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Translation

O Allah Almighty! 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 🕮 once before and after the *du'a*.

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Haji Imran Attari's *du'a*:

"O Allah Almighty, whoever reads or listens to the 27-page booklet, '*A Loyal Husband*', grant him and his family well-being in this world and the hereafter, and make his home an abode of tranquillity."

امِين بِجاع خاتَم النَّبِيتين صلَّى الله عليه والموسلَّم

The excellence of reciting salat upon the Prophet

The beloved Prophet صَلَى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَمَ said: "Whosoever recites 1,000 *salat* upon me in a day will not die until he sees his place in Paradise."

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّد

¹ al-Targhib wa al-Tarhib, vol. 2, p. 328, hadith 22

15 years of service to his wife

Sayyiduna Abu 'Uthman Hiriy's noble wife, Sayyidatuna Maryam محمد الله عليه. states, "I once asked my husband Abu 'Uthman محمد الله عليه. when we were alone, 'O Abu 'Uthman! What have you done in life that is most beloved to you?' He replied, 'O Maryam! When I was young, I used to live in Rayy (a city in Iran). The people used to like me a lot. All of them wanted me to marry into their families, but I refused. One day, a woman came to me and said, "I have become restless in your love; it has affected my night's sleep and day's peace. I adjure you for the sake of the One Who turns hearts that you marry me." I asked, "Is your father alive?" She said, "Yes, he is a tailor in such and such a locality."

So, I sent a marriage proposal to her father, and he became very happy. He immediately invited the eminent people of the village and had my nikah conducted with his daughter. When I entered the room of my bride, I found her blind in one eye, lame and extremely unsightly. Upon seeing her, I said in gratitude to Allah Almighty, "O my Sustainer! All praise is for You. I am grateful for that which You have decreed for me." When the people of my household heard of the state of my bride, they rebuked me severely. I never said a word to my wife that she would dislike; rather, I became even more kind to her, providing her everything she needed.

My love and compassion for her was such that she reached a state where she could not endure being separated from me for a

moment. For the sake of my disabled wife, I abandoned the gatherings of my friends. I would spend more time with her so that she would remain happy and not suffer from inferiority complex. I spent 15 years of my life like this with my disabled wife. Sometimes I would experience pain as though I had been placed on burning coals, but I never revealed this to her. Time went on, and after 15 years, she passed away. Everything which I did to keep my disabled wife happy out of due regard for the love she had for me is the most beloved action to me.³¹

May Allah Almighty have mercy on them, and may we be forgiven for their sake without accountability.

امِين بِجَابِخاتَمِ النَّبِيَّيْن صلَّى الله عليه والهِ وسلَّم صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّد

Give importance to your wife

Dear Islamic brothers, a wife is a blessing from Allah Almighty. The Almighty has made a beautiful relationship filled with love and affection between the husband and wife. Some ignorant men do not even give their wife the respect a human deserves. After marriage, when some of these poor women move into their husband's home, they spend their day and night serving

¹ 'Uyoon al-Hikayat, vol. 2, p. 64

their husband, mother-in-law and sister-in-law. If the wife suffers a slight headache or sits to rest due to tiredness after carrying out many household chores, idle chatter begins that she is acting. Furthermore, members of the household do not refrain from backbiting, making false accusations and slandering in this matter مسادّالله.

A wife is also a human just like other humans. This creation of Allah has come to the husband due to the bond of marriage. It is a duty upon the husband to share her sadness, happiness, grief and illness. A wife is called a 'life partner'. If she is a partner in life, the husband should be a 'life companion' to her in every moment of life.

The status of women in Islam

Before Islam, women had no significance. Regardless of whether they were a mother, wife, daughter, or sister, there was no concept of dignity and respect for women. If she was a daughter, she would be buried alive upon her birth محاذات . If she was a wife, she would be trampled on. We should be grateful for the grace and benevolence of Allah Almighty, for He allowed us to be born into the pure religion of Islam, which is replete with teachings on good character from both a worldly and religious perspective.

Islam is that beautiful religion that has asserted the rights of animals and not just humans. Islam has granted women dignity

in its true meaning. By unequivocally explaining the rights of women, the noble Qur'an has protected the dignity and honour of women across the globe. In Islam, the respect and honour that a woman has as a mother is not found in any other way of life. Similarly, the protection Islam grants to a wife, sister and daughter is also unprecedented.

May Allah Almighty always allow us to adhere to Islam and its principles, and may He grant us martyrdom with *iman* and wellbeing in the shade of the Green Dome.

امِين بِجَافِ حاتَم النَّبِيتين صلَّى الله عليه والمه وسلَّم

The rights of women in Islam

The pure religion of Islam has mentioned the rights of a wife in great detail. In relation to treating wives well, it is mentioned in part 4 of the Qur'an, verse 19 of Surah al-Nisa:



"And deal with them kindly."¹

Allamah Baydawi محمَّة اللَّهِ عليه mentions in the exegesis of this verse: "Speaking to wives with good character and being just

¹ [Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 4, Surah al-Nisa, verse 19)

with them in all matters is dealing with them kindly."¹ Another explanation of dealing with them kindly has been mentioned as desiring for them whatever you desire for yourself.²

A fine example of good conduct towards wives based on Qur'anic teachings can be found in the life of the beloved Prophet حَلَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالَا خَيْرُكُمْ لِمُعْلِهِ "The best of you is the one best to his family, and I am the best to my family from among you."³

Commenting on this Hadith, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'imi says, "The person of great character is he who is well mannered with his wife and children because he remains amongst them most of the time. Showing great character with unrelated people is not perfection because one only meets them occasionally."⁴

Who is the best?

The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ said, "The most perfect of believers in faith are those who have the best character, and the best of you are those who are the best to their wives."⁵

¹ Tafsīr al-Bayḍāwi, part 4, Surah al-Nisa, verse 19, vol. 2, p. 163

² Tafsīr al-Khāzin, part 4, Surah al-Nisa, verse 19, vol. 1, p. 360

³ Jāmi' al-Tirmidhi, vol. 5, p. 475, hadith 3,921

⁴ Mirāt al-Manājī<u>h</u>, vol. 5, p. 96

⁵ Jāmi' al-Tirmidhi, vol. 2, p. 386, hadith 1,165

It is mentioned in *Mirāt al-Manājī*ḥ:

Good character is that habit which is pleasing to Allah Almighty, His Messenger حَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّمَ and creation. It is very difficult to adopt it, but whoever is blessed with it, he is successful in both worlds. As a wife leaves all her family members only for the sake of her husband, if the husband oppresses her, whom will she turn to? To show mercy to the weak is the way of Allah Almighty as well as the Sunnah of the Prophet مَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ وَسَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ وَسَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ مَلْكُ مَالَى الْعُمَالِي وَالهُ وَسَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ مَالَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ وَسَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَالْعَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَالْعُوالْهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللْهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَهُ وَاللَهُ وَالْعُوالِهِ وَاللَّهُ وَالْعُوالِهِ وَاللْهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَاللَهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَاللْهُ وَاللَهُ وَالْعُوالِهُ وَاللْهُ وَاللْعُوالِهُ وَالْعُوالِهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَالْعُوالُهُ وَالْ

Blind for 20 years

Once, when the time for the ritual departure of a woman to her marital home (*rukhsati*) drew near after she got married, she was afflicted by smallpox. Her family members became very anxious because of this and were worried that the husband would no longer like her.

However, he was a pious individual who made it seem to people as if he was suffering from an eye disease. He then feigned blindness until the woman left her home to join him, relieving the anxiety of her family members. The woman remained married to the pious individual for 20 years (but he continued to feign blindness). When she passed away, he opened his eyes. Upon being asked about this, he replied, "I did this for the sake

¹ Mirāt al-Manājīh, vol. 5, p. 101

of the woman's family members lest they be sad and anxious." It was said to him, "You have surpassed your brothers in good conduct."

May Allah's mercy be upon them, and may He forgive us without accountability for their sake.

امِين بِجَالإخاتَم النَّبِيَّين صلَّى الله عليه والموسلَّم

Islamic teachings concerning women

Dear Islamic brothers, did you see how the pious people of Allah are equal partners in the happiness and sadness of their spouse, and they do not fear people's criticism in this regard. Nowadays, different organisations speak about women's rights due to various objectives. However, if you study Qur'anic injunctions, Islamic teachings and the noble Hadith, you will realise that no one has mentioned women's rights in the last 1,500 years in the manner that Islam has.

Islam has even mentioned there being reward in the act of a husband giving his wife water to drink. *Sayyiduna* 'Irbad bin Sariyah ترض states that the Messenger of Allah مَنْ اللَّهُ عَنَهُ said, "Indeed, when a person gives his wife water to drink, he is rewarded." The Companion مَنْ عَنَهُ states,

¹ Iḥyā al-'Ulūm, vol. 3, p. 318

"Then, I went to my wife, gave her water to drink and related this Hadith to her." $\!\!\!$

Similarly, in another Hadith, it is mentioned that the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّ stated, "However much you spend in the path of Allah, you will receive its reward, even for the morsel you place in your wife's mouth (you will receive reward for that too)."²

How can a religion—which is so pure that it mentions the reward of giving water to one's wife—give permission to oppress her? The state of women in non-Muslim societies does not form an image of optimism. Women around the globe seeking to protect their dignity and chastity should enter the shade of Islam wholeheartedly. Not only will they be successful in this worldly life but in the afterlife too

The religious movement of prophetic devotees, Dawat-e-Islami, seeks to revive the era of the pious predecessors. Dawat-e-Islami wipes out hatred and instils love. Read a recent account of a loyal husband who spent years serving his ailing wife physically, financially, and by giving his time. This is an account of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's Successor, Mawlana al-Haaj Abu Usayd, 'Ubayd Raza

Madani مَتَّاظِلُمُالعالى, which spans 14 years; it cannot be ignored.

¹ al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr, vol. 18, p. 258, hadith 646

² Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhāri, vol. 1, p. 428, hadith 1,295

The marriage of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's successor

The marriage ceremony of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's successor took place during Dawat-e-Islami's international *ijtima*' in Multan Sharif on 10th Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam 1424 AH (2005), which, after Hajj, is the largest Sunnah-inspired international gathering in the world. Approximately 14 months later, on the joyous occasion of the commemoration of A'la Hazrat's birth, 10th Shawwal al-Mukarram 1425 AH, the *rukhsati* took place. From start to end, all ceremonies were in accordance with the Shari'ah آلكتشريلية, and after the wedding, the happy days of married life ensued.

Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's successor becomes a father

Allah Almighty granted the garden of 'Attar a fragrant flower in the form of a granddaughter on 21st Rabi' al-Awwal 1428 AH (10th April 2007), and hence, Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza Madani became a father.

A blessed woman

A woman whose first child is a daughter is considered blessed. The Companion *Sayyiduna* Wathilah bin Asqa' منفى الله عنه said, "From the blessing of a woman is that she gives birth to a daughter first."¹

¹ Tareekh Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 47, p. 225, hadith 10,196

This Hadith should put an end to any negative opinions people have in considering a woman whose first child is a daughter to be misfortunate. Remember, becoming concerned upon the birth of a daughter is not the way of Muslims. Therefore, instead of becoming worried upon the birth of a daughter, Muslims should express gratitude to Allah Almighty. Likewise, a woman whose first child is a daughter should be thought of as blessed as opposed to being considered unfortunate.

The happiness of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah

The founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Amir Ahl al-Sunnah, 'Allamah Mawlana Muhammad Ilyas 'Attar Qadiri Razawi Ziyaee دامت بَرَكَاتُهُو العَالِيه became a grandfather, and his happiness was a sight to behold. The 'aqiqah ceremony of his first paternal granddaughter was held at the home of Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza Madani on 5th Rabi' al-Akhir. May Allah Almighty grant abundant happiness to the family of 'Attar and bless them with endless well-being.

امِين بِجَالاِ حاتَم النَّبِيَّين صلَّى الله عليه واله وسلَّم

The beginning of the trial

The year 2008 proved to be the start of a great trial for Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza Madani and his wife (whose teknonym was Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah). On one hand, his daughter was admitted to hospital due to dehydration, and on the other hand, his wife's

health began to deteriorate considerably. Upon the advice of a physician, a test was carried out, which returned showing normal results. However, as she did not seem to get better, she had an MRI scan. The doctor, who had immense respect for Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza Madani, called him in a tearful state explaining the report and the illness, which proved to be a great shock for him. تَنَّرَ اللَّقُومَاتَكَا وَعَالَى (Allah Almighty decreed and that which He willed happened.)

