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A Scholar of Rumi

Dr. Majid M. Naini

Dr. Naini is one of the foremost scholars of Rumi, the 13th century Sufi mystic.

Around 750 years ago, Rumi, through his higher senses, experienced the most astonishing visions about the mechanism and structure of the universe, its realities and mysteries. Rumi described phenomena such as the creation of the universe, music, the force of gravity, nuclear explosion, the sun's light, the spinning Earth and galaxies, matter and antimatter, and our five higher senses that scientists discovered many centuries later. Rumi actually shows how to appreciate the wonderful journey of life both in time and space on this Earth, throughout the universe, and beyond. Above all, Rumi's poetry emphasizes love, the miraculous force that quickens the flow of the energy of our souls and allows us to soar to the highest state of ecstasy. He declares that love is the reason for the creation of the universe. Love makes mountains dance and the whole universe sing a heavenly song of Divine Unity.

Dr. Naini's electrifying and mesmerizing rendition of Rumi's poetry resonates within all who seek love, peace, and knowledge, many people have commented that Dr. Naini "radiates warmth and love and Rumi's spirit moves within him" and they have been transformed by his talks. It is wonderful to hear someone so passionately and touchingly speak of universal love, serenity, and peace.

Dr. Naini received his B.S. Degree in Electronics Engineering and his Master's Degree in Computer Science. He has a Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science from the University of Pennsylvania, the birthplace of ENIAC, the first general purpose electronic computer. For most of the past 25 years Dr. Naini has been a Professor, Program Director, Laboratory Director, Department Chair, and College Dean at several universities throughout the world, such as University of Pennsylvania, Hawaii, Colorado, Florida, Oman, and Cairo in the fields of Computer

Science, Engineering, and Information Technology. Professor Naini has been an active researcher and the designer of several state-of-the-art Computer and Information Technology projects with prestigious multinational corporations. He has obtained numerous grants and contracts from various funding organizations and industries for research and development of high-tech products.

Professor Naini is a world traveler who has lived and taught in four different continents. He has been an invited speaker at over 500 national and international conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia, and talk shows. In the U.S., he has presented numerous workshops and lectures at various places including the United Nations, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Johns Hopkins University, Yale University, George Washington University, Rutgers University, Stanford University, UCSD, UCLA, UCSB, Ventura College, Caltech, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, John Carroll University, University of Tennessee, University of New Mexico, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida International University, Florida Atlantic University, Molana House, IMAN, Kashi Center, Chaplain Associations, Unity Churches, Science of Mind Centers, Milagro Center, and the Museum of Art and Science - Melbourne, in addition to numerous cultural centers and organizations in the U.S. and throughout the world. He was the keynote speaker at Shiraz University School of Medical Sciences Alumni Association (SUSMA) annual conference in New Jersey, where he was honored for his career and efforts in spreading Rumi's teachings and Iranian culture and heritage, and at the Iranian American Medical Association (IAMA). Professor Naini was recently honored by the City of Tallahassee for his talk, "Rumi's Teachings on Global Peace and Harmony" at the Mayor's Summit for Race, Cultural, and Human Relations. Dr. Naini recently completed a tour of Turkey, where he was invited as a keynote speaker at an international

conference in Antalya and in Konya in honor of the Year of Rumi. In Iran, Dr. Naini was honored as the Special Keynote Speaker at the two-day Rumi Celebration of 2007 The Sun of Love (KHORSHIDE ESHGH) at the Niavaran Palace in Tehran which has been televised several times. At UCLA, Dr. Naini was honored as the Distinguished Keynote Speaker for the program commemorating Rumi's Wedding Night (night of passing).

For over 30 years of his life, Dr. Naini has been a student of mysticism, Sufism, poetry, literature, history, and numerous traditions and cultures. Dr. Naini considers "The great persian mystic (Aref) and poets, Rumi, Hafez, Saadi, Attar, Khayyam, Asiri Hahijee, Hafez Esfahani, Abu-Saei Abul-Khair, Mahmud Shabetari, and others as his spiritual teachers who have taught him about the higher aspects of human existence and the journey of the soul".

Dr. Naini is the author of many books and papers

in the fields of science, technology, mysticism, and spirituality, in his books and lectures, Dr. Naini combines the late scientific findings and discoveries of various scientific disciplines with mysticism and spiritualism, and expresses his findings and thoughts through the astoundingly beautiful poetry of the greatest mystics of all time, such as Rumi.

The first book which looks at Rumi's poetry from the perspective of science and technology has been published by Dr. Naini, his latest book "The Mysteries of the Universe and Rumi's Discoveries on the Majestic Path of Love," contains Dr. Naini's own translations from Rumi's original Farsi texts. It is being used as a text and reference at several major universities and organizations throughout the world, including Hawaii Pacific University, Toki University in Honolulu, Kent State University in Ohio, Rutgers University, University of Esfahan, College of Literature.

I was dead
I became alive
I was tears I became laughter;
The majesty of life came,
And I became an everlasting majesty myself.
My eyes are full (have seen everything)
I have a brave soul;
I have the guts of lion,
I became the shining venues.
He (shams) told, "you are not insane,
You are not worthy of this house;"
I became insane and linked with his chain.
He said "you are not drunken go,
You are not from this type;"
I went and became drunken and full of joy.
He said "you are not dead (selfless).
You are not mixed with joy;"
In front of his life-giving face I fell and I died.
He said "you are cunning,
Intoxicated with dreams and doubts;"
I became a fool
I became fearful
I became detached from everyone.

Dr. Naini conveys the message that "Love is the most magical force in the universe that can quicken the flow of the energy of one's soul. Through love, human beings can soar to the peak of their existence and reach the highest state of ecstasy. After all love was the reason for the creation of universe and what it contains." He also explains, "Happiness is the state of mind and love is the healer of all ills." Dr. Naini states, "Universal love surpasses all the boundaries of race, color, custom, and culture. As love is universal, so is the truth. Human beings from all different ethnic, cultural, historical, and geographical backgrounds share the same magnificent journey of life."

