

Spiritual **DEVELOPMENT** **PROGRAM**



TRANSFORMATIONAL BUSINESS LEARNING
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Is Your World For Sale?

When you are in a transformational business, you are trying to make visible the beliefs and values that ordain a beneficial, holistic world. I call this “presencing your world.”

Your business is your world. You are the sovereign ruler. You have been given a position of authority to order the domain your business encompasses.

The question you are probably asking: Who are you to rule this world?

REMEMBER:

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Stewardship

During the reign of monarchies in Europe, there was a position known as a steward. The steward was a high position, usually granted to someone close to or within a royal family.

The steward would act in the monarch's stead, knowing all along that he (it was invariably a "he" during that historical period in Europe) was not truly the monarch. Decisions he made, and how he acted would ultimately be answerable to the true ruler.

REMEMBER:

*You serve your clients,
but you are not in
servitude to them.*

Think of it this way: if you worked in a hotel, your job would be to serve the guests of that hotel. But the guests (or your customers) aren't the boss. Your boss is the person running the hotel.

You are serving your clients and customers, but you are not "in servitude" to them.



Khalifa

The Sufi term for this “stewardship” role is “Khalifa” meaning “vice regent.”

Standing in your sovereignty, accepting the mantle of vice-regency over your domain is critical. Without taking that role, your business becomes floppy, and your beliefs and values reduced to mere slogans. Instead, presencing sovereignty means that the clients who come to you are safe within your borders, and that you are caring for them.

REMEMBER:

To be a vice-regent is a very humble position.

**Transforming the world requires
claiming the authority you’ve been given.**

At the same time it’s a relief to only be a vice-regent, to know that you, too, are within the larger domain of Source Who is caring for and guiding you. It’s okay to make mistakes, it’s okay to be imperfect, because there is larger picture.

Humility in Authority

To be a vice-regent is ultimately a very humble position. Although you wield power, it’s temporary. And because you are responsible both to the people you are serving, and to the larger Source which is supporting you, it can protect you from the corrupting influence of power. It can help you remember that you are in service.

Because sometimes being in service is not about asking people what they want. Sometimes serving is to be bold, to be clear, and to direct how things will go. There is a time for partnership and collaboration, and there is a time to take a stand and be strong.

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BOOK OF SUFI QUALITIES BY ONE OF
MY SUFI TEACHERS.



Al Malik

The Sovereign, the Ruler

The Sovereign is the king who rules over all creatures. This Divine Name expresses the link between human beings and the Divine. Allah is the Master of all creatures, their true, eternal Ruler. Allah rules not only over their bodies but over their souls and hearts.

When you repeat this Name, you invoke the Divine's infinite generosity and kindness.

**Repeating this Name 100 times
induces a quality of respect towards oneself
as well as respect from others to oneself.**

REMEMBER:

*Everything that is
meant for you
will come to you
without fail.*

Al Malik grants patience and gratefulness to the heart of those who invoke the Divine. Through Al Malik they become satisfied with everything that comes from the Divine. Do your best and have trust! Turn away from the “world of your little ego” and turn trustingly towards the whole, towards unity.

Do your best and have trust! Do not hurry, stay centered, stay in your inner being, connected to your heart. Everything that is meant for you will come to you without fail, even if it has to go around the world in order to do so. This Divine Name helps us understand that we are free of all possession, that nothing belongs to us. And knowing that nothing belongs to us leads us to enjoy everything that we have.

When we fear someone, that person's presence often reduces us to silence. Repeating this Divine Name gradually unties the tongue and lets the words flow while the breast becomes filled with warm light. Repeat this Name especially at night, silently. It will bring you patience and contentment, and a feeling of gratefulness will grow in you.

Exercise: Sovereignty

1. After chanting al Malik and resting into the Divine quality of Sovereignty, stand up and feel the domain of your business. It's your business, it's been given to you to rule. Bow your head in humility and service to the Divine, and say "Yes" to standing in the strength of your appointment as Khalifa. How does it feel?

2. Opening to the support that's coming to you from Source for your vice-regency, imagine the people who need your help in front of you. Ask to be shown, willing to be surprised: what is your mission as vice-regent over the domain of your business?

3. From this place of sovereignty, let yourself imagine all the people who need the kind of help you give. What changes in how you are with them, and what you offer?

4. Prepping for working with your partner: Be curious about what gets in the way of your sovereignty. Asking your heart and your mind to show you, what are the top 3-5 situations, people or issues that throw you out of your sovereignty?

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Partnering: Sovereignty

Start with Remembrance together. Silently, within, use the chant Al Malik, or a similar name/quality if you have one from your own tradition. Let your heart fill with it.

1. Connect to the mission you've been given.
2. Choose one of the areas where you abandon your sovereignty. Your partner might be able to help you pick the one that is, at this moment, most blocking your forward momentum and development. Face that situation notice how it feels. How do you lose your authority in the face of this situation?
3. Turn to the Divine and, using Remembrance with al Malik, receive the authority to rule in this situation.
4. Face that person or situation again and notice the difference. What changes? What are you going to do differently?
5. If necessary repeat steps 2-4 to help clear any reactions you are having.