The doctors had no cure for this illness and stated that the illness would worsen day by day rather than improve. Being the eldest son of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah—the monumental figure of Dawate-Islami—Maulana 'Ubayd Raza's organisational activities and educational pursuits were affected. آلتعتن يلله Subsequent to completing Dars-i-Nizami, Maulana 'Ubayd Raza was a *Takhassus fi al-Fiqh* (Specialisation in Jurisprudence) candidate, as this is what his noble father wanted him to pursue. However, he was inundated with challenges: the nurturing of a new-born child, commitment to religious activities, household duties, and now the deterioration of his wife's health.

The testimony of colleagues

A Madani class fellow of Maulana 'Ubayd Raza states:

I and one or two other Islamic brothers would meet at the home of the Successor to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah to revise lessons. Once I came to his home for this purpose and found him busy in household chores. Because he informed myself and the other Islamic brothers of this tribulation much later, I stepped forward and began to help him with household chores, but how much could I do? Eventually, I returned. Then, I would go from time to time and help with some household chores. However, the courage and determination of the Successor to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah is commendable, for despite being in these testing moments, he took his ailing wife throughout Pakistan for her to receive treatment. Spending hundreds of thousands of rupees, enduring difficulties day and night, he gave countless sacrifices: financial, bodily and of time.

'Attar's laudable upbringing of his children

In these challenging conditions, many of those acquainted with him gave the advice that as her health was not improving, in this situation, it was not necessary to maintain this relationship forever. Thus, he should leave her and marry someone else. However, great people not only accomplish great things, but they also have a great mindset. Therefore, responding to this suggestion, he replied:

If, Allah Almighty forbid, I was struck by such an illness, then I would certainly hope that I would be looked after. Now that my wife is ailing, I will not abandon her. I will continue in my endeavour to get her treated and serve her as much as I can. This servant of Allah Almighty is under my responsibility, so I will

take care of her. Perhaps serving her will be a cause of me being forgiven without accountability.

Ay Janisheen e Amir Ahle Sunnat Ay Janisheen e Amir Ahle Sunnat

Tu sadaa rahe salamat Tuj par ho Rabb ki rahmat

O Successor to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah, O Successor to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah

May well-being always accompany you, May Allah's mercy always be upon you



Sympathy for her husband

Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah's health was such that she could not carry out household chores, such as cooking and cleaning. So, whenever she saw her honourable husband serving her and facing other trials, on a number of occasions she remarked, "I am not going to recover now. If you wish, you can leave me and marry someone else so that you can live your life in ease." However, her loyal husband replied, "It is not loyalty that a difficult time befalls you and I abandon you. I will not leave you in this state."

Then, Umm Usayd herself searched for another marriage partner for her husband. Therefore, in light of the family situation and with the agreement of the family members of the first and second wife, his second marriage was conducted. From his second marriage (with Umm Junayd), until now (22 Muharram al-Haram 1444 AH), Allah Almighty has blessed him with three children (one daughter and two sons).

Love for salah

Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah would offer salah as soon as the time of salah began. An Islamic brother's wife mentions, "Umm Usayd said to me, 'I advise you to offer salah as soon as the time starts."

Eagerness to remain in wudu

The illness of Umm Usayd spanned approximately 14 years. She gave great importance to cleanliness and remained in a state of wudu most of the time. When performing ablution became difficult due to her deteriorating health, she would avoid eating and drinking after Zuhr as much as possible to maintain wudu and only eat food after Isha salah.

Fasting in Ramadan and *i'tikaf*

Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah had a special attachment to the fasts of Ramadan al-Mubarak. She would not leave fasting even when travelling for treatment, and she would also keep the fasts of significant days (12th Rabi' al-Awwal, 'Ashura, 27th Rajab al-Murajjab, 15th Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam, etc.). An Islamic brother mentions that his mother, aged 72 years, had never had the honour to sit *i'tikaf* in Ramadan al-Mubarak despite reaching 70. She was then fortunate to spend some time in the company of Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah, through the blessings of which she

has had the honour of sitting *i'tikaf* for the entire month of Ramadhan for the last 2 years. التحشايليلي

Supplication for cure

Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza Madani would not repeatedly mention his wife's condition to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah lest it affect the progress of religious activities. Furthermore, behind this was the good intention of not making his noble father anxious. The matter does not stop here: the religious mindset of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's successor is commendable, for he also would not mention his wife's state to her mother, as it would only add to her grief.

He says, "I kept praying for the well-being of my wife and that she be cured, and that if cure was not decreed for her, that her illness does not increase."

Dear Islamic brothers, we repeatedly strive for solutions to our problems. We inform friends and relatives to seek their help. However, we do not supplicate in the court of the One Who creates all the means, Allah Almighty, Who is our true Owner and the One Who can truly solve our difficulties. Irrespective of whether a worry is removed, we should always make *du'a*, because *du'a* is the weapon of a believer.

Some habits of Umm Usayd

Maulana 'Ubayd Raza Madani states, "Umm Usayd would often ask me to make her repent."

He continues:

She would take care of the poor and be kind towards the female housekeeper. She (Umm Usayd) would not keep money; whenever someone came and mentioned their problem to her, she would hand over money to them. She would listen to *na't* enthusiastically and watch Madani Channel most of the time. She attempted to travel to Madinah al-Munawwarah in 2010 but was unable to.

Love for Amir Ahl al-Sunnah

Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah had immense love and devotion for Amir Ahl al-Sunnah. She would often remain in wait for Amir Ahl al-Sunnah to visit her home. Before she became ill, when she used to cook, she would not throw away the bones from Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's food.

Advice to those that marry twice

Dear Islamic brothers, it is not easy in our society to have two wives and treat them as stipulated by Shari'ah. It is mentioned in *Bahar-e-Shari*'at, volume 2, page 95, "It is an obligation (fard) upon whoever has two, three or four wives to be just. Meaning, he should treat his wives equally in those matters within his control, i.e. he should give each wife her complete right. He should fulfil the rights of each one with regard to providing clothes, maintenance, and residence."

The rights of two wives

Mufti Muhammad Hashim 'Attari مَنَّ ظِلُّهُ العالى, who is also the teacher of Maulana 'Ubayd Raza, mentions:

The honourable son of 'Attar would enquire about the rights of two wives, even to the extent of asking about an item that was given to one wife which the other could not make use of, like a mobile phone. As it is necessary to be just according to Shari'ah, he took *shar*'i advice and gave the monetary value of that mobile to the guardian (*wali*¹) of the first wife so that he could spend it upon her when necessary. An important attribute of Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's Successor is how he takes *shar'i* guidance in every matter and does everything completely according to the Shari'ah.

The advice of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَسَلَّمَ in his final moments: treat women well

The Messenger of Allah مَنَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيُو دَالمِ وَسَلَّهُ mentioned at the time of his departure from this world, "Prayer! Prayer! And do not burden those your right hands possess with what they cannot bear. Fear Allah Almighty concerning women. Fear Allah

¹ The wali of the wife is her son. If there is no son, it is her father. If there is no father, then her brother. As Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah had no son, and her father was no longer alive, the money was given to her brother.

Almighty. They are captives with you. (Meaning) They are such captives that you have taken as a trust from Allah."¹

Signs of a good husband

- 1. The one who treats his wife with softness, good character and beautiful manners.
- 2. He who does not fall short or become heedless in fulfilling the rights of his wife.
- 3. A husband who is patient on his wife's bad temperament and bad conduct.
- 4. He who considers his wife his equal partner in comfort and relaxation.
- 5. The one who does not oppress his wife or subject her to abuse.
- 6. A husband who shows affection, loyalty and care when his wife faces problems, illnesses and sadness.
- 7. The one who is not miserly concerning his wife's expenses.²

Days of severe illness

¹ Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 10, p. 209, hadith 26,719, Musannaf Abd. Al-Razzaq, vol. 9, p. 312, hadith 18,254, Muslim, p. 409, hadith 2,950

Razzaq, vol. 9, p. 512, naath 18,254, Mushim, p. 409, naat ² Jannati Zaywar, pp. 84 - 85

In Rajab al-Murajjab 1441 AH (2019 CE), Umm Usayd Attariyyah's illness worsened. Her condition deteriorated further in Sha'ban al-Mu'azzam and Ramadan al-Mubarak, only for it to exacerbate further in the month of Shawwal. Maulana 'Ubayd Raza Madani made every attempt for her to receive treatment and serve her, to the extent that his wife used to say, "My husband fulfilled the void left by my father."

