

Value Your Time

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

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أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ 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 Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

Shaykh Majduddeen Feerozabadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: When you sit in a gathering and recite بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ will designate an angel that will keep you from backbiting. When you depart from that gathering and recite بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ, the angel will keep others from backbiting against you. (Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 278)

گرچہ میں بے حد فُصُور تم ہو عَقُو و غَفُور

بخش دو جُرم و خطا تم پہ کرورڑوں دُرود

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ 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 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.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

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Sleeping heedlessly and excessively is waste of time

A naive person said to a Hakeem (i.e. herbalist): Describe the benefits of anything [i.e. prescribe any medicine] which makes me remain asleep even in the day time. The Hakeem replied: O so and so! How unwise you are! You are already spending half part of your life by sleeping heedlessly (at nights), whereas sleep is the other name of death. Now you want to waste further three-fourth part of your life in sleeping and then just one-fourth part of life will be left for you. That man asked: How? The Hakeem replied: Suppose you have a lifespan of 40 years, so the half of your life will be 20 years. Now you want to reduce it to just 10 years. (In other words, you are already spending 20 years of your life by sleeping at night. If you remain asleep during the day also, it means you will be spending another 10 years of your life in sleep. Now what you will have in your hand to carry out good deeds for the preparation of Hereafter are only 10 years. So, reject the idea of over-sleeping.)

(Qoot-ul-Quloob, vol. 1, pp. 474)

Advising those who waste their valuable time on fun and frolic and continue to sleep heedlessly at night, Sayyidi A'la Hadrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمۃ اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ has conveyed an important message in a couplet:

دن لہو میں گھونا تجھے شب صبح تک سونا تجھے
شرم نبی خوفِ خدا یہ بھی نہیں وہ بھی نہیں

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! You have heard how nicely the wise man advised the person who was fond of over-sleeping, and how he tried to make him think about his afterlife. Those unwise people who waste most of their time by sleeping like bedridden patients should particularly learn a lesson from the above-mentioned parable. These types of people neither care about Salah nor about the rights of their family members. Remember! Sleeping in excess is a time-wasting bad habit that causes humiliation in the world and Hereafter.

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The blessed mother رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا of Sayyiduna Sulayman Bin Dawood عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ said, 'O my son, do not sleep too much at night, for sleeping too much at night will leave a man poor on the Day of Judgement.' (*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 125, Hadees 1332*)

Shaykh-ul-Hadees, 'Allamah 'Abdul Mustafa A'zami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى said: All the pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى advised people to firmly adopt three habits: less sleeping, less speaking, and less eating. Remember that over-sleeping, excessive speaking and over-eating are all bad habits that cause loss in the world and Hereafter. (*Jannati Zaywar, pp. 125*)

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Dear Islamic brothers! Time is a great Divine favour bestowed upon all humans equally regardless of whether they are rich or poor. A rich person cannot have, for example, 27 hours instead of 24. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has bestowed 24 hours upon everyone in the day and night. Now it's up to a person whether to benefit from these precious moments of life or to waste them. After all, man is mortal and his temporary life will soon come to an end:

Abode of people

Sayyiduna Imam Hasan Basri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: O people! You go through different stages; whenever any day or night passes, it brings a stage to an end. After all of your stages have come to an end, you will reach your destination i.e., Jannah or Hell. (*Qoot-ul-Quloob, vol. 1, pp. 187*)

Dear Islamic brothers! What is actually meant by valuing time? And how can we value our time? Let's try to understand it in the light of the Glorious Quran. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said:

وَالْعَصْرِ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالْحَقِّ ۖ وَتَوَاصَوْا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٣﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: By oath of this era of yours (O dear Rasool Muhammad). Indeed man is surely in loss. Except those who accepted faith, and did good deeds and urged the truth upon one another – and urged one another to have patience. *(Part 30, Surah Al-‘Asr, Ayah 1-3)*

The renowned commentator of Glorious Quran, a great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na’eemi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: The real capital of man is his life which he is wasting by committing disbelief and sin, by indulging in heedlessness, by seeking the world and by having fun and amusement. He does not spend his life for the betterment of his Hereafter. Man is the trader and life is his shop and his deeds are the products. If the products [i.e. deeds] are good, then [it is as if] Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the buyer and Jannah is the price. If they are bad, then Satan is the buyer and Hell is the price. Price depends upon the product. *(Noor-ul-‘Irfan, pp. 994)*

Similarity between age and ice

Imam Fakhruddin Raazi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has quoted a blessed saying of a blessed saint رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ: I understood the meaning of Surah Al-‘Asr from an ice-seller, who was repeatedly calling aloud in the marketplace drawing the attention of people, ‘Have mercy on the one whose capital is melting!’ Hearing it, I said to myself: This is the meaning of ‘لَإِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿١﴾’ (Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed man is surely in a loss). Therefore, one who is spending his life uselessly will suffer loss. *(Tafseer Kabeer, vol. 11, pp. 278)*

بوئی جاتی بے ہائے عمر ضائع جانتا ہوں میں

نہیں آئے گا برگز وقت گزرا یا رسول اللہ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard how valuable every moment of our life is and how quickly this short journey of our life is ending! Therefore, wise

is the one who does not fall prey to the deception of the world. He should not value ornaments and gold more than the precious moments of his life. He should adopt piety. He should not waste his day and night in useless activities and worldly luxuries, and should not show any laziness at all in following Shari'ah. If our Nafs makes us lazy, we should rebuke it. We should refrain from Shari'ah-forbidden acts without any ifs and buts and without any delay. If we indulge in the luxuries and pleasure of this mortal world spending all of our time in them and the angel of death comes to us, then by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! We would not be allowed to say even 'سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ' once. Let's listen to an admonitory parable in this regard:

No respite even for distributing wealth

It is stated on page 389 of the 417-page book '*Ihya-ul-'Uloom ka Khulasah*': Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Bin 'Abdullah Muznee رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: A person from Bani Israel hoarded [i.e. collected] wealth. When the time of his death came near, he said to his sons: Show my wealth and possession to me. Many horses, camels and slaves were brought to him. Seeing them, he began to weep. The angel of death asked, 'Why do you weep, I would not leave until I have removed your soul.' He pleaded, 'Grant me a little time to distribute this wealth.' The angel said, 'Now you would not be granted any respite, why did you not do it before your death.' So, the angel of death removed his soul from his body.

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| تُوَ أَجَانِك مَوْتِ كَا بُوگَا شِكَارِ | بے وفا دُنیا پہ مَت کرِ اِعْتِبَارِ |
| جَان جَا کرِ ہِی رِبے گِی یَاد رَکھِ! | مَوْتِ آکرِ ہِی رِبے گِی یَاد رَکھِ! |
| کچھ نہ کام آئے گا سَرْمایہ تِرا | تیری طاقَت تیرا فَن عہدہ تِرا |
| قَبْرِ مِیں ورنہ سَزَا ہوگی کڑی | کرلے تَوْبہ رَبِّ کی رَحْمَتِ بے بڑی |

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Dear Islamic brothers! The above-mentioned parable contains Madani pearls of admonition [i.e. warning] for those heedless people who always struggle

to multiply their wealth by any means despite already having huge wealth. They remain greedy even after hoarding millions and billions of rupees and having a lot of properties.

Remember! Accumulating wealth is not a bad thing itself, only that wealth is bad which is not spent on paying its Huqooq-e-Wajibat such as Zakah and Fitrah etc. Only that wealth is bad which makes us heedless of our death, grave and Hereafter and which makes us lazy in performing the commandments of Shari'ah and good deeds and which keeps us away from good company. Therefore, try to understand the importance of time and accumulate Halal sustenance only as much as needed. Life is not granted again and again. Also bear in mind those Ahadees and narrations which provide guidance about time. Let's listen to some blessed sayings of the Holy Rasool ﷺ about the importance of time, as motivation and encouragement:

1. There are two such favours about which many people are in deception. One is health and the other is leisure time.'
(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 222, Hadees 6412)
2. Value five (things) before five (other things: (1) Youth before old age, (2) health before illness, (3) wealth before poverty, (4) leisure time before being busy and (5) life before death. *(Al-Mustadrak, vol. 5, pp. 435, Hadees 7916)*
3. The day makes the announcement daily at the time of the sunrise, 'If you want to perform any good deed today, then do it because I will never return.'
(Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 3, pp. 386, Hadees 3840)

دِل لگا اس سے نہ غافلِ ذی تہار
بوشیّار اے مَحَوِ غفلتِ بوشیّار
کرلے جو کرنا ہے آخِرِ مَوْتِ بے

چند روزہ بے یہ دُنیا کی بہار
عمر اپنی یوں نہ غفلت میں گُزار
ایک دن مَرنا ہے آخِرِ مَوْتِ بے

Dear Islamic brothers! Listening to the above-mentioned blessed Ahadees, those people should awaken from the sleep of heedlessness who waste plenty of their time sitting in parks, hotels, restaurants and picnic points

where non-Mahram males and females gather together, indulge in unlawful gazing, listen to music and watch dramas and movies. Some people waste their time by unnecessarily reading newspapers, standing in front of mirror again and again, discussing current affairs and matches, watching cricket and football, playing games on computer and mobiles, talking to non-Mahram people on phone and unnecessarily using social media etc. It is as if they, in this world, indulge in such acts which will bring about embarrassment, wistfulness and regret on the Day of Judgement. If they had spent these precious moments offering Salah, observing Sawm, reciting Quran, Hamd, Na'at, Salat-'Alan-Nabi, making Zikr, serving parents, calling people towards righteousness, making preparation for the grave and Hereafter, bringing up children in accordance with Shari'ah and gaining Islamic knowledge, then surely they would have received the blessings in the world and the Hereafter.

