

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Mansur Halaaj and ‘Annal Haq’

It is reported that Hadrat Sayyiduna Mansur Halaaj - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was someone who had drunk from the spring of Divine Love and Ecstasy with the result his tongue began to say the words, “Annal Haq” or “I am the Truth”.

Therefore, there is a misconception that he said these words and he was guilty of saying these words. This is something which the common people believe in. However, the great Mujaddid, Sayyidi A’la Hadrat Imam Ahmed Raza - *may Allah be pleased with him* - explains this in the *Fatawah Radawiyyah* Shareef in the following manner. He explains, “Hadrat Sayyidi Husain bin Mansur Halaaj - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who the people refer to as ‘Mansur’, but the name ‘Mansur’ actually belongs to his father. His name is Husain. He was also among the eminent of the Ahle Haal.

“However, he had a sister who was also greater in rank than him in spiritual science and knowledge. She was in the habit of retiring to the wild in the last part of the night and used to busy herself in the Dhikr of Allah Almighty.

“One night, when he awoke, he noticed his sister missing and he could not find her anywhere. He was also extremely curious as to where she had disappeared to. The next night, he remained awake so that he could see for himself where she went to. When she left the house, he also followed her silently. He then noticed that there was a bowl made from sapphire which hung on golden chains which appeared in front of her mouth. He could not restrict himself thinking this was a gift from Jannah. He then arose and said to his sister that she should also allow him to drink as well. She then left a small portion for him as well.

“As he drank this secret potion, suddenly he heard a sound coming from every item around him. Whether it were stones, pebbles, trees, leaves, branches, etc. all were uttering the words, “Who is more entitled that he should be sacrificed on My Path?”

“He then began to shout, ‘Annal Haq, I am more entitled or suitable to be sacrificed in the path of Allah’. However, when people heard this statement of his, they were confused and felt that he was saying this about himself. In other words, they translated this as if he was saying, ‘I am the Truth.’ Obviously, when people heard this, they felt that he had committed Kufr and the punishment of death was the penalty for someone who performs Kufr. This is clearly mentioned in the Bukhari Shareef that whoever commits apostasy, his punishment is death.” (Fatawah Radawiyyah, 26/400)