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How should Father Give his Children Upbringing?

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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ وَ الصَّلٰوةُ وَ السَّلَامُ عَلٰى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ
اَمَّا بَعْدُ فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ ؕ بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ؕ

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اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُوْلَ الله وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا حَبِيْبَ الله
اَلصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ الله وَعَلٰى اٰلِكَ وَاَصْحٰبِكَ يَا نُوْرَ الله

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْاِعْتِكَافِ

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

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

Excellence of Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Rasool of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said: 'اَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِيْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ اَكْثَرُهُمْ عَلَيَّ صَلَاةً' The person, who would have recited Salat more than others upon me, amongst the people will be the closest to me on the Day of Judgement.

(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 27, Hadees 484)

Regarding the abovementioned blessed Hadees, a renowned commentator, a great thinker of the Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has stated: On the Day of Judgement, the person who is blessed with the company of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم will be most comfortable one and the means of attaining the companionship of the Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

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is to recite Salat upon him abundantly. This Hadees teaches us that reciting Salat upon the Noble Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم is an excellent deed. All good deeds are sources to attain Jannah, whereas reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi is a source of attaining the companionship of the Owner of Jannah صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 2, pp. 100)*

یا نبی! تجھ پہ لاکھوں دُرُود و سلام اِس پہ ہے ناز مجھ کو ہوں تیرا غلام
اپنی رحمت سے تُو شاہِ خیرالانام مجھ سے عاصی کا بھی ناز بردار ہے

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّی اللّٰہ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'نِیَّۃُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَیْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِہٖ' *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 as I sit in Tashahhud 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.

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4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.

5. When I hear صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب, اُذْكُرُوا اللّٰه, تُوْبُوْا اِلَى اللّٰه, 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.

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Dear Islamic brothers! Islam has given the father a prominent and distinguished status. A father is such a great blessing for his children that its example is not found. However, where Islam has highlighted the respect and importance of a father, it has also given some responsibilities to him as a father. One of the most important responsibilities of a father is 'to give his children a good upbringing'. Therefore, today we will be privileged to hear some Madani pearls about this topic. Firstly let us listen to a parable.

My son has hit me

A person came to the Islamic scholar of Samarqand, Sayyiduna Abu Hafs رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه and said: My son has beaten me and annoyed me. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه surprisingly asked him: Does a son ever hit his father? That person replied: Yes! It has really happened. Abu Hafs رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه asked the man: Have you given him education and taught him manners? He gave a negative reply. Abu Hafs رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه then asked him: Have you taught him the Holy Quran? He again gave a negative reply. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه asked him: Then what does he do? That man replied: He does farming.

Abu Hafs رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه said: Do you know why he has beaten you. He said: No. Abu Hafs رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه made him understand: I think in the morning when he was going towards the fields sitting on his donkey, an ox would be in front of him and a dog behind. He does not know how to recite the Holy Quran, that's

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why he would be singing something. In the meantime, you would have come in front of him; he would have considered you as a cow, so he might have hit something on your head. Give thanks to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that he has not broken your head. *(Tanbih-ul-Ghafileen, pp. 68)*

Start your children's upbringing from their childhood!

Dear Islamic brothers! This admonitory parable contains the Madani pearls of a lesson for that person who is careless in making his children aware of Islamic knowledge and giving him an Islamic upbringing. By being heedless, such a person feels that his child is very young and innocent now; he cannot distinguish between good and bad; let him grow up a bit more, then I will start teaching him manners. Such a father should not wait, rather, he must pay lots of attention to the upbringing of his child from his childhood, because the early years of a child play a vital role in the improvement for the rest of his life. Whatever good and bad thing a child learns at a very young age, remains in his mind throughout his life. If a child gets into the habit of making Salam; eating; drinking; sitting; wearing shoes and clothes etc. according to the Sunnah, then not only will they continue to have these good habits, but these good attributes will also become the habit of those children who spend their time in his company. In this way, even after becoming a grown-up, he will continue to be inclined towards good deeds and will hate sins.

