

Another of the invocations of the order is *Hizb al-Bahr* [The Litany of the Sea], by the perfected Pole, Sheikh Abul Hasan al-Shadhili (Allah sanctify his inmost soul), which is:

Hizb al-Bahr

In the name of Allah Most Merciful and Compassionate: O Allah, O High, O Great, O Clement, O All-knowing; You are my Lord and Your knowledge is my sufficiency; So how perfect is my Lord and how perfect my sufficiency: You give victory to whomever You will, and

You are the All-powerful, the All-compassionate. We ask Your protection, in movements and rests, in words and desires and thoughts; from doubts and imaginings, and the illusions that veil hearts, from beholding things unseen. The believers have been tried, and mightily shaken, and lo, "the hypocrites and those with sickness in their hearts say: Allah and His messenger have promised us nothing

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وَمِنْ أَوْرَادِ الطَّرِيقَةِ أَنْصَابُ حَرْبِ الْبَحْرِ لِلْقُطْبِ الْكَامِلِ
السَّيِّحِ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ الشَّاذِلِيِّ قَدَسَ اللَّهُ سِرَّهُ وَهُوَ:

حَرْبُ الْبَحْرِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا اللَّهُ يَا عَالِيَّ يَا عَظِيمَ يَا حَلِيمَ يَا عَلِيمَ أَنْتَ رَبِّي وَعَمَّاكَ حَسْبِي
فِيَعِدَ الرَّبُّ رَبِّي وَيَعْمُ الْحِسْبُ حَسْبِي تَضَرَّ مِنْ تَشَاءُ وَأَنْتَ
الْغَرِيبُ الرَّحِيمُ نَسَأَلُكَ الْعِصْمَةَ فِي الْحَرَكَاتِ وَالسَّكَّاتِ
وَالْكَلِمَاتِ وَالْإِرَادَاتِ وَالْحَطَرَاتِ مِنَ الشُّكُوكِ
وَالظُّنُونِ وَالْأَوْهَامِ السَّائِرَةِ الْقَلُوبِ عَنْ مَطَالَعَةِ الْغُيُوبِ
فَقَدْ آتَيْنَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ زَلْزَلًا لَأَشَدِّدًا وَإِذْ يَقُولُ
الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمْ مَرَضٌ مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

but delusion": So make us steadfast, give us the victory, and subject to us this sea, as You subjected the sea to Moses, the fire

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إِلَآءُ رُودًا فَشَبْنَا وَأَنْصَرْنَا وَسَخَّرْنَا هَذَا الْبَحْرَ كَمَا
سَخَّرْتَ الْبَحْرَ لِمُوسَى وَسَخَّرْتَ النَّارَ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَسَخَّرْتَ
الْجِبَالَ وَالْحَدِيدَ لِدَاوُدَ وَسَخَّرْتَ الرِّيحَ وَالشَّيَاطِينَ وَالْهَيْمَانَ
لِسُلَيْمَانَ وَسَخَّرْنَا كُلَّ بَحْرٍ هُوَ لَكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَاءِ وَالْمَلَكُوتِ
وَالْمَلَكُوتِ وَسَخَّرْنَا الدُّنْيَا وَمَحَرَّ الْأَخْرَجَ وَسَخَّرْنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ
بِأَمْرِ يَدِيهِ مَلَكُوتِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ كَهَيْئَةِ (٣) أَنْصَرْنَا
فَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ النَّاصِرِينَ وَأَفْخِ لَنَا فَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَافِخِينَ
وَأَغْفِرْ لَنَا فَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ وَأَرْحَمْنَا فَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ
الرَّاحِمِينَ وَأَرْزُقْنَا فَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ وَأَهْدِنَا وَجْهًا
مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ وَهَبْ لَنَا رِجَالًا طَيِّبَةً كَمَا هِيَ فِي
عَمَلِكَ وَأَنْشُرْهَا عَلَيْنَا مِنْ خَزَائِنِ رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَجْمَلْنَا بِهَا
حَمْلَ الْكِرَامَةِ مَعَ السَّلَامَةِ وَالْعَافِيَةِ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ
وَالْآخِرَةِ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ اللَّهُمَّ تَسِّرْ لَنَا أُمُورَنَا

