

## The Brave New World Of Sufism

*Transcript from an interview between Mureed Supreme, **Mostafa Marx** and host, **Uncle John**, recorded live at the studios, in the Fokerfield Festival of Democracy and Equality, at the London arena in Central London.*

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*(Theme Music followed by rapturous studio applause. MM and UJ lighted on the stage, seated on stylish leather chairs and separated by a smart coffee table with glasses and water decanter. Applause and music fades out)*

**UJ:** Welcome, my dear audience and citizens at home, to another segment of ‘Talking Heads’, I’m Uncle John. And today I would like to introduce our guest, none other than Mureed Supreme, Mostafa Marx! (*Applause*)

**MM:** Many thanks, John! God bless, God Bless! (*Applause ends*)

**UJ:** So let’s cut right to the chase. You are Mureed Supreme of what’s known as ‘tariqa waahidiyya’. Could you tell us more about your movement and its achievements since you were given this role?

**UJ:** Well, Uncle John, first of all, I would like to thank you for your kindness in inviting me onto your programme where I can discuss this critical work we’ve been doing. As you know, our society has quite rightly equalised every facet: parents and children, teacher and student, police and citizen, prime minister and constituent. We have finally reached a societal reality, thanks to our Founding Citizens, in which parents can no longer manipulate and control their kids; teachers can no longer wield authority over their learners; and even the leader of our country over the lay person on the street. We are all equal, and only God is higher- but even that height is in all of us.... God is one- but the knowledge, the truth and the power are in the many.... And religions, of whose heart is Sufism, is no exception to these ideals...

**UJ:** Mmm, fascinating, please elaborate about Sufism..... How so?

**MM:** Well, in primitive times, when people believed in the supernatural and so-called ‘spiritual states’ like ma’rifa, shuhood, hubb, shukr, and kashifaat, this all went hand in hand with notions of hierarchy, respect, deference and obedience to what was known as the ‘shaykh’. A ‘shaykh’

was supposedly someone who had attained these supernatural, spiritual states and could transfer them state into an aspirant, thereby helping their student or mureed to tread a path of enlightenment and journey in God. All Pugwash, I have to say! These spiritual states and these spiritual guides were mostly psychological tricks performed by charlatans, wielding undemocratic power over their students and committing various acts of spiritual, physical and sexual abuse at will. Whilst the few so-called 'real' ones, one could say, brought some kind of inner peace into the lives of their associates through 'ma'rifa', the majority were pushing the faithful towards an abyss of humility, forbearance and frankly extremist quietism. But as the Founding Citizens showed us so clearly, supernaturalism indeed is all in the head, there is no God but God- which really means the God of the mind. Religion and spirituality work at their best through their facilitation of socialization, camaraderie, and communal spirit. We kept the latter and got rid of the former.

**UJ:** Okay, that sounds rather challenging... How on earth did you rid our society of the evil of supernaturalism?

**MM:** Well, we came up with these ingenious devices known as the *ma'rifa and shuhood inhibitors*. We patented them of course. And these wonderful, life-saving devices were used on so-called shaykhs and mureeds who displayed signs of supernatural states, like spiritual tears, visions, light in the face, peaceful countenance, and so forth. The *ma'rifa and shuhood inhibitors* were installed on these individuals and frankly, after some time, they were cured of their so-called inner peace and inner light....

**UJ:** Oh yeah, how is that?

**MM:** Well the inhibitors were essentially locked-in headphones and digital glasses. Every time these wackos felt a bit spiritual and thought they were touching the so-called divine light of God, the inhibitor kicked in, and they got blasted by some real-world stimuli, like flashes of pornography, or hearing orgasms, and the like. The glasses had these neat, high definition video screens and the headphones crystal clears. Just some regular flashes and screams while these guys went for their morning prayer, or said invocation before sleep, and all that so-called 'shuhood' or 'ma'rifa' poured out of them like water in an unplugged bath.

**UJ:** So you got the old God out of them...

**MM:** Indeed, out with the old, in with the new.... We got rid of these shaykhs, these spiritual states, these undemocratic relationships, these inevitable oppressive structures and spread the concepts of equality and oneness. We abolished all the tariqas, and united them into one, tariqa Waahidiyya- the way of the one. No more Qadariyya, Naqshbandiyya, Shadhiliyya and all their ilk that claimed to be supernatural chains to attain these bogus spiritual states. Complete nonsense; and all divisive, conflicting bodies of shaykhs and mureeds vying with each other to see who has the most mureeds, who has the biggest tomb, who has the most attended zikrs. The tariqas were complete chaos. We abolished all notions of shaykhs and shaykhdom- now there are only mureeds, or seekers and enlightenment is naturally found within- no other has an authority and access to special knowledge that another has to show deference to. We are one and equal, our God is one and equal, and even the Prophets, every one of them, are the same as every one of us- they were just stepping stones to the rational zenith we have reached now, all through the tremendous work of the Founding Citizens. Currently, anyone who wants to enter the path of Sufism registers online, pays a monthly membership fee, and has access to every Sufi centre and mosque on this earth.

**UJ:** Hmm, fascinating, fascinating... But now, as this is Talking Heads...

**MM:** Indeed, indeed, I know what's coming up

**UJ:** Yes, yes, you know it. devil's advocate. I have to play it.

**MM:** I knew you would play devil's advocate....although the devil is all in the mind and in the small print! (*mild laughter*)

**UJ:** As your detractors say, including that renegade so-called shaykh who is still at large.... Haven't you gotten rid of the heart of Sufism? Isn't the whole point, that Sufism links you to the ineffable presence, through an ineffable, physical representative on earth? And surely, some deference should be showed for the one who brought such riches to your heart?

**MM:** Ah, yes, you quote the words of the devil himself and advocate for him well! Insha Allah the authorities will catch him and end his heresy soon..... He loves to talk about the ineffable... But as the Founding

Citizens have taught us, ineffability leads to oppression- the supernatural was the biggest stumbling block and inhibitor of human progress. The so-called shaykh and his magical tricks cannot prevent the road of progress moving on through the supreme democracy of the human project.

**LONG LIVE THE FOUNDING CITIZENS!** *(He rises and salutes. UJ and the audience follow suit then they all sit down)*

**UJ:** Do you have a message for the shaykh if he is watching this programme or otherwise?

**MM:** Yes- stop pretending you are conduit for ma'rifa- become a conduit for the supremacy of the mind and equality of the human race. Amen

**UJ:** Mostafa- a pleasure as always. Mostafa Marx dear audience!

*(Applause)*

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