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İsmail Emre whose loving conversations are written in the “Inner source” Digests , is born at year 1900 in Adana. His father Hakkı, was an intellectual person, the name of his grandfather is Ahmet. The great grandfather whose name is “Emir Halil” is from Harput originally and he was a famous instructor in madrasah.

İsmail Emre had lost his father when he was six and his mother when he was ten years old. After being both fatherless and orphan, he had been raised by his first cousin blacksmith Master Şükrü. Emre had stayed with “Master Şükrü” till to seventeen years old and experienced blacksmith job from him.

İsmail Emre was in the army as a volunteer during the last years of 1.st world war and served in training camp. In 1921 he started to work in Railway Company depot and served as fireman and welder for a long duration. Emre had quit from this job in 1943 and then he had started to work on the same job for himself.

The name of the late wife of İsmail Emre is Ayşe. His first child Emine and the succeeding one Halil were dead very young. He has a son named Fikri and four daughter Hafize, Ruşen, Fuzule, Neşe. Whose Fuzule and Fikri passed away while the others are alive.

Emre never had an education in school or madrasah (theological school) .He knows arabic letters which he learned afterwards as much as reading some books hardly. His writing skill is very weak.

İsmail Emre had met with great sufi Hafiz Halil Develioğlu who is from Tarsus during the years 1917-1918 and bonded him with great love and took a moral education from him continuously till to his death in 1933.

He had started to say his first revelations (doğuş) in year 1940 after 22 years with learning the education of insolvency consisting of long mental disciplines. İsmail Emre says that when this state of revelation came to him, which is manifested in Yunus Emre before, he had hold up the one’s hand who made him saying, had not heard what is revealed from his mouth, had not had any volition in either saying or not.

The number of Emre's revelations which could be captured by 25.09.1969 having great sophisticated meanings are **2440** and 2395 of them are published in years between 1951 and 1965 in two different books.

İsmail Emre had chosen the surname "Emre-Lover" according to the new "law of surname" in year 1934. He kept going his "loving conversations" (sohbet) by 14.08.1970 which he died as body, saying "My religion is to love you." "We don't know anything but love and being loved."

Some of loving conversations which are published in the digest named "New Yunus Emre" at Adana and the others are presented to the readers in the "Inner Source" digest which is published in years between May 1957 and November 1960 only in 25 issue .

Venerable Readers

This digest is being published in order to introduce İsmail Emre from Adana whom we believe in universal values of sufistic and moral ideas and great inward power, to the knowledge and understanding intellect of our country and even to the western countries.

Emre, who is grown in Adana and not educated, is an ignorant sufi. His ability to read and write is something not exist. Although sometimes he has been saying , highly valuable sufistic poems (doğuş-revelation). Emre, has been saying those revelations by means of being absent in God and getting rid of himself . During this time, he hadn't been hearing what he said. Emre call them "doğuş-revelation" because of his lack of capability to say them or not.

Emre has been saying previous Yunus Emre also had said revelations by means of being absent in God just like him . That means he also was not a poet. This interesting subject which must be analyzed by at least historians of literature . Unfortunately it didn't have enough interest since ten years in spite of the publications as he deserved.

We have introduced Emre who is a universal value of our nation with a letter to great intellectual Lois Massigon who is interested in dead Eastern sufies in order to make him meet a live sufi this time. With the aid of book named "New Yunus Emre and his Revelations" , we also have introduced " Emre to the members of "22.nd Orientalist Congress". Because the universal value of

Emre can only be understood in all over the world with the interest of great intellectuals. We hope with all our heart, powerful and responsible people especially our government, on account of our Ministry of Education will interfere this job. Otherwise we cannot succeed by means of our lack of capability in literature . Because Emre, does not belong to a small clan or nation, rather he belongs to all humanity.

The subject which made us extremely happy is this incorporeal star, this moral sun which is in small orbit of less interest till now, have been entered the praisal sky of some of the virtuous statesmen having much expertise who have an interest on country, nation subjects and inward revelations and the international intellectuals.

“The Inner Source”, will follow the “New Yunus Emre” digest which is suspended.

Gönül (loving mind) welder Emre whose job in real life is also art of welding, named this digest as the “Inner Source” . This name is something like an interpretation of “New Yunus Emre” with respect to both form accord, and word plays in meaning:

- 1- First of all “Inner Source ”, means a moral source.
- 2- “Drink from this moral source ”
- 3 – It’s written like this :

İÇ- Inner
KAYNAK-Source

If you remove first and last K (kaf in Arabic)) letters , the meaning of the remaining word is “Inner Mirror” . The ones who look at this vivid moral mirror will see themselves in it.

