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It is good that there is life inside, otherwise, perhaps many of us would be sitting like statues whose two legs serve no purpose other than crossing one leg over the other. And today, if he were just an ordinary-grade banker or a store manager, "his" story would not be found in these epics. In a highly pleasant mood, he asked me to write something for him, saying, "I am writing a book, so write a few words for it... and my answer is 'Why not?' Refusal is something I have never learned." I am a flight attendant, a host of the skies. Our society still does not possess the capacity to tolerate a refusal from us, and then a refusal from a flight steward? Good heavens! Amjad sahib was a passenger, but who knew then that we would step out onto this very "Journey of Pain" together. A journey always helps separate the true from the false, the genuine from the fake. The Master of both Worlds (Prophet Muhammad, PBUH) bestowed the title of Siddiq (the Truthful) upon a true companion through a journey. And today, he is telling me, "Hold my finger and step out onto the journey of pain... you will realize how many people are genuine."...has made his capabilities limitless. (constrain) I only know that the limitation of this wheelchair has taken his light to those corners where darkness previously prevailed. He held hands and taught many people how to look at the sky instead of drowning in their own tears. Otherwise, they would have been lost in the deep abysses of despair. The hardships of life gave him the courage to fight back. He did not just fight successfully, but even today, when anyone analyzes his successes, it completely boggles the human mind. Despite having everything, including me, many people still keep waiting for "Moula Mera Dil Badal De" (My Lord, change my heart). But that is not going to happen until I want to change myself. So arise, step out onto the "Journey of Pain", for pain is the very beginning of life. If you do not believe it, read the book and see for yourself.

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