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## Transliteration Chart

ء	A/a	ژ	Řř	ل	L/l
ا	A/a	ز	Z/z	م	M/m
ب	B/b	ژ	X/x	ن	N/n
پ	P/p	س	S/s	و	V/v, W/w
ت	T/t	ش	Sh/sh		
ٹ	Ṭ/ṭ	ص	Ṣ/ṣ	ه / ه / ة	Ĥ/ĥ
ث	Ṣ/ṣ	ض	Ḍ/ḍ	ی	Y/y
ج	J/j	ط	Ṭ/ṭ	ے	Y/y
چ	Ch	ظ	Z/z	ا	A/a
ح	H/h	ع	ء	و	U/u
خ	Kh/kh	غ	Gh/gh	ا	I/i
د	D/d	ف	F/f	و مدّه	Ū/ū
ڈ	Ḍ/ḍ	ق	Q/q	ی مدّه	Ī/ī
ذ	Ẓ/ẓ	ک	K/k	ا مدّه	Ā/ā

## Du'a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'a (supplication) before studying a religious book or Islamic lesson, *اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, you will remember whatever you study.

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَاَنْشُرْ عَلَيْنَا  
رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ

Yā Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ*! Open the portal of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the one who is the most honourable and glorious!

*(Al-Mustatraf, VI, P40, Dar-ul-Fikr, Beirut)*

**Note:** Recite Durūd Sharīf once before and after the Du'a.

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ط وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ ط  
أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ ط بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ط

## THE HELPLESSNESS OF THE DECEASED<sup>1</sup>

*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 اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ you will feel a Madanī transformation within yourself.*

### Excellence of Durūd Sharīf

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Enhance your gatherings by reciting Durūd upon me, as your reciting Durūd upon me will be a Nūr for you on the Day of Judgement.” (*Firdous-ul-Akhbār, Ḥadīṣ 3148, V2, P417, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Arabi Beirut*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The Deceased and the Ghassāl

Ḥaḍrat Sayyidunā Sufyān Ṣaurī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that when a person dies, he is aware of everything that is happening to him! When the Ghassāl gives Ghusl to his body, he says: “I beg you

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<sup>1</sup>This speech was delivered by Amīr-e-Aḥl-e-Sunnat دامت برکاتهم العالیة during the 3-day International Ijtima’ of Dawat-e-Islami on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of Sha’bān-ul-Mu’azzam, 1423h in Madinaḥ-tul-Auliya, Multan. It is being presented in the form of booklet with some necessary amendments.

in the name of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ, be gentle with my delicate body.”When he is laid at his funeral-bedstead, he is told to listen to what the people say about him. (*Sharḥ-us-Ṣudūr, P95, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **What Does the Deceased Say?**

Sayyidunā ‘Umar Farūq-e-A’zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the beloved and blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “When the deceased is being carried on people’s shoulders and just after the people had taken the third step; the deceased speaks. All those whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wants hear his voice except jinns and humans. The dead person says: “O my brothers! O the people who are lifting my body! Don’t let this world deceive you as it deceived me; don’t let this world play with you as it did with me. Whatever I have earned in this world, I have left it for my heirs. On the day of Judgement, Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ will take my accountability, whereas you are calling and crying for me”.” (*Sharḥ-us-Ṣudūr, P96, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## **The Whole Life's Struggle**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Imagine the time when our souls will be taken out from our gentle bodies. How helpless will we be when our expensive clothes will be removed from our bodies? Somebody will give us Ghusl, and we will be wrapped in a white shroud. How extreme despairing moment would be the one when our funeral would be taken to the graveyard!

Alas! We spent our whole life struggling to get the luxuries of this life, sacrificing even our sleep and taking every type of risk. We earned the worldly wealth despite the hurdles created by those who were jealous of us. We collected plenty of wealth, we got our strong homes built which we decorated and furnished with so many things. Remember! We will have to leave all these things when we die. Our expensive clothes will be left hanging in the cupboard, our cars will be left standing in the garage, our belongings and luxuries will all remain in this world. The helplessness of the deceased will be unbearable, when he will be brought out of his mortal house and be taken to his dark grave.