(*) Preface which is repeated in each issue of digest .

The INNER SOURCE DIGEST

May 1957

Unit: 1

EMRE's Conversations: 1

Notes from the conversation which were recorded in **12/1/1956**:

Q.- In books we have read, a beginning of life is being assigned. Seeds are coming from the sky to our planet. By means of them , first life occurs in the marshes. Then the evolution in animals begin and finally human beings come to life.

Certainly, there is a beginning for earth also, it is drawn apart from the sun as fire plasm ; and the life begins in the world.

Emre- At any rate our minds are looking for a beginning and an end. So, it assimilates the beginning which it looks for, designs something according to his/her mind. Is not there marshes like them today ? Why doesn't evolution continue today? But actually the expressions of scientists' remark take place in the human body.

Q.- In what form did the first life occur?

Emre- It has no form or anything. For life , there is neither beginning nor an end.

Q.- Another issue for humans is that where does he/she come from and to where does he/she go? Does he/she keep the form which he/she has in this world, in the place which he/she will go after this life?

Emre- The words aren't enough to explain the entirety of that subject. The mind also is not capable of understanding because of its "piece" structure. Piece doesn't understand the language of the whole. But it can understand if it wants to and insists upon it. Very bad adjectives are being used in Koran for the people who don't know God. Is there any difference between a human who doesn't know God and any ordinary living beings ? Because the aim of all living beings is to eat, live and marry in order to prolong their species. There is neither coming nor going for them.

In some cases, Koran compliment the people by saying “We are closer to him/her than the jugular vein .” The Prophet Mohammed also says that “God created humans in the form of his own image, actually similar to him ”. That means there is a distinction between the one who knows God and who doesn’t. Besides, there is also a verse of the Koran saying : “ Could anyone who knows God be same the one who doesn’t know?”

How many sperms are necessary in the fluid for a child to be born ?

Q.- Approximately five million.

Emre- Five million living beings in a small amount of fluid. However, they all have ceased, except one. It also conjugates on a tissue similar to itself, they make love. The one coming from the father is alive ; coming from mother becomes a safe place for it and then the afterbirth is released.

Now this world is also like a mother’s womb in which some people become alive by means of deep thinking and others are being lost just like the five million sperm. The one which makes us alive, is this deep thought and knowledge. There comes a time in which no other knowledge is useful. But shall we throw them away since they aren’t useful ? No, we will use them in appropriate during our daily life.

By means of these phases of contemplation, human reaches to a realm which is not possible to describe. The language of this realm is the language of the Holistic mind. Partial mind can’t understand it. The Prophet Mohammed says in this language which belongs to this realm : “The one who sees me, also sees God ” In order to understand this remark, it is necessary to enter this realm.

The one who is thinking about “what is God?” , can’t show bad attitudes and can’t commit a sin. Kindness always appeal from those type of humans. It is similar to the eternal kindness of God for his own mortals. Is it possible for one to commit a sin who awares that God is looking from his eyes, hearing from his ears and talking from his mouth?

Q.- General Necati Tarcan says that “İsmail Emre, gives so awesome answers for some of the questions in his conversations even we are not able understand them.

Emre- It is not easy to say it. Thats the greatness actually. The one saying “I don’t understand, actually means that he is walking in the path of understanding. There are a lot of names which belong to God like Kelim(talker),Semî(listener),

Habîr(knower). Just like this general, if someone leaves his own self, the one who is saying and understanding is himself.

The people who think in this way, start to grow in that path. If we mate the children who are in four or five age, can they have children? In order to have a child, they have to be grown up. For the human also who is in the stage of moral marriage (symbolic) , their inside begins to fill up... There is no death for them. Does the mind, that means partial mind believe in that?

Some people afraid because of their doubt about the necessity of leaving the world science, world jobs. On the contrary, the people who had left the world related job has been a disaster, a sponge for the world. You saw the meeting in Ankara. Was there sponge ignorants between them? All of them were intellectuals.

Q.- A German professor, his daughter and his son in law had come to visit Rumi in Konya. Professor said ;

“ I had been longing Rumi since 25 years “ .When he entered the place he had taken out his shoes. When he came before, he cried such an entranced way,the one who says “I am muslim, I love Rumi that much and I bless him “ , can not cry like this.

