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12 religious activities

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Du'ā ' for reading a book

*R*ead the following *du'ā*' (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
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 Durood upon the Beloved Rasool ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

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Excellence of *Salawāt*

The Prophet ﷺ has said:

There will be no shade on the Day of Judgment except for the throne of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Three people will remain beneath the shade of the divine throne:

- (1) The one who relieves the distress of someone from my ummah.
- (2) The one who revives my Sunnah.
- (3) The one who recites *ṣalawāt* upon me abundantly.¹

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¹ *Al-Badūr al-Sāfirah*, p. 93

Inspiring people to do good: a Prophetic Sunnah

Dear Islamic brothers, inspiring people to do righteous deeds is a Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was instructed in the Holy Quran as follows:

وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَ يُتَنَفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

Translation from Kanz al-Īmān: And give advice (i.e. remind), that giving advice benefits the Muslims.¹

Similarly, it is stated in Surah al-Anfāl, verse 65:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَرِّضِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Translation from Kanz al-Īmān: O Conveyer of the unseen news (i.e. Prophet)! Motivate the believers.²

The Prophet's ﷺ encouragement of righteous deeds

Our beloved Prophet ﷺ is the greatest preacher. Subsequent to the first revelation, the Prophet ﷺ secretly called towards righteousness for three years, and then this took place publicly. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ would inspire people towards this cause in a variety of ways:

¹ [Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 27, Surah al-Dhāriyāt, verse 55)

² [Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 10, Surah al-Anfāl, verse 65)

individually, collectively, verbally, through his actions, by informing people of the virtues for doing good and warning them of the punishment of the Fire. In addition to many other Companions, the following embraced Islam due to individual effort:

- ❖ The fourth Caliph of Muslims *Sayyidunā* Ali al-Murtaḍā.
- ❖ *Sayyidunā* Abū Qaḥāfah (the father of *Sayyidunā* Abū Bakr).
- ❖ *Sayyidunā* Hakam bin Kaysān.
- ❖ *Sayyidunā* ‘Amr bin ‘Abasah
- ❖ *Sayyidunā* Tufayl bin ‘Amr Dawsī

To read about the events regarding these Companions رضي الله عنهم embracing Islam, read Maktaba-tul-Madinah’s book entitled, ‘*Infiradi Koshish*’ (from pages 27-50).

Importance of inspiring others to do good

Dear Islamic brothers, calling towards righteousness collectively—in the form of a *dars* (reading) and speech, for example—has its own blessings. However, the benefits of meeting and persuading people individually are second to none. The renowned spiritual guide and leader of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlānā Ilyās ‘Aṭṭār al-Qādirī دامت برکاتہم العالیہ proclaims: “99.90% of Dawat-e-Islami's work is only possible

through individual effort (i.e. advising people separately and encouraging them to do good).”

Virtues of encouraging righteous deeds

It is stated in the Holy Quran:

وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ قَوْلًا مِّمَّنْ دَعَا إِلَى اللَّهِ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا

Translation from Kanz al-Īmān: And whose speech is better than he who calls towards his Lord and does righteous deeds¹

4 sayings of the Prophet ﷺ

1. By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestows guidance upon even one person through you, it is better for you than red camels.²
2. “الدَّالُّ عَلَى الْخَيْرِ كَفَاعِلِهِ” (The one who guides towards good is like the one who does good).³
3. The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said that when a person goes to meet his Muslim brother for the sake of Allah

¹ [Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 24, Surah Hā-Mīm al-Sajdah, verse 33)

² Al-Bukhārī, p. 758, Hadith 2,942

³ Al-Tirmidhī, p. 628, Hadith 2,670

عَزَّوَجَلَّ, a caller calls out saying: “Be happy because this walk of yours is blessed, and you have made your abode in Paradise.”¹

4. A prophet will go to Paradise; a *ṣiddiq* will go to Paradise; and whoever goes to the vicinity of a city to meet his brother just for the sake of Allah Almighty, he will also go to Paradise.²

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Good intentions for encouraging righteous deeds

- ❖ For the sake of Allah, as part of encouraging people to do good, I will advise them to carry out religious activities.
- ❖ After greeting people with salaam, I will shake hands in a friendly manner.
- ❖ I will speak whilst keeping my eyes lowered as much as possible (encouraging people to do good whilst lowering your gaze will increase its efficacy (إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمِ)).
- ❖ Intending to follow the Sunnah, I will speak with a smile.

