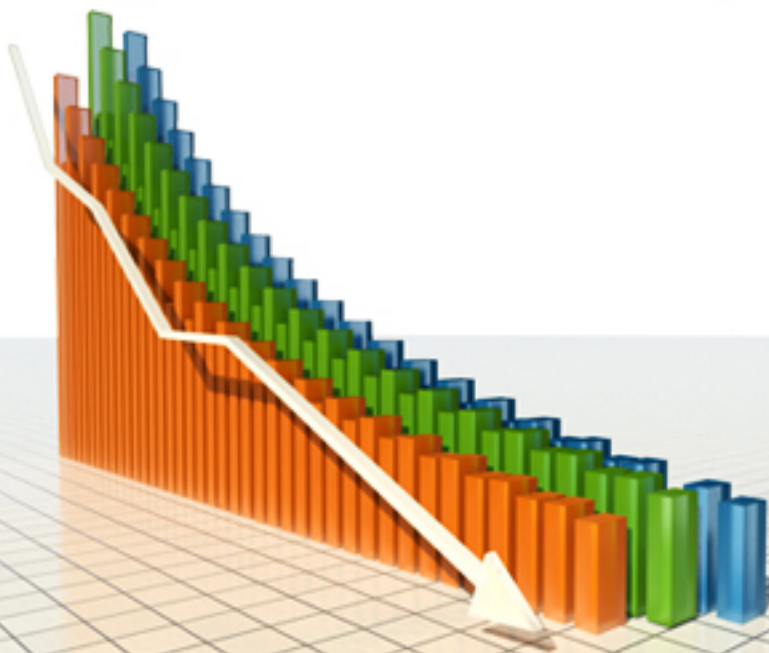


# Attributes of Successful Trader

Sunnah-Inspiring speech of weekly  
Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima



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

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أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ  
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى آلِكَ 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 Nafil I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil (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 صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: ‘Whoever recited the Holy Quran, glorified Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, recited Salat upon the Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and then asked forgiveness from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, he has sought goodness from its source.’ (Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 2, pp. 373, Hadees 2084)

وَرِدَ لَبِ هَر دَم دُرُودِ پَاکِ ہُو      یَا شَہِہِ عَرَبِ وَ عَجْمِ! کَرْدُو کَرَمِ

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ      صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

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, 'يَبِيَّةُ 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 تَوْبُوا 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 Salaam, 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 ﷻ 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 ﷺ 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 ‘Ilaqa’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 اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Secret of successful business

Dear Islamic brothers! Islam is a complete religion and has to be followed in every field of human life. Islam not only shows us the methods of worship, it also guides us fully about the matters of life so that no field of life can be incomplete and Muslims may not be in need of any others except Islam in any act. Some forms of acquiring wealth are permissible and some are impermissible. For earning Halal sustenance it is essential to acquire what is permissible and to abstain from what is impermissible. A person should act upon permissible manners and avoid that which is impermissible.

In today's Bayan, many Madani pearls will be mentioned under the title 'Successful Businessman'. Firstly, let's listen to the fragrant qualities of the blessed companion Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam's biography, his character and then we will try to acquire the Madani pearls of instructions by listening to his magnificent sayings for success in business.

### Introduction to Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

On page 120 of 'Karamat-e-Sahabah', a 346-page book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah – the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, Shaykh-ul-Hadees 'Allamah 'Abdul Mustafa A'zami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has talked about the introduction of Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ in this manner: 'Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is the son of Sayyidatuna Safiyyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا who is the paternal aunt of the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Therefore, as a relative, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is a paternal cousin of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, a nephew of Sayyidatuna Khadijah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and a son-in-law of Ameer-ul-Mu'mineen, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is also one of the ten fortunate blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ whom the Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ gave the good news of being Jannatis.' (Karamat-e-Sahabah, pp. 120)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Once Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was asked about the secret of him being a successful businessman, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied: I have never bought anything without seeing and I have never rejected little profit and whoever Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wants, He عَزَّوَجَلَّ grants him blessing. *(Al-Istee'aab, vol. 2, pp. 92)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard when Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was asked about the secret of his success in business, then he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ stated beautiful Madani pearls and also said that this is not my excellence, but whoever Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wishes for, is granted blessings. From this it can be easily understood that the manner of business and employment, of our pious predecessors رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ was very great indeed.