Then he put his face and eyes on the stairs; when he was coming out at the place did not turned his behind to Rumi. During this time he said a poem which is revealed from him in German. Professor Cemile saved this poem. They requested the translation of this poem from her. She said this poem is in such depth, a simple translation weakens its power.

Emre- That German professor is in the same level with Mevlânâ, actually he visits himself.

Q -After his visit to Konya, the Professor said “*here everybody should have been in Rumi’s order but unfortunately I couldn’t see this. Today in Germany 80 % of the people bond to Rumi’s order and they are superior than you. We intend to increase this to a level 100 % .* “

Emre – It will be very well; All of the intellectual Christians will become Muslim.

Q.- He said “ *We quickly compensated our losts despite we had defeated at war. We believe that the reason for this is our adherence in God. “*

Emre – Look at that faith... But this isn't a blind faith. A nation which have faith besides hard working ...

Q. – We are lazy, beside we do not have a complete religious training.

Emre – Bigotry left us behind the century. It is indeed a very big service of Gazi's (Atatürk) trial to cease the bigotry for this nation .

If we simulate İslam with coconut , our Islam is just like eating the outer shell of this coconut. Now European crash (crack, bust) the coconut and eat the fruit inside. That's the real sufism. The truth is to eat the fruit inside of coconut. Our sophists assume that Islam and truth is to enter a cave and to tell his beads, tik! tik! Bead is also a symbol. Bead has 33 piece. That means bead describes and points to the Human. It means let the one who wants to seek the truth, do it through the perfect human. If we don't understand the matter in this way, we circle in a loop continuously. There is also a symbol in bead ; (Imame) the head part in order to be rescued from this loop. This also points to the perfect human. Someone who hold the head part, is rescued from the loop. Otherwis, he circles in the loop continuously.

Q. – It is said that everybody will be burned in hell as much as their sin, and then they will survive.

Emre – Look how the liars suffer. How the thieves burn and fear and the ones who has harm virtue. Are there better pungs of hell? So do the lazy ones; their inside also is not comfortable and lively. Beside how safe are the hard working , responsible people. We assume that Islam is to faith healing. At least we need to absorb the meaning of the prays, verses from our ear instead of blowing them to the air.

Only the wise lovers know Islam and The Prophet Mohammed who is the institutor of Islam. Because he lives in their eyes.

Now a German professor comes from Germany, cries on the doorstep of Rumi. Although we are so close to Rumi , but we don't aware of him.. What if this German professor is conducted in this subject.

Q. – So do Pakistani; they're standing up while they are passing through Konya staying in this position for respect of Mevlana till the train leave Konya.

Emre – Only the people can get rid off the animal like adjectives who find a moral composure and turn their face of mind to there.

It's very close; (pointing Europe) all of this side will be Muslim. (Pointing Russia) Only this side won't be. They are the Antichrist of the world. There are also religious people in them. If they disappear, Russians will be destroyed. Nations without religion, can not live.

(We offer some part of a "Doğuş" which is revealed for this conversation in date 24. 7.1951)

Birbirine düşen, hepsi kardaş,
Bölük bölük olur, ederler savaş;
Bu doğan Deccal'a Mehdi! Gel, ulaş!
Gaflette durana işitilir hoş.

All those struggling ones, all are brothers,
Fighting divided into groups ;
Oh Savior, come and capture this rising Antichrist !
It sounds attractive to one in delusion.

Hiçbir dinsiz millet burada yaşamaz,
Mutlak helak olur, daim koşamaz;
Ya put sevmelidir, veyahut namaz;
Gaflette durana işitilir hoş.

No irreligious nation can survive,
It is doomed to destruction, with no escape
Either love prayer or an idol;
It sounds attractive to one in delusion.

Her dinin bir ucu Hakk'a dayanır.
Din bir yoldur, giden mutlak uyanır;
(Emre) vardı, gitti; (Dost)unu tanır,
Gaflette durana işitilir hoş.

A part of every religion is based on the Truth ;
Religion is a the path ;a true voyager absolutely will awaken
(Emre) has arrived ;he realised his true Friend.
It sounds attractive to one in delusion.

Q. – I wish they struggle with themselves and leave us in peace.

Emre – It will occur; so soon. If there is no water in some place, then there will be no life. The water of the societies also is morale and religion.