You are the best who give victory; Show us fortune, for You are the best who make fortunate; Forgive us, for You are the best of forgivers; Have mercy on us, for You are the best of the merciful; Give us sustenance, for You are the best of providers; And guide us, and save us from the wrongdoing folk. And give us a goodly wind, as may be in Your knowledge, and release it upon us from the storehouses of Your mercy; And carry us upon it a carrying of honor, with safety and well-being in the religion, in this world, and the world to come: Truly, You have power over all things. O Allah, facilitate our affairs for us,

with ease for our hearts and bodies, and security and well-being in our worldly life and religion. And be our companion in our travels, while keeping watch behind in our families; And blind the faces of our enemies, and change them where they stand, so they can neither move nor reach us. "Had We willed, We would have obliterated their eyes, and they would race to the path, but how should they see? Or had We willed, We would have transformed them upon their place, so they could go neither forward nor return." "Ya Sin. By the

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مَعَ الرَّاحَةِ لِقُلُوبِنَا وَأَبْدَانِنَا وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْعَاقِبَةِ فِي دُنْيَانَا
 وَدِينِنَا وَكُنْ لَنَا صَاحِبًا فِي سَفَرِنَا وَخَلِيفَةً فِي أَهْلِنَا
 وَأَطِيسْ عَلَيَّ وَجُوهَ أَعْدَائِنَا وَامسَحْهُمْ عَلَى مَكَانِهِمْ فَلَا
 يَسْتَطِيعُونَ الْمَضِيَّ وَلَا الْجَيَّءَ إِلَيْنَا وَلَوْ نَشَاءُ لَطَمَسْنَا
 عَلَى أَعْيُنِهِمْ فَاسْتَبَقُوا الصِّرَاطَ فَأَنَّى يُبْصِرُونَ وَلَوْ
 نَشَاءُ لَمَسَخْنَاهُمْ عَلَى مَكَانَتِهِمْ فَمَا اسْتَطَاعُوا مُضِيًّا وَلَا
 يَرْجِعُونَ لَيْسَ وَالْقُرْآنَ الْحَكِيمِ إِنَّكَ لَمِنَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
 عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ نَزِيلَ الْعَزِيزِ الرَّحِيمِ لِتُنذِرَ
 قَوْمًا مَّا أَنْذَرْنَا بَأْوَئِهِمْ فَهُمْ غَافِلُونَ لَقَدْ حَقَّ الْقَوْلُ عَلَى
 أَكْثَرِهِمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا فِي أَعْنَاقِهِمْ أَغْلَالًا
 فَهُمْ إِلَى الْآذْقَانِ فَهُمْ مُقْمَحُونَ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْ بَيْنِ
 أَيْدِيهِمْ سَدًّا وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِمْ سَدًّا فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا
 يُبْصِرُونَ سَاهَتْ الْوُجُوهُ (٣) وَعَنْتَ الْوُجُوهُ

Wise Koran, Truly you are of the messengers, upon a straight path; The sending down of the All-powerful, the All-compassionate; To warn a people whose forefathers were unwarned, so they heed not. The word has truly been realized against most of them, so they believe not. Verily, We have placed fetters on their necks, even up to the chins, so they bend not. And We have placed a barrier behind them, and a barrier behind them, and covered them over, so they see not." May the faces be disfigured (3). "And faces shall be humbled

to the Living, Through Whom All Exists, while whoever bears wrongdoing shall have failed." *Ta Sin. Ha Mim, 'Ayn Sin Qaf.* "He