## **Heart Trembling Story of the Grave**

Sayyidunā ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azīz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ once went to the graveyard with a funeral procession, He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ sat near a grave pondering. Someone asked him, “Why are you sitting here in seclusion?” He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ replied: “This grave called out me and said: “Why don’t you ask me how I treat the people who come into me?” I said to the grave, “Do tell me.” The grave said, “When a person comes inside me, I tear his shroud, tear his body into pieces and eat his flesh. Are you not going to ask me what I do with his joints?” I said, “Do tell me.” The grave said, “I separate his hands from wrists, knees from calves and calves from feet.”” Having said this, Sayyidunā ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azīz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ began to cry. When he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ stopped crying, he said, “My dear brothers! We are to live in this world for a short period. Those who hold high status in this world

despite committing sins will be disgraced in the Hereafter. Those who are envied in this world because of their wealth will be hated in the Hereafter due to their deeds. The one who is young will grow old and the one who is alive will die. This world will deceive you as you are aware that it will soon depart. Where are those individuals who recited the Holy Qurān? Where are those who went to the house of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ to perform Hajj? Where are those who fasted in the month of Ramadan? What did the earth do with their bodies? What did the insects of the grave do to their flesh? What happened to their bones and joints? I swear by Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ! In the world, they would sleep on soft beds but now they are in their narrow graves, their wives have remarried, their children are at the mercy of others and their families have distributed their inheritance amongst themselves. Some of them are fortunate ones who are successful in their graves and some are being punished.

Extremely regretfully! O unwise person! Today at the time of death of your father, sons or brothers, you close their eyes, bathe them, wrap them in a shroud, carry their body on your shoulder, you go along with the funeral procession and bury them in the grave. (*Remember! This all will soon be happening to you*) Would that I were aware which of my cheeks would rot first (*in the grave*).” Having said this, Sayyidunā ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azīz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ wept so bitterly that he passed out. He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ departed from this world a week later. (*Rauḍ-ul-Fāiq, P107, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

Ḥujja-tul-Islam Imām Muḥammad Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ writes in Iḥyā-ul-‘Ulūm, “At the time of his death, Sayyidunā ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azīz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was reciting the following Āyah,

تِلْكَ الدَّائِرَةُ الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِسَادًا  
وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

### **Translation from Kanz-ul-Imān**

This abode of the Here-after we make it for those who do not wish arrogance in the land nor turmoil; and the Hereafter is only for the pious.

*(Sūrah Qaṣaṣ: 83)*

*(Iḥyā-ul-‘Ulūm, V4, P510, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

### **Royal Death**

Dear Islamic Brothers! This heart trembling incident of Sayyidunā ‘Umar bin ‘Abdul ‘Azīz رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ is a great lesson for the wise. Listen to another incident of royal death. Therefore, Ḥujja-tul-Islam Sayyidunā Imām Muḥammad Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states in Iḥyā-ul-‘Ulūm, “At the time of death of the caliph ‘Abdul Mālīk Marwān, he was asked, “How do you feel?” He replied, “I feel just like Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ says in the *Holy Qurān*, Sūrah Al-An’ām, verse 94,

وَلَقَدْ جِئْتُمُونَا فَرَادَى كَمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ أَوَّلَ مَرَّةٍ وَتَرَكْتُمْ مَا خَوَّلْنَاكُمْ  
وَرَاءَ ظُهُورِكُمْ

### Translation from Kanz-ul-Imān

And indeed you have now come to us alone as we had created you at first, and you have left behind you all the wealth and riches we had bestowed upon you

*(Ihyā-ul-‘Ulūm, V4, P510, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

### Kingship didn't benefit

Hujja-tul-Islam Imām Muḥammad Ghazālī رحمه الله عليه writes in Ihyā-ul-‘Ulūm, “At the time of the death of Ḥārūn Rashīd رحمه الله عليه, a well known caliph, he looked at his shroud in despair and recited verses 28 and 29 from Sūrah Al-Hāqqah,

هَلَكَ عَنِّي سُلْطَانِيَّةٌ ۝ مَا آغْنَى عَنِّي مَالِيَّةٌ ۝

### Translation from Kanz-ul-Imān

My wealth did not benefit me at all. All my power has vanished.