## His honesty

Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was a great example of piety for others to follow. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed away in this blessed month of Jumadal Ukhra. In relation to his blessed 'Urs, we will listen to his blessed Zikr today. Since he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was an honest and a successful businessman, we will also receive the privilege of listening to his رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ blessed qualities in business principles.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was very honest. Many a times, people used to place their belongings in his security. Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyiduna 'Usman-e-Ghani, Sayyiduna Miqdad, Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin 'Awf and Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Mas'ood and seven other glorious companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ appointed Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ as a guardian over their wealth after their death. Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would look after their wealth with absolute honesty and would spend on their children from his own earnings. *(Tareekh Damishq, vol. 18, pp. 397)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Our pious predecessors like the blessed Companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ or the righteous people of the past used to be truthful, honest, just, pious, selfless and used to have the passion for goodness and helping

others and with all these attributes they would continue to follow the Islamic business principles, that's why Muslims were prosperous in their blessed eras. But now Muslims have developed evils like injustice, untruth, deception, usury, selfishness etc. in their characters, except those who are protected by Allah ﷺ. Now business conditions are not good due to different types of defects. Acting upon the rules prescribed by the Holy Quran and blessed Hadees, if we earn our sustenance, learn the principles of Islamic business and act upon them, if we follow our pious predecessors in the matters of business, then **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ﷺ**, there will be a great change in the Islamic society and Muslims will prosper once more. Furthermore, the most important thing is that the pleasure of Allah ﷺ and His Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** will be attained.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Commencement of livelihood

Dear Islamic brothers! In *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, Sadr-ush-Shari'ah, Badr-ut-Tareeqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** has mentioned the purpose of commerce. Let's listen to its summary: The more the needs of people are, the more difficult it is to satisfy them. If a person starts doing all the work alone to fulfil his needs (for example, he cultivates the land by himself, then grinds the grains himself, sews the clothing himself after weaving it) then he may fail and may not spend the days of his life easily. It is the perfect system of Allah ﷺ that He ﷺ has divided all humans in different fields and different types so that every group may do their own work and the collaborative effort of all these groups may fulfil the needs of all people. For example, some people cultivate, whilst others weave the cloth, some do other types of work with their own hands. Those who cultivate also need clothes, similarly those who weave the cloth are dependent on those who cultivate for getting grain etc. Everyone depends on each other, that's why the need was felt that whatever was produced should be sent to each other so that all could fulfil their needs and there could be no

trouble in their work as well. Things started then and the matters of buying and selling and every kind of other matter etc. came into being.

*(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 2, pp. 608)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Undoubtedly, commerce or trade is a good and permissible act, that's why the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would trade with each other; they also used to trade in clothes etc. with each other. Similarly, Islamic scholars and pious people, after them, did the same, but never disregarded the business principles as prescribed by Islam. It is stated in verse 29 of Surah An-Nisa, part 5:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَأْكُلُوا أَمْوَالَكُمْ  
بَيْنَكُمْ بِالْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا أَنْ تَكُونَ تِجَارَةً عَنْ تَرَاضٍ مِّنْكُمْ

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** O believers! Consume not unjustly the property of one another among yourselves except it be a trade by your mutual consent.

*(Part 5, Surah An-Nisa, verse 29)*

Imam Ahmad Bin Hajar Makki Haytami Shaafi'i رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: In this blessed verse, Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ has clearly stated that trade is permissible on condition that it is to be done with the parties' consent and consent can be obtained provided that there is no cheating and corruption. Therefore, the one who wants to seek the pleasure of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the one who wants safety of his religion and the world and the Hereafter and respect, should make efforts for his religion and should never follow anything related to cheating or corruption in business.

*(Az-Zawajir, vol. 1, pp. 520)*

خوف کر بھائی عذابِ نار کا  
 جُھوٹ چھوڑو بیچنے میں بولنا  
 اے ملاوٹ کرنے والے مان جا  
 چھوڑ دو اے تاجرو! کم تولنا

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ  
 صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ

## Importance of earning Halal

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! It is a human need to desire and earn Halal sustenance for one's parents, siblings, family members by means of business in a permissible way. The attention to earn Halal sustenance has been focused many times in the Holy Quran, Allah ﷻ has even persuaded and commanded [us] to continue with its search. It is stated in verse 11 of Surah An-Naba, part 30:

وَجَعَلْنَا النَّهَارَ مَعَاشًا ﴿١١﴾

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And We have made the day for seeking livelihood. (Part 30, Surah An-Naba, verse 11)

It has been stated in another place:

فَانتَشِرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَابْتَغُوا مِن فَضْلِ اللَّهِ

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** Then, disperse in the land and seek the grace of Allah. (Part 28, Surah Al-Jumu'ah, verse 10)

## Dignity of seeking employment

Sayyiduna Ka'b Bin 'Ujrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that once, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was sitting with the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ. In the meantime, a young man passed by. Having seen a powerful and a strong man the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ said, 'Would that he could

spend his youthfulness and strength in the way of Allah!' Upon this the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

1. If this person has come out to look for sustenance for his small children, so he is in the way of Allah.
2. And if this person has come out to look for the sustenance for his old parents, so even then he is in the way of Allah.
3. And if he has come out to protect himself (from begging people or from eating Haraam), so he is in the way of Allah.
4. However, if he has come out for ostentation and pride, so he is in the way of Satan. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 136, Hadees 6835)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed the importance of the great effort to serve parents and to bear the expenses of children that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ regarded that person as one who is in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Remember! Those who keep Halal and Haraam in view, besides the truth, justice and honesty do trade, jobs or work as labourers are not only the beloved ones of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, but they will also be resurrected with the good people. Furthermore, they will be forgiven and on the Day of Judgement the brightness of their faces will be like the full moon. Let's listen to four sayings of Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ about the excellence of trade and general work so that the importance of trade may become more evident.

### Four sayings of Beloved Mustafa ﷺ about the excellence of earning

1. **أَلْتَاجِرُ الصَّدُوقُ الْأَمِينُ مَعَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ**: i.e. a true and honest businessman will be with the Prophets, Siddiqueen and martyrs. *(Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 5, Hadees 1213)*
2. **إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُؤْمِنَ الْمُحَرِّفَ**: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ loves the professional (who works for his livelihood) true believer. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 6, pp. 327, Hadees 8934)*

3. مَنْ أَمْسَى كَأَلَّا مِنْ عَمَلٍ يَدِيهِ أَمْسَى مَغْفُورًا لَهُ: i.e. The one who works with his own hands till the evening and feels tired, he does the evening after being forgiven. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 337, Hadees 7520)*

4. مَنْ طَلَبَ الدُّنْيَا حَلَالًا اسْتِعْفَافًا عَنِ الْمَسْئَلَةِ وَسَعِيَ عَلَى أَهْلِهِ وَتَعَطَّفًا عَلَى جَارِهِ لَقِيَ اللَّهَ وَوَجْهَهُ كَالْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ

i.e. the one, who desires for the world in a Halal way to protect himself from begging, to make much effort for his family members and to be kind to his neighbour, will meet Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the state that his face will be as bright as the full moon.

*(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 5, pp. 258, Hadees 7)*

کثرت مال و دولت مت دے

تاج و تخت و حکومت مت دے

یا اللہ میری جھولی بھر دے

اپنی رضا کا دیدے مڑدہ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Besides listening to the attributes of a successful businessman, listen to the attributes of Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam

رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ.

## Great mother's manner of upbringing

Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is the sixth companion amongst 'Asharah Mubashsharah. 'Asharah Mubashsharah are those 10 blessed companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ whom the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah, the Owner of Jannah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ gave the good news of

Jannah. Feeling a sense of responsibility, a great mother like Sayyidatuna Safiyyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا gave her beloved son a great Madani upbringing.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Professions of the blessed Prophets

Dear Islamic brothers! Halal livelihood is not only a deed of excellence, besides many other Prophets' it is also a beautiful Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, therefore, it should be joined as a Sunnah. The blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ joined different professions for their livelihood. Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ, first of all, used to do the work of cloth manufacturing, then he started cultivation. Sayyiduna Nuh عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ was in the wood profession, Sayyiduna Idrees عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ in dressmaking, Sayyiduna Hood and Saalih عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ in business, Sayyiduna Ibraheem and Sayyiduna Loot عَلَيْهِمَا السَّلَامُ in cultivation and Sayyiduna Shu'ayb عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ used to rear animals. Likewise, Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would graze goats and Sayyiduna Dawood عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would make armour (iron knitted clothing used in battles in the past). Despite being the king of the entire world, Sayyiduna Sulayman عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ would make fans and small baskets (with lids) of date leaves and our Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would do trade. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 4, pp. 228)*

Dear Islamic brothers! It has been learnt that the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ also did trade and industry to earn Halal sustenance. There is no doubt that the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ are free of every kind of evil and sin. If evils had to be committed in trade or it had any evil, then the blessed Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ would definitely not have joined it. As a matter of fact, evils and corruption are not in business, but rather they are in our own characters. For their prevention, Shari'ah has fixed the yardstick of permissible and impermissible and Halal and Haraam, so that no Muslim may become a victim of injustice nor could anyone be deprived of their rights. Therefore, those,

who act upon these commandments, succeed in this world and the Hereafter and those who do not pay attention to these commandments and without distinguishing between Halal and Haraam act upon the desires of their Nafs, ultimately fail in this world and in the Hereafter.

## Which profession is superior?

In his book '*Islami Zindagi*' [Islamic Life], Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has mentioned: It is a big crime to remain idle, and to join an impermissible profession is a graver sin than that. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has given us hands and feet etc. to work, not to leave them idle. Likewise, the profession (for e.g.) of stopping the supply of grain when it is needed is Makruh. The business of Haraam things is Haraam such as playing songs, dancing, rearing of hawks, rearing of fighting quails (animal fights), etc. Similarly, the professions of giving false evidence, the business of wine such as selling and getting it sold or buying and getting it bought etc. are all Haraam. (*Islami Zindagi*, pp. 144)

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## Business practice of the blessed companions

Dear Islamic brothers! If we have a look at the blessed biography of the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ, everywhere we will see the Madani parables of piety and abstinence and their desire to attain the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Sayyiduna Qatadah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said that the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ would do trade, but when they had to carry out any right of the rights of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, then their trade did not prevent them from making the Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and they would perform it. (*Sahih Bukhari*, vol. 2, pp. 9, Taht-al-Bab: 11)

Discussing the same practice of the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, in His sacred book the Holy Quran, has stated:

رَجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ تِجَارَةٌ وَلَا بَيْعٌ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَإِقَامِ الصَّلَاةِ وَإِيتَاءِ الزَّكَاةِ

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** By men whom neither trade nor business diverts from the remembrance of Allah and performing of Salah and paying of the Zakah. (Part 18, Surah An-Noor, verse 37)

Sayyiduna Ibn Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ saw that those working in the market used to leave their (business) goods as they heard the Azan and went for Salah. Upon this he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has revealed the verse, 'رَجَالٌ لَا تُلْهِهِمْ' in favour of these people. (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 9, pp. 222, Hadees 9079)

Dear Islamic brothers! Just ponder over beauty of Islam in the past, when Muslims were the embodiments of piety & abstinence. People used to trade for Halal earnings by abstaining from dishonesty and deception etc. Therefore, following in the footsteps of our pious predecessors we too should do trade as per Shar'i principles. In the light of the blessed Hadees, let's analyse what the principles of commerce are and what the attributes of a successful businessman should be in Islam.

## How should a trader be?

Sayyiduna Mu'aaz Bin Jabal رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Undoubtedly the most purified earning is of those businessmen who do not tell a lie when they speak, do not act deceitfully when they are entrusted with something, do not break a promise when they make one; when they buy something they do not find faults with it, when they sell something, they do not praise it excessively, when they have to pay somebody something, they do not become lazy in paying it and when somebody has to pay them something, they do not become strict in its collection. (Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 4, pp. 221, Hadees 4854)

Remember! It is a great crime and a huge breach of trust to deceive someone else or to tell a lie in either business or any other matters.

