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SIDDIQ-E-AKBAR AND
HIS BLESSED SAYINGS**

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

The Impeccable Character of Siddeeq-e-Akbar رضي الله تعالى عنه and his Blessed Sayings

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكِ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكِ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

Excellence of Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Rasool of Rahmah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, ‘Whoever recites Salat upon me 100 times in the night and day of Friday, Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ will fulfil 100 of his needs, 70 of the Hereafter and 30 of the world; and Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ will appoint an angel who will send that Salat to my grave, as gifts are presented to you.’
(Jam’-ul-Jawami’ lis-Suyuti, vol. 7, pp. 199, Hadees 22355)

اُن پر دُرود جن کو گسِ بے گساں کہیں

اُن پر سلام جن کو خَبَرِ بے خَبَرِ کی بے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the Bayan, let’s make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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، تُوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ،** etc., I will reply slowly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters **رَبَّنَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, in today's Bayan, we are going to listen to the glimpses of the righteous and impeccable character of Yar-e-Ghaar (the pious companion of the cave) Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** and his blessed sayings.

How is my beloved?

Umm-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyidatuna ‘Aaishah Siddiqah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا has stated: In the beginning of Islam, when the number of blessed companions became 38, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ then requested the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for permission to preach the message of Islam openly. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ granted his permission and all the Muslims went to Masjid-ul-Haraam, where Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ began to deliver his speech. As soon as the speech started, the disbelievers and polytheists attacked the Muslims from all directions. Despite the fact that the honour and dignity of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was acknowledged all over Makkah, the disbelievers still attacked him so severely that his blessed face was badly injured and began to bleed until he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ became unconscious.

When the people of his tribe came to know about his condition they picked him up from there. They thought that he may not survive. Then in the evening, when he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ recovered and regained consciousness, the first words to leave his blessed truthful lips were, ‘How is the Beloved Rasool (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)?’ Upon hearing this, many people of his tribe got annoyed and left him. The respected mother of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar, Umm-ul-Khayr Salma brought some food for him but there was still only one statement on his lips, ‘How is the Beloved Rasool (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)?’ When his mother told him that she did not know, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, ‘Please ask Umm-e-Jameel [the daughter of Sayyiduna ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ].’

In order to fulfil this heartfelt request of her beloved son in his oppressed state, his mother went to Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and asked about the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. She replied, ‘If you like I could come with you to see him.’ Then Umm-ul-Khayr took Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا to her home. When Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا saw the condition of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ she could not control herself and she began to weep. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, ‘Give me good news of the wellbeing of my Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.’ Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا said, ‘The Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is safe and sound, and presently he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is at Dar-ul-Arqam [the home of Sayyiduna Arqam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ].’ He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, ‘I swear

by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I will not eat or drink anything until I see the Beloved Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. When everyone had gone, his mother and Sayyidatuna Umm-e-Jameel رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا took him to the blessed presence of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at Dar-ul-Arqam. When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw his great lover, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ began to weep and stepped forward, embraced him and started kissing him.

Having seen this, all the Muslims rushed towards him with strong emotions. Seeing Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, who was severely wounded, the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ became emotional, then Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said to the Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! May my mother and father be sacrificed upon you, I am alright, only my face has been wounded a little.' The day he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ faced hardship, on the very same day, his blessed mother Sayyidatuna Umm-ul-Khayr Salma and Sayyiduna Ameer Hamzah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا embraced Islam. (*Tareekh Madinah Dimashq, vol. 30 pp. 49*)

جو یارِ غارِ محبوبِ خدا صَدِیقِ اکبر ہیں
وُہی یارِ مزارِ مصطفیٰ صَدِیقِ اکبر ہیں
امیر المومنین ہیں آپ امامُ المسلمین ہیں آپ
نبی نے جنتی جن کو کہا صَدِیقِ اکبر ہیں

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters ! Have you seen that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, filled with the deep love of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, suffered severe hardship and affliction for the propagation of Islam. This illustrious and exalted preacher sacrificed everything including all his resources and life for the sake of intense devotion towards Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Despite experiencing immense sufferings and trials, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ just kept remembering the Beloved and Blessed

Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and was impatient to know the wellbeing of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, putting aside his own agony.

Ponder over such a lofty status of the intense devotion of true devotees of Beloved Rasool. Let's think now, do we also have the true devotion towards the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? Do we have such enthusiasm for sacrificing our lives for the sake of Islam? The blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ and the pious predecessors رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ never showed any reluctance whenever Islam demanded any sacrifice related to their monetary support or lives. But alas! We cannot even sacrifice our time. Remember! Whoever supports Islam, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ helps him as it is stated in the Glorious Quran:

وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ ط

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And undoubtedly, Allah will necessarily help him who will help His religion. (Part 17, Surah Al-Hajj, Ayah 40)

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you noticed that the one who helps Allah's religion, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will help him. Sayyiduna Qatadah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said that it is upon Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ that He helps the person who helps Him (His religion). (Tafseer Ad-Durr-ul-Mansoor, vol. 7, pp. 462)