¹ *Al-Tirmidhī, p. 487, Hadith 2,008*

² *Al-Mʿujam al-Awsaṭ, vol. 1, p. 472, Hadith 1,743*

- ❖ If advising someone brings about good, I will consider this to be the grace of Allah Almighty and express gratitude to Him. Conversely, if something undesirable occurs, I will attribute this to my lack of sincerity instead of perceiving the person in front of me as being hard-hearted.

Qualities to be adopted by those calling towards righteousness

To reap the reward of calling towards righteousness, those who encourage others to carry out religious activities should adopt the following qualities. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ** Their speech will have a greater impact.

- ❖ Good manners: the more well-mannered a preacher is—by being the first to greet with salaam, being friendly, talking with a smile, controlling one’s temperament, and caring for others, for example—the more easily people are inclined towards such a person.
- ❖ Well-dressed: people have an aversion to and avoid someone who remains unclean and unpresentable.
- ❖ Socially apt: speaking carefully based on the circumstances. The renowned spiritual guide and leader of Ahl al-Sunnah Maulana Ilyās ‘Aṭṭār al-Qādirī **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** says: “The one who knows what to say and when to say it is successful.”

- ❖ Altruistic: being passionate about wanting good for other Muslims.
- ❖ Seriousness: someone who is frivolous and uses slang language has very little or no impact.
- ❖ Honesty: adhering to the shariah in matters relating to things such as business, employment, debt and domestic affairs, for example.
- ❖ Knowledgeable: having the required amount of religious knowledge.
- ❖ Having integrity: to practise what you preach.

Pointers for when meeting people

- ❖ Speak slowly and thoughtfully.
- ❖ Avoid questions that lead to lying (e.g. How was the trip? Did you find what I said offensive? Why did you not attend the *ijtimā*?).
- ❖ Never interrupt the person with whom you are conversing.
- ❖ Meet with complete confidence.
- ❖ Speak in a respectful manner.
- ❖ Lower your gaze as much as possible.

- ❖ Do not yell; speak in a moderate tone as required.
- ❖ Comfort the person with whom you are conversing based on the given circumstances.
- ❖ If there is mention of good news, express happiness. If there is sad news, offer consolation.
- ❖ Never criticise something such as the appearance of the person you are meeting.
- ❖ Never engage in disputes and political debate.
- ❖ Instead of scolding someone, gently convey your message.
- ❖ If the person you are speaking to objects or criticises you, do not react. Instead, show patience and continue the task of calling to righteousness.
- ❖ Avoid useless conversation.
- ❖ Maintain a soft tone (one's tone has a greater impact than words).
- ❖ Take the contact details of the person you are encouraging to get involved in religious work and keep in touch. Do not forget to take down their name.
- ❖ Present a gift if possible.
- ❖ Keep the meeting's duration short.

- ❖ To make the meeting (that was held for the purpose of calling towards righteousness) more fruitful, act upon the following in relation to the person you met:
- ❖ Stay in touch.
- ❖ Do not ask for any favours. There is a saying in Arabic: “إِحْسَانٌ يَقْطَعُ اللِّسَانَ” (Favour hinders the tongue).
- ❖ Do not interfere in any personal and domestic affairs.
- ❖ Offer consolation based on the situation.
- ❖ Do not become unconstrained. Always be mindful of your Madanī aim.
- ❖ From time to time, send booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the monthly *Faizan-e-Madinah Magazine* and especially the weekly booklets.
- ❖ Accompany him to the weekly *ijtimāʿ*.
- ❖ Try to take him with you in the Madanī *qāfilah*.

Note: For detailed information on the benefits, virtues, and methods of encouraging religious activities, read the 200-page book of Maktaba-tul-Madinah entitled *Infiradi koshish ma'a 25 hikayat e Attaria*.

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(1) Waking up Muslims for Fajr Salah

Waking Muslims up for Fajr Salah: a Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ

- ❖ While on his way to offer Fajr Salah, the Prophet ﷺ used to wake up people.¹
- ❖ The second Caliph of Islam Sayyidunā Umar رضى الله عنه used to do the same as well.²
- ❖ The fourth Caliph of Islam Sayyidunā Ali رضى الله عنه also followed this Sunnah.³
- ❖ You should also follow this Sunnah. Keep waking people up for Fajr Salah. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ You will reap many blessings.
- ❖ If you wake others, you will get the privilege of offering Fajr Salah with congregation.
- ❖ You will be rewarded for spreading the call to righteousness early in the morning.

¹ *Abū Dāwūd*, p. 208, *Hadith 1,264*

² *Mishkāt al-Maṣābīḥ*, vol. 1, p. 244, *Hadith 1,240*

³ *Tārīkh al-Khulafā'*, p. 112

- ❖ All those who you woke up for salah will receive the reward for their salah, and **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ** this reward will be recorded in your book of deeds as well.
- ❖ You will have the opportunity to walk early in the morning, which is beneficial to your health.
- ❖ According to an Islamic brother, when he started waking people up for Fajr Salah in the winter, it led to such an increase of attendees that tents had to be set up in the masjid's courtyard. **سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ**

Carrying out this act is not difficult. Wake up 20-25 minutes before Fajr congregation! As you will go for Fajr Salah anyway, wake people up for Fajr Salah along the way. You will reach the masjid, and by the grace of Allah Almighty, also receive the reward for calling towards righteousness. Make the intention that you will wake people up for Fajr Salah **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**.

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(2) Quranic circles

Learning the Holy Quran is of utmost excellence

- ❖ It is mentioned in a Hadith to embrace the morning in the state that you are either a scholar or a student of religious

knowledge.¹

- ❖ According to a narration, to learn one verse of the Holy Quran in the morning is better than offering 100 units (*rak'āt*) of supererogatory (*nafl*) salah.²
- ❖ اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ Those affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami conduct circles after Fajr Salah to read and listen to Quranic commentary.
- ❖ The following takes place in these circles:
 - Three verses of the Holy Quran are covered with translation and commentary.
 - A *dars* is delivered from *Faizan e Sunnat*.
 - Recitation of the *shajarah* takes place.
 - *Du'ā'* is made.
 - To conclude, the supererogatory *Ishrāq* Salah and salah al-Ḍuḥā (*chaasht*) are offered.

You are requested to attend these circles on a regular basis to read and listen to the Quran with its translation and

¹ *Musnad al-Dāramī, al-Muqaddimah, p. 96, Hadith 254*

² *Ibn Mājah, p. 48, Hadith 219*

commentary. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ** You will be enveloped in blessings and receive the following benefits:

- ❖ According to a Hadith, the one who goes to the masjid in the morning to learn about virtues will receive the reward of umrah.¹
- ❖ By spending the morning doing good deeds, you will have a prosperous day and receive blessings.
- ❖ You will have the opportunity to acquire religious knowledge early in the morning.
- ❖ The *shajarah* will provide you with an opportunity to remember the pious people.
- ❖ Devotion for the pious will develop in your heart.
- ❖ You will receive the spiritual attention of the *awliyā'*.
- ❖ Your faith will be reinvigorated.
- ❖ *Duā's* will be accepted by virtue of the *awliyā'* **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**.
- ❖ You will receive the honour of following the Sunnah by staying in the masjid from Fajr Salah to Ishraq Salah.
- ❖ According to a Hadith, the fire of Hell will not touch the

¹ *Mustadrak*, vol. 1, p. 281, Hadith 317

one who, after Fajr Salah, remains busy in the remembrance of Allah Almighty and offers Ishrāq and salah al-Ḍuḥā.¹

When informing others about these Quranic circles, mention the name and address of the masjid where it is taking place. For example:

“A Quranic circle is being held in your locality at Masjid Gulzar-e-Madinah. You will have the opportunity to listen to and recite the Quran along with its commentary. Please make an intention to offer Fajr Salah there and take part in the circle.”

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(3) Dars

Masjid dars

Imparting religious knowledge in the masjid is a

Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ

- ❖ The Prophet ﷺ conveyed religious knowledge in al-Masjid al-Nabawi, and the Companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ

¹ *Shu‘ab al-Īmān*, vol. 3, p. 420, Hadith 3,957

would acquire it.¹

- ❖ The same has been the practice of the ummah's great *awliyā'* and scholars.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ Those affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami also have the honour of performing this virtuous act.

- ❖ Inform others of the masjid's name where the *dars* is held, and say, for example:
 - In your nearest Masjid, Gulzar-e-Habib, a *dars* is held after Isha Salah.
 - You are requested to attend this *dars* on a regular basis.
 - You will have the opportunity to gain religious knowledge.
 - You will gain the reward of sitting in the masjid.
 - You will have the honour of being in the company of pious people.
 - If you leave your home with the intention of attending the *dars*, you will get the reward of walking on the path of religious knowledge.

¹ *Mirāt al-Manājīh*, vol. 3, p. 239

- Creation, even the fish in the river, will supplicate for you **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمِ**.
- Make a daily intention to offer Isha Salah in Gulzar-e-Habib Masjid and participate in the *dars*.

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Chowk dars (dars in a busy place)

It is stated in a Hadith: "Seeking knowledge is a *farḍ* (obligation) upon every Muslim."¹ This reveals that it is necessary for every Muslim to gain religious knowledge based on his current situation. *Dars* is one of many ways for gaining religious knowledge.

[When inviting others to the *dars*, you could say, for example:]

“**اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** *Dars* is being delivered at 6 p.m. at so-and-so street (for example, Faizan-e-Madinah). The duration of the *dars* is only seven minutes. You are also requested to attend. **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمِ** You will have the opportunity to gain religious knowledge and be privileged to be in pious company. Talking and listening about religion is also a part of performing the dhikr of Allah Almighty. By participating in the *dars*, you will also partake

¹ *Ibn Mājah, p. 49, Hadith 224*

and listen to the dhikr of Allah Almighty in the market. According to a Hadith, the one who performs the dhikr of Allah ﷻ in the marketplace will be granted one *nūr* (light) for each strand of hair on the Day of Judgment.”¹

Parable: Two friends were passing through a market. one of them said, “Come! Let’s perform the dhikr of Allah.”

Thus, both of them started performing dhikr. After some time, one of them passed away. His friend saw him in a dream and enquired, “What happened?”

He replied, “By virtue of the dhikr we performed in the market that day, we were both forgiven.”²

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ! The mercy of Allah Almighty is great. Make an intention to attend the *dars*; our problems will be done away with إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمِ.

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Home *dars*

We have been commanded by Allah Almighty:

¹ *Shu‘ab al-Īmān*, vol. 1, p. 412, *Hadith* 567

² *Jāmi‘ al-‘Ulūm wa al-Ḥikam*, p. 457

قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Save yourselves and your families from the Fire¹

Meaning, believers should acquire religious knowledge themselves and convey it to their family too so that they are protected from Hell.²

Nowadays, quarrels, disputes and problems are common in every home. The best solution is to start *dars* at home; **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**; a religious environment will evolve as a result. If family members are provided with an opportunity to gain religious knowledge, they will develop a mindset to perform good deeds. The young will become respectful, and the elderly will become affectionate. One will develop the mindset to refrain from backbiting, tale-telling and many other such sins. One will increase in his love for the Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, preparation for the afterlife, and divine fear. One will have sound beliefs and do good deeds. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** Peace will prevail in the home. Divine blessings will also descend. And if Allah Almighty wills, the entire household will prosper.

¹ [Kanz al-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 28, Surah al-Tahṛīm, verse 6)

² Tafṣīr al-Qushayrī, Part 28, Surah al-Tahṛīm, verse 6, vol. 3, p. 334

Parable: An Islamic brother states that his home was replete with sin and heresy. He then began delivering *dars* at home.

اللَّهُمَّ اَنْحِتْ لِي الدَّارَ The blessing of consistently delivering the seven-minute home *dars* bore fruit: all the household began offering salah and became devotees of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

You should also keep delivering *dars* in your home. It is not a difficult task. The books of the leader of Ahl al-Sunnah دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ are easy to read. Purchase a book like *Faizan-e-Sunnat*, or alternatively, download it from Dawat-e-Islami's website: www.dawateislami.net. You can also save it on your mobile. Read from it daily for seven minutes. If you keep on delivering *dars* with seriousness and persistence, اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ الْكَرِيمِ you will see many blessings.

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(4) Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan (for Islamic brothers)

It is mentioned in a Hadith: "The best amongst you is he who learns the Quran and teaches it to others."¹

The Holy Quran is the book of Allah Almighty: a divine message from the Merciful Allah Almighty towards mankind.

¹ *Al-Bukhārī, p. 1299, Hadith 5,027*

But alas! Today, Muslims are moving away from the Holy Quran. Many people do not know how to recite the Holy Quran correctly even by looking at it. Those who can recite it also make mistakes in their *tajwīd* and *makhārij* (articulation), due to which salah is not valid. ﷻ Dawat-e-Islami's religious movement is leaving no stone unturned in disseminating the teachings of the Holy Quran to the masses.

[When encouraging people to attend Madrasah-tul-Madinah, announce the time and location using the following example whilst changing the name of the masjid and timings as required:]

“Madrasah-tul-Madinah is held after Isha Salah at Jamia Masjid Ghausia in your neighbourhood. (If you want to encourage people to attend Madrasah-tul-Madinah Baalighan located in the market, then mention the market instead of the masjid. For example, such and such shop in Madinah Market at such and such time.)

The class duration is only 45 minutes (if Madrasah-tul-Madinah is located in the market, then say ‘only 35 minutes’).

Recitation of the Holy Quran is also taught with correct *tajwīd* and *qirā't*. Farḍ ‘ulūm (knowledge that is necessary to acquire) is also taught. Sunnahs and manners are also taught. Students have the opportunity to listen to the translation and

commentary of the Holy Quran. You are also requested to kindly attend. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ** You will gain abundant blessings.”

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(5) Weekly *ijtimā'* (congregation)

[To invite others to attend the *ijtimā'*, the following can be said with amendments made as required:]

“Every Thursday, after Maghrib Salah, there is a weekly *ijtimā'* of Dawat-e-Islami at Faizan-e-Madinah, wherein recitation of the Holy Quran, *n'at*, a Sunnah-inspired speech, dhikr and touching *du'ā'* are made.

You are requested to participate in the weekly *ijtimā'* punctually. Those who attend a religious gathering and perform dhikr are honoured. According to a Hadith, even the one who sits in their company does not remain unfortunate.¹

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ Dhikr is performed in the weekly *ijtimā'*. Religious knowledge is acquired. One gains the privilege of sitting in the company of pious people and spending time in the masjid. Heading towards a religious gathering is considered as treading in the path of Allah Almighty. If you attend the weekly *ijtimā'*, the duration from when you leave home until

¹ Muslim, p. 1037, Hadith 2,689

you return will be classed as time spent in the path of Allah Almighty **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**. Make an intention to attend the weekly *ijtimā'* every Thursday from beginning to end without fail.”

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(6) Weekly Madani Muzakarah

The renowned spiritual guide and leader of Ahl al-Sunnah Maulana Muhammad Ilyās ‘Aṭṭār al-Qādirī **دَاعِيَتُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ** is a great scholarly and spiritual figure of the present era; he is a *wali* of Allah Almighty. The honourable sheikh holds a Madani Muzakarah every Saturday after Isha Salah. There, the Prophet’s devotees from all over the world ask questions on various topics, such as Tafsīr, Hadith, shariah and *ṭarīqah*. The sheikh then answers their questions. This Madani Muzakarah is broadcasted live on Madani Channel.

Madani Muzakarah is an excellent way for one to reform himself for the better in terms of beliefs and actions. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** Until now, hundreds of non-Muslims have accepted Islam after watching the Madani Muzakarah. Millions of people who never used to offer salah have started to do so consistently. Thousands of hearts have changed.

You are also requested to watch the Madani Muzakarah. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** Religious knowledge will be acquired. Divine love will

be obtained. Devotion to the Prophet ﷺ will increase. Hatred of sins will develop. Passion for carrying out good deeds will be evolve, and one's manners and character will also improve.

[To encourage others to watch the Madani Muzakarah, the following can be said with changes made as required:]

“Make an intention to watch the Madani Muzakarah every Saturday after Isha Salah. You can also watch the Madani Muzakarah from home with your family on Madani channel. Arrangements have been made to watch the Madani Muzakarah collectively at brother Ghulam Rasool's home. It is recommended to watch the Madani Muzakarah there. This will prove conducive to becoming steadfast **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**.”

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(7) Area visit

The purport of a Hadith is that hellfire will not touch the feet which get covered with dust in the path of Allah Almighty.¹ Leaving the house to enjoin good and forbid evil is also treading in the path of Allah Almighty. The Prophet ﷺ used to visit the markets to call people towards righteousness. He would visit different tribes as well.

¹ *Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 6, p. 507, Hadith 16,356*

Those affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami also try to act upon this. A call to righteousness is given by visiting every house and shop. People are invited to come to the masjid and offer salah. This is referred to as ‘area visit.’