*(Ihyā-ul-‘Ulūm, V4, P511, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut)*

### Purpose of Coming into this World

Dear Islamic Brothers! In fact, we have to face a tough trial as a result of coming into this world. The aim of our life in this world

was something else, but perhaps we have misunderstood it! Our lifestyle indicates as if we would never die (Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid). Remember! We would not stay in this world forever. The aim of our life into this world is not to earn worldly wealth or gain worldly qualifications or succeed in this world only. It is stated in the *Holy Qurān*,

أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ

### **Translation from Kanz-ul-Imān**

So do you think that we have created you needlessly, and that you do not have to return to us?

*(Sūrah Mu'minūn: 115)*

### **Ministries will be of No Use**

Indeed, Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ has created humans to worship Him. If a person does not succeed in achieving this aim of life, and was presented in the court of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ with heaps of sins on the Day of Judgement, even his huge worldly wealth will not be able to save him from the wrath of his Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The worldly knowledge and degrees, factories, weapons, high positions, ministries, worldly status, fame, strength and worldly dignity will not help anyone attain a dignified rank in the court of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Those who mudsling each other in the oblivion of power, those who cause terrorist acts and those who violate Muslims rights, there is a matter of concern to all of them. If Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His

Beloved Rasūl صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ become displeased with anyone because of his sins, causing the loss of his faith, he will face such extreme difficulties that will never end. Allāh says in Sūrah *Ḥumazaḥ*:

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ ۚ الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ ۚ يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ  
أَخْلَدَهُ ۚ كَلَّا لَيُنْبَذَنَّ فِي الْحُطَمَةِ ۚ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْحُطَمَةُ ۚ نَارُ  
اللَّهِ الْمَوْقَدَةُ ۚ الَّتِي تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى الْآفِدَةِ ۚ إِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِمْ مُّوَصَدَةٌ ۚ فِي  
عَمَدٍ مُّمَدَّدَةٍ ۚ

### Translation from *Kanz-ul-Imān*

Ruin is for every open slanderer, backbiter. Who accumulated wealth and hoarded it, counting. Does he think that his wealth will prolong his stay on earth forever? Never! He will certainly be thrown into the Crushing One. And what have you understood what the Crushing one is! The fire of Allah, that is ablaze. Which will climb on to the hearts? Indeed it will be shut over them. In extended columns.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### Four Baseless Claims

Sayyidunā Shafiq Balkhī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ narrates that people make four claims but their deeds are contrary to their claims:

1. They say that they are the humble servants of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but their deeds indicate as if they are free.
2. They say that Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ provides them with sustenance, but they are not satisfied even after accumulating a lot of wealth.
3. They say that the hereafter is better than the world, but they strive for the betterment of the world only.
4. They say that they will have to die a day but their lifestyle indicates as though they will never die.

### **First Claim: “We are Servants of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ”**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Without doubt, every Muslim believes that he is the humble servant of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and obviously a humble servant is bound by divine commandments, but these days, most of the Muslims are engrossed in such tasks that clearly indicate as if they are free. The one who is a servant will do what his master commands. Indeed, we are the servants of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and we eat sustenance provided by Him عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but sadly our deeds are not like sincere servants. Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ commanded us to offer Ṣalāh, but we are lazy. Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ commanded us to fast in the month of Ramadan, but we do not. Similarly, there is extreme heedlessness on our part in carrying out other commandments of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Second Claim: “Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ Provides Sustenance”**

Indeed, Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ provides sustenance, but some people’s way of earning livelihood is quite strange. Despite believing that Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the provider of sustenance, why do people give and take interest? Why do they open factories and get houses constructed by taking bank loans with interest! If someone believes that Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ provides him with sustenance, what forces him to take bribery? What makes him sell goods fraudulently? Why has he adopted Ḥarām methods of earning sustenance?

