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Du'ā for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'ā (supplication) before studying a religious book or Islamic lesson, إنْ شَاَءَاللَّه عَزَدَجَلّ, you will remember whatever you study.

ٱللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْعَلَبُنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ عَلَيْنَارَحْمَتَكَ يَاذَاالُجَلَال وَالْإِكْرَام

Yā Allah عَوَّدَجَلَ! 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, Vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note: Recite Ṣalāt-'Alan-Nabī once before and after the Du'ā.

Transliteration Chart

ç	A/a	d L	Ř/ř	ل	L/l
1	A/a	;	Z/z	م	M/m
ب	B/b	Ϋ́	X/x	じ	N/n
Ų	P/p	٣	S/s	و	V/v, W/w
ت	T/t	Ĉ	Sh/sh		
ط	Τ̈́/ṫ	ص	Ş/ş	; ;/ ;/ @	\hat{H}/\hat{h}
ث	Š/š	ض	₽/ḍ	ى	Y/y
5	J/j	ط	Ţ/ţ	2	Y/y
Ś	Ch	ظ	Ż/ż	-	A/a
J	ŀ	E	6	٦	U/u
ż	Kh/kh	Ė	Gh/gh	,	I/i
و	D/d	ف	F/f	د و مکر 0	Ū/ū
ۊ	ḃ/ḋ	ق	Q/q	ى مەرە	Ī/ī
;	Ż/ż	ک	K/k	امدّه	Ā/ā
ر	R/r	گ	G/g		

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No matter how hard Satan tricks to prevent, you do read this booklet completely. إنْ شَاللَه عَزَدَجَلَ, you will feel a Madanī revolution streaming in your heart.

Deliverance from hypocrisy and the Hellfire

Sayyidunā Imām Sakhāwī مَحْدَةُ اللَّوَتَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ وَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالًى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالًى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالًى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالًا عَوْدَ عَوْدَى مُعَالًا مَعْ مَعَالًا مَعَوْدَةً عَوْدَةًا مُعَالًا مُعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالًى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ مَعَالًى عَنْهُ مَعْتَالًا مَعْتَى مَعْتَقَا مَعْتَى مَعْتَقَالَةً عُورَى مَعْتَى مَعْتَقَاعَاتَهُ عَلَيْ مَعْتَالَةً مَعْتَى مَعَوْنَةً مُعَالًا مَعْتَى عَلَيْهُ مَعْتَى مَعْتَى مَعْتَى مَعْتَقَتَى وَاللَّهُ مَعْتَى مَعْتَ عَوَى مَعَالًا عَنْهُ مَعْتَى مُ مُعَادًا عَنْ مَعْتَى مُ مُعَانَّةُ عَلَيْنَا مَعْتَى مُ

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and the fires of Hell; and on the Day of Judgment, He عَدَوَجَلَ will place him with martyrs." (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badī', pp. 233 Muassisa-tur-Rayyān*)

Of all prayers, the superior prayer is, Şalāt and Salutation It repels every affliction, Şalāt and Salutation

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

What do you want: Heaven or Hell?

تْدِيَّسَسِرُّ ٱللَّورَانِي Imām Abū Nu'aīm Ahmad bin 'Abdullaĥ Asfaĥānī (Deceased in 430 A.H.) has mentioned in Hilya-tul-Auliya that stated: Once, I imagined رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ that I am in Hell, tightly strapped by the chains of fire, eating cactus and sipping the pus of the people in Hell. After those contemplations, I enquired my Nafs, "Tell me, what you desire: torment of Hell or deliverance from Hell?" My Nafs answered, "Deliverance. I want to go back to the world and perform such deeds by virtue of which I can be exempted from the Hell." After that, I contemplated that I am in Heaven, eating its fruits, drinking beverages from its rivers, and meeting with the Hurs. After those imaginations, I questioned my Nafs, "What do you desire: Heaven or Hell?" My Nafs answered, "Heaven. I want to go to the world and perform good deeds so that I can avail the bounties of Paradise." Then I said to my Nafs:

Right now you have opportunity. (Meaning: O! Nafs, now you have to determine your path yourself, either rectify yourself and go to the Heaven or do sins and go to the Hell. Therefore, you should sow what you want to reap). (*Hilyat-ul-Auliyā, Vol. 4, pp. 235, Hadīš 5361*)

Do some good deeds, reform your afterlife O brother! There is no surety of life

Preparation for the afterlife

Dear Islamic brothers! Try to understand that in order to reform their Nafs, how our noble saints would hold it accountable, would try to control it; would discipline it on its wrongdoings, and sometimes even inflict punishment on it. Whilst always fearing Allah عَرَدَعِلَ and reforming themselves more and more, they would strive extensively to prepare for the afterlife. No doubt efforts of such people bear fruit. Allah عَرَدَعِلَ has stated in the Holy Quran, Part 15, Sūraĥ Banī Isrāīl, Verse 19:

> وَمَنُ اَرَادَ الْأَخِرَةَ وَسَعٰى لَهَا سَعْيَهَا وَهُوَمُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَبِكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمُ مَّشْكُورًا ٢

A'lā Ḥaḍrat, Imām of Aĥl-e-Sunnat, Revivalist of Sunnaĥ, Eradicator of Bid'aĥ, Scholar of Sharī'aĥ, Guide of Ṭarīqaĥ, Maulānā Shāĥ Imām Aḥmad Razā Khān علَيَه مَعْمَا للرَّحْنَ translated this verse in his renowned translation of the Holy Quran 'Kanz-ul-Īmān' in the following words:

"And whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it accordingly, and is a believer as well - so only their effort has borne fruit."

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 15, Sūraĥ Banī Isrāīl, Verse 19)

Bright future

Today, we engage ourselves to make efforts to better our future. We strive to gather various sorts of comforts, we toil to increase our bank balance, we try to flourish our business, and we make so many schemes in order to attain worldly comforts for the future, so that some way our 'worldly morrow' may prosper. But regrettably, we are absolutely remiss in bettering our afterlife. Numerous careless people embrace death while toiling for even better worldly life. Thus, instead of celebrating their cheering of a bright future, they are lowered into the dark grave. To be engaged in search for mere a better life in this world, to be neglectful in thinking about and in preparing for the afterlife, and whilst accounting for past deeds, not making efforts to avoid sins and firmly determining to do good deeds, is nothing but real loss. A wise person is one who focuses the afterlife, reforms himself by holding his Nafs severely accountable; he regrets for his sins and fears from poor consequences of sins, just as our saints have done. Hence,

Amazing accountability

Hujja-tul-Islām, Imām Muhammad Ghazālī بَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ has narrated that once Sayyidunā Ibn-uṣ-Ṣimmaĥ بَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ whilst performing self-accountability calculated his age and it came out to be 60 years. After multiplying his age by 12, it resulted in 720 months. He then multiplied these 720 months by 30, the result was 21,600 days; the number of days of his blessed life. Then he himself said, "If I have committed one sin in a day, I have committed 21,600 sins to the present day. Most probably I have committed up to 1,000 sins in a day." Saying that, he started trembling with the fear of Allah تَعَزَيْتَهُ لَلَهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ مَا اللهُ عَالَى عَلَيْهِ once, he مَعْرَةُ اللَهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ مَا اللهُ screamed and fell down on the floor. When checked, his soul found to be had departed from this world. (*Kīmiyā-e-Sa'ādat, Vol. 2, pp. 891*)

No repentance, no fear of the aftermath!

Dear Islamic brothers! Contemplate deeply about how our noble saints مَحْهُوُ اللهُالسَّلَا، did Fikr-e-Madīna¹. And in order to reform their Nafs, how they would perform accountability for it! And even being engaged in doing good deeds, they would consider themselves as sinners and would always fear Allah عَرَّدَعِلَ . Some of them had so much intense fear of Allah عَرَّدَعِلَ that their souls would depart. But unfortunately, we are badly engaged in the depth of sins, neither we have feelings of regret, nor we feel fear of aftermath. Our saints مَحْهُوُ اللهُ تَعَالَى بِعَلَيْهِ اللهُ

¹One of the best Madanī In'ām among Madanī In'āmāt to achieve self-reforms is practicing Fikr-e-Madīna i.e. one should regularly perform accountability of his deeds at night and meanwhile he should fill the form of Madanī In'āmāt as well.

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They spend their nights constantly crying, wiping away the sleep from their eyes They consider themselves sinners at dawn and lower in deeds than everybody else

(**Translation:** They are such pious people whose nights would go by in weeping and because of it they could not sleep. Even after this, when morning would come, they would consider themselves the biggest sinners amongst the people).

Their elegance is such that not practicing "Mustaḥab¹" deeds is considered a bad act by them; reduction in supererogatory worship is perceived to be a wrongdoing and a mistake made in their childhood is counted as a sin by them, even though childhood sins are not accountable. Hence,

A childhood sin (mistake) recalled

Once Sayyidunā 'Utbaĥ Ghulām عليه محمد الله السلام started shivering while passing by a house and suffered perspiration. When people enquired, he replied "This is the place where I committed a sin in my childhood." (Tanbīĥ-ul-Mughtarīn, pp. 57, Dār-ul-Bashāir, Beirut)

May Allah عَرَّدَحَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

آمِين بِجَاهِ النَّبِيّ الْأَمِينُ مَنَّ اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم

¹ An act which Sharī'aĥ likes to be performed but its abandonment is not disliked.