[To encourage others to participate in the area visit, the following can be said with necessary amendments:]

“You are also requested to join the area visit along with the Prophet’s devotees. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ** You will have the honour of acting upon the Sunnah of the Prophets **عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام**. You will get the reward of propagating the call to righteousness. As mentioned in a Hadith, the one who shows the path to goodness is like the one who performs good.¹ By virtue of us inviting towards righteousness, even if one person becomes pious and offers salah, we will have accomplished something great. Every Wednesday after Asr Salah, there is an area visit in the neighbourhood near Faizan-e-Madinah. You are also requested to come and participate. Offer Asr Salah in Faizan-e-Madinah, and then we will go together to invite people to righteousness. Immense reward will be gained **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**.”

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¹ Al-Tirmidhī, p. 628, Hadith 2,670

(8) *I'tikāf* on a holiday

The Ameer of Ahl al-Sunnah Maulana Muhammad Ilyās ‘Aṭṭār al-Qādirī دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةُ has given us a Madanī aim: “I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ*.” To fulfil this aim, the Prophet’s devotees of Dawat-e-Islami go to the villages and rural areas to spread the call to righteousness. On Fridays/Sundays, Islamic brothers go to suburban villages. *Nafl i’tikāf* is observed in the masjid. People are invited to righteousness. You are also requested to join. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيم* You will have the opportunity to gain religious knowledge. You will have the privilege of gaining the reward for calling to righteousness and have the honour of walking for the sake of Allah Almighty. We learn from a Hadith that the feet which get covered with dust in the path of Allah Almighty will not be touched by hellfire.¹ A Hadith states that the person who goes to a city’s vicinity to meet his brother just for the sake of Allah Almighty is given glad tidings of Paradise.²

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(9) Reading the weekly booklet

The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: “*الْعِلْمُ بِالتَّعَلُّمِ عِلْمٌ*” (Knowledge

¹ *Musnad Imam Aḥmad*, vol. 6, p

² *al-Muṣṣam al-Awsaṭ*, vol. 1, p. 472, *Hadith 1,743*

is gained through learning).¹ One of the great calamities of the present era is that people are drifting away from religious knowledge. There is no inclination towards reading religious books. In the past, people had an interest in religious books. They used to read books day and night, so they had a lot of religious knowledge and lived a righteous life.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ The religious movement of the Prophet's devotees, Dawat-e-Islami, is spreading the light of religious knowledge to every home. The founder of Dawat-e-Islami Maulana Ilyās 'Attār al-Qādirī دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ himself is very fond of religious knowledge and also encourages the Prophet's devotees to read religious books. He advises reading a religious booklet every week. These booklets are brief and can be read in a few minutes.

You are also requested to read them; doing so will be extremely beneficial اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ الْكَرِيمُ. Your knowledge of religion will increase, and you will gain reward for attaining religious knowledge. Reading a religious book also helps open one's mind; it enhances vision; wisdom is acquired; thoughts are purified; and vigour is added to life. According to the latest scientific research, reading books protects against mental diseases.

Make an intention to read the weekly booklet every week

¹ *al-Bukhārī, p. 90, Hadith 67*

without fail. The leader of Ahl al-Sunnah دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ also blesses those who read the weekly booklet with various *du‘ā*'s. If we read the weekly booklet, the *du‘ā* of this *walī* will be accepted in our favour, and we will be successful in this world and the Hereafter.

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(10) Pious deeds

Allah Almighty has stated:

وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ لِغَدٍ^١

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: and every soul must see what it has sent ahead for tomorrow (i.e. the Day of Judgment)¹

The Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "The intelligent person is the one who carries out self-accountability and prepares for after death."² The best way to reform and protect ourselves from Satan is to contemplate our habits, character and actions.

In the present era, the Leader of Ahl al-Sunnah Maulana Muhammad Ilyās ‘Aṭṭār al-Qādirī دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ, has provided

¹ [Kanz al-Īmān (Translation of Quran)] (Part 28, Surah al-Hashr, verse 18)

² Al-Tirmidhī, p. 583, Hadith 2,459

for us an easy way to reflect on our deeds in the form of the *Pious Deeds* booklet. Preachers should keep this booklet with them and introduce others to it when required. The *Pious Deeds* booklet contains 72 questions and answers for adult Islamic brothers. Beneath every question, there are 30/31 checkboxes. After reading the questions daily, one is to carry out self-accountability and mark the checkboxes. This is the best way to spend life in accordance with Islamic teachings. Countless people have changed for the better because of it.

You are also requested to buy this booklet. Perform self-accountability. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ** It will yield tremendous benefits by reforming manners, improving character, and bettering habits. By virtue of it, one can attain steadfastness in good deeds; develop hatred for sins; enlighten the heart; and increase in love for Allah Almighty. Other benefits include having devotion to the Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, enhancing one's spirituality and reflecting on matters of the Hereafter.

There is also a mobile application entitled '*Nayk Amaal*.' Install this application on your mobile. Moreover, make the intention to fix a time to fill it in on a daily basis.

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(11) Madanī qāfilah

It is a Sunnah of the Prophets عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to invite towards righteousness and bear hardships in this path. Religious work is only possible by enduring hardships and making sacrifices. The honourable Prophets عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, Companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ and pious people used to leave their homes to call to righteousness. They would visit faraway lands and emigrate to other countries. Extreme hardship was endured to spread the message of Islam. It is because of our pious predecessors' sacrifices that Islam has reached us.

Dawat-e-Islami is also following in the footsteps of the pious predecessors. To disseminate the message of Islam all over the world, millions of the Prophet's devotees travel from country to country, city to city and village to village in the form of a Madanī qāfilah, spreading the call to righteousness. Due to the blessings of the qāfilah, many have accepted Islam by reciting the shahada. The lives of millions have transformed for the better. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ The Madanī qāfilahs travel all year round for three days, 12 days, one month and 12 months.

You are also kindly requested to travel with the Madanī qāfilahs. You will receive many blessings إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيم. The participants of the Madanī qāfilah are taught farḍ 'ulūm and Sunnahs, and they also have the privilege of offering Tahajjud Salah. Opportunities to spread the call to righteousness are

presented. There are also hundreds of instances of *du'ā's* being accepted, calamities being averted, and diseases being cured due to the blessings of the Madanī *qāfilah*. A group travelling in a Madanī *qāfilah* were honoured by seeing the Prophet ﷺ in their dream whereby he offered them encouragement. We should travel in the Madanī *qāfilah* too. May we be blessed with the privilege of beholding the Prophet ﷺ in our dream. Plan to travel in the Madanī *qāfilah* at least 3 days a month. It would be great if those who intend to travel presented their names now.

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(12) Madanī Courses

It is stated in a Hadith: “Be a scholar, or a student, or (at least) the one who loves the scholars. Do not be the fourth one, otherwise you will be ruined.”¹ (May Allah Almighty protect us from being ruined.)

Dawat-e-Islami is a religious movement dedicated to spreading the light of Islamic knowledge. Every Muslim should at least learn the *farḍ* branches of knowledge, such as the essentials of wudu, ghusl, salah, funeral salah, fasting and zakat. Dawat-e-Islami is strongly committed to this. To attain this goal,

¹ *Al-Dāramī*, p. 96, *Hadith* 254

Dawat-e-Islami offers a variety of short courses, such as the seven-day faizan-e-namaz course, seven-day 12 religious activities course, seven-day deeds' reformation course, and numerous other courses as well.

You are also requested to complete these short courses. You will receive many blessings **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**. Seeking religious knowledge will enable you to please Allah Almighty. There will be blessings in your sustenance, and you will gain a treasure of religious knowledge. The mindset for doing good deeds will develop. This will enable us to carry out the worship of Allah Almighty in a proper manner; thus, resulting in abundant blessings **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ**.

Short courses are also advantageous due to a lot being covered without it being burdensome. For example, salah has numerous rulings with many books written on this topic. However, how can people like us read such dense books? How can we make time for this? There is a simple alternative: enrol on a seven-day faizan e namaz course where the summary of these books is taught. Here, you will be in a religious environment alongside pious people, which has its own blessings.

[When encouraging others to enrol on such courses, the following can be said with amendments made as necessary:]

Encouragement of 12 Religious Activities

The seven-day faizan e namaz course at Alami Madani Centre Faizan-e-Madinah, Karachi, is starting on (state date). You are requested to enrol on it.

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Method to safeguard against Satanic tricks

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تَرْكُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ ♦ Acquiring religious knowledge is crucial to protect oneself from Satanic tricks and to develop the ability to recognize them. ♦ It is advisable to surround oneself with devout followers of Rasool ♦ and consistently engage in the 12 Religious Activities of Dawat-e-Islami. By doing so, one will become more adept at identifying Satan's tricks. Consequently, إِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰه , avoiding these tricks will become easier. However, it is essential to put in effort rather than merely desiring the outcome.

(Madani Channel kaysay bana? p. 17, slightly amended)



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