

Madani Inamat a path to salvation

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
 أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Madani In'amaat - A Path to Salvation

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى أهلك وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى أهلك وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafli I'tikaf' because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafli (supererogatory) I'tikaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'O people! Undoubtedly, on the Day of Judgement, the person who will attain salvation early from its terror and reckoning will be the one amongst you who would have recited Salat upon me abundantly in the world.' (Al-Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 471, Hadees 8210)

بے کسوں کے حامی و غمخوار پر لاکھوں سلام

چارہ بے چارگان پر ہوں ڈرودیں صد ہزار

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'يِنَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

(*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942*)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear *تُؤَيَّبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ*, etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Intentions of delivering the Bayan

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and for reaping the rewards.

2. I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: ‘Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.’ (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

‘Convey from me even if it is a single verse.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.
6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In'amaat and to join the 'Ilqa'i Daura for Nayki ki Da'wat' (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.
8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

O Nafs (self)! Fear Allah ﷻ

There was a person from the Bani Israel, who was a very pious worshipper; he would remain busy worshipping Allah ﷻ all the night long and would sell some items whilst roaming around. Often, while assessing his Nafs, he would say, 'O Nafs! Fear Allah ﷻ'. One day, as usual he left home to earn his livelihood, he reached the door of a rich man and called out in order to sell his items. Upon seeing this graceful and handsome young man, the wife of the rich man became obsessed with him and called him inside the mansion, and said, 'O trader! I have fallen in love with you, I have an abundance of wealth and glittering garments, abandon your job, I will give you silk clothing and plenty of wealth.'

Listening to this tempting offer, his Nafs started drifting towards her, but, at once and as normal, he said to his Nafs, 'O Nafs, fear Allah ﷻ' and then he answered the woman, 'I fear my Rab ﷻ', the woman said, 'You cannot go from here without fulfilling my desire'. The young man said again, 'O Nafs! Fear Allah ﷻ.' He now began to think of a way out. Finally, he said to the woman, 'Grant me some time so I could offer two Rak'aat Salah.

She agreed, he made Wudu and performed two Rak'aat and looked out from the roof which was approximately 20 yards high. He looked up at sky helplessly and humbly said, 'O Allah ﷻ I have been busy performing Your worship for a long time, save me from this calamity.' Saying that, he jumped off the roof. Allah ﷻ commanded Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام, 'Go and save My bondsman before he falls to the earth because he has jumped off being gripped by My fear'. Sayyiduna Jibraeel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام speedily went, held him and made him sit on the earth. *(Durra-tun-Naasiheen, pp. 313 – with some minor changes)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! The abovementioned parable has taught us that whoever is punctual with taking account of himself, it proves fruitful in helping to protect him from sins, the moment this young man was about to fall into sins, due to habitually taking stock of himself he immediately said, 'O Nafs! Fear

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and he was completely overwhelmed by the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that he saved himself from committing sins; we have also learned that only virtuous deeds work in difficult times, sometimes one obtains Divine help due to virtuous deeds that even the most difficult problems are removed, it is for this reason that when he jumped off the roof presenting his virtuous deeds as a Waseelah (means) to be saved that he remained protected from any physical harm.

Remember! No one is allowed to endanger his/her life in our Islamic Shari'ah, however, we should carry out virtuous deeds whilst taking accountability of our deeds and refraining from committing sins. Not only does Divine help protect us by the blessings of virtuous deeds but we also receive the privilege to acquire unlimited favours in this world and the Hereafter. Good deeds are also a source of erasing our sins. The Glorious Quran has mentioned, at many places the excellence of virtuous deeds, let's listen to three blessed Divine verses:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَهُمْ أَجْرٌ غَيْرُ مَمْنُونٍ ۝

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed for those who believed and did good deeds, is an unlimited reward. (Part 24, Surah Ha-Meem As-Sajdah, verse 8)

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ ۖ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمْ خَيْرُ الْبَرِيَّةِ ۗ جَزَاءُ لَهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ جَنَّاتٌ عَدْنٌ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ۖ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ ۗ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed those who accepted faith and did good deeds – it is they who are the best among the creation. Their reward is – with their Lord – everlasting Gardens beneath which rivers flow, in which they will abide forever and ever; Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. (Part 30, Surah Al-Bayyinah, verse 7, 8)

إِنَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يُذْهِبْنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed good deeds wipe out evil deeds.