Strange method of remembering sins of childhood

It has been reported that a sin got committed by Sayyidunā Hasan Baṣrī عَلَيُو مَحْمَةُ اللَّوَالقَوِى in his childhood. Whenever he got a new dress sewed, he would write that sin on its collar. Often, he would cry so much on looking at it that he would faint. (*Tażkiraĥ-tul-Auliyā, Vol. 1, pp. 39*)

May Allah عَرَّوَجَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

آمِيْن بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِيْن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ مَ

Feeling proud of flawed virtues

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you notice? Our noble saints would remember sins of their childhood and because of it would fear Allah عَرَّدَعَلَ so much. And on the other hand, it is we ill-fated adults who forget even those sins that we commit deliberately but we remember our flawed virtues and feel proud about them.

Do good deed but do not remember it

Dear Islamic brothers! A wise person is one who obtains the fortune of performing good deeds and do not remember them. And if sins are committed, he remembers them. And in order to reform himself, he performs self-accountability strictly. Upon decrease in good deeds, he even disciplines himself and frightens himself of the wrath and rage of Allah عَرِّدَعَلَ every moment. This had been the practice of our saints. Hence,

What did you do today?

Amīr-ul-Mūminīn Sayyidunā 'Umar-Al-Fārūq مرمي الله تعالى عنه would perform self-accountability on a daily basis and when night would come, he would whip himself on his feet asking himself "Tell me what you did today?" (*Iḥyā-ul-'Ulūm, Vol. 5, pp. 141*)

May Allah عَرَّدَحَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

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صَلُّوْ اعَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

Humbleness of Al-Fārūq-Al-A'ẓam 🎆

Sayyidunā 'Umar-Al-Fārūq توني الله تعالى عنه is from amongst the "Asharaĥ-e-Mubashsharaĥ", meaning those ten Ṣaḥābaĥ Kirām تتيوه الرضوان آختيون who were blessed with the glad tiding of Paradise; and in spite of being most excellent in rank than everyone after Sayyidunā Abū Bakr Ṣiddīq منه تعالى يعنه would possess great humbleness. Hence, Sayyidunā Anas Bin Mālik نوى الله تعالى عنه rear a wall of a garden addressing his Nafs: "Bravo! People call you the leader of the believers." Then with humbleness he stated, "And you don't fear Allah Remember! If you don't have the fear of Allah عَنَوَجَلَ, you will have to face His torment." (*Kīmiyā-e-Sa'ādat, Vol. 2, pp. 892*)

May Allah عَرَّدَجَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

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Dear Islamic brothers! The way Sayyidunā 'Umar-Al-Fārūq نالله تعالى عنه scolded his Nafs and performed self-accountability with the fear of Allah عَزَدَجَلَّ , is also for the sake of teaching us. Hence,

Accountability before the Day of Judgment

Once, Sayyidunā 'Umar Fārūq مرضى الله تعالى عنه stated "O People! Perform accountability of your actions before the Day of Judgment comes and you are held accountable for." (*Iḥyā-ul-*'*Ulūm, Vol. 5, pp. 128*)

May Allah عَزَدَجَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

آمِيْن بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِيُن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّم

What is accountability?

Dear Islamic brothers! Reviewing our past deeds is called Muḥāsabaĥ [Self-Accountability]. May we become regular in performing Fikr-e-Madīna every night for accountability of our Nafs regarding deeds of the whole day so that we may remain aware of profit / loss in the wealth of our deeds! Just like the way in which a business partner is asked for details of accounts, similarly it is very important to be cautious in accountability of the Nafs because Nafs is very clever and deceiving. It portrays its non-compliance as compliance in order to show goodness in evil-doing but in fact there is only vice in it. Not only this, we should also seek accountability of Nafs in all the legitimate matters as well in order to reform ourselves in true sense. If we find guilty in our Nafs, we should sternly ask it to make up for that. Same was the good practice of our saints. Hence,

Thumb on the lamp

A great scholar and Tābi'ī saint Sayyidunā Aḥnaf Bin Qaīs وهي الله تعالى عنه would pick up a lamp in his hand at night and put his thumb on its flame and state: "O Nafs! Why did you do that? And why did you eat that thing?" (*Kīmiyā-e-Sa'ādat, Vol. 2, pp. 893*)

May Allah عَزَّدَحَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

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Meaning, he would perform accountability that if his Nafs has made an error then it should be warned that the flame of this lamp is very light in intensity, even then it is unbearable. Then how is it possible to endure the dreadful fire of the Hell. Hujjatul-Islām, Sayyidunā Imām Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazālī عليو رخمة الله الوالى while narrating another similar event like this, stated:

I will never look up

Sayyidunā Majma' متخطيتية على once looked up and unintentionally had a glance on a woman at top of a roof. He immediately lowered his eyes and felt so ashamed that he vowed to never look up again. (*Ihyā-ul-'Ulūm*, *Vol. 5, pp. 141*)

May Allah عَرَّدَجَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

آمِين بِجَاهِ النَّبِيّ الأَمِينُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you notice what type of Madanī mindset our saints had that if they glanced a woman unintentionally, although an accidental glance is forgiven, they made a vow of never looking up, i.e. they permanently applied Qufl-e-Madīna¹ on their eyes.