## **Third Claim: “The Hereafter is better than the World”**

Millions of regrets! Despite asserting that the hereafter is better than the world, most of the people are busy with making efforts for the betterment of the world and accumulating its wealth only. Everyone seems fascinated by worldly wealth, and people’s lifestyle indicates as if they would never leave this world.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## **Fourth Claim: “We will die a Day”**

The fourth claim is that we will die a day. Despite making this claim so many times, people’s lifestyle indicates as if they would never die. The lifestyle of Sayyidunā Ḥasan Baṣrī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was in accordance with the claim that we will die a day. He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ

would always remain frightened as if a death warrant has been issued for him. (*Mulakhkhaṣan Iḥyā-ul-‘Ulūm, V4, P198, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

This death warrant has been issued to everyone in the sense that whoever is born has to die a day. In other words, everyone is at the hit list even before his birth, i.e. his sustenance, age and even the place of burial is decided before his birth. In order to create the body of a child in the mothers' womb, the angel brings dust from where the person will be buried after his death.

Having eaten his share of food and spent his life, when a deceased is placed into a coffin and carried on people's shoulders towards the graveyard, he speaks: listen what he says...

## **Announcement of the Deceased**

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: "I swear by the One under whose omnipotence my life is! If people see his (a dead person's) destination and listen to what he says, they would forget the deceased and get concerned about themselves. When the deceased is placed on the plank, his soul sits up and says: "O my family and friends! Don't let the world deceive you as it has deceived me. I collected Ḥalāl and Ḥarām wealth and then left it for others. Its profit is for them and its loss is for me. Have fear about what has happened to me (*meaning learn a lesson from it*)."

(*Taḥkīrah Qurṭubī, P76, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic Brothers! The deceased are like preachers who give us the message, ‘O you who are alive! As I am leaving the world today, you will also have to leave it a day.’

## Conversation with the Deceased

Sayyidunā Sa’īd bin Musayyab رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that they once went to the graveyard along with Sayyidunā ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الكَرِيمُ. Sayyidunā ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الكَرِيمُ said Salām to the deceased buried in graveyard and said: “Yā Amīr-ul-Mūminīn! Will you tell us about yourself or shall we tell you?” Sayyidunā Sa’īd bin Musayyab رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that they heard وَعَلَيْكَ وَالسَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ from a grave and someone said: “O leader of the believers! Please tell us what happened after our death!” Sayyidunā ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الكَرِيمُ said: “Listen! Your wealth has been distributed, your wives have remarried, your children have become orphans and your enemies are living in the house which you made very strong, now you tell us about your state.” Upon hearing this, a voice was heard from a grave, “Yā Amīr-ul-Mūminīn! Our shrouds have torn to pieces, our hair has fallen out, our flesh has been torn to bits, our eyes have fallen out of our faces and pus is flowing out of our nostrils. We have received what we sent ahead (*meaning we were treated according to our deeds*) and we have lost everything we left behind.” (*Sharḥ-us-Ṣudūr, P209, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

Dear Islamic brothers! One should ponder over what he is going to leave in the world. If he left impermissible business and means

of sins etc. which his heirs adopted, he may have disastrous consequences. Listen to a heart trembling incident.