Q. – What will be the future of our religion?

Emre – It will be very all right. We would have been reached this good future already if we didn't hang up, peel some of the people who were trying to teach us the truth and the essence of our religion. But this is the way how it happens.

We want to solve everything by means of praying and faith healing. But the most valuable part of the religion is the inner part.

The knowledge and witnessing of The Prophet Mohammed is together with God. Physics, Astronomy, Chemistry are included in that witnessing. God and The Prophet Mohammed can't be obeyed with faith healing. Instead it is possible by means of reading and understanding the meaning of Koran. Just before, this child read a section from a verse beginning with (Elif Lam Mîm). What's that(Elif Lam Mîm)? That's a crypto of the verse below it, moreover it is the whole of the Koran. What a useless trial to enter the inner side of Koran without understanding this. If The Prophet Mohammed had said this clearly, no one would obey to him. Because of that, he had said *“Tell everyone as much as he /she can understand”* .

Someday while The Prophet Mohammed preaching, a beardless man had been looking to our him admiringly. The Prophet Mohammed saw his love and smiled. Beardless man assumed that he was smiling because of his infrequent beard and said ; (Do you lough me because I am beardless, Mohammed? The Prophet Mohammed answered “never mind! I've seen a lot of angels under your beard , and I've smiled because of this.” Man loved this remark because of his knowledge coming from his family. He esteemed angels are the creatures flying through the air. Man was glad to have angels in his beard while looking for them in the air. Just in that case, The Prophet Mohammed had been saying the truth according to his mind. How would he explain the truth to him?

Now lets look at the scientific explanation of this. Isn't there a tissue, a gland under each bristle? These are the angels. They give a service to us without a fee, advantage. How could he explain this fact to the beardless man? Even today, how can you tell this to conservative people?

Q. – European theologists are graduated from at least one faculty. Most of them know three language. They are much honoured in their society. We have just an

opposite case. For this reason, it seems to me the future of our religion is in danger.

Emre- There is no difference between a Muslim and a Christian for God. The one who works hard, who walks in true path, succeeds. Christianity, Islam are multitudes. God is in the unity. The reason of our being underdeveloped comes from lack of knowledge of religion.

Q.- We esteem Islam is just to say (Lâ ilâhe illallah)

Emre – It's not easy to say that. (Lâ) means absent. If you make absent, give up everything then God will emerge. (Lâ ilâhe) does not have the meaning of (God doesn't exist); it means "*Îlâh-idol doesn't exist*". Idol is everything that you love other than God. If they disappear, then God will emerge. There is an averment meaning in (İllâ) word . In order to aver, it's necessary to know actually. Thus we have been saying "*those things we love or our assumptions are not God, but God is this!*" Can the one who doesn't know God, aver "*God is this!*"? Just because of this, it's not possible to say "*Lâ ilâhe illallah*" in real meaning. If the one who really knows God enters a mosque and say "*You people! I know God*" they would assault him by saying "*Crikey kafir!*" . If he says "*I don't know!*" they would assault him again. As a result, we are wedged between the two ignorance. One side of our is good deed, the other side is sin. Although we don't know what is sin or good deed actually. We count good deeds as ten, twenty, seventy five good deed. What does that good deed mean? In Arabic language good deed "*sevap*" word comes from "*sevb*" (cloth) meaning originally; both of them are from the same root. That means good deed is to wear a good state, good moral as a cloth. It is not a countable thing just like money which is used to buy something in heaven.

(With this respect we offer that revelation to our readers):

Dostum! Seni çoğu arar camiden,
Bulmak ister kilisede cam eden;
Seni bilmez ikisine çok giden;
Bir (Bilen)den okunmalı bu (Kitap).

My Holy Friend ! Many seek you in a mosque ,
Those in Churches look for you , too.
They who frequently visit either don't really know you
This book must be read from the Knowing .

Kimi arar Kudüs ile Mekke'den,
Kimi arar Hay! Hu! ile tekkeden;
Seni bilir her kayıdı terk eden;
Yetişmez mi arayana bu cevap?

Some seek you in Jerusalem and Mecca,
Some seek you in dervish lodge by saying Hay! Hu!
The ones who left every limitation really knows you ;
Isn't that answer enough for the seeker?

Kimi arar çok söyleyen (fakı)dan,
Kimi arar sarhoş eden rakıdan,
Seni bilir yürekten kan akıdan;
Yürektendir aşık olan şarap.