(Part 12, Surah Hood, verse 114)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen those people who continue doing virtuous deeds, after accepting faith, Allah ﷻ bestows these fortunate people with such a great reward and favours that is beyond description; moreover, Heavenly gardens are their abodes and how excellent it is that even their evils are also wiped out due to virtuous deeds. Therefore, considering our good health a sufficient opportunity and advantage before illness, life before death, youth before old age and spare time before becoming busy, we should abundantly store virtues and engage ourselves in carrying out deeds leading to Jannah with sincerity and steadfastness.

Sayyiduna Jaabir Bin 'Abdullah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ narrated, the Blessed and Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had delivered a sermon to us and said: O people! Repent in the court of Allah ﷻ before you die. Hasten to do good deeds before you become busy. Uphold the relationship that exists between you and Allah ﷻ by remembering Him abundantly and by giving a great deal of charity in secret and openly. Then you will be granted provision and Divine support, and your loss will be compensated.

(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 5, Hadees 1081)

مُتَحَدِّثِينَ! Persuading us to carry out virtuous deeds and contemplation of the Hereafter, the Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has given glad-tidings of abundant sustenance and ease in the time of trial and tribulation, but remember! Assessment and accountability of our deeds is absolutely crucial for protecting ourselves from sins and carrying out virtuous deeds with steadfastness, therefore, everyone should ponder over the consequences of his deeds whether whatever I have been doing or whatever I will do is beneficial for my Hereafter or harmful! Undoubtedly, the Muslim, who cultivates the habit of assessing his deeds and contemplation over the

Hereafter, his character and conduct will enhance gradually and his Hereafter will also be improved, *إِنْ هَآءِ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. One can easily understand the importance and advantages of assessment of deeds by this fact that even the Glorious Quran and blessed Ahadees specifically motivate us to do so:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّامَتْ لِيَعْدِي

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who believe! Fear Allah, and every soul must see what it has sent ahead for tomorrow.

(Part 28, Surah Al-Hashr, verse 18)

In the context of the abovementioned blessed verse, it is stated in *Tafseer Ibn-e-Kaseer*: Make your accountability before your accountability is made and ponder over how many virtuous deeds you have accumulated to present in the court of Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. (*Tafseer Ibn-e-Kaseer, vol. 8, pp. 106*)

Three blessed sayings of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ

1. **إِذَا هَمَمْتَ بِأَمْرٍ فَتَدَبَّرْ عَاقِبَتَهُ فَإِنْ كَانَ رُشْدًا فَأَمْضِهِ وَإِنْ كَانَ غَيًّا فَانْتِهِ عَنْهُ**: i.e., When you are supposed to do any work, think about its consequence, if it is good then do it and if its consequence is bad then refrain from doing it.
2. A wise person should have a moment in which he makes accountability of his Nafs. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 4, pp. 164, Hadees 4677*)
3. **فِكْرَةُ سَاعَةٍ خَيْرٌ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ سِتِّينَ سَنَةً**: To meditate (on matters of the Hereafter) for a moment is better than 60 years' of worship.'

(Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, pp. 365, Hadees 5897)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen this great persuasion mentioned in the glorious Quran and in the blessed Ahadees. Therefore, we must ponder and

be aware if we want to succeed in the Hereafter then how much virtuous deeds we need to please our Rab **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**; even each of us should cultivate the habit of taking accountability of our deeds otherwise we may face death in the state of negligence and we are left with nothing but regret.

What is Fikr-e-Madinah?

Remember! In the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, assessment and accountability of one's deeds is called 'Fikr-e-Madinah'. Fikr-e-Madinah means that a person should ponder over his daily routine and daily activities keeping the Hereafter in his mind, then those activities which may cause harm for him in the Hereafter, should be removed from our lives and those activities which look fruitful for the Hereafter, he should improve them. Practice of Fikr-e-Madinah with a firm determination brings many blessings. It is for this reason that our pious predecessors **رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى** used to constantly practice Fikr-e-Madinah and would never show negligence in this regard.

Fikr-e-Madinah always

Sayyiduna Muhammad Waasi' **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** has stated: A person from Basra asked the wife of Sayyiduna Abu Zar **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** about his worshipping, after his demise. She replied, 'He used to always ponder over the Hereafter whilst sitting in a corner of the house.' (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, pp. 162*)

Fikr-e-Madinah in every waking moment

It is reported that Sayyiduna Hasan Basri **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**, being overtaken by fear, desired to be even that person who will eventually be released from hellfire after one thousand years. Alas! One thousand years is an extremely long period. By Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! It is impossible to bear the punishment of hellfire even for a millionth of a second!

Imagine! How fearful Sayyiduna Hasan Basri **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** was. It has been stated that he **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** did not laugh for 40 years. He **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** often seemed as frightened as the prisoner who has been sentenced to be executed in a short while. Whenever he **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** used to talk, it seemed as though he **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** is describing the situation of the afterlife whilst seeing it with his

own eyes. When he **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** remained silent, it seemed as if fire was burning in his eyes. He **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** was asked, ‘Why do you remain so worried and afraid?’ He **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** replied, ‘I fear that if Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** becomes displeased with me due to some of my misdeeds and says, go away, I will not forgive you, then what will happen to me! *(Ihya-ul-‘Uloom, vol. 4, pp. 198)*

Unique way of making accountability

Sayyiduna Ibraheem Taymi **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** stated: Once, I imagined that I am in Heaven, eating its fruits, drinking beverages from its rivers, and meeting with the Hoors (pure heavenly maidens). Then I imagined that I am in Hell, tightly strapped by the chains of fire, eating thorny euphorbia (a poisonous plant) and sipping the pus of the people in Hell. Thereafter, I asked my Nafs, ‘Tell me! What do you desire: the suffering of Hell or salvation from Hell?’ My Nafs answered, ‘Salvation. I want to go back to the world and perform such deeds by virtue of which I can be granted salvation from Hell.’ Then I said to my Nafs: Right now you have the opportunity; therefore, you should sow what you want to reap). *(Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, pp. 265)*

Daily Fikr-e-Madinah

Sayyiduna ‘Ataa Sulami **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ**, did not look towards the sky for forty years nor did anybody see him ever smile. It is reported that he **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** would say to his Nafs: O Nafs! Be in your limits and remember! You have to go into the grave too, you have to cross the bridge of Siraat too, you will be surrounded by enemies who will pull you from the right and left, that time, the Judge will be Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and the prison will be Hell whereas Sayyiduna Maalik **(عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام)** will be its gatekeeper; the Judge of that day would not incline towards committing injustice **مَعَاذَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, nor will the gatekeeper accept any bribes and nor will breaking out of prison be possible.

There is only destruction and catastrophe on the Day of Judgement, Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** knows where you will be taken by the angels, whether to the place of comfort and honour in Jannah or to the place of misery and insecurity in Hell. (Thus he **رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** would keep making Fikr-e-Madinah.) And in this course of period streams of tears would continue to flow from his blessed eyes.

(Hikayat-us-Saliheen, pp. 50)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed the great enthusiasm of our pious predecessors رَحْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى about practicing Fikr-e-Madinah. These blessed personalities رَحْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى would always remain preoccupied in pondering over their deeds: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ knows whether our deeds would become the source of our forgiveness after being accepted or would cause our destruction after being rejected. Ponder over this, when these pious personalities, were so worried and anxious about the Hereafter then how much more important it is for sinners like us to practice Fikr-e-Madinah.

The advantages and benefits of Fikr-e-Madinah can be understood well through the following example; no businessman can achieve success in his business unless he earns continuous profits out of his goods and keeps his original capital secure. For this, he divides calculation & reckoning into a daily basis, weekly basis, monthly basis or yearly basis then he ponders over it from various aspects verbally and in written form; moreover, where he finds any lacking or flaw, he rectifies it and the things which cause a hurdle in his profit, he wards them off and if he does not take accounts of his business activities then he have to bear a loss, let alone yielding profit and if still he does not awake from the sleep of heedlessness, he even loses his original capital and finally that rich man will fall into poverty.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ has given us the 'Madani In'amaat' which is a combination of Shari'ah and Tareeqah in the form of questions, the purpose of which is to help Muslims carry out good deeds and avoid sins easily in these troublesome times. There are 72 Madani In'amaat for Islamic brothers, 63 for Islamic sisters, 92 for male students, 83 for female students, 40 for small Madani boys and girls, and 27 for special Islamic brothers.

Countless Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters and students practice Madani In'amaat, and every night before going to sleep they do 'Fikr-e-Madinah' and assess their deeds whilst filling the blanks in their pocket-sized Madani In'amaat booklets. By the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, after practicing these Madani In'amaat the obstructions in becoming pious and avoiding sins will disappear

gradually and you will develop the mind-set to practice the Sunnah, have hatred towards sins and ponder about the safety of your faith.

