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*Although Satan will try his best to prevent you from reading this discourse making you feel lazy, read it from beginning to end, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ you will feel a Madanī transformation in yourself.*

### Virtues of Durūd Sharīf

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, “Recitation of Durūd Sharīf upon me is *Noor* for you on the bridge of *Siraat*. The one who recites Durūd Sharīf eighty times on Friday, his eighty years’ sins will be forgiven.” (*Jami’-us-Sagheer, P320, Hadith 5191, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah*)

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Dream of a Slave-Girl

Once a slave-girl of Sayyidunā Umar bin Abdul-Aziz رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ came to him and said, “I had a dream that the Hellfire was blazed up and the bridge of *Siraat* was placed over it. The *Umayy* caliphs were brought. First, Abdul-Malik bin Marwan was ordered to cross the bridge of *Siraat*. He climbed onto the

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bridge but alas! He fell into the Hellfire, then his son Waleed bin Abdul-Malik was brought but he too fell into the Hellfire. Thirdly, Suleman bin Abdul-Malik was brought and like the previous caliphs, he also fell into the Hellfire. Finally, oh leader of the Muslims! You were brought” As soon as Sayyidunā Umar bin Abdul-Aziz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ heard this, he screamed fearfully and collapsed. The slave-girl went onto say, ‘Oh leader of the Muslims! Please, listen to me, ‘By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I saw that you successfully crossed the bridge of *Siraat*’ but, Sayyidunā Umar bin Abdul-Aziz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ had fallen unconscious due to the fears of the bridge of *Siraat* and was writhing around in panic. *(Mulakhkhasan Ihya-ul-Uloom, V4, P198, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah, Beirut)*

*May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ shower His mercy upon him and forgive us for their sake.*

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Our Negligence!**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Even though, by shariah, the dream of a non-Prophet is not a proof, but still Sayyidunā Umar bin Abdul-Aziz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ became unconscious as he was highly sensitive and fearful regarding the matter of crossing the bridge of *Siraat*. Indeed, the matter of the bridge of *Siraat* is very critical and severe. It is finer than even a strand of hair, sharper than even the edge of a sword and is placed above the Hellfire. By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Crossing bridge of *Siraat* will be very

crucial and alarming matter which everyone will have to confront.

## **Why this Laughter?**

Sayyidunā Hassan Basri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ saw a person laughing, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ asked, “Oh young man! Have you crossed the bridge of *Siraat*?” He replied in the negative. He was then asked, “Do you know whether you will go to Heaven or Hell?” He replied ‘No’. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said, “Then why are you laughing? In other words, you are laughing despite the fact that you have to confront extreme difficulties and you are unaware of your final destination either.” From that time on, the young man became serious and was never seen laughing again. *(Akhlaq-us-Saliheen, P44, Maktaba-tul-Madina, Baab-ul-Madina, Karachi)*

*May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have his mercy upon them and forgive us for their sake.*

## **Astonishment at Laughter**

Sayyidunā Abdullah bin Mas’ood رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ says, “It’s astonishing as to why a person laughs whereas the Hellfire is behind him and it’s also strange as to why a person gets happy whereas death is behind him.” *(Tambih-ul-Mughtareen, P46, Maktaba-tul-Ilm, Damascus)*

## **Everyone will Pass the Bridge of Siraat**

It is narrated by Sayyidatuna Hafsa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “I hope those who were present

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in the battles of Badr and Hudaibiyah will not enter the fire.” She asked humbly “Ya Rasūl-Allah ﷺ, has Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ not mentioned in the Holy Qur’an:

وَإِنْ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا وَارِدُهَا كَانَ عَلَى رَبِّكَ حَتْمًا مَقْضِيًّا ۝

TRANSLATION KANZ-UL-IMAAN

**There is not one of you who may not pass over Hell. This is necessarily a decided thing for your Lord.”**

*(Surah Maryam, Verse 71)*

He ﷺ replied, “Have you not heard that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said,

ثُمَّ نُنَجِّي الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَنَذَرُ الظَّالِمِينَ فِيهَا جِثِيًّا ۝

TRANSLATION KANZ-UL-IMAAN

**Then We shall save the God fearing; and will leave the unjust in it falling on their knees.”**

*(Surah Maryum, Verse 72)*

*(Sunan Ibn-e-Maja, Hadith No. 4281, V4, P508, Dar-ul Ma'rifa Beirut)*

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **The Evildoers will fall into the Hellfire**

Dear Islamic Brothers! The foregoing narration clearly states that everyone will have to pass over the Hellfire. The believers, who possess the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, will be saved and protected

whereas the culprits and unrighteous people will fall into Hell! It will be a very difficult situation but still we do not wake from the sleep of negligence and heedlessness.