Some seek from a talkative preacher
Some seek through mind-numbing drinks
He who knows you has blood pounding through his heart ;
Wine for the lover comes through the heart .

Kimisi der: (Lazım bize tarikat);
Bulmak ister o karanlıktan necat.
Meydandadır: Bunların akli sakat;
Dünya gibi, bunlar da bütün serap.

Some says: we need a religious order;
They want to find salvation from this darkness.
It's obvious: their minds are defective;
They're all a mirage just like this world.

Hak bulunmaz kudüm ile, def ile;
Eskidiler; sen aklından def'eyle;
Sen canını Hak için hedef eyle,
(Zevk) ile bul; boşuna çekme azap.

The Truth can't be found with drum and cymbal
They have grown obsolete; remove them from your mind;
Take aim on your soul , for the sake of the Truth ;
Find Truth through pleasure; don't suffer torment in vain .

Sen devredip bitirdiysen azabı,
Sana açık o Dilber'in nikabı;
Sen alırsın ummadığın cevabı;
Duyar isen, sana lazım bu sevap.

If you spun around and completed the torment,
The mask of Beauty will be open to you;
You'll get the answer you didn't expect ;
If you hear it, you need this good deed.

Birçoğunun bütün arzusu: (Uçmak),
Birçoğunun: (Tamu) odundan kaçmak;
Aklın ermez; nasıl kaçarsın, ahmak?
Gözün görmez; doğmuş iken afitap.

Most people hope to reach Heaven,
Most people hope to escape from Hell;
How can you escape fool, if you don't understand?
Your eyes don't see, after the sun rises.

Aşık bilmez ne cennet, ne tamuyu;
Bilen için, bunlar bir dipsiz kuyu;
Daim içer (ilmi ledün) den suyu;
Çekmek için, elde lazım bir (Dolap).

A lover knows neither heaven nor hell;
For the Knowing, these are a bottomless well;
He always drinks the water of (secret knowledge) ;
To draw it, there is needed a (waterwheel) !

Aşık olup, o dolabı çevirmeli,
Bu bilinmez sırra akıl ermeli;
Bir (Bilen) var, akli ona vermeli;
(Emre)! dersin; kolay ise, durma, yap!

You must fall in love and turn the waterwheel,
You must understand this ineffable mystery;
There is one who Knows; head for him!
You call on Emre! ; if it's easy, go on , just do it!

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Q. – In order to be a good muslim, is it necessary to have an education on theological sciences?

Emre – Most of the saints even aren't aware of the theological sciences. They also don't know how to read Koran because they have no education; they are ignorant. The aim of Koran is to adjoin the human beings to God. Either he knows reading or not. Even when an ignorant one bonds to God, all of the scientists before him becomes weak. The aim of the religion and sophism is to refine the morality. Can university education that means only to interpret Koran, to analyze it as a process of university education accomplish the refinement process? Beside, it is also possible by means of reading and analyzing Koran but it's necessary to understand and practice. But we do the faith healing without understanding.

Q. – From what the sperm was created?

Emre – Sperm is nothing other than the water. It's similar to a frog; it has front hands, back foots are joined; it's very transparent.

In Koran it says "*We created everything from water*". The life of everything is water. (Solid) Earth matter are few; its duty is to erect. Human is created mostly from sugar, the fact means light.

Q. – Were Adam and Eve created from a sperm like this?

Emre – We have past and future; but life has neither past nor future. The reason wants to find a beginning and an end. Even scientists also behave like this. They say earth is broken from sun. These are not other than the assumptions.

In the book (Awakened Dreams) it is told very fine: Scientists have been divided to two part in devil's country. The representative two important scientists were discussing in front of the listeners. According to their knowledge, sun is a celestial boiler. One is saying: (celestial boiler has 768 and a half handles). The other says; (No,it's 777). That means the knowledge and reason of a mortal is nothing more than this example compared to the God's knowledge. Those wise man want to go and live in Moon and Mars. But the atmosphere of them is different than the earth. After some years passed , they will understand there is no possibility to go to Mars. You can't close up your hand to a matter rotating fast. Stars are rotating so fast , their atmosphere becomes though. Air is transparent; sight and look pierce the air , but human body can not. Does sphere extracts its own belongings outside of its gravity ?

