimony of faith is not only spoken by the tongue but lived by the heart. When a person spends their life witnessing Allah and responding to His loving presence, *Aqim al Wuddah* becomes a way of living in connection with Allah.

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