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عليه السلام  
ADAM

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**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 وَاَنْشُرْ  
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, pp. 40*)

#### Note:

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

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## Interesting facts about Sayyiduna

### Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

#### Du'a of Attar

O Lord of Mustafa! Whosoever reads or listens to the 23-page booklet, 'Interesting facts regarding Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام', grant him the blessings of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and become pleased with him for eternity.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

#### Virtue of Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

When Allah Almighty created Sayyidatuna Hawwa رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا from Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام intended to extend his loving hand towards her, so the angels said, 'O Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام! Wait. First, give her dowry.' He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'What is her dowry?' The angels replied, 'Her dowry is for you to recite Salat upon our master, Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 3 or 10 times.' Thus, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام recited Salat upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and was married to Sayyidatuna Hawwa رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا with the angels as his witnesses. From this, we come to know

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that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is a means for every single thing, to the extent that he صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is even the means for his father, Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. (Tafaseer Saawi, Part 5, Surah Al-Nisa, under the verse 1, vol. 2, p. 355; Sharh Az-Zurqaani alal Mawahib, vol. 1, p. 101 derived from)

Hawwa say jab Aadam ka  
'Ahd Mahr Durood huwa  
Aadam say woh Noor-e-Khuda  
Zawjah ko tafweez huwa

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ أَمَّا بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## The first human and the first Messenger

Dear Islamic brothers! Before creating the heavens and the earth, Allah Almighty created the angels and then the Jinns from fire, and after them, humans were created. The first human is the beloved Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the first Messenger too, who was sent to his offspring with a Shari'ah. Sayyiduna Nuh عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is referred to as the first of the Messengers (Awwal-al-Rusul) because he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was the first to be sent for the guidance of people after disbelief and polytheism had spread. (Nuzha-tul-

*Qaari, vol. 5, p. 52, extracted*) Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is also the first vicegerent (Khalifah) of Allah Almighty, just as it is stated in part 1, Surah al-Baqarah, verse 30:

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلٰٓئِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً ۗ

*And (O Beloved), recall when your Lord said to the angels, 'I am about to appoint My vicegerent on the earth,'*

*[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, Verse 30)*

It is stated in the commentary of this verse: Khalifah refers to that individual who is a vicegerent in terms of implementing laws and having other authorities. Although all of the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are the vicegerents of Allah Almighty, Khalifah here refers to Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. The angels were informed of the vicegerency of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام so that they ask regarding the wisdom behind him being made the vicegerent, and the greatness and excellence of the vicegerent becomes apparent to them, as he was granted the title of Khalifah before his birth, and the residents of the heavens were given glad tidings of his birth. (*Tafseer Siraat-ul-Jinan, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 96*)

### **The Sunnah of Allah Almighty and His Messenger ﷺ**

O devotees of the Prophet! Allah Almighty is free from the need of consulting anyone, however, here, the news of

appointing a vicegerent was given to the angels in a way that apparently seemed like a consultation. This indicates to the fact that before carrying out any important work, one should consult with those under their supervision, so that if they have any reservations regarding that matter, it can be resolved, or one could receive a beneficial suggestion that will allow for that thing to be carried out in an even better manner. In the Holy Quran, Allah Almighty also instructs His beloved final Prophet ﷺ to consult with the Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ.

Undoubtedly, Allah Almighty is not in need of consulting with the angels, and the Beloved Prophet ﷺ is not in need of consulting with the Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ, however, mentioning consultation is to teach the Ummah, so that they act upon this Sunnah too. Sayyiduna Abdullah bin 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا narrates that when this blessed verse

وَشَاوِرْهُمْ فِي الْأَمْرِ

*And consult with them in matters.*

*[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 4, Surah Al-Imraan, Verse 159)*

was revealed, the Beloved Prophet ﷺ said, 'Indeed, Allah Almighty and His Messenger are free from consulting, however, Allah Almighty has made consulting a mercy for my Ummah.' (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, p. 76, Hadith 7542*)