مَدَنیٰ اِنْعَامَاتِ كِی بَہی مَرَحَبَا كِیَا بَات بَے
قُرْبِ حَقِّ كَے طَالِبُوں كَے واسطے سَوَغَات بَے

Best source of salvation

If the Madani In'amaat program is termed as the best source of walking on the path of salvation, it would not be incorrect because some Madani In'amaat consist of some obligatory acts, some mandatory acts and some Sunan & liked acts (Mustahabbaat) and surely all these acts are sources of salvation and will assist us to refrain from Hell and lead us to Jannah. Let's listen to some Madani In'amaat:

First Madani In'aam is:

- Today, did you observe virtuous intentions before performing some of the permissible acts? Moreover, did you persuade at least two others to do the same?

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember that the intention of gaining the reward of the Hereafter is necessary for the acceptance of a deed. Try to realize the importance of good intentions by reading the 19th verse of Surah Bani Israel, part 15, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said:

وَمَنْ أَرَادَ الْآخِرَةَ وَسَعَىٰ لَهَا سَعْيَهَا
وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَأُولَٰئِكَ كَانَ سَعْيُهُمْ مَشْكُورًا ﴿١٩﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And whoever desires the Hereafter and strives for it accordingly, and is a believer – so only their effort has borne fruit.

(Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, verse 19)

Commenting on the abovementioned verse, a renowned commentator of the Glorious Quran, Allamah Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَائِي has stated: There are three preconditions for a deed to be accepted. (1) To be a seeker of the Hereafter, i.e. to make a good intention. (2) To perform the deed correctly as it should be performed. (3) Faith, the most essential of all. The blessed Ahadees also describe the significance of intentions. Let's listen to three blessed sayings of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

1. A good intention clings to the throne of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, whenever a man proves his intention right (by acting upon it) the throne begins to move and then he is forgiven. (*Tarikh-e-Baghdad, vol. 12, pp. 444, Hadees 6926*)
2. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grants worldly blessings in exchange for the intention of the afterlife but He عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not grant blessings of the afterlife in exchange for a worldly intention. (*Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 3, pp. 75, Hadees 6053*)
3. Actions depend upon intentions, and every man will get whatever he intends. (*Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Iman, pp. 7, Hadees 54*)

اچھی اچھی نیتوں کا ہو خدا جذبہ عطا
بندہ مُخْلِص بنا، کر عفو میری ہر خطا

Dear Islamic brothers! We have learned the importance and excellence of good intentions, so, we should also make good intentions before each and every permissible and virtuous deed for the sake of earning rewards so that by the blessing of this we accumulate a treasure of virtuous deeds in our book of deeds. Similarly, a Madani In'aam is as follows:

- Today, did you offer all the five daily Salah in the first row of the Masjid, with Jama'at (congregation), attending the first Takbeer¹? Did you try to take at least one person to the Masjid with you each time?

¹ Primary Takbeer [Takbeer-e-Tahrimah] is accomplished if one joins the Jama'at up until the Ruku' of the first Rak'at (cycle).

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** has said in his booklet 'Method of Becoming Pious' about the abovementioned Madani In'aam: Practicing this single Madani In'aam is sufficient to attain forgiveness, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

Past sins will be forgiven

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said, 'Whoever offers 2 Rak'aat of Salah and does not make any mistake, Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** forgives all his previous sins'. (Minor sins are meant in this case.)

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 8, pp. 162, Hadees 21749)

27 Times superior

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Umar **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا** has narrated that he heard the Noblest Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** saying: The Salah in congregation is twenty-seven times superior in degrees to the Salah offered by a person alone.

(Sahih Muslim, pp. 326, Hadees 250)

Salvation from Hell

Takbeer-e-Oola, mentioned in the 'Madani In'aam, is of significant importance as well. The Holy Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** is reported to have said, 'Whoever offers his Salat-ul-'Isha in the Masjid with Jama'at for 40 nights in such a manner that his first Rak'at is not missed, Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** relieves him from the fire of Hell.' *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 1, pp. 437, Hadees 798)*

شَيْخِنَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! This is the excellence of offering Salat-ul-'Isha with Takbeer-e-Oola for 40 nights, just imagine the bounties of offering the five Salahs with Takbeer-e-Oola for many years!

