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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 عَزَّوَجَلَّ**:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَأَنْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

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, p. 40*)

Note:

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

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This booklet comprises of questions posed to Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat وَاحِدٌ بَرَكَاتُهُ الْعَالِيَةِ and his responses.

‘Ala Hadrat and Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Du’a of Janasheen-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Oh, Allah Almighty! Whosoever reads or listens to the 22-page booklet, ‘Ala Hadrat and Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat,’ grant him the blessings of Raza through acting upon the teachings of Your Wali (friend), ‘Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, and forgive him without accountability.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

The final Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘Whosoever sends Salat upon me 100 times on the day and night of Friday, Allah Almighty will fulfil 100 of his needs; 70 of the hereafter and 30 of this world. And Allah Almighty will appoint an angel who will convey that Salat to my grave in the manner gifts are presented to you. Indeed, my knowledge after my passing will be the same as it is during my life.’ (*Jami’ Al-Jawami’, vol. 7, p. 199, Hadith 22355*)

When and how did you come across 'Ala Hadrat?

Question: (Nigran-e-Shura asked the following to Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat:) When I became your Mureed, I heard the name of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ from your tongue for the first time. There must be countless Islamic brothers who heard the name of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and were introduced to him through your Bayans. If someone was to ask me how I heard the name of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, I would reply, "Through Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ."

Answer: Since the time I gained awareness, I would hear the sounds of Salat and Salaam, and Na'at from the local Badaami Masjid (Meetha Dar, Old City, Karachi). As a child is like a blank slate, and anything that is engraved on the slate remains there, اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, an environment of Na'at and Salat upon the Prophet was so fixed in my mind that it persists till today. If the committee of the local Masjid or the Imam are devotees of the Prophet, they will widely distribute the elixir of loving the Messenger, and if it is the opposite of this, then the effects will also be the opposite and it can result in a corruption of ones beliefs. May Allah Almighty grant us martyrdom in Madina, with faith and well-being before such a time! (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Part 17*)

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

First introduction to 'Ala Hadrat

Haji Zakariyya, a Memon from Gaundal, was a part of Badami Masjid's committee. Gaundal is a city of Gujarat, Hind, which I visited with a Madani Qafilah of Dawat-e-Islami. The Islamic brothers there informed me that there was not even a single misguided individual, and that all of those who proclaim the declaration of faith are devotees of the Prophet. Once, I had just prayed Salah and was sitting in that very Badami Masjid, when the late Haji Zakariyya mentioned the name of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ during a conversation and said, 'Maulana Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ.' I was only around 9 years old at that time, but I knew that 'رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ' was mentioned alongside the name of a Wali, because Ghaus-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and Khuwajah Ghareeb Nawaz رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ are often mentioned in the homes of us Memons, and 'رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ' is necessarily mentioned alongside their Niyaz and their names.

Therefore, after hearing Haji Zakariyya mentioning 'رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ' with the name of 'Ala Hadrat, I asked, 'Is he a Wali too, as 'رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ' was mentioned with his name?' Upon this, Haji Zakariyya introduced 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ with some praiseworthy words, mentioning that he was a very righteous individual and a great friend of Allah Almighty. Prior to this, I would hear 'Raza, Raza' in poetry, but I was unaware of whom this 'Raza' was referring to. However, on that day, I came to know that Raza was no ordinary poet, rather, he was an

esteemed personality. The days passed by and the seed of reality and recognition of Raza that Haji Zakariyya had sown, gradually took root and continued to grow over 60 years, and **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**, it has become an immense tree today. As a way of mentioning a great bounty, I say that today there is a large group which is eating from the fruit of this tree and proclaiming, ‘Raza, Raza.’ This is the mercy and grace of Allah Almighty. We make Du’a in the court of Allah Almighty that just as He has showered us with the blessings of ‘Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** in this world, He does not deprive us of his blessings in the hereafter.

The reason behind remaining inspired by ‘Ala Hadrat

Question: (Nigran-e-Shura asked:) A person is impressed by someone, but sometimes, it does not last. What are the reasons behind you becoming impressed by ‘Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** and then remaining steadfast upon this?

Answer: In reality, this is a matter of individual fortune. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**! I am fortunate that I became impressed by ‘Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** and then this devotion increased day by day. When I reached the age of maturity, I became a member of the library. I would borrow the collections of ‘Ala Hadrat’s written legal edicts (Fatawa) from there, for example, Ahkam-e-Shari’at, ‘Irfan-e-Shari’at, Malfuzaat-e-‘Ala Hadrat, etc., and read them a little at a time, worrying about what I would read after finishing them.

My passion was such, that I would feel so much delight whilst reading the Shar'i rulings in those books, that I would just continue to read. How is it to fly kites? How is it to eat prawns? I would feel great joy in reading about interesting rulings like these which are not commonly known among the public.

I do not think I had even heard the name of Fatawa Razawiyah at that time. Nevertheless, Allah Almighty favoured me greatly by granting me the refuge of His perfect Wali, the renowned devotee, erudite scholar and Mufti of Islam. There are many other scholars and Muftis too, but none compare to Ahmad Raza. I am not aware of anyone as great as him from the last two or three centuries, and anyone who has studied Fatawa Razawiyah with deliberation will attest to this. No person of knowledge who has a good grasp of Urdu and who has some understanding of Arabic and Farsi will be left unimpressed after reading Fatawa Razawiyah, because he will find within it such deep research which has no match. Even if an unbiased person was to compare various Urdu Fatawa, he will find Fatawa Razawiyah to excel in every aspect.

All of his qualities are distinguished

Question: The personality of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is a compendium of beautiful qualities; are you more drawn to some of these qualities as opposed to others?

Answer: I am struggling to give preference to one of 'Ala Hadrat's qualities over the rest, because I cannot see a weakness any one quality which allows me to give another quality preference over it. All of his qualities are weighty. He is matchless in his love for Allah Almighty, he reached the peak of loving the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, he has no match in his understanding of the Quran, there is no Quranic commentator like him, there is no Hadith expert like him, there is no Mufti like him; there is no Allamah like him, and the manifestation of his work can be seen everywhere. We can say, 'Wherever you have gone, coins have been struck in your name.'

My eyes are closed on 'Ala Hadrat

تَاللّٰهِ، يَااللّٰهُ، وَاللّٰهُ! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ we have never faltered after grasping onto 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ, rather, we have shunned the world for his court. May Allah Almighty allow us to never leave the doorstep of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ; hold on firmly to his doorstep, for (Farsi), i.e. hold onto one door but hold on firmly, is what 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ himself taught. It is not the case that, 'So-and-so is fine and so-and-so is also fine,' rather, whosoever Raza says is okay, only he is okay, because Raza does not mention anything besides the Quran and Hadith. When we studied his Fatawa, his books and his life, we came to understand that which leaves the mouth of Raza is confirmed and supported by the Quran and Hadith.

For this reason, close your eyes upon Raza, lest it be the case that you open your eyes and a difficulty comes your way, and then the eyes of your heart close. Therefore, close your eyes and follow Raza, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, you will reach the court of Ghaus-e-A'zam, and Ghaus-e-A'zam will take you to the feet of his blessed grandfather, the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

Bag-e-Jannat mayn Muhammad muskuratay ja`ay gay

Phool rehmat kay jahrayn hay hum Uthatay ja`at gay

The meaning of your eyes being closed upon 'Ala Hadrat

Question: Please explain further the meaning of 'Our eyes are closed upon 'Ala Hadrat.'

Answer: The meaning of this is that we do not criticise 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** in any way nor do we have doubt in anything he has mentioned, and safety lies in closing one's eyes when it comes to 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ**. If we open our eyes in this court, there is a risk of slipping. Remember! We consider 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** to be a Wali of Allah Almighty, not a Prophet; Allah Almighty has countless Awliya **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ** and 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ** is one from among them.

How does one create love for 'Ala Hadrat within their heart?

The one who desires for the love of 'Ala Hadrat to enter his heart, he should sit in the company of those who mention him often, and alongside this, he should study the life and works of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ, the love of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ will take root in every vein of his.

The meaning of love for 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ becoming rooted in one's heart does not mean that مَعَادَا اللهُ we do not have love for any other great personality. We are the advocates of seeking the blessings of the Prophets and Awliya. We accept all of the Noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, all of the noble Sahabah, the pure Ahl-e-Bayt عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّضْوَانُ and all of the honourable Awliya too رَحْمَةُ اللهِ.

Why do you mention 'Ala Hadrat so much?

Question: The Noble Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ, Sayyiduna Ghaus-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ and Daata Ganj Bakhsh Ali Hajwayri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ served the religion to, but why do you only mention the name of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ so often? (Question via social media)

Answer: Mention of the righteous رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is generally made in accordance to the situation, and as the days of 'Ala Hadrat's Urs are currently among us, we are mentioning him. When the month of Geeyarvi begins, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ, Madani Muzakarah will take

place for eleven nights. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**! It is our long-standing tradition that as soon as the month of Geeyarvi begins, we begin to mention Ghaus-e-A'zam **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ**. During the mention of 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ**, the status of Ghaus-e-A'zam **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** is also made apparent, for it is through devotion to Ghaus-e-A'zam **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** that 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** attained such a lofty rank.

Mazra-e-Chisht-o-Bukhara-o-Iraq-o-Ajmayr

Kon si kisht pay barsa nahin jhala tayra

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, p. 26)

Meaning: O Ghaus-e-A'zam! Which land is there upon which your rain of generosity has not fallen; whether it be Ajmer or Iraq, your mercy has showered down upon every land. No doubt, 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** is also a servant of this esteemed court and took from its blessings. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**! We also often mention the Sahabah **رَضِيَ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُمْ**, in fact, it we who coined the slogan, 'Har Sahabi-e-Nabi, Jannati Jannati.' Moreover, when the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal arrives, we will undoubtedly make mention of our master **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, who is the most superior of Allah's creation, and **اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ**, we will chant slogans of 'Marhaba.' (Upon this, Nigran-e-Shura said:) **اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ**, we will take this couplet of 'Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ** as our guide:

Khaak ho ja`ayn add-o-jal kar magar ham to Raza

Dam mayn jab tak dam hay zikr unka sunatay ja`ayn gay

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, p. 157)

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, part. 17)

Why do you celebrate Ala Hadrat Day?

Question: Why do you celebrate 'Ala Hadrat Day?

Answer: The only reason we commemorate the birthday of Ala Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is due to his piety, for he is neither our grandfather nor our uncle, in fact, we do not share the same language nor do we have any familial relation with him. However, we sacrifice our family relationships upon our connection with him, which is why we celebrate his birthday. Otherwise, people do not even celebrate the birthdays of their grandfathers and great-grandfathers, in fact, they are not even aware of when their grandfathers were born.

I am also unaware of when my grandfather was born or when he passed away, and I have not even seen him. This is in relation to my grandfather; I do not even know when my father was born, because my father passed away in my childhood, so, we celebrate the day our Shaykh, i.e. 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, was born, for he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ has written: The father is the father of one's body, and the Shaykh, i.e. Murshid or religious teacher, is the father of one's heart. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 21, p. 476*) It is necessary to respect both of them. (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, part 49*)

Which books should we select for reading?

Question: Which types of Islamic books should we read?

Answer: Before reading any book, seek advice from a scholar about which book you should read. The books published by Maktaba-tul-Madina are either written by previous scholars or by Al-Madina-tul-Ilmiyyah, the research department of Dawat-e-Islami; one should read them. Also, read Bahar-e-Shari’at; **الْحَدِيثُ يَلِيهِ**, Maktaba-tul-Madina had the honour of publishing Bahar-e-Shari’at with full references. Fatawa Razawiyah and other works of ‘Ala Hadrat **رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ** should also be read. (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Part 50*)

The reason behind saying ‘Ala Hadrat

Question: Why is Imam Ahmad Raza Khan **رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ** referred to as ‘Ala Hadrat’?

Answer: ‘Ala’ means ‘grand’ or ‘the best,’ and as our Imam Ahmad Raza Khan **رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ** was grand and the best, he was ‘Ala Hadrat (The Grand Master).’ Our noble scholars refer to him as ‘Ala Hadrat,’ and we also call him Ala Hadrat. Moreover, he **رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ** was an erudite scholar, which is why he is ‘Ala Hadrat.’¹ (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Part 71*)

¹ In their parlance, the people from Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan’s family would say ‘Ala Hadrat’ by way of discernment and distinction. Today, not only is this word upon the tongues of the common and elite of Pak-Hind, rather, it is upon the tongues of every Prophetic devotee from across the globe, and it has reached such widespread acceptance that regardless of if one is a supporter or a detractor, an introduction to Imam Ahmad Raza Khan

Book on the life of Ala Hadrat

Question: Which book should be read on the life of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ (Question of Rukn-e-Shura)