## Three sayings of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ regarding consulting others

1. 'Whosoever intends to carry out something and he consults a Muslim in this, Allah Almighty grants him guidance regarding the correct matter.' (*Tafseer Durr-e-Mansoor, vol. 7, p. 357*)
2. 'Whosoever consulted, he will not be regretful.' (*Mu'jam Awsat, vol. 5, p. 77, Hadith 6627*)
3. 'The one who takes the opinion of others, he will never be misfortunate, and whosoever takes his own opinion and disregards the advice of others, he will never be fortunate.' (*Tafseer Qurtubi, Part 4, Surah Aal-e-Imraan, under the verse 159, vol. 2, p. 193*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## The birth of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! Allah Almighty created Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام from soil without a mother and father. The account regarding his creation is as follows: Allah Almighty commanded Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to bring a fistful of soil from the earth. When Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام intended to take some soil from the earth, the earth asked the reason behind this. So, he mentioned the entire account, whereupon,

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the earth said, 'I seek the refuge of Allah Almighty that something be removed from me or that something of mine be ruined.' Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام returned without the soil and said, 'O my Lord! The earth sought refuge in You, therefore, respecting Your Holy Name and Your Honour, I returned and granted it refuge.'

Thereafter, Allah Almighty sent Sayyiduna Mikaeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and he also granted it refuge, and then mentioned the same thing in the Divine Court that Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام mentioned. Then Allah Almighty sent Sayyiduna Israfeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and he returned in the same manner too. Then He sent Sayyiduna Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and when the earth sought refuge from him, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, 'I seek refuge in Allah Almighty that I return without fulfilling His command.' Thus, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام took some soil from the earth, and Allah Almighty appointed him to take the souls of people, i.e. that he is the one who separated the soil from the earth, so he will return it, and he was named Malak-ul-Mawt, i.e. the Angel of death. (*Tafseer Na'eemi, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 225; Tafseer 'Azezi, vol. 1, p. 336*)

### How many types of soil were there?

The final Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ stated, 'Allah Almighty created Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام from a fistful [of soil] that was taken from the entire earth, therefore, the offspring of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

came into being in accordance to the earth; amongst them are the red, the white, the black, and those in between; the soft and the hard; the wretched and the pure.’ (Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 444, Hadith 2965) Some people stated that 60 colours were present in the soil of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and all of them are found in his progeny. (Tafseer Saawi, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 48)

### Why is Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام known as Adam?

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah bin ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا stated, ‘Indeed, Allah Almighty created Adam on the day of Friday after ‘Asr, and He created him from Adeem-ul-Ard, i.e. a fistful of soil from the apparent part of the earth, which is why he is known as Adam.’ (Tareekh Ibn-e-‘Asakir, vol. 7, p. 375) And his offspring are known as ‘Adami’ i.e. person of Adam.

### The Kunyah of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Dear Islamic brothers! As Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the father of all humans, his Kunyah is Abul-Bashr, i.e. the father of all humans. One of his Kunyah is also Abu Muhammad, and this will be his Kunyah is Paradise too, just as it is mentioned in a Hadith: Nobody will have a Kunyah in Paradise, except for Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and out of honour and veneration for him, his Kunyah will be Abu Muhammad in Paradise. (Tareekh Ibn-e-‘Asakir, vol. 7, p. 388)

## How did springs come forth from the earth?

It is stated in one narration that when Allah Almighty intended to create Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, He said to the earth, 'I am about to bring forth a creation from you, so whosoever obeys me, I will cause him to enter Paradise, and whosoever disobeys me, I will cast him into Hell.' Upon this, the earth said, 'O my Lord! Will you create from me such a creation that will enter Hell?' So, Allah Almighty replied, 'Yes.' Whereupon, the earth wept so much that springs began to flow and will continue to do so until the Day of Judgement. (*Tafseer Saawi, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 49*)

## Why do we apply fragrance to the deceased?

The earth requested in the Court of Allah Almighty, 'O Allah Almighty! My soil has decreased on account of it being taken from me.' Allah Almighty replied, 'Do not worry. (Whenever a person) returns to you, he will be more beautiful and fragrant than before.' This is why the deceased are scented with musk and perfume. (*Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 31, vol. 1, p. 98*)

## Why is there less happiness and more sadness in a person's life?

With the command of Allah Almighty, when the soil was collected from the earth, Allah Almighty gave the command

for it to be put in the place where the Ka'bah is today. The angels were then commanded to make a clay from it using different types of water. Then 40 days of rain showered down upon it; 39 days of sadness and one of happiness. This is why there is less happiness in a person's life and more sadness. *(Tafseer Na'eemi, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 225)*

