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Dua for reading this book

Recite the following before you read a religious book or begin an Islamic lesson. You will remember whatever you study لِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

O Allah! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us and have mercy on us! O He Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, p. 40)

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Attar's prayer

O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listen to the 19-page booklet *Downfall of the Banī Isrā'īl*, save them from being destroyed in this world and the Hereafter! Grant them and their parents entry into Jannat al-Firdaws without accountability!

أَمِيرِنُ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The excellences of reciting ṣalāt upon the Prophet

The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ announced:

O people! Indeed, those of you to receive swift relief from the terrors and accountability of the Day of Judgement, shall be those of you who recited ṣalāt upon me abundantly in the world.¹

¹ Musnad Firdaws, vol. 5, p. 277, hadith 8175

A father's hand in establishing a religious atmosphere

Dear Islamic brothers! Why should only young people harbour interest in calling others to Islam or inviting them to goodness? Household elders are in greater need of paying attention to this. With their help and influence, an Islamic environment can come into the home in a matter of moments, filling it with salah and the sunnah.

This can be evidenced by the following real story, told by an Islamic sister from Punjab, Pakistan. Like many nowadays, her home was a place in which films and sinful programmes were avidly watched. A sunnah-inspired Islamic environment being established here seemed extremely difficult. Fortunately, her elder brother was affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami. He repeatedly tried to draw his family away from these vices, but to no avail.

The simple presence of a television was now causing him worry, as this was a major obstacle in his family practicing the sunnah. He wanted to get rid of it, but could not do anything, as only the father was listened to in the entire house.

One night, his family were watching a drama as usual. Just as they finished, the elder brother arrived and began playing a recorded speech from Maktabat al-Madinah via tape recorder. As the speaker spoke in beautiful fashion, the entire family was drawn to the recording, listening intently.

When the speaker began discussing the destructions television can lead to, they all began fearing for what will happen to them

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in the Hereafter. The father even began shaking in fear. When the speech ended, he exclaimed, “This television will not stay in my house any longer.” The family went to the roof, took down their antenna, and removed the television from their home.

After a few days, this Islamic sister’s younger brother asked their father if they could have another television. Their father declared, “There will never be a television in this house again.”

With Dawat-e-Islami’s positive influence, their home was cleansed from the impurities of films, dramas, and music. The entire family became part of Dawat-e-Islami and an Islamic environment bloomed in their home.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani Channel

Dear Islamic brothers! This story comes from a time when there was no Madani Channel (a channel in 100% compliance with Islamic law).

I have always disliked films, dramas, songs, music shows, uncovered women on display, news broadcasts replete with these evils, and immoral programmes. I will continue to dislike them, as every Muslim with common sense knows television has a major role to play in the denigration of our society.

Dawat-e-Islami’s preachers have launched a campaign to counter the destructions brought about by television. Their

efforts have borne fruit, as shown by the story previously mentioned. Yet as of now, perhaps 99% of Muslims are addicted to television. They spend their time watching all manner of un-Islamic and indecent things, not caring how this will impact their world and Hereafter.

Their watching of television borders on obsession. Due to this, Satan seeks to corrupt their characters and Islamic values. At the same time, some Satanic-influenced individuals adopt outward Islamic dress and claim to present Islam in a “modern” format. The true essence of Islam is being removed from the hearts of Muslims.

If we were to discuss the harms of television in a masjid or elsewhere, we would find nobody willing to listen. This is because but a few Muslims even offer salah, and fewer of them have interest in listening to a religious speech. Who then will relay news of what was said in the masjid to Islamic sisters at home? Even if literature is printed, the number of readers with interest in Islamic content is at a depressingly low number.

In these unfavourable circumstances, I realised something important. If rectifying Muslims was kept limited to masjids and gatherings, our heartfelt Islamic message would not even reach perhaps the majority of the ummah. Satanic forces will then collectively misguide Muslims through various means.

Most probably, removing televisions from Muslim’s homes is not only difficult, but now near impossible.

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Only one course of action seemed available. When rivers swell and flood, their direction of flow is guided towards fields etc. This allows for crops to be watered and for homes to be saved from destruction. In the exact same way, to try and prevent the spread of immorality via television, we sought to use the very same television to enter the homes of Muslims, guide them away from negligence, and alert them to what sins and misguidance are.

When the possibility of opening a 100% Islamic channel emerged, free from films, music, and uncovered women, Dawat-e-Islami's Central Executive Committee undertook extensive effort. Eventually, in Ramadan 1429 AH (2008), Madani Channel began broadcasting its message of righteousness and the sunnah **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**.

As time went on, Madani Channel began airing in Europe and eventually the entire world. At the time of writing, the Internet allowed for even more viewers. Dawat-e-Islami's message religious message is now globally acknowledged.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ This has led to astonishing results. The blessings of Madani Channel are visible enough for even a child to understand. If it remains on in the home or workplace etc., Muslims are saved from watching sinful channels. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ**

Alongside being 100% Islamic, it has no music, no uncovered women, and no advertisements related to business. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ** Its expenses are covered by the donations of generous Muslims.

What does this channel show, one may ask? It broadcasts programmes discussing Quran, hadith, the prophets, the Companions, and saints of Islam. It has recitation of the Quran, poetry in praise of the Prophet, and virtuous mention of saints. It also shows Dawat-e-Islami's Madani News and short sketches. One will see heartfelt duas, and sighs that leave one crying in love for the Prophet ﷺ.

Madani Channel also has Dar al-Ifta Ahl al-Sunnah, Spiritual Cures, Madani pearls of wisdom related to the sunnah, and real-life stories of people whose lives changed completely. It has sunnah-inspired gatherings, Madani Muzakaraha, talk shows, morning shows, and a host of other live programmes. In short, Madani Channel allows for a person to sit at home and acquire a wealth of Islamic knowledge.

أَلْحَدِّثْهُ By watching it, many non-Muslims have come to Islam. There's no knowing how many have turned their lives around, began offering salah, repented from their sins, and now act upon the sunnah due to it. Here is an amazing story related to this.

When I began watching Madani Channel

In summary, an Islamic brother from Faisalabad (Punjab; Pakistan) was once a wild and quarrelsome young man. He felt no shame in looking at things he should not, did not even give salam to others, and showed no respect to anybody. He was far from the sunnah and mired in sin.

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One day, a merciful breeze came his way, and he saw Madani Channel for the first time. By the grace of Allah, this appeared so pleasant to this sinful young man, he began avidly watching all its programmes. The first blessing of this manifested in him offering his salah on time and attending the masjid. One day in the masjid, he met a preacher of Dawat-e-Islami, who was a true devotee of the Prophet. Meeting him brought peace to the heart of this young man.

Islamic brothers then came to his shop and invited him to Dawat-e-Islami's weekly sunnah-inspired gathering. He did so the first time in his life, and was left amazed by the Quranic recitation, poetry in praise of the Prophet, and collective dhikr of Allah. The heartfelt dua concluding the gathering impacted him so greatly, he had effectively given his heart to Dawat-e-Islami by that time.

Wherever he saw devotees of the Prophet dressed in white clothing and 'imāmahs, this brought him inner peace. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** He then kept a sign of love for the Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** upon his face, by keeping a beard.

By the mercy of Allah, he then sat group i'tikāf organised by Dawat-e-Islami in 1430 AH. He then had his two nephews admitted into Madrassat al-Madinah to memorise the Quran and began giving lessons from *Blessings of Sunnah* at his shop. May Allah further bless Dawat-e-Islami, which opened Madani Channel and allowed for Muslims to avoid sin and better

themselves. It has led to small children learning things even adults do not know.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The downfall of the Banī Isrā'īl

The Companion ‘Abdullah b. Mas‘ūd رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates; the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ explained:

The first harm suffered by the Banī Isrā'īl 'in religious matters' came about as thus: one individual met another and said, “Fear Allah and stop this, as this is not halal for you.”¹ The next day, the individual sees the other committing sin, yet does not forbid him due to their association, the fact they eat together, and their socialising.

When he did this (and others did the same), Allah mixed their hearts with one another.²

The Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ recited the following verse to reinforce this point:

لُعِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ عَلَى لِسَانِ دَاوُدَ وَعِيسَى ابْنِ مَرْيَمَ ۗ ذَلِكَ بِمَا عَصَوْا وَكَانُوا
يَعْتَدُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾ كَانُوا لَا يَتَنَاهَوْنَ عَنْ مُنْكَرٍ فَعَلُوهُ لَبِئْسَ مَا كَانُوا يَفْعَلُونَ ﴿٥٧﴾

¹ Referring to a sin the individual saw the other doing.

² The evil of the disobedient led to the hearts of the obedient being corrupted.

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Those who disbelieved from the Children of Israel were cursed by the tongue of Dāwūd and Īsā, son of Maryam. This was because of their disobedience and 'because' they used to transgress. They were not forbidding one another from the evil they did. They were doing the most evil deeds.¹

He then said:

By Allah! You are to continue ordaining good, forbidding sin, stopping oppressors from inflicting oppression, and pulling them towards truth. Allah shall otherwise mix your hearts and send curse upon you, the way He sent it upon them.²

In *Mir'āt al-Manājih*, the following is written regarding this hadith:

The Prophet ﷺ informed the authorities and scholars of his ummah to not do as the Banī Isrā'īl did. Instead, they are to stop those committing evil. He exhorted them to avoid *mudāhana*³, exhibit firmness of faith, and fulfil their responsibility of ordaining good whilst forbidding evil. They must also stop oppressors and bring them to the truth. If not, they shall be rightful

¹ Al-Quran, part 6, Surah Al-Mā'idah, verses 78-79

² Sunan Kubrā, vol. 10, p. 159, Hadith 20196; Abū Dāwūd, vol. 4, pp. 162-163, hadith 4336-4337

³ Being able to stop evil but not doing so due to greed, bias, or ulterior motive.

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of curse in the same manner as the Banī Isrāʼil were.¹

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Wasting two parts of one's faith

A person came to the second Caliph of Islam, 'Umar b. al-Khattāb رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and said, "I do every act of goodness except two." When Sayyiduna 'Umar asked what these two were, he explained, "I do not tell others to do good, nor do I stop anybody from evil." The Caliph then declared, "You have wasted two parts of your faith. Depending on what Allah wills, He shall now either forgive or punish you."²

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

The sad state of Muslims today

Dear Islamic brothers! A person is in great loss if they do not call others to good nor forbid them from evil. Yet, the state of most Muslims around the world is not hidden by any means. Everywhere you look, Islam is not practiced or implemented properly.

Normally, nobody is ready to stop others from transgression, and Muslims are spiralling downwards in terms of their deeds.

¹ Mir'āt al-Manājīh, vol. 6, p. 513

² Ahkām al-Quran, vol. 2, p. 612

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Seeing their state worldwide leaves one heartbroken.

Teach your children the sunnah

الحمد لله This servant of Madinah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ visited Karbala, Baghdad, and other sacred places in 1406 AH. The state of Muslims I saw thereupon borders on unmentionable. I shall disclose a few things, so we may develop fear of Allah's wrath and begin helping others do good. Our upcoming generations may experience severe destructions otherwise.

These are the times we live in. Educational institutes have “modern” thinking environments. Parents only want their children to study, become completely modernised, and earn them huge amounts of money. A child enamoured with Western culture may grow up to look after their parents, but what is stopping the child from passing away before then, and leaving their parent's fleeting dreams unfulfilled?

The media also consistently attacks Islam and its golden principles. If this continues, there seems to be no visible way of saving our future generations from being ruined.

A story of Muslims in Iraq

I spent a few days in Iraq during my travels. As for what I experienced in this time, it shall pull at the heartstrings of those passionate about Islam. Two Islamic brothers and I left for Iraq, flying out from Karachi's international airport. Our flight was delayed by two hours, which meant time for maghrib salah

began as we were in the air. After giving azan in the plane, we prayed in congregation.

As we went back to our seats, we saw some Iraqi travellers looking at us in amazement, offering prayers for us to be blessed and for our salah to be accepted. In their eyes, it seemed as though we had done something completely unique. This led us to believe these individuals do not offer salah, but certainly have love for it.

After landing in Iraq and seeing empty masjids, we saw this was not restricted to the travellers on the train. Perhaps one in a thousand of Iraqi Muslims offer their salah.

Songs on the prayer mat

When we reached Baghdad, we went to a prayer hall in the airport to offer 'ishā' salah together. Believe it or not, a speaker playing music was fixed to the inner wall of the prayer hall. That place was specific for salah; in fact, outside it was clearly written, هَذَا بَيْتُ اللَّهِ – “This is the House of Allah.”

We were strangers in a foreign land. Besides thinking this was wrong, what else could we do? If you are faced with an evil you cannot stop, you should at least think it is wrong. This is evidenced by a hadith:

When sin is enacted in the land, whoever is present and considers it evil is like he who is not there at all. As for

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those who are not there but are content with it, they are like those who are there.¹

No Jumu‘ah salah in Kufa’s jāmi‘a masjid

Opposite Kufa’s jāmi‘a masjid is the radiant shrine of the Lion of Allah, ‘Alī b. Abī Ṭālib رضي الله عنه. We visited it at Jumu‘ah time. A huge number of people were there. Upon inquiry, we learnt no salah was offered in the jāmi‘a masjid, not even Jumu‘ah.

A culture of clean shaving

In Baghdad, we shockingly came to the realisation Muslims had become estranged and unaware of Islamic customs. No native person kept a beard, not even imams or muezzins. The three of us had beards and ‘imāmahs, and when we went out into Baghdad’s streets, we were looked upon with astonishment. To the extent, some would even come and ask, هَلْ أَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ؟ – “Are you Muslim?” We replied with, أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ تَحْنُ مُسْلِمُونَ – “All praise is for Allah; we are Muslims.” Hearing this, they would become happy and continue on their way.

Women dancing in happiness upon a martyrdom

We once went to Bab al-Shaykh, a road leading to the sacred shrine of Ghawth al-A‘ẓam, Shaykh ‘Abd al-Qādir al-Jilānī رحمته الله عليه.

Here, something shameless and immoral was taking place. Many

¹ Abū Dāwūd, vol. 4, p. 166, hadith 4345

people had gathered, and amidst the beating of drums and whistling of flutes, uncovered women danced in the middle. Some individuals were carrying a funeral bier at the same time. We were astounded by this.

When we asked what was happening, we were told this is a practice of the region. When a Muslim was martyred in the Iran-Iraq War (which was ongoing at the time), their family brought their body to the shrine of Shaykh 'Abd al-Qādir al-Jilānī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, whilst women of the household danced in the roads out of happiness at their martyrdom. Their funeral procession would proceed in this fashion.

A ban on salah in Cordoba's jāmi'a masjid

Dear Islamic brothers! Seeing the state of Iraqi Muslims leaves one broken-hearted. If only a religious movement rose up, which called to righteousness and allowed for the sunnah to be practiced there yet again. This would let Muslims return to their former pomp and glory.

A particular church was built in Cordoba (Spain) when Christianity was prevalent there. When Muslims conquered the region said church was divided into two, as per a peace treaty. One half remained a church whilst the other became a masjid. When Cordoba was declared capital city and its populace boomed in number, the masjid was not large enough to accommodate.

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During the rule of 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Dākhil, he was asked to expand the masjid. Doing this without including the church part in the expansion was not possible, causing him to buy the land from Christians and began construction anew. The architecture of the current masjid is captivating.

A lengthy period was needed for this expansion. 'Abd al-Raḥmān al-Dākhil passed away two years after work began, upon which his son Hishām took responsibility. Emirs of the Bani Umayyad added more, leading to construction work finally being completed in 392 AH. In other words, this historic masjid took around 200 years to build.

Although it holds steep historic significance and is preserved to this day, a lack of practicing Muslims meant a ban was placed on offering salah there. Tourists can now only come to look upon it.

A ban on under-18s entering the masjid

Dear Islamic brothers! Our sins are only increasing with time. A country exists in which 90% of its population is Muslim, and the staggering lack of practice there is evidenced by the fact it implemented laws banning under-18s from offering salah in masjids.

A movement to fill masjids

Dear Islamic brothers! We should be heartbroken at our empty masjids. Our goal should be to fill them with worshippers and

encourage everybody who does not offer salah to begin doing so. Our masjids will remain preserved if we do this.

A home full of inhabitants cannot be taken over, whilst an empty home is there for the taking. There is a saying in Persian; *خانه خالی را دایمی گیرد* – “Devils invade an empty home.” If masjids are full of worshippers, enemies of Islam with evil intentions will think many times over before doing anything to them.

Bear in mind, any place established as a masjid by Islamic law remains one until the Day of Judgement. The areas below it down to Taḥt al-Tharā¹ and above it to the ‘Arsh² are also a masjid. If a road or marketplace is built over it (Allah forbid), the area shall still come under the ruling of a masjid until the Day of Judgement and respect must be shown to it.