Sayyiduna Sufyan Bin Aseed Hadrami رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that he heard the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying: It is a huge breach of trust that you say something to your brother and he is considering you to be truthful in it, though you are lying to him. *(Abu Dawood, vol. 4, pp. 381, Hadees 4971)*

Likewise, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: The ones, who are buying and selling, have the authority until they finalize the deal. If during making a deal they speak the truth and mention the truth, blessing is put in their goods and if they conceal and tell untruths, then perhaps they may earn some profit, but will lose the blessing of their goods, because a false oath makes a thing sell, but removes the blessing.

*(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 366, Raqm 4)*

Dear Islamic brothers! When telling a lie is an absolute sin, how terrible a sin will it be to rob a Muslim by telling him a lie during buying and selling. Alas! Nowadays the act of lying abundantly is considered as a marvel and a sign of progress, whereas truth is considered a foolish thing and a hindrance in the path of progress. Even some people swear false oaths in order to sell their goods. These people should keep in mind that whatever sustenance Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has written for them in their destiny, will be provided to them. Neither speaking the truth will reduce their sustenance, nor by telling lies can they get more sustenance than what is fixed for them. However, telling lies is an act that may prove to be the cause of a huge loss of blessings and economic destruction.

No matter how much success a liar achieves, he will face punishment for those lies. For example, if he is not punished in this world, it will be his loss in the Hereafter and undoubtedly there is no loss bigger than the loss in the Hereafter. If only we could do good to our Muslim brothers and get into the habit of trusting Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the matters of sustenance! Alas! Nowadays in business matters, everywhere untruth and cheating have become widespread because people have stopped trusting in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for the fulfilment of their

needs. A successful businessman should make his mind to trust in the One and Only Allah ﷻ, Who has taken the responsibility of the livelihood of every living being, for the fulfilment of his needs.

میں جھوٹ نہ بولوں کبھی گالی نہ نکالوں  
اللہ مرض سے تُو گناہوں کے شفا دے

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The Zikr of Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is also being done besides listening to the attributes of a successful businessman. Let's listen to the faith-refreshing parable in which the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ called the sixth companion of the 'Asharah Mubashsharah, Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam with the following, رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ: 'فِدَاكَ أَبِي وَأُمِّي':

### The saying of 'فِدَاكَ أَبِي وَأُمِّي' of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin Zubayr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said that on the occasion of the battle of Ahzaab (8 Shawwal or Zul-Qa'da-til-Haraam, 5 AH) Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin Abi Salamah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and I were on duty of guarding the women. Suddenly I saw my respectable father, Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ visiting the Banu Qurayzah two or three times. Upon his return its reason was asked, he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ then replied, 'O my son! Did you really see me?' I humbly said, 'Yes!' he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked who would retrieve the news of Bani Qurayzah? That's why I carried out this service and when I reached the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, then the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ bringing his blessed parents together said, 'فِدَاكَ أَبِي وَأُمِّي' i.e. O Zubayr, may my mother and father be sacrificed upon you!  
(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 539 Hadees 3720)

تم کو تو غلاموں سے ہے کچھ ایسی مَحَبَّت  
ہے ترکِ ادب ورنہ کہیں ہم پہ فِدا ہو

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Dear Islamic brothers! Traders, in fact all of us should associate ourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and participate in the Madani activities, so that not only could we live a righteous life, but we could also have the privilege of conveying the call towards righteousness to others. A large number of people have had Madani transformations in their lives by virtue of the Madani blessing of Dawat-e-Islami. Let's listen to a Madani parable of an Islamic brother of how he associated himself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and what blessings he attained after being associated with this Madani environment.

### Madani parable

No words can express the greatness of delivering Dars from *Faizan-e Sunnat*. One brother from the Lines Area of Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi narrated: I was standing on the roof of my house when I saw an Islamic brother of Dawat-e-Islami, with a green 'Imamah on his head, giving Chowk Dars all alone by the street corner. No one was sitting there to listen to him. Even though I was far away from religion and would avoid Islamic brothers who wore green 'Imamahs, when I saw that brother giving Dars all alone, I felt bad. I went down and joined his Dars in sympathy. Joining that Dars became a source for my reformation and I became attached to the Madani environment. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, at the time of giving this statement, I am in charge of Madani In'amaat in my locality. There was a time when I used to run away from people wearing green 'Imamahs and **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, today the crown of the green 'Imamah is shining on my head.