### **The creation of dates, grapes and pomegranates**

From the soil that was left over from that which was used to prepare the blessed form of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, a date-palm tree was created. Just as the fourth caliph of the Muslims, Sayyiduna Mawla Ali al-Murtada رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Honour the date, for it was created from the leftover soil of your father, Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.' In another narration, it is mentioned that dates, grapes and pomegranates were created from the leftover soil of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. *(Fayz-ul-Qadeer, vol. 3, p. 600, under the Hadith 3937)*

### **The blessed appearance of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام**

Dear Islamic brothers! When the soil was prepared for the blessed body of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, it was made so dry through the use of wind that it became reverberating clay, like ceramic. Then Allah Almighty commanded the angels to place it between Makkah and Taif, in the valley of Nu'man, close to Mount Arafat. After this, Allah Almighty created the form of

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Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام with His Power, and the angels had never seen such a beautiful appearance and form before, thus, they were astonished to see the blessed form of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and continued to gaze at him with amazement whilst surrounding him. (*Tafseer Na'eemi, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 226, extracted*)

### The misfortune of Iblees, the accursed

Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When Allah Almighty created the form of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام in Paradise, He left him in that state for as long as He willed. Iblees began to walk around him, trying to work out what it was, and when he saw his empty stomach, he understood that this is such a creation that will be unable to control itself.' (Meaning, at the time of been overcome with desire and anger, this creation will be unable to control its Nafs and will find it difficult to dispel Satanic whispers). (*Muslim, p. 1079, Hadith 6649; Sharh Al-Suyuti alal Muslim, vol. 5, p. 538, under the Hadith 2611*)

It is stated in another narration that after seeing the blessed form of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, Iblees also said, 'Yes, there is an enclosed object towards the left side of his chest, but I have no idea as to what it contains, perhaps it is the place of that Lordly secret due to which he has been made rightful to vicegerency.' (*Tafseer Na'eemi, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 226*)

Iblees asked the angels, 'If he (i.e. Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) has been created superior to you, what will you do?' They replied, 'We will obey the command of Allah Almighty.' The accursed Satan said to himself, 'If he is made superior to me, I will not follow him.' (*Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 31, vol. 1, p. 99*)

### A widespread misconception

Some people say that before the soul was blown into Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, Satan spat on him مَعَادَا اللَّهِ and a dog was created from this saliva. Regarding this incident, Mufti Waqar-ud-Deen رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states, 'This narration of a dog being created is baseless and false; there is no mention of this in authentic reports.' (*Waqar-ul-Fatawa, vol. 1, p. 344*)

### The reason behind dogs loving the children of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Imam Hakeem Tirmidhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ states: When Allah Almighty sent Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to the earth, Satan incited the wild animals against him, as a result of this, a dog was the first to attack him. During this time, Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام descended and said, 'Place your hand upon it.' Thus, Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام did this, which caused the dog to become calm and tame, and it began to protect him. Love for

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humans has been placed in the nature of dogs until the Day of Judgement. *(Al-Amsal min al-Kitab wal Sunnah, pp. 27-28, selected)*

## **The reason for Friday being called Jumu'ah**

Dear Islamic brothers! The meaning of Jumu'ah is 'to gather,' 'to be complete,' and Friday is known as Jumu'ah because the blessed body of Sayyiduna Adam (عليه السلام) was complete on this day. The final Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم said, 'The best day on which the sun rises is the day of Friday; it was on this day that Sayyiduna Adam عليه السلام was born, it was on this day that he was sent down (from Paradise), it was on this day that his repentance was accepted, it was on this day that he passed away and it is on this day that the Day of Judgement will be established.' *(Abu Dawood, vol. 1, p. 390, Hadith 1046)*

Here, the meaning of Sayyiduna Adam عليه السلام being born is either his body being completed or his soul being blown into his body, because the formation of Sayyiduna Adam's body took a long time; gathering every type of soil and water, then constructing it, then creating the external and internal organs, then drying it for a long time; all of this took many days, it did not occur in one day or one hour. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 7, p. 606)*

*Do Shanbah Mustafa ka jumu'ah Aadam say behtar hay*

*Sikhana kiya lihaaz-e-haysiyyat khu`ay tamul ko*

**Commentary on Raza's poetry:** My master, A'la Hazrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ mentions something beautiful here: The entire universe was created due to the Beloved Prophet of Allah Almighty, Sayyiduna Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; if it was not for him, nothing would exist. Therefore, Monday, the day of his birth, is more superior to Friday, the day that Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was created. It is not difficult for the habit of thinking to understand this, for he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the master of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and the leader of all Prophets.