## **Punishment of Leaving a TV Behind**

An Islamic brother sent a letter from Britain, which I will try to present in my own words. A pious man who lived in Sindh said, ‘one night, I went to a graveyard where I sat near a new grave so that I could take some admonition. Whilst sitting there, I fell asleep and saw the buried person in my dream. I saw that the deceased was burning in fire and he was screaming, “Help me! Help me!” I asked him, “How can I help you?” He said, “I died a few days ago and my son is watching a film on TV at this very moment. Whenever he does this, I am punished. For the sake of Allāh **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, go and tell my son not to make merry and give up watching TV. Since I purchased the TV, I am suffering the torments in my grave. Sadly, I taught my son worldly knowledge but I did not teach him Islamic knowledge. I did not stop him from committing sins; nor I made him aware of the matters of grave and the hereafter.” The buried person also gave his name and address. The pious man goes onto say, ‘The next morning, I went to the nearby town to the deceased person’s house. A young man came out and admitted that he had watched a film last night and when I told him about my dream, he started to cry and threw the TV out of his house.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Congratulation from Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ upon removing the TV

An army major stated that when he was stationed at the Manglā Dam, an Islamic brother from Dina (Jhelum) gave him some bayān cassettes as gift. The cassettes were played at home. The same foregoing incident of the pious man from Sindh was described in that bayān’s cassette. Upon hearing this, he became fearful of the punishment of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and decided to get rid of TV. The major says that by Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Approximately one week later, his wife saw the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in her dream and our Blessed Rasūl صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Congratulations! Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ has accepted your deed of removing the TV from your house.”

## Don’t Make Excuses

Dear Islamic Brothers! Let’s see which fortunate person will get rid of TV and which unfortunate person (*Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid*) faces punishment in his grave after his death as a result of leaving TV for his heirs. Perhaps, Satan will make you doubt the authenticity of these incidents whispering that even so-and-so person has a TV in his house.’ Look! This is not enough to convince me. You will have to tell me the benefits of TV, for example, you will have to tell me how many good deeds you get by watching a shameless woman dancing on TV (*Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid*). Further, you will have to tell me how much Šawāb you get by watching and listening to news from an

immodest and unveiled woman. Whether or not you believe the incident, the conscience of those people who fear Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ will be telling them that the TV speeds up the meter of sins. It has destroyed society and has caused people to become ill-mannered, shameless and immoral. Satellite dish has further increased the harms of T.V. It is the TV which made our daughters adopt the latest fashions. It is the TV which spread love stories and entrapped our youngsters in love-affairs, thus destroying their lives. Even little children are seen dancing in the streets when they hear music. Internet proved to be the last straw. The Muslims are in pitiable condition! The disbelievers are dragging the Muslims forcefully towards the abyss of destruction. They have made the Muslims so engrossed in luxuries that (Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid) the Muslims have become the puppets of the disbelievers. There was a time when only 313 Muslims came into the battlefield and destroyed the army of the enemy which consisted of 1000 disbelievers.

Dear Islamic brothers! Repent sincerely of your sins and make the intention that from today onwards, you will refrain from committing sins and adopt good deeds. Let's now listen to some punishments of sins. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, it will persuade us to fear Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and repent of our sins.

## **Terrifying Valley**

There is a terrifying valley in Hell namely 'Ghayī'. The other valleys of Hell seek refuge from the heat of this valley. This valley is for fornicators, alcoholics, interest-takers, false witnesses, the disobeyers

of parents and the abandoners of Ṣalāh. (*Rūḥ-ul-Bayān, V5, P345, Dār Iḥyā-ut-Turāṣ-ul-'Arabī Beirut*)

## Bald Serpent

Sayyidunā Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه narrated that the Holy Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: “The one whom Allāh عز وجل gave wealth but he does not pay Zakāh, on the Day of Judgement, his wealth will turn into a bald serpent which will have two spots (*i.e. a sign of it being extremely poisonous*) and that serpent will be put around his neck (*like a necklace*). The serpent will hold onto him with his jaws and say, ‘I am your wealth, your treasure’.” (*Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, Ḥadīṣ 1403, VI, P474, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-'Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

## Ṣalāh Not Accepted for 40 Days

Those who drink alcohol, take drugs, run brothels and casinos should listen very carefully!