A great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: To help the saints of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, to serve a Nabi, to spread Islamic knowledge, all fall under helping the religion of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (Noor-ul-'Irfan, pp. 537)

Therefore, we, with the intention of seeking the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, should practically involve in the 12 Madani activities for the propagation of Islam. Those who help the religion of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, how do they seek help for themselves? Who helps them? What kind of steadfastness they are blessed with? Let's listen to it as stated in the Glorious Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِنْ تَصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ ﴿٤٠﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who Believe! If you help the religion of Allah, He will help you and will stabilise you. (Part 26, Surah Muhammad, Ayah 7)

Countless number of Imams (who lead Salah) on each Friday and on Eid occasions supplicate for the helpers and supporters of Islam, even, these supplications are already continued since the time of our pious predecessors. Following supplication has been made the part of *Khutbat-e-Razawiyyah* by Imam of Ahl-us-Sunnah, Mujaddid-e-Deen-e-Millat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ too. Here is that supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ دِينَ سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدًا

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! You also help those who help the religion of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

مُبْلِغِينَ! O those! Who call people towards righteousness, travel with Madani Qafilahs, deliver Dars, make individual efforts upon others, extend support to the devotees of Rasool, helping the poor travellers of Madani Qafilah through financial assistance, and those who take part in any way for assisting Islam, deserve congratulations as Du'a is being made in their favour in Friday sermons. O the helpers of the religion of Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, undoubtedly, when the Divine help comes in one's favour, he succeeds in both worlds. By the help of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, big calamities repel away and we remain unaware of it. There are also another words after the Du'a of sermon:

وَإِخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ دِينَ سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدًا

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Whoever does not help the religion of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, You also do not help him.

(Summarized from: *Khaza'in-ul-'Irfan*, pp. 932)

Everyone should ponder whether he deserves prayer or curse! Every such deed is considered to be the help of the religion of Beloved Mustafa ﷺ that causes the tree of Islam to blossom, bringing disbelievers into the fold of Islam and reforming wicked Muslims. So do your utmost to promote the call to righteousness. Travel with Sunnah-inspiring Madani Qafilahs. Learn Sunnahs yourselves and teach them to others. Thus get deserving of being blessed with Divine help by greatly assisting the religion of Allah ﷻ and Beloved Mustafa ﷺ. Allah ﷻ has promised His help. Stated below, in this context, is the 7th Ayah of Surah Muhammad with its translation from page 932 of sacred *Kanz-ul-Iman with Khaza'in-ul-'Irfan* published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. Allah ﷻ has said in part 26 of the Holy Quran:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَصَرُّوا بِاللَّهِ يُصَرِّكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ ﴿٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who Believe! If you help the religion of Allah, He will help you and will stabilise you. (Part 26, Surah Muhammad, Ayah 7)

Thereafter Allah ﷻ will help you i.e., when the Mu`min will make struggle in preaching of Islam, Allah ﷻ will bring ease for him, make him steadfast in this campaign and will grant him courage and potential.

عطا ہو نیکی کی دَعَوَتِ کا حُوبِ جَدْبہ
کہ دُور دُھومِ سُنْتِ مَحْبُوبِ کی مِچا یا رَبِّ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Brief introduction to Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رضي الله تعالى عنه

Dear Islamic sisters listen to the introduction of the Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رضي الله تعالى عنه. The respected name of the first caliph of Islam, the leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله تعالى عنه is 'Abdullah'. His Kunya [patronymic appellation] is 'Abu Bakr' and his titles

are 'Siddeeq' and 'Ateeq'. The meaning of 'Siddeeq' is 'One who speaks the truth very much'. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was referred to by this title even in the period of ignorance because he always spoke the truth. The meaning of 'Ateeq' is 'freed'. Giving him glad tidings, the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'أَنْتَ إِذْ بَرَأْتَ مِنَ النَّارِ' i.e. '(O Abu Bakr!). By the grace of Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ You are the one who is freed from the fire of Hell.' This is why he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ received this title. (Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 22-23)

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is 'Qurayshi', and seven generations above, his genealogical tree joins with that of the Rasool of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was born in Makkah Mukarramah, approximately two and half years after 'Aam-ul-Feel' (Year of the Elephant). The leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is that companion who was the first man to testify to the Nubuwwah (Prophethood) of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ among all the people. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ possesses such noble virtues and excellences that after the honourable Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, he is the greatest and most highly ranked of all mankind.

Amongst all the freemen, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was the first to embrace Islam, and being a minister and an advisor of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in every decision in war and in peace, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ proved his loyalty and allegiance by supporting the Rasool of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at every step of life. After a splendid reign of caliphate that lasted two years and seven months, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed away on 22 Jumadal Ukhra, in the 13th year after Hijri (migration to Madinah Munawwarah). The leader of the believers, Sayyiduna 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ led the funeral Salah and Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was buried inside the blessed tomb beside the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 29)

May Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ have mercy on them and grant us forgiveness for their sake!

محبوبِ ربِّ عرشِ بے اس سبزِ قُبَّہ میں
پہلو میں جلوہ گاہِ عتیق و عمر کی بے

Brief explanation

Under this Green Dome, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is resting and next to him, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq and Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا are resting.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

I am pleased with my Rab!

Dear Islamic sisters ! Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is that glorious companion who was granted a special rank and status by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا said that I was present in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, there I saw Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ wearing a dress using thorns to hold it. In the meantime, Sayyiduna Jibraeel Ameen عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام arrived in the blessed court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, dressed in the same clothing as Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked: O Jibra’eel! What are you wearing? He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام humbly said, ‘Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Today, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded all the angels to wear the same clothing as your true lover, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and besides this, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sends Salam to him and asks if he is pleased or displeased with his Rab (عَزَّوَجَلَّ) in this condition.’

Upon hearing this message, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ became extremely delighted and emotional and humbly said, ‘Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! How could I be displeased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ!’ Then he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ stated three times: I am pleased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I am pleased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I am pleased with my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

(Tareekh Madinah Dimashq, vol. 30, pp. 71)

Superiority bestowed to Siddeeq-e-Akbar by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen, Sayyiduna ‘Ali-ul-Murtada كَتَمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيم said: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said to me: In the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I

asked for your superiority three times, but, from the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, [each time] I received the command of keeping Abu Bakr (superior).

(Tareekh Madinah Dimashq, vol. 30, pp. 71)

The most pious

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is that pious person whose piety is testified to by the Blessed Quran itself:

وَسَيَجَنَّبُهَا الْأَتَقِيَ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: It will be far away from the most pious.

(Part 30, Surah Al-Layl, Ayah 17)

Dear Islamic sisters ! The ‘most pious’ as mentioned in this blessed Ayah refers to Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ.

Blessed status of Siddeeq-e-Akbar in the court of Holy Rasool ﷺ

Dear Islamic sisters ! Have you noticed the most exalted and loftiest status of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Many blessed Quranic Ayahs have been sent down in his favour. Similarly, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had the loftiest status in the court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Sayyiduna Abu ‘Usman رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ narrated, the blessed companions humbly asked: Amongst the people whom do you love the most? He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, ‘Aaishah.’ They again humbly asked, ‘From amongst the men?’ He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, ‘Father of ‘Aaishah.’ (i.e., Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ.)

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 3, pp. 126, Hadees 4358)

It is narrated by Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا, I saw that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was standing with Sayyiduna ‘Ali-ul-Murtada رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا, in the meantime, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

approached. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ preceded and shook hand with him, hugged him and kissed on his face and said to Sayyiduna 'Ali كَذَرَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ: O Abu Hasan! To me, Abu Bakr has the same status which I have in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (Ar-Riyad-un-Nadawah, vol. 1, pp. 185)

Hearty welcome to Siddeeq-e-Akbar in Paradise

Likewise, Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'One such person will enter Paradise that all the dwellers of Paradise will address him and exclaim: Marhaba! Marhaba! Come here! Come here!' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked in astonishment: 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Will we be able to see him as well?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ responded: 'O Abu Bakr! You are that very dweller of Paradise.' (Sahih Ibn Habbaan, pp. 7, Hadees 6828)

Dear Islamic sisters ! Did you observe! Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is such fortunate Sahabi that after the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ, he is the most superior person amongst all. Moreover, the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ gave him the glad tidings of Paradise.

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has also enjoyed the privilege of being with the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ throughout his life. His greatness can be observed by the fact that even in the skies, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ mentioned his name with the name of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as narrated by Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'I was made to visit the skies. Thus, every sky I visited, I found my name written over there and after my [name], [I] also found the name of Abu Bakr written.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, vol. 9, pp. 19, Hadees 14296)

Therefore, we should also have great love and devotion to Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ so that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers His mercy on us and also bestow His great blessings upon us.

بے یارِ غار، محبوبِ خدا صدیقِ اکبر کا
یہ عالم میں بے کس کا مرتبہ، صدیقِ اکبر کا

بیاں ہو کس زباں سے مرتبہ صدیقِ اکبر کا
رُسُل اور انبیا کے بعد جو افضل ہو عالم سے

علی ہیں اُس کے دُشمن اور وہ دُشمن علی کا ہے جو دُشمن عقل کا دُشمن ہوا صدیقِ اکبر کا

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Benevolent enthusiasm

Dear Islamic sisters ! Allah ﷻ had blessed Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ with outstanding qualities and pious character. Let's listen to some of his blessed character traits.

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was blessed with benevolent enthusiasm. This was the very reason that he would show great affection and have mercy on those blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ who were suffering oppression because of embracing Islam. For the Muslims who were treated cruelly, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would not only have the feelings of sympathy in his heart but would also try his best to bring salvation to them. He would not be reluctant even to spend money for this great cause. Let's listen to a faith-refreshing parable in this regard.

Freedom of Sayyiduna Bilal

A famous Sahabi, Muazzin of Rasoolullah, son of Hamaamah, Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was a true Mu'min [i.e. believer] and was a pious slave. His master Umayyah Bin Khalf would take him out of Makkah in the scorching heat of the sun and would make him lie down on the burning sand, placing a big stone on his chest and would then say: 'Deny (the religion of) Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), worship our gods [i.e. false gods] or else you will die in the same state.' Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would only give the following reply: 'أَحَدٌ أَحَدٌ' (i.e. Allah ﷻ is One, He has no partner).'

(Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 133-134)

One day, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed by the place where Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was being treated cruelly. Rebuking Umayyah Bin Khalf, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said: 'Don't you fear Allah ﷻ while

treating this poor and helpless person cruelly? Till when will you continue this [cruel treatment]?’ He said: ‘Abu Bakr! You are the one who has changed his mind-set (i.e. converted him to Islam), so [now] you bring him freedom as well.’ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ responded: ‘I have a slave healthier and sturdier than Bilal; give me Bilal in exchange for that slave.’ He replied: ‘I agree!’ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ bought Sayyiduna Bilal رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ in exchange for the slave and some money, and freed him. Thereafter, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ freed six more such slaves. (*Ar-Riyad-un-Nadawah*, vol. 1, pp. 134)

It is also narrated that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ bought Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ for 5 Awqiyah (about 32 Tola of) gold, so the seller said: ‘Abu Bakr! If you had stuck to only one Awqiyah of gold, I would have sold him even in that amount.’ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ responded: ‘If you had demanded 100 Awqiyah of gold, I would have paid even that amount and would have bought Bilal definitely.’

(*Ar-Riyad-un-Nadawah*, vol. 1, pp. 134)

Dear Islamic sisters ! The parable you have just listened clearly shows the extreme benevolence of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. He could not see any Mu’min in difficulty and would spend his money and try his best to bring salvation to others. This is the very reason that he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ bought seven slaves, including Sayyiduna Bilal Habashi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and set them free. Having a pious character, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would also hurry to perform virtuous deeds.

Financial sacrifice by Sayyiduna Abu Bakr

At the time of Ghazwah Tabook, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ commanded the wealthy people of his Ummah to make financial donations generously in the way of Allah so that arrangements could be made for Muslim warriors’ food and conveyance. Obeying this commandment of Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the blessed personality who brought his entire wealth in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to give it in the way of Allah, was Sahabi, son of a Sahabi, great devotee of Rasool, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. He placed all his wealth and family possessions

at the feet of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Seeing this great sacrifice made by his closest companion, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ inquired: 'Have you left anything for your family as well?' Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ humbly replied with utmost respect: 'أَبَقَيْتُ لَهُمُ اللهُ وَرَسُولَهُ' i.e. I have left Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for them.' (Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 5, pp. 435)

His statement can simply be interpreted as: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are sufficient for me and my family.

پروانے کو چراغ تو بلبل کو پھول بس
صدیق کے لیے ہے خدا اور رسول بس

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters ! You have just listened about the great yearning our Beloved Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had for spending in the way of Allah. Spending in the way of Allah is indeed a great reward-earning act. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'The Muslim who clothes any Muslim lacking in clothes, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him wear the clothes of Paradise; and he who feeds any hungry Muslim, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him eat the fruits of Paradise; and he who makes any thirsty Muslim drink water, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him drink sealed pure wine [in the Hereafter].'

(Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 2, pp. 180, Hadees 1682)

We should also spend in the way of Allah, as much as possible so that we also receive the Special Blessings and Favours of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Polite way of Da'wah (inviting towards Islam)

Dear Islamic sisters ! Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ is that fortunate Sahabi who was the first amongst men to embrace Islam. Sayyiduna Ibn Ishaq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated: Just after embracing Islam, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ openly declared it and also started Da'wah¹ as he was extremely soft-hearted amongst his nation, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would help people in difficulties, and every one would like him. He was well aware of the lineages of Quraysh and their every good and evil. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was also a famous trader having good manners. All the prominent personalities and common people of Quraysh would visit him due to his excellence in knowledge and business techniques, and his pious company. They would benefit from his blessed company. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would individually make efforts to reform them by explaining them the excellence of Islam and would invite them to embrace Islam. In this way, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ also successfully persuaded many people who visited him to embrace Islam by individually making efforts to reform them. (*Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 91*)

On page 11 of his 32-page booklet 'Buddha Pujaari' [The Aged (Idol) Worshipper], Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has stated: Through his individual efforts, those five blessed individuals embraced Islam who had the honour to be amongst the Asharah Mubashsharah. Their blessed names are as follows:

1. Sayyiduna 'Usman-e-Ghani
2. Sayyiduna Sa'd Bin Abi Waqqas
3. Sayyiduna Talhah Bin 'Ubaydullah
4. Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin 'Awf
5. Sayyiduna Zubayr Bin 'Awwam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ

Asharah Mubashsharah are those ten blessed companions of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ who were given glad tidings of Jannah in their worldly lives by the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. A'la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated:

¹ The practice or policy of conveying the message of Islam to non-Muslims.

وہ دسوں جن کو جنت کا ٹرندہ ملا
 اُس مبارک جماعت پہ لاکھوں سلام

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Construction of Masjid in the house

In the early days of Islam, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله تعالى عنه had constructed a Masjid in the courtyard of his house where he would recite the Holy Quran and would offer Salah. Seeing him deeply engrossed in the acts of worship, people would gather around him. His heartfelt recitation of the Holy Quran, his worship, asceticism and the act of shedding tears out of the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, would have a profound impact on the hearts of people and also because of this act of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله تعالى عنه, many people entered into the fold of Islam. (*Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 1, pp. 92*)

Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah رضي الله تعالى عنها has said: When my respectable father Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله تعالى عنه would recite the Holy Quran, he رضي الله تعالى عنه did not have any control on his tears, that is, he رضي الله تعالى عنه would weep bitterly. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 1, pp. 493, Hadees 806*)

Shedding tears during recitation brings about reward

Dear Islamic sisters ! You have just listened that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله تعالى عنه would recite the Holy Quran with tearful eyes and utmost humility, despite the fact that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had already given him the glad tidings of Paradise. Even then he رضي الله تعالى عنه would shed tears out of the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. We should also shed tears while reciting the Glorious Quran and if we are unable to do so, we should at least try. It is Mustahab [commendable] to shed tears while reciting the Holy Quran as the Noblest Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Weep when reciting the Holy Quran. If you are unable to weep, make a weeping face.

(*Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 129, Hadees 1337*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Siyam in summer

Dear Islamic sisters ! In addition to worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would also observe Siyam [fasts] abundantly. It is stated about him that he would observe [Nafl] Siyam in summer and would not observe them in winter. Surely it was Sayyiduna Abu Bakr's yearning for worship that he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would weep while reciting the Holy Quran and would observe Nafl Siyam in addition to Fard Siyam in summer. Today if we ponder over our condition, we find that we observe Fard [obligatory] Siyam with great difficulty even in winter though in winter, days are very short and nights are very long and one feels less thirsty during the day. On the other hand, in summer, days are usually very long and nights are very short and one feels very thirsty during the day.

Surely the heat of this world is nothing as compared to the heat of the Hereafter because on the Day of Judgement, undoubtedly, it will not be possible for us to bear the heat when the sun will be shining at a distance of only 1.25 miles, people will be feeling very thirsty and will be drenched in their own sweat. Therefore for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ we should try to perform good deeds in the world. We should try to please Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. We have to perform good deeds abundantly in this world in order to attain the shade of the 'Arsh by the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ on the Judgement Day. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the virtuous Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami provides us with lots of opportunities to perform good deeds. One of the best opportunities is the weekly Madani Muzakarah.

Weekly Madani Muzakarah

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The fragrant environment of Dawat-e-Islami provides us with good company. By virtue of this blessed environment, hundreds of thousands of people have repented of their sinful activities and are now living virtuous lives. You are also requested to associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and spread the call to righteousness everywhere and participate in the 12 Madani activities of the Zayli Halqah. One of the 12 weekly Madani activities of the Zayli Halqah is to attend the weekly Madani Muzakarah from beginning to end. Madani Muzakarah is such a noble question-and-answer session that one gains Islamic knowledge in the form of interesting answers given to different questions asked from Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat *دامت بركاتهمم العالیه*.

The excellence of Islamic knowledge can be understood from this blessed Hadees narrated by Sayyiduna Abu Zar Ghifari *رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ*: The Beloved Rasool *صلی اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ وآلہ وسلم* said to me, 'O Abu Zar *(رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ)*! If you learn one Ayah from the Book of Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ* in the morning, it is better for you than offering 100 Rak'aat Nafil, and if you learn one chapter from Islamic knowledge in the morning, whether you act upon it or not, it is better for you than offering 1000 Rak'aat Nawafil.' (*Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab-us-Sunnah, vol. 1, pp. 142, Hadees 219*)

You are also requested to attend the Madani Muzakarah every week from beginning to end and invite other Islamic brothers to attend it as well *اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*. *اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ* many people have repented of their sinful activities by virtue of the blessing of watching Madani Muzakarah. Let's listen to a Madani parable for persuasion.

Blessing of watching Madani Muzakarah on Madani Channel

It is commonplace that during our conversation these days, we are known to engage in backbiting without even realizing it. One brother, who was staying in Bab-ul-Madinah (Karachi), came from Bab-ul-Islam (Hyderabad) relayed this Madani parable in the presence of other Islamic brothers: One of my friends told me, 'My sister is short-tempered and gets easily annoyed. If she gets upset with anyone, she does not come forward and greet them first. My sister and my sister-in-law had a confrontation on some issue and my sister

stopped talking to her. Coincidentally that very evening on the channel loved by millions, the 100% Islamic channel run by Dawat-e-Islami – Madani Channel – a Silsilah (program) entitled ‘Madani Muzakarah’ was aired and the topic of discussion was on how to safeguard oneself from backbiting. After watching the program (my angry sister who never compromised with anyone), not only approached my sister-in-law but also apologized for her mistakes and reconciled with her.’

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters ! Weekly Madani Muzakarah is watched and heard collectively at the same time at hundreds of venues in Pakistan and abroad. A large number of devotees of Rasool gather every week for gaining Islamic knowledge. Islamic brothers from different cities also attend Madani Muzakaraha live through OB Van. It is better to watch Madani Muzakarah collectively instead of watching it individually at home. It would be excellent if the Islamic brothers of Majlis Nashr-o-Isha’at, Majlis Lawyers & Judges, Majlis Traders, Majlis Rabitah for Traders, Majlis Transport, Majlis Izdiyad-e-Hub gather the people related to their field at home of an Islamic brother and watch Madani Muzakarah. If groups of 12 Islamic brothers each collectively attend Weekly Madani Muzakarah at different homes every week, it will be Madinah Madinah (highly appreciated).

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Siddeeq-e-Akbar and his act of enquiring after the health of the sick

Dear Islamic sisters ! We are listening about the blessed character of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. One of the attributes of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was that he would console and enquire after the sick. Once Sayyiduna ‘Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ fell ill. When Sayyiduna

Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ learnt about it he said to Sayyiduna ‘Umar Farooq and Sayyiduna ‘Usman-e-Ghani رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا: ‘Ali has fallen ill; we must go to enquire after him. Having heard this they got ready. Therefore all three went to the house of Sayyiduna ‘Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ.

(Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 4, pp. 377)

Dear Islamic sisters , with good intentions we should also enquire after the sick Muslims because it has lots of blessings. Surely, it is a Sunnah to enquire after the health of the sick. It is also one of the Madani In’amaat.

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: Whoever visits a patient or goes to meet an Islamic brother for the sake of Allah عَدَّوَجَلَّ, a caller calls by addressing him: ‘Glad-tiding for you, your walk is pleasing and you have made your abode in Paradise.’ *(Sunan Ibn Majah, vol. 2, pp. 192, Hadees 1443)*

Therefore we should also please Allah عَدَّوَجَلَّ by enquiring after the sick and become deserving of Paradise. May Allah عَدَّوَجَلَّ enable us to act upon it!

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Got excess amount of money reduced from stipend

Dear Islamic sisters ! The ideal manner Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had regarding frugality and contentment surely contains the lesson of patience and gratitude as well as the persuasion for contentment for us. Once the first caliph of the Beloved Rasool, Sayyiduna Siddeeq Akbar’s respectable wife رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا desired to eat Halvah [i.e. a type of sweet dish], he said to her: We do not have enough money to buy Halvah. She humbly said: I will save some money in a few days from the daily expenditures and then will buy Halvah from the same money. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ gave his consent to this. Therefore, his wife started saving money. After many days, she saved a little amount of money. When she mentioned it to him so that he could buy Halvah he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ took the money and deposited it in Bayt-ul-Maal [i.e. the state treasury]. Having deposited the money Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

said, 'This money is in excess to our expenditure'. Afterwards, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ got his monthly stipend reduced in proportion to that deposited money.

(Al-Kamil fit-Tareekh, vol. 2, pp. 271)

Dear Islamic sisters ! By listening to the above-mentioned parable the people who feel that they should fulfil their needs should ponder. Would that we could also be blessed with the Madani mind-set of opposing Nafs and becoming pious and content! Surely this parable contains lots of Madani pearls about feeling contentment and having self-respect, avoiding from greed and making the Hereafter better.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Siddeeq-e-Akbar and his condolences to bereaved family

Similarly, one of his attributes was that whenever he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was informed of anyone's death, he would express his condolences to the deceased's family members. Sayyiduna Qasim Bin Muhammad رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated: When someone died Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would express condolences to his family members and would say like this: There is no harm in comfort, no benefit in crying and weeping; death is easy for the post-death matters and tough for the pre-death matters. You recall the apparent demise of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, your suffering will be reduced and your reward will be increased.

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you heard! Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was the caliph of Muslims, even then he would express condolences! Therefore for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and with the intention of pleasing Muslims we should also express our condolences to afflicted Muslims. Lots of virtues have been mentioned for it in blessed Ahadees.

It is stated in a blessed Hadees: The one who expresses condolences to a grief-stricken person, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make him wear the dress of piety and will have mercy on his soul amongst the souls and the one who expresses his

condolences to an afflicted person, Allah ﷺ will make him wear two such dresses out of the dresses of Paradise, which will be worth even more than the [whole] world. (Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 6, pp. 429, Hadees 9292)

Dear Islamic sisters ! Let's listen to some manners of expressing condolences.

1. To express condolences is Sunnah.
2. The time of expressing condolences is 3 days from the day a person dies. After this period of time it is Makruh as it refreshes the memory of the sorrow, however when the person who expresses condolences or the one to whom condolences are expressed is not present there or if he is present, but he does not know about it, so there is no harm in it if condolences are expressed to him later on.
3. It is also permissible to express condolences prior to burial. However, it is better if it is done after burial.
4. It is preferable to express condolences to all the close relatives including the elder and the younger, men and women all, but to women only her Maharim should express condolences. Condolences should be expressed in these words: May Allah ﷺ forgive the deceased and have mercy upon him and bestow patience upon you and bestow reward for this affliction [upon you].

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Do not quarrel with your neighbour

Dear Islamic sisters ! Another beautiful trait of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was that he was extremely soft-hearted for the neighbours. Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin Qasim رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ narrated on the authority of his father: Once when Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ passed by Sayyiduna 'Abdur Rahman Bin Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, he was scolding his neighbour. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said to him: 'Do not quarrel

with your neighbour, because he will live here but the people who will see your quarrel will go away from here.’ (Kanz-ul-Ummal, vol. 5, pp. 79, Hadees 25599)

Rights of neighbour

Dear Islamic sisters ! Have you seen how gracefully Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ invited him towards righteousness and whenever neighbours quarrel with each other, they make their own loss indeed. Because after all they have to live together even after the quarrel and their quarrelsome attitude creates a scene for others.

Remember! Islam places great emphasis on the rights of neighbour as the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: ‘I advise you to treat your neighbours nicely.’ Thereafter, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ continued describing the rights of neighbours one after the other that it seemed that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would assign him a share in inheritance.

(Al-Mu’jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 8, pp. 111, Hadees 7523)

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant us the privilege to take great care of our neighbours.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Madani pearls of advice

Dear Islamic sisters ! As Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ reformed the people through his impeccable and righteous character, he also bestowed numerous Madani pearls of Madani training in his blessed sayings.

Sayyiduna Raafi’ رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said: I was present in the court of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, I humbly said: Give me advice. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said two times: ‘May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy upon you and grant you blessing:

1. Offer Fard Salahs on time.
2. Pay Zakah happily.
3. Observe Siyam of Ramadan.

4. Perform Hajj of Baytullah.
5. Never become a ruler.

I humbly asked: Nowadays, the rulers are the best people of Ummah. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied: Nowadays, governance is easier but I fear that in the future due to excess of victories, there will be more governments comparatively, and thus it is likely that inefficient rulers will emerge; whereas, on the Day of Judgement, the accountability of ruler will be longer and [he will suffer] more torment. In his comparison, non-ruler's accountability will be lesser and [he will suffer] light torment. Because, it is the ruler who inflicts more cruelty and the cruel ruler breaks the pledge committed with Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Amongst these rulers, some (those who serve justice) are the chosen bondmen of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and some, (because of cruelty) are reproved from the Divine court. By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! When anyone out of you seizes neighbour's nanny-goat or camel, he becomes very happy that he made it (successfully), though Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is more rightful to inflict torment on them.

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12-day Islah-e-A'maal Course

Dear Islamic sisters ! Make an intention to do a 12-day Islah-e-A'maal (deeds reformation) Course for becoming righteous, observing Nafil Siyam and awakening the passion for Nafil acts of worship. This is the favourite course of Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi وَابْنُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ he has said (emphasizing the utmost importance of this course) that if this 12-day Islah-e-A'maal Course is done a 100 times, even then it needs to be done again and again. What does this Madani course consist of???

In this sinful era, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat وَابْنُ بَرَكَاتِهِ الْعَالِيَةِ has given us a comprehensive collection of the Shari'ah and Tareeqah, comprising of the ways of performing good deeds and refraining from sins in the form of the 'Madani In'amaat'.

In addition to this, 12-day Islah-e-A' maal Course teaches and encourages the attendants to carry out a lot of good deeds such as Tahajjud, Ishraq and Chasht, recitation of the Holy Quran with correct pronunciations, Awraad and Wazaaf, Munajat, various Du'as, Madani Halqah and the blessed Shajarah. Furthermore, one may listen to the speeches on harmful things (the spiritual diseases which may destroy us) such as jealousy, arrogance, ostentation, evil suspicion etc. for the Tarbiyyat (training) and reformation of one's Baatin (inner-self). One can also avail the opportunity to learn the method of Salah, sign language to avoid unnecessary conversations and many more things.

Du'a of Attar!

O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Whoever does this 12-day Islah-e-A' maal Course, may he pass over Siraat bridge in the blink of an eye, and make him enter Jannah without any accountability and enable him to attain the neighbourhood of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

Madani campaign of Nafil Siyam

Dear Islamic sisters ! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! By the blessings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, who observes Siyam all year round, the Madani campaign of Nafil Sawm especially remains continued through the followers of Madani In'amaat in Dawat-e-Islami. Let's listen to few Madani pearls about the Nafil Siyam. The Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated: If someone keeps a Nafil Sawm one day and he is given the whole earth full of gold as a reward, even then, his reward will not be complete, he will be given his reward only on the Day of Judgement.

(Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 5, pp. 353, Hadees 6104)

Organizational grading for those who love to observe Sawm

- **Excellent:** The one who observes 'Sawm-e-Dawoodi' [the Sawm observed by Sayyiduna Dawood **عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام**], it means observing a Sawm every alternate day. Moreover, observing at least 15 Siyam in a month at his convenience or observing Siyam throughout the year except on the five prohibited days, that person will also attain an 'Excellent' position.