Science awares of just one sun. Although there is no count, no limit of suns. Our sun is just like the heart of the other stars. There is no matter without heart. The heart of our earth is fire. Hasn't our fever distributed to our body from our heart? The heart of the universe is human also. All of the sophist books and Koran tries to tell this fact.

Stars analyse chemical matters and attributes coming from the sun, then transmit them to the earth.

All of the stars are rotating. If the velocity of one breaks the other's stability the one which became unstabilized is fired and then burst. From its burst, billions of pieces are distributed to the sky. So meteors are those distributed pieces. But who knows in how many millions of years they could reach to us?

Most of the stars are in the state of gas. The thing which shows them as a matter is the sunlight. Most of them consists of chemical matters. All of them rotates by means of God's command and sign. The science of physicists and astronomers is correct but they just can't see the one who makes rotating the stars.

Q.– That's the matter which everyone wants to solve.

Emre – This case can't be solved unless the human is not solved.

Q. – What is your thought about the ship of Noah?

Emre – Most of the prophets had no tolerance and patience. They had cursed if the people they invited to the right path, didn't believe their remarks. When Noah also started to tell the people around him about God's existence, they harrowed him, then he cursed for termination of the people. God said Noah: *“Mount a ship such that, take your children with you, take one pair from each animal, let them to be saved and disbelievers be stifled.”* Then he mounted a ship, took one pair from each animal. Noah had seven children. One of his children have been had a bad action. His brothers didn't want to accept his boarding to the ship. But that he was his own child. Noah let him board but hold him back under a boiler. When he finished, flood began, ship heightened and disbelievers perished. Then the water covering all over the world is lowered. This is the outer part of the story. We have to believe this style also. Let's come to the inner (secret) version;

First of all, is it possible for the water to occupy all over the world? Then, isn't a human similar to a ship if he is lying horizontal on the back? Arms are like oar.

What about the animals taken to the ship; which attitude of animal doesn't exist in human?

Seven children, also corresponds to human being . Don't we have seven holes in our head? Two eyes, two ears, two nose, and a mouth?

The child with black face under the boiler is the ego. Doesn't the face of the one who is under the control of ego becomes black?

Which mine or poison, or antidote doesn't exist in human's body? There exist in human body all of the animals in universe being as form. Beside that there exist a lot of oceans, rivers. Human is so grand and he is the center of the universe.

Here the symbols in the story of "Flood of Noah" are trying to point human being.

It's not true to explain this secret suddenly. Human doesn't know the value of a thing which he didn't effort for it. He can't understand in spite of your endeavour to tell. He can't believe. How can I know Germany even if you describe it to me? It's necessary to go there and then you learn it. For this reason, The Prophet Mohammed said: *"tell everyone as much as he could understand"*. But if human starts to walk along this understanding path with the steps of his reason, can get rid of being ordinary people.

There exists such a secret of the truth, if it's told suddenly, it becomes a poison for the ones who heard it. In order to believe, either a strong belief or a strong mental discipline is necessary. Mental discipline is actually a sin in our time. Instead a strong faith and love path is closer than this. We live in very beautiful period. Inner part that means morality improved just like the outer part. When I was experiencing mental discipline, it had been taken six months to reach Mekke now it just takes six hours. Arabs have a saying : *"it's necessary to forget the past"*...

The real mental discipline is not to obey the ego. Although during the mental discipline all of our mental powers soften that means becomes stronger, different realms are opened. But the aim is suasion of God, not the mental discipline.

Q. – What if human exercise mental discipline without a guide?

Emre – He becomes crazy. This can not be done without a guide. Have you been a doctor without an instructor? The Prophet Mohammed said : *"If I hadn't an instructor, I wouldn't know my God ."*

Q.- Indian fakirs also exercise the mental discipline.

Emre – They are unbelievers. Because their aim in doing mental discipline is self and ego. Their brains are pregnant for this request, when the time is appropriate, they give birth to this wish. Which prophet acted the way in which they are acting? Although all of the prophets had the ability to act just like them. But they didn't prefer.

Most of the Indian fakirs have bond with Buda. Buda is also a prophet; he is one of the 124 thousand prophets. But he couldn't give up the power to manage the natural forces, he stayed there. He had been made raining; he had been ordered to fire not to burn! And the fire hadn't burn. But none of the prophets approved his prophethood.