My master, the Imam of the Ahl al-Sunnah, Imam Aḥmad Razā Khān *رحمته اللہ علیہ* narrates the following from *Tanwīr al-Abṣār* and *Durr al-Mukhtār*:

وَلَوْ خَرِبَ مَا حَوْلَهُ وَاسْتُغْفِرَ عَنْهُ يَبْقَى مَسْجِدًا عِنْدَ الْإِمَامِ وَالشَّانِ أَبَدًا إِلَى قِيَامِ السَّاعَةِ وَبِهِ يُقْفَى

If its (the masjids) surrounding areas are desolate and no need exists for it, it shall remain a masjid until the Hour is established, according to Imam Abū Ḥanīfa and Imam Abū Yūsuf. This is the view by which fatwa is administered.³

¹ Below the seven terrestrial realms

² Found above the seven celestial skies

³ Tanweer al-Abṣār wa Durr al-Mukhtār, vol. 6, p. 550; Fatāwā Riḍāwiyya, vol. 9, p. 471

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Mufti Waqar al-Dīn al-Qādirī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

An area which becomes a masjid remains one until the Day of Judgement. The area below it to Taḥt al-Tharā and above it to the 'Arsh are also masjids, and its space cannot be reduced even by an inch.¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The blessings of making effort

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ Dawat-e-Islami seeks to keep masjids populated. Come to this religious environment, and you shall find heartfelt peace by attending the masjid, remembering Allah five times a day through salah, and loving the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Travel in sunnah-inspired Madani Qafilahs and fill in the Pious Deeds booklet daily whilst taking yourself to account. One can then submit this to their relevant responsible Islamic brother on the first of every month. For encouragement, take note of the following story.

An Islamic brother from Karachi was once drowning in an ocean of sin. The precious moments of his life passed in negligence. Spending nights gossiping with friends was his routine. On the 18th of Ramadan 1429 AH (19th September

¹ Waqār al-Fatawā, vol. 2, p. 297

2008), he was sat with them as usual, roaring in laughter.

An Islamic brother affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami happened to pass by, give salam, and sit with them. The gathering suddenly developed a serious tone.

He began mentioning Madani pearls of wisdom and speaking softly. This won them over, as it left them feeling a sense of tranquillity. As he got up to leave, they said, “Brother, please stay and keep telling us these beautiful things.” As this brother truly wanted good for others, he accepted their request. During conversation, the topic arose of preparing for the Hereafter and rectifying the ummah. When this happened, what he said left indelible impact upon their hearts.

The next night, they were sat as usual, but instead awaiting the arrival of the Islamic brother. When he came, he invited them to Dawat-e-Islami’s International Madani Centre in Karachi. His impeccable character meant they could not say no, and they accompanied him to the blissful grounds of Faizan-e-Madinah. The experience changed their lives. This Islamic environment awoke fear of Allah and love of the Prophet in their hearts. With the singular effort of just one Islamic brother, an entire group of people came to Dawat-e-Islami.

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The efforts of Muḥaddith-i-Āzam Pakistan

Dear Islamic brothers! Look at what wonderful results individual effort can lead to. This servant of Medina **عَنْهُ** can

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personally attest to the effects of this, even upon those who listen to many speeches but do not make any positive changes to themselves.

Calling to righteousness has a unique place amongst Dawat-e-Islami's Islamic Activities. The prophets **عليه السلام** did this collectively and individually. They would even visit people to invite them to Islam. Saints and pious elders strove exceptionally hard, as evidenced by this story of Muḥaddith-i-Āzam Pakistan, Sardār Aḥmad al-Qādirī **رحمة الله عليه**.

The shaykh was in Multan, when three youngsters came seeking to become his murids. He exhorted them to remain steadfast upon the beliefs of the Ahl al-Sunnah, to call towards this, and maintain their five daily salah. When it came to growing the beard and trimming the moustache, he wisely explained, “The same way you consider witr to be necessary for salah; think the same of growing your beards.” Bear in mind, it is necessary (*wājib*) to keep a beard to a fistful in length. Doing opposite of this (by cutting it shorter) is sinful and leads to punishment.

This profound encouragement from the shaykh led to them keeping beards, and with praise to Allah, they went on to adhere with Islamic law and attain immense repute.¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

¹ Hayāt-i-Muḥaddith-i-Āzam, p. 89

WEEKLY BOOKLET STUDY

لِلْحَمْدِ لِلَّهِ! Every week, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Shaykh al-Tareeqah Ameer Ahl al-Sunnah, Founder of Dawat-e-Islami Hazrat Allamah Mawlana Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةُ, and his successor Al-Haaj Abu Usaid Obaid Raza Madani مد ظله العالی, encourage the reading of a booklet. مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ! Millions of Islamic brothers and sisters participate in this blessed activity by reading or listening to this booklet, benefiting from the prayers of Ameer Ahl al-Sunnah and his successor. This booklet is available for free download in audio format on the Dawat-e-Islami website,

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