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### Why do humans feel pain at the time that the soul is extracted?

When Allah Almighty commanded the soul to enter the body of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the soul said, 'O Allah Almighty! This place is extremely deep and there is darkness.' The Divine Command was given three times and the soul replied in the manner all three times, thus, Allah Almighty said, 'You are entering unwillingly, so you will feel severe pain when exiting.' This is the reason why there is severe pain when the soul leaves the human body. (*Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, Part 1, p. 100, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 31*) It is stated in *Tafseer Na'eemi*: It is mentioned in some narrations: When the light of the Messenger of Allah was placed in the forehead of Sayyiduna

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Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the soul began to enter slowly. (*Tafseer Na'eemi, vol. 1, p. 226*)

### The first person to sneeze

The soul first entered the blessed head, which caused Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to sneeze, so Allah Almighty inspired him to say **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ**, thus, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, **‘أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ،’** and Allah Almighty Himself replied, **‘بِوَجْهِكَ اللَّهُ.’**<sup>1</sup> When the soul reached his blessed back, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام intended to stand but fell down, as the soul had not yet reached his lower half. Once the soul had reached his entire body, Allah Almighty said to him, ‘O Adam! Who am I?’ Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, ‘You are Allah Almighty, there is none worthy of worship besides You.’ Allah Almighty said, ‘You have spoken the truth.’ (*Tareekh Ibn-e-‘Asakir, vol. 7, p. 385*)

It is narrated in Tirmidhi, that Allah Almighty said to him, ‘O Adam! Go to this group of angels that is sitting and say: **أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِمُ.**’ Thus, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said, **‘أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِمُ،’** to which the angels replied, **‘عَلَيْكَ السَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ.’** He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام then returned to the Court of Allah Almighty, and Allah Almighty said, ‘This is your greeting and that of your offspring.’ (*Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 241, Hadith 3379*)

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<sup>1</sup> Even now one ought to say **‘الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ’** upon sneezing, and it is Wajib upon the one who hears to immediately reply with **‘بِوَجْهِكَ اللَّهُ.’** (*Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 3, p. 477, part 16*) It is stated on page 3 of *Khaza'in-ul-Irfan*, with reference to Tahtawi: it is Sunnah Muakkadah to praise Allah Almighty upon sneezing. (*550 Sunnatayn aur Aadab, p. 36*)

## The blessings of Salam

Dear Islamic brothers! From this account, we also come to know that giving Salam is a very old Sunnah; spread the blessings of Salam, and gain an abundance of Divine Mercy. **اللَّحْفُ لِلَّهِ**! The religious movement of prophetic devotees, Dawat-e-Islami, spreads the Sunnah and conveys the message of the Sunnah to every home. Pious Deed number 30 in the 72 Pious Deeds booklet states: Today, did you give Salam to the Muslims sitting and standing on the pathway when travelling home, to the office, on the train, bus, etc., and when passing through the streets?

*Shaha! Aisa jazbah pa`oon kay mayn khoob seekh ja`oon*

*Tayri Sunnatayn sikhana Madani Madinay walay*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Signs of Divine Power in the eyes, ears and nose

The great Taabi'i, the shining lamp of the Ahl-e-Bayt, Sayyiduna Imam Ja'far Sadiq رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ narrates from his grandfather (Sayyiduna Imam Zayn-ul-Aabideen رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ) that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Allah Almighty, through His Grace and Mercy, placed 'salinity' in the eyes of humans, for they are both pieces of fat, and if this was not the case, they would melt. Allah Almighty favoured humankind by placing 'bitterness' in their ears, which is an obstacle for

insects, for if an insect were to enter the ear, it would reach the brain, however, when it tastes the bitterness, it flees. Allah Almighty, through His Mercy, placed 'heat' in the nostrils of humankind, by which he smells odours; if this was not the case, the brain would become foul-smelling. Allah Almighty showered His Favour and Grace upon man by placing 'sweetness' on his lips, through means of which he tastes things, and people are mesmerised by the sweetness of his speech.' (*Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 229, Raqm 3797; Allah walon ki batayn, vol. 3, p. 285*)

### Who is obedient?

Dear Islamic brothers! When Allah Almighty created Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, the angels said, 'Allah Almighty will not create something that has more knowledge than us and is more honoured than us in the Divine Court.' The angels were tested by means of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and similarly, Allah Almighty tests people, so that it may become apparent as to who is obedient and who is disobedient. And whosoever ponders over this world and the hereafter, he understands the superiority of one over the other, and he recognises that the world is the abode of tests and will come to an end, whereas, the hereafter is the abode of recompense that will remain forever. Therefore, (if you have the ability to do so) become from among those people who leave the need of this world for the need of the Hereafter, and the ability to do good is only

from Allah Almighty. (*Tafseer Tabri, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 30, vol. 1, p. 242; Tafseer Durr-e-Mansoor, Surah Al-Baqarah, under the verse 219, vol. 1, p. 611 selected*)

### The blessed height of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

It is mentioned in Bukhari: The (blessed) height of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was 60 yards (i.e. 90 feet). Whosoever enters Paradise, he will be in the form of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and his height will be 60 yards. The creation has decreased (in height) from the time of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام until now. (*Bukhari, vol. 4, p. 164, Hadith 6227*)

Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ writes the following in commentary of this Hadith: Only humans will enter Paradise; animals and Jinns will not enter it, and all dwellers of Paradise will be beautiful and healthy like Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام. Nobody will be unattractive or sick, and each of them will be 60 handspans tall; nobody will be taller or shorter than this, regardless of whether one was tall in the world or short, young or old, this lack will only be in the world, and it will be complete in Paradise. (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 6, pp. 313-314, selected*)

O devotees of the Prophet! Apparently, it seems strange or impossible for one to be so tall, however, if one were to look towards the Power of Allah Almighty, then this will neither

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seem strange nor impossible, for Allah Almighty is absolutely capable of creating such a tall person.

*Hay Pak rutba fikar say us bay Niyaz ka*

*Kuch dakhil 'aqal ka hay na kaam Imtiyaz ka*

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### The most superior creation

The great Taabi'i, Sayyiduna Sa'eed Bin Jubayr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ, states: An argument arose among the children of Adam as to whom is the most honoured creation in the Court of Allah Almighty. Some of them said, 'Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is, for Allah Almighty created him through His Power and commanded the angels to prostrate before him.' Some said, 'The most honoured creation in the Court of Allah Almighty are the angels, for they do not disobey Him.' Others said, 'Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام will decide between this matter of ours.'

Thus, they presented themselves in the court of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and asked him regarding this, to which he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, 'My son, Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, is the most superior from among creation. When Allah Almighty placed the soul inside me and it reached my feet, I sat down in tranquillity, then the lightning of the Arsh glowed for me. I looked towards the Arsh, and I saw written upon it: 'مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ'. Therefore, the most superior in the sight of Allah Almighty is

the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.’ (Tareekh Ibn-e-‘Asakir, vol. 7, p. 386, Raqm 578)

*Zaahir mayn mayray phool haqeeqat mayn mayray nakhl*

*Is gull ki yaad mayn yeh Sad Abu Al-Bashr ki hay*

**Commentary of Raza’s poetry:** Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام would remember our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the following way, ‘يَا ابْنِي صُورَةً وَمَعْنَى ابْنٍ’ i.e. ‘O my son! Apparently, you are my son, but in reality, you are my father, for if you did not exist then I would not exist, in fact, nothing would exist.’

*woh jo nah thay tau kuch nah tha woh jo na hoon tau kuch na hoo*

*jaan hay woh jahan ki jaan hay tau jahan hay*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Dweller of Paradise and Hell

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, who gave news from the unseen through the bestowal of Allah Almighty, said, ‘Allah Almighty created Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and then cast His Right Hand over his (Sayyiduna Adam’s) back, which caused his offspring to come forth. Allah Almighty said, ‘I have created them for Paradise; they will perform the actions of the people of Paradise.’ He then cast His hand over his back again, which caused his offspring to come forth, and He then said, ‘I

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have created them for Hell; they will carry out the actions of the people of Hell.’ (Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 52, Hadith 3086)

Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan رحمته الله عليه states the following regarding this part (He cast His Right Hand over the back of Sayyiduna Adam عليه السلام) of the Hadith: This text is from the ambiguities (Mutashabihaat), meaning, He directed His Power towards the blessed back, for Allah Almighty is free from possessing an actual hand and from left and right. Sperm resides in a man’s back, which is why it (His Power) was directed towards his back. (Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 1, p. 104)

### The beauty of Sayyiduna Dawood عليه السلام

It is mentioned in another narration: When Allah Almighty created Sayyiduna Adam عليه السلام and cast His hand over his back, the souls of his offspring whom Allah Almighty will create till the Day of Judgement came forth, and then a light was made to glow between the eyes of each person. They were then presented to Sayyiduna Adam عليه السلام, who said, ‘O Lord! Who are they?’ He replied, ‘Your offspring.’ He saw one individual from among them whose glow between his eyes he liked. He عليه السلام said, ‘O Lord! Who is this?’ He replied, ‘Dawood (عليه السلام).’ He عليه السلام then said, ‘O Lord! What is his stipulated age?’ Allah Almighty said, ‘60 years.’ Whereupon, he عليه السلام said, ‘O Lord! Grant him 40 years from my life.’ (Tirmizi, vol. 5, p. 53, Hadith 3087)

## Were humans previously apes?

The founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, ‘Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyae دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ states: This is an old account from when I came across an individual who possessed worldly education. I do not know what overcame him, but during our conversation, he began to speak about the creation of humans and that the Holy Quran mentions human beings are from Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and the human race came forth from him. However, Darwin says that humans came from apes.

After this, he said, ‘I can sort of understand Darwin’s theory.’ Hearing this, I became extremely worried that he had ruined his Iman, for he doubted the Holy Quran and said, ‘I can sort of understand Darwin’s theory.’ How can one even partially understand any statement that opposes the Quran? One should reject such an understanding, for what purpose does it serve? However, when I had the opportunity, I explained to him, made him repent, and made him recite the Kalimah, for this is such a thing that takes one out of the folds of Islam. (*Malfuzaat-e-Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Episode 51*)

## The correct Islamic belief regarding the creation of humans

It is the belief of Muslims that the inception of humankind was with Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, and this is why he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is

known as Abul Bashr, i.e. the father of humans. Humankind starting with Sayyiduna Adam ﷺ is proven through very strong evidence, for example, one comes to know through world population figures that the number of humans 100 years ago were much less than today, and it was even less 100 years before that. Like this, if one was to continue going in the past, the number of humans would continue to decrease until it reached a single individual, and that individual is Sayyiduna Adam ﷺ, or one can say that the multitude of people in a group stops at a single individual. For example, hundreds of thousands will be found in the world of Saadaat, however, they all converge at the being of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ. Similarly, regardless of how many individuals make up Bani Israeel, all of this abundance ends at the single personality of Sayyiduna Ya'qoob ﷺ.

In this manner, if we were to continue to travel upwards, all of the various groups and communities of people will stop at a single individual, whose name in all heavenly books is Adam, and it is impossible that this single person was born in the way that people are born today, because even if a father were to be suggested for him, where will the mother come from? And the one who is considered to be the father, where did he himself come from? Therefore, it is necessary that he be born without a mother or father, and when he was born without parents, then undoubtedly, he was born in a different way to this, and the method mentioned in the Holy Quran is that Allah Almighty

created him from soil, which is a part of the foundation of a human's abode, i.e. the world.

Then it is also apparent that when a human came into existence like this, then another being is required in order to continue the human race, therefore, another was created too. However, instead of creating the second one directly from soil without parents, she was created from the first human, because by creating the first human, the species was already present. Hence, the second being was created from the first being in a way that was relatively less amazing than the first but in a way that is more superior to common people. Meaning, a rib was taken from the left side of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام whilst he was resting, and his wife, Sayyidatuna Hawwa رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا was created from this. As Sayyidatuna Hawwa رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا was not born from intimacy between a man and woman, she cannot be considered to be offspring. (*Tafseer Siraat-ul-Jinan, Part 4, Surah Al-Nisa, under the verse 2, vol. 1, p. 139, slightly amended with amendments*)



## The weeping of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام

Sayyiduna Buraydah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'If the weeping of Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and the people of the entire world was to be compared to the weeping of Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, it would not be equal to his weeping.'

*(Tareekh-Ibn-Asakir, vol. 7, p. 415)*



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