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I do not remember when and where I had met Ghazi Sahib [Ghāzī Ṣāhib] (as Professor Dr Maḥmūd Aḥmad Ghāzī was known affectionately among friends) for the first time. But it seems I had known him for a long time. If my vague memory serves me right I had, in all probability, met him for the first time at the Islamic Research Institute, Islamabad in 1980 or 1981. I became attracted to him from the very first time I had met him. Soon my initial acquaintance of him changed progressively into deep respect, affection and love. My relationship with him grew to such an extent that we could share each other's concerns on many private and public issues of mutual concern and matters related to his

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