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh bin ‘Umar رضي الله عنهما narrated that the Holy Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: “The one who drinks alcohol, his Ṣalāh will not be accepted for 40 days and if he repents, Allāh عز وجل will accept his repentance. If he drinks alcohol again, his Ṣalāh will not be accepted for another 40 days and if he repents, Allāh عز وجل will accept his repentance. If he drinks alcohol again for the third time, his Ṣalāh will not be accepted for 40 days and if he repents, Allāh عز وجل will accept his repentance. If he drinks alcohol for the fourth time, his Ṣalāh will not be accepted for 40 days and if he repents, his repentance will not be

accepted and on the day of judgement, he will be made to drink from the stream in which the pus of Hell-dwellers accumulate.” (Jāmi’-e-Tirmiḏī, Ḥadīṣ 1869, V3, P341, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

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## Hatred of Sayyidunā ‘Alī رضي الله عنه for Alcohol

Sayyidunā ‘Alī كراهه الله تعالى وجهه الكريم hated alcohol so much that he would say: “If a small drop of alcohol fell into a well and a minaret was built over it, I would never utter Azan on that minaret. If a drop of alcohol fell in a river and the river dried and grass grew over there, I would never let my animals graze over there.” (Rūḥ-ul-Bayān, VI, P340, Dār Iḥyā-ut-Turāṣ-ul-‘Arabī Beirut)

## Obeying Cruel Parents

The disobeyers of parents should repent and please their parents by apologizing to them. Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāḥ bin ‘Abbās رضي الله عنه narrated that the Holy Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said: “The one who is obedient to his parents, the doors of Heaven are opened for him. If only one of the parents is alive and he is obedient, then only one door of Heaven is opened for him. The one who is disobedient to his parents, the doors of Hell are opened for him. If only one parent is alive and he is disobedient, then one door of Hell is opened for him.” Upon hearing this, one of the companions asked, “Even if his parents are cruel?” The Holy Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم said, “Even if his parents are cruel to him, even if his parents are cruel to him,

even if his parents are cruel to him.” (Shu’abul-Imān, Ḥadīṣ 7916, V6, P206, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut)

## Punishment of Breaking Promises

Dear Islamic Brothers! If parents give an order which is contrary to Sharī’ah, it will not be carried out! For example, they ask you to earn Ḥarām money or shave your beard etc. you do not have to obey them in such matters because obedience of parents by disobeying Allāh is a sin leading to Hell.

Those who are always making promises but then break them without a valid Sharī reason should listen carefully as Sayyidunā ‘Alī كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ narrated that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: “The one who breaks a promise made to a Muslim, Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ, His Angels and all Humans curse him and none of his Farḍ and Nafl is accepted.” (Bukhārī Sharīf, Ḥadīṣ 1870, VI, P616, Dar-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut)

## Snakes in the Stomach

Sayyidunā Abu Hurairah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “At the night of Ma’rāj, I travelled past such people whose stomachs were like small transparent rooms which were full of snakes.” I asked, “Oh Jibrāil عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام! Who are these people?” He replied, “These are the ones who would take interest.” (Sunan Ibn-e-Mājah, Ḥadīṣ 2273, V3, P71, Dar-ul-Ma’rifah Beirut)

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## 36 Times Worse than Fornication

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh bin Ḥanzalah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the beloved of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: “Taking even one dirham of interest is worse than committing fornication thirty six times.”  
(*Sunan Dār Quṭnī, Ḥadīṣ 2819, V3, P19*)

## A Cause of Entering Hell

Sayyidunā ‘Abdullāh ibn Mas’ūd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates, “If a person earns Ḥarām wealth and then spends it, there will be no blessing in it and if he gives charity with that money, the charity will not be accepted and if he leaves it behind and dies, this will be a provision of Hell for him.” (*Musnad Imām Ahmed, Ḥadīṣ 3672, V2, P34, Dar-ul-Ma’rifah Beirut*)