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اللَّحْيَ الْقَيُّومَ وَقَدْحَابَ مَنْ حَمَلَ ظُلْمًا طَسَّ حَمَّ عَسَقَ
 مَرَجَ الْحَرْنَ يَلْتَقِيَانِ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْخٌ لَا يَبْعِيَانِ حَمَّ حَمَّ
 حَمَّ حَمَّ حَمَّ حَمَّ حَمَّ الْأَمْرُ وَجَاءَ النَّصْرُ فَعَلَيْنَا لَا يَبْصُرُونَ
 حَمَّ نَزِيلِ الْكِتَابِ مِنْ اللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلِيمِ غَافِرِ
 الذَّنْبِ وَقَابِلِ التَّوْبِ شَدِيدِ الْعِقَابِ ذِي الطُّلُوعِ لَا
 إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ إِلَيْهِ الْمَصِيرُ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ بَابِنَا تَبَارَكَ جِطَانُنَا
 نَيْسَ سَقَمْنَا كَهَيْعِصَ كَهَاتِنَا حَمَّ عَسَقَ حَمَّ حَمَّ
 فَسَيَكْفِيكَهُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ (٣) سِتْرَ الْعَرْشِ
 مَسْبُورٍ عَلَيْنَا وَعَيْنُ اللَّهِ نَاطِقَةٌ أَلَيْسَ بِحَوْلِ اللَّهِ لَا يَفْتَدُ
 عَلَيْنَا وَاللَّهُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِمْ مُحِيطٌ بَلْ هُوَ قُرْآنٌ مَجِيدٌ فِي لَوْحٍ
 مُحْفُوظٍ فَاللَّهُ حَيْرٌ حَافِظًا وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ (٣)
 إِنَّ وِجْيَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي نَزَلَ الْكِتَابَ وَهُوَ يَتَوَلَّى الصَّالِحِينَ (٣)
 حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ

has loosed the two seas that meet, between them is a barrier they do not cross." *Ha Mim, Ha Mim, Ha Mim, Ha Mim, Ha Mim, Ha Mim.* The matter be done, the victory come, Against us they shall not be helped. "*Ha Mim.* The sending down of the Book from Allah, the All-powerful, the All-knowing: Forgiver of Sins, Acceptor of Repentance, Terrible in Punishment, Infinite of Bounty: There is no god but He, unto Him is the final becoming." Bismillah is our door, Tabaraka our walls, *Ya Sin* our roof, *Kaf Ha Ya 'Ayn Sad* our sufficiency, *Ha Mim 'Ayn Sin Qaf* our protection. "And Allah will suffice you against them, and He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing" (3). The veil of the Throne is lowered upon us, the eye of Allah is looking at us; By the power of Allah we shall not be overcome, and Allah encompasses them from behind: "Nay, it is a noble recitation, In a guarded tablet." "For Allah is best as protector, and He is most merciful of the merciful" (3). "Verily, Allah is my protector, who sent down the Book, and He looks after the righteous" (3). "Allah is my sufficiency, there is no god but He, on Him I rely, and He is Lord of the Mighty Throne" (3).

In the name of Allah with whose name nothing can cause harm in the earth or sky, and He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing (3). I take refuge in the consummate words of Allah from the evil of what He has created (3). And there is no power or strength except by Allah, the High, the Most Great (3). And Allah bless our liege-lord Muhammad, and his folk and Companions and give them peace.

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الْعَظِيمِ (٣) بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّهُ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي
الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ (٣) أَعُوذُ
بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ (٣) وَلَا حَوْلَ
وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ (٣) وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى
سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