Remember! Righteous children are great blessings for parents. Ambiya Kiraam عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام also used to make Du'a to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for righteous children, as the Beloved Nabi of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Sayyiduna Zakariyya عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام made Du'a for righteous children like this:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِیْ مِنْ لَّدُنْكَ ذُرِّیَّةً طَیِّبَةً ۚ اِنَّكَ سَمِیْعُ الدُّعَآءِ ﴿۳۸﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: My Lord! Give me from Yourself a righteous child; indeed You only are the Listener of Prayer. *(Part 3, Aal-e-'Imran, Ayah 38)*

Likewise, for his future generations, Sayyiduna Ibraheem Khaleelullah عَلٰى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام made Du'a that they become righteous. It is stated:

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رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِیْ مُقِیْمَ الصَّلٰوةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّیَّتِیْ ۖ رَبَّنَا وَ تَقَبَّلْ دُعَآءِ ﴿۴۰﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O my Lord! Maintain me as one who establishes Salah, and some of my descendants; O our Lord! and accept my prayer. *(Part 13, Surah Ibraheem, Ayah 40)*

Consequence of not providing a good upbringing!

Dear Islamic brothers! Just ponder, how great a blessing are righteous children, even the Ambiya Kiraam عَلَیْہِمُ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام made Du'a for righteous children. Righteous children give comfort and pleasure to their parents. In their childhood, they become a joy for the parents, a coolness to the eyes in their youth and support by serving them in their old age. All these things are possible when a father gives his children a Madani upbringing according to Islamic values and rules by exercising his responsibility. But unfortunately, today in our society, a father, instead of giving his child Islamic education and teaching him manners, he is more worried about giving him worldly education so that he can become a famous person and earn a lot of money. Perhaps, it is because of this reason that the good manners and character of our new generation has been destroyed. There is no respect for the young and the elderly. The rights of relatives, neighbours, ordinary Muslims even parents are also being violated.

Today, the son, for whose bright future his father spent a lot of money, considers his father worthless and useless after his retirement. He even considers insignificant things of his father to be extremely bad. Sometimes these spoilt children do not let this old father live with them and admit him into an old house where he lives a miserable life away from his own home and finally meets death. If the father is rich and becomes old, then these young children quarrel with him and abuse him in order to get his property registered in their own names. Sometimes, for the sake of money and property they even cross all the limits of cruelty and do not avoid killing their parents. Surely, one of the main reasons for all these things is not giving children a Madani upbringing according to Islamic rules. Let's listen to a parable in this regard.

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An admonitory parable

A trader went abroad for earning a livelihood, leaving his home and family. He kept earning and sending money to his home. All of a sudden, one day, he was informed that his wife had passed away. He immediately returned his country. When he asked about the reason, he learnt that his wife was killed by his own son who was the only son of the trader. Too much love and affection and abundance of wealth had spoilt his habits to such an extent that he became a drug addicted person in the company of bad friends. When his mother learnt about the bad activities of her only son, she stopped giving him money. When he did not get money even after his insistence, he exploded with rage and repeatedly stabbed his mother to death on the spot.

Though he looked after his mother well, but all the passion of obedience and looking after mother came to an end when he did not get money for addiction. Due to this crime, he was sent to jail. When his father went to the jail to meet his only son, the son said to him, 'If you had given me good upbringing instead of only earning money and had protected me from the bad company, you would not have seen this day today. Don't you think it is because of you I am here?'

جو کچھ بھی ہیں سب اپنے ہی ہاتھوں کے ہیں کرتُوت
شِکوہ ہے زمانے کا نہ قسمت کا گِلا ہے
دیکھے ہیں یہ دن اپنی ہی غفلت کی بدولت
سچ ہے کہ بُرے کام کا انجام بُرا ہے

تُوْبُوْا اِلَی اللّٰہ اَسْتَغْفِرُ اللّٰہ
صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! This parable contains admonition for the people who give full freedom to their children or assign their children's responsibility to some other person by saying things like: *Please take care of my children; there*

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should not be anything short for them. They do not pay any attention to their children's upbringing as they pay their full attention to only accumulating wealth. The same children then not only become the cause of their grief in the world, but they also become a cause of their disgrace and insult in the Hereafter and make them deserving of Hell.

Unfortunate father!

Faqeeh Abul Lays Samarqandi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَیْه has narrated: The people who are first related to a man are his wife and children; they all (i.e. the wife and children, on the Day of Judgement Day), will humbly say in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, 'O our Lord عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Make this person compensate for our right, because he never educated us with religious teachings, and he provided us with Haraam sustenance and we were unaware of this.' The person then will be beaten so severely for earning Haraam sustenance that his flesh will come off his bones.

Then he will be brought to the Balance [i.e. Meezan] where angels will bring his good deeds equivalent to a mountain. Then, one of his family members will step forward and say, 'I am short of good deeds', and will take some of them. Then another person from his family will say, 'You made me eat [sustenance] from usury [i.e. interest]', and he will also take some of his good deeds. In this way, his family members will take all of his good deeds. Then he will say, turning his face towards his wife and children in grief and despair, 'Alas! Now I have the burden of those sins and acts of cruelty which I committed for you.' The angels will announce, 'He is (the unfortunate) person whose family has taken all of his good deeds and he has entered Hell because of them.' *(Qurra-tul-'Uyoon, pp. 401)*

اِلٰہی جہنّم سے آزاد کر دے میں فِردوس میں داخلہ مانگتا ہوں

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! It will be good for the worldly life and the Hereafter of parents if they give their children a good upbringing according to the Shari'ah

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and Sunnah from the very beginning. The way different safety measures are adopted for taking care of children's health, they are protected from filthy and dirty places for keeping them safe from diseases, similarly, parents should also protect them from bad environments and provide them with good company. The obstacles, which come in the way of their reformation and Madani upbringing, should be removed and they should be taught good manners.

The Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said: Treat your children well and try to teach them good manners.

(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 4, pp. 189, Hadees 3671)

Likewise, it is stated in another blessed Hadees, 'No father has given anything to his child that is better than good manners.'

(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, pp. 383, vol. 3, Hadees 1959)

Righteous children are helpful for parents in the grave

A great thinker of the Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has said: Good manners mean to make a child religious and pious. What else can be a better gift for children than this! These things are helpful in this world and the Hereafter. Parents should not only make their children rich before departing from this life, but they should also make them religious, and that will also help them in their graves as the reward of good deeds of living children are given to the dead in their graves. *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 6, pp. 565)*

Surely, righteous children are beneficial for parents even after their death. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said, 'When a person dies, then all his deeds are discontinued except for three deeds – (1) Permanent source of Divine reward (2) the knowledge by which benefit can be obtained from and (3) the righteous children who make Du'a for him.'

(Sahih Muslim, pp. 886, Hadees 1631; Khaza`in-ul-'Irfan, pp. 593)

It is stated in another blessed Hadees that undoubtedly, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will elevate the rank of a righteous person in Paradise. He will say: O my Rab! From where have I got this rank? Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will say: Your son has made Du'a for your forgiveness, therefore you have attained this rank.

(Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 440, Hadees 2354)

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سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! May I be sacrificed for the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! By virtue of the son, his father is being blessed. If we also want our children to become the source of our salvation in the Hereafter, besides being obedient to us in this world, then we should not only associate ourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, but we should also get our children enrolled in Madrasa-tul-Madinah, Dar-ul-Madinah and Jami'a-tul-Madinah for their better education and Madani upbringing. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will see the Madani results for yourself.

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

1. Unnecessary pampering and love

Dear Islamic brothers! Now let's listen to a few Madani pearls about the upbringing of children through which we can give our children the correct Madani upbringing. A major reason for a child being spoilt is that his father fulfils all his desires since his childhood. As a result, he becomes stubborn and habitual of getting approval of whatever he wants. This is harmful because sometimes due to a compulsion, if the father is unable to fulfil his desire, he starts weeping and crying and the father willingly or unwillingly has to fulfil his demand.

When a child develops this mind-set—the one who weeps succeeds— it then becomes his habit to get new demands fulfilled by crying and weeping bitterly. Thus, instead of this thing being controlled, it increases further. Therefore, the solution to this problem is that parents should avoid fulfilling all the demands of their children by considering themselves powerless before their excessive stubbornness.

2. Keep a watchful eye on children!

Likewise, another responsibility of a father is to keep a watchful eye on his child so that he may know whose company his child has, but at present, people do not pay attention to this. Some people have also been heard saying: *The environment of our home is very good; we have given our children a good*

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upbringing; we believe that our children will not go on the wrong path. Perhaps, the environment of your home is good, but how can he get the home-like environment in the school or college where he goes to or among the friends of his area (that have good and bad friends) with whom he spends his time? However, the father presumes that his child is very good, but in fact, his intelligent child has been drowned into a world of crime after being trapped in the company of bad friends. The father only realizes when his son is arrested and thrown into jail due to being in a brothel or due to drugs etc.

Therefore, it is not the responsibility of a father to only accumulate wealth and providing good food and every luxury of this world to his children, but it is also compulsory for him to give them Islamic education, teach them the Holy Quran, give them education of (Fard 'Uloom) mandatory branches of knowledge, teach them the love of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, try to improve their manners, attract them towards good deeds and to protect them from bad company. He will also be asked about these things on the Day of Judgement.

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Dear Islamic brothers! The parents, whose Madani children study at Madrasa-tul-Madinah or Dar-ul-Madinah, sometimes pay little attention to their upbringing because they think that their children are associated with the Madani environment, and that's why the Madani upbringing which teachers give is sufficient. Though this is correct, yet such parents should give some time to their children for Madani upbringing. From time to time, they should ask their children about their studies and whatever they have learnt. How was the manner of upbringing of our pious saints? Let's have the privilege of receiving some Madani pearls of Madani upbringing from the following parable.

Allah is watching me!

Sayyiduna Sahl Bin 'Abdullah Tustari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه has stated, 'When I was three years old I used to get up in the night and see my maternal uncle, Sayyiduna

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Muhammad Bin Sawaar رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه offer Salah. One day, he asked me, 'Do you not remember Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ who has created you?' I asked, 'How should I remember Him?' He replied, 'At night, before you go to bed, imagine as if you are uttering the following sentences thrice in your heart without moving your tongue:

اَللّٰهُ مَعِیَ ۝ اَللّٰهُ نَاظِرٌ اِلَیَّ ۝ اَللّٰهُ شَاهِدِی

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is with me, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is watching me, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is my witness.'

Sayyiduna Sahl رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه further said: I recited these sentences for a few nights and then informed my uncle of it. He asked me to repeat them seven times. I did as was advised and informed him again after a few nights. He then instructed me to recite them eleven times, so I did as was instructed, and this time I felt the pleasure of those words in my heart. After a year, my uncle advised, 'Continue to recite what I have taught you until you reach your grave. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, This will benefit you in the worldly life as well as in the afterlife.'

Sayyiduna Sahl Bin 'Abdullah Tustari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه further stated, 'Doing Zikr in solitude, I continued to recite these words for many years until I felt its great spiritual pleasure in my heart. One day, my uncle asked, 'O Sahl! Can a person disobey Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, whereas Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is with him, sees him and is his witness? No, certainly not! Therefore, refrain from sins.'

(Ar-Risala-tul-Qushayriyyah, pp. 39)

Dear Islamic brothers! You have just heard as to how Sayyiduna Muhammad Bin Muhammad Bin Sawaar رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه had given his nephew a Madani upbringing. He gave him Madani pearls without scolding him: Do you not remember Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who has created you? The nephew was so practicing that he started acting upon the Madani pearl by accepting it from the bottom of his heart, given to him by his uncle and by virtue of acting upon the Madani pearl, he was blessed with great spiritual blessings and Tajalliyyat. Of course! This fortunate Madani child, later on, became a pious saint. The

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world still remembers him by the name, Sayyiduna Sahl Bin Abdullah Tustari رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه and his blessings are still being received. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy on him and forgive us without any accountability for his sake!

اٰمِيْن بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

The Madani Guldastahs (short clips) of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه for the Madani upbringing of children are broadcasted, from time to time, on Madani Channel as well so that after seeing them we may also learn how to properly rear children. This means that Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه is teaching those who teach manners to their children. That's why we should also watch Madani Channel and in particular we must participate the weekly Madani Muzakarahs from beginning to end. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, besides learning how to give Madani upbringing to children we will also gain lots of Madani pearls about Islamic knowledge.

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Who will be answerable to whom?

Remember! If we do not give our children a good upbringing due to our heedlessness, we will be accountable for this in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ on the Day of Judgement. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم has said: All of you are Nigrans (custodians) and everyone will be asked about his dependants/ subjects/subordinates. The king is a Nigran (custodian) who will be asked about his subjects. A man is the Nigran (custodian) of his family. He will be asked about his family. A woman is the Nigran (custodian) of the house of her husband and his offspring. She will be asked about them.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 159, Hadees 2554)

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Misuse of mobile phones, tablet, PC and TV

Dear Islamic brothers! Give your children a Madani upbringing to protect yourself from this responsibility on the Day of Judgement and do not forget the causes that spoil them. For example, nowadays mobile phones, tablets, PCs, TV etc. are used wrongly especially via the internet and these are reasons of destroying and spoiling the new generation. In the beginning, parents themselves buy these things for their children by thinking why should they deprive their children of these technologies of the modern age, but when children spend lots of money on them, do not sleep properly at night and commit lots of sins due to these things, their parents then realize their mistake, but it is useless to cry over spilt milk.