The final moments

Umm Usayd was admitted to Hyderabad hospital, and in the final moments of her illness, she also contracted coronavirus. Her life journey between 2019 and 2022 was a great trial for her. On the blessed morning of Friday 5th Muharram al-Haram (5th August 2022), Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza was returning from Punjab where he had some commitments when Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah's brother 'Abd al-Wahid Attari called, informing him that she was in a critical condition, so he should come at once.

It was the divine plan of Allah Almighty that Mawlana 'Ubayd Raza arrived at his wife's side about 10 or 15 minutes before her passing away. She met her husband and daughter, and after a few moments, she passed away due to coronavirus. اِنَّا لِيُهِ وَاجَعُوْن

Note that the noble scholars consider someone who died due to coronavirus to be a martyr. Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah passed away on the blessed day of Friday, and what a great virtue there is in passing away on this day.

The virtue of passing away on Friday

The Prophet حَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيُو اللَّهُ stated, "The reward of a martyr is written for whoever passes away on Friday, and he is protected from the trial of the grave."

In another narration, it is mentioned that the Prophet's Companion *Sayyiduna* Jabir محتى الله عنه narrates that the Prophet محتى الله عنه said, "The person who passes away on the night or day of Friday is kept safe from the punishment of the grave, and he will come on the Day of Judgement in the state that he will be bearing the stamp of the martyrs."²



Fearing Allah upon the death of his wife

Rukn e Shura Al-Haaj Azhar 'Attari mentions, "When I called Amir Ahl al-Sunnah's Successor to share condolences upon the passing away of Umm Usayd Attariyyah, during the conversation, he said, 'I fear having fallen short in serving her.""

Umm Junayd 'Attariyyah's statement

Usually, it is uncommon for two wives of the same person to live in harmony with one another. However, may Allah Almighty shower His mercy on the household of 'Attar, for when Umm

¹ Ta'ziyah al-Muslim 'an Akhihi, p. 80, hadith 111

² Hilyah al-Awliya, vol. 3, p. 181, raqm 3,629

Usayd 'Attariyyah passed away, Maulana 'Ubayd Raza's second wife (Umm Junayd 'Attariyyah) expressed her condolences to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah دامت تركائه التعاليه and mentioned something to the effect of, "مالك After she was bathed, Umm Usayd 'Attariyyah's face turned towards the Qiblah itself, and there was so much light on her face." Amir Ahl al-Sunnah دامت آلفي العاليه led her funeral prayer at the International Madani Markaz Faizan-e-Madinah after Jumu'ah Salah and lifted her bier as well.

Light rain after the burial

The burial of Umm Usayd 'Attarriyyah took place straight after Asr prayer in Sehra-e-Madinah, near Karachi Toll Plaza. At the time of the burial, members of Dawat-e-Islami's executive committee, other representatives of Dawat-e-Islami, members of the deceased's family and many devotees of the Messenger of Allah حَلَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَهِ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَلَيْ

Rukn e Shura Abu Majid Muhammad Shahid 'Attari and many devotees of the Messenger of Allah عَنَّ اللَّمَاتِيوَالِمِحَسَلَّهُ mention that after the burial, when *Rukn e Shura* Haji Amin 'Attari was making *du'a*, it began to rain lightly. May Allah Almighty grant the deceased forgiveness without accountability and illuminate her grave.

امِين بِجَابِ حاتَم النَّبِيتَين صلَّى الله عليه واله وسلَّم

Roshan kar qabar bekason ki Ay sham'e jamaal-e-Mustafa'i

Meri shabe taar din bana de Ay sham'e jamaal-e-Mustafa'i

Illuminate the graves of the helpless, O radiant lamp of the beauty of Mustafa

Make my dark night daylight, O radiant lamp of the beauty of Mustafa

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّد

Rain at the time of burial is a good sign

The Imam of Ahl al-Sunnah Mawlana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan جمَّةُ اللَّهِعَلَيه states, "(Immediately after burial) Rain is mercy and bodes well (i.e. it is a good omen), especially if it is contrary to the norm."¹

Recital of Fatihah

Gatherings for conveying reward (*isaal al-thawab*) to the deceased took place in the afternoon, between 4-6pm on Saturday 6th Muharram al-Haram 1444 AH for Islamic sisters, and between Asr and Maghrib on Sunday 7th Muharram al-Haram 1444 AH for Islamic brothers. Countless devotees of the Messenger of Allah صَلَّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالَهِ وَسَلَّهُ deds to Umm Usayd Attariyyah. Some of these details can be seen below:

¹ Fatāwā Razawiyyah, vol. 9, p. 373

<i>Isaal al-Thawaab</i> for Umm Usayd Attariyyah: Amir Ahl al- Sunnah's daughter in law (7 th August 2022)				
Isaal Thawaab	Total figure (in numbers)	Total number (in words)		
Holy Qur'an	87,584	Eighty-seven thousand, five hundred and eighty-four		
Miscellaneous parts (juzz)	102,364	One hundred and two thousand, three hundred and sixty-four		
Surah Ya Sin	1,016,728	One million, sixteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty-eight		
Surah al-Mulk	918,046	Nine hundred and eighteen thousand, forty-six		
Kalimah Tayyibah	71,128,714	Seventy-one million, one hundred and twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred and fourteen		
<i>Salawat</i> upon the Prophet	102,280,531,141	One hundred and two billion, two hundred and eighty million, five hundred and thirty-one thousand, one hundred and forty-one		
Ayat-e-Karimah	8,726,107	Eight million, seven hundred and twenty-six thousand, one hundred and seven		

Miscellaneous invocations and litanies	37,702,196	Thirty-seven million, seven hundred and two thousand, one hundred and ninety-six
<i>Nafl</i> fasts	18,596	Eighteen thousand, five hundred and ninety-six
Durood Taaj	574,001	Five hundred and seventy- four thousand, one
Istighfar	22,434,902	Twenty-two million, four hundred and thirty-four thousand, nine hundred and two
Reward of Madani <i>qafilah</i>	858	Eight hundred and fifty-eight
Reward of 'Umrah	66	Sixty-six

Allah karam aysa kare tujh pe jahan me Ay Dawat-e-Islami teri dhoom machi ho

May Allah Almighty bless Dawat-e-Islami with such grace May it become popular in each and every place!

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحُبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّد

A noble father's heartfelt emotions

The founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Amir Ahl al-Sunnah 'Allamah Mawlana Muhammad Ilyas 'Attar Qadiri Razawi Ziyaee دامت تركاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهِ spoke highly of his son Haji 'Ubayd Raza 'Attari

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in two Madani Muzakaras in Muharram al- مَنَّ ظِلْمُ العالى Haram. A summary of what he said is mentioned below:

> "There are many companions in happiness, but a companion in distress is rare, and my son is a companion in distress. Caring for his wife who was ill for many years and taking her to different places to receive treatment is a very impressive deed. My son left no stone unturned in trying to get her treated, and I never heard him moaning or complaining about this. May Allah Almighty allow him to remain this way."1

> > Ja nasheeni milli tujh ko 'Attar ki Wah qismat teri ay 'Ubayde Raza!

You received the successorship of Attar 'Ubayde Raza, how fortunate you are!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Madani Muzakarah, 5th & 9th Muharram al-Haraam, 1444 AH (4th & 7th Aug 2022)

The successor of 'Attar as a maternal uncle

Some time ago, the niece of the Successor to Amir Ahl al-Sunnah was in very poor health, and she was admitted to a hospital in Hyderabad. He went to visit her with Umm Junayd and his children and helped her somewhat with her treatment. So, she sent a message to her paternal grandfather (Amir Ahl al-Sunnah):

My maternal uncle and Umm Junayd specially travelled to visit me. I was very happy. My uncle possesses many special qualities: he is extremely soft-hearted, compassionate and an amazing individual. He cares for us so much, and so we pray for him from the depths of our heart. He is a gem. May Allah Almighty allow this gem to continue to shine like the Sun. May he be kept safe from distress, and May Allah Almighty protect him at all times. My uncle has fulfilled the right of every relationship. May Allah Almighty keep us loyal to him until our last breath.

The chehlum (commemorative event held forty days after an individual's passing) of my beloved daughter-in-law, hafizah Umm-i-Usayd falls upon Tuesday the 16th of Safar, 1444 AH (13/09/2022).

In donating good deeds to her soul, kindly recite salat upon the Prophet once, or as many times as you can. You may even donate your entire's life worth of good deeds. By doing so, you shall earn great reward in both worlds.





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