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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,

أنهم المنافقة الله عَدَّدَةُ عَالِمُهُ عَدَّدَةُ وَعَلَى you will feel a Madanī transformation in yourself.

Excellence of Durūd Sharīf

Ayyidunā Abul Qasim Qushairi منى الله عَنْهُ narrates that Allah عَلَيْهِ السَّلامَ sent a revelation to Sayyidunā Musa عَلَيْهِ saying, "I created 10,000 ears in you by which you heard my speech and 10,000 tongues by which you spoke to me. You will become beloved to me when you send Durūd upon Muhammad مَلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم (Ar risalat-ul-Qushairiyyah baabus samaa', P377, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

What was on the Four Donkeys?

It is said that Sayyidunā Isa عليو السّلام once saw Satan with four loaded donkeys. He عليو السّلام asked him what they were carrying. Satan replied, "They are carrying my merchandise, one of

them is carrying **cruelty**, another is carrying **dishonesty**, the third is carrying **treachery**, and the last one is carrying **jealousy**." He عليه asked, "Who will buy this merchandise?" Satan replied, "**Rulers** will buy cruelty, **traders** will buy dishonesty, **women** will buy my treachery, and as far as the jealousy is concerned, **scholars** will buy that." (*Nuzha-tul-Majalis*, *V2*, *P53*, *Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

First Piece of Merchandise: Cruelty

My Dear Islamic brothers! We know now that cruelty, dishonesty, treachery and jealousy are all Satan's merchandise. We have learnt that he sells **cruelty** to rulers. We know that when a person gains authority he usually deprives the poor and needy of their rights and inflicts oppression upon them instead of enforcing justice, he forgets the fact that Allah غَوْمَا is watching his every move. The previous narration says that cruelty and oppression is committed commonly by rulers and officers of high posts, but remember, it does not mean that only they commit this crime, anyone causing grief or being cruel to a Muslim is a sinner and worthy of punishment in the fire.

It's not too late

 narrates that the greatest Prophet مَلَىٰ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, "Indeed, Allah عَذَوجَلَّ gives the oppressor respite, but when He عَذَوجَلَّ captures the oppressor, He عَدَّوجَلَّ does not leave." (Bukhari, Hadith 4686, V5, P255, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

Signs of an Evil Man

Sayyidatunā Asma Bint Umais مُوْعِ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم reports that she heard the Blessed Prophet حَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم saying, "One who is arrogant and forgets Allah عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم is very evil. So is the one who oppresses the weak and transgresses limits and forgets the Glorious Allah عَدَّوَمَكَ and the one who indulges in games and amusements and forgets rotting in his grave, and causes mischief and forgets his beginning and end (birth and death), and the one who deceives the world through his religion, and ruins religion by indulging in doubtful actions, and he who is dragged by greed, and is led astray from the straight path by his desires, and the one who is disgraced by his desires; all of them are evil." (Tirmizi, V3, P357, Hadith 2448, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)



Avoid the Curse of the Oppressed

Sayyidunā Ali مَثِى اللهُ تَعَالَى reports that the blessed Prophet صَلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى reports that the blessed Prophet صَلَى الله تَعَالَى مَالَمُ said, "Avoid the curse of the oppressed because he asks Allah عَزَّوجَلَّ for his due right and Allah عَزَّوجَلَّ gives people their rights". (Jami' Saghir, VI, P14, Hadith 119, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

The helper of the oppressed is the most Powerful

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Though the oppressed is weak as compared to the oppressor, he is favoured by the Most Powerful Allah عَوْدَهَا, the one who will ultimately take revenge. The oppressed is not alone, even though it may temporarily seem as if he is unaided and helpless. If an oppressed person is patient he will definitely benefit from it because he will be rewarded greatly for his patience, as far as the oppressor is concerned he is in great loss because he constantly piles up his sins due to his cruelty, and invites the wrath of Allah عَوْدَهَا بَعُوْدَهِا بَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَال

Punishment because of a Cat

The Beloved of Allah صَلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, "I was shown Hell in which I saw a woman of Bani Israeel being tortured just because of her cat that she had in the world. She had tied up the cat and neither gave anything to her nor freed her so that she could eat any thing else. Eventually, the cat died of hunger". (Mishkat bisharhi Mirqat, Hadith 5341, V9, P198, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

All Seven Earths

Those who illegally occupy other people's properties through bribery, those landlords, tribe-leaders and farmers who unjustly occupy other people's farmlands, listen! Imam Muslim mentions a warning of Our Beloved Prophet مَثَلَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم , "The One who unjustly occupies a hand span of someone's land, will be forced to wear a necklace made of the seven earths on the day

of judgement". (Muslim, Hadith 1610, V3, P56, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

Beg for Forgiveness

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Fear Allah عَرَّوَجَلَّ, repent to Him and beg Him for His mercy and forgiveness before death lifts you up from the comfortable beds of your well-decorated rooms and throws you into a dark grave full of insects and spiders. Ask for forgiveness from all those people you have oppressed and please them, return all occupied possessions to their rightful owners and please them. No matter, how high ranking offer you are, bow in the court of Allah عَرُوجَكَ and plead to the weak and poor people that you have oppressed, or else remember, on the day of judgement, you might have to give them your virtues and if you do not have virtues, then you might have to take the burden of their sins and enter the Hell fire.

Cause of Losing Faith

Sayyidunā Abu Bakr Warraq مَحْمَدُ الله عَلَيْه says, "Oppressing others often results in the loss of Imaan (faith)". What will you do if the oppression makes you lose your Imaan and die a disbeliever! Listen! Listen! The 25th to 32nd verses of Sura-tul- Haaqah (part 29) speaks of the disgrace of the disbelievers:

وَامَّامَنُ أُوْقِ كِتْبَهْ بِشِمَالِه لَا فَيَقُولُ لِلْيَتَنِيُ لَمُ أُوْتَ كِتْبِيَهُ ۞ وَلَمُ الْوَامِنَ وَالْمُ الْوَقِ كِتْبِيهُ ۞ وَلَمُ الْوَيْمَ الْبِيهُ ۞ الْوَيْمَ الْبِيهُ ۞ الْوَيْمَ الْبِيهُ ۞ الْمَا الْفَاضِيَةُ ۞ مُلْوَهُ ۞ الْمَا الْفَافِيمَ صَلَّوْهُ ۞ الْمَا فَى اللَّهُ ۞ اللَّهِ وَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَلَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَالَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَالَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّلَّا لَاللَّهُ وَاللَّا

A'la Hazrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan مُحْمَةُ الله عليه translates this verse in his masterpiece translation Kanz-ul-Imaan as such:

'But as for him who is given his record in his left hand, he will say, if only I had not been given my book, and was not told my reckoning, if only it had been death, my wealth has not benefitted me, my power has gone from me, (The Angels will be told) take him and restrain him, and expose him to the hell fire, and then insert him in a chain of which the length is seventy cubits.'

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

Read the Booklet 'Consequences of Oppression'

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Please buy and read my booklet "The Consequences of Oppression" from Maktaba-tul-Madina or listen to the audio version. نَا اللهُ عَالَمُ عَلَّهُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّمُ اللهُ عَلَّهُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّهُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّهُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّمُ عَلَّمُ اللهُ avoiding oppression and cruelty. To understand how to avoid all types of oppression and to protect your faith, travel in the Sunnah-inspiring Madanī Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami and

whilst doing *Fikr-e-Madina* punctually, fill in your Madanī In'aamaat card daily and hand it in to your local in charge at the end of every Islamic month.

Second Piece of Merchandise: Dishonesty

Satan said that his second piece of merchandise was **dishonesty** and that he sells it to traders (*business men*). Many traders and business men are often seen treating people dishonestly. Remember! Dishonestly is also a sign of hypocrisy. A Hadith narrated by Sayyidunā Abdullah bin Umar مَثَلُ اللهُ عَمَالُ has been mentioned in Sahih Bukhari that The Holy Prophet مَثَلُ اللهُ عَمَالُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, "There are four signs of a hypocrite and if someone possess one of them he has one sign of hypocrisy (until he abandons it), (1) Betrayal when trusted with something (amaanat), (2) Lying whilst speaking, (3) Breaking promises, (4) Swearing when involved in an argument." (Sahih Bukhari, VI, P17, Hadith 34, Dar-ul-Fikr)

The Vast Meaning of Amaanat

My Dear Islamic Brothers! The word amaanat refers to a variety of things. Imam Qurtubi says, "Amaanat is to fulfil the entire commands and worships of Islam". Hujja-tul-Islam Sayyidunā Imam Muhammad Ghazali عمرة says, "The private parts are an amaanat, the ears are an amaanat, the tongue is an amaanat, the stomach is an amaanat, the hands and feet are an amaanat, he who has no amaanat has no faith". So anyone who uses his body-parts in disobedience has used them wrongfully. (Mukashifatul-Quloob, P43, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiya Beirut)

Hazrat'e Sayyidunā Abdullah bin Amr bin Aas غور says that before Allah عَزَّوَجُلَّ created the body parts of a person, the private parts were made and whilst addressing the person said, 'I am leaving an amaanat with you. Don't be neglectful in fulfilling its rights. Ears are amaanat, eyes are amaanat, private parts are amaanat, stomach is an amaanat and the tongue is an amaanat.' (Navaad-rul-Usool fi Ahadith-ur-Rasool, V3, P155)

Hazrat Sayyidunā Fakhr-ud-Din Raazi الله علية says, 'Know that the chapter of amaanat is very big. The amaanat of the tongue is that the person saves it from lying, backbiting, slandering, kufr, bidat and wrongful acts. The amaanat of the eyes is that they are not used to look at Harām and the amaanat of the ears is that they are not used to listen to Harām. Similarly, a person needs to show that he is trustworthy when it comes to other body parts. (Tafseer-e-Kabeer, V4, P109)

Severe Punishment for Dishonesty

Whenever you are left in trust of money, goods, books etc. you must return them on time. No one will be able to bear the punishment of breaching someone's trust. Hujja-tul-Islam Sayyidunā Imam Muhammad Ghazali عَنْ says in Mukashifa-tul-Quloob, "On the day of judgement a man will be brought in the court of Allah عَنْ and asked, "Did you return what was trusted to you by so and so person?" He will reply in the negative, then by the command of Allah عَنْ عَدَاد الله an Angel will take him towards Hell, at the bottom of which he will see what was trusted to him, he will fall inside and reach the bottom 70

years later, he will then lift that thing and begin to climb, when he reaches the top he will slip and fall back down. This climbing and falling will continue until he will be blessed with Allah's mercy for the sake of the intercession of the beloved صَلَّى اللهُ ثَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ , and the owner will forgive him." (Mukashifa-tul-Quloob, P44, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

Betraying Trust when Speaking

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Remember! As dishonesty is Harām in the matter of wealth, it is also forbidden to breach another person's trust in matters of speech, social affairs and duties. For instance if someone tells you a secret or asks you not to tell anyone his phone number or address (or even if he does not mention it clearly but his fear and hesitation indicate that he does not want you to tell it to others, for example looking around to make sure no one is listening) but you reveal it (whether it be verbally, literally or using gestures) then you have breached his trust.

Beware Oh Government Officials

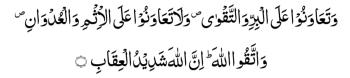
The responsibility of a ruler is to take care of his citizens and establish justice. If he does not fulfil his responsibilities, it will also be considered the breaching of the trust of the nation. The President, secretary, governor, chancellors, members of assembly, mayors, police officers etc are all in fact servants of the nation. They are paid from the taxes taken from the public. They might forget who they really are, but in actual fact these

positions are like "wooden sweets" wrapped up in silky wrappers, impossible to chew and digest. These leaders have actually taken a huge risk by taking on these responsibilities, this might be hard to understand at the moment but everyone will understand after death. If any of them is unjust, and has oppressed, filled his pockets by taking advantage of his position, or turned his attention away from the grief of the nation then he has breached their trust. His evil character will probably prevent anyone from saying anything to him at the moment, but how long will he remain in this world? When the wrath of Allah activate encompasses these leaders, not a single one of them will escape. The consequences of dishonesty are severe indeed in both worlds, dishonest leaders and officers often face disgrace even in this world, their disastrous consequences are portrayed everywhere by the media and the public eventually curses them.

The Problem with Government Jobs

Holding a status and not fulfilling its duties properly without a valid excuse is also a breach of trust. Beware! Do not let luxuries of the world result in calamities of the afterlife. Especially people who work for government departments seem to be involved in the breaching of trust. Many people take up these jobs because no one monitors the work in most of the departments, they finish work whenever they please, take days off whenever they please, or get close to their seniors so that they can neglect their duties. If the employee takes unauthorised days off but the officer in charge backs him up by marking him present in the

books and causes loss to the government then both of them would have breached trust, and their earnings would be unlawful. We must only support each other in matters of piety and not sin, helping in sins will also lead to punishment. Allah عَزَّوتِهَلَّ says in the Holy Qur'an:-



TRANSLATION FROM KANZ-UL-IMAN

And help one another to righteousness and piety, and do not help one another to sin and transgression, and fear Allah عَدَّوَتَهُلَّ Allah عَدَّوَتَهُلَّ is severe in punishment.

(Part 6, Sura Al Maidah, Verse 2)

Anyone who does not fulfil his duties without a valid reason must reflect upon his attitude. If his timings are 8am to 4pm but he arrives at 9am or leaves at 3-pm then in either case he has committed a crime. It is Harām for him to take a wage for the time that he missed and also for any unauthorised days off. If the person responsible for opening the office comes late, it should not stop the employee from getting there on time and waiting for his arrival. Similarly security guards, police men etc. should also think carefully. If their duty is to be on guard standing up, they are not allowed to sit or sleep within duty hours, however, Fard Salah must definitely be offered (and they are therefore allowed time off for this). Guards who wander

around or sleep in duty times are breaching the trust of their employers; their slackness also increases the chances of crime and corruption. It is Harām to take salary for the hours missed and will therefore lead to Hell

The Evil of Haram Food

Mukashifa-tul-Quloob says, "When a piece of Harām food enters a man's stomach, every Angel in the skies and earth will curse him for as long as that morsel remains inside and if he dies in this state he will enter Hell". (Mukashifa-tul-Quloob, P10 Dar-ul-Kutubul-Ilmiyyah Beirut)

Voluntary Fasts without Permission

There is no harm in coming late if one works for a private firm and the boss does not mind. Remember! During working hours you cannot pray voluntary Salah and if weakness affects the work then you cannot fast (*voluntarty*) either without the boss's permission, but Fard Salah and fasts must be prayed even if the boss doesn't allow it.

Statement of Kufr

Without a proper valid reason, it is not permissible for you to miss jama'at even if your boss prevents you. It has come to my hearing that the officers in some institutions say to the workers "Leave Salah, your job is the first Fard"; this statement insults Salah and is therefore *Kufr*.

7 Statements of Kufr

Sadrush-Shariah Allama Moulana Mufti Amjad Ali Azami متحمّة الله عليه gives the following 7 examples of insulting Salah in chapter 9 of Bahar-e-Shariat:

- 1. If someone is told to pray Salah and he replies, "I pray but I don't get anything from it", he will become a non-Muslim.
- 2. Or if he replies, "You've prayed what good did it do for you."
- 3. "My parents are dead, why shall I pray Salah, who shall I pray Salah for?"
- 4. "I've prayed enough"
- 5. "Praying and not praying are the same". Any such statement implying the disregard of Salah or abusing it is Kufr.
- 6. Praying only in the month of Ramadan and saying "This is enough".
- 7. "What I've prayed is plenty because one Salah in Ramadan is worth seventy" are both statements of Kufr because they imply the insignificance of Salah.

It is Fard upon a Trader to Learn the Rulings of Trade

My Dear Islamic brothers! Unfortunately, a huge number of traders commit treachery. It is Fard for a trader to learn the rulings concerning trade in order to make him self aware of what things make his earnings Harām. You might think to yourself, "I take great care to make sure my earnings are Halaal, there's nothing wrong with what I do", but dear Islamic brothers! How can someone be careful when he doesn't even know how to be careful? Sayyidunā Farooq Azam (Sayyidunā Farooq Azam (Sayyidunā Farooq Azam) is allowed to enter our market." (Kimiya-e-Sa'aadat, V1, P309, Intisharat Ganjinah Tehran)

Unfortunately, the situation is quite opposite these days, Allah forbid, it is as if people are saying, "Only cheaters are allowed in our markets"; it is as if noble people are banned from the markets.

How should the Rulings of Buying and Selling be learnt?

Everyone knows about the illegal acts and treachery that takes place in the markets, which is mainly due to being unacquainted with Islamic knowledge and Sunnah of the Blessed Prophet عَلَى الله عَلَيْكِ عَلَيْكِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم. It is vital that both retailers and consumers instantly learn the rulings related to buying and selling, or else remember one will be held accountable for each and every thing in the after life, and the wrath of Allah عَرْدَجَلُ is great indeed. The 11th part of the famous Urdu encyclopaedia of Hanafi Fiqh "Bahar-e-Shariat" explains this topic in detail. It should be studied carefully by every Muslim and the help of a qualified Sunni scholar should be sought to understand difficult passages. Travelling in the Sunnah-inspiring

Madanī Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami is also an effective way of learing sunnah. Travel in *Madanī Qafilas* and earn huge reward and learn countless Sunan. This will help you to increase your enthusiasm to study and In'shaa-Allah عَوْدَعِلَ make sure your earnings are pure and correct your Salah, fasting and other worship.

A Rule to Remember

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Remember! it is important to decide a salary where deciding is expected, for instance labour, rent for a house, shop or car, but if a price is already fixed and the people involved already know then deciding again is not needed, for instance when sitting in a hotel there are menus with the prices and the customer is aware of them, or if the prices of food are known buy the customer without having to ask anyone or look at a menu, this also includes bus fares. My Dear Islamic brothers! Unfortunately, most of us are unaware of such rulings and to know them is absolutely vital otherwise one will commit treachery without even realising what he has done. To develop the desire to learn these things, make a habit of travelling in the Sunnah-inspiring Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami punctually and to gain steadfastness, act upon the Madanī In'aamaat and fill in the Madanī In'aamaat card doing Fikr-e-Madina and hand it in to your local responsible Islamic you will see the وَنُشَآءَالله عَذَّوَجَلَّ you will see the blessings of this for your self.



The Third Piece of Merchandise: Treachery

One of Satan's pieces of merchandise is **treachery** which he sells to women. This does not mean that men are not treacherous. Deceiving people is a sin whether men do it or women. Deceiving Muslims is a major sin, Harām and leads to Hell.

The Deceiver is cursed

Ameer-ul-Mumineen, Sayyidunā Abu Bakr Siddiq مَعْىَ اللهُ عَنْفُ مَعْلَى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, "One who harms a Muslim or deceives him is cursed". (Jami' Tirmizi, Hadith 1948, V3, P378, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut) Another narration mentions this saying of the Beloved Prophet مَثَلَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم, "One who harms anyone will be harmed by Allah عَدْوَجَلَّ and one who causes difficulties to anyone will be put in difficulty by Allah عَدْوَجَلَّ." (Ibn-e-Majah, V3, P107, Hadith 2342, Beirut)

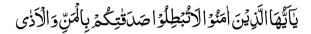


No Entry into Heaven

Our Beloved Prophet حَلَىٰ الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم has warned, "The one who deceives us is not amongst us, treachery and cheating is of hell". (Tabarani Kabeer, Hadith 10234, V10, P138, Dar Ihyaitturathil Arabiy Beirut) In another Hadith, he حَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, "There are three types of people who will not enter paradise; (1) Cheaters (2) Those who remind people of favours (3) Stingy people. (Tirmizi, V3, P388, Hadith 1970, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

Reminding People of Favours is Harmful

My Dear Islamic Brothers! These days, like treachery, the illness of reminding people of favours is very common amongst Muslims. Remember! Reminding people of favours ruins the virtue done by doing that favour. For example, in front of others Zaid says to Bakr, "You should thank me for getting you have a job, you should be grateful to me for teaching you how to perform wudu", in this way Satan ruins his virtues, in fact teasing hurts a Muslim's emotions. Allah عُرُوعِكُ says:



TRANSLATION FROM KANZ-UL-IMAN

O you who believe! Do not make your Almsgiving vain by reproach and injury.

(Part 3 Surah Al Baqarah verse 264)

Styles of Giving Money

Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan Naeemi عنه says in "Noor-ul-Irfan", this tells us that if giving sadaqah to a poor person publicly humiliates him it should be given secretly without others knowing because giving sadaqah publicly in this case would cause him grief". So when giving money to a scholar or Imam, the envelope should be given secrectly. Some people place the money in the Imam's hand and close it in a manner revealing that he is being given money; some people give a note for Dua in a manner implying it is money! This manner of giving a note could hurt the feelings of a dignified Muslim.

Shaikh Shibli's مَثْمَةُ الله عَلَيْه hatred for Treachery

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Treachery is a big problem. Our pious saints المنافعة hated treachery. Sayyidunā Shaikh Abu Bakr Shibli معنى went to a sheikh to learn the science of nahw (Arabic etymology). The teacher said, "Daraba Zaidun Amran" (Zaid hit Amr) He asked his teacher, "Did Zaid really hit Amr?" He replied, "No, it is only an example". The shaikh said, "I do not want to learn the thing based on lies". (Nuzha-tul-Majalis, Baab-uz-Zakaat, P199, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiya)

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Did you see how much Sayyidunā Abu Bakr Shibli مخى الله عنه hated treachery? This is an example of his great piety, despite the fact that there was no harm in giving such an example.

Imam Bukhari مَحْمَدُهُ and the Man who was deceiving a Horse

The most authentic book after the Holy Qur'an is "Sahih Bukhari". Sayyidunā sheikh Muhammad bin Ismail Bukhari has done a huge favour upon the Muslim Ummah by collecting these Ahadith. Here is an example of his piety and scrupulous character. He once went to see a man in order to hear a Hadith. The man's horse had run away from him and stood at a distance. To make the horse walk towards him he lifted his shirt and acted as if he had barley inside it and began to tempt the animal, this made the animal come back to him allowing the man to catch it. Sayyidunā Imam Bukhari

asked the man if he really did have barley in his shirt, to which the reply was, "No, I only did it to bring the horse back". The Imam said, "How can I take a blessed hadith of The Holy Prophet حَلَى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم from a man who lies to animals!" (Nuzha-tul-Majalis, Baab-uz-Zakaat, P199, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiya)

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Our pious saints had Madanī frame of mind; our minds do not have access to where their minds reached. May Allah عَزْمَجَلَّ protect us from the disasters of treachery.

The Fourth Piece of Merchandise: Jealousy

The fourth piece of merchandise that Satan sells is jealousy and he said himself, he sells this to scholars.

Definition of Jealousy

The one who is jealous of anyone is called a *hasid* while the one to whom anyone has jealousy is called the *mahsood*. The definition of jealousy as is stated in volume 3 of "*Lisan-ul-Arab*" (Page 166) is, 'To be jealous is to desire the loss of something possessed by the mahsood and to gain its possession for oneself.'

Definition of Jealousy in Simple Words

My Dear Islamic Brothers! We learnt from the above-mentioned definition that the desire for the loss of someone's boon (*possession, ability, quality etc.*) and acquisition of the same boon for oneself

is jealousy. For example the desire for the loss of someone's fame and respect due to hatred and acquisition of his fame and respect for oneself. Similarly, desiring the loss of a rich man's wealth and wishing the acquisition of wealth for oneself in place of that rich man.

Children's Teaching Us a Lesson

Remember! Jealousy is an extremely evil vice and only foolish fall prey to it. Sometimes, the children in our homes draw our attention towards this very important issue but we fail to understand. I feel that children often teach us a great deal through their immature actions. If you have children you will probably have seen that when one child is picked up, the other begins to cry and hit him, in other words he protests; "Why have you picked him up? Put him down and pick me up". This is an obvious example of jealousy. The child that was picked up was obviously favoured and the second child was crying because he wanted to gain the favour for himself with the first being deprived of it. The sins of minors are not written and they do such things due to their immaturity but we should regard them as little Madanī Mubalighs. In other words, they peach us "O elders! We are children and immature and we are practically showing you mature elders what jealousy is; since we are childern, jealousy will not harm us at all, but if you commit this sin, you will be severely harmed in both the worlds!"



Jealousy of Naat Reciters

Jealousy is found in all types of people, a lot of pious-looking people are also a prey to it and because they do not have a Madanī frame of mind they remain unaware and continue sinning. Take for example, Naat reciters these days. If one has a very good voice, the other whose voice is not so good will probably fall jealous of him and because people don't pay much attention to him, he might say to himself, "I wish he has a problem with his voice and I gain fame instead, my name as a great Naat reciter should be published in newspapers and on posters, people should make me sit on the stage, and make me wear garlands and shower money at me". Ask yourselves, is this not jealousy?" Qur'an and Naat reciters cannot save themselves from Satan, especially in contests, despite the fact that these contests do have a concept of encouragement but each person deeply desires to defeat every one else and prove to be the best reciter.

If someone finds himself in second position he will most certainly feel upset and crave for the first position, doesn't he feel, "Why has this Muslim brother come first? I wish he'd mess up and I get first position." Is this jealousy or not? I leave you to decide the answer. The same happens in Madrassas when some students gain top positions and others fall jealous of them wishing they had been in their place. This usually results in suspicions, backbiting, and accusations ("I spent hours in preparation, I'm sure the examiner didn't check it properly" etc.)

Disasters of Ostentation

In the contest of *Naat or Recitation*, if one comes second, he becomes jealous of the first position holder or if he comes third he becomes jealous of the first two position holders because he believes that the quality of his own recitation was brilliant (*out of pride*) so he accuses the judges of injustice, and falls prey to accusations, backbiting, suspicions etc. and there is a possible danger of ostentation as well. This is if he recites a Naat not for the pleasure of Allah and His blessed Prophet with a pleasure of Allah and His blessed Prophet of the pleasure of these evil intentions, he will not get any reward, instead, he deserves to be punished. These contests are permissible but the participants should reflect upon their intentions.

Please let me read two verses to gain blessing

If there is large gathering somewhere, almost everyone wants to demonstrate their talent on the stage, if the recitations have been recorded on cassette, one looks for his own recitation (and ignores the other) and if it has not been recorded he will be disappointed, why? And if a Qari or Naat reciter wants his recordings to be sold in shops then how sincere is he? Was the recitation for Allah خوده or for the recording? If there is an echo sound system, there will be people asking for permission to read 'a few lines to gain blessing'! My advice is that if you really want blessings, sit alone in your house, have the imagination

of the blessed green dome, and then recite as many Naats as you want, الن هَا الله عَلَّهِ الله will save you from ostentation and there will be a great deal of blessings, and your record of deeds will also be filled with good deeds: A hint is enough for the wise. May Allah عَرَّتُهُ grant us sincerity.

70 Times More Reward for a Hidden Deed

My Dear Islamic Brothers! We should weigh our actions with sincerity. It is mentioned in Hadith that hidden actions are 70 times better than actions done publicly. (*Kanzul Ummal, VI, P447, Hadith 1929*)

Humiliation for the Show-off

Indeed there is no good in doing actions to show off. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالىٰ عَلَيْهِ وَالهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'The show off will be called on the day of judgement: Oh deceiver! Oh show off! Your actions have gone to waste and you will receive no reward. Get your reward from that person who you used to perform that action for. (Dar-ul-Mansoor, VI, P30)

In another Hadith, it is mentioned that Allah عَدَّوَعَلَ will say (regarding the show off), 'This person did not do his actions to please me. Throw him in the fire of Hell.' (Kitabuz Zahd war Qaiq, P153, Hadith 452)

Definition of Ghibtah (Envy)

To desire one's voice to be as good as another's is not jealousy, rather it is called ghibtah (*envy*) and is permissible because in

this case one does not desire the loss of the other person whereas, in Jealousy, the desire for the loss and deprivation of the other person is found and it is, therefore, not permissible.

Destruction of Jealousy

The definition of jealousy has already been mentioned, "Desiring the loss of the possession of the *mahsood* and attainment of it for ones self" (*Lisan-ul-Arab*, *V3*, *P166*). Narrations mention that a jealous person is not satisfied with the distribution of Allah عَزْدَعَلَّ (Arabaeen of Imam Nawawi, P50), it is as if he is complaining, "Why has Allah عَزْدَعَلَّ given him this". A Hadith states, "Jealousy eats away at good deeds as fire eats away at wood". (*Ibn-e-Majah*, *V4*, *P472*, *Hadith 4210*, *Dar-ul-Ma'rifah Beirut*)

Jealousy and Elections

In the days of elections, jealousy is commonly observed among the candidates of different political parties. If a candidate is unlikely to win the election, he not only desires but also makes every possible effort to degrade and disgrace his rival to get the ministry in the place of his rival. He seems prepared to commit this misdeed even by blackmailing, lying, spreading rumours, false accusations, paying voters, or using force etc. Satan will use this candidate and make him commit every minor and major sin, he does not bother about disobeying Allah and his Prophet من المنافقة الم

hell, all he worries about is a temporary authority. This foolish person does not even stop to think that even if he does hurt the feelings of people, pay voters, and use all illegal means to win, how long will he maintain his position for?

Crying due to the Burden of Leadership

Death is much more painful than being cut into pieces, boiled in a cauldron, and having the skin torn off alive; it is chasing us constantly and will certainly capture us. Remember! Death will soon lift us up from our cosy bed of our splendid home and put us into a dark grave where we will have to sleep on a bed of soil. No status will help us, no authority will save us. Ponder over the helplessness of that condition!

The message of the International Non Political Propagational movement of Qur'an and Sunnah Dawat-e-Islami has reached approximately 51 countries of the world. The Madanī Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami are spreading the blossoming message of the Sunnah everywhere. We are not part of the politics of any country and neither are we greedy for political status. Our destination is not worldly governments, in fact it is the pleasure of Allah عَزَمَعَلُ that we seek. We do not want leadership, we are seekers of slavery of the Supreme Prophet مَنَّ اللهُ وَاللهُ وَالللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَاللهُ وَالل

Love of Self-Respect

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, for the sake of His Supreme Prophet صَلَّ اللهُ تَعَالَى اللهُ وَعَلَى , save us from the respect and fame gained by prohibited means. By Allah عَزَّوجَلَّ Greed for fame is a great calamity. The Blessed Prophet صَلِّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم has warned, "Two hungry wolves let loose amongst a herd of sheep do not cause as much harm as the greed of wealth and fame causes harm to a man's religion." (Musnad Imam Ahmad, V5, P350, Hadith 15784, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

Entrance into Hell without Accountability

Sayyidunā Abdullah bin Umar منحى الله عَنْهُ reports that the Blessed Prophet صَلِّى الله تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّم has said, "Six types of people will be put into Hell without accountability." He was asked, "O Prophet of Allah صَلَّ اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّم who are they?" He replied, "(1) Leaders,

due to their cruelty, (2) Arabs, due to their prejudice, (3) Tribe leaders, due to their arrogance, (4) Traders, due to fraud, (5) Villagers, due to their ignorance, (6) And scholars due to their jealousy." (Ittihaf-us-Sada-tul-Muttaqeen, V9, P486, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

He also warned, "A *hasid*, tale-teller and *Kahin* (fortune-teller) are not of me and I am not of them." (*Majma'uzzawaid*, V8, P173, *Hadith 13126*, *Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

What is a Kahin?

A *kahin* (fortune-teller) is the one who asks jinns about the unseen and then tells others. The Holy Qur'an has clearly said that jinns do not possess knowledge of the unseen. People who capture jinns and ask them reasons of diseases and things of the unseen must repent. People who think that bodies can be possessed by the spirits of pious saints are severely mistaken, they are actually possessed by jinns that falsely claim to be saints and use a few words of wisdom to draw attention towards them. Their true purpose is not to spread goodness but to have fun by gathering men and women. Areas and families where ignorance prevails are usually full of such jinn jokes.

Jinn Friends

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arrogance will earn him respect, which is a serious mistake because humbleness makes a man great. Flowers only blossom on soil that is soft and humble.

Humility Leads to Greatness

A Hadith states, "The one who adopts humility for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَعَلَّ, will be raised to the level of the **illiyyeen** and the one who is arrogant in the affairs of Allah عَزِّوَعَلَّ his level will be reduced untill he reaches the lowest level". (*Musnad Imam Ahmad, Hadith 11724, V4, P152*)

17 Cures for Jealousy

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Jealousy is Harām, which means to cure ones self of it is Fard. Here is a list of 17 ways to cure jealousy:

- 1. Plead in the court of Allah عَزَّدَجَلُ for relief from this disease.
- 2. One should constantly remind himself of the harms of jealousy.
- Tell yourself, "What will happen to me, if Allah and His Prophet صَلَّى الله تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّم become displeased with me and jealousy leads me to Hell forever."
- 4. One should think of death abundantly. The Musnad of Imam Ahmad mentions this statement of Sayyidunā Abu Darda وَنْحُويُ اللهُ عَنْهِ (ثَالُهُ عَنْهُ The one who remembers his death in

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- abundance, his jealousy and joys will decrease." (Ittihaf-us-Sadah, V14, P29)
- 5. Thinking about people better than ones self usually results in a lack of self confidence, which in turn creates jealousy. This Hadith of the blessed Prophet مَلَ اللهُ mentioned by Ibn-e-Maja should always be kept in mind by every single Muslim, "Look at the people who are inferior to you and do not look at those who are superior to more, if you do this you will not look down at any thing that Allah عَدَّتُ has granted you." (Sunan Ibn-e-Maja, Hadith 4142, V4, P443, Dar-ul-Ma'rifah Beirut)
- 6. A hasid begins to hate the mahsood, so he should think of ways to start liking him.
- 7. Be the first to say Salaam when you meet him.
- 8. Show enthusiasm when you meet him.
- 9. If possible give gifts.
- 10. Pray for blessing in whatever he possess that has caused you to be jealous.
- 11. Avoid speaking ill of him and if someone else speaks ill of him avoid listening.
- 12. Visit and consolidate him in times of sickness and troubles.
- 13. Provide help when he needs it.
- 14. Praise him (without lying) in abundance in the presence of other people.
- 15. If someone else praises him, show happiness.

16. Benefit the **mahsood** as much as possible.

At least do this

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Hujja-tul-Islam Sayyidunā Imam Muhammad Ghazali مَا تَعْمَةُ للهُ عَلَيْهِ says in Ihya-ul-Uloom (Volume 3), "If one prevents himself from outwardly displaying jealousy, and despises the presence of it internally, and despises the desire to see others in loss, and feels angry at himself for being jealous then he has done what was humanly possible for him. Despite such efforts, if any feeling of jealousy remains in ones heart he will not be blamed for it". For a detailed discussion on the cures of jealousy, please refer to the chapter concerning this topic in the third volume of Imam Muhammad Ghazali's *Ihya-ul-Uloom.* For curing jealousy and other internal diseases, regularly travel in the Madanī Qafilas of Dawat-e-Islami and to gain steadfastness in the avoidance of sins, act upon the Madanī In'aamaat and fill your Madanī In'aamaat card every night by doing Fikr-e-Madina and hand it in to the Islamic brother in charge of your local area every month. اِنْ شَآ َاللّٰه عَدَّوَجَلَّ you will see its blessings for yourself.

Repent Instantly

My Dear Islamic brothers! Soon we are going to die, leave this world and rest in our graves. We will face a severe test on the day of judgement, when the sun will be blazing at us from a distance of one and a quarter miles, the earth will be made of burning copper, none of us knows whether he will enter Heaven or Hell. So fear Allah عَرَّمَعَلُ and repent instantly.

O Allah عَدَّوَجَلَّ we repent from every minor and major sin, O Lord of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم forgive us.

Trust Allah's عَدَّوَجَلَّ mercy, repent of your past sins with shame, اِنْ شَآ اَاللّٰهُ عَدَّوَجَلَّ your repentance will be accepted. A Hadith states: "The one who repents of the sin is like the one who has not committed the sin at all." (Ibn-e-Maja, V4, P491, Hadith 4250, Dar-ul-Ma'rifah Beirut)

Apart from repenting, seek forgiveness from all those people whom you have caused trouble to. The more a person comes into contact with people, the more chances there are for the violation of rights. I myself come into contact with a huge number of people, and rights are probably violated too. Hundreds of thousands of Muslims are listening to me at this moment in this 1422 A.H. international 3 day gathering of Dawat-e-Islami. Seizing this opportunity, I request you to grant me forgiveness for the sake of Allah عَزَّوَعَلَّ and His beloved if I have ever caused you grief. If I owe صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم anything to anyone and have not yet returned it please ask for it instantly, if I have borrowed anything and not yet returned it, please take it off me instantly or else forgive me. I myself have forgiven every Muslim my rights in advance, even if I am martyred, the killer is forgiven on behalf of myself, if this does happen I do not want anyone staging any sort of riot or protest on my behalf. Strikes, in which Muslims are forced to shut their shops, people fight amongst themselves, and vehicles are burnt, are Harām and will lead to Hell.

Make up for Missed Salah

Make sure you perform your Salah, fast in Ramadan and firmly determine not to miss a single Fard deed in the future. If Hajj is Fard, you must not delay it, if you have missed any Salah, you must make up for them. An easy method of *qada* Salah is written in my book "The Method of Qada Salah" which can be bought from any branch of Maktaba-tul-Madina. A Hadith states, "The one who misses a Salah deliberately, his name is written on the gate of Hell through which he will enter". (Kanzul Ummal, Hadith 19086, V7, P132, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

Another narration says, "If anyone misses or breaks even one fast in Ramadan without a valid reason or sickness then even the fasting of the whole world will not compensate for it (the same excellence will not be achieved)." (Sunan Tirmizi, V2, P175, Hadith 723, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

Fire in the Eyes

My Dear Islamic Brothers! Repent today from listening to music and watching films and dramas because a narration says, "If anyone fills his eyes with Harām, they will be filled with fire on the day of judgement." (Mukashifa-tul-Quloob, P10, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut)

Nails Hammered into Eyes and Ears

صَلِّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلِّم On the night of ascension, the Beloved of Allah صَلِّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلِّم saw people with nails hammered into their eyes and ears, on asking what they had done, he was told, "They watched what you did not watch and listened which you did not listen to". (*Sharhus Sudoor, P171, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut*) Have you heard the consequences of those who watch and listen to Harām? Nails had been hammered into their eyes and ears.

Imitating Jews

Attention those people who shave their beards; shaving and reducing the beard to less than a fist length are both Harām. As mentioned in a Hadith, "Trim your moustaches and let your beards grow, do not imitate the Jews". (Tahawi Sharhu Ma'anil Athar, V4, P28, Hadith 6424, Dar-ul-Kutubul Ilmiyyah Beirut) Shaving ones beard is declared an act of the Jews by the blessed Prophet this is a point to ponder for Muslims. The رَصَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم integrity and love of Muslims have been challenged here. Day in day out, our leaders plead that Muslims boycott Jewish products, but they seem to neglect the fact that the faces of most Muslims including these leaders themselves are imitations of the Jews, so then why only boycott products? I plead to Muslim leaders and the public in general to boycott imitating the faces of Islam's enemies and make a firm intention صَلَّى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم display the sign of your Beloved Prophet's love on your faces.

Punishment of Impermissible Fashion

My Dear Islamic brothers! You must avoid wearing indecent clothes and prohibited fashion because the Holy Prophet مثلًى الله تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم said, "I saw people with their tongues being

cut with scissors of fire, on asking what they had done, I was told, 'They used prohibited means for fashion'. I also heard screaming from within a ditch that was giving off an extremely foul smell, on asking who those people were, I was told, 'Women who used prohibited means to make themselves look beautiful." (Sharhus Sudoor lis-Suyuti, P168, Beirut)

Oh Lord of Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم Save us from the actions of Satan especially cruelty, dishonesty, treachery and jealousy

Sayings of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّمُ regarding Durūd Sharīf

- 1. Whoever recites Durūd Sharīf upon me once, Allah عَوْدَعِلَ sends ten mercies upon him. (Sahih Muslim, V1, P166, Qadeemi Kutub Khaana, Karachi)
- 2. The closest to me on the Day of judgement will be the one who recited the most Durūd Sharīf upon me in the world. (*Jamia Tirmizi*, V1, P64, Maktaba Dar-ul-Qur'an wal-Hadith, Mutan)
- 3. Whoever recites Durūd Sharīf upon me once; Allah عَزَّوَعَلَ sends upon him ten mercies and writes ten good deeds in his book of deeds. (Jamia Tirmizi, VI, P64, Maktaba Dar-ul-Quran wal-Hadith, Multan)
- 4. When a Muslim recites Durūd Sharīf upon me the Angels continuously send mercies upon him. It is the person's

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choice whether he recites less or more. (Sunan ibn'e Maja, P65, Oadeemi Outub Khaana, Karachi)

- 5. (The Holy Prophet عَلَيْهِ الْهِ مُتَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالْهِ مُتَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالْهِ مُتَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَالْهِ مَتَالَى اللهُ عَلَى عَلَيْهِ الْهِ مَتَالَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ ال
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