Motivating people to remember Allah ﷻ, A'la Hadrat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated:

رِزْقِ خُدا كَهايا كِيا قَرمَانِ حَقِّ ثَلا كِيا
شُكْرِ كَرم تَرسِ جَزا يَه بَهي نَهيں وَه بَهي نَهيں

Brief explanation of couplet: O the bondman of Allah ﷻ! You eat the sustenance bestowed upon you by Allah ﷻ, even then, you don't act upon the commandments of Allah ﷻ. Neither you show gratefulness towards the Divine blessings nor you fear torment.

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Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! Time is a great blessing bestowed upon people by Allah ﷻ. On the Day of Judgement, people will be questioned about different blessings including time. They will be asked which things they spent their life in.

ثُمَّ لَتُسْأَلُنَّ يَوْمَئِذٍ عَنِ النَّعِيمِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Then, on that day, you will surely be questioned regarding the bounties. (Part 30, Surah At-Takasur, Ayah 8)

Commenting on the above-mentioned blessed Ayah, a legendary and leading scholar of Shari'ah and Tareeqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Sayyid Na'eemuddin Muradabadi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: You will be questioned about those blessings which Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ had bestowed upon you. For example, health, wealth, leisure time, peace etc. Through these things, you used to seek pleasure and comfort for yourselves in the world. You will be questioned what uses of these things you made. Did you show thankfulness for these things? And torments will be inflicted for not showing thankfulness.

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: On the Day of Judgement, man will not be able to lift his foot until he is questioned about five things: (1) In which activities was life spent? (2) In which activities was one's youth spent? (3) From where was wealth earned? (4) Where was it spent? (5) To what extent was knowledge acted upon? (Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 188, Hadees 2424)

Drawing our attention towards the importance of time and addressing himself, Mufti-e-A'zam Hind Maulana Muhammad Mustafa Raza Khan Noori رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated in his couplet:

رِيَاضَتِ كَيْ يَهِي دِنِ بَيْنِ بُرْهَائِي مِي كِهَا بِمَّت
جُو كُجْه كَرْنَا هِي اَب كَرَلُو اَبْهِي نُورِي جَوَانِ تُمْ هُو

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Though the word 'وقت' [i.e. time] is a 3-letter word but in reality it is something priceless. Neither can a person purchase 'time', nor can he accumulate it in any way. 'Time' is such a traveller; that is travelling

continuously. It does not rest even for a while and continues its journey towards the destination indifferently. 'Time' has played a vital role in the rise and fall of nations. Those nations who recognise the value of time and stick to their daily schedule, they automatically progress and prosper.

Contrary to it, the nations who do not value 'time' and waste it in useless activities, they spend their lives as slaves. 'Waste of time' plunge them into the darkness of disgrace and humility such that even the signs of their existence get wiped away. In relation to the matters of time, if we compare our lifestyle with that of the pious servants of Allah ﷺ, we will notice clear difference in respect of time utilisation which will perhaps make us feel regret and utterly embarrassed; the reason being that those people are not used to spending time in useless activities, rather, they had correctly recognised the importance of 'time'. Only a dying person knows what a person undergoes at the time of Naza', but the pious servants of Allah ﷺ do not remain heedless of the importance of 'time' even at that critical moment, but rather, they want to spend the last moments of their life as well performing virtuous deeds. Let's listen to a faith-refreshing parable in this regard and try to understand the importance of 'time'. For the sake of those pious people, may Allah ﷻ make us amongst those as well who value time. Therefore,

There is still some time

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ahmad Bin Muhammad Bin Ziyad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, I heard Sayyiduna Abu Bakr 'Attar رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ saying: At time when Sayyiduna Abu Qasim Junayd رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ passed away, some of my friends and I were present there. We saw that due to serious weakness, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was offering Salah while sitting sometimes before his demise. His both feet were swollen. During Ruku' and Sujood, he would bend his one foot which would cause acute pain and trouble. Upon seeing this state, the friends said: O Abu Qasim! What is this? Why are your feet swollen? He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: اللهُ أَكْبَرُ! This is in fact a blessing. Sayyiduna Abu Muhammad Hareeri رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: O Abu Qasim, is there any harm if you lie down? He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: There is still [some] time to perform righteous deeds, thereafter, there will be no such

opportunity. Then he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said 'اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ', and his soul departed from this mortal world. It is also reported that when he was asked to show some gentleness to yourself. Upon this, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ replied, 'Now my record of deeds is being closed. Who will be needier of good deeds more than me at this time.' (*Uyoon-ul-Hikayat - Arabic, pp. 250*)

کر جوانی میں عبادت کا بلی اچھی نہیں
بے بڑھاپا بھی غنیمت جب جوانی ہو چکی
جب بڑھاپا آگیا کچھ بات بن پڑتی نہیں
یہ بڑھاپا بھی نہ ہوگا موت جس دم آگئی

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! A wise person neither wastes his own time, nor the time of others. Rather, he values his own time, minds his own business, spends his time in good activities and persuades others to do the same; he reforms those who have mind-set of wasting time, and also carries out personal accountability by performing Fikr-e-Madinah if he utters an unnecessary statement. In fact, this was the very Madani mind-set, signs of which were apparent in the lives of our pious predecessors. For persuasion, let's listen to two faith-refreshing parables and learn some admonitory Madani pearls.

1. Reformation of the one who wasted time

On page 829, volume 2 of '*Ihya-ul-Uloom*', a 1393-page book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is stated: Sayyiduna Abu 'Ali Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad (فَضِيلُ بْنُ عِيَّاضَ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ) was sitting alone in Masjid-ul-Haraam when one of his friends came to him. Sayyiduna Abu 'Ali Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked him the reason he had come for. He replied, 'O Abu 'Ali! I have come to have your company.' Sayyiduna Abu Ali Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said, 'By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! This is something horrible! Do you want to beautify your speech for me and [wish

that] I beautify my speech for you, you tell a lie for me and I tell a lie for you? (Therefore, it is better that), you go away, else I will go away.'

(Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 2, pp. 287)

مُخْتَصِر سِی زَنْدَگِی بے بھائیو!
نیکیاں کیجئے نہ غفلت کیجئے

صَلُّوا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

2. Observed Siyam for a year as expiation of an useless question

On page 173 of 'Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen', a 562-page book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is stated: Sayyiduna Hassaan Bin Sinaan Taabi'i رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ passed by a massive and towering house and asked its owner: 'How long has it been since you constructed this huge house?' Having asked this question, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ felt deeply embarrassed in his heart and addressing his Nafs [i.e. inner-self], he said: 'O the arrogant Nafs! You waste precious time in [asking] useless and purposeless questions.' He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ then observed Siyam for a year as expiation of this useless question. (Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen – Arabic, pp. 65)

نَفْسِ يَه كِيَا ظَلَم بے جب ديكهو تازه جُرم بے
نائواں كے سَر پہ اِتنا بوجه بهارى واہ واہ!

Explanation of A'la Hadrat's couplet: A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ says in this couplet: O cruel Nafs! Your cruelty has also gone beyond limits! Every moment, you are causing a continuous increase in my sins and keep multiplying the burden of sins on the head of weak person like me.

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat and value of time

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see how our pious saints used to spend their time very carefully. If their friends would come only for a little entertainment

and passing some time, they would bestow the Madani pearls of importance of time upon them and would reform them by telling them the disadvantages of wasting time.

In today's troublesome time, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **داعية ترمكائهم العالیه** is the real personage who reminds us of our pious predecessors; every deed of his is something to be followed because he has divided his time in a best way. Salah, Awraad and Wazaaf, speeches, Madani Muzakarabs, study, continuity of Siyam, abundance of Nawafil, Madani Mashwarabs, Sahari and Iftari, meeting with disciples, students, friends and relatives, Islamic scholars and general people, reply to letters, visiting the sick, expressing condolences to the relatives of the deceased, Madani pearls for the encouragement of the responsible Islamic brothers of Dawat-e-Islami for the development of Madani activities, necessity of family members, Madani upbringing of maternal and paternal grandsons and granddaughters along with his own children's, written work, rest and countless practices of everyday life have been divided into different timings. His steadfast practice after dividing them into different timings gives us a clear proof of the way he values time.

The best example of his Islamic and organizational success and achievements can be seen by the fact that the Madani message of Dawat-e-Islami has been reached in approximately 200 countries and more than 100 departments have been established. These achievements also include '*Kufriyah Kalimat kay baaray mayn Suwal Jawab*' [Questions and Answers about Kufriyah Kalimat], '*Gheebat ki Tabah Kariyan*' [Backbiting – A Cancer in our Society], '*Nayki ki Da'wat*' [Call to Righteousness], '*Wasail-e-Bakhshish*', the collection of 12 booklets, '*Namaz kay Ahkam*' [Laws of Salah], '*Faizan-e-Sunnat*' [Blessings of Sunnah], '*Parday kay baaray mayn Suwal Jawab*' [Questions and Answers about Islamic Veil].