## **Crying of a Blessed Companion**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Crossing the bridge of *Siraat* is not easy at all. Our pious saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى were always afraid of crossing the bridge of *Siraat*. Sayyidunā Jalaal-ud-Deen Suyuti ash'Shafiee رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ says once Sayyidunā Abdullah bin Rawaha رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ began to weep in his home. His wife became worried and asked, "What has brought tears to your eyes?" He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ replied, "I recalled the divine words of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ **وَإِنْ مِنْكُمْ إِلَّا وَارِدُهَا** (Translation Kanz-ul-Imaan: **There is not one of you who may not pass over Hell**) and I am not aware whether I will be saved or not." (*Almustadurak lilhakim, Hadith 8748, V4, P631, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **Would that my Mother had not given birth to me!**

Once, Sayyidunā Abu Maysara Amr' bin Shurahbeel رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, went to a room to take some rest, but suddenly he became anxious and said, "Would that my mother had not given birth to me." His honourable wife رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا asked, "Why are you saying this?" He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ replied, "Indeed, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has informed us about passing the Hellfire, but we do not know whether or not we will be saved from it." (*Al budurus saafira, P352, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **It takes 15,000 Years to Cross the Bridge of Siraat**

Dear Islamic Brothers! May Allah ﷻ have His mercy upon us. The journey of the bridge of *Siraat* is extremely long. Sayyidunā Fuzail bin Iyaad رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ narrates that the journey of the bridge of *Siraat* is 15,000 years long (*meaning the distance a fast horse covers in 15,000 years*). 5,000 years will be of going up, 5,000 years of going down and 5,000 years of going straight. The bridge of *Siraat* is thinner than a strand of hair, sharper than the edge of the sword and has been placed upon the back of Hell. The person who is weak and anxious due to the fear of Allah ﷻ will succeed in crossing the bridge of *Siraat*. (*Al budurus saafira, P344, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **The Horrific Situation at the Time of Crossing the Bridge of Siraat**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Just imagine! What will be our condition when the sun, just one and a quarter mile away from the ground, will be showering fire (*fierce heat*) on the day of Judgement? People will be naked and barefooted upon the intensely hot ground of copper. Just imagine; when the brains of people will be boiling in extreme heat. Internal organs such as the liver will have burst, the hearts of people will have come to the throat from chest due to immense grief, terror and panic and everyone will have to pass the bridge of *Siraat* in this state of unimaginable fear and trouble.



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In order to cross the bridge of *Siraat*, one does not need expertise in different sports and arts such as boxing, wrestling, running, gliding and space-travelling as these things will not benefit any one on the bridge of *Siraat*; instead, the fear of Allah will benefit people as Sayyidunā Fuzail bin Iyaad رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, “The people who are weak and anxious due to the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will easily cross the bridge of *Siraat*.”

## **Various Ways of Crossing the Bridge of Siraat**

Sayyidatuna Aisha Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا narrated “My beloved husband صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘There is a bridge over Hell which is finer than a strand of hair and sharper than the edge of a sword. Upon it, there are hooks and thorns made of iron which catch hold of those people whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wills. The people will cross the bridge of *Siraat* in different ways. Some will cross it (*very swiftly*) like the blink of an eye, some like lightening, some like the wind, some like fast horse and camel riders. The Angels will be reciting ‘رَبِّ سَلِّمْ ، رَبِّ سَلِّمْ’ (Oh my Rab, let him pass safely, Oh my Rab, let him pass safely). Some Muslims will be saved, some will be injured and some will fall into the fire of Hell on their faces’.” (*Musnad Imaam Ahmad, Hadith 24847, V9, P415, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

## **One Reason for Distress in the Hereafter**

Dear Islamic Brothers! The colour of Hellfire will be quite black and the bridge of *Siraat* will be in total darkness. Only the one to whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will show mercy will be successful, as it is

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narrated by Sayyidunā Sahl bin Abdullah Tustari رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ, “The one confronting deprivation and poverty in the world shall be at ease and peace in the hereafter and the one who is affluent and wealthy in the world shall face deprivation in the hereafter.” (*Hilya-tul-auliya, Hadith 14958, V10, P207, Dar--ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

Sayyidunā Sa’eed bin Abi Hilal رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, “I have heard that the bridge of *Siraat* will be like a strand of hair for some people on the Day of Judgement while it will be like home and wide valleys for some others.” (*Shu’ubul-Imaan, VI, P333, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **More Wealth, More Burden**

Dear Islamic Brothers! It’s the way of the world that the more wealth a person has, the more burden he will have. We can take the example of travelling; the passengers, who have the most belongings, face the most difficulties. Further, those who travel abroad may well be aware of the fact that the passengers who have luggage in large amount face a lot of trouble and difficulty at customs. Similarly, those people who possess the least amount of worldly wealth will be at peace and ease in the afterlife.

## **The Definition of a ‘Heavy Burden’**

Sayyidunā Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said that the beloved of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came holding the hand of Abu Zar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and asked, “Oh Abu Zar! Do you know we have a difficult valley ahead of

us? And only those having a light burden will successfully pass it” Another person asked “Ya Rasūl-Allah ﷺ! Am I from those who have heavy burden or from those who have light burden?” The Holy Prophet ﷺ asked, “Do you have sustenance for today?” He said 'Yes'. The Holy Prophet ﷺ then asked, “Do you have sustenance for tomorrow?” He again said yes. The Holy Prophet ﷺ then asked, “Do you have sustenance for the day after tomorrow?” He replied ‘No’. The beloved Rasūl of Allah ﷺ said **“If you had possessed sustenance for three days, you would have been amongst those (people) who have heavy burden.”** (*Mu'jamul Awsat Tabaraani, Hadith 4809, V3, P348, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

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## **Burden upon Burden**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Storing food for 3 days seems nothing for us. Our fridges and cupboards are full of different things just because of greed and crave. We store varieties of food even unnecessarily. What will happen to the greedy people like us? We have a heavy burden of wealth, greed to increase our wealth, the burden of numerous shops and businesses, the burden of the tax (*which was not fairly paid*) interest, loans, the burden of adulteration, deception & betrayal, and countless other burdens. We have a very heavy burden upon our shoulders, how will we cross the bridge of *Siraat*!

## **Fill in Your Madanī Ina'maat Card Regularly**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Feeling guilty, repent sincerely of your sins in the court of Allah ﷺ and travel regularly with the *Sunnah* inspiring Madanī Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami in the company of the lovers of the Noble Prophet. Fill in the card of *Madanī In'aamaat* as well doing *Fikr-e-Madina* on a daily basis. An effective way to get used to acting upon the *Madanī In'aamaat* is to read and fill in your *Madanī In'aamaat* card everyday. Those who are steadfast in the Madanī environment of Dawat-e-Islami fill in their *Madanī In'aamaat* cards regularly while those who don't do so commit an act of irresponsibility even if they apparently have a label of responsibility.

If you do not want to fill in the *Madanī In'aamaat* card for the time being, then at least read them for only 92 seconds. In this way, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, you will soon develop an enthusiasm and interest of regularly filling in the *Madanī In'aamaat* card. With its blessing, you will develop a passion to prepare yourself for the afterlife and you will desire to attain light for the grave, Day of Judgement and for the bridge of *Siraat*.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **The Muslims with Noor**

The Muslims to whom Allah ﷺ will show mercy will be given such *Noor* (light) whereby they will succeed on the day of judgement. Hence, Allah ﷺ says in His glorious Qur'an, Para 27, Surah Hadeed, verse 12:

يَوْمَ تَرَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَسْعَى نُورُهُمْ بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ

TRANSLATION KANZ-UL-IMAAN

**The day when you will see the believing men and believing women that their light runs before them and on their right.**

## **The Glory of the Light of Imaan**

The fortunate Muslims whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will show mercy will be crossing the bridge of *Siraat* joyfully swaying with their bright and sparkling faces due to the light of their faith. Therefore, the Merciful Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Hellfire will say to the Mo'min (*true believer*), ‘Oh Mo'min! Pass quickly, because your light has extinguished my fire.’”

*(Shu'ubul-Imaan, Hadith 375, P340, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

## **Five Noor-Providing Sayings of the Holy Prophet**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Read 5 blessed sayings of The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with regard to the virtuous deeds whereby a believer can get *Noor* on the Day of Judgement:

### **(1) Punishment for the One who misses his Fard Salah**

The Salah will be *Noor* (light), *Burhan* (proof) and salvation on the day of judgment for the one who protects it while there will neither be any *Noor* and *Burhan* nor any salvation for the one who does not protect salah, and such a person will be resurrected with Qaroon, Fir'oun, Hamaan, and Ubay bin Khalaf (the leader

of the hypocrites) on the Day of Judgement. (*Musnad Imaam Ahmad, Hadith 6587, VI, P574, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

## **(2) The Excellence of Going to the Masjid in Darkness**

Give the good news of *Noor-e-Taam* (complete *Noor*) on the Day of Judgement to those people who go to the Masjid in darkness. (*Sunan Abu Dawood Sharif, Hadith 571, VI, P222, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

## **(3) The Excellence of Removing Difficulty**

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make two types of *Noor* on the bridge of *Siraat* on the Day of Judgement for the one who removes a Muslim brother's difficulty. Their light will illuminate the universe and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ knows the exact number. (*Tabaraani fil-Awsat, Hadith 4504, V3, P254, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **(4) The Excellence of Kalima**

Whoever recites ‘لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ’ 100 times, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will resurrect him on the Day of Judgement in such a state that his face will be shining as the moon shines on the 14th night. (*Majma'uz Zawaa'id, Hadith 16830, V10 P96, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

## **(5) The Excellence of Zikr in the Market**

Whoever does the Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the market, he will be given *Noor* on the Day of Judgement for his every single hair. (*Shu'ubul-Imaan, Hadith 567, VI, P412, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## 10 Hundred Thousand Virtues

شُبِّخَنَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ Whenever you pass the market, where the environment is full of negligence, lower your gaze and begin doing Zikr and reciting Durūd and always remember to read the fourth Kalima.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ط لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ  
وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ ط وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ۝

إِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will receive the reward of 10 hundred thousand good deeds, your 10 hundred thousand sins will be pardoned and your rank will be increased 10 hundred thousand times. (*Jami' Tirmidhi Sharif, Hadith 3439, V5, P270, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

Dear Islamic Brothers! For the sake of the *Noor* of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, we will إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ receive *Noor* in the grave, on the day of Judgement and on the bridge of *Siraat* because the beloved and noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be concerned about his devout slaves and lovers, hence he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be constantly reciting ‘رَبِّ سَلِّمْ ، رَبِّ سَلِّمْ’ (Oh my Rab, let him pass safely, Oh my Rab, let him pass safely).

## People Deprived of Noor

The unfortunate people who do not offer Salah, shave their beard or keep it less than a fist-length, disobey and distress their parents, prevent their children from following Shariah so that

they become modern and trendy, do not prevent their wife and adult daughters from immodesty, do not refrain from films & dramas, songs & musical instruments, unlawful occupations, interest-based businesses, adulteration, deception & betrayal, dirty language, backbiting, tales-telling, fault-finding, immorality & misbehaviour, offending or harming Muslims without a lawful reason or do not refrain from the company of indecent & rude people who miss *Salah* and adopt fashion or the people who look at attractive young boys with lust. There is a matter of concern for all of such people. If Allah ﷻ and His beloved ﷺ become displeased, *Imaan* is ruined because of sins, surely they will have to face everlasting unbearable punishments and they will not get any *Noor* on the bridge of *Siraat*.

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صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **There is no Noor at all for you**

Sayyidunā Imam Jalaal-ud-Deen Suyuti ash-Shafi'ee رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes in his book 'Al-Budoorus-Safira', "Indeed, your names, private conversations, sittings and fellowships (i.e. *the people who you associate yourself with*) are all recorded by Allah ﷻ. On the Day of Judgement, it will be announced, 'Oh son of so and so, this is your *Noor* and oh the son of so and so, there is no *Noor* for you'." (*Al-Budoorus-Safira*, P335, *Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)



## **The Beggars Deprived of Noor**

On the Day of Judgement, the hypocrites will be coming in such a state that they will not possess the *Noor* of *Imaan*. The hypocrites will be extremely sorrowful and regret when they see the *Noor* of the fortunate believers and they will beg them for some *Noor* but will not be given any *Noor*, as: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in the Holy Qur'an, Para 27, Surah Hadeed, verse 13:

يَوْمَ يَقُولُ الْمُنْفِقُونَ وَالْمُنْفِقَتُ لِلَّذِينَ  
أَمْوَا انْظُرُونَا نَقْتَبِسْ مِنْ نُورِكُمْ ۚ

TRANSLATION KANZ-UL-IMAAAN

**The day when hypocrite men and hypocrite women will say to the Muslims, "Look mercifully towards us, so that we may gain some of your light!"**

## **No Body has the Guarantee of Imaan at the Time of Death**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Bear in mind, salvation & forgiveness is dependant upon death with *Imaan*. It is stated in a blessed Hadith, "إِنَّمَا الْأَعْمَالُ بِالنَّحْوَاتِيمِ"<sup>1</sup> [deeds are dependant upon end (death)]. Nobody has any guarantee that he will die with *Imaan*. We are unaware of what Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has planned for us and this is, in fact, a matter of great fear & concern. Even great

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<sup>1</sup> Kashful-Khifa, Hadith 428, V1, P156, Mu'situr-risala Beirut.

pious people رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى feared a bad death. To gain more information in this regard, please listen to the cassette-Bayan entitled ‘Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ ki Khufiya Tadbeer.’ اِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will get the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by listening to this Bayan.

Further, obtain a small Madanī booklet entitled ‘causes of bad end’. If you read this booklet attentively and seriously, you will cry for the protection of your *Imaan*. Nowadays, people blurt blasphemous words during everyday normal conversations. It is fard on every mature male & female to acquire the knowledge of blasphemous words. Obtain the book entitled ‘**Imaan ki Hifazat**’ which contains approximately 500 examples of blasphemous words. Also obtain a pocket-sized booklet entitled ‘28 Words of Profanity (*Kufr*)’.

This booklet contains examples of profane words that are usually spoken at home. My Madanī advice is that you buy these low-priced booklets in the quantity of 1200, or if you can’t buy 1200 then buy 112, or at least 12, and distribute them. If convenient, kindly persuade your local newsagents or any other newspaper agency and ask them to distribute these booklets while selling the newspapers. In this way, your given booklets will be delivered to other Muslims and you as well as the one delivering the booklet will be entitled to great reward. The *Sunnah* inspiring Bayan cassettes and the Madanī booklets can be purchased from Maktaba-tul-Madina.

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صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Talking during Azān**

It is stated in Bahar-e-Shariat (Part 3) with the reference of Fatawa-e-Razaviya, “Whoever remains occupied in conversations during Azān is in the danger of having bad death.” (*Bahar-e-Shariat, Part 3, P38, Madina-tul-Murshid Bareilly Sharīf*)

Therefore, we are supposed to stop our conversation and reply to the Azān whilst Azān is going on.

Unfortunately, these days, Muslims pay little attention towards this very important matter. Therefore, a card has been prepared about azan which can be obtained from Maktaba-tul-Madina. Distribute these cards in every Masjid and get it read out regularly between Durūd Sharīf and Azān taking the Masjid-committee into confidence. There shall be a notable Madanī change. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ*.

## **Mobile Phone Ring Tones**

Unfortunately, only a few people try to avoid sins such as listening to music these days. Some people forget to turn their mobile phones off and, resultantly, different types of melodious tones ring loudly in the Masjid during *Salah* (*Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ forbid*). Delete these damned melodious ring tones from your mobiles, repent and keep your mobile phone switched off in respect of the Masjid. In connection to this matter, obtain the card about the announcement of Azān and distribute as many cards as you can. Similarly, Maktaba-tul-Madina has issued another card regarding the sins committed during the sermon

of Jumu'ah *Salah*. I wish every Imaam makes a habit of reading out this card every Friday. This card can be obtained from the stalls of Maktaba-tul-Madina. Become active in distributing these cards in every Masjid and **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will receive mountains of reward. *(You can see the contents of the card at the end of this booklet)*

## **Release from Hell after One Thousand Years**

Sayyidunā Hasan Basri **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** says, “A person will be released from Hell after the period of one thousand years” *(he later says)*, “I wish I were that person.” Accounting for the foregoing saying of Hasan Basri **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ**, Hujja-tul-Islam Sayyidunā Imaam Muhammad Ghazali **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** says, “He said so because the person who will be released after one thousand years must have died with *Imaan (faith)*.” *(Ihya-ul-Uloom, V4, P198, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

## **Did not laugh for 40 Years**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Sayyidunā Hasan Basri **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ**, overtaken by fear, desired to be the person who will eventually be released from Hellfire after one thousand years. Alas! One thousand years is an extremely long period. By Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! It is impossible to bear the punishment of Hellfire even for a millionth of a second! Imagine! How fearful Sayyidunā Hasan Basri **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** was. It has been stated that he **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** did not laugh for 40 years. He **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** often seemed as frightened as the prisoner who has been sentenced to be executed in a short

while. Whenever he used to talk, it seemed as though he is describing the situation of the afterlife by watching with his own eyes. When he remained silent, it seemed as if fire was burning in his eyes. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ was asked, “Why do you remain so sorrowful and terror stricken?” He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ replied, “I fear that if Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ becomes displeased with me due to some of my misdeeds and says, go away, I will not forgive you, then what will happen to me! (Ihya-ul-Uloom, V4, P198, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

## **The One Who Crosses with Difficulty**

Sayyidunā Imaam Muhammad Ghazali رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ says, “On the Day of Judgement, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will gather all the people from the past and the present at a particular place. The Day of Judgement will last for 50,000 years, during that time, everyone will look towards the sky for 40 years. They will be waiting anxiously for the decision. Believers will be given *Noor* according to their deeds. The *Noor* of some believers will be equal to the size of a mountain and that of some others will be equal to the size of a date tree and some will receive even lesser *Noor*.

There will be a believer who will be given *Noor* equivalent to the size of a big toe, which will sometimes brighten and sometimes will diminish and fade away. When it diminishes, the believer will stand still because it will be too dark for him to continue walking and he will walk when it brightens. Everyone will be crossing the bridge of *Siraat* according to

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their *Noor*. Some will be crossing the bridge of *Siraat* like the blink of an eye, some will be crossing like lightening, some like the clouds, some like a shooting star, some like running horses and some like running men. The one who will be given *Noor* equivalent to the size of a big toe will be crossing the bridge on his hands, feet and face. When he will move one of his hands along, the other will be stuck behind and when he will struggle to move one foot, he will forcefully drag the other one along with him and the fire will reach his sides. This person will, however, manage to cross the bridge of *Siraat* successfully. After facing great difficulties & hardships, this believer will stand up and praise Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He will then be given ghushl besides a well near the door of the Heaven.” (*Mulakhkhasn Ihya-ul-Uloom, V4, P558, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

### **What will happen to me!**

Dear Islamic Brothers! The fortunate people who will die with *Imaan* will eventually get salvation but, those people who will lose their *Imaan* and die without repenting will have no way of salvation & forgiveness. Therefore, we should always be concerned about our *Imaan*. The bridge of *Siraat* is made above the fire of Hell and entrance to Heaven is not possible unless you cross this bridge.

### **A frightening vision of crossing the bridge of Siraat**

Hujja-tul-Islam Imaam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ says (*summarised*), whoever remained steadfast upon the straight

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path will easily get salvation on the Day of Judgement and whoever drifted away from the straight path in the world and took with him heavy burden of disobedience and sins, as soon as he places the first step on the bridge of *Siraat*, he will immediately slip and fall. Oh weak person! Just imagine and visualise the time when you will see the narrowness of the bridge of *Siraat*. You will be immensely terrified. You will see the horrifying darkness of the Hellfire beneath you, the fearsome sound of the Hellfire will be heard, and the awful sound of the rising flames of hellfire will reach your ears. Just imagine! At that time, you will tremble with fear and terror. Remember! You will have to cross the bridge of *Siraat* at any cost even if you are anxious, afraid, tired and have a heavy burden. Just imagine! You will be made to step on the bridge of *Siraat* unwillingly. This bridge of *Siraat* will be finer than a strand of hair and sharper than the edge of a sword. When taking the first step, you will feel its terrible sharpness, but still, you will have to take another step. You will see that the people will be slipping, tripping and falling straight into the fire of Hell. You will see angels pulling people into the fire of Hell with terrifying iron hooks and curved rods. You will see and hear people screaming and crying whilst falling into the fire of Hell on face. Think! What will be your condition in such a fearful situation!

### **Screams of those falling into Hell**

You will hear the screams of the people from the depths of Hell. Countless people will slip and fall into the Hellfire. Imagine!

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What will happen to you if your feet slip? At that time, your shame & regret will certainly not be beneficial to you. Your crying, screaming and howling will not save you from being destroyed & ruined forever. At that time, you will be saying, “I used to fear this day. I wish I had performed good deeds and acted upon the *Sunnah* for the preparation of the afterlife. I wish! I had obeyed the noble Prophet ﷺ and followed his way. I wish I had turned to dust, I wish I had lost my senses, I wish my mother had not given birth to me.”

*(Mulakhkhasan Ihya-ul-Uloom, V4, P557-558, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

### **Who will remain Safe from Fear?**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Hujja-tul-Islam Imaam Muhammad Ghazali رحمه الله عليه writes in *Ihya-ul-Uloom* (V4, summarised) 'One should remain very sad remembering the terror and extreme fear of the bridge of *Siraat* during the traumatising conditions of Judgement Day, only the people who may have remained concerned and afraid about these matters in the world will be saved. The reason is that Allah عزَّوَجَلَّ does not put two fears together in a person's heart; if a person fears the horrific conditions of Judgement Day in the world, he will not experience them in the hereafter.

### **Womanly Fear**

Fear does not imply the short-lived psychological fear of women. Neither does it mean to cry for a short while and then



forget what you heard and become engaged in having fun. Generally, man shrinks from the thing which he fears and tries to get the thing which he desires. Anyway, only the fear which persuades you to worship and obey Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and prevent you from sins and disobedience will lead you to salvation in the afterlife.

## **Fear of the Fool**

**Remember!** The fear the stupid people possess is worse even than the temporary fear of a sensitive woman because when these people listen to the horrifying and terrifying conditions of the Judgement Day, they insincerely start saying, “Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid. Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Save me. Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Bestow your mercy upon me. Oh Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Help me.”

These feelings and emotions are confined to only that particular moment and are not from the bottom of the heart. The reason why their emotions and fears are being called temporary is that although they express fear, they continue to commit sins instead of leaving them. (For example, the person who misses *Salah* continues to miss it, a beardless person does not grow beard; a liar does not stop lying, the person in the habit of taking and giving bribery, unlawful occupation, fraud & deception does not give up these evils, the person who looks at strange women and beardless boys with lust does not safeguard his eyes from looking at them, the person who watches film and enjoys listening to music does not develop a mindset to

refrain from sins, the people who wear un-Islamic dress, or oppress and cause grief to other people do not avoid these sins, adulterers, alcohol drinkers, disobedient to parents, the one who does not educate their children about the *Sunnah* and the one who enjoys the company of modern and corrupt friends and the people who miss their *Salah*, do not repent and do not give up the sins. Instead, all of them remain steadfast upon committing sins.)

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صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Who does Satan laugh at?**

Satan laughs at those people who cry and seek forgiveness just temporarily or because other people are also doing the same. He is like the person who is in a jungle and is sitting outside a strongly constructed and well protected house. Suddenly, he hears a lion roaring from a distance, the lion approaches to attack him. Instead of taking refuge in the house, he begins to weep and say, “I seek the protection of this house from the lion”. If this person keeps staying there and does not run into the house, do you think his pathetic cries will save him from the lion? Never. Unless he does not make an effort to move and take refuge of the house, he will not be safe from the lion. By keeping this example in mind, decide for yourself as to how temporary fear and emotion will benefit you. *(Mulakhkhasan Ihya-ul-Uloom, V4, P559, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

## **Give up Sins Immediately Instead of Slowly**

Dear Islamic Brothers! If you become emotional and start crying sincerely, even if it is just for a moment, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, you will gain benefit. It will **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** cause a positive change. Develop the mindset that 'I will try my best to improve myself'. Repent and cry with remorse remembering your sins. Make a firm intention that 'from now on' I will never commit any sin - **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. Beware! Satan will try his best to prevent you from your reformation by giving his satanic ideas such as, it's not good to make a quick and instant decision, you should rectify yourself gradually. Do not become a *Maulvi*. It is not appropriate to travel with the Madanī Qafila in the company of the Prophet's devotees, keep on trying slowly, your whole life is left, you are young, you are not yet even married, grow your beard after you get married, or grow beard when you go to perform Hajj and visit Madina-tul-Munawwara, wear the turban later on etc.”

Dear Islamic Brothers! By Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! This is a very dangerous attack of Satan. It is extremely dangerous to delay in repentance. Satan might whisper, “I am not preventing you from repenting, you can repent right now”.

## **Three Conditions of Repentance**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Repentance does not mean just uttering the word 'repentance' a couple of times. Please remember the following three conditions of repentance. If even one condition is not fulfilled, your repentance will not be accepted. The three

conditions are: (1) Confession of sin, (2) Feeling guilty, (3) Firm intention to give up the Sin.

## **When is the Repentance of the Person who Misses Salah accepted?**

If the sin can be compensated for, it is essential to compensate for it. For example, the repentance of a person who misses *Salah* will be considered valid and complete only when he performs *Qada* of the *Salah* he missed. If somebody's money or goods were robbed or stolen, repentance will be valid when the robbed or stolen money is returned or he gets it forgiven by the owner. It is insufficient just to go and apologise and say sorry formally without returning the money or goods. If the person has passed away, return the money to his inheritors. If you do not remember the people who you owe money to, donate that amount amongst the poor people. For detailed information regarding rulings of the rights of people, purchase the booklet entitled '**Zulm ka Anjaam**' from Maktaba-tul-Madina or listen to its audio-cassette Bayan.

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صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Self-Rectification should be done at Once Instead of Slowly**

Delay in repentance and reformation may prove to be dangerous as death captures not only the elderly or the cancer and heart

patients but many healthy youth also tragically leave this world due to accidents, riots, violence and bomb-blasts. Further, natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods also cause the death of innumerable people.

## **More than 220,000 People Dead**

We all remember the enormous tsunami which caused unimaginable destruction in South East Asia on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2004. It occurred quite suddenly; according to the report issued by Jang newspaper on 20.01.2005, 'more than 220,000 people died in the eleven affected countries. This disaster should serve as an eye-opener. This tsunami has in fact shaken the whole world, but sins have not decreased. As a warning, I present to you an article from the Jang newspaper of 20.01.2005.

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صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Destruction of a Tsunami**

One of the adversely-hit areas was Banda Aachay, the capital of the Indonesian Province of Aceh. Death toll of this area alone rose above the 100,000 figure. A journalist that was present in Banda Aachay reported that Banda Aachay was a beautiful and lush green city. No other city was as vibrant and colourful as this one. The tsunami occurred turning this bustling city into debris within a few minutes. The tsunami annihilated this place rendering thousands of families homeless. According to the

statistics of a non- governmental Indonesian organisation, 60% of the population of Banda Aachay has perished. Corpses are still scattered around everywhere and thousands of dead bodies are disposed in mass burial sites everyday. Those who survived the tsunami are in relief camps, crying and grieving for their loved ones. Among them are people who have lost their entire families. The sadness and grief in their eyes will perhaps never go away. They are those people who saw their loved ones helplessly dying in front of them. Their pain & sorrow can never be compensated. The tsunami has caused so much destruction and loss of life which this generation had never experienced before. It is said that if tsunami had occurred at night instead of day, the people that have managed to survive would have also been killed. The river flowing through the centre of Banda Aachay used to silently flow from the North to the South but now it flows in the opposite direction.

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صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **This Incident is certainly not new**

Dear Islamic Brothers! By Allah ﷺ! This incident serves as a warning and a lesson. Are we still not going to sincerely repent of our sins? This incident of mass destruction is certainly not new. These kinds of incidents also happened in the past as:

Allah ﷻ informs us in the Glorious Qur'an, Para 25, Surah Ad-Dukhaan, verse 25-29:

كَمْ تَرَكُوا مِنْ جَنَّاتٍ وَعُيُونٍ ۖ وَزُرُوعٍ وَمَقَامٍ كَرِيمٍ ۖ وَنَعْمَةٍ  
كَانُوا فِيهَا فَكِهِينَ ۖ كَذَلِكَ ۖ وَأَوْرَثْنَاهَا قَوْمًا آخَرِينَ ۖ فَمَا بَكَتْ  
عَلَيْهِمُ السَّمَاءُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَمَا كَانُوا مُنْظَرِينَ ۖ

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**How many gardens and water-springs they left behind! And fields and grand palaces! And favours amongst which they were rejoicing! That is what We did; and We made another nation their heirs. So the heavens and the earth did not weep for them, and they were not given respite.**

## **The world is not a place to be content with**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Have you not realised how those people who once constructed splendid houses, decorated pleasant gardens and possessed vibrant cornfields, suddenly departed from this world. Others inherited their properties and possessions. The Heavens and earth did not shed tears for them. They have been wiped off the face of the earth and have been forgotten. Now they have nothing but their deeds which they performed in the world.

## **Repent as the Mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is Immense**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Before the news of your death spreads and the Ghasaal is called to bathe and wrap your dead body in shroud and you are laid down into your dark grave, it is wise

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to repent immediately without delay because you still have the time and opportunity right now.

Dear Islamic Brothers! In order to make preparation for death, grave, resurrection and crossing the bridge of *Siraat* safely, make it a habit to travel regularly with the Madanī Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Sometimes, a sincere intention of travelling with a Madanī Qafila can bring about forgiveness as is evident from the following event.

### **Swing of a Heavenly Garden**

Impressed by the visit of the area for invitation to goodness, a modern youth belonging to Hyderabad (Baab-ul-Islam, Sindh), attended the Masjid and listened to the Bayan in which the participants were persuaded to travel with the Madanī Qafila. The young Islamic brother also expressed his intention to travel with the Madanī Qafila and got his name noted. Just a few days before the Madanī Qafila, he passed away. One of his family-members dreamt that the deceased was in a lush green garden and was joyfully swinging on a swing. The dreamer asked, “How did you come here?” He replied, “I have come here with the Madanī Qafila of Dawat-e-Islami. Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** treated me generously. Tell my mother not to cry for me because I am at peace.”

Dear Islamic Brothers! It all depends upon the will of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** that if He **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** wants, He can punish someone for one sin, and if He wants, He can favour someone due to a single virtue or He can forgive somebody without questioning him



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due to the intercession of his beloved Rasūl ﷺ or merely owing to His immense mercy. Hence, Allah عزوجل says in the glorious Qur'an, Para 24, Surah Zumur, verse 53,

قُلْ يٰعِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ ۚ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا ۚ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ ۝

TRANSLATION KANZ-UL-IMAAAN

Proclaim (Oh dear Prophet Muhammad ﷺ), “Oh my slaves, who have wronged themselves, do not lose hope in Allah’s عزوجل mercy; indeed Allah عزوجل forgives all sins; indeed He only is the Oft Forgiving, the Most Merciful.”

## Madanī Qafila looked after by Data Sahib رحمۃ اللہ علیہ

An Islamic brother narrates, “Our Madanī Qafila stayed in the Masjid adjacent to the shrine of **Data Sahib** رحمۃ اللہ علیہ in the city of Markaz-ul-Auliya Lahore for three days. According to the schedule, we were busy learning the *Sunnah* in a study circle when a person arrived and behaved with us in a very kind manner. The person then said, ‘الحمد لله عزوجل’! My fortune awoke last night. I had a dream in which I saw **Huzoor Data Ganj Bakhsh Ali Hajwari** رحمۃ اللہ علیہ who said to me, ‘A Madanī Qafila of Dawat-e-Islami is staying in my Masjid for three days, prepare food for them.’ Therefore, I have prepared food for the happiness of the participants of Madanī Qafila. Please accept it.’