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رَوَى عَنِ الشَّيْخِ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ الشَّاذِلِيِّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّ
فِي حَزْبِ الْبَحْرِ اسْمَ اللَّهِ الْأَعْظَمَ وَأَنَّهُ مَا قُرِيَ فِي مَكَانٍ
إِلَّا وَكَانَ فِيهِ أَمْنٌ. وَعَنْ أَبِي عَيْشَةَ إِذْ كَانَ مِنْ ذِكْرِهِ كُلِّ يَوْمٍ
عِنْدَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ أَجَابَ اللَّهُ دَعْوَتَهُ وَفَرَّجَ كَرْبَهُ وَرَفَعَ بَيْنَ
النَّاسِ قَدْرَهُ وَشَرَحَ بِالتَّوْحِيدِ صَدْرَهُ وَسَهَّلَ أَمْرَهُ وَوَسَّطَ
عُسْرَهُ وَكَفَّاهُ شَرَّ الْإِنْسِ وَالْجِنِّ وَأَمَّنَهُ مِنْ شَرِّ طَوَارِقِ
اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ قَالَ: وَمَنْ قَرَأَهُ دُبُرَ كُلِّ صَلَاةٍ أَنْغَمَهُ اللَّهُ

It is related from Sheikh Abul Hasan al-Shadhili (Allah be well pleased with him) that *Hizb al-Bahr* contains the Greatest Name of Allah, and that it was never recited in any place except that there was security there. It is related from Ibn 'Ayyad that "whoever recites it every day at sunrise, Allah hears his prayer, relieves his distress, raises his standing among people, expands his breast with knowledge of the divine oneness, facilitates his concerns, lifts his hardship, keeps from him the evil of man and jinn, and protects him from the harm of mishaps of the night and day." He also said, "Whoever recites it after every prayer, Allah

Mighty and Majestic enriches him from needing any of His creatures, protects him from the events of his time, and facili-

tates for him the means of eternal happiness in his every movement and rest." Sheikh Zarruq says, "As for bringing about effects with this invocation, it is commensurate with one's aim and aspiration that one has command of it to draw or repel, intending what is desired when one says, 'And subject to us this sea.'"

My master Ibn 'Ata' Illah says, "It is a daily litany after the mid-afternoon prayer ('asr);

thus did Sheikh Abul 'Abbas al-Mursi (Allah be well pleased with him) arrange it.

Another of the litanies is *al-Hizb al-Kabir* [The Grand Invocation], by Sheikh Abul Hasan al-Shadhili (Allah be well pleased with him), also known as *Hizb al-Barr* [The Litany of the Land]. The sheikh (Allah be well pleased with him) said of it, "Whoever recites our invocation shall have what we do, and bear what we bear." He also said (Allah be well pleased with him), "Whoever learns it by heart is one of my companions." And it is this:

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عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَنْ خَلْقِهِ وَأَمَّنَهُ مِنْ حَوَادِثِ دَهْرِهِ وَيَسِّرْ عَلَيَّ
أَسْبَابَ السَّعَادَةِ فِي جَمِيعِ حَرَكَاتِهِ وَسَكَاتِهِ. قَالَ الشَّيْخُ
زُرُّوقُ: وَأَمَّا النَّصْرُفُ بِهَذَا الْحَزْبِ فَهُوَ بِجَسَبِ الْبَيْتَةِ
وَالْهِمَّةِ يَنْصَرَفُ بِهِ فِي الْجَلْبِ وَالذَّفْعِ وَيَنْوِي الْمُرَادَ
عِنْدَ قَوْلِهِ: وَسَمَّحْنَا هَذَا الْبَحْرَ. قَالَ سَيِّدِي
أَبْنُ عَطَاءِ اللَّهِ: هُوَ وَرَدٌ بَعْدَ صَلَاةِ الْعَصْرِ هَكَذَا
رَتَبَهُ الشَّيْخُ أَبُو الْعَبَّاسِ الْمُرْسِيُّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ.

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وَمِنْهَا الْحَزْبُ الْكَبِيرُ لِلشَّيْخِ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ الشَّاذِلِيِّ رَضِيَ
اللَّهُ عَنْهُ وَيُقَالُ لَهُ حَزْبُ الْبَرِّ قَالَ فِي حَقِّهِ الشَّيْخُ
رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ: مَنْ قَرَأَ حَزْبَنَا فَلَهُ مَا لَنَا وَعَلَيْهِ مَا
عَلَيْنَا وَقَالَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ مَنْ حَفِظَهُ فَهُوَ مِنْ أَصْحَابِي
وَهُوَ هَذَا: