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O Allah عَدَّوَعَلَ Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us and have mercy on us! O He Who is the most glorious and honourable! (Al-Mustaṭraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note:

Recite ṣalāt upon the Prophet once before and after.

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150 Statements from the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah¹

The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's successor made this du a:

O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listens to the 25-page booklet *150 Statements from the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah*, make them passionate to serve Islam and allow them to act upon the sunnah.

The excellence of *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet

The fourth Caliph of Islam, 'Alī bin Abī Ṭālib عَنْ اللّٰهُ عَنْهُ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللّٰهِ بَعْلَمَ whenever مَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللّٰهِ وَسَلَّمَ whenever you pass by a masjid."²



¹ Many statements found here were taken from the Monthly Magazine Faizan-e-Madinah's article, *Attar Ka Chaman Kitna Pyara Chaman*

 $^{^2}$ Faḍl al-Ṣalāt 'ala al-Nabī; li al-Qāḍī al-Jahḍami, p. 70, number: 80

The words of wisdom uttered by the pious

When advising his son, Luqmān the Wise مِضِى اللَّهُ عَنْهُ once said:

Attend gatherings of scholars and consider this a must for yourself. Listen attentively to the speech of the wise, for Allah gives life to a dead heart by the light of wisdom, just as He gives life to the earth through droplets of rain.¹

Just as words of knowledge and wisdom enlighten a person's thought patterns and insight, acquiring Islamic knowledge also leads to attaining reward.

آلَّ Following in the footsteps of our pious predecessors, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah, Ilyas Attar Qadiri دَامَتُ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهِ provides easy-to-understand answers to Islamic questions. His responses are issued in light of Quran and hadith. At times, he also shares priceless pearls of wisdom regarding other topics, such as medicine.

He provides solutions to many pertinent issues, and renders this process unique with his monumental spectrum of Islamic knowledge. Onlookers find their hearts illuminated with fear of Allah and love for the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّمُ . His gatherings are a treasure trove of counsels and advice, as well as a source of guidance for the misguided.

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¹ Al-Sirāj al-Munīr, vol. 3, p. 185

Here are select statements of his regarding a multitude of topics:

المَتْ يَرَكُانُهُ وَ الْعَالِمَةِ Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah وَمُسَتِّدَرَكُانُهُ وَ الْعَالِمَةِ الْعَالِمَةِ الم

- 1. Islam conveys a message of peace and serenity.1
- 2. You must take anything you wish to do seriously. A person reaches his goal when he does this.²
- 3. Learn to be content with livelihood enough to suffice you.³
- 4. Avoid useless speech, lest it leads you to sinful speech.⁴
- 5. The more religious qualities a murid possesses, the more his murshid will love him.⁵
- 6. Parents should not show their children that they love one sibling more than the other. The child may otherwise develop an inferiority complex, which can lead to their ruin.⁶

⁵18th Dhū al-Qa^cdah, 1435 AH (13 SEP 2014)

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 $^{^1}$ $17^{\rm th}$ Shawwāl al-Mukarram, 1435 AH (14 AUG. 2014)

² 20th Shawwāl al-Mukarram, 1435 AH (16 AUG 2014)

³ 4th Dhū al-Qa'dah, 1435 AH (30 AUG 2014)

⁴ Ibid

⁶ Ibid.

- 7. I do not like the idea of uploading photos of myself to my personal account on social media. Try not to seek fame and remove these images of yourself.¹
- 8. The more Satan whispers to you about not doing a good deed, the more determination you should show in carrying it out.²
- 9. Children should be taught to treat animals with kindness.³
- 10. You should never be content with your good deeds; always remain in fear of Allah's hidden plan.⁴
- 11. Obey your murshid to acquire his spiritual attention.⁵
- 12. Writing books is not an easy task. Only he who is capable should undertake this endeavour.⁶
- 13. To find out how good a friend someone is, travel or do business with him.⁷

¹ Ihid

² Ibid.

³ 30th Dhul Qa'da tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (25 SEP 2014)

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 1st Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (26 SEP 2014)

⁷ Ihid

- 14. If we do not speak, our words remain ours. They belong to others as soon as we say them. They will do with them what they wish.¹
- 15. Companions of the Prophet would teach their children to be brave. Our children should be as brave as lions.²
- 16. Everyone should join us in our movement to develop our country and keep masjids populated. If every child of ours begins to offer salah, the country will prosper.³
- 17. Greatness is in the sunnah.⁴
- 18. Manliness is not to participate in unfounded customs and practices. A man is he who has society follow behind as he leads.⁵
- 19. Learn to be frugal. If you have food left over, eat it the next day rather than throwing it away.⁶
- 20. Anything bearing connection with the righteous is *tabarruk* (means of blessing).⁷

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¹ 3rd Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (28 SEP 2014)

² 4th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (29 SEP 2014)

³ 5th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (30 SEP 2014)

⁴ 10th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (05 OCT 2014)

⁵ 11th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (06 OCT 2014)

⁶ 16th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (11 OCT 2014)

⁷ Ibid.

- 21. Serve your parents, instead of having them serve you.¹
- 22. Seeking forgiveness from others does not decrease your value, but increases it instead.²
- 23. Avoid unnecessary matters so that you do not fall into sin.³
- 24. Our work is not to force someone, but to advise.⁴
- 25. Do not rely upon your deeds; rely upon the mercy of Allah.⁵
- 26. When eating in a group, do not allow others to be repulsed by your mannerisms. You should exhibit exceedingly refined behaviour.⁶
- 27. Influence is conveyed less through words and more through company.⁷
- 28. If a sincere person hides himself behind a thousand veils and performs a righteous act, Allah still grants them repute amongst people.⁸

¹ Ibid.

² 23rd Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (18 OCT 2014)

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 24th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (19 OCT 2014)

 $^{^7}$ 25th Dhul Ḥijja tul Ḥarām, 1435 AH (20 OCT 2014)

⁸ Ihid

- 29. A person saving himself from disobeying Allah is a distinct sign he fears the Divine.¹
- 30. People love a sociable individual.²
- 31. Be it Eid al-Fiṭr or Eid al-Aḍḥā, we should be cautious regarding our food and eat a minimal amount.³
- 32. In my experience, many Muslims nowadays do not know how to offer salah correctly. They do not recite correctly, nor correctly adhere to salah's pillars.⁴
- 33. Every action of ours should be centred on pleasing Allah.⁵
- 34. The purpose of our life is to please Allah and His Messenger صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْتِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّمَ, yet we are busy trying to please people.⁶
- 35. Car-owners should write in their vehicles: "Songs and films are not played in this vehicle. Passengers should kindly not insist."⁷

¹ Ihid

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 1st Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (25 OCT 2014)

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid

- 36. When starting a business in search of permissible sustenance, opt for something that will allow you to serve Islam simultaneously.¹
- 37. Being aware of evil is a means of avoiding it.²
- 38. Imams are respectable members of society and should be honoured. Serve them, but do not give them money whilst shaking their hand. Rather, place it into an envelope and give it to them in private.³
- 39. Caretakers of the masjid are perhaps the most ill-treated demographic. They should be given financial aid too.⁴
- 40. Shops and other similar things should not be given sacred names, such as Ghawthiyyah Tailors, etc. This is because said names could be subject to inadvertent disrespect. Keep worldly names instead.⁵
- 41. Unfortunately, we live in a time of negligence. Instead of repenting to Allah when frightful things like lightning and thunder occur, we take delight in them.⁶

¹ 3rd Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (27 OCT 2014)

² Ibid.

³ 4th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (28 OCT 2014)

⁴ 5th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (29 OCT 2014)

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ihid

- 42. To avoid sin, one must stamp out anything that leads to it.¹
- 43. Disobeying Allah is not the work of a Muslim, but of Satan.²
- 44. Continue spreading the call to righteousness, and your shyness will gradually fade away.³
- 45. Refrain from anything that can open the door of transgression.⁴
- 46. Frequent the graveyard, for it serves as a reminder.⁵
- 47. Do not curse a doctor if you do not benefit from his treatment, as it is Allah Who cures.⁶
- 48. When something becomes associated with the Ḥaramayn (Makkah and Madinah) or the pious, utilise the choicest of words when speaking of it whilst remaining within the boundaries of sharīʿah.⁷
- 49. Avoid every speech and action which can hurt the feelings of a Muslim.⁸

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¹ Ibid.

 $^{^2}$ 6^{th} Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (30 OCT 2014)

³ 7th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (31 OCT 2014)

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 8th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (01 NOV 2014)

⁶ Ibid.

 $^{^7}$ 9th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (02 NOV 2014)

⁸ Ibid.

- 50. Every person should try to become a scholar, as being one is an immense honour.¹
- 51. As much as possible, utmost decorum must be exhibited to one's teacher and books. انْ مُسَاءَاللهُ A person shall then attain the essence of knowledge.²
- 52. If an imam of a masjid is welcoming and kind, he can render great service to Islam. Such an imam is like a crownless king in his locality.³
- 53. You should not cause a Muslim to have bad opinion of another.⁴
- 54. If the character of a student is corrected and they become serious in the true sense of the word, they can do much for Islam.⁵
- 55. Islamic books should be sold cheaply, so that as many people as possible can benefit from them. This is a requirement of religious ethics.⁶

 $^{^1}$ 18th Rabī c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (07 FEB 2015)

² Ibid.

 $^{^3}$ $11^{th}\,Muḥarram\,ul$ Ḥarām, 1436 AH (04 NOV 2014)

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 15th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (08 NOV 2014)

⁶ Ihid

- 56. The beard and '*imāmah* are bounties which uproot the evil within a person.¹
- 57. Three people sitting on a motorbike is not only against the law and morally wrong, but it can also be life-threatening.²
- 58. If providing medical treatment for parents means one must make do with eating less, it should still be done.³
- 59. If a person wishes to carry out a good deed, it is necessary for him to be serious. Simply desiring it is not sufficient.⁴
- 60. If someone enquires about your health, reply with ثَحَنُ دُرِّ الْعُلَمِيْنِ. Children should be taught this too. 5
- 61. I have had passion to offer salah with congregation since my childhood.⁶
- 62. Remaining silent has benefits in this world and the Hereafter.⁷

¹ 16th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (09 NOV 2014)

² 21st Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (15 NOV 2014)

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 29th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1436 AH (22 NOV 2014)

⁶ 7th Ṣafar al-Muẓaffar, 1436 AH (29 NOV 2014)

⁷ Ibid.

- 63. Watching Madani Channel with good intentions is an act of worship, as it is a purely Islamic channel.¹
- 64. The excellences of Lady 'Āishah مُخِيَّ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا اللَّهُ عَنْهَا اللَّهُ عَنْهَا are more than the stars and grains of sand.²
- 65. One cause of poverty is calling parents by their name.³
- 66. When addressing someone, speak to them eloquently and in accordance with their rank.⁴
- 67. A truly righteous person is he who is judged to be righteous by Allah. Simply being well-known is not enough.⁵
- 68. Dawat-e-Islami is a movement of practical actions, not just formalities.⁶
- 69. Being famous is also a test.⁷
- 70. Each individual should be called to righteousness in a manner befitting their psychological state.⁸

¹ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

 $^{^6}$ 21^{st} Ṣafar al-Muẓaffar, 1436 AH (13 DEC 2014)

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ihid

- 71. If only we would stop for a moment and think before speaking.¹
- 72. You should not insult or criticise any Muslim.²
- 73. A memoriser of the Quran should continue reciting it throughout the year. This way, his memorisation shall remain strong.³
- 74. When travelling via airplane or bus, try to avoid travelling during salah times.⁴
- 75. Make your children into lions. Have them read the booklets of Dawat-e-Islami and keep them away from scary fictional stories.⁵
- 76. People commonly say, "Allah said this", or "The Quran said this". Unless what you are saying is 100% valid or you have had it validified by a certified mufti or scholar, this approach is very wrong, and one should not make such self-derived statements. ⁶

¹ 28th Şafar al-Muzaffar, 1436 AH (20 DEC 2014)

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 2nd Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (24 DEC 2014)

- 77. A believer is gentle in nature and softly spoken.¹
- 78. A gentle person is loved by all.²
- 79. Repent sincerely to enlighten and renew your inward state.³
- 80. Intentionally missing salah causes the heart to become unclean.⁴
- 81. Wherever a Muslim finds himself, he is bound by the principles of Islam.⁵
- 82. Instead of throwing food towards people during Mawlid processions, give it to them in their hands.⁶
- 83. Participate in Mawlid processions with such dignity and etiquette, that even non-Muslims accept Islam by observing you.⁷
- 84. A true memoriser of the Quran accepts and acts upon its commands.

¹ Ibid.

² 4th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (26 DEC 2014)

³ Ibid.

