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أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
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Du'a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَاَنْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

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O Allah **عَدَّوَجَلَّ**! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (*Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40*)

Note:

Recite Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

Glad tiding of visiting Madinah

The way of the people of Allah

How is it to remain barefooted in Madina?

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's visit to the golden grilles

Foreword

Even if one is granted the opportunity to visit Madinah a hundred times, the first visit holds its own place and has its own sweetness. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first visit to Madinah was in 1980; many memorable moments and accounts from this journey have been mentioned on the widely accepted series of Madani Channel known as Madani Muzakarah. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, this memorable journey to Madinah is now being presented to the public in written form, the first part of which has been named 'Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah.' May Allah Almighty grant sincerity and steadfastness, and may the remaining parts also come into the public sphere and bring coolness to the hearts of the devotees of the Prophet through the love-filled accounts of the devotee of the Prophet, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! This 21-pages booklet has been written after contacting and confirming accounts with around 12 Islamic brothers. We make Du'a in the court of Allah Almighty to grant us sincere love for Madinah, martyrdom in the shade of the green dome with faith and well-being, burial in Jannat-ul-Baqi' and the neighbourhood of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ** **وَالِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ** in Jannat-ul-Firdaus for the sake of this accepted slave of His, the devotee of Madinah Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat.

اٰمِيْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ

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Madinah is liye Attar jaan-o-dil say hay piyara
Keh rehtay hayn mayray Aaqa mayray Sarwar Madinay mayn

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Du'a of Janasheen-e-Attar

O Lord of Mustafa! Whosoever reads or listens to the Complete booklet 'Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah,' allow him to perform Hajj and visit Madina repeatedly, and forgive him without accountability.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The beloved mother of the Muslims, Sayyidatuna 'Aaishah Siddeeqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا narrates that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Whenever a person sends Salat upon me, an angel takes that Salat and ascends with it to the court of Allah Almighty. So, Allah Almighty says, 'Take this Salat to the grave of My slave, this Salat will continue to seek forgiveness for its reciter and his eyes will receive coolness when he looks towards it.' (*Jam'ul-Jawami'*, vol. 6, p. 321, Hadith 19461)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Garland of tears (an account)

A fortunate visitor of Madinah from Karachi held a gathering in his home before setting off for Hajj, to which he invited his friends and relatives to attend. At the start of the gathering, his friends placed garlands of flowers upon him. There was a friend of the Haji present in that blessed gathering who was a great devotee of the Prophet. As soon as the respected Haji entered the gathering whilst wearing flower garlands, that friend was sitting down with tears in his eyes. After seeing his Haji friend wearing garlands of flower, he could not hold back the flood of tears and began to cry uncontrollably; his resolve was broken and an ocean of tears flowed forth. Seeing this wonderous scene, a desire arose within the heart of the devotee of Madinah as his friend was leaving for the journey of Hajj but he did not have the means to visit Madinah himself (if only I could attain the honour of visiting Madinah!)

Yaad mayn Aaqa kay aanso beh gaye

Sab Madinay ko gaye ham reh gaye

Ham Madinay jayen gay ab ki baras

Har baras yeh soch kar ham reh gaye

When the time to bid farewell to the respected Haji arrived, the sincere devotee of Madina also went to see off his Haji friend. The devotee of Madinah said, 'With a hopeful gaze, I looked towards the fortunate individuals who were travelling towards

Madina on the ship. Ah! Then I took control of my restless heart and returned towards my home. Despite the fact that many years have passed, I still remember the joy of those visitors of Madinah.’

