

## **Murshid on His Way of Living**

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As you really desire to hear a few words on the subject, I will tell you how, under certain circumstances, I at least try to act. In all things I see from the point of view of another, as well as from my own. I therefore give freedom of thought to everybody, since I take it myself. I appreciate what is good in another, and overlook what I consider is bad. If any one behaves selfishly to me, I take it naturally, as it is human nature to be selfish, and I am not disappointed by it. But when I appear myself to be selfish, I take myself to task and try to improve. There is not anything that I am not ready to tolerate, and there is nobody whom I would not forgive. Those whom I trust I never doubt; whom I love, I never hate; whom I once raise in my estimation, I never cast down. I wish to make friends with everybody I meet; if I find them difficult, I make an effort to gain their friendship. If I cannot succeed in my effort, then I become indifferent to them. When once I make a friend, I never wish to break the friendship. If anybody causes me harm in anyway, I think that is probably because I deserve it, or that the one who harms me knows no better. I have no enemies, but every soul that raises his head in life gets much opposition from the world ... I consider no one is either higher or lower than I am. I see in all sources that suffice my need of life one source, God, the only Source, and in admiring, and in bowing before, and in loving anyone, I consider I am doing it to God. In sorrow I look to God, and in joy I thank Him. I do not bemoan the past, and I do not worry about the future, but try to make the best of today. I know not failure; even in fall I see a stepping stone to rise, and yet to me rise and fall in life matters little. I do not repent for what I have done, and I think, say, and do what I mean. If I wish to accomplish anything in life, I do not fear consequences; I simply go and do it and hold what will be, will be.

Take from these ideas what seem to you best, and forget the rest.