Now, if a father wants his children to stop using these filthy things, his children do not want to stop using them. Therefore, if children have to be given these modern things according to their needs, they should also be informed about their abuses in a polite and loving manner. They should be taught the correct use of them; if necessary they should be given a simple mobile phone and should be persuaded to visit the website of Dawat-e-Islami (www.dawateislami.net) via the internet.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Through this website not only can the Holy Quran, translation of Kanz-ul-Iman and commentaries, books and booklets consisting of reformative topics in Urdu, English, Arabic, Hindi, Gujrati and 36 different languages of the world be studied online, but they can also be downloaded for free. In addition to this, Madani Muzakarahs of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه consisting of interesting answers to different questions, Sunnah-inspiring speeches of Nigran-e-Shura and preachers of Dawat-e-Islami, hymns and Na'ats, Manqabats and Madani Guldastahs (short clips) full of relevant Islamic information is also available.

Furthermore, online Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat can be contacted for seeking guidance on Shar'i rulings. For the consolation of grief-stricken people and for spiritual treatments, one can get Ta'wizat-e-Attariyyah, Online Kaat and have Istikharah as well. Al-Madinah Library Software is also available in the form of software which can be installed in computers and through the benefit of the searching option, one can obtain more than 200 books and booklets. In

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addition to these, through the software of Salah timings one can receive the timings of Salah of different countries and cities as well. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to protect ourselves from the abuse of these technologies of the modern age and to protect our children from sins!

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بنا دے مجھے نیک نیکوں کا صدقہ گُناہوں سے ہر دَم بچا یا اِلٰہی

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Reform in a soft tone

Dear Islamic brothers! Keep this Madani pearl in mind as well regarding the Madani upbringing of children that if they have to be reformed after they have made a mistake, they should be advised lovingly and affectionately, as too much strictness also causes children to become stubborn. Our incorrect manner of advice can also become a hurdle in the way of their upbringing. It may also happen that some people become good-mannered and soft only for friends, and spend lots of money on serving food and giving gifts to them, but when the time of advising family members, children in particular, comes then some people become very strict.

Sometimes, their tone is very soft, but utterances are extremely harsh and full of criticism, causing their children to have an ill opinion of them and to become stubborn instead of being reformed. Therefore, instead of frightening, threatening and beating children, they should be advised affectionately and delicately. In this way, whatever we advise will be effective and they will also become obedient, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

ہے فلاح و کامرانی نرمی و آسانی میں

ہر بنا کام بِگڑ جاتا ہے نادانی میں

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

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Do not scold them in front of everyone

Take this precaution while giving a good upbringing to your children that they should not be advised loudly or scolded in front of others as there is a strong possibility of hurting their hearts due to this manner and whatever is said to them may become ineffective. Advising a child in this manner can also cause him to become stubborn. Therefore, whenever you get a chance, advise your child in private. Sayyiduna Abu Darda رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُ has said: The one who advises his brother in front of everyone, insults his brother, and the one who advises his brother in private, adorns (reforms) him.

(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, pp. 112, Hadees 7441)

Beautifully teaching us the manner of someone's Madani upbringing, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَکَاتُہُمُ الْعَالِیَہ has stated:

تُو نرمی کو اپنانا جھگڑے مٹانا
رہے گا سَدا خوشنُما مدنی ماحول
تُو غصّے جِھڑکنے سے بچنا وگرنہ
یہ بدنام ہو گا تِرا مدنی ماحول

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Make Du'a with warmth of feeling

Dear Islamic brothers! In addition to the manners of the Madani upbringing of children, make Du'a from the bottom of your heart for your children that they become pious and righteous. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰہ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, your sincere efforts will certainly produce a positive result and the children will become pious and righteous by virtue of your Du'a.

It is stated in a blessed Hadees: There is no doubt in the acceptance of three Du'as: (1) Du'a of an oppressed person (2) Du'a of a traveller and (3) curse of a father for his son. *(Jami' Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 363, Hadees 1912)*

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Dear Islamic brothers! Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه, filled with the passion for the service of the Muslim Ummah, gives Madani pearls on different occasions. These Madani pearls are so precious that if we sincerely act upon them, we will see their positive results. Of course! If you also want, you can have the privilege to live your life according to these Madani pearls. It is hoped that by the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, our life will also be blessed with their Madani effect, in addition to the healthy upbringing of children.