Due to modesty, our Prophet's eyes would remain lowered So on your eyes, my brother apply Qufl-e-Madīna

What if I am prevented from Paradise?

Once, Sayyidunā Ibrāhīm bin Adĥam عليه معمدة الله الأكتر went to a public bathroom to take bath. The attendant of the bathroom stopped him asking him for dirham [money] and said that if

¹ Spiritual Guard of Madīna

he would not pay the dirham, he won't let him enter. Listening to that, Sayyidunā Ibrāĥīm Bin Adĥam مَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيَه started crying. The attendant got worried and requested "If you don't have any dirham, then it's no problem, you can take a bath just free of cost." Sayyidunā Ibrāĥīm Bin Adĥam مَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيَه "I didn't cry because you stopped me, but the reason was that today I was stopped due to a dirham from entering into this public bathroom in which pious and sinners both take bath. Ah! If I would be stopped from entering Paradise, the highresidence for pious, due to scarcity of good deeds then what will I do?"

May Allah عَرِّدَحَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

آمِين بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينُ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّم

Dear Islamic brothers! These are the accounts of those spiritual people who are the devout servants of their Creator تقوّدتكار upon the heads of whom Allah تقوّدتكال has graced the crowns of Wilāyat [a High Rank of Sainthood]. See how these holy saints متعقود الله السّلار, even after attaining the high ranks of Wilāyat, would perform accountability of their Nafs in order to reform it and would consider themselves sinner and guilty. May we have the spirit to reform ourselves and may we succeed in performing accountability of our deeds before death! From the previous account, we learnt that the pious servants of Allah make the worldly calamities a means of contemplation for the afterlife. In relation to this, let's see another event. Hence,

Handcuffs and chains

Commentator of the Holy Quran, writer of Khazāin-ul-'Irfānfi-Tafsir-ul-Quran, Khalifaĥ [Successor] of A'la Hadrat, Sadrul-Afādil, 'Allāmaĥ Maulānā Savvid Muhammad Na'īmuddīn Murādābādī عَلَيْهِ مَدَّ stated on page 60 of his famous book "Savānih-e-Karbalā": In Hajjāj Bin Yusuf's times, Savyidunā Imām Zaīn-ul-'Ābidīn بيني اللهُ تعَالى عنه was arrested for the second time; his delicate body was bound by heavy iron chains and watchmen were deputed. Famous Muhaddiš [Master of Hadīš] sayyidunā Imām Zuĥrī تخيى الله تتعالى عنَّه came in his court and upon seeing his condition started weeping and while expressing his heartily desire, he requested "Ah! I cannot bear to see this condition of yours. I wish I would have been imprisoned here in your place.' Upon hearing that, Sayvidunā Imām Zaīn-ul-'Ābidīn بخين اللفتعالى عنَّه stated: "Do you think that I am in discomfort because of imprisonment? The reality is that, if I want, I can free myself right now by the grace of Allah عَزْدَجَلَّ, but there is reward in having patience in this punishment. In the restriction of these chains is the remembrance of the frightful fires of Hell, the chains of fire, and the torment of Allah عَزَّرَجَلٌ." Saying that, he unlocked his feet out from the chains and his hands out of the handcuffs.

May Allah عَزَدَجَلَّ have mercy upon him and forgive us for his sake!

آمِين بِجَاهِ النَّبِيّ الْأَمِينُ مَلَّ اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم

I Want to Rectify Myself

The limited number of breaths

Sayyidunā Imām Ḥasan Baṣrī حَمْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهُ المَعانِ عَلَى عَلَيْهُ stated: "Hurry up, hurry up! What is your life? It is only these breaths, that if they stop, then the continuation of those deeds will finish through which you gain closeness to Allah عَدَّوَجَدً May Allah عَدَوَجَدً have mercy on that person who did self-accountability for his deeds and shed a few tears for his sins." (*Ithāf-us-Sādat-il-Muttaqīn, Vol. 14, pp. 71*)



The one who doesn't perform good deeds is foolish

Dear Islamic brothers, take notice! From head to feet we are drowned in sins. What sin is there that we don't do? We are not able to do good deeds, and if we do, there is no sign of sincerity in our good acts. By telling people of our good deeds, we entrap ourselves in the destruction of showing off. Our Book of Deeds is empty of good deeds and filled with bad deeds, but unfortunately, we have no concern about the bad consequences of this and about improving ourselves. Furthermore, we assume that we are very intelligent; if someone calls us foolish, we become his enemy. But now you tell me, if a fugitive culprit has been sentenced with the capital punishment, the police are searching for him and this foolish person, instead of finding a way to be safe, is wandering freely. So will we call this person intelligent? Definitely not! People will call such a person foolish.