Visiting a Masjid

Dear Islamic brothers! This 'Madani In'aam indicates that we must offer each Salah in the Masjid. The benefits of visiting the Masjid are numerous. Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** narrates that the Prophet of Rahmah **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said, **'مَنْ عَدَا إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ أَوْ رَاحَ أَعَدَّ اللَّهُ لَهُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ نُزُلًا كُلَّمَا عَدَا أَوْ رَاحَ'**

Whoever visits the Masjid in the morning or evening, Allah ﷻ will prepare a feast for him in Heaven. *(Sahih Muslim, vol. 1, pp. 235)*

First Row

Offering Salah in the first row is also included in this 'Madani In'aam.' It is stated in a blessed Hadees: If people knew the reward of calling out Azan and offering Salah in the first row, they would not be privileged without drawing lots then they must draw lots for the sake of these (acts).

(Sahih Muslim, vol. 1, pp. 172)

Madani In'aam about forgiving and restraining anger

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen acting upon the 'Madani In'aam of congregational prayer' is a source of great reward, in the same manner; another Madani In'aam is as follows:

- Today, upon feeling angry at someone (in or out of the), did you react by speaking out or overcame your anger by observing silence? Furthermore, did you forgive, or continued to seek an opportunity to take revenge?

Now ponder over this Madani In'aam, you will learn that what an overwhelming way it is to remove disputes by developing a peaceful society. In this Madani In'aam, people have been persuaded to forgive others. It means if any fault or mistake is committed by any person or he commits cruelty upon us in any way or persecutes us in any manner then instead of venting our rage by scolding and reprimanding, we should forgive him for the sake of the pleasure of Allah ﷻ. Restraining the anger and forgiving others is an excellent quality. Allah ﷻ says in Glorious Quran:

فَاعْفُوا وَاصْفَحُوا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: So leave them and be tolerant.

(Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 109)

The Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever restrains his anger though he had the power and ability to express it, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ would fill his heart with His pleasure.

اَلْحَفَدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Persuading others towards forgiveness, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ himself forgives others in his personal matters too; in addition, for promoting blessing bestowed, he says 'اَلْحَفَدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' I do not have feelings of revenge.' If only! We also refrain from unnecessary anger and revenge.

أَمِيْنٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

In the same way, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ says for promoting the habit of making Salam:

- Today, whilst going to work or returning home by bus/train etc. or whilst walking through the streets, did you greet the Muslims with Salam whom you came across?

Best action of Islam

Understand the beauty of Islam from this fact that the best action of Islam is to make 'Salam'; moreover, making Salam is like giving Sadaqah (charity), Salam is also a source of forgiveness and a means of entering Jannah. A person once asked the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: What is a best action of Islam? The Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'To feed and making Salam to every Muslim whether you know him or not.'

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 16, Hadees 12)

On another occasion, the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Your act of making Salam to people enthusiastically is also a Sadaqah.'

(Jami'-ul-'Uloom, vol. 1, pp. 235)

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا: A Muslim who makes Salam to 20 Muslims, Jannah becomes Wajib for him.

(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 5, pp. 51, Hadees 25282)

The Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: When two Muslims meet, and shake hands, their sins are forgiven before they part [with each other].

(Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 2, pp. 169, Hadees 4679)

Sayyiduna Bara Bin 'Aazib رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ narrated, the Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The person who offers 4 Rak'aat before noon, it is as if he has offered these Rak'aat in Shab-e-Qadr and when two Muslims meet, all their sins falls away, with no sin left.

(Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 2, pp. 171, Hadees 4694)

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! Wherever the abovementioned blessed Hadees mentions forgiveness of sins, it refers to Gunah-e-Sagheera (minor sins), because Gunah-e-Kabeera (major sins) are not forgiven without true repentance and until the rightful due of a person is paid back or forgiveness to be sought from him. However Salam (Islamic greeting) is such a sweet Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that it wards off mutual hatred and malice and develops a friendly and loving atmosphere.

We should also make Salam to every Muslim without any discrimination by practicing upon this Madani In'aam of this Islamic greeting for promoting and propagating the 'Salam', whether we know each Muslim or not, similarly, we should make Salam to our household, when we enter our homes. Nowadays, people make Salam to one another out of their houses but they don't make Salam upon entering their homes and enter the home silently, which is against the Sunnah whereas making Salam to one's household is a Sunnah and a source of blessings and well-being.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen the great blessings of acting upon the Madani In'amaat that where one gets steadfastness upon obligatory acts through them, he also finds an opportunity to ward off all social and ethical drawbacks existing in his personality.

We have just heard about the blessings of a few Madani In'amaat and think that all the Madani In'amaat encompasses great blessings. Therefore, if we want to become practicing Muslims, true lovers of the Beloved Rasool and obedient to Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه** in the true sense then we should act upon the Madani In'amaat given to us by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه**.