At the end of the 72 Madani In'amaat booklet, '19 Madani pearls of creating a Madani environment at home' are mentioned. You too should study them. اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will attain lots of blessings from these Madani pearls.

From these 19 Madani pearls, an Ayah of the Holy Quran is mentioned in Madani pearl number 15. It states: Recite this Du'a once after every Salah with Salat before and after, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, your wife and children will punctually follow the Sunnah and a Madani environment will be developed at home.' (The Du'a is as follows:)

[اَللّٰهُمَّ] رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ اَزْوَاجِنَا
وَ ذُرِّيّٰتِنَا قُرَّةَ اَعْيُنٍ وَّ اجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِيْنَ اِمَامًا ﴿۷۴﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O Our Lord, soothe our eyes with our wives and our children, and make us leader of the pious. *(Part 19, Al-Furqan, Ayah 74)*

Note: (اَللّٰهُمَّ) is not part of the Quranic Ayah.

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First do your own upbringing

Dear Islamic brothers! The most important thing in the Madani upbringing of children is the deeds of their father which he acts upon. If the father wants to give his child a good upbringing, he must firstly rectify his own deeds and character, because the goal of giving children an upbringing according to the Islamic method can only be achieved when parents and other members of the family also strictly follow the Shari'ah, offer Salah and observe Siyam regularly, recite the Holy Quran, avoid watching films, dramas and sinful channels, avoid the spiritual diseases like lies, tale-bearing and backbiting etc., they must also follow the different Sunnahs in eating, drinking, walking, in short, in every walk of their life. But Alas! Nowadays, by being impressed by fashion and the customs of western culture and enemies, fathers feel proud to act like them, they feel proud to wear a pants and shirt with a hat instead of wearing the Islamic attire, mothers have also forsaken Pardah (veiling) and have started wandering in the streets, markets without any Pardah (veiling), they have become the causes of unlawful gazing by wearing tight clothing in the name of fashion. Not only do parents watch dancing, songs, films and dramas full of immodesty and obscenities, but they also let their children watch these things with them, without feeling any bit of hesitation.

Now the condition of children's education and upbringing is that instead of providing them with Islamic education, parents do not feel ashamed in providing them with education in the environments of western-cultured institutions of coeducation.

Remember, the bad deeds of parents, love for western culture and the violation of moral values in the name of enlightenment are surely some of the biggest reasons for children being spoilt and rebellious.

Therefore, parents should firstly correct their own practices, offer Salah and observe Siyam regularly, love the Sunnahs of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم and try to act upon them. When our children find us occupied with good deeds, they will also be inclined towards them, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

The benefit of giving an Islamic upbringing to children will bring comfort and peace, respect and honour in this world and in the Hereafter, and then not only

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shall we be released from the responsibility of children's upbringing in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by His mercy, but we will also gain reward, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Madani Qafilah - One of the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! The Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global non-political movement of preaching Quran and Sunnah, is not less than a blessing for those who want to become righteous, protect themselves from evils and make their children righteous. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by virtue of the blessing of this Madani environment, one gets motivated to protect himself from sins and to perform righteous deeds. We should also spread the call towards righteousness and participate in the 12 Madani activities of the Zayli Halqah by associating ourselves with this Madani environment. One of the 12 monthly Madani activities is to travel with a 3-day Madani Qafilah. By virtue of the blessing of Madani Qafilahs, not only does one offer five-time Salahs and Nawafil daily, but he also learns beautiful Sunnahs of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, thus, he gets the opportunity of gaining Islamic knowledge.

It is a great virtue to travel for Islamic knowledge. The Rasool of Rahmah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said: The person, who leaves his home to seek knowledge, is in the way of Allah until he returns. *(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 294, Raqm 2656)*

By virtue of the blessing of Madani Qafilah, one receives the passion for the reformation and Madani upbringing of children along with his own reformation. Let's listen to another Madani parable of a Madani Qafilah for persuasion.

Madani parable

Here is a summary of a wonderful parable narrated by an Islamic brother from Maharashtra, India. He has stated: Before I associated myself with Dawat-e-Islami, I was a very big sinner. I would work the whole day but would waste my hard-earned money in drinking. I would enjoy different evils, call people names, and even upset my parents and neighbours. I was also a heavy gambler and would not offer any Salah. I was heedlessly wasting the precious moments of my life.