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's listen to a few attributes of a successful businessman and the Islamic brothers who are related to this field should, in particular, make intention to have them.

## Hard work

Remember! Nothing in this world is done without hard work. Business needs hard work, skill and smartness. A lazy person can never succeed in any type of work. There is a famous saying that 'no pain no gain'; no matter how rich a businessman be he should not totally depend on his servants. He should do some work himself as well.

## Politeness

A very important attribute for a businessman in business is to be very polite. As a matter of fact, every Muslim should be polite, but for a businessman it is a must. On the other hand, people avoid an ill-mannered and ill-tempered person and if a customer goes to such a person once, he does not want to go to him again.

## Honesty

A businessman should be of good character, habits and must be honest. How can a wicked businessman who is of bad character and also earns Haraam be successful?

## Hasty or inexperienced businessman

Likewise, it is essential for a successful businessman not to be hasty and inexperienced. Some businessmen start their shops or business and want to become wealthy overnight. If things are not sold for two days or they suffer some loss, they immediately lose their heart and close their shop or business. This should not be done.

## Unnecessary expenses

An inexperienced businessman spends too much on a small business. When his small shop cannot bear so many expenses, he becomes unsuccessful. Therefore, this too should not be done. Furthermore, it is extremely essential to avoid extravagance and unnecessary expenses.

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Dear Islamic brothers! If we also want to spend our life according to the Will of Allah ﷺ and His Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and want to become a very good Muslim who lives his life according to the Shari'ah, then we should associate ourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Travel regularly with the Madani Qafilahs of the lovers of the beloved Rasool, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the peace of both worlds will be attained. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, for the circulation and propagation of Islam, Dawat-e-Islami is working in many departments. One of them is 'Majlis Traders'.

## Majlis Traders

Islam has bestowed very clear principles of business upon its believers, but unfortunately due to a lack of Islamic knowledge and the attractions of this world have prevented Muslims of today from following these golden principles. Now it is essential that someone shows these businessmen the real Islam. Therefore, under the global & non-political movement of preaching the Quran and Sunnah (Dawat-e-Islami), a department named 'Majlis Traders' has been established whose job is to provide the business community with those Islamic teachings pertaining to business, to spread the message of Dawat-e-Islami amongst them and associating them with Dawat-e-Islami to make their minds to spend their life according to the Madani aim 'I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Efforts are made to deliver Madani Dars either in the Masjid or at any suitable place as per the method prescribed by Madani Markaz for the achievement of the Madani aim and for creating a Madani environment in the market places.

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

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Manners of business

Dear Islamic brothers! Likewise, it is essential for a successful businessman to become aware of the rules and manners of business. Many of the manners are such that it is compulsory for a trader to act upon them as per the Shari'ah. Therefore, let's listen to a few manners of business from page 184 of *Siraat-ul-Jinan*, volume 2, so that a businessman may not be deprived of blessings by displeasing Allah ﷺ through making any kind of Shar'i mistakes.

1. A businessman should refresh his good intentions in his heart daily in the morning: I will go to the market to fulfil my family members' needs with Halal earnings, so that they become independent of people and I may get enough leisure time that I worship Allah ﷻ and continue to follow the path of the Hereafter. This intention should also be made that I will be kind, sincere and honest with people, I will ask people to carry out good deeds, prevent them from evils and I will investigate those who act deceitfully.
2. A businessman should know how to check counterfeit and genuine notes. He should neither accept counterfeit notes nor should he give it to anyone else so that the right of Muslims is not wasted.
3. If someone gives a counterfeit note (and the one he has given has not been found) then it should not be given to another person {and if the one who has given it is found then (getting the original amount back from him) he should not be given the counterfeit note back either}, it should rather be torn and thrown away so that he may not cheat any other person.

4. He should not praise his goods excessively as it is an untruth and an act of deception. If a buyer already knows the qualities of his goods, then there is no real need in the seller praising the goods, as this is unnecessary.
5. If a defect is found in the goods that is good, then it should not be concealed from the customer, otherwise he will be an oppressor and a sinner.
6. No one should be deceived in weight and measurement, a businessman should weigh and measure accurately.
7. A businessman should not deceive anyone else in the price, concealing the original price.
8. He should not make too much profit, even though a buyer agrees to this injustice due to any compulsions.
9. He should buy the goods from the poor at a high price, so that they can be pleased, such as the yarn of the widow and the fruit which has been obtained or bought from the poor because such an act of overlooking is superior to even Sadaqah.
10. He should pay off his debt to the creditor before the creditor asks for it. Instead of calling him he should visit him to pay off his debt.
11. The worldly market should not prevent him from the market of the Hereafter (i.e. the Masjid).
12. He should try not to stay too long in the market.