(It is Makruh Tahreemi to observe a Sawm on Eid-ul-Fitr, and 10, 11, 12, 13 of Zul-Hijja-til-Haraam.) (*Durr-e-Mukhtar, Rad-dul-Muhtar, vol. 3, pp. 391*)

- **Good:** One observing Sawm every blessed Monday and Thursday will attain a 'good' position. (Observing Siyam on Monday and Thursday is a Sunnah. However, one observing seven Siyam in a Madani month at his convenience will also be organizationally deemed to have attained a 'good' position.)
- **Average:** One observing Siyam every blessed Monday or, due to some compulsion, on the weekly holiday will be attaining an 'average' position. (In this way, he will be observing four or five Siyam in a month.)
- If a Nafil Sawm is observed intentionally, then it will be Wajib (compulsory) to complete the Sawm. If one invalidates a Nafil Sawm, its Qada (i.e., observe the invalidated Sawm again) will be Wajib.
(*Durr-e-Mukhtar, vol. 3, pp. 473*)
- If parents forbid their son from observing a Nafil Sawm for fear of illness, the son must obey his parents.
- A married woman is not allowed to observe a Nafil Sawm without the permission of her husband. (*Rad-dul-Muhtar, vol. 3, pp. 477*)

Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighat

Dear Islamic sisters ! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, over 103 departments under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami, have actively been engaged in serving Islam through calling people towards righteousness. There are approximately 5000 Madaris-ul-Madinah Baalighat(adult islamic sisters) in Pakistan. It is also one of the 8 Madani Zayli activities in which free education of the Glorious Quran is provided and learning and teaching the Quran is considered as one of the greatest and noblest acts.

Sayyiduna 'Usman-e-Ghani رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated, the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ' 'The best

person amongst you is the one who learnt the Holy Quran, and taught it to others.’ (Sahih Bukhari, Fazaail-ul-Quran, Hadees 5027)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ In view of importance and the need of learning and teaching the Glorious Quran and for propagating the teachings of Glorious Quran, under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami, thousands of Madaris-ul-Madinah Balighaat for Islamic sisters are conducted in different timings at different places. In Madaris-ul-Madinah Balighaat, the Glorious Quran is taught with proper Tajweed rules, correct articulation and pronunciations. Islamic sisters teach Islamic sisters. Various Du’as are memorised along with teaching and learning the Glorious Quran, learning rulings about Salah and attaining free education of the Sunnah. So, you should take part in Madrasa-tul-Madinah Balighaat for improving your world and the Hereafter and motivate others too.

Summary of Bayan

Dear Islamic sisters ! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, today, we have listened about the impeccable character and different qualities of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ.

- The entire life of Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was fully devoted for the worship of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
- He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ led an Allah-fearing life.
- He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ, having deep devotion towards the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, spent his entire life following the Sunnah of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.
- He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ showed great affection towards the elders and the young ones all his life.
- He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ kept fulfilling the rights of Khilafat all the time, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ held this position.
- Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was an embodiment of piety and asceticism.

- Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ showed great assistance and benevolence towards the Muslims who faced cruelty and oppression.
- Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ did not even hesitate to spend his wealth for saving the oppressed Muslims from cruelty.
- Despite being a caliph and ruler of Muslims, Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ led a very simple and life full of contentment and patience instead of luxury and pleasure.
- Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ used to visit the sick people.
- He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would express his heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family when someone would pass away.
- Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ used to motivate and encourage others to offer Salah, observe Sawm, perform Hajj and pay Zakah etc.
- The state of piety of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had reached to this stage that he used to observe Nafil Siyam in summer season. Therefore, we should also follow the footstep of Sayyiduna Siddeeq-e-Akbar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ and lead our lives carrying out good deeds as well as refrain ourselves from the sins and prevent others too.

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ grant us privilege to act upon them!

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Dear Islamic sisters ! 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 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)

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Sunan and manners about shaking hands

Firstly, two blessed sayings of the Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

1. When two Muslims shake hands while meeting and ask each other about their well-being, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sends down a hundred mercies between them, of which ninety nine mercies are for the one who meets the other more warmly and asks about the well-being of his brother in a more beautiful manner. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 380, Raqm 7672*)
2. When two friends meet, shake hands, and recite Salat upon the Nabi (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), their past and future sins are forgiven before they separate. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman lil-Bayhaqi, vol. 6, pp. 471, Hadees 8944*)
3. When two Muslims meet, it is Sunnah for them to shake hands using both hands after saying Salam.
4. Say Salam when leaving as well. You may also shake hands.
5. While shaking hands; if possible, recite the following Du'a as well after reciting Salat-'Alan-Nabi:

يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَنَا وَلَكُمْ

May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ forgive me and you.

6. The Du'a that two Muslims make while shaking hands will رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا be answered and both will be forgiven before their hands are separated. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal, vol. 4, pp. 286, Hadees 12454*)
7. Shaking hands with each other removes enmity.
8. You can shake hands every time you meet.

9. It is not Sunnah for both to just shake hands by using one hand each. The Sunnah is to use both hands for a handshake.
10. Some people just touch their fingers; this is not the Sunnah either.
11. It is Makruh to kiss one's own hand after shaking hands.

(*Bahar-e-Shari'at*, vol. 16, pp. 115))

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 Maktabatul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