Furthermore, they also include rulings of jurisprudence, speeches on the topics of grave and the Hereafter, science of medicine and hundreds of speeches on other topics, Madani Muzakarabs and written matter consisting of thousands of pages.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! In order to develop the sense of giving importance to time in the heart and mind of Muslims and to transfer the Madani thought of pious saints to their hearts, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه has written a booklet namely 'Anmol Heeray' [Priceless Diamonds] consisting of Quranic Ayahs, blessed Ahadees, sayings of pious saints and Madani pearls of advice.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Majlis-e-Tarajim has translated this booklet into different languages which include Arabic, English, Hindi, Gujarati and Sindhi etc. Buy it today from the stall of Maktaba-tul-Madinah and study it not only yourself but also present it to other Islamic brothers as a gift. It can also be read, downloaded and printed from the website of Dawat-e-Islami www.dawateislami.net.

By the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه valued time and Dawat-e-Islami has attained huge and massive popularity all over the world. Not only the ordinary people are acknowledging and appreciating it but also Islamic scholars have stated the following:

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| میتھا تیرا کلام ہے ایاس قادری | تنہا چلا تو ساتھ تیرے ہو گیا جہاں |
| مقبول تیرا کام ہے ایاس قادری | ہے دعوتِ اسلامی کی دنیا میں دھوم دھام |
| تو مرجعِ عوام ہے ایاس قادری | سایہ ہے تیرے سر پہ دُعاے خواص کا |

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

Masjid Dars

Dear Islamic brothers! If we also want to attain the priceless value of time due to the blessings of the company of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه, then do not delay even for a single moment. Rather, we should make the intention of taking part in the 12 Madani activities by associating ourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the organization that gives the mindset to appreciate time and enlivens Masjid, in order to propagate the message of Islam. اِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will see its

various blessings yourself. ‘Masjid Dars’ is one of the 12 Madani activities. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, those who deliver and listen to Masjid Dars get a great opportunity to learn and teach goodness.

Sayyiduna Ka’b **رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ** narrates that: Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** revealed to Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah **عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام**: Learn goodness yourself and teach it to others; I will illuminate the graves of those who learn goodness and teach it so that they do not become terrified. (*Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 6, pp. 5, Hadees 7622*)

Let’s listen to a parable of Masjid Dars for persuasion.

Adorned ‘Imamah by the blessing of Dars

Once a Madani Qafilah visited Sukkur, Bab-ul-Islam Sindh. An Islamic brother delivered Dars after Salah, and in his Dars, he mentioned Sunan of drinking water. In the end of the Dars, he mentioned the disadvantages of drinking water in the standing position. An elderly man who was also attending the gathering began to weep. He expressed his feelings in this way: I have spent a big part of my life but I regret, I did not know about these Sunan. Now, though I am close to death I am not aware of the blessed Sunan of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ**. How will I be able to recognize the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّمَ** in my grave? That elderly man was too weak to stand without anyone’s support **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** he was deeply impressed by Dawat-e-Islami and adorned his head with ‘Imamah.

Few deeds which are waste of time

Dear Islamic brothers! Instead of wasting the precious moments of our life in useless acts we all should associate ourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and should carry out the deeds which bring us success in the world and the Hereafter. But regretfully, instead of being ashamed and regretting upon wasting our time we feel proud of it. What are those useless acts by which we waste our precious moments and then we become unsuccessful. Let’s listen to these few issues further.

Internet

Internet is one of the biggest means of wasting time. Remember! Where the right use of internet has countless benefits, it has also lots of disadvantages due to its misuse and unnecessary use. One of the biggest disadvantages is waste of time. Some people have become such habitual of internet, Facebook and WhatsApp that they do not stop using their mobile phone even for a while and keep sharing their matters of sleeping and waking up, shopping, delicious food and other matters with their friends. Crossing the boundaries of shamelessness and immodesty unveiling girls are also very active; they also feel proud of sharing their indecent pictures.

Our new generation has indulged so much in misusing internet that it spends many hours using internet. If they do not use it any day, they grow restless and feel as if their time is not passing. Just ponder! Have you ever felt so sad and restless after missing reciting the Holy Quran any day? Similarly, did we feel restless if we missed Ishraq and Chasht or Tahajjud any day? Would that we could be blessed with the yearning for the recitation of the Holy Quran! Would that we could worship Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ abundantly!

Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا narrates that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The best people of my Ummah are those who have memorized the Quran and those who worship Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ by staying awake in the night. (*Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 1, pp. 293, Raqm 27*)

عبادت میں گُزرے مری زندگانی

کرم ہو کرم یا خُدا یا اِلہی

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Mobile phone

Dear Islamic brothers! The way abundant Islamic and worldly advantages can be obtained by using internet correctly, similarly, the use of mobile phone is also very helpful for business matters, relationship with relatives, meeting

with friends and relatives and for other necessities. But unfortunately it is being used as a device of wasting time, especially young girls and boys use it inappropriately and unnecessarily. The whole day they play video games and send useless messages such as indecent jokes, romantic and sinful poetry, and unethical utterances.

Remember! Likewise, using mobile phone the whole day causes poor vision, loss of education, elimination of thinking ability, waste of money and the precious moments of life. If we have a mobile phone, we should use it correctly and save our money and precious time both.

Instead of listening to songs on mobile phone, buy a memory card containing Na'ats and recitation of the Holy Quran and the Sunnah-inspiring speeches of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ**, Nigran-e-Shura and other preachers of Dawat-e-Islami, Fard 'Uloom Course, Madani Muzakaraha which are full of interesting and precious colourful Madani pearls of Islamic knowledge from the stall of Maktaba-tul-Madinah and listen to them with undivided attention. Of course, Majlis IT of Dawat-e-Islami has also introduced different applications to those who have thirst for Islamic knowledge. For instance, 'Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Qadiri', 'Al-Haaj Ubayd Raza Attari', 'Maulana Muhammad Bilal Raza Attari', 'Haji Muhammad Imran Attari', 'Awqat-us-Salah', 'Al-Quran-ul-Kareem', 'Ruhaani Ilaj', 'Madani In'amaat', 'Madani Channel', 'Madani Khaakah', 'Dar-ul-Ifta Ahl-e-Sunnat', 'Hajj-o-'Umrah', 'Zehni Aazmaish' etc.

Wandering with bad friends and bad company

Dear Islamic brothers! The people who know the importance of time do their work on time instead of wasting it. They are respected in the society. On the other hand, those who delay in doing every work due to laziness do not achieve prominent status, plus waste their time. The deeds of some people also reveal that their life is meaningless. They wander with friends in the streets and markets, go to entertainment places by spending money and time and commit sins, have chat for many hours sitting in the corner of the streets or at cafes, watch movies the whole day, listen to songs by using hands-free, and be lost to the world, etc. It seems as if we have forgotten the real purpose of our life or we do not know the purpose of our birth.

Remember! We have not been given this life to spend it for fun and recreation of this world, but rather we have been sent to worship Allah ﷻ, act upon His commandments and to abstain from the acts of His disobedience. We have this opportunity until we are alive. A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, who greatly valued time, is advising [us] beautifully:

اللہ کے نبی سے
 فریاد بے نفس کی بدی سے
 دن بھر کھیلوں میں خاک اُڑائی
 لاج آئی نہ ڈروں کی بنسی سے
 شب بھر سونے ہی سے غرض تھی
 تاروں نے ہزار دانت پیسے
 ایمان پہ موت بہتر او نفس
 تیری ناپاک زندگی سے

Brief explanation of couplets: It is a plea for help in the court of Allah ﷻ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to avoid the mischievousness of Nafs-e-Ammarah. O Nafs! Didn't you feel ashamed that you wasted the whole day playing games and even the particles of sand kept laughing at you and when the righteous people of Allah become busy worshipping Allah ﷻ in the night, even at that time you remained asleep heedlessly. You do not have any other work to do but to sleep. Due to your heedlessness, the stars of the sky kept gnashing their teeth (in anger) at you. O contemptible Nafs! It is thousand times better to die with safety of faith than to live by practicing disobedience like this.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely life is too short. If we do every work on time instead of wasting time in meaningless activities, spend it in performing good deeds instead of committing sins, our world and the Hereafter both will get better. Our pious predecessors proved to be the ones who attached great value and importance to time, that's why they are still popular amongst all people. For instance, we consider it a privilege to talk about blessed companions, Ahl-e-Bayt-e-Athaar, Tabi'een, Tab'e-Tabi'een, pious saints, Muhaddiseen, Mufasssireen, Fuqaha Kiraam and Sufiya Kiraam etc. who are great personages. Upon calling their names we spontaneously say 'رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ' and 'رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ'. Why is that? It is because those blessed personalities were well aware of the importance of time. Let's get some Madani pearls of advice by listening to a few sayings of the people who valued time. Therefore,

Sayings of those who valued time

1. Amir-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ has said, 'These days are the pages of your life, decorate them with good deeds.'
2. Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said, 'I don't feel more sad and ashamed on anything else more than the day which I spend without increasing my good deeds.'
3. Sayyiduna Imam Shaafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said, 'I remained in the company of pious people for a long time, gaining spiritual benefits. I learnt two important things from their company: (1) Time is like a sword, you should cut it (with good deeds) or else it will cut you (by keeping you busy with useless things) and (2) safeguard your Nafs; if you do not keep it busy with good things, it will keep you busy with bad things.'
4. Imam Raazi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said, 'By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ I get very sad at the time of eating because I have to leave religious activities (writing or studying). As Time is a very valuable asset.'
5. Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin 'Abdul 'Azeez رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said, 'Your life is shortening every day, so why are you lazy in performing good deeds?' Once someone said humbly to him, 'O Amir-ul-Mu`mineen! Postpone

this work until tomorrow.’ He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, ‘I hardly complete a day’s work in one day; if I postpone today’s work until tomorrow, then how will I be able to complete two days’ work in one day?’

Do not postpone today’s work until tomorrow, you will have some other work tomorrow.

6. ‘Allamah Zahabi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has written in *Tazkira-tul-Huffaz* about Khateeb-e-Baghdadi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ: He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would study even when walking (so that the time it takes to go from one place to another is not wasted). (*Tazkira-tul-Huffaz*, vol. 3, pp. 224)

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| قَبْرَ مِیں ہُوگا تھکانا ایک دِنِ | بے یہاں سے تَجھ کو جانا ایک دِنِ |
| اب نہ غفلت میں گنونا ایک دِنِ | مُنہ خُدا کو بے دِکھانا ایک دِنِ |
| کر لے جو کرنا بے آخِر مَوْتِ بے | ایک دِنِ مَرنا بے آخِر مَوْتِ بے |

صَلِّ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Way of attaching value to time

Dear Islamic brothers! We have just been privileged to hear about time-wasting activities and the sayings of those who recognized the value of time. After hearing them we must have aroused the passion for attaching value and importance to time. Let’s listen to some ways to arouse this passion further. If we act upon them we can become steadfast. Therefore:

Abstain from the unnecessary use of mobile phone and internet. Use simple and inexpensive mobile phone if necessary. Try to get into the habit of having conversation in writing as much as possible, otherwise have conversation in fewest words. Keep yourself busy with virtuous acts in order to arouse the passion for recognizing the value of time and plan a schedule for the whole day excluding useless and time-wasting activities. Perform Tahajjud Salah if possible after getting up early in the morning.

Call out Sada-e-Madinah to wake up family members and outsiders for Fajr Salah. Join Madani Halqah after Fajr Salah; either recite or listen to three Ayahs with translation and commentary. You will get its blessings. Also listen to Dars of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*, read Shajarah Qadiriyyah 'Attariyyah and offer the Nawafil of Ishraq and Chasht.

After you have taken breakfast, get busy with your daily activities such as to acquire knowledge from Jami'a-tul-Madinah or become busy with earning Halal livelihood for supporting family financially [while earning Halal livelihood, offer Zuhr and Asr Salah with Jama'at] listen to the speech after you have offered Maghrib Salah with Jama'at, to offer the Nawafil of Awwabeen after this and then to learn the Holy Quran at Madrasa-tul-Madinah [for adults] with correct pronunciation after 'Isha Salah, etc.

Get into the habit of sleeping early at night after doing other necessary work. To stay awake late at night unnecessarily makes a person lazy to wake up for Fajr Salah. Observe Qul-e-Madinah for tongue in order to avoid unnecessary talk the whole day except this schedule. Do Zikr and recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi abundantly in free time. Instead of watching films and dramas and different sinful channels, watch 100% Islamic channel, 'Madani Channel' and also persuade others to do so. No doubt, Madani Channel is the only such channel which you can watch with your young sons and daughters. Would that we could be privileged to have 'Madani Visit' with the intention of presenting the call towards righteousness to Muslim Ummah. If we prepare a schedule like this and then act upon it, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ* our time will be spent in virtuous deeds, rather than in useless activities.

Dear Islamic brothers! How did the Beloved Rasool *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* divide his blessed time? How can the time be used correctly? How can Islam be served more and more in less time? How can worship and spiritual exercises be included in the schedule? What are the advantages and importance of schedule? Should the schedule include household chores? How was the schedule of the blessed lives of pious saints? How should the responsible Islamic brothers of Dawat-e-Islami prepare their schedule? What intentions can be made when preparing a schedule? Study the booklet namely '*Aqa ka Jadwal*' [Schedule of Aqa] in order to get the answers to all these

questions. This booklet is available on the website of Dawat-e-Islami www.dawateislami.net. This booklet will be published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah soon, **إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! **أَلْحَعْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, we are in the sacred month of Jumadal Ukhra which has its significance from this perspective as well that the 'Urs of three great personages are celebrated in it. The first personage is Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**, second is Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** [who is one of the 'Asharah Mubashsharah, that is, the 10 blessed companions who were given the good news of Paradise by our Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in the world] and the third great personage is the famous pious saint, Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ**.

Let's listen to the brief introduction of Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin Awwam **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** and Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** in today's speech for attaining blessing. In the speech of next week, we will listen to the different aspects of the blessed life of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**. For example, his brief introduction, his character, his status and rank in the court of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, his warm reception in Paradise, his financial sacrifice, his style of presenting call towards righteousness, his love for Siyam, his act of visiting the sick, etc.

