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Du'a for Reading the Book

*R*ead 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 وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

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O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! 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.

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Du'a of Attar

O Generous Lord! Whosoever reads or listens to the 17 page booklet 'Accounts of six deceased people', Grant him the ability to consume halal sustenance himself and to feed his family and children halal sustenance too, and make the fire of hell forbidden for him.

اٰمِيْن بِجَاہِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم

Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet

The beloved Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم said: Whoever recited Salat upon me 100 times, Allah Almighty inscribes between both of his eyes that he is free from hypocrisy and the fire of hell and He will keep him alongside the martyrs on the day of judgement. (*Mu'jam, vol. 5, p. 252, Hadith 7235*)

Terrifying narrations of six deceased people

There is no restriction under Islamic law against relaying the defects of deceased Muslims to the people in order to warn them. To develop a hatred for sins amongst Muslims, the

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scholars of hadith have reported incidents of deceased non-believers, deviants and even Muslims in their books along with the punishments they suffered after their deaths. In this context, read the following terrifying narrations of six deceased people:

1. Shirt of fire

Sayyiduna Abu Rafi' رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrated, 'I passed by Baqi with the Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Auf! Auf!' I thought he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had intended this for me so I inquired, 'O Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, have I done something wrong?' He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'No.' He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then explained, 'I had sent this person who lies in this grave to collect Sadaqah from a certain tribe and he kept one shirt out of deception. In the end, he was made to wear a similar shirt made of fire.' (Nasa'ee, p. 150, Hadith, 859)

Nothing is hidden from our Prophet ﷺ

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you realize! To warn us, this incident of punishment in the grave was reported in this Ḥadith. Moreover, this narration also reveals that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has bestowed the knowledge of Ghayb (unseen) upon the Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It is for this reason that the Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated not only the punishment,

but also the reason for the punishment being given to the deceased.

A'la Hadrat Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Maulana Ash-Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had such a beautiful belief as relayed in this couplet from his Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish; read it and refresh your faith:

*Sar-e- 'Arsh per hay tayri guzar, dil-e-fersh per hay tayri nazar
Malakoot-o-mulk mayn koi shay, nahin woh jo tujh pay 'iyaan nahin*

*Heights of the 'Arsh is your walkway;
bottom of the earth is in your vision*

*Nothing in the universe is such that
is concealed from your sight*

(Hadaiq Bakhshish, p. 109)

(**Meaning:** O Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, with the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Throne ['Arsh] is your path upon which you walk and the bottom of the earth is in your blessed sight. From the angels to the world of souls, to everything in the universe, there is nothing concealed from you.)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

2. Snake wrapped around the neck of a deviant

Hafiz Abu Khallal has narrated in 'Kitab Karamat-ul-Awliya' that 'Abdullah Bin Haashim informed him, 'I once went to

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give a funeral bath to a deceased. When I opened the cloth that was covering his body, I saw snakes wrapped around his neck. I requested the snakes, ‘You are designated upon him, and we have to give him Ghusl. If you permit, we will give him a bath and then you can return.’ Upon this, all the snakes moved to one corner. After we finished bathing the body, the snakes came back to their positions. That person was well-known for his deviant beliefs.’ (Sarah-ul-Sudoor, p. 177)

3. Snake was wrapped around the neck

Sayyiduna Abu Ishaq رَحِمَهُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ narrated: ‘Once, I was called to give a funeral bath. When I removed the cloth from the face, I saw a snake wrapped around the neck of the deceased. People informed me that he used to swear at the Sahabah (the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ). (Sarah-ul-Sudoor, p. 173)

Fear Allah when speaking about the companions

Dear Islamic brothers! مَعَاذَ اللّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, cursing the companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ is a sin – a grave sin – and a Haram act that leads to Hell. It is narrated on page 31 of ‘Sawanih Karbala’ [the 192-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami]: Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin Mughaffal رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ narrated that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘In regards to my companions, be fearful of Allah! Fear Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Do not make them a target after me. Whoever loves

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them does so out of their love for me and whoever has hatred against them, has hatred for me, which is why he maintains this hatred against them. Whoever harms them has offended me and whoever offends me has offended Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and whoever offended Allah Almighty, will soon be held accountable.’ (Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 463, Hadith 3888)

Hold the companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ in high esteem

Sadr-ul-Afdal, Sayyid Muhammad Na’eemuddin Muradabadi رَحِمَهُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ has stated: A Muslim must have utmost respect for the companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ and should have high esteem and admiration for them in his heart. The love for the companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ is love for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. The one who disrespects the companions رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ is indeed unfortunate. He is the enemy of Allah and of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. A Muslim should never sit in the company of such a person (Sawanih Karbala, p. 31). A’la Hadrat [Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحِمَهُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ] has said:

Ahl-e-Sunnat ka hay bayra par Ashab-e-Huzoor

Najm hayn aur na`o hay ‘itrat Rasulullah ki

*The vessel of Ahl-e-Sunnat will
dock on the harbour [carefree]*

*Prophet’s companions are the
stars and the ship is his progeny*

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(Hadaiq Bakhshish, p. 153)

(**Meaning:** The boat of Ahl-us-Sunnah will reach success, as the companions are like guiding stars and the Ahl-ul-Bayt رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ are like a ship for them).

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4. Dreadful black snake in the grave

Some people came to meet Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا and said to him, ‘We had set out to perform the Hajj pilgrimage. On the way, one of the members of our caravan passed away at a place called Sifah. When we dug a grave for him, we saw a huge black snake occupying the entire grave. We left it and dug another grave but we saw the same snake there too. Confused by the situation, we have come to seek your advice.’ Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا told them, ‘This is the punishment for the dishonesty he was involved in.’ And the words relayed in Al-Bayhaqi are: ذَاكَ عَذَابُ الذَّنَى كَانَ يَفْعَلُ meaning, ‘It is the punishment for his actions that he would commit.’ ‘Bury him in either of the graves. I swear by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If you dig the entire earth, you will come across the same situation.’

In the end, we buried him in the grave that was occupied by the snake. Upon our return, we handed the deceased's belongings to his family and asked his widow about his deeds. She informed us, 'He used to sell food but he would take out some for his family, and then to make up for the shortage he would adulterate it.'

(Sarah-ul-Sudoor, p. 174; Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 4, p. 334, Hadith 5311)

Deceit is from Hell

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see? When needed, it is permissible to narrate the defects of the deceased to warn other Muslims and this is the reason why Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn 'Abbas رضي الله عنهما unveiled the evils of that pilgrim, and because of this permissibility various learned Hadith scholars of the highest calibre have relayed this very narration in their books.

Further, this narration also shows us the perils of selling inferior goods through deception. It is relayed on page 218 of *Bayanaat-e-'Attariyyah*, volume 1 [the 480-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], 'The Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said: 'Whoever betrays us, is not one of us and fraud and deceit are in Hell.'

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer Lil-Tabarani, vol. 10, p. 138, Hadith 10234)

In another place, the Noble Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said: 'Three types of people will not enter Paradise: A deceitful person, a

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stingy person and one who keeps reminding others of his favour.’ (*Jami’ Tirmizi, vol. 3, p. 388, Hadith 1970*)

The permissible way to sell adulterated goods

Those who sell adulterated goods through deception and fraud should take heed. What will happen if they are held accountable after death?

It is permissible to sell an adulterated product, as long as either the customer is made aware of the quantity of mixed in goods or if it is displayed and is visually apparent, and nothing is kept hidden from the customer. For example, if the buyer was told that 25% low quality goods are mixed in and if in reality 50% of the ingredients were low quality then this would not be a legitimate transaction. Likewise, those who deceive their customers by displaying fresh fruits on top and mixing rotten fruits at the bottom or in the middle of the box; and those who use similar deceptive tricks should refrain from these sins.

Dhoka bazi mayn nuhsat hay Bari

Yad rakh is ki saza hogi kari

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

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5. The bird vomited and a human emerged

‘Ismah ‘Abbadani said: I was wandering in a jungle when I came across a church. Nearby was a monk's monastery. When I saw the monk inside the monastery, I asked him to tell me about the strangest thing he had seen in this (deserted) place. So he said: ‘Once I saw a monstrous white bird here, which resembled an ostrich. It sat on a stone and vomited. First it vomited out a human’s head, and then it vomited out other body parts. It continuously kept vomiting and every time different body parts came out and with lightening speed these parts joined together to form a full human being. As the man started to stand up, the monstrous bird pecked on the man, cutting him again into pieces and then ate him again. That horrifying sequence continued for several days. My belief strengthened in Allah’s powers after witnessing that incident, that surely Allah Almighty has the power to give death and then bring us back to life.

One day, I turned my attention towards the gigantic bird and asked it, ‘For the sake of the One who gave you life! This time when this human is formed, leave him alone so I can ask him about his actions. The bird replied in fluent Arabic, ‘My Lord is the King and He is eternal, everything else is mortal. I am an angel designated to continuously punish him for his sin.’ When the human emerged from the vomit, I asked him, ‘O you who has wronged his soul! Who are you and what is your story?’ He replied, ‘I am ‘Abdur Rahman Ibn Muljim, the

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murderer of the Lion of Allah, Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. After I died, my soul was present in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and I was given my book of deeds. All my actions good or evil were recorded in it from my birth to the martyrdom of Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. Then Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ ordered this angel to punish me till the Day of Judgement.’ The man did not say anything after this, and the monstrous bird pecked at him, swallowed him and left.’ (*Sarah-ul-Sudoor*, p. 175)

Why did Ibn Muljim martyr Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ?

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see how Ibn Muljim a Khariji and a misguided deviant met his horrific punishment for the murder of Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ? Why did he agree to commit such a terrible crime? In this regard, Sayyiduna Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti Shafi’i رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ has written on the authority of ‘*Al-Mustadrak*’ that Ibn Muljim fell in love with a Kharijiya woman named Qitam. She demanded three thousand dirham and the murder of Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ for Mahr (dowry) as pre-conditions for marriage.

(*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 139 | *Al-Mustadrak*, vol. 4, p. 121, Raqm 4744)

Alas! Blinded in love for her, he martyred Sayyiduna ‘Ali رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ a personality of such high calibre. Despite that, the wretched Ibn Muljim still could not get Qitam because immediately after he committed the murder, people caught him and severely cut his body into pieces, put them in a basket and burned them to ashes.

You just heard of the horrific punishment Ibn Muljim is facing from the time of his death until the Day of Judgement. He was neither successful here nor there. Sayyiduna Abu Darda رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ was very correct in saying, 'To follow your lust even for a second results in regret for a very long time.' (saying of the companion ends here) (*Tareekh Ibn Asakir*, vol. 47, p. 173)

Qaabil also murdered Sayyiduna Habeel رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ because of his lust and was doomed so badly, that just listening to his incident makes one tremble. Listen to his incident and seek the refuge of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ from the harms of lust.

6. Man hung upside down at a pond

'Abdullah has narrated: Once a few of us set off on a voyage in the sea. Coincidentally, there was darkness for a few days and when the sun shone we were near a town. I went to search for water but the doors of the houses were all closed. I called out several times but no one replied. Meanwhile, two men emerged on horses, and directed me, 'Abdullah! Go to this street and you will find a pond. Take water from there but do not get scared with what you see.' I inquired about the houses with the closed doors where winds were blowing inside. They told me that the souls of the dead resided there.

When I reached the pond, I saw a man hanging upside down. He was trying to get water with his hand but could not do so. When he saw me, he called out, 'Abdullah! Give me water to drink.' I took a container and put it into the water so I could fill it and give

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it to him, but somebody grabbed my hand. I said to the man hanging upside down, 'Slave of Allah! You witnessed that I tried to give you water but my hand was held back. Tell me your story.' He said, 'I am (Qaabil), the son of Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, who committed the very first murder.' (*Mawsu'ah Ibn Abi Dunya*, p. 297, Raqm 48)

Qaabil's evil deeds

Dear Islamic brothers! Qaabil was initially a Muslim, but later became an apostate [Murtad]. He committed the very first murder in this world. As a punishment for that murder, he faced several punishments in the world. He lost his fair complexion and became dark. He became cold-hearted and ran away with his sister Iqlima towards the land of 'Adan, and later had illegitimate children [with her]. When he grew old, his own children used to throw stones at him and he finally died due to being stoned. Besides this, we have already heard about the horrific punishment he had to suffer after his death.

The renowned commentator of the Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, while discussing the evil deeds committed by Qaabil, has stated the following, 'Not being dutiful to Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام; intending to marry illegitimately; planning Habel's murder; turning apostate after murdering him; singing and playing music; and inventing musical instruments.' Mufti Sahib رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has further added, 'For an apostate or a non-believer, being the son of a Prophet is worthless. Lineage is only beneficial if the individual adheres to

the true faith. Observe that Qaabil was a son of a Prophet yet he was still doomed.’ (*Tafseer Na’eemi*, vol. 6, pp. 403-405)

Tayri rahmataun bhi say Iman mila hay

Na ho ab yeh mujh say Juda Ya Ilahi

Musalman hay ‘Attar Tayray karam say

Ho Iman per khatimah Ya Ilahi

By your blessings, I have received faith

Ya Allah, may this never part from me

‘Attar is a Muslim by your grant

May he die with faith O Lord

Participation in Dars resulted in my rectification

To create a passion for safeguarding your faith, in order to rid yourself from the habit of backbiting against others and listening to it, and to develop a routine of offering Salah and practicing the Sunnah, travel in the Madani Qafilah with the devotees of the Prophet. Furthermore, to prosper in this world and to be successful in the Hereafter, lead your lives according to the guidelines prescribed in the pious deeds booklet. Fill in the booklet and hand it to the representative of Dawat-e-Islami on the first day of the new Madani month. There are many blessings of giving Dars from ‘*Faizan-e-Sunnat*’, making individual efforts, and observing I’tikaf with the devotees of the Prophet during the month of Ramadan. In this context, here is a Madani incident of an Islamic brother from Bhimber, Kashmir. He was a new student at college and enjoyed all the

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freedoms which come with college life. He had a passion for listening to music, and watching TV and movies. He was so passionate that he would not even sit in a vehicle that did not have either a movie or music playing. An Islamic brother of Dawat-e-Islami came to his neighbourhood, gave Dars from '*Faizan-e-Sunnat*', and helped memorize a small Du'a. He was so impressed that he had started to attend those Dars sessions. One major element which drew him closer to the Madani environment was the individual effort of a Muballigh in his locality. He had gracious manners, a beautiful character, passion for good deeds and a caring attitude.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he spent the last ten days of the month of Ramadan with the devotees of the Prophet in I'tikaf. That experience really moved his heart and he repented from all his previous sins. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, currently he is serving as a member of the Kashmir Mushawarat in actively spreading the Sunnah and inviting people towards Salah. Moreover, he has been appointed as a head of one of the departments (of Dawat-e-Islami) in Kashmir and is also serving as the head of one of the divisions of Kashmir.'

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see how by the blessings of the Dars of '*Faizan-e-Sunnat*', the person was drawn closer to the Madani environment? The individual effort and kindness of a preacher further made him steadfast in the environment. Moreover, spending days in the Masjid in Ramadan was also another factor that transformed a person involved in sins,

inspired him to repent from his sins, and elevated him to such a status that now he serves as the head of many representatives of Dawat-e-Islami. It is my desire that all Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters (old and new alike) deliver or listen to at least two Dars sessions from '*Faizan-e-Sunnat*' every day.

Light in the grave

On page 195 of *Faizan-e-Sunnat* [the 1584-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami], it is stated, 'What can one say about the rewards of delivering Dars and Bayan! Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti Shaafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has narrated in '*Sarah-ul-Sudoor*' that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ revealed to Prophet Musa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, 'Learn righteous things and teach them to others as well. Whoever learns righteous things, I will illuminate his grave so that he does not face any anxiety.' (*Hilyat-ul-Awliya*, vol. 6, p. 5, Hadith 7622)

Their graves will be illuminated

From the aforementioned narration, we learnt the benefits of inviting towards righteousness. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, those who give or listen to the Bayan or Dars with the intentions of teaching and learning will truly be successful. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, their graves will be illuminated with light and they will have no anxiety or fear of any kind. With good intentions, whoever invites others towards righteousness; encourages others to travel in the Madani Qafilah; persuades them to fill out the

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Madani In'amaat booklet regularly; invites others to attend the Sunnah-inspiring congregations and all those who listen to these invitations towards righteousness will **إِنَّ هَآءِ اللّٰهَ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** also have illuminated graves, for the sake of the Embodiment of Noor, our Noble Prophet **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

Qabr mayn lahra`ayn gey ta-hashr chashmay Noor kay

Jalwah farma hogi jab tal'at Rasulullah ki

*When the glimpse of the Prophet is shown in
the grave
Springs of light will flow and illuminate till
Judgement Day*

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
تُوبُوا إِلَى اللّٰهِ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰهَ
صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Backbiting at a feast

Once Sayyiduna Ibrahim Bin Adham **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** went to attend a feast. People there were talking amongst themselves saying that a certain person had not arrived yet. Upon this, one person said, 'That fat person is very lazy.' When Sayyiduna Ibrahim Bin Adham **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** heard this he condemned himself and

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said, ‘Alas! I faced this calamity because of my stomach; I participated in a gathering where backbiting is being committed against a Muslim.’ After saying this, he left and did not eat for the next three days due to grief (and according to some narrations, for the next seven days). (*Tanbiya Al-Ghafileen*, p. 89)

19 Examples of backbiting when referring to someone as lazy etc.

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you realize that the pious bondmen of Allah do not even tolerate the slightest disrespect of a Muslim! They even turn away from gatherings and feasts where people are involved in backbiting. Have we ever walked out of a gathering where people were backbiting? It is important to note here that before walking out you must see if you hold some authority amongst the attendees or not. If you think that they will understand what you say and will repent from the sin of backbiting, then it would be compulsory upon you to advise them to refrain from backbiting. Otherwise, you should protect yourself from listening to that backbiting. If there is no chance of causing turmoil and disorder if you leave, then get up and leave the gathering. Since there are certain permissible conditions for backbiting; the person advising others or walking out must have enough knowledge to identify if they were indeed involved in sinful backbiting or

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not. This narration also specifies that calling someone 'fat' or 'lazy' behind his back is backbiting. Fat and lazy are two different words; calling an obese person 'fat' in his absence, unless justified by Islamic law, also falls under backbiting. Similarly, without a valid cause, calling someone: (1) Lazy, (2) Idle, (3) Good for nothing, (4) Slacker, (5) Workshy, (6) Sluggish, (7) Useless, (8) Ignorant, (9) Uncivilized, (10) Uneducated, (11) Illiterate, (12) Silly, (13) Dumb, (14) Unintelligent, (15) Stupid, (16) Senseless, (17) Crazy, (18) Slow, (19) Unintelligent etc. are all examples of backbiting.

Mayray sar pay 'isyan ka bar ah Maula!

Berha jata hay dam-e-badam Ya Ilahi

Zameen bojh say mayray phatti nahin hay

Yeh Tayra hi to hay karam Ya Ilahi

*Carrying upon my head a heavy burden of sins
Heavier it gets, by the minute, with every
passing day, O Allah*

*The earth does not cave in with my weighty
sins*

It is Your mercy and compassion, O Allah

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

تُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Disgraced in both worlds

Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Saviour of the Ummah, Reviver of the Sunnah, Destroyer of Bid'ah, Scholar of Sacred Law, Guide of Spirituality, Fountain of Blessing, 'Allamah, Maulana, Al-Haj Al-Hafiz, Al-Qaari Ash-Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated in '*Fatawa Razawiyyah*', volume 24, page 347: 'A person who is able to help an oppressed person but does not do so will face a disgraceful punishment.'

It is reported in a Hadith that the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When someone backbites against a Muslim brother in front of another Muslim, and the other has the ability to stop him but does not do so, then Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will hold him accountable in this world and in the Hereafter.'

(Zamm-ul-Gheebat-ul -Ibn Abid Dunya, p. 134, Hadith 108)

Moreover, on page 426 of the same volume, the Imam رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has written: The Merciful Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'When a Muslim is being insulted in front of another person and that person has the power to help him but does not do so, then on the Day of Judgement, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will disgrace him in front of the people.'*(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 5, p. 412, Hadith 15985)*

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After quoting the above Hadith, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: If remaining silent upon listening to backbiting against another Muslim results in such a (disgraceful) punishment (of the Day of Judgement), then how great a cause of the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ would it be to constantly look for the faults [of a fellow Muslim] and to try to reduce the honour he had attained amongst Muslims because of his status (through backbiting, false accusations and negative assumptions)! (*Fatawa Razawiyyah*, vol. 24, pp. 426,427)

Who can reduce the honour given by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ?

Dear Islamic brothers! From the aforementioned narration and the teachings of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, a lesson should be learned by those individuals who try to reduce the honour of religious Sunni scholars, Imams, leaders or designated representatives of organizations, or even just common Muslims. Making someone a target of criticism, they try to damage his reputation, and thus fall into many sins; sins like backbiting, tale-telling, laying false allegations, having negative assumptions, finding faults and hurting the feelings of others etc. No one can take away the honour from the one who Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has granted it to!

Listen carefully to what the Quran has said about those wretched individuals who oppose others and disgrace them

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without a valid cause under Islamic law. Read Surah An-Noor, part 18, verse 19:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ
أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ط

Indeed those who wish that slander should spread among the Muslims for them is a painful punishment in this world and in the Hereafter.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 18, Surah An-Noor, verse 19)



Mujhay ghibataun say Tu Mahfuz farma

Pa-ay Sarwar-e-Dau-Jahan Ya Ilahi

Jo Shah-e-Madinah ik Na'atayn suna`ayn

'Ata ker day aysi zaban Ya Ilahi

*Allah, guard me from backbiting
For the sake of the Intercessor of the Day of
Reckoning*

*Which renders the praise of Shah-e-Madinah
O Allah! Grant me that voice*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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Beloved Prophet ﷺ said in the dream...

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to rid yourself from the habit of backbiting and listening to it and to develop a routine of offering Salah and practicing the Sunnah, travel in the Madani Qafilah with the devotees of the Prophet. To prosper in the world and to be successful in the Hereafter, lead your lives according to the guidelines set out by the pious deeds booklet. Fill in the booklet and hand into the representative of Dawat-e-Islami on the first day of the new Madani month.

Let's hear a unique Madani incident concerning the Ijtima for filling Masajid. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, on Friday the 10th of September 2004 an Ijtima' took place after Salat-ul-'Isha in Jeelani Masjid at 'Goth Haji Ilyas Khaas khayli city' which is adjacent to the district of Thari Meerwah in [Sindh] Pakistan. The Muballigh delivered a Sunnah-inspiring speech and encouraged everyone to travel, right after the 'Ijtima, in the Madani Qafilah to partake in the upcoming annual International 'Ijtima of Dawat-e-Islami – a religious movement of the devotees of the Prophet. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, seven Islamic brothers volunteered to travel in the 12-day Madani Qafilah.

On the same night, one Islamic brother, who was a resident of Goth Haji Ilyas Khaas khayli city, went to sleep reciting Salat upon the Prophet and saw the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in

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his dream. The Noble Prophet ﷺ greeted him with Salam and then went on to introduce himself, 'I am Muhammad.' Amongst the things he also said was, 'Your village has received a special blessing.' And further he ﷺ added, 'Whoever grows a beard on his face, loves me; and whoever shaves it off, does not love me. Every night you make an intention to pray Salat-ut-Tahajjud but you become lazy. Come on! Get up and pray Tahajjud, now.' When that brother relayed his dream under oath, in front of a large crowd, several brothers made intentions to grow their beards and to travel with the Madani Qafilah.

Goth mayn ga`on mayn, dhoop mayn chaon mayn

Sab say kehtay rahayn, Qafilay mayn chalo

Jungle-o-koh mayn, koh ki kho mayn

Din kay dankay bajayn, Qafilay mayn chalo

*In villages or towns, sunshine or shade
Let's tell everybody; let go in Qifilah!*

*Jungles, mountains or inside the caves
Let's propagate Islam; let's go in Qifilah!*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The movement for filling the Masjid!

Dear Islamic brothers! مُحَمَّدٌ ﷺ, what can one say about the marvellous blessings of Dawat-e-Islami, which has

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launched the movement for ‘filling the Masajid’. Sometimes political parties run campaigns to ‘fill the prisons’; however, since Dawat-e-Islami is completely a non-political Sunnah-inspiring Madani movement, it has the aim of filling our Masajid and wishes that somehow each and every Muslim child becomes a practicing Muslim who regularly performs Salah.

The main part of the aforementioned Madani incident are the blessings of seeing the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ in the dream and his message that anyone who adorns the beard on his face loves me; whereas he who shaves it off does not love me. A similar message is also reinforced in the following Hadith in which the Beloved Prophet ﷺ has stated: Whoever adopts my Sunnah is mine, and whoever turns away from my Sunnah is not mine. (*Tareekh Ibn ‘Asakir*, vol. 38, p. 127)

Terrifying dream about shaving

While travelling with a Madani Qafilah of Dawat-e-Islami, I [the author – Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnah] reached the coast town of Veraval, in Gujrat state in India, where I met a clean-shaven young man. He told me about his dream saying: ‘I saw that the Blessed Prophet ﷺ was resting with his blessed head on someone’s lap. There was a Muballigh of Dawat-e-Islami also present nearby. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ told the Muballigh of Dawat-e-Islami: (I do not remember the exact words but the summary was that) When my followers (Ummatis) shave off their beards, I feel pain in my heart. Upon

hearing this statement, the Muballigh who was close by, placed his hands over my clean shaven face and then I woke up.’ (That dream must have been seen very recently because the young man informed me of his intentions to grow his beard).

Embrace the sign of love

Dear Islamic brothers! Whoever has not kept a beard yet, should adorn his face with a beard as it is the sign of devotion of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ. One should also repent if they have ever shaved off their beards or if they have trimmed it down to less than a fist-length below their chin. No matter how much Satan tries to stop you, read ‘Kaalay bachchon’ [the 25-page publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami]. Also, either listen to the audio CD or watch the DVD of the speech under the same title, released by Maktaba-tul-Madinah.

Sarkar ka ‘aashiq bhi kya daarhi mandata hay

Kyun ‘ishq ka chehray say izhar nahin hota

Does the devotee shave his beard

Why the face does not reflect his love?

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الْعَمَلُ بِاللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالْمَعْلُومَاتِ عَلَى سَبِيلِ الْمُنْتَهَى لَمْ يَلْقَ قَائِلُهُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الْمُنْتَظَرِ الرَّبِّ بِشَرِّ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Trickery and deceit

It is narrated from the first caliph of the Muslims, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Whoever harms a Muslim or tricks and deceives him is accursed.



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