

Akhi, the beggar sage, sits at the city gates, instructing all in the dance of life.

Ask Akhi...



Dear Akhi,

I would offer you coins as usual today, but I have heard there are floods in the Southern Region and many are homeless. I am torn. Do you mind if I send a donation elsewhere?

A Regular

Dear Regular,

Praised be Allah! And how fortunate for you that you are "regular"! You expect Akhi maybe to say how fortunate for me? Let me explain.

I keep nothing of what you give me; it is all returned to the holy mountain. I toss the coins you give me into the air and I listen "as they dance down the mountain. It is Akhi's prayer; his weakness." So, neither of us uses the coins you give me. But both of us benefit from your kindness.

You are lighter as soon as you part with your coins. It enables you to dance. Allah is praised by your dance. And Akhi smiles too, not because I have coins to spend, but because I have coins to give. Yes. Akhi prefers to give as well.

Your kindness clearly demonstrates you see and hear the poor. If you hear their cry from the Southern region, Akhi is honored that you would turn to them instead. Akhi believes that his path was to keep your senses tuned to the poor wherever they may be. In America they call this the "pay off" I think. All my begging so far has been to prepare you for this moment.

So go South. Give to them, my "regular" friend. They will be fed, and you and I will dance.

I am content.
Akhi

Spotlight On:

Jeff Land
BS Board member



Involvement with Beacon Street: Joined the Beacon Street board in the spring and is active on the marketing committee.

Occupation: Licensed independent social worker, Director of Care Management for Health Hill Hospital for Children.

Birthday: Sept. 29

Home: Mentor, Ohio

Family: Wife, Pam; two sons Mike, 16, and Brian, 12.

Hobbies: Camping

Favorite author: Henri Nouwen

Favorite movie: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" "The only movie I have seen several times."

Best thing about working with Beacon Street: I really have come to appreciate the dedication of the staff and board. The staff and board are very open to new ideas and are a very warm and welcoming group.

Favorite Scripture: I have always found the Beatitudes to be meaningful. Every time I read or hear them, I gain a new insight.

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