Q. – But the prophets also showed miracles.

Emre – They had shown miracles for a while and then they had given up. Because the people who had seen the miracle, covet this state and stay there. The Prophet Mohammed also had shown the Koran as a miracle after some time passed. The knowledge of deep secret in Koran can never be found in any other book. The Prophet Mohammed had given up showing the miracles quickly. If all saints have made rained, people would not work. Miracle had been applied in times when it was really necessary. God gives us what we demand if we work hard .

When Ziya Pasha was governer here, there had been a drought. Hodjas were praying for rain everyday. One of the Hodjas said *“Pasha also believes in God; let's take him with us for praying”*. Then they said ; *“my Pasha don't you come with us praying for the rain?”*, Ziyâ Pasha answered : *“No,I ashame of to come before God and request rain”*. They asked *“Why?”*. He replied *“What if God answers to me “I gave you Seyhan and Ceyhan rivers. Don't you ashame of demanding rain from me ?” How can I answer to him?”*

Q. – Does the standing up of Rumi's father before him have an interior meaning?

Emre –Yes. They have standed the cave up as a representation. Can a dead one stands up? Isn't prophet Adam father of Mohammed? But doesn't Adam also need the mercy of The Prophet Mohammed? Their aim was to point this matter.

If something is borned, it's growing. For sure, our successors are more intelligent from us. Look they are all shouting as youth! youth! . If a student

have learnt from his teacher correctly, he/she will go further than this. The knowledge of the teacher lives the second life in his student, that means grows.

But son must not deny his father. He will be perished if he denies.

(Just during the writing of those lines electricity had been powered down. After writing for a while with the aid of match light strikened by uncle Duran, a luxury lamp have been lighthened. Emre pointing this lamb said “*How can you deny this luxury? Yes, electricity is more perfect from this but this also is father of electricity.*”)

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Mystical explanation for

Nasreddin Hodja Anecdotes

In this column, we will try to explain Nasreddin Hodja anectodotes to our readers with the aid of the new enlighment and vision offered by Emre.

Our general understanding can't go beyond to know Nasreddin Hodja as a mullah who is riding the donkey reversely, taking the tail of animal to his hand, mostly absurd, sometimes laughable, even erotic. Because it is not easy to separate intellectual self-respect of moral comic genius, we have imagined Nasreddin Hodja, this comic mullah who aimed to make lough us just as a man with beard and turban who took the tail of donkey. And then we have neglected him. The new and real vision of Emre takes us to a level, at which we look him with respect, maze, adoration. Nasreddin Hodja is not mentioned in sufi books, sufi history, but Emre is first person who says that he is a great sufi and his anectodes aim to inspire the truth and sufi morality. This vision is an absolute touchstone in order to differentiate Nasreddin Hodja anectodes from the fake ones.

In each unit, Emre will expound and explain one or more anectode.

The first anectode is related with the late Remzi Oğuz Arık's beloved memory which is occurred by a sad event.

During their conversation of the late Arık and Emre, at their first meeting in Adana led by Dr. Operator İhsan Önal, Remzi Oğuz Arık have said Emre:

“Since you aver Nasreddin Hodja anectodes have sufi meaning , then let me tell you an anectode and you convert it to sufism” ,and then he tells this anectode:

There was a house belonged to Nasreddin Hodja. Some day Hodja says to his house: “Now you are exteremely old, almost you’ll be ruined. At least inform me the time of ruination so I can survive. ” It says “ok ”.

After long time passed, some day the house is ruined. Good luck, Nasreddin Hodja was not in there. In the evening he came and saw that the house is ruined. He asked to the house: “*So where’s you would inform me the ruination? ”*. It says : “*I’ve informed you a lot of times but you didn’t understand. One day my wall is disrupted, one day my grout is spilled. They were all for your information about my ravage. This is our language”* .

Emre interprets this anectode in this way: (Let’s assimilate the house like human body. The ravage of house is similar to death. Couldn’t be assimilated the disruption of wall, spill of grout etc. to our sickness, to the spill of our hear, teeth.

While Emre interpreting this, Remzi Oğuz Arık wanted a pill from Dr. İhsan Önal in order to stop the pain in his teeth. Emre says for this case : “*Look, house informs that one of its brick is teeter ”* this paraphrase and felicitous explanation, made the late so glad and he took some notes to his notebook..

Emre, completes the real meaning of article with these words:

“Anyway, this building of body will be ravaged because of the earthquake of death. The important thing is, before the ravage of this house, (by means of dying before death) to move to the eternal house , (Safe Place), that means to the loving mind (gönül) of a perfect human.”