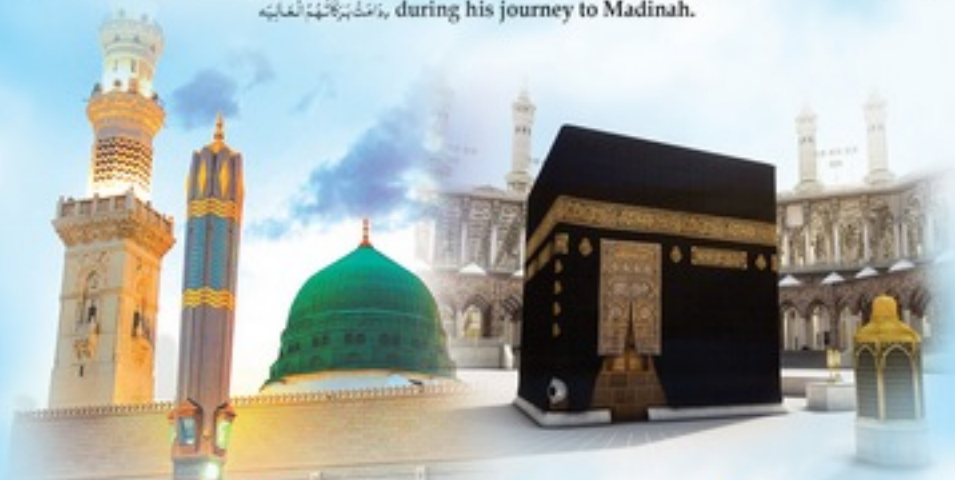




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Memories of Makkah and Madinah



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
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Du‘ā for reading this book

Read the following du‘ā before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson. You will remember whatever you study إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ.

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-Mustaṭraf*, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note: Recite *ṣalāt* upon the beloved Prophet ﷺ once before and after.

Compiler's foreword:

نَحْمَدُكَ وَنُصَلِّيْ وَنُصَلِّمُ عَلَى رَسُوْلِهِ النَّبِيِّ الْكَرِيْمِ

Alongside being comprehensively impactful, the words that spring forth from the pens of Allah's servants are guiding lights, acting upon which leads to prosperity in both worlds. The work before you now, entitled *Memories of Makkah and Madinah*, is a collection of Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri's writings, penned during his recent 'umrah journey (1444 AH/2022).

Making a Muslim happy is indeed a hugely rewardable act. مَا شَاءَ اللهُ In light of this, the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah also wrote select hadith and narrations for Islamic brothers during his journey.

To have this work truly reflect its name, writings from his previous journeys to Madinah have also been enclosed. The second writing on page 15 and the first on page 18 are around 29 years old, whilst that on page 19 is from around 23 prior to the time of writing.

May the mercy of Allah be upon the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah وَادْعَتْ رَبَّكَ تُهْمُ الْعَالِيَةِ, and may we be forgiven for his sake.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاوِزَاتِ النَّبِيِّيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Memories of Makkah and Madinah

Kindle remembrance of Makkah and Madinah in your hearts by reading the words of saint, and earn reward by distributing this booklet.

If readers were to keep these saintly words with them during their travels to the Ḥaramayn and read over them from time to time, they shall find their passion and love increasing manifold

- *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ* -

*Longing for Madinah, Baqī' and forgiveness,
Abu Muhammad Tahir Attari Madani *عفی عنه**

Writing

Travel belongings for Madinah (25th Dhū al-Qa‘dah 1439 AH)¹

1. <i>Rafīq al-Ḥaramayn</i>	2. Two ihṛāms
3. Two new, white garments	4. Two white ‘imāmahs, two head wraps, two white hats, Three small hand towels
5. Sunnah box (Qūfl-i-Madinah pad)	6. Two miswaks
7. Oil and comb	8. Three alarm clocks
9. Sleeping mat and pillow	10. 3 shawls (1 brown and 2 white)
11. A few ballpoint pens	12. A few coloured pens
13. An old diary (for writing purposes)	14. Kohl stick (for applying soil of Madinah)

¹ The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah’s list of provisions prior to departing to Madinah in 2018.

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15. 33-piece prayer beads; a few electronic counters	16. Neck pouch
17. Bottle with a shoulder strap	18. Nylon belt for iḥrām
19. Toilet rolls	20. 10-rupee notes (appropriate amount)
21. 2 small letter pads	22. Socks
23. A pair of sandals	24. Small chair for sitting
25. Jug for wuḍū	26. Necessary medication
27. Ṭawāf tasbihs for distribution	28. Fragrance-free soap, clay plate and bowl
29. Baking soda for cleaning teeth	30. Toothpicks/dental floss
31. Large can	32. Torch
33. Salt container	34. Luggage ribbon
35. Perfume	
(Select required items according to your needs)	

Writing

Allah

A runaway slave has set off for the court of his Mawlā

As a criminal halts out of awe

Mercy calls coming to the fore

*“Come! Come! This House
is the Most Merciful’s House”*

(Written mid-flight, en route to Madinah)

Writing

Allah

(Recalling the journey to Madinah)

The final Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said, “Whoever withholds their anger, Allah will withhold His punishment from them on the Day of Judgement.”¹

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ Whilst writing this, our plane is swaying through the air of Arabia, headed for Jeddah.

Behold! We near the coast of Jeddah

To Makkah we go, and then Madinah

¹ *Rafiq al-Haramayn*, p. 15

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(Memorable gifts from the journey to Madinah presented to
Haji Muhammad Amin Attari)

19th Rabīʿ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (14/11/2022)

(Death)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

Allah

“One good deed performed in the Ḥaram of Makkah is equal to
100,000 good deeds, and one sin is equal to 100,000 sins.”

أَلْعَدُّ لِلَّهِ At the time of writing, our plane is flying towards Jeddah.

19th Rabīʿ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (14/11/2022)

(Death)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

Allah

(Memories of the journey to Madinah)

Allah says in a hadith qudsi, “Whoever lowered his eyes from that I
have ordained as haram, I will grant them safety from Hell.”

أَلْعَدُّ لِلَّهِ Our plane is currently over Arabia.

Memories of Makkah and Madinah

*May my heart long for no other than him
May I go to him free from every worldly whim*

19th Rabī al-Ākhir 1444 AH (14/11/22)

(Death)

Writing

Allah

(Reveries of the journey to Madinah)

Allah says in a hadith qudsi:

O person! Your religious matters cannot be perfect until your tongue is set right, and your tongue shall not be set right until you have modesty (*hayā*) before your Lord.

ﷻ Our plane is flying towards Jeddah.

(Gifts for Haji Muhammad Shahid Attari)

19th Rabī^c al-Ākhir 1444 AH (14/11/22)

(Death)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

ﷻ As I write this, our plane has entered the Hijāz. I have made an intention that during my journey to Madinah, I will make du‘ā for myself, for everyone affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami and for all those who love Allah’s Messenger.

Memories of Makkah and Madinah

The du‘ā of a traveller is accepted. It is stated on page 14 of *Rafiq al-Haramayn*, “Whichever du‘ā a Muslim makes for another Muslim in the latter’s absence, is accepted.”

Writing

Allah

(Memories of the journey to Madinah)

Before sleeping, always recite Āyat al-Kursī once, as it is consistent protection against Satan and thieves.¹

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ We are travelling to Madinah. إِنَّا نَشَاءُ اللَّهُ Soon, our plane will land at Jeddah.

Our ship has reached the shore of Jeddah

To Makkah we go; we embark for Madinah

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ We have reached Jeddah.)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

Allah

(Thoughts of the journey to Madinah)

Blessings are gained by asking others to make du‘ā for you. There is greater hope of another’s du‘ā being accepted in your favour.

¹ *Rafiq al-Haramayn*, p. 42

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ Our plane is going to land at Jeddah airport soon.

19th Rabī al-Ākhir 1444 AH (14/11/22)

(Death)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

Allah

Recalling Makkah al-Mukarramah زَادَ بِاللَّهِ شُرْفًا وَتَعْظِيمًا

The well of Zamzam

By looking at Zamzam water, the eyesight is strengthened and sins are removed. Safety from humiliation and disgrace is attained by pouring three handfuls of it over one's head.¹

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ I wrote this after doing 'umrah today.

I also conveyed the reward of this 'umrah to the Committee Head, Haji Imran Attari, and to all other Committee members (of Dawat-e-Islami).

20th Rabī al-Ākhir (15/11/2022)

¹ Rafiq al-Haramayn, p. 123

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Writing

Allah

The final Prophet ﷺ said, “When anyone returns from travelling, they should bring any kind of gift for their household, even if it is a stone in a pouch.”¹

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ I write this whilst present in the fragrant atmosphere of Makkah. إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ. In a short while, we will set off for Madinah.

(This message was written to be presented to Sayyid Arif Ali Shah)

Soon we shall depart for the gardens of Madinah - إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ.

21 Rabīʿ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (16/11/22)

Writing

Allah

Memories of the path to Madinah

The final Prophet ﷺ said:

Whoever goes to visit an ill person, a caller announces from the sky, “Glad tidings to you. Your walking is good, and you have made a place in Jannah your residence.”²

¹ 550 Sunnatēin aur Ādāb, p. 702

² 550 Sunnatēin aur Ādāb, pp. 72 - 73

اللَّحْفُ لِلَّهِ This was written as our train moves towards Madinah.

(Gifted to a member of the Central Executive Committee, Haji
Fuzayl Raza Attari)

Madinah is on the horizon

21 Rabīʿ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (16/11/22)

Writing

Allah

(Recollections of visiting Madinah)

The sections of earth in physical contact with the sacred body of Allah's final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, are superior to the K'abah, and even to the 'Arsh and Kursi.

More hallowed than the 'Arsh is the Prophet's Rawḍah

Far greater than any place is the Prophet's Rawḍah

Rawḍah means garden. In this couplet, it is used to refer to where the sanctified body of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is.

اللَّحْفُ لِلَّهِ For this journey, this is our first night in Madinah.

(This message is a gift for Haji Abdul Habib Attari)

22nd Rabīʿ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (16-11-22)

(Death)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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Writing

Allah

The sorrow of having to leave Madinah
Farewell, O master of Madinah! ﷺ

*With great regret, the time draws close to depart
Drowning in a deep river of grief is my heart*

May Allah honour you, your late mother and all your family members with forgiveness without accountability. آمين

(Gift for Mufti Hassan Madani)

22nd Rabī' al-Ākhir (17/11/2022)

(Death)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

O Allah, forgive all affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami, and forgive the entire ummah! O Allah, fulfil the permissible needs of all my Madani sons and daughters. آمين

I write this with a sorrowful heart; hours but remain until I lose Madinah. Soul-racking moments of separation have come. I ask everyone to continue doing the religious work of Dawat-e-Islami.

Writing

Allah

*A few moments left are what is fated
May my eyes cry blood until they are sated*

Approximately four and half hours after writing this (if I am not granted a place in Baqī), I will lose Madinah.

(Dedicated to Sayyid Ibrahim Shah)

22 Rabīʿ al-Ākhir 1444 AH (17/11/2022)

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

Allah

Madinah; the Universal Jewel

*With regretful hearts we return, torn to pieces in separation.
Madinah has veiled from our eyes and our train pulls us ever
further away. Back to Jeddah, and then...*

*Leaving Madinah, we return to the empty plains of the subcontinent
With regret, my senses themselves led me to this erroneous decision*

(Gift for Haji Abu Atif)

23rd Rabīʿ al-Ākhir (17/11/22)

(Death)

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Writing

Allah

We have left Madinah...

With regretful hearts we return, torn to pieces in separation. At this point, our train is taking me far away from Madinah. If only Baqīʿ was destined for me.

O Allah! Grant forgiveness without accountability to my only daughter, three granddaughters and their families. Show them Madinah again and again. اٰمِيْن

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

A few moments left are what is fated

May my eyes cry blood until they are sated

With immense sadness, we are leaving Madinah.

Writing

Allah

O the heartache of being far from Madinah!

*The beauty of that city is hidden from my view, as I have left Madinah
Sorrowful in separation is Attar; may I return, as I have left Madinah*

(A gift for the Central Executive Committee member, Haji Yafur Raza Attari, in the form of a message steeped in love for Madinah. Although these words were not written in Madinah, the paper they were written upon has been there and back.)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Writing

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ The minarets of Masjid al-Ḥaram are glowing in front of me. The building visible to our right is King Khalid's palace, built upon the world's oldest mountain: Jabal Abū Qubays. It is said the shrine of Prophet Ādam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ is upon this. When Ḥajar al-Aswad (the Black Stone) descended from Paradise, it remained upon Jabal Abū Qubays for one month. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ split the moon whilst upon this very mountain.

Writing

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Madinah

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

Baqī'

Written in Arabia

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Our Prophet ﷺ never uttered a superfluous word or laughed aloud. If these sunnahs were revived, the bounty of silence could then be attained.

(One goal behind showing you this writing penned in the resplendent atmosphere of Arabia, is if the person showing you this does not take interest in conversing, please do not mind. Thank you.)

Note: Please return after reading.

2nd Muḥarram al-Ḥarām 1415 AH

Writing

Allah

Let us head to Ṭaybah

The caravan draws close to Madinah

قافلہ سوئے مدینہ آرہا ہے ہو کرم
سوزشِ سینہ عطا ہو یا نبی دو چشمِ نم
قافلہ اب چل مدینہ کا چلا سوئے حرام
یا رسولِ اللہ! سب پر کیجئے چشمِ کرم
قافلے میں چل مدینہ کے ہیں جتے بھی شریک

سب پہ ہو رحمتِ خدا کی مصطفےٰ کا ہو کرم
شاہِ والا! میں گنہگاروں کا بھی سردار ہوں
تم شاہِ ابرار ہو یا سیدِ عرب و عجم
فضلِ رب سے آپ تو ہر چیز کے مختار ہیں
عرشِ اعظم آپ کا ہے، آپ کے لوح و قلم
یانبیٰ مجھ کو بنا دو تم مدینے کا فقیر
میں نہیں، ہرگز نہیں ہوں طالبِ جاہ و حشم
یانبیٰ! ہم کو شفاعت کی عطا خیرات ہو
عاصیوں کا آپ کے ہاتھوں میں ہے آقا بہرہ
گنبدِ خضرا کو چومے جس گھڑی میری نظر
اُس گھڑی اللہ! دیکھوں جلوۂ شاہِ اُمم
دم لبوں پر آگیا عطار کا یامصطفےٰ
ہو کرم شاہِ حرم! نکلے ترے جلووں میں دم

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(Seven lines were composed on the 14th of Dhū al-Ḥijjah 1440 AH, in Makkah. Amendments were made and two lines were added the next night, whilst in the train going to Madinah.)

Writing

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Madinah

عَلَىٰ صَحْبِهَا الصَّلَاةُ I am writing this whilst in Masjid al-Nabawi صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. وَالسَّلَامُ. As I do so, I recall Ya‘fūr, the fortunate mount of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It is my wish, my longing... if only I were but a hoof of Ya‘fūr.

*If only I were but a mule or horse
Which you had kept tied to a post*

My heart desires I call someone the name Ya‘fūr. So, Haji Fayyaz’s name henceforth is Muhammad, and for general usage, I have given him the name Yafur Raza.

29th Dhū al-Ḥijjah al-Ḥarām, 1415 AH

Writing

Allah

*In the world, however you wish, wander here and there
Yet this is Madinah, so ensure to tread slowly here*

Visitors to Madinah should maintain utmost etiquette, lest the entire journey is wasted.

Writing

Those that walk barefoot in the Ḥaramayn should pay attention
(they should read this themselves and read it to others).

Always keep a pair of sandals with you in a shopping bag (the bag itself should not have anything written on it). Wherever there is water on the path, put on your sandals immediately, especially when you reach the stairs of the washrooms. Do not enter the toilets without sandals. Observe the same precaution in the washroom in your place of residence.

Do not perform wuḍū at a basin whilst wearing sandals, as water remains spilt around it on the floor. If your sandals are impure, the impure water will splash on to your clothing. Remember, purity is a condition for salah. It is necessary to keep the feet, clothing, etc. pure.

If the boundaries of sharī‘ah are disregarded in the name of love, this is not love, but ignorance instead. May Allah grant us true love for Him and His Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Please convey this message to all Islamic brothers performing ḥajj. When performing wuḍū, never walk barefoot on the wet floor of washrooms.

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Writing

Allah

*To all those who love Allah's Messenger and travelling with us
for hajj:*

اَسْئَلُكُمْ عَلَيكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

مَا شَاءَ اللهُ I received messages of du‘ā from various Islamic brothers. May Allah grant all of them immense reward and forgiveness without accountability. May Allah accept this du‘ā in my favour also. Sadly, I am sitting alone in my home.

Why have I returned from Madinah?

It is as though life has been extinguished

Inside the home, the atmosphere is one of silence

Outside the home, there is emptiness in the air

All my surroundings are muted and lifeless

Writing

Allah

To all Islamic brothers and sisters of the hajj caravan:

اَسْئَلُكُمْ عَلَيكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

I have arrived at my place of residence in the UAE. I realised that you will have to remain at the airport for approximately 8 hours. May Allah grant you patience and make your journey easy. اٰمِيْن

With great ease did we journey to Madinah

Yet as we return, each footprint is heavier than the last

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*Crying we arrived and crying do we depart
After precious moments of closeness, we are now far from Madinah*

Writing

Allah

I was not given a place in Jannat al-Baqī'. I have now arrived at Bayt al-Baqī' (in Bab al-Madinah; Karachi).

I have left Madinah...

Writing

Haji Imran!

From myself and Haji Ali, Jumu'ah mubārak! My heart is so sorrowful at parting with Madinah, that I am unable to express it with words. My visit lasted just two and half days.

*Whatever tranquil moments I've had, I spent them all in Madinah
How shall my broken heart now find peace in my homeland?*

Writing

Allah

Congratulations upon your journey to Madinah.

Please convey my salam and make du'ā for me.

Servant of Madinah

19th Ramadan al Mubarak 1444 AH

(A message for an Islamic brother headed to Madinah)



Attar's du'ā

O Lord of the Prophet ﷺ
 اَللّٰهُمَّ مَنْ قَرَأَ وَتَلَّى وَتَلَّ
 اَللّٰهُمَّ مَنْ قَرَأَ وَتَلَّى وَتَلَّ
 Whoever reads or
 listens to the 21-page
 booklet *Memories of Makkah
 and Madinah*, grant them
 true love for Makkah and
 Madinah! Allow them to
 visit these sacred cities time
 and time again!

اَللّٰهُمَّ يَخْلُقْ لِيْ وَرَبِّ لِيْ
 اَللّٰهُمَّ يَخْلُقْ لِيْ وَرَبِّ لِيْ



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