Name on the portal of Hell

Dear Islamic brothers! The one who has been informed that:

- "The one who intentionally misses prayer, his name will be inscribed on the gateway of the Hell." (*Hilyat-ul-Auliyā*, *Vol. 7, pp. 299, Hadīš 10590*) And he has also been informed that:
- "The one who misses even one fast in Ramadan without a valid Islamic exemption or health issue, fasting of whole life cannot make up for it, even if he fasts¹ later on." (*Jāmi*' *Tirmižī, Vol. 2, pp. 175, Ḥadīš 723*) And he has also been informed that:
- "The person who is capable of bearing transportation expenses and capable of a ride that may transport him up to Baītullaĥ (House of Allah عَدَوَجَلَ) even then doesn't perform Hajj, may he die becoming a Jew or a Christian." (*Jāmi' Tirmiżī, Vol. 2, pp. 219, Ḥadīš 812*) If you break a promise, then remember:
- "The one who breaks the promise is cursed by Allah عَنَوْحَجَلٌ His angels and by all the people; neither his Fard (Obligatory worship) nor his Nafl (Supererogatory acts) are accepted." (*Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, Vol. 1, pp. 616, Ḥadīš 1870*)

¹ i.e. One who misses one fast of Ramadan without valid reason if observes fasts throughout his life thereof would not acquire that Šawāb which was acquirable on observing that fast in Ramadan although, as per Sharī'aĥ, observing one fast in its place will make up for it. Offering a Fard is one thing and acquiring the rank is something else.

- The one who misuses his eyes, looks at Na-Maḥram women or looks at a lad with lust, or watches films, dramas, and immodest scenes on TV, VCR, internet, and in cinema house, must note: "The one who fills his eyes with Ḥarām things, Allah عَزَرَجَلَ will fill his eyes with fire on the Day of Judgment."
- The one who has been notified that soon he will have to die because every soul has to embrace death; when the lifetime completes, death will not be delayed by even a single moment. And he has been informed that after dying, he has to go into a grave that is dark and frightful for sinners, for whom there are insects, snakes, and scorpions over there, and he'll have to stay there for thousands of years. Ah! The grave will squeeze everyone, it will squeeze the pious people just like a mother embraces her lost and found son with affection; and the one with whom Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is unhappy, it will squeeze them in such a way that their vertebra will break and ribs will intertwine with each other like the fingers of both hands mingle each other. Not only all this, a warning has been given that one day of Judgment will be equal to fifty thousand years and the sun will be blazing fire staying at a distance of 1 spear. Accountability will take place. The comforts of Paradise will be for the pious people and the hardships of Hell will be for the sinners.

صَلُّوًا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

Extreme stupidity

In spite of knowing all this, if a person does not fear Allah the way he should; does not possess the proper fear of the عَزَّدَجَلَ hardships of death, terrors of the grave, horrors of the Day of Judgment, and the punishments of Hell; sleeps in heedlessness, does not offer prayers, does not fast in the month of Ramadan, does not give Zakaĥ for his assets when it becomes Fard on him, does not perform Hajj in spite of being Fard for him, breaking promises is his habit, does not stop lying, backbiting, gossiping, false suspicions, etc., remains a fanatic of movies and dramas, has a hobby of listening to songs, disobeys his parents, is engaged in ranting curses and in various sorts of shameful talks; in short, if he does not reform himself at all but still considers himself a wise person, then who can be more stupid than this person? And his silliness is so extreme that when he is advised for reforms, he replies carelessly: There will be no problem, Allah عَزَّدَجَلَّ is Merciful and Affectionate; He will be Kind to me and will forgive me.

In what case expecting absolution is silliness?

Hujja-tul-Islām, Sayyidunā Imām Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazālī عليه تختله الله الوالى stated in Iḥyā-ul-'Ulūm: "If the seed of faith is not watered with worship or the heart is left contaminated with bad manners and engaged in the pleasures of the world, then expecting absolution is similar to the expectations of a silly and distracted person." (*Iḥyā-ul-'Ulūm, Vol. 4, pp. 175*) The Merciful Prophet حَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيَهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّمَ "An incapable (foolish) person is one who operates his Nafs following his desires and in spite of this, is hopeful from Allah تَوَدَحِيَّلَ (*Jāmi' Tirmiẓī, Vol. 4, pp. 207-208, Ḥadīš 2467*)

Hope of harvesting wheat whilst sowing barley is a folly

The renowned exegetist Hakīm-ul-Ummaĥ Hadrat Muftī Ahmad Yār Khān تَحَمَّهُوْ اللَّهُ تَعَانَ has stated as regard to above Hadiš: The 'Incapable' in the aforementioned Hadiš refers to foolish person i.e. an unwise man-the foolish who is dominated by his sinful Nafs. He commits the acts leading to the Hell and remains optimistic for the Paradise saying Allah تَرْدَعَلَ is the Most Benevolent and Merciful. He who sows barley and bears hope to reap wheat saying Allah تَرْدَعَلَ is the Most Benevolent and Merciful, He تَرْدَعَلَ would convert barley into wheat at the time of harvesting; this approach cannot be termed optimism.