Introduction to Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam

Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** spent his life for the exaltation of Islam and remained loyal to the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**. He was the son of the paternal aunt of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** (the sister of his father) Sayyidatuna Safiyyah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** and the paternal nephew of Sayyidatuna Khadijah **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا** and the son in law of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**. He was one of the pillars of Islam and will be the neighbour of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in Paradise. He was the bravest wrestler [who said Labbayk even when suffering from a wound], the best

amongst his nation, the beloved of the Blessed Rasool ﷺ, and the one who took the lead in raising sword for supporting and guarding the Beloved Rasool ﷺ.

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was the son of a brave mother. Moreover, he was honest, successful in business, sincere and Allah-fearing; he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would give Sadaqah and charity and take great precaution in mentioning blessed Hadees and possess many other great attributes. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed away on 11 Jumadal Ukhra and his 'Urs Mubarak is celebrated on the same date.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Introduction of Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali

Life of Hujjat-ul-Islam Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was fully devoted for learning and teaching spiritual and apparent sciences. In pursuit of knowledge, he رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ travelled far-flung cities and countries. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ gained excellence in different arts and sciences from the renowned and famous blessed teachers of his time. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ authored hundreds of books and booklets on various sciences, out of which, the most renowned books are *Ihya-ul-'Uloom*, *Kimiya-e-Sa'adat*, *Minhaj-ul-'Abideen* and 'أَيُّهَا الْوَلَدُ' [Ayyuhal Walad].

He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ had numerous students; out of them most of the students emerged to be renowned scholars, Islamic jurists, Muhaddis, commentators of Glorious Quran and the great authors. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was a very pious, simple and humble and Allah-fearing person. He had strong aversion towards the world and worldliness. His heart was full of the devotion of Beloved Rasool ﷺ and the contemplation of Hereafter. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ departed from this world on 14th Jumadal Akhir and on the same date his 'Urs Mubarak is celebrated.

رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ Study the translated books of Sayyiduna Imam Ghazali رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ after purchasing them from Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. You will obtain a number of priceless Madani pearls of

knowledge and wisdom, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. For example *Ihya-ul-'Uloom, Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen, Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, Ayyuhal Walad* (advice to son) etc.

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوا عَلٰى الْحَبِيبِ

Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! In today's Bayan, we have been blessed with the opportunity to listen to Quranic Ayaat and Ahadees related to the importance of 'time'. Moreover, we have listened to the parables and practices of the blessed saints based on wisdom and their sayings based on great pieces of advice. Let's quickly revise the Madani pearls we have listened in today's Bayan so that we can memorise them. We heard that:

- Time once gone, never returns.
- 'Time' is a great blessing of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.
- People, who value 'time', become successful.
- Importance of 'time' has been mentioned in the Glorious Quran and blessed Ahadees in a very dignified manner.
- Our pious predecessors would not like to waste their precious time even in the state of Naza' [i.e. last moments before death].
- We have listened how people waste their precious time in seeking comfort or indulging in useless activities.
- People, who valued 'time', would express regret if their time would get wasted. They would also take steps to recover this loss immediately.
- People, who valued 'time', would eat less, fearing that the precious time may be wasted.
- They would spend more time in studying and would remain busy carrying out religious activities most of the time.

- People, who valued 'time', would spend their days and nights according to a particular schedule.
- We have also learnt that Mobile phone and Internet have played a substantial role in causing destruction to the society by making people waste their precious time.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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 اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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
جَنَّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Putting kohl: 4 Madani pearls

1. In *Sunan Ibn Majah*, there is a narration that, 'The best kohl (Surmah) among all is Ismid as it strengthens the eyesight and grows the eyelashes.' (*Sunan Ibn Majah, p. 115 vol. 4, Hadees 3497*)
2. Kohl powder made from other stones can also be used. It is, however, Makruh (disliked) for a man to use black kohl with the intention of makeup but if that is not the intention, it is not Makruh.

(*Fatawa 'Aalamgiri, vol. 5, pp. 359*)

3. It is Sunnah to use antimony (kohl/Surmah) before sleeping.

(*Mirat-ul-Manajih*, vol. 6, pp. 180)

4. Here is the summary of the three narrated methods of using kohl.

- Apply thrice to each eye (put the kohl applier in the kohl bottle each time for a new application).
- Apply thrice in the right eye and twice in the left.
- Apply twice to each eye and on the last application, enter the applier into the container then use that same applier to equally put it in both eyes.

(*Shu'ab-ul-Iman*, vol. 5, pp. 218-219)

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'ah* 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 سنت 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:



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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي الْقُدْرِ 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 Rasool 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 Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)*

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

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

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى 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 عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَّاهِي 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

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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 Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.’ (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’, pp. 125*)

6. Duood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become Wajib 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 اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

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

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

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

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا 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 Rab of the magnificent 'Arsh.