



## Religious Gatheka – Hazrat Inayat Khan

### 25. Mohammed

#### **This Month's Concentration:**

Read and contemplate daily for the next several weeks

Pir-o-Murshid Hazrat Inayat Khan's lecture: Religion

#### **Reflect Daily on the Following Points in Gatheka 25**

*Hazrat Inayat Khan in this Gatheka emphasizes the follow. Let us contemplate:*

1. *The Prophet became an orphan in his childhood and had known what it is in the world to be without tender care of the mother and without the protection of the father, when a child. And this experience was the first preparation for the child, who was born to sympathize in the pain of others.*

**Contemplate:** In what ways has my past prepared me for my future?

2. *All manner of prejudice, hatred, bitterness in the form of envy and jealousy are the small expressions of this poison, when it is hidden in the heart of man.*

*And when this poison is taken away in some form or other, then it is the serpent with its beauty and wisdom, without its poisonous teeth, and so it is with man. Man meets with hardships in life, sometimes too hard to stand for the moment, but often such experiences become as higher initiations in the life of the traveler on the path. The heart of man which is the shrine of God, once purified of that poison, becomes the holy abode where God Himself resides.*

**Contemplate:** Are these "expressions of poison" hidden my own heart? How do I meet "hardships in life"? Do I take these hardships as "higher initiation in the life of a traveler on the path"?

3. *Then came the time of contemplation, that time of the fulfillment of that promise which his soul had brought in the world. There came moments when life became to seem sad with all the beauty and comfort it could offer. He then sought refuge from that depression in the solitude. Sometimes for hours, sometimes for days, for weeks sitting in the mountains of Gare Hida he tried to see if there was anything else to be seen.*

*He tried to hear if there was anything to be heard, he tried to know if there was anything to be known. Patient as Mohammed was, he continued on the path of the search after truth. In the end he began to hear a word of inner guidance: 'Cry on the sacred Name of Thy Lord' and as he began to follow that advice, he found the re-echo of the word his heart repeated in all things of nature; as the wind repeated the same name as he did, the sky, the earth, the moon, the planets, all said the same that he was saying.*

**Contemplate:** All the prophets experienced a dark night of the soul. In our life we too may have such experiences. What can we learn and apply in our own life from Mohammed's experience recounted above?

4. *Murshid teaches in this Gatheka that "every real prophet must prove, that Truth alone is the conqueror and to truth belongs all victory."*

**Contemplate:** "Truth alone is the conqueror and to truth belongs all victory."

As always - love, only love....

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