Allah عَزَدَجَلَّ has stated in the Holy Quran:

مَاغَرَّكَ برَبَّكَ الْصَرِيْمِ ٢

O man! What has deceived you away from your Rab, the Most Beneficent?

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 30, Sūraĥ Al-Infițār, Verse 6)

And He عَزَّدَجَلَّ has stated:

ٳڹؘؖٵڷٙڹؚؽؙڹؘٵ۫ڡٮؙ۬ۏ۠ٳۅٙٵڷٙڹؚؽڹؘۿٵؘۘجۯۅ۫ٳۅٙڂؚۿۮؙۅٝٳڣؿۺۑؽڶٵٮڵؗٶ ٱولَبِكَ يَرْجُوْنَ رَحْمَتَ اللهِ وَاللهُ خَفُوُرٌ رَّحِيمٌ ٢

Those who believed, and those who migrated for the sake of Allah عدّديكلّ, and fought in Allah's cause - they are hopeful of gaining Allah's mercy; and Allah is Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful.

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Sūraĥ Al-Baqaraĥ, Verse 218)

To plant barley and hope to reap wheat is a satanic deception and a suspicion of the Nafs. Khuwājaĥ Ḥasan Baṣrī عَتِيومَحْمَةُاللُوالقَرِى stated that: "False hope has taken some people off the right path of doing good deeds. Like sin of false saying, false hope is also sin." (*Mirāt-ul Manājī*ḥ, Vol. 7, pp. 102-103) (*Ashi'at-ul-Lam'āt*, Vol. 4, pp. 251) (*Mirqāt-ul-Mafātī*ḥ, Vol. 9, pp. 142)

Sowing seed for Hell and expecting fruit of Paradise!

Hujja-tul-Islām, Sayyidunā Imām Muhammad Bin Muhammad Ghazālī عَلَيَهِ مَحْمَةُ اللهِ الوَالِي narrated in Iḥyā-ul-'Ulūm: Sayyidunā Yaḥyā Bin Mu'āż عَلَيه مَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيه Sayyidunā Yaḥyā Bin Mu'āż عَلَيه مَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيه Sayyidunā Vaḥyā Bin Mu'āż عَلَيه مَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى stated; "According to me the biggest deception is that with the hope of forgiveness, without being regretful, a person accelerates in doing sins. Without following His commands, he expects to gain closeness to Allah أوند i.e. plants a seed for Hell and expects fruit of Paradise. Whilst doing sins, seeks dwelling in the house of worshipping people (Paradise). Without good deeds, waits for being rewarded. And, in spite of injustice and violence, he anticipates absolution from Allah عَدَوَيَة

تَرْجُوْ النَّجَاةَ وَلَمْ تَسُلُكُ مَسَالِكَهَا إِنَّ السَّفِيْنَةَ لَاتَجْرِى عَلَى الْيَبَسِ

You are hopeful for absolution but do not tread on right path; no doubt, a ship cannot sail on land. (*Iḥyā-ul-'Ulūm, Vol. 4, p. 176*)

There is lesson in afflictions

Remember, Allah عَزَوَجَلَ is Sovereign. Try to understand his sovereignty in this way: Don't you face any trouble in this world? Don't you get sick? Have you never suffered worries? Have you never come across poverty, indebtedness, unemployment? Have you never faced accidents? Have you not seen handicapped people with no hands, feet or eyes? Do such scenes of misery in this world not remind you of the punishments of Hell? Certainly for the wise people, in the miseries of this world lies a remembrance of torments of the grave, the afterlife, and Hell. Hence remember, Allah عَزَوَجَلَ who can involve people in sicknesses, miseries, and difficulties in this world can also torment in the Hell.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّد

Allah عَرَّدَعَلَ is the Sustainer and yet...

Think deeply about this that Allah عَوَدَجَلَ is the Sustainer and is capable of providing sustenance even without any means, this is your belief and mine as well. Indeed, He عَرَّدَجَلَ has taken the generous responsibility of sustenance for everyone. It is stated in the Holy Quran:

وَمَامِنُ دَآبَّةٍ فِي الْاَرْضِ اِلَّاعَلَى اللَّهِ دِزْقُهَا

"And there is none that walks upon the earth whose sustenance does not depend on the mercy of Allah عَزَدَجَلَ."

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 12, Sūraĥ Ĥūd, Verse 6)

Then it is something to think about that when Allah عَدَوَجَلَ has taken the responsibility of providing sustenance; so why do we strive hard for livelihood? Why do we go from one city to another, leave our home country and gladly, bear all miseries in the path of hoarding wealth. Because our mind is set that when I will make an effort, then livelihood will be provided i.e. No pain, no gain.