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Luckily, I once happened to meet a responsible Islamic brother of Dawat-e-Islami. Making individual efforts, he invited me to travel with a Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilah. His sweet and sincere words touched my heart, and I accepted his invitation. I travelled with a 3-day Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilah on the spot. In the company of the devotees of Rasool, I listened to speeches from the booklets published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami.

By the blessings of the Madani Qafilah, a heavy gambler and drinker like me who did not use to offer any Salah not only started offering Salah but was also inspired to call Sada-e-Madinah (i.e. to wake up Muslims for Salat-ul-Fajr). I also have the privilege of inviting others to travel with Madani Qafilahs. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! As a result of my individual effort, 30 Islamic brothers have so far travelled with Madani Qafilah. I am now a Muazzin in a Masjid and am busy making efforts for Madani activities.

بے عمل با عمل بن گئے خاص کر　　آپ بھی دیکھ لیں قافلے میں چلو
آپ اعمالِ بد اور افعالِ بد　　سے جو بیزار ہیں، قافلے میں چلو
کر سفر آئیں گے، تو سُدھر جائیں گے　　اب نہ سُستی کریں، قافلے میں چلو

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Introduction to ‘Abu Attar’

Dear Islamic brothers! If the father or guardian who provides upbringing, is himself righteous and offers Salah, protects himself from sins and loves the Sunnah, then these good deeds will have a positive impact on his children and they will also be attracted towards good deeds. At present, the fine example of this is Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه himself. His father, Haji ‘Abdur Rahman Qaadiri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه was a good-natured and a pious man and an embodiment of the Shari’ah and Sunnah. Very often, he would walk with his gaze lowered. He had no greed for accumulating worldly wealth.

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Abu Attar Haji ‘Abdur Rahman Qaadiri Sahib used to love Masajid and would participate in their services. In 1979, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه went to Colombo (C-Lanka), the people over there were very impressed by his father, because his father was responsible for the management of the grand Hanafi Memon Masjid and served it a lot. He pledged a spiritual allegiance in the order of Aaliyyah Qadiriyyah and did the Wird of Qasidah Ghausiyyah. While staying in Colombo, the uncle (husband of the mother’s sister) of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat told him during a conversation: I saw it myself that whenever your father recited Qasidah Ghausiyyah sitting on a Charpa`ee, his Charpa`ee rose from the floor.

واہ واہ کیا ہے رُتبہ ابو عطارؔ کا

ہے کرم ان پر خدا اور میرے سرکار کا

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Death during the journey for Hajj

When Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه was an infant, his father went on the journey for Hajj in 1951 (1370 AH). During the days of Hajj in Mina many Hujjaj died due to a heatstroke. Abu Attar Haji ‘Abdur Rahman also departed this life after suffering from a minor illness on 14th Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam 1370 AH.

Dear Islamic brothers! It is a great blessing for children if his father is righteous and pious. However, due to a Hikmah of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, if he passes away before the birth of his child or whilst they are in their childhood, then by the blessings of the good deeds of the father, the children also follow the right path, though the father did not get the opportunity to bring them up.

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِیَ اللّٰہُ تَعَالٰی عَنْہُمَا has said: Undoubtedly, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by the good deeds of a human, reforms his children and the children of their children and protects him in his generation and amongst his neighbours and they all remain in Pardah and protected by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

(Tafseer Ad-Durr-ul-Mansoor, vol. 5, pp. 422)

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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The father of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Haji 'Abdur Rahman رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْه was an extremely pious and Allah-fearing saint. He was a great lover of the Sunnah. When Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat was very young, his father passed away. Despite losing the affection of his father and being deprived of his upbringing, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat became such an embodiment of fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and devotion to Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم that through his sainthood, millions of Muslims who did not offer Salah, started offering Salah, thieves and robbers repented of their sins, those who used to dishonour others, became protectors of honouring others, the criminals who were thrown into jails due to their crimes, started traveling with Madani Qafilahs in the path of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and became the preachers of spreading the Sunnah.

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Our behaviour with orphans

Dear Islamic brothers! After losing his father, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه not only became pious himself, Salah-offering and a great follower of the Sunnah, he also gave this Madani mind-set to people that 'I must strive to reform myself and the people of the entire world, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ'.

Alas! Today if a child is left as an orphan in our society, so let alone the strangers, his own relatives alienate themselves from him and then there is no one to guide him and foster him. However, they should be embraced and fostered, and the responsibility of their better education and nourishment should be taken. Remember! Loving orphan children and bearing their expenses have great virtues. Let's listen to 3 sayings of Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم:

1. Whenever an orphan sits at a dining-mat of a group of people, Satan does not come near their dining-mat.

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 8, pp. 294, Hadees 13512)

2. The best home before Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the one where an orphan is respected. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 12, pp. 296, Raqm 13434)*

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3. The person, who fosters three orphans, is like the one who worships in the night and observes Sawm (a fast) during the day and draws his sword in the morning and in the evening in the way of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Furthermore, I and he will be like brothers in Paradise as are these two sisters. And he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم brought together his forefinger (of the right hand) and the middle finger. *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 4, pp. 194, Hadees 3680)*

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to help orphans, the destitute and poor and to fulfil their needs according to our financial ability!

Summary of Speech

Dear Islamic brothers! Today, we have heard as to how a father should give his children upbringing.

- Amongst them the most important Madani pearl is that if a father himself strictly acts upon the Shari'ah and Sunnah, his children will also follow him. They will be inclined towards good deeds and will become habitual of offering Salah and observing Siyam.
- For children's upbringing, their father should study Islamic books such as 'Tarbiyyat-e-Awlad' [Children's Upbringing], 'Awlad kay Huqooq' [Rights of Children], 'Seerat-e-Mustafa' [Life History of Beloved Mustafa] and 'Seerat-e-Rasool-e-'Arabi' [Life History of Rasool-e-'Arabi].
- By reading about children's upbringing and their rights one will be able to know about the rights of children and will also become aware of the things he should teach his children.
- The manner of Mustafa's manner of children's upbringing can be learnt by reading 'Seerat-e-Mustafa' and 'Seerat-e-Rasool-e-'Arabi'.

  May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to act upon them!

اٰمِيْن بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

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Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I would like to take the opportunity to mention the excellence of Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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 سُنَّت کا مدینہ بنے آقا
جنَّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوْا عَلَى الْحَبِيْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلٰى مُحَمَّد

Sunan and manners of travelling

Dear Islamic brothers! Most of the time we travel from place to place. We should try to learn all of the Sunan and etiquettes of travelling in order to act upon them and earn rewards:

1. If possible start your journey on a Thursday because it is a Sunnah to start a journey on a Thursday. *(Ashi'a-tul-Lam'aat, vol. 5, pp. 161)*
2. If it is possible then one should travel at night because the journey is completed faster.
3. If there are many Islamic brothers travelling together, then make one the leader (Ameer).
4. Upon leaving for the journey, ask pardon of any faults from friends, family; and whoever asks to be forgiven, he should be forgiven.

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, pp. 19, vol. 6)

5. While wearing clothes that you will travel in, and if it is not a Makruh time, whosoever offers 4 Rak'aat Nafl with 'اَلْحَمْدُ وَ قُلْ' then leaves home, those Rak'aat will protect his family and wealth.

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6. Whenever we leave on a journey, we should entrust the family and wealth to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Without doubt Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the best Protector. If possible one should say the following words to the family:

اَسْتَوْدِعُكَ اللّٰهَ الَّذِیْ لَا یُضِیْعُ وَ دَائِعَهٗ

Translation: I put you in Allah's protection Who doesn't waste given debts.

(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 3, pp. 372, Hadees 2825)

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 Rasool.

عاشقانِ رسول، آئیں سنّت کے پھول

دینے لینے چلیں، قافلے میں چلو

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The 6 Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and 2 Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

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

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدِ النَّبِيِّ الْاُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيْبِ الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيْمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَصَحْبِهٖ 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 Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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 Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)*

2. All sins forgiven

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَّعَلٰى اٰلِهٖ وَسَلِّمْ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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)*

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3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلٰى 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

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِيْ عِلْمِ اللّٰهِ صَلَاةً دَآئِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللّٰهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ الْهَادِى 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. *(Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149)*

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool ﷺ

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَ تَرْضٰى لَهٗ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِیَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَنْهُم were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم said, 'When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.' *(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 125)*

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6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ اَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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 اللّٰهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ اَهْلُهٗ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِیَ اللهُ تَعَالٰی عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم 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:

لَآ اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اللّٰهُ الْحَلِيْمُ الْكَرِيْمُ

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰهِ رَبِّ السَّمٰوٰتِ السَّبْعِ وَ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيْمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيْم' and 'كَرِيْم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَان', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.

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