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Dear Dr Balke, dear Dr Vossoughi, dear members of MTO Shahmaghsoudi e. V.,

I would like to thank you for inviting me to celebrate Nowruz with you yesterday.

I really enjoyed meeting you. I thank you for your openness, your hospitality and also the spiritual suggestions you have given me. There are so many values I share with you. In my point of view, the focus is on convincing people that the one who wants to make the world a better place, should first of all start with himself. Instead of looking outside, people should look inside first. Everyone is faced with this task, regardless of his or her. I would like to thank you that you gave Ms. Riedel and me an insight in your work and how you open your heart for the love and thus for god. Your passion and dedication for this touched us.

It saddens me that we are living in times where you have to face resentments from some people. When you told me about this problem yesterday, I could feel that the happiness about spring retreated a bit into the background. Because, I had the impression that all participants of your celebration are much concerned about this development.

The Düsseldorf poet Heinrich Heine (1797 - 1856) who once fled from Germany to France where he found a new homeland, because of censorship, composed a poem for his "Buch der Lieder" (Book of songs) that has always encouraged me when too many clouds came out and darkened the sun. It would be wonderful if it may help you as well and give you hope.



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Heart, my heart, oh be not shaken!
Bravely bear thy fate.
Shall the coming Spring restore
What the Winter rude hath taken.

How abundant is thy measure!
Still, O world, how fair thou art!
And thou yet may'st love, my heart,
Everything that gives thee pleasure.

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I wish to repeat my thanks for welcoming me to your Islamic School of Sufism in the Harffstraße. I wish you health, luck and all the best. I would be very pleased if our paths cross again.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you need any help. I will be happy to support you.

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With kindest regards