Allah عَرَّدَعَلَ has not taken the responsibility of

forgiving everyone, but...

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah عَدَوَبَعَلَ has taken the generous responsibility of providing sustenance for every living thing. But remember! He has not taken the responsibility of securing the faith of every Muslim and forgiving every Muslim without aftermath. But still, we are merely anxious for livelihood. There seems no endeavour whatsoever for security of faith and for absolution without aftermath. Perhaps because heart of most people has hardened nowadays, therefore they are ready to bear pains for the sake of the earthly things. In order to earn wealth, they are ready to work for eight, ten, or even twelve hours daily like an ox of an oil-press. Alas! If they are requested to travel in the Madanī Qāfilaĥ for three days every month for security of faith and for absolution without aftermath, they regret saying, 'we have no time.' May Allah عَرَدَجَلَ forbid, it seems as if it is being said:

The Nafs and Satan has intoxicated us, brother!, to such an extent We have not reformed, and vowed not to get reformed in future

Allah عَزَّدَجَلَّ is Sovereign

Certainly Allah عَدَّدَجَلَّ, without any reasoning, is capable of entering us into Paradise merely with His mercy. But it is necessary to fear from His sovereignty as He may hold us accountable for a single sin and can throw us into Hell. A blessed saying of Allah عَدَّدَجَلَ has been quoted in Musnad Imām Aḥmad Bin Ḥanbal عَدَدَجَلَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَ عَنَهُ Have no concern if these people would enter Paradise; and nor do I have any concern if they go to Hell." (*Musnad Imām Aḥmad, Vol. 6, pp. 205, Ḥadīš 17676*)

Therefore, in order to secure ourselves from Hell and for entrance into Paradise, we have to develop the mindset: "I intend to reform myself" and for that, we will have to make utmost effort to inculcate fear of Allah عَدَدَجَلَ عالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله Holy Prophet Muṣṭafā مَتَوَجَلَه وَسَلَّه قَعَالَ عَالَيه وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى مَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله favour of Allah عَدَدَعَالَ عَالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى عَالله وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَالله and love of the favour of Allah عَدَدَجَلَ عَالَيه وَالله وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَعَالَى عَالَيه وَ , we will avoid committing sins and make a habit of offering Ṣalāĥ and abiding by the Sunnaĥ. We will travel in the Madanī Qāfilaĥs [Outreach Travels for spreading Sunnaĥ]. Every night while doing Fikr-e-Madīna, we will fill our Madanī In'āmāt booklet and submit it to designated Islamic brother [of Dawat-e-Islami] of our locality every month. With the Grace of Allah عَدَّوَجَلَ and the Holy Prophet Musiafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالله وَسَلَّى, we will secure ourselves from Hell and will enter into Paradise, which is the True Success. Therefore it is mentioned in the magnificent saying of Allah عَدَّوَجَلَ

فَنُ ذُحْزِحَ عَنِ النَّارِوَأُدْخِلَ الْحَبَّنَةَ فَقَدُفَازَ[ّ]

"So the one who is admitted into Paradise after securing from fire of Hell - he is undoubtedly successful."

[Kanz-ul-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 4, Sūraĥ Āl-e-'Imrān, Verse 185)

Repent in order to reform yourself

Dear Islamic brothers! Anyhow, we should not be hopeless for His mercy and at the same time we should not be heedless of His sovereignty. And we should persistently strive to reform ourselves. I believe that every Muslim desire, 'I intend to rectify myself.' So those who really want to be rectified, they should sincerely repent from their past sins. No doubt, Allah تترتبقل excepts repentance. In order to persuade you, I am quoting three Aḥādīš describing excellence of repentance:

 The Holy Prophet Mustafa حَمَّلَ اللهُ تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّم has stated: When a person admits his sin, then repents, Allah عَوَّدَجَلَ accepts his repentance. (*Şaḥīḥ Bukhārī, Vol. 2, pp. 199, Ḥadīš 2661*)

- In a Hadīš-e-Qudsī, Allah عَدَوَجَلَ has stated: O my servants! You are all sinners except those whom I grant salvation. So the one amongst you who understands that I have authority of forgiving, asks Me for forgiveness, I will forgive him and I have no concern. (*Mishkāt-tul-Maṣābīḥ, Vol.* 2, pp. 439, Ḥadīš 2350)
- It is a saying of the Holy Prophet Muṣṭafā مَتَلَ المُعْتَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالْهِ وَسَلَّم
 'The one who supplicates like this:

ٱللَّهُمَّ لَا إِلٰهَ الَّا اَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ عَمِلْتُ سُوً اَ أَوْ ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِى فَاغْفِرْ لِيُ إِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا اَنْتَ