These Madani In'amaat, in fact is the best Madani recipe of becoming virtuous and adopting the path to salvation and specially these Madani In'amaat prove to be cures for the epidemic of sins. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه** has stated: I love the Madani In'amaat, if you begin to act upon them accepting and admitting its worth in your heart, you will see its blessings in your lifetime **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, you will have peace and tranquillity of heart, your inner-self will be purified, furthermore, your heart will be filled with the fear of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and true devotion to the Noble Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, Madani work of Dawat-e-Islami will promote in your locality by leaps and bounds as the Madani In'amaat is the source of acquiring Divine pleasure, so, Satan will be using every trick to make you feel lazy, putting up lame excuses but do not give up, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will enjoy and witness its favourable outcome.'

اے رضا ہر کام کا ایک وقت ہے دِل کو بھی آرام ہو ہی جائے گا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's listen to brief excellence of some Madani In'amaat so that we develop motivation in our heart towards accountability of Nafs and deeds:

- One of Madani In'amaat is about seeking repentance. The Beloved Prophet ﷺ has stated about the seekers of forgiveness: All humans are sinners and out of these sinners, the better ones are those who seek repentance. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 4, pp. 491, Hadees 4251)*

- Similarly, understand the importance of the 'Tahajjud Salah Madani In'aam' from this fact that the Noblest Prophet ﷺ has stated: The most excellent Salah after the obligatory prayer is the night prayer.
(Sahih Muslim, pp. 591, Hadees 1163)

- One Madani In'aam is about Awwaabeen Salah offered after Salat-ul-Maghrib, it is stated in its excellence that the Beloved Prophet ﷺ has stated, 'One who offers 6 Rak'aat after Salat-ul-Maghrib in such a way that he does not speak of anything bad between them, these 6 Rak'aat will be equivalent to 12 years of worship.'
(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 45, Hadees 1167)

- Madani In'aam of Chaasht (Duhaa) Salah is also a source of acquiring great excellences. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has stated: O son of Aadam! Do not be sick of offering 4 Rak'aat in the beginning of the day, I will provide you sustenance till the last day. *(As-Sunan-ul-Kubra, Hadees 468)*

- Madani In'aam about refraining from lying is also a source of acquiring Jannah. The Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ has stated: I guarantee a house at the edge of Jannah for a man who avoids quarrelling even if he is right and a house in the middle of Jannah for a man who avoids lying even if he were joking, and a house in the upper part of Jannah for a man who made his character good.

(Sunan Abi Dawood, Hadees 4800)

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated: One who has less possessions and a bigger family and offers Salah properly, does not backbite Muslims, he will be with me on the Day of Judgement like these two fingers.
(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, Hadees 17868)

- Acting upon the Madani In'aam that is about reciting and learning the Glorious Quran in Madrasa-tul-Baalighan (for grown-ups) which is also a great privilege. The Noblest Prophet ﷺ said: Undoubtedly, some people are people of Allah.' Blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ humbly asked, 'O the Beloved Rasool (ﷺ)! Who are those people?' The Holy Prophet ﷺ replied, 'The people who recite the Quran and are included amongst the privileged ones.' (*Sunan Ibn Majah, Hadees 215*)
- The Madani In'aam about Zikr-o-Azkaar (Islamic incantations) consists of persuading one to make Zikr-o-Azkaar. It is stated in a Hadees-e-Qudsi about the excellence of Zikr that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ says: I am with My bondsman when he makes My Zikr and his lips move for Me. (*Sunan Ibn Majah, Hadees 3792*)
- Acting upon the Madani In'aam about fasting on a Monday is also an act that is liked. The Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has stated, 'Deeds are presented on Monday and Thursday, and I love that my deeds be presented while I am fasting.' (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, Hadees 747*)
- Madani In'aam about visiting an ailing person is also of great importance because the Revered and Renowned Prophet ﷺ has said: Whoever visits a sick person, a caller calls out from Heaven: Glad-tiding for you, your walk is pleasing and you have made a dignified position in paradise as your abode. (*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 192, Hadees 1443*)

Blessings of Madani In'amaat

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed that acting upon the Madani In'amaat is, in fact, following the commandment stated in the Glorious Quran and blessed Ahadees and blessings of acting upon them are beyond imagination. For instance:

- Good intention of virtuous deeds through Madani In'amaat.
- Performing of prayers and punctuality of congregational prayers through the Madani In'amaat.

