

*turn his body to lay on his other side.*” Regarding the treatment of this man, Dr. Salih's reply was, as he always said, “*Baseetah, baseetah (it is not a problem, it is not a problem). Allah willing, he will be cured.*” Dr Salih said this with full knowledge of the field of medicine, where the law is ‘*Whoever is injured in the spinal cord can never be cured.*’ However, Dr. Salih had his own law for treatment: supplications to Allah, then the administering of food, followed by the administering of medicine. In less than a month of following this routine, this man was restored to full health and was fighting alongside the Mujahideen!

After this incident, all the inhabitants of the region began to repeat, “*A Salih (righteous) friend has come to us. His name is Dr Salih.*” Moreover, the whole of Mazar-i-Shareef surrounded him and went to him for their treatment. This one man single-handedly replaced a team of nine Frenchmen. Such was the Afghans' love for him, that the same people who used to despise their daughters being married to someone outside their own tribe, would offer him their daughters so that they could gain the effects of his blessings. As for Ahmad Al-Mubarak, he truly was as his name described him (*Mubarak* means ‘blessed’).

## **The Sincere Man**

As for Sheikh Tameem, whatever good words you speak of him, I will believe you. I never saw a man with a purer soul than his. I used to say to myself, “*This man is in his forties, but as pure as he was when he was created, or as though he is three years old. He is like a twenty year old who flows with enthusiasm and vitality.*” He would always say, “*By Allah, I am not afraid of anyone except the Lord of the Worlds.*” Due to this, I felt that he would later adopt stances that not many people, myself included, would be able to adopt.

In the past week, women from the Islamic World have been phoning my house and saying, “*Where is Sheikh Tameem Al-Adnani? We want to speak to him. We have heard his cassettes and we want to tell him that we want to come to the Jihad.*” This effect was not brought on by a magical rhetoric, but by sincere words. They were the magic which came from the heart and thus reached the hearts of the people and

enveloped them<sup>45</sup>. He was not a scholar, but he produced for this Jihad and its honour what masses of scholars could not produce. Sheikh Tameem did not die...

***“And say not of those who are killed in the Way of Allah, 'They are dead.' Nay, they are living, but you perceive it not.” [Quran 2:154]***

Sheikh Tameem did not die after leaving behind him what he left, and we pray to Allah – the Mighty and Majestic – to gather us with him in the Highest Paradise and we will not say other than what our Prophet (SAWS) said, *“O Allah, reward us in our trial and replace it with something better.”*

### **Sincerity**

Sheikh Tameem was not a well-known *faqih*<sup>46</sup>, nor was he a noted scholar, but I found in him a quality - as I perceived it to be, and Allah knows best – which made his speech accepted in the hearts of the people. This quality was sincerity, and Allah knows best. Sincerity is the spirit of words, and the life of examples, because with sincerity and truthfulness, the words exit from the heart and so they reach the hearts with their passion and with their influence. Sheikh Tameem was a normal man, in his manners, in his knowledge, in his *fiqh*, but Allah – the Mighty and Majestic – blessed his words such that the problem of Afghanistan became a Worldwide problem. Those who contributed to causing this transition were the brothers who partook in the Jihad, the main one of which was Sheikh Tameem (may Allah have mercy on him). He was the first who brought the issue to the Arabian Peninsula. Abul-Hassan Al-Madani (Wa'il Jaleedan) said,

*“Before I came to the Jihad, I visited Sheikh Tameem to speak with him about the Jihad, may Allah have Mercy on him and bless him with whatever good deeds he presented and may He forgive him for his errors and wrongdoings. Allah, the Mighty and Majestic, gave the Sheikh this position in the mosque, and due to that, his lectures on cassettes were passed between the young Muslims. His cassettes spread like a light in*

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<sup>45</sup> The scholars of the Salaf used to say: *“Words that come from the mouth stop at the ears, but words that come from the heart, reach the heart.”*

<sup>46</sup> *Faqih*: scholar of Islamic jurisprudence