Za'ir-e-Taybah! Rozay peh ja kar

Tu Salaam un say ro ro kay kehna

Mayray gham ka fasanah suna kar

Tu Salaam un say ro ro kay kehna

Tayri qismat peh rashk aa raha hay

Tu Madinay ko ab ja raha hay

Ah! Jata hay mujh ko rola kar

Tu Salaam un say ro ro kay kehna

Jab puhnch jaye tayra Safeenah

Jab nazar aaye meetha Madinah

Ba adab apnay sar ko jhuka kar

Tu Salaam un say ro ro kay kehna

Dear Islamic brothers! The name of that true devotee of Madinah who had tears in his eyes, who lit the lantern of Prophetic love in his heart, who illuminated the lamp of yearning within his heart, and who has made countless Muslims into lovers of Madinah with his efforts, the name of

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that great man is 'Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat,
'Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi
Ziyaee دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةُ.'

Zikr-e-Madinah jaari lab par Soz-e-Madinah banttay aksar

'Ishq-e-Taybah mayn daykho tau lagtay hayn sarshaar

Mayray murshid hayn Attar Mayray murshid hayn Attar

إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ in kay sadqay ho ga bayra paar

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

How amazing is Madinah!

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ! It is the scholars of Ahl-us-Sunnah who are the devotees of the Prophet! The late member of the central advisory committee of Dawat-e-Islami, Haji Zam Zam Attari رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ said the following about Ra'ees-ut-Tahreer 'Allamah Arshad Al-Qadiri once came to deliver a Bayan in a Masjid of Hyderabad, Pakistan, and when his gaze fell upon a sticker of Maktaba-tul-Madinah which said 'How amazing is Madinah' which was on the Mihrab or on a nearby wall, he was suddenly so overcome with love for Madinah that tears began to flow uncontrollably, and he said in an emotional manner, 'The one whose writing has so much effect, then how much fervour must that individual himself possess.'

May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and may we be forgiven without accountability for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

*Shah tum nay Madinah apnaya, wah kaya baat hay Madinay ki
Apna rauzah isi mayn banwaya, wah kaya baat hay Madinay ki*

Journey to Hajj

O devotees of the Prophet! The journey to Hajj and Madinah is a very joyous and tranquil journey. May Allah Almighty allow all devotees of the Prophet to witness the beloved Haram, the Sacred Ka'bah, Mina, Arafat, Muzdalifah, and the Ka'bah of the Ka'bah, the green dome. No matter how many times one undertakes this journey, it will not be enough. Allah Almighty has placed such an appeal in His Sacred House, the Ka'bah, that one does not feel like returning from there, and the feelings of a person at the time of departure is akin to a child being torn from his mother's lap. Madinah is Madinah! What can be said about Madinah; which eye is there that does not shed tears when witnessing it, which heart is there that does not become restless in its remembrance, which Muslim is there whose heart does not long to visit Madinah. If only we are granted the ability to visit again and again!

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Woh Madinah jo kaunayn ka taj hay

Jis ka deedar Mu'min ki Mi'raaj hay

Zindagi mayn Khuda har Musalman ko

Woh Madinah dikha day tau kaya baat hay

Dear Islamic brothers! Love is when the heart is inclined towards a thing, and when this love becomes intense, it is referred to as 'devotion'; if one becomes a devotee of a person, everything of theirs appears to be good.

Jaan hay 'Ishq-e-Mustafa roz fuzon karay Khuda

Jis ko ho dard ka mazah naaz-e-dawa uthaye kyun

Devotee of Madinah

O devotees of Attar! The founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyae *دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ* has instilled the love for Madinah and devotion towards the King of Madinah *صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* into the hearts of countless Muslim. He is truly a devotee of Madinah and a sincere devotee of the Prophet, in fact, Allah Almighty has granted him such a rank that great scholars refer to him as a devotee of Madinah and a walking example of the Sunnah. In order to further increase the love for Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat within your hearts, I will present the view of two noble scholars in my own words:

The well-known scholar of India, the son of the Khalifah of A'la Hadrat, Ghazi-e-Millat, Maulana Syed Muhammad Haashimi Miyan Ashrafi Jeelani مَدَّ ظِلُّهُ الْعَالِي states, 'I have no (blood) relation with Ilyas Qadiri, but that Madinah which our forefathers left in order to spread Islam in the Indo-Pak subcontinent, I have seen that entire Madinah within the chest of Ilyas Qadiri. He always says Madinah, Madinah, he wishes to be laid to rest in Baqi, he wishes to reside at the feet of the Noble Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ, he is completely engrossed in Prophetic devotion and yearning for Madinah. I make Du'a that Maulana Ilyas Qadiri is granted blessings in his knowledge and life, and may the Ahl-us-Sunnah be granted the blessings of Faizan-e-Sunnat.' *(Video Clip aur Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat kay baray mayn 1163 'Ulama-e-Kiraam kay Tasuraat, p. 738)*

Rab kay dar say woh rona rulana tayra

Wajd mayn Zikr-e-Taybah peh aana tayra

Jam-e-'Ishq e Nabi woh pilana tayra

Mayray saaqi ka sharbat salamat rahay

The Mufti of Sakhar, 'Allamah Mufti Muhammad Ibrahim Qadiri مَدَّ ظِلُّهُ الْعَالِي states, 'May Allah Almighty shower His grace upon Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the one who has established a religious and reforming organisation by the name of Dawat-e-Islami to which countless individuals have associated themselves, spending their lives adhering to the Shari'ah and

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filling their hearts with Prophetic love, transforming their hearts into Madinah.’ (*Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat kay baray mayn 1163* ‘*Ulama-e-Kiraam kay Tasuraat, p. 30*)

*‘Ishq-e-Nabi mila hay dil phool sa khila hay
Maslak mayray raza ka Attar nay diya hay*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Eid of the devotees

O those who yearn to gaze upon the green dome! The person spoke the truth when they said, ‘Money is not required to go to Madinah, rather, there is a need for a sincere yearning.’ When a person becomes restless in visiting Madinah, the doors open themselves; there are many wealthy individuals who are left behind and the devotees of the Madinah arrive at the doorstep of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

*Kahan ka mansab kahan ki dawlat, Qasam Khuda ki hay yeh haqeeqat
Jinhayn bulaya hay Mustafa nay, wohi Madinay ko ja rahay hayn*

Something similar occurred with the devotee of Madinah, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ. Since childhood, he had a passion for reciting and listening to Na’ats about visiting Madinah. Even before the founding of Dawat-e-Islami, he would gather with his friends and hold gatherings to remember Madinah and the King of Madinah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

They would particularly recite this Na'at of Mufti-e-A'zam-e-Hind, Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ with the lights switched off:

Bakht-e-Khufiah nay mujhay rozay par janay na diya

Chashm-o-Dill seenay kalayjay say laganay na diya

The devotees of the Prophet in the gathering would be overcome with emotion and it would be a blissful scene. Eventually, that golden hour arrived in 1400 AH, or, 1980 CE, when the friends of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat who lived in the Arab lands had some awareness of the state of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's heart. They all got together and gave Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat the glad tidings that they would arrange for him to visit Madinah at their own expense.

Is aas peh jeeta hoon kehday yeh koi aa kar

Chal tujh ko Madinay mayn sarkar bulatay hayn

Glad tidings of visiting Madinah

What occurred was that a childhood friend of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ moved to Madinah in 1973, and after a while, a few other friends moved to the Haramayn. The friends were once sitting with each other and the one who visited Madinah first said, اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! We have all visited Madinah, but one friend of ours has been unable to visit as of yet. It would be good if we all got together and arranged his ticket for his

journey here and back. My home is near the Haram in Madinah (after the expansion of Masjid ul Nabawi, that house has also been included in the Masjid); when Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat comes to Madinah, he can live in my home, and during his visit to Makkah, he can stay at a friend's house who lives in Makkah. Like this, we will only need to make arrangements for his return ticket.' The cost of a return ticket from Pakistan to Madina was 5,000 Riyals. All of the friends contributed money and this became the means of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat visiting Madinah.

Jab bulaya aaqa nay khud hi intizam ho gaye

An amazing matter

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ graced his devotee, and **أَلْحَقَهُ لِلَّهِ**, the visa for Umrah was received. What can be said about receiving the glad tiding of visiting Madinah, it was the acquisition of a priceless blessing. He joyously told a travel agent, Muhammad Saalim who used to visit him in Noor Masjid sometimes to book a ticket. However, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat did not wish to travel with the airline that he had booked the ticket with. But with the Mercy of Allah Almighty, after extensive efforts, the struggle paid off and the flight for which he had a desire was booked and the ticket was booked. Look at the way of Allah Almighty! A short while before the day and time in which the airplane of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

took off, the airline with whom Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat had previously booked his ticket also departed. After arriving in Jeddah, they received the news that the other airplane had caught fire and all of the passengers had died. May Allah Almighty forgive those devotees of the Prophet who passed away in that tragedy without accountability. (It is as though Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat had been invited to visit Madinah).

*Jisay chaha dar peh bula liya jisay chaha apna bana liya
Yeh baray karam kay hayn fayslay yeh baray naseeb ki baat hay*

Remove worry

When some friends of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat in Karachi found out about this plane crash, they thought that Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat was also on that flight, so, they went to his home in Old Town, Mithadar, Karachi to pay their condolences. When Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat received news of this matter, he sent a message to Karachi via a friend, telling them that he had arrived in Jeddah safely.

Dear Islamic brothers! I should mention that whenever you travel and arrive at your destination, you should inform your family members, so that your parents and other relatives are not worried, otherwise, it is possible that they are trying to contact you for some reason and will become worried if they are unable to reach you. May Allah Almighty grant us martyrdom in the shade of the green dome with faith and well-

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being, burial in Jannat-ul-Baqi' and the neighbourhood of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Jannat-ul-Firdaus.

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The way of the people of Allah

It was around 5th Shawwal 1400 AH when Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat landed at Jeddah Airport and came to know that his luggage had gone missing. When he could not find his bag despite searching extensively, he thought to himself 'The bag was taken in exchange for my life,' so he took his hand luggage, came out from customs and sat in the car with the friends that came to receive him.

Dear Islamic brothers! We should remain content with every decision of Allah Almighty; there is no benefit in making pointless complaints, rather, it is possible that we will be deprived of the reward that is granted upon calamities. Look at the beautiful mindset of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat! He is from the accepted people of Allah Almighty. How big of a concern is it to lose your luggage as soon as one arrives in a foreign country; only the one to whom this has happened can truly know what it feels like. Despite facing such a big misfortune, he did not complain, and this is the way of our pious predecessors. Just as when a person once came to the great Wali of Allah, Sayyiduna Sahl Bin Abdullah Tustari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ

and said, 'A thief entered my home and stole all of my possessions.' Hearing this, he wisely said, 'This is a time to be grateful, for a thief came and stole your belongings; if Satan were to come as a thief and **مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ** snatch your faith, then what would you do?' May Allah Almighty have mercy upon him and forgive us without accountability for his sake. **آسِينَ**

*Zaban par shikwah-e-ranj-o-aalam laya nahin kartay
Nabi kay naam laywa gham say ghabraya nahin kartay*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O those who long to visit Madinah! Just imagine how joyous that moment will be when we will be sitting in that car which is heading towards Madinah and when we are aware that we will arrive in Madinah after a short while; the sight of the green dome, the towering minarets of Masjid Nabawi, that Haram of Madinah, the golden grilles and the splendid scenes of Riyad-ul-Jannah. Ah! If only...

*Mayn phool ko chomon ga aur dhool ko chomon ga
Jis waqt karon ga mayn deedar Madinay ka
Aankhon say laga loon ga aur dill mayn basa loon ga
Seenay mayn utaron ga mayn khar Madinay ka*

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O devotees of the Prophet! The true Prophetic devotee, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat left Karachi with the intention of visiting Madinah so he was not in a state of Ihram, as Ihram is only necessary for the one who enters the Meeqat with the intention of visiting Makkah. *(Rafeeq-ul-Haramayn, p. 327, extracted)* Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's car left Jeddah in the direction of Madinah. This was such a beautiful and unique journey that is almost impossible to put into words, for how can the sentiments of the lover of Madinah be captured in words. However, we will attempt to present the journey to Madinah in our own manner.

The weather was very warm during those days in Arabia, as though the sun was also taking abundant blessings from Arabia. The car in which Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat was sitting had air conditioning and there was intense heat outside, yet the state of the heart of the sincere devotee of Madinah was beyond words; despite sitting in an air-conditioned car, he would repeatedly roll down the window and take delight in the air of Arabia. This devotional manner of the devotees towards the land of the Beloved is not a new phenomenon. They have love and affection for every particle of the Beloved's vicinity.

*Aa idhar ruh ki har teh mayn samo loon tujh ko
Aye hawa tu nay to Sarkar ko daykha ho ga*

The car was travelling towards Madinah and Na'ats were playing, and as it was the first time travelling there, it was

joyous, and sometimes the heart was overcome with awe, for the arrival to Madina, the abode of the devotees was approaching. Devotion has unique manifestations, and we should never object to any display of devotion and not allow unpleasant thoughts to enter our hearts, lest we are deprived of this great treasure.

*Na kisi kay raqs peh tanz kar na kisi kay gham ka mazaq ura
Jisay chahay Jaysay nawaz day yeh Mizaj-e-'Ishq-e-Rasool hay*

What can be said about the greatness and excellence of Madinah!

This beautiful expression of love and affection is not towards an insignificant city or place, rather, this is a display of love towards that city of Madinah which is the chief of all cities, and the one who is resting there is the leader of all prophets.

*Nabbiyyon mayn Jaysay Afzal-o-A'la hayn Mustafa
Shehron mayn badshah hay Madinah Huzoor ka*

5 specialities of Madinah

(Madinah has countless virtues but only 5 of them are being mentioned here for blessings)

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah

1. There is no other city on the face of the Earth that has as many names as the blessed names of Madinah; some scholars have mentioned 100 names.
2. His ﷺ blessed heart found peace in Madinah.
3. He ﷺ would not remove the dust of Madinah from his noble face and would stop the Sahabah رضى الله عنهم from doing so too, and he ﷺ would say, 'There is cure in the soil of Madinah.' (*Jazb-ul-Quloob, p. 22*)
4. Whenever a Muslim goes to Madinah with the intention of visiting the Beloved Prophet ﷺ, the angels welcome him with gifts of mercy. (*Jazb-ul-Quloob, p. 211*)
5. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ encouraged us to die in Madinah, and he ﷺ will intercede for those who die there. (*'Aashiqan-e-Rasool ki 130 Hikayaat, p. 261*)

*Madinah Madinah hamara Madinah
Hamayn jaan-o-dill say hay piyara Madinah*

*Suhana suhana dill aara Madinah
Diwanon ki aankhon ka tara Madinah
Yeh rangeen fiza`ayn yeh mehekti hawa`ayn
Mu`attar mu`anbar hay sara Madinah*

*Wahan piyara Ka'bah yahan sabz Gumbad
Woh Makkah bhi Meetha tau piyara Madinah
Ziya peer-o-murshid kay sadaqay mayn aaqa
Yeh Attar aye dobarah Madinah*

Madinah is coming

Devotees of Madinah! Hold onto your heart! For the time has almost arrived when the true devotee is about to enter the beautiful and picturesque city of Madinah. But before the car of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat crossed the illuminated borders of Madinah, he said to his friend who was the driving the car, 'I will not enter the city of Madinah whilst sitting, so when the time to enter Madinah arrives then inform me.' However, perhaps it was due to well-wishing and compassion, and thinking how he will travel to Masjid Nabawi by foot in the intense heat, the driver drove him to Masjid Nabawi and said, 'We have arrived in Madinah and this is the blessed green dome.'

*Kiya sabz sabz gumbad ka khoob hay nazarah
Hay kis qadar suhana kaysa hay piyara piyara
Anwaar yan chama cham barsain abr payham
Pur noor sabz gumbad pur noor hay manarah*

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah

Welcome! The green dome was shining brightly ahead, and upon hearing the devotee of Madinah said joyfully whilst exiting the car, 'Take care of my belongings, I am going to the one I have come for.' In a state of joy and delight, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat came out from the car without any sandals, but the sun was taking blessings from the green dome in Madinah. The heat was intense and it was as though it was daring somebody to walk on the ground of Madinah, and as soon as he placed his foot on the ground, the severity of the heat could be felt beyond the shins. Placing the feet on the floor was extremely difficult and he had never experienced such a scorching ground before. In the end, he took off the white handkerchief from around his neck and spread it out on the floor. He would walk a few steps and then stop.

Waron qadam qadam peh keh har dam hay jan-e-nu

Yeh rah-e-jaan faza mayray Maula kay dar ki hay

الله أكبر! Apnay qadam aur yeh khaak-e-pak

Hasrat Malaikah ko jahan waz-'e-sar ki hay

How is it to remain barefooted in Madina?

Devotees of Madina! This visit of the devotee of Madina to the court of his Master was very delightful indeed, for he did not even wear sandals in the blessed streets of the Beloved. Perhaps the whisper will enter a person's mind that the Noble Sahaba

عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ were also devotees of the Prophet but they wore sandals in Madina, and there is no one who can be a greater prophetic devotee than them. The response to this is that, undoubtedly, none of us can exceed the Noble Sahabah عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ and their devotion to the Prophet, however, if person does not wear sandals out of love and reverence for Madina, then the Shari'ah does not prohibit this either. In fact, this sacred place ought to be honoured, and proof for removing the shoes when on sacred land is found in the Holy Quran, just as it is stated in part 16, Surah Taha, verse 12:

فَاخْلَعْ نَعْلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ بِأَوَادِ الْمُقَدَّسِ طُوًى ﴿١٢﴾

Therefore, take off your shoes. Indeed, you are in the sacred jungle (i.e. valley) of Tuwa.'

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 16, Surah Taha, Verse 12)

Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ writes the following under this verse in Tafasir Noor-ul-Irfan: Removing the shoes out of respect is a Prophetic Sunnah. (*Noor-ul-'Irfan, p. 498*)

*Pa'oon mayn joota, Array! Mahboob ka kuchah hay yeh
Haush kar tu haush kar, Ghaafil! Madinah Aa gaya*

Barefooted in Madina

The esteemed leader of millions of Malikis, Sayyiduna Imam Malik رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ was an ardent devotee of the Prophet; he رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ would walk barefoot in the streets of Madina. (*Al-Jaza` Al-Awwal*, p. 76). He رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ stated: There is not a night that has passed except that I have seen the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ.

(*Hilyah tul Awliya*, vol. 6, p. 346)

Diwanay ko tahqeer say diwanah nah kehna

Diwanah bahut soch kay diwanah bana hay

Mast ma`ay ulfat hay madhosh-e-mahabbat hay

Farzanah hay diwanah, diwanah hay farzanah

The valley of Tuwa cannot compare to the City of Madina!

Dear Islamic brothers! The pure Valley of Tuwa near Mount Sinai in Syria was sacred and blessed because it was the place where the Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام passed by. When this is the status of the land where the Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام passed through, then what can be said about the excellence and grandeur of that place in which the leader of all Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام spent around 10 years of his physical life, and is now resting there with his blessed body. The Valley of Tuwa is the place where the Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام passed through,

whereas the jewel of the universe, Madina, is the place of residence of the King of Madina صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

According to one narration, the blessed mausoleums of some Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are also located in the Valley of Tuwa, whereas, the leader of all prophets is resting in Madina. In the Valley of Tuwa, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is spoken to whereas, the Beloved of Allah is addressed in Madina; Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام travelled to the Valley of Tuwa, whereas, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was commanded to migrate to Madina. In short, mentioning the greatness and excellence of Madina is beyond our capability. The king of poetry, Maulana Hassan Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ writes:

*Bana shah Nasheen khasarwe do jahan ka
Bayahn kiya ho 'Az-o-waqar-e-Madinah
Sharaf jin say haasil huwa Anbiya ko
Wohi hayn hasan 'Ifikhar-e-Madinah*

The Imam of the devotees, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

*Hasht-e-khuld Aayen wahan kasb-e-latafat ko raza
Char din barsay jahan abr e baharan-e-'Arab*

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah

Another poet beautifully said:

*Jab say qadam paray hayn Risalat ma-ab kay
Jannat bana huwa hay Madinah Huzoor ka*

*Qudsi bhi chumtay hayn Adab say yahan ki khak
Qismat peh jhoomta hay Madinah Huzoor ka*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's visit to the golden grilles

O devotees of the Prophet! With this intense heat of Madina, the devotee of Madina, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat entered Masjid Nabawi. During the journey from Jeddah to Madina, this couplet of Mufti-e-A'zam-e-Hind رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was resonating in the car:

O those who yearn to gaze upon the green dome! Just ponder a little! When a common Muslim attains the honour of visiting Madina for the first time, he rejoices abundantly. When the time of ascension (Mi'raaj) arrives for the believer then how beautiful is that scene when he stands before that green dome which he looked at in pictures, heard about in Na'ats, and which the fortunate people kissed in their dreams. سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ ! How delightful must that scene have been when the true

devotee of Madina witnessed that green dome and illuminated minaret. What must the state of the heart have been at that time; the drops of tears, the sighs and the crying.

*Paysh-e-Nazar woh Nu baahar sajday ko dil hay bay qarar
Rookiey sar ko rookiey Han yehi Imtihan hay*

He conveyed Salam to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on behalf of those who had requested him to do so, and one can only guess what else was said with the heart; it was his first time standing before the golden grilles and that too in this state of devotion!

When he returned after conveying the feelings of his heart, his friend who brought him from Jeddah was also present in Masjid Nabawi, and then he returned back to his residence which was very close to Masjid Nabawi. When he returned, he could not hold back the flood of tears, and every devotee of the Prophet experiences their own feelings when visiting Madina. Some people gain the glad tidings of visiting joyfully whereas others do so whilst crying and remain crying. Every manner of expressing devotion to Madinah which does not contradict the Shariah can be adopted and is a sign of good fortune. O Allah Almighty! For the sake of the true devotees of the Final

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah

Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, grant us the everlasting blessing of devotion for Madina and the King of Madina صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Hay ye Fazal-e-Khuda, mayn Madinay mayn Hoon

Hay ussi ki 'Ata mayn Madinay mayn Hoon

Ya Rasool-e-Khuda mayn Madinay mayn Hoon

Tum nay Bulwa liya mayn Madinay mayn Hoon

Meri eid aj hay meri Mi'raj hay

Mayn yahan aagaya mayn Madinay mayn hoon

Unique methods of pleasing the Beloved

Dear Islamic brothers! The ways of the devotees are truly unparalleled. Someone once saw Mahmood Ghaznavi (the great king of his time) in Masjid Nabawi wearing the clothing of poor people, with a waterskin over his shoulder and giving water to the visitors of the Haram, so they said, 'Are you not the King of Ghazni? What state are you in?' He replied, 'I am a king, but that is in Ghazni; even kings become paupers and slaves in this court.' The questioner loved this devotion-filled response greatly. After some time, he saw the King of Egypt arrive with full royal protocol, so the man said to him, 'You are so audacious! You visit Madina with such royal pomp!' The reply of the Egyptian king is worthy of been written in gold

too. The king of Egypt said, 'O questioner! Tell me who is the one who granted this authority? No doubt, it is the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who has granted it. Hence, I have presented myself with my royal crown and clothing, so that the bestower can see it with his blessed eyes.' (*'Aashiqaan-e-Rasool ki 130 Hikayaat, p. 51*)

*Jis dam su`ay taybah safar ho
Ankhayn tar hoon pahtha Jigar hoon*

*Aur 'ata ho sozish-e-Sinah
Ya Allah meri jhauri bhar day*

*Samnay jab jo gumbad e Khazra
Qalb-o-jigar hoon parah parah*

*Beh niklay ashqon ka dhara
Ya Allah Mayri jholi bhar day*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The unparalleled love of the devotee of Madina

Dear Islamic brothers! It is said: *مَنْ أَحَبَّ شَيْئًا أَكْتَرُ ذِكْرَهُ*, i.e. 'A person abundantly mentions the thing he loves.' (*Shu'ab Al-Iman, vol. 1, p. 388, Hadith 501*). It is due to the blessings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat that the devotees of the Prophet affiliated with Dawat-

e-Islami are always mentioning Madina. Finding an example like that of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat and his love towards Madina in this age is extremely difficult. He has placed the remembrance of Madina even upon the tongues of children. The largest reforming and religious movement, Dawat-e-Islami, that was established as a result of his continuous struggles day and night, is currently engaged in illuminating the hearts of the devotees of the Prophet with prophetic love and spreading Sunnahs.

الحمد لله! This religious movement is spreading the message of the Quran and Sunnah in over 80 departments. Let us now listen to the names of some departments which show the devotion of the devotee of Madina, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, and which display and express profound love for Madina. The department which writes Islamic literature is known as 'al-Madina-tul-Ilmiyyah,' the names of the Madani Centres and Masjids are known as 'Faizan-e-Madina,' the Madaris in which the Dars-e-Nizami (Aalim Course) is taught are known as 'Jamia-tul-Madina,' the Madaris which teach the Quran free of cost are known as 'Madrassa-tul-Madina,' the department which prints Islamic books in Urdu and around 30 other languages, and spreads the message of the religion across the world is known as 'Maktaba-tul-Madina,' the school which provides contemporary education to children alongside religious education is known as 'Dar-ul-Madina,' the 100% Islamic channel which is spreading the call to righteousness in

Urdu, English and Bangla is known as 'Madani Channel,' and the matchless question and answer series which is full of religious and worldly knowledge is called 'Madani Muzakarah.' (May Allah Almighty allow us to practically take part in the religious works of Dawat-e-Islami with sincerity and steadfastness).

The unique Du'a of the devotee of Madina

If only the most-forgiving Lord would forgive this sinner for the sake of His Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. O my Beloved Allah Almighty! May I remain absorbed in prophetic love for as long as I live, continue to remember Madina, remain engaged in spreading the call to righteousness, be granted the intercession of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, be forgiven without accountability and be granted the neighbourhood of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Jannat-ul-Firdaus. Ah! May I remain engrossed in thoughts of the Beloved! O Allah Almighty! Send countless Salat and Salam upon your Beloved, and forgive his entire nation. آمين (Madani Wasiyyat Naamah, p. 10, Bi-tagyeer Qaleel).

Ya Ilahi! Jab Raza khuwab-e-girahn say sar utha`ay

Dolat-e-baydaar-e-'Ishq-e-Mustafa ka sath ho

(To be continued)

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, the first part of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's journey to Madina is complete, the next parts will also اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ be released.

- ❖ The practices of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat in Blessed Madina
- ❖ Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first meeting with his Shaykh
- ❖ Accounts of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat in Blessed Madina
- ❖ Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's memorable meetings with the esteemed Ulama
- ❖ Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first Hajj journey and journey to Makkah
- ❖ Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's departure from Madina

To be continued...

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ! Part one of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Madinah is complete; إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ, the remaining parts will also be published: The routine of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat in Madinah; Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first meeting with his Murshid; Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's accounts of Madinah; memorable meetings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat with the scholars; Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's first journey to Hajj and the journey from Makkah to Madinah; Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's departure from Madinah...



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