

*LETTER SIXTEEN*  
**CONCERNING LOANED GOODS**

With His Glorious Name ﷻ  
Allah, Allah, Allah

Dear Muhammad ‘Aslam:

*As-salāmu ‘alaykum wa rahmatullāhi wa barakātuhu.*

This *faqīr* is well and hopes the same for you.

Our lives, our wealth, and our belongings have been loaned to us for a short while. If someone becomes obsessed with loaned goods he will be considered a fool. If the eye could truly see, it would notice the greatness and awe of Allah ﷻ in everything. Every little piece of creation bears witness to the greatness of the Creator who makes vegetation grow in barren land and who brings life from death.

Just like blindness robs a person of physical sight and makes him hopeless of sight in the future, all hope of spiritual insight is lost if a veil descends on the heart. Those who discovered electricity have brightened the whole world, but glance into their hearts and one sees only darkness.

Value your time and brighten it with remembrance [*dhikr*] and reflection [*murāqabah*]. Greetings of peace and best regards to the

community [*jamā'ah*] and your household. Convey my special greetings to the college principal and the other faculty.

*Was-salām ma' al-ikrām,*

*Faqīr Zulfiqar Ahmad Naqshbandī Mujaddidī*