

Memories of Mawlana Ismail Patel Gloucester

Shaykh was very mushfiq (compassionate) when you got close to him. When a khadim (assistant) would be unwell, he would send a student to see how they were. Whenever some food would come from outside, he would always call the khadims. Many times he would feed us with his own hands. If ever we made chicken and chips, we would offer it to Shaykh, who would happily eat it.

Shaykh's kashf (insight/intuition) was experienced many times. His love for Quran was such that he always told huffaz to read Quran in nafl salah. Shaykh had a very comfortable bed in his room but preferred to sleep on the floor.

Shaykh was very punctual on the sunnah.

He always made sure socks and shoes were worn according to the sunnah method (Right first and then the left), and if it wasn't done according to the Sunnah, he would tell us off.

Shaykh was very generous and would give lots of sadaqah. If ever Shaykh would get angry, he would forgive very quickly as well.

Shaykh had a lot of qadar (value) and love for his teachers. He did Hajj on their behalf as well as give charity on their behalf. Shaykh preferred simple food and those who did ihsaan (good) upon him, he would not forget. He would go and meet them even in old age. Shaykh would make special duas for those who have done his khidmat and now we have become deprived of Shaykh's duas.

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