*(Kimiya-e-Sa'adat, vol. 1, pp. 326-340)*

بچا یا الہی بچا یا الہی

گدائے مدینہ بنا یا الہی

مجھے مال و دولت کی آفت نے گھیرا

نہ دے جاہ و حشمت نہ دولت کی کثرت

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Money should be earned by any means

Dear Islamic brothers! The above-mentioned Madani pearls are great methods of increasing sustenance and for the progress of a country and nation. The blessed companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ, pious predecessors and saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى possessed these attributes in every field of their practical life. For these blessed dignitaries the meaning of economic prosperity was not this at all in which no matter how much loss a country and nation suffers, no matter how poor a Muslim brother becomes financially, my financial conditions should be better, my personal property and wealth should be increased. They never tolerated this that they should consider other Muslims' wealth the foundation stone of their property after making them penniless by any means whether permissible or impermissible, because those holy people would not accept today's businessmen's notion that '*money should be earned by any means*', but they used to be true well-wishers of their Muslim brothers and used to consider the loss of Muslims to be their own loss. Therefore, keeping in mind the sayings of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and the practices of the pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى during business we should also awaken the passion for doing good to Muslims.

میرا دل پاک ہو سرکار دُنیا کی مَحَبَّت سے  
مجھے ہو جائے نفرت کاش آقا مال و دولت سے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Study the 68-page booklet named '*Aslaf ka Andaz-e-Tijarat*' [Business Manners of the Pious Predecessors], published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami for further information on trade. This booklet can also be read online or downloaded for free from the website of Dawat-e-Islami: [www.dawateislami.net](http://www.dawateislami.net)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The program of '*Ahkam-e-Tijarat*' [Rulings on Business] is broadcast on Madani Channel, a 100 per cent Islamic channel of Dawat-e-

Islami. It is the best program to learn Shar’i rulings on business. Watching this program will also teach you Islamic business principles, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ*.

## Take part in the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! Take part in the 12 Zayli Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami with enthusiasm for propagating the call towards righteousness. One of these Madani works is called ‘Chowk Dars’ (Dars at a busy square). Remember! In Chowk Dars, ‘Ilm-e-Deen (Islamic teachings) are conveyed and similarly, Chowk Dars is a brilliant source of ‘*أَمْرٌ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهْيٌ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ*’ and it brings uncountable blessings with it.



Dear Islamic brothers! Let us listen to a few excellences of Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin ‘Awwam *رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ*:

1. The Holy Prophet *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* has said, ‘Every Prophet had a Hawaari (disciple), and my Hawaari is Zubayr.’
2. The Noble Prophet *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* has stated: O Zubayr! This is Jibra`eel; he greets you and says he would remain with you on the Day of Qiyamah, he would not even let a spark of Hell reach you.

*(Tareekh-e-Madinah, vol. 18, pp. 370)*

3. The Noble Prophet *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* has stated: Talhah and Zubayr (*رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا*) will be my neighbours in Jannah.

*(Tareekh-e-Madinah, vol. 18, pp. 391)*

4. Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyiduna ‘Umar *رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ* has stated, ‘Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin ‘Awwam *رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ* is one of the pillars of the Deen.’

*(Tareekh Damishq, vol. 18, pp. 396)*

5. Umm-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyidatuna ‘Aishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has stated, ‘(Sayyiduna) Zubayr Bin ‘Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is amongst those, about whom, the Glorious Quran says: These are the people, despite being injured they presented themselves on the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.’ (Tareekh-e-Madinah, vol. 18, pp. 358)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! Today we have heard about the successful businessman Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin ‘Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. We have heard that a successful businessman is he who does trade with good intentions, does trade by Halal and permissible manners, learns Shar’i Islamic principles of business, does business for his small children and old parents, does not speak lies, but speaks the truth. A successful businessman is honest, not deceitful. His business does not prevent him from offering Salah, observing fasts, performing Haj, paying Zakah etc. He does permissible trade in a permissible manner, keeps his promises, does not find faults with the goods at the time of purchasing them, does not excessively praise goods at the time of selling them, does not become lazy in paying his back his debts.