⁴ 5th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (27 DEC 2014)

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid

- The harms of mobile phones outweigh their benefits.¹ 85.
- One should take themselves to account daily, for a 86. precious day of their life has passed.²
- 87. World history teaches us how change always takes place at the hands of one person whilst others support him.³
- Lighting displays and *niyāz* (preparing food to convey 88. its reward to a religious personality) are a hallmark of Sunnis.4
- Somebody might be able to steal what is in our hands, 89. but nobody can steal what is in our destiny.⁵
- The way to keep masjids populated, is to invite a new 90. person to join you when you depart for salah. Arrange for a study circle delivered from Blessings of Sunnah thereupon. Attach your heart to the masjid itself. Make dhikr and recite invocations when inside it.6
- 91. Your heart should be as vast as an ocean. He whose heart is easily offended cannot do anything of this

¹ 6th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (28 DEC 2014)

² 8th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (30 DEC 2014)

³ 9th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (31 DEC 2014)

⁴ 10th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (01 JAN 2015)

⁵ Ibid.

^{6 11}th Rabīcul Awwal, 1436 AH (02 IAN 2015)

world, let alone a religious task. Such a person also has very few friends.¹

- 92. If you wish to be successful, your heart must be overflowing with love for the Prophet مَثَلَ اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ وَاللّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّاللَّاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ وَ
- 93. Seek treatment from a doctor who is trustworthy and fears Allah.³
- 94. Someone who truly acts upon the Pious Deeds booklet can be immediately recognised even if surrounded by thousands of others.⁴
- 95. Acting upon Islam brings honour, the likes of which is envied by worldly leaders.⁵
- 96. Sitting with a righteous person can sometimes transform a person's destiny.⁶
- 97. Madani Muzakarah is a treasure of knowledge.⁷

¹ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ 12th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (03 JAN 2015)

⁶ Thid

⁷ 17th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (08 JAN 2015)

- 98. Acquiring religious knowledge is a very important act of worship.¹
- 99. Young girls should be made to wear Islamic veil from time to time so that they acquire the mindset to cover themselves before they reach maturity.²
- 100. Do not say a Muslim has perished; instead say they have passed away.³
- 101. If the imam and muezzin are friendly and welcoming, people will gather around them.⁴
- 102. The imam and muezzin should suffice with the little they have. They should never plead to the wealthy.⁵
- 103. Love of the Prophet is a lamp you must enlighten your heart with. By doing this, you will attain success in this world and the Hereafter.⁶
- 104. The opinion of Imam Ahmad Razā Khan مَثَمُّهُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ is the final word for us.⁷

³ 19th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (10 JAN 2015)

⁵ Ihid

⁶ 26th Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1436 AH (17 JAN 2015)

¹ Ihid

⁴ Ibid.

⁷ 2nd Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (22 JAN 2015)

- 105. We can only avoid sin if we are aware of the punishments they incur.¹
- 106. How can one disobey such a beneficent Lord, Who bestows countless bounties upon us?²
- 107. An employee is not usually loyal to a boss who scolds him.³
- 108. Kind words harbour such charm and efficacy, they can cause a sinner to correct his ways.⁴
- 109. Harsh words contain poison and cause children to become rebellious.⁵
- 110. Staring at someone in an angry way without a valid reason legislated by sharīʿah, is a sin.⁶
- 111. If a person has sincere passion, success falls at his feet.⁷
- 112. If there is no follow up made regarding some work, it slows down and then stops altogether.⁸

¹ 3rd Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (23 JAN 2015)

 $^{^2}$ 4^{th} Rabī c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (24 JAN 2015)

³ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ihid

- 113. If you attempted to rectify a person and they began to practice the sunnah, it is as though you have rectified their future offspring too.¹
- 114. Take full advantage of the blessing that is Madani Channel, and invite others to watch it too.²
- 115. The essence of commemorating an *'urs* (death anniversary of a religious personality) is to follow in the footsteps of the person whose 'urs is being observed.³
- 116. Just as a person has a craving for food, their desire for performing salah and other good deeds should be greater.⁴
- 117. From the beginning, children should be dissuaded from eating excessively and wearing extravagant clothing.⁵
- 118. If you have good intentions, it is rewardable for you to feel pain upon the religious loss of a person.⁶
- 119. Sharīʿah must be adhered to even during weddings. The advice of family members should not be accepted when it comes to customs that oppose this. Relatives do not hold

¹ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ 5th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (25 JAN 2015)

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

the authority to enter us into Paradise nor place us into Hell.¹

- 120. A mufti is a person of exceptional intelligence.²
- 121. Calling someone by their name is sunnah.³
- 122. Hugely unfortunate is he upon whom the door of rectification is closed.⁴
- 123. Form a mindset that even if you are hit or pushed, you will never leave the Islamic environment of Dawat-e-Islami. In fact, hold onto it so strongly that even if a person was to cut you into pieces, they will be unable to make you let go.⁵
- 124. If you wish to attain the blessings of the pious elders, then practically follow their biographies. النُّهُ عَاللُّهُ You will gain a host of blessings and even begin distributing them to others. .6

 2 6^{th} Rabī c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (26 JAN 2015)

¹ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 8th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (28 JAN 2015)

- 125. No matter how inappropriately a person poses a question, we should respond in the best of manners, with patience and forbearance.¹
- 126. No sin can bring you peace.²
- 127. Haram wealth does not contain any blessings. It will leave you one way or another.³
- 128. Love for fame is an evil thing. It leads to destruction in this world and the Hereafter.⁴
- 129. We are to live and die for Allah.⁵
- 130. Oppression leads to darkness in the Hereafter.⁶
- 131. If we truly avoid useless speech as we should, this would be a (great) bounty from Allah.⁷
- 132. Even a one-day old baby should be spoken to respectfully.8

¹ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

- 133. If a person addresses you with inappropriate titles, you should still speak to them politely.¹
- 134. If one was to act upon the Pious Deeds booklet precisely, he will become pious.²
- 135. Attach yourself to the Crown of the Saints, Shaykh 'Abd al-Qādir Jīlānī مَا ثُمُةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ , and he will take you to the beloved Prophet مَثَلَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللهِ وَسَلَّمَ .3
- 136. In terms of the Hereafter, the grave is the first stage.⁴
- 137. Sin can lead to faith being taken away, and it increases the risk of it being ruined.⁵
- 138. The disease of sins is more harmful than physical diseases.⁶
- 139. To taunt a person because his son is non-practicing, is to hurt his feelings.⁷
- 140. The greatest calamity is disbelief and polytheism.8

¹ Ibid.

³ 10th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (30 JAN 2015)

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ 16th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (05 FEB 2015)

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.

- 141. At the time of salah, doctors and shopkeepers should place a sign at their shop and go to pray in congregation. This sign should have "Prayer Break" written on it, and beneath this it should say, "I love Dawat-e-Islami".¹
- 142. The bliss of loving the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَالهِ وَسَلَّمَ is a neverending treasure.²
- 143. He who offers tahajjud salah has an illuminated face.³
- 144. A masjid is not adorned through lights, but through salah.⁴
- 145. If everyone used electricity responsibly, loadshedding could be decreased across the country.⁵
- 146. He who bows in the court of Allah attains high ranks.⁶
- 147. The time of dawn has special virtues; sustenance is distributed from the start of dawn till sunrise.⁷

¹ Ihid

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ 17th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (06 FEB 2015)

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ihid

- 148. Make the mobile phone a tool for communication; do not use it for entertainment. Mobiles have become tools of sin today.¹
- 149. When you narrate a hadith, do not add your own words to it.²
- 150. A passionate person carries out good works in the best of manners yet carries out negative works in the worst.³

A pertinent gem from the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's verbal treasures

Q: How does one develop modesty within themselves?

A: Modesty can be found in everyone, but to varying degrees. This rings true even for non-Muslims, as they too possess at least a scarcity of it. If this was not the case, why would anyone wear clothes in public? It is modesty that causes us to clothe ourselves. Yet, the modesty of a Muslim is entirely unique.

For example, Amīr al-Mu'minīn 'Uthmān Ibn 'Affān possessed this to a wonderous extent. Even when changing clothes inside the privacy of his home, his physical mannerisms overflowed with graceful modesty. We too should assess the

¹ Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Musnad Imām Ahmad: 543

touchstone of our modesty. We are sat here appearing presentable and modest as of now, but depending on the situation, our behaviour fluctuates and meanders. A hadith says, "The more modesty, the better."

A regrettable fact is how we do not display modesty where we need to, and vice-versa. We must show this quality before we sin, do not cover ourselves correctly or look at haram things. Our modesty must tell us, "My Lord is watching me. What will then happen to me if I indulge in these impermissible actions?"

Modesty's greatest right is for one to be modest in the court of Allah. Our state is such, however, that our modesty does not even stop us from sinning. Opposite to this, some feel shame or embarrassment in carrying out good deeds.²

¹ Sahīh Muslim: 157

² Malfuzāt Amīr-i-Ahl-i-Sunnat, vol. 5, p. 269

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