O Allah عَدَّدَعَلَّ there is none worthy of worship except You, Purity is for You [from all shortcomings], I have done bad deeds and oppressed my Nafs. Forgive me because there is none forgiving except You.' Then Allah عَدَّدَعَلَ stated: I forgive his sins, even if they are equal to the number of ants. (*Kanz-ul-*'Ummāl, Vol. 2, pp. 287, Ḥadīš 5049, Dār-ul-Kutub 'Ilmīyaĥ, Beirut)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالى عَلى مُحَمَّد صَلُّوْ إِعَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ

Good intentions

Dear Islamic brothers! May Allah عَدَوَعِلَ accept repentance of all of you, secure faith of all of you, bless you all with privilege of Hajj again and again, make you see the Green Dome [Dome of the Holy Prophet's Mausoleum] again and again, make you a sincere devotee of the Holy Prophet, and may He accept all these prayers in favour of me. Be courageous and decide from today, "I want to rectify myself". Therefore, I will not miss any Ṣalāĥ زان شَاءَالله عَدَوَجَلَ I will not miss any fast in Ramadan زان شَاءالله عَدَوَجَلَ I will not watch films and dramas الله عَدَوَجَلَ i will not listen to music زان شَاءالله عَدَوَجَلَ I will not shave my beard less than a fistful زان شَاءالله عَدَوَجَلَ I will travel in the Madanī Qāfilaĥs of Dawat-e-Islami every month for three days to learn the Sunnaĥs الن شَاءالله عَدَوَجَلَ Everyday while doing Fikr-e-Madīna, I will fill my Madanī In'āmāt booklet and submit it to designated Islamic brother by the 10th of every month for three days to.

Dear Islamic brothers! While finishing my speech, I am going to avail the honour of stating an excellence of Sunnaĥ and some acts of Sunnaĥs. The Noble Prophet حَنَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَسَلَّمُ stated: "The one who loved my Sunnaĥ loved me and the one who loved me will be with me in Paradise." (*Mishkāt-tul-Maṣābīḥ*, *Vol. 1, pp. 55, Ḥadīš 175*)

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالى عَلى مُحَمَّد صَلُّو إعَلَى الْحَبِيْب

4 Madanī pearls for applying kohl

 It is reported in Sunan-e-Ibn-e-Mājaĥ: The best kohl of all is Išmad, as it brightens the eyesight and grows the eyelashes. (*Sunan Ibn-e-Mājaĥ, Vol. 4, pp. 115, Ḥadīš 3497*)

- There is no harm in putting kohl of stone, and putting black kohl with the intention of cosmetic is Makruĥ [Disliked] for men. And if the intention is not for cosmetic, then there is no harm in it. (*Fatāwā Alamgīrī, Vol. 5, pp. 359*)
- It is a Sunnaĥ to use kohl when going to sleep. (Mirāt-tul Manājīḥ, Vol. 6, pp. 180)
- 4. A summary of the three reported traditions of putting kohl is being presented: (i) sometimes three needles of kohl in both eyes. (ii) sometimes three needles in the right eye and two in the left. (iii) sometimes two needles in both eyes and in the end, one needle of kohl in both eyes. (*Shu'ab-ul-Īmān, Vol. 5, pp. 218-219*)

By doing this, الله عَذَوَ عَلَى عَلَيْهِ عَذَوَ عَلَى you will be able to act upon all three ways. Dear Islamic brothers! Our Beloved Prophet صَلَى الله تَعَالى عَلَيْهِ وَالله وسَلَمَ used to start every good deed from the right side, therefore put kohl in the right eye first and then in the left eye. To get a detailed understanding about the Sunnaĥs of kohl and to learn several other Sunnaĥs, purchase the book "Sunnatayn Aur Ādāb" comprising of 120 pages, published by Maktaba-tul-Madīna and go through it. One effective method for learning Sunnaĥs is to travel with the devotees of the Holy Prophet in the form of Madanī Qāfilaĥ of Dawat-e-Islami.

To learn the Sunnah, travel with the Madanī Qāfilah To gain the mercy, travel with the Madanī Qāfilah Problems will be solved, travel with the Madanī Qāfilah Blessings will be showered, travel with the Madanī Qāfilah

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The Blossoming of Sunnah

By the Grace of Alläh تروجال Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet مراهديات على معالي معالي 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 Madanī 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, Maḥallah Saudagrān, Old Sabzī Mandī). Habitualize yourself to a punctual travel in the Madanī Qāfilah with the devotees of the Holy Prophet in order to learn the Sunnah and fill out the Madanī In'āmāt booklet daily practicing Fikr-e-Madīnah (Madanī Contemplation) and submit it to the Zimmadār (relevant representative of Dawat-e-Islami) of your locality. By the blessing of this, المنافية علامية المنافية المنافية علامية المنافية المنافية (Madanī Labari) and a yearning to protect your faith, adopt the Sunnahs and be averse to sins.

In order to reform ourselves, we must act upon the Madanī In'āmāt and to reform people of the entire world we must travel in the Madanī Qāfilah إن مَاتَعَافَ عَزَدِعَلَ.



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