A successful businessman is that person who is active, not lazy, polite, not hasty, who exposes the defects of his goods himself at the time of selling it. He does not inaccurately weigh and measure; he asks to do good and prevents from evils; he neither accepts fake notes nor does he give fake notes to anyone else. If someone gives him a fake note, he discards it. He buys the goods from the poor at a high price, and sells goods to them at a low price. He pays off his debts to the creditor before the creditor asks for it. He does not pay off his debts after calling the person, but rather he goes to that person to pay off his debts. A successful businessman is he who the worldly market does not prevent from the market of the Hereafter (i.e. the Masajid); he is not a servant of wealth, but a servant of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the true slave of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

May Allah ﷺ bestow us with life and death according to His Will! May Allah ﷺ be pleased with us forever and may we succeed in this world and the Hereafter!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I would like to mention the excellence of Sunnah as well as some miscellaneous manners about the Holy Quran. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah ﷺ has said, 'Whoever loves my Sunnah, loves me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah.'

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

سینہ تری سُنَّتْ کا مدینہ بنے آقا جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Miscellaneous Madani pearls

1. It is an etiquette to keep the Holy Quran in a case or in a cover. Muslims have been acting upon this since the time of the Sahabah and Tabi'een  
*رحمى الله عنهم أجمعين. (Bahar-e-Shari'at, part 12, pp. 139)*
2. One of the etiquettes of the Holy Quran is to refrain from turning one's back towards it, spreading out the legs towards it, putting the feet higher than it, and being on a higher surface than it. *(Ibid)*
3. If the Holy Quran accidentally falls from someone's hands or table onto the floor, there is no sin for him nor is any Kaffarah [expiation] required.

4. If somebody **مَعَادَ اللّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** throws the Holy Quran onto the floor with the intention of disrespect, or puts his feet on the Holy Quran with the intention of disrespect; he will become a Kafir.
5. A statement made in the words of a vow (Qasam) or oath whilst holding the Holy Quran in the hands or placing the hand onto the Holy Quran is recognized as a severe oath (Qasam). However, if someone says something without uttering specific words of a vow/oath while holding the Holy Quran in his hands or placing his hand onto the Holy Quran, the vow (Qasam) will not be established in this case nor will any Kaffarah [expiation] be required. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah – referenced, vol. 13, pp. 574-575)*
6. Even if there are many Qurans stocked in a Masjid, and not all of them are being used; and some are wearing out; it is impermissible to sell them and to spend the price in the affairs of the Masjid. However, such Qurans may be distributed to be placed into other Masajid and Islamic schools. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah – referenced, vol. 16, pp. 164)*
7. If the Holy Quran has worn out and it becomes difficult to recite from it and there is a fear that its pages can get separated and be lost, so it after being wrapped in a purified cloth should be buried at a proper place and a Lahad be made in its burial (i.e. an abyss facing Qiblah should be dug so deep that all the sacred pages can be placed into it) so that earth could not fall on them (or after placing into the ditch) a flat piece of wood be placed as a roof on the ditch and then earth should be put so that it can be safe from the earth.
8. If the Holy Quran has worn out, it should not be burnt.

*(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 3, pp. 495, Maktaba-tul-Madinah, Karachi)*

میں ادب قرآن کا ہر حال میں کرتا رہوں  
ہر گھڑی اے میرے مولیٰ تجھ سے میں ڈرتا رہوں

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.

مجھ کو جذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پروردگار  
سُنّتوں کی تربیت کے قافلے میں بار بار

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The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and Du'as 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 وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رضي الله تعالى عنه that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم 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 اللَّهُ 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 Saawi عليه رحمه الله الهادي 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 ﷺ], and the Holy Prophet ﷺ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq 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 ﷺ 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 الْبَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(*Attargheeb Wattarheeb*, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees 31)

### 1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet ﷺ 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 اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ  
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

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