

Would that we could get rid of useless conversation!



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Thought-provoking speech of weekly
sunnah-inspiring ijtimia

(For Islamic Sisters)

Muballigha must read the bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech

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

Would that we could get rid of useless conversation!

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

*Please note that this speech was originally written for Islamic brothers, we have done necessary changes for Islamic sisters. It may be possible that some words could have been remained unchanged! If so, Muballighah should change the wordings accordingly at the time of delivering this speech.
(Majlis-e-Tarajim)*

Excellence of Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ has said, ‘When Thursday arrives, Allah ﷻ sends angels who have papers of silver and pens of gold. They write the names of those who recite Salat on me in abundance on the day of Thursday and the night of Friday (i.e. the night between Thursday and Friday).’ (Kanz-ul-‘Ummal, vol. 1, pp. 250, Hadees 2174)

بچیں بے کار باتوں سے پڑھیں اسے کاش! کثرت سے
ترے محبوب پر ہر دم ڈروں پاک ہم مولیٰ

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 ﷺ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ 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 she will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

NOTE:

The intentions mentioned below can be modified as per situation

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
3. I will make room for other Islamic sisters 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*, *أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ*, *تُؤْبِئُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ*, etc., I will reply in low voice with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After Ijtima, I will take the lead to say Salam and shake hands and make individual effort.
7. During the speech, I will avoid the unnecessary use of mobile phone.

8. Neither will I record the speech, nor any kind of voice as it is not permitted.
9. Whatever I listen I will act upon it and later on convey it to others. In this way, I will be privileged to propagate the call towards righteousness.

Dear Islamic sisters! Surely tongue is one of the greatest blessings of Allah ﷺ. The one who uses this blessing in a good manner gets its benefit, not only in this world, but she will also see its blessings in the Hereafter. However, the one who gives her tongue full freedom, suffers disgrace in the world and the Hereafter both. Today, we will be privileged to listen to different Madani pearls about the protection of the tongue. First of all, let's listen to a faith-refreshing parable.

Sayyiduna Umar Bin Saleem رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Once Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام went to his followers in the state that he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was wearing a woollen Jubba (cloak), barefooted and had no cloth etc., on his head, and tears were rolling down from his eyes. Due to being hungry his complexion changed and due to intensity of thirst his lips became absolutely dry. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام greeted his followers, and after giving some pieces of advice, he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام gave them the Madani pearls of protecting the tongue and said: 'O people! Avoid speaking uselessly; never speak any word other than Zikr of Allah ﷺ from your tongue; otherwise your heart will become hard. No doubt, hearts are soft, but useless talk makes them hard. And the person whose heart becomes hard, gets deprived of the mercy of Allah ﷺ. ('Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat, vol. 1, pp. 185)

آنکھوں کا زباں کا دے خدا قفلِ مدینہ
ہر عضو کا عطار لگا قفلِ مدینہ

بولوں نہ فضول اور رہیں نیچی نگاہیں
دوزخ کی کہاں تاب ہے کمزور بدن میں

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Sayyiduna Isa Ruhullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام ordered his followers to do Zikr of Allah ﷺ and avoid useless conversation through the pieces of

advice he عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام gave to his followers in the above-mentioned parable. He عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has also said that useless talk causes the heart to become hard. Remember! Where by virtue of this tongue we may deserve the eternal blessings of Paradise by doing Zikr and reciting Salat, Na'at and delivering speeches and presenting the call towards righteousness, we may also suffer the torment of fire by misusing it, like committing the sins of backbiting, tale-telling, abusing someone, etc. Alas! At present, the concept of protecting the tongue is almost vanishing. We do not realize how this small piece of meat, which is guarded by two lips and two jaws, can put our whole body into worldly and Hereafter troubles. But being careless of the consequences and without thinking of anything, we keep speaking and it has become our habit. Remember! Every word we utter [from our tongue] is written by the infallible angels of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. In Ayah 18 of Surah Qaaf part 26, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ ﴿١٨﴾

He does not utter a single word, without a ready recorder seated next to him.

[Translation of Quran (Kanz-ul-Iman)](Parah. 26, Surah Qaaf, Ayah 18)

There are some keepers on you:

Sayyiduna Atta Bin Abi Rabbah رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: People of the past would dislike useless talks and for them, apart from the Holy Quran and Sunnah, presenting the call towards righteousness, forbidding from evils and the conversation for necessities of worldly life, every conversation was useless. Don't you know that indeed, there are some honourable keepers, who write [your every act]; one is sitting on the right and the other one on the left. One keeper is always ready whenever you utter something [from your tongue]. Do any of you not feel ashamed of it that when his Book of deeds is opened, which he had filled in the beginning of his day, containing most of the talks which have nothing to do with the Deen (religion) and the world? (*Ihya-ul-Uloom, vol. 3, pp. 348*)

میں بے کار باتوں سے بچ کے ہمیشہ

کروں تیری حمد و ثنا یا الہی

(وسائلِ بخشش مرمم، ۱۰۵)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard! Every word we utter is written by angels. Just ponder, we speak uselessly so much throughout the day, commit tale-telling and backbiting against so many people, use different kinds of foul language and make so many people silent by our glib talk. No one can win from us in useless arguments. Have we ever thought that by these useless conversations and arguments we can make people silent in the world, establish our superiority to them, but on the Judgement Day, in the plain of Mahshar, what will happen to us when the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and all the blessed Ambiyah عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام will appear with their Ummahs, pious saints and our relatives and friends and devotees will also be there before whom we were respected much in the world, the sun will be blazing fire, the earth will be of burning copper and everyone will have to read out their Book of deeds in front of everyone? Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

وَأَخْرَجُ لَهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ كِتَابًا يَلