**LESSON 27**

**79) SACRED 80) KAABA 81) INHERITANCE**

1. **SACRED:** 🡪 A believer sees blessed, holy; far from things that are shameful, ugly, and bad; also meaning clean.  
   🡪 A believer sees  
   🡪 In different sources sacred has also been used in the following phrases: “Sacred Emigration,” “Sacred Trust,” “Sacred Suffering,” “Sacred Values,” “Sacred Books…”

🡪 “Sacred Books” meaning the four holy books sent by Allah.

🡪 “Sacred Emigration” meaning migration to permanently settle in another country.

🡪 “Sacred Suffering” meaning the troubles, hardships and sorrows experienced while striving to share our cause with the rest of the world

🡪 “Sacred Trust” first and foremost meaning “spreading the true and just religion of Islam.” Yes, this responsibility is a sacred trust placed on the shoulders of those who have dedicated their souls to Islam.

## (Questions and Answers about Islam -­‐ Sacred Emigration)

1. **KAABA:** 🡪 Kaaba, is the altar (mihrab) where the hearts of believers beat together and is the first home appointed to humans… the first place of worship that was exalted through praise and glorification. It is mentioned in the Qur’an as *“Behold, the first House (of Prayer) established for humankind is the one at Bakkah (Makkah), a blessed place and a (center or focus of) guidance for all peoples.” (Âl-­‐i İmrân sûresi, 3/96)*

🡪 Through all of human history, except for a few exceptions, Makkah has always been humanity’s mihrab; not only its place of worship, but also its anchor to hope. This characterization is due to the presence of the Kaaba and in this case the Kaaba is the mihrab of mihrabs. And this magnificent mihrab has such a minbar, or pulpit – to which The Owner of we send as many salat u salaams as there are atoms in our bodies – that is the purer than that of heaven’s gardens, the “Ravza-i Tahira.”

🡪 Yes, the truth of the Kaaba is much more than a place with bricks built around it; at the same time, it is also a bright bond between the Earth and the Infinite.

🡪 The place and shape of the Kaaba is also of significant importance. It is due to this significance that even the littlest changes have not been allowed to be made regarding the Kaaba. For example, Hatim who did not have the opportunity to be within the limits of the Kaaba during Muhammad’s (sav) time, said “If everyone changed the shape of the Kaaba according to themselves, the Kaaba will keep changing shape” after being in the Kaaba during the period of Abdullah ibn Zubayr. With this truth, during the Umayyad Caliphate the Kaaba was rebuilt to resonate its original architecture.

## (ÇN 4 / Zamanın Altın Dilimi -­‐ Kâbe)

1. **INHERITANCE:** 🡪 Meaning “to be both a material and spiritual inheritor.” Here we mean, “inheritors of ‘ilm and gnosis.” One hadith mentions: “The learned are the heirs of the Prophets who bequeath neither dinar nor dirham but only that of knowledge.” This inheritance is termed “inheritance of the noble Prophet’s tradition.”

🡪 The system in which the Ashâb-ı Kirâm followed to gain spiritual intimateness to Allah has been termed the “sahaba calling.”

The “sahaba calling” is also defined by the terms “Middle Sainthood,” “Greater Sainthood,” and “great highway,” and considers humans holistically not only taking their hearts but also their minds, souls, secrets, carnal souls and other inward senses in hand and aspiring to nourish them is the path of the Qur’an.

🡪 The spread and development of Islam were centralized at one point in time in Baghdad, then Damascus, then Istanbul. In fact, the mission shouldered by Istanbul in the name of the inheritance of apostleship of Islam, was extensive and deep enough to leave behind any previous centers of civilization. However, even when Istanbul was a representation of apostleship, Makkah and Madinah have always continued as the highest of heavenly holy places.

**(KT 7 / Ölümsüzlük İksiri -­‐ Sahabe Mesleği ve Şekerlemeler)**

**Match the following words to the definitions:**

Sacred To be an inheritor of knowledge and gnosis

Kaaba Blessed, holy, and clean

Inheritance The alter where the hearts of believers beat together

# Fill in the Blank exercise:

Muhammad (saw) was born into the world in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ place which was also an important point in Abraham’s emigration. After a long journey Abraham arrived, made a decision there, and sat seeming to end this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ emigration there. The emigration found the seed of purpose which grew into a great sycamore tree that turned to infinity with two branches.

True regeneration, by protecting the pure root and seed through the way of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is the synthesis all of the values that have been passed down with the current thinking and knowledge to reach a clearer contemplation (tafakkur). Other vise, considering modernity and oldness based on wearing a coat style, and a frock coat, and a brilliantined hair style is a deceit and presenting in such manner is an illusion.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is the holiest place on Earth. Even though information is not certain, the Ravza-i Tahira may be fermented by the existence of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.