- Recitation of the Glorious Quran through the Madani In'amaat.
- Steadfastness upon Islamic incantations through the Madani In'amaat.
- Studying books continuously authored by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَاعَتْ بِرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَهُ and Sunni scholars through the Madani In'amaat.
- Practicing the Sunnah through the Madani In'amaat.
- Recitation of three verses of the Glorious Quran with translation from Kanz-ul-Iman (and Tafseer from Khazain-ul-'Irfan/Nur-ul-'Irfan/Siraat-ul-Jinaan) daily through the Madani In'amaat.
- Training of individual efforts through the Madani In'amaat.
- Showing disinterest towards social and ethical evils like movies, dramas, songs, tale-telling, backbiting, gambling, hurting Muslims, bearing malice & spite, arrogance, jealousy, laughing aloud, hypocrisy, and breach of trust etc., through Madani the In'amaat.
- Developing equal relations with all through the Madani In'amaat instead of establishing just personal friendships.
- Attending the weekly congregation and Madani Muzakaraha through the Madani In'amaat.
- Studying *Bahar-e-Shari'at* and books authored by Imam Ahmad Raza Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمٰنِ through the Madani In'amaat.
- Obeying the Markazi Majlis-e-Shura, Kabinah, Mushawaraat and Majaalis through the Madani In'amaat.
- One even gains consistency and determination in the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami through the Madani In'amaat.

In short! The Madani In'amaat is a source of acquiring a lot of goodness and plenty of prosperity as well as bringing salvation from the tribulations of the Hereafter. Therefore, make a firm intention that اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ from today, we will develop a habit of making Fikr-e-Madinah, اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

مَدَنیِ اِنْعَامَاتِ كے عَامِلِ پہ ہر دم ہر گھڑی
یا الہی! خُوبِ بَرَسَا رَحْمَتوں كی تُو جَہڑی

Introduction of Book 'Fikr-e-Madinah'

Dear Islamic brothers! For detailed information about Fikr-e-Madinah even for gaining motivation of carryout virtues and for making assessment and accountability of deeds refraining from sins, go through the very informative 166-page book '*Fikr-e-Madinah*', a publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah. This remarkable book contains the 'importance of the accountability of deeds', 'advantages of it', 'proof of self-accountability in the light of Quran and Hadees' and parables of the pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی regarding self-assessment as well as the practical method of practicing Fikr-e-Madinah. It is a humble request to all Islamic brothers to obtain this book even by reading it online, also downloadable from our website: www.dawateislami.net

Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! Today, we have heard a Bayan about the great importance of taking accountability of our deeds. It is a path to salvation, one continues making accountability of his activities in the world, constantly being alert of his deeds and the Nafs. Whoever betters himself making accountability of his deeds before the Day of Judgement, and he wards off all evils found in his deeds, he succeeds in accumulating an abundance of virtuous deeds whilst refraining from sins. With the blessings of his virtuous deeds, he obtains Divine help in the time of difficulty and heavenly gardens will be his abode on the Day of Judgement.

Encouragement towards self-assessment has also been mentioned in the Glorious Quran and blessed Hadees, the blessed Hadees even urges that one should fix some time for self-assessment and accountability as well as ponder over the consequences of each and every work before starting it whether it would carry a good or bad result, if it is good then carry it out otherwise refrain from it. Remember! Fikr-e-Madinah is not only a source of stocking up

on virtues but is also a great virtue as we have heard in a blessed Hadees that a moment's reflection over the Hereafter is better than 60 years of worship.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Majlis Hajj-o-'Umrah

Dear Islamic brothers! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** In the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, people receive the mindset of carrying out virtues and are discouraged from committing sins, furthermore, in order to extend Madani work in a systematic way, various departments have also been established. **Majlis Hajj-o-'Umrah** is also one of these departments. Undoubtedly Hajj is an important worship. Every year, millions of Muslims gather on the sacred ground of Makka-tul-Mukarramah in the same clothing (Ihraam) throwing aside every kind of hatred, malice, cast, colour, creed, language and ethnicity, their unity and integrity amazes the entire world. This moment is no less than a grand blessing for lovers of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** because when they get the approval from the blessed court of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and His Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, their passion and excitement knew no bounds.