Answer: There are many books regarding the life of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, however, the source for all of them is 'Hayat-e-Ala Hadrat,' which is written by the Khalifah of 'Ala Hadrat, Maulana Mufti Zafar-ud-Din Bihari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ spent a lot of time in his company of and penned this book in three volumes. The contents of all books that are written on the life of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ are usually taken from 'Hayat-e-Ala Hadrat.' Just as the contents of the books written about the life of Ghaus-e-A'zam Shaykh Abdul Qadir Jeelani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ are generally taken from 'Bahjat-ul-Asraar,' which is a very old work in the Arabic language on the life of Ghaus-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ written by the great scholar, Allamah Ali bin Yusuf Shattanoofi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ.

It is not necessary that every piece of information will reach a biographer; a person can come to know of some things by themselves. For example, in the booklet published by Maktabatul-Madina, 'Bareilly to Madina,' I have mentioned some aspects of 'Ala Hadrat's life which I came to know through my own experience and by directly meeting elders, and these

رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ in any circle is complete without saying 'Ala Hadrat.' (Sawanih Imam Ahmad Raza, p. 8)

things are not mentioned in 'Hayat-e-Ala Hadrat.' Similarly, there can be many other books whose authors had direct knowledge and they mentioned it in their book. (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, part 72*)

The meaning of 'Vanquisher of falsehood (Mahi-e-Bid'at)'

Question: Ala Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was the 'Vanquisher of falsehood,' what is the meaning of this?

Answer: 'Vanquisher of falsehood' is one his titles; the meaning of this is: The one who vanquished falsehood and revived the Sunnah. Ala Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ put an end to the falsehoods and misguidances that had arisen in place of the Sunnah, this is why he is referred to as the 'Vanquisher of falsehood.' (*part: 73*)

Question: Have you ever visited the blessed resting place of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ?

Answer: اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! I had the honour of visiting Bareilly twice. (*part: 17*)

The best way of commemorating his Urs

Question: How should the Urs of 'Ala Hadrat be commemorated?

Answer: The way of commemorating the Urs of 'Ala Hadrat

رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ is to recite the Quran, recite Na’ats, highlight various aspects of his life, and to mention his piety, his knowledge, his religious services and his miracles. In this manner, love for the Awliya رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ will increase in the hearts of the people. Generally, the scholars deliver speeches in the A’raas (pl. of Urs) of the righteous predecessors, and this should take place, then the reward of any good deeds is conveyed, and then food is given. Giving food to people is an act of great reward, in fact, it is an act that makes forgiveness necessary. (*Makarim-ul-Akhlaq-lil-Tabarani, p. 370, Hadith 158*)

Moreover, another way of commemorating an Urs is to take part in spreading religious knowledge as a means of conveying reward. ‘Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ spent his entire life in serving religious knowledge; we did not cling to the court of ‘Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ without reason, rather, his personality is such that one can attain the ultimate goal by clinging to him. My ‘Ala Hadrat was that ‘Ala Hadrat who did not waste even a single second. He had love for religious knowledge, and he had devoted his entire life to spreading it, therefore, if we distribute Islamic books in order to convey the reward to him, this will be an excellent way of conveying reward (Isal-e-Sawab). (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, part 73*)

The busy nature of ‘Ala Hadrat’s schedule

Question: How busy was ‘Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ?

Answer: He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was so busy in serving the religion that someone once requested him to head their organisation and work for them. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ replied, 'Come to me and observe what I do day and night; if you find a single minute when I am free, I will give that minute to you.' (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 29, pp. 110, 111, summarised*) Meaning, he did not even have a single minute free. (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, part 73*)

Question: Have all of 'Ala Hadrat's books been published?

Answer: The collection of Ala Hadrat's Fatawa alone has been published in thirty volumes, and the Fatawa from the first ten years were not even collected. Allah knows best regarding the number of his works that have not been published till date, and remain unpublished. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was successful in writing but we were unsuccessful in publishing, even though he was alone in writing whilst we are countless publishers, despite this, we could not keep up with him. (*part: 73*)

Question: What is the number of 'Ala Hadrat's students?

Answer: 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ prepared many scholars, and the students of his students of his students can be seen till today, i.e. one can say that thousands of scholars are his students and they are spread across the entire globe. (*part: 73*)

A litany to increase devotion and love

Question: How does one increase their devotion for the

Beloved Prophet?

Answer: 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has mentioned the following point in regards to increasing devotion for the Prophet: Listening to the recitation of the Quran by a Qaari with a good voice increases one's love for Allah Almighty, and listening to a Na'at by a Na'at reciter with a good voice increases one's devotion for the Prophet. (*Malfuzaat-e-'Ala Hadrat, p. 173*) One should only listen to those Na'at which are in accordance to the Shari'ah, for example, 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was such a devotee of the Prophet that every line, in fact, every word that left his pen was drowned in love and yearning, and through listening to the poetry of such individuals, devotion will increase in the heart, to such an extent that even if one does not understand it, their heart will be at rest knowing that their poetry is in accordance to the Shari'ah, and delight in this, whether they understand it or not.

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ, one's devotion for the Prophet will also increase by reciting and listening to the poetry of the brother of 'Ala Hadrat, the king of poetry, Maulana Hasan Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, the son of 'Ala Hadrat Mufti-e-A'zam Hind Maulana Mustafa Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and the poetry written by other scholars of the Ahl-e-Sunnat. (In one Madani Muzakarah, he said:) Cling to the feet of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ, the stations of devotion will easily be crossed. (*part: 128*)

Question: Please mention something about Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish.

Answer: 'Ala Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan's collection of poetry, 'Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish,' should be read. If a person with a good grasp of Urdu continues to read Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, he will become a great devotee of the Prophet. The reality is that one's environment and company have the greatest impact on one's devotion for the Prophet. One's passion increases by means of company. For example, if a person goes for Hajj or to visit Madina Munawwarah and does not find the company of a devotee of Madina, he will not feel that passion, therefore, one should visit the Haramayn Tayyibayn with the people of devotion and knowledge. Also, when in your own country, spend most of your time in the company of the devotees of the Prophet. **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ**! By attending the Sunnah-inspired Ijtimas and Madani Muzakararhs of Dawat-e-Islami, one attains the sweetness of Madinah love. (part: 128)

The seed blossoms after meeting the soil

Question: Please explain the following Maqta' (the final couplet of a poem) of Ala Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan

رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ:

Raza jo dil ko banana tha jalwah gah-e-habeeb

To piyaray kayd-e-khudi say raheeda hona tha

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, p. 147)

Answer: Iqbal states:

*Mitaday apni hasti ko agar kuch martaba chahiye
Kay dana khaak mayn likar gul-e-gulzar hota hay*

It is possible that Doctor Iqbal was simplifying this Maqta', for it is mentioned in history that Doctor Iqbal was impressed by 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ. In any case, 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is stating in this line of poetry: O Raza! You desire for the manifestations of the Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to materialise in your heart then explain to yourself and free yourself of some thoughtful feelings. Meaning, if you humble yourself, the manifestations of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will descend into your heart, and if you consider yourself to be something and say, 'Me, me,' then nothing will happen. This is the humility of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ; he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was an embodiment of humility. If we are also humble, then we will certainly attain those manifestations! But, in reality, we do not have any humility within us. (part: 136)

Choosing a favourite book

Question: If you were confined to a jungle or desert, and you were only permitted to keep one book besides the Quran and Hadith, which book would you choose?

Answer: If the one who confines me accepts the thirty volumes of Fatawa Razawiyyah to be a single book, then I would request

to take the Fatawa Razawiyyah of 'Ala Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, because it contains many things; it contains ample guidance regarding worship and beliefs, and it also contains Tasawwuf. (*Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat ki kahani inhi ki zabaneen, part: 6*)

The reason behind using the translation of Kanz-ul-Iman in books

Question: In your Bayans and written works, you only use the translation of Kanz-ul-Iman for the translation of Quranic verses, what is the reason for this?

Answer: Just as every statement of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is fully in accordance with the Quran and Hadith, in a similar manner, his translation of the Quran, Kanz-ul-Iman, is also in accordance with the Quran and Hadith, and is drowned in love and devotion. The qualities that are found in this translation are not found in any other translation; this is the reason why I only use Kanz-ul-Iman.

The Holy Quran is the Speech of Allah Almighty, and translating it is no easy task. Those who attempted to translate it whilst considering it to be easy, they slipped many times. The gaze of those translators did not reach the spirit of the Quranic words, and by translating word-for-word, these individuals were unable to uphold Divine majesty (i.e. the rank and splendour of Allah Almighty) and Prophetic excellence (i.e. the

lofty brilliance of the Beloved Prophet (ﷺ), and they used such words that are in total opposition to Divine majesty and Prophetic excellence.

The method of ‘Ala Hadrat (ﷺ) translating was that he would dictate the translation of the Quranic verses from memory and Sadr-ush-Shari’ah (Mufti Amjad Ali A’zami (ﷺ)) would write it down. Then when Sadr-ush-Shari’ah and other scholars who were present would compare ‘Ala Hadrat’s translation to the books of Tafseer, they would be amazed to see that this instantaneous translation of ‘Ala Hadrat (ﷺ) would be in complete agreement with reliable Quranic commentaries. (*Anwar-e-Kanz-ul-Iman*, p. 932, *Jawahir Abad Punjab*) (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat*, p. 36)

‘Ala Hadrat’s love for his Murshid

Question: How was ‘Ala Hadrat’s love towards his own Murshid?

Answer: The level of ‘Ala Hadrat’s love and devotion towards the righteous was such that despite being a complete Wali himself, he states in the court of Ghaus-e-A’zam:

*Raza ka khatima bilkhayr hoga
Tayri rehmat agar shamil hay Ya Ghous*

(*Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish*, p. 263)

He states regarding his grand-Murshid, Sayyid Shah Aal-e-Ahmad Achy Miya Marehravi Qadiri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ:

*Nama say Raza kay ab mit jao buray kamohn
Daykho mayray palla par woh achay miyahn aya
Khush kar raza khush ho sab kaam bhalay hon gay
Woh achay miyahn piyara achohn ka niyahn aya*

(Hadaiq-e-Bakhshish, p. 49)

In the first part of the Maqta' of this poem, 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ very humbly refers to himself as an 'evil-doer (Badkaar),' however, I have mentioned 'good-doer (Khushkaar),' in its place, and have replaced 'evil work (Bad kaam)' with 'all works (Sab kaam).' Now, I present this same Maqta' for myself:

*Badkar gada khush ho bad kaam bhalay hongay
Daykho mayray palla par woh Ahmad Raza Khan aya*

(Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, p. 27)

Who should one take as their role model?

Question: Who should we take as our role model?

Answer: In today's age, 'Ala Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Mujaddid-e-Din-o-Millat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ is such an individual that if we were to take him as our role model, we will attain success in both worlds. Every statement and action of 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ was in accordance to the Quran and Sunnah, therefore, take him as

your role model, hold onto him firmly and become a reflection of (Farsi), i.e. hold onto one door but hold on firmly. Do not become impressed by another individual in opposition to 'Ala Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ and save yourself from jeopardising your devotion. (*Faizan-e-Madani Muzakarah, part: 28*)

<i>Kha'if-e-Kibriya</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Aashiq-e-Mustafa</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Sunniyon ka payshwa</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Rehbar-o-Rehnuma</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Sufi-e-Basafa</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Sahib-e-It'iqah</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Khobaroo khush ada</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Dilbar-o-Dilruba</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Aashiq-e-Awliya</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Zeenat-e-Atqiya</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Aalim-e-Ba Amal</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>
<i>Mufti-e-Baybadal</i>	<i>Hayn Raza hayn Raza</i>

Nayk Namazi Bannay Kay Liye

Har Juma'rat ba'd Namaz-e-Maghrib Aap kay yahan honay walay Dawat-e-Islami kay Haftah-waar sunnaton bharay ijtima' may Rizaa-e-Ilahi kay liye achhi achhi niyyaton kay sath saari raat shirkat farmaiye. ❖ Sunnaton ki tarbiyyat kay liye Madani Qafilay may A'ashiq-e-Rasool kay sath har maah 3 din safar aur ❖ Rozanah Fikr-e-Madinah kay zari'ay Madani Ina'amaat ka Risalah pur kar kay har Madani Maah kay pahli tareekh ko apnay yahan kay Zimmahdar ko jama' karwanay ka ma'mool bana lijiye.

Mayra Madani Maqsad "Mujhay Apni aur sari dunya kay logon ki Islah ki Koshish karni hay" *بِسْمِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ* Apni Islah kay liye Madani Ina'amaat par 'amal aur sari dunya kay logon ki Islah ki Koshish kay liye Madani qafilon may safar karna hay.

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