## Seven Madanī Principles

Dear Islamic Brothers! Come to your senses and wake up from your sleep of heedlessness. Repent of your sins, give up non-Islamic customs and traditions and adopt Sunan of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Make up your mind that you have to strive to reform yourself and others. Devote yourself enthusiastically to the call of righteousness. Be courageous enough to sacrifice your life, wealth, time and everything for the revival of Sunnah. Make the intention that I must strive to reform myself and the people of the whole world (إِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ). To strive to reform myself, I must act upon the Madanī In’āmāt and to strive to reform others, I must travel with the Madanī Qāfilāhs. To act

consistently upon these Madanī Tasks, I must follow **seven Madanī principles**:

1. I have to offer each Ṣalāh with the jamā'at in the Masjid; I also have to try to take at least one person to the Masjid each time.
2. I will spend at least 2 hours doing the Madanī tasks of Dawat-e-Islami.
3. I have to take part in area-visit for call towards righteousness at least once a week.
4. I have to attend the weekly Ijtimā' from beginning to end.
5. I have to act upon the Madanī In'āmāt and hand in my Madanī In'āmāt card within the first ten days of the new Islamic month to the responsible Islamic brother.
6. I have to travel with a Madanī Qāfilāh for 12 months continuously once in my life, 30 days every 12 months and 3 days every month.
7. I have to make Islamic brothers join the Madanī environment through individual efforts.

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## **Four False Claimants**

1. The one claiming the love of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ but not avoiding the acts declared Haram by Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

2. The one claiming the love of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ despite looking down upon the poor.
3. The one claiming to be desirous of the Heaven but avoiding spending money in the way of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
4. The one claiming to be afraid of the Hell despite committing sins.

(Ḥaḍrat Ḥāṭim Aṣam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ)

## **The Door of Goodness is Closed for Six Types of Persons**

1. Those not acting upon their knowledge
2. Those not thanking Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ for His favours
3. Those not following in the footsteps of the pious despite keeping their company.
4. Those not taking any lesson despite taking part in the funeral of the deceased.
5. Those not making preparations for the here-after despite having wealth.
6. Those not repenting despite committing sins in abundance.

(Ḥaḍrat Yaḥyā bin Ma'āz رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ)

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اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالْقَدِيرُ الْغَنِيُّ عَلَى عِبَادِهِ الْمُتَعَلِّقِينَ "أَقَامَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ مِنَ الْمَلِيحِيِّ الرَّجِيذِ" بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

## The Blossoming of Sunnah

By the Grace of Allāh ﷺ Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are extensively learnt and taught in the congenial Madani Environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global non-political movement for the propagation of Qur'an and Sunnah.

It is a Madani request to spend the whole night in the weekly Sunnah Inspiring Ijtimā' commencing after Ṣalāt-ul-Maghrib every Thursday in your city. (In Bāb-ul-Madīnah [Karachi], the Ijtimā' is held at Faizān-e-Madīnah, Maḥallaḥ Saudagrān, Old Sabzi Mandī). Habitualize yourself to a punctual travel in the Madani Qāfilāh with the devotees of the Holy Prophet in order to learn the Sunnah and fill out the Madani In'āmāt booklet daily practicing Fikr-e-Madīnah (Madani Contemplation) and submit it to the Zimmadār (relevant representative of Dawat-e-Islami) of your locality. By the blessing of this, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ﷺ** you will develop a mindset and a yearning to protect your faith, adopt the Sunnahs and be averse to sins.

Every Islamic brother should develop the Madani Mindset that **"I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world"** **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ﷺ**.

In order to reform ourselves, we must act upon the Madani In'āmāt and to reform people of the entire world we must travel in the Madani Qāfilāh **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ﷺ**.

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