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه** has paid special attention towards the training of those Islamic brothers and sisters who go to Makka-tul-Mukarramah for performing Hajj and he **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه** is the author of a remarkable book '*Rafiq-ul-Haramayn*' to teach us the correct method and all necessary rulings as to how to step into in the blessed court of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and His Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

In the delightful season of Hajj; preachers of Dawat-e-Islami provide training to Hujjaj in Haji camps under the supervision of Majlis Hajj-o-'Umrah (Dawat-e-Islami). Hajj books such as '*Rafiq-ul-Haramayn* and *Rafiq-ul-Mu'tamireen*' are distributed among the Hujjaj for free to guide them in their Hajj and the blessed visit to Madina-tul-Munawwarah **رَادَهَا اللَّهُ شَرَفًا وَتَعْظِيمًا**.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں اے دعوتِ اسلامی تیری دھوم مچی ہو !

12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to refining your character & conduct and morality & ethics, associate yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and take part in 12 Madani activities fall under Zayli Halqahs. Submitting Madani In'amaat booklet is also one of these Madani activities; along with submitting Madani In'amaat booklet with punctuality, you also make up the mind of others to do so. With the blessings of consistency of it, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** virtuous deeds will increase.

We should also establish a routine of Fikr-e-Madinah, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, we shall have plenty of blessings. Let's listen to a Madani parable for our motivation.

Reward of performing Fikr-e-Madinah daily

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi **دَاعِيَتُ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** has stated on page 931 of the world-renowned book '*Faizan-e-Sunnat*':

Here is a summary of the account given by an Islamic brother. **إِنِّي أَحْبَبْتُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! I love Madani In'amaat and I do Fikr-e-Madinah every day. Once I travelled with devotees of Rasool in a Sunnah-Inspiring Madani Qafilah of Dawat-e-Islami, a global & non-political movement of the Quran and Sunnah. Our Qafilah reached Baluchistan (Pakistan). In this blessed Qafilah, Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** opened the door of His mercy upon this sinner. When I slept at night, I saw the Beloved and Blessed Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in dream. His blessed lips began to move, and these words were uttered, 'I will take with me into Heaven all those who carry out Fikr-e-Madinah every day in the Madani Qafilah.'



Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.'

(Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

جَنَّتْ مِیں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

سینہ تری سُنَّتْ کا مدینہ بنے آقا

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Madani pearls pertaining to Miswak

- On page 288 of the first volume of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْقَوِي has stated, 'The honourable scholars say that whoever uses the Miswak regularly, will be blessed with the good fortune of reciting the Kalimah (fundamental article of faith) at the time of death, and whoever consumes opium will not be able to recite Kalimah at the time of death.'
- It is narrated from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that there are 10 qualities in the Miswak: It cleans the mouth, strengthens the gums, strengthens the eyesight, eliminates phlegm, eliminates bad smell of the mouth, it is in accordance with the Sunnah, the angels become happy, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is pleased, it increases good deeds and rectifies the stomach. (*Jam'-ul-Jawami' lis-Suyuti, vol. 5, pp. 249, Hadees 14867*)
- Miswak should be from the Zaytoon, Neem, or similar trees/plants having a bitter taste.
- Thickness of the Miswak should be equal to that of the little finger.
- Miswak should not be longer than one's hand span as satan sits on it.
- The strands of the Miswak should be soft; otherwise, they might cause spaces between the teeth and gums.
- If the Miswak is fresh then it is excellent; otherwise soak it in a glass of water until it becomes soft.
- Trim the strands of Miswak every day as they are beneficial only as long as they have some bitterness.
- Brush your teeth horizontally with the Miswak.

- Always brush your teeth with the Miswak in three cycles.
- And rinse it after each cycle.
- Hold the Miswak in the right hand in such a manner that the little finger remains beneath it and the middle three fingers remain over it with the thumb underneath and its soft part pointing upwards (near the soft strands that are used to brush the teeth).
- First brush (with the Miswak) the top right row of the teeth then top left row. Then clean the bottom right row and then the bottom left row of the teeth.
- Using the Miswak by gripping it in the form of a closed fist poses risk of piles.
- Miswak is a pre-Wudu Sunnah but if one has foul breath, using Miswak becomes Sunnat-ul-Muakkadah. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 1, pp. 623*)
- Do not throw a used Miswak away or its strands as it is used to act upon a blessed Sunnah. Rather, keep it somewhere respectfully, bury it or put it into sea.

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet.

سُنَّتوں کی تَرْبِیَّت کے قافلے میں بار بار

مجھ کو جَذْبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پَرَوَرْدِگار

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِیْبِ

The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151*)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' (*ibid, pp. 65*)

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him.
(*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-'Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَامِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-'Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.' (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, pp. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(Attarghib Wattarhib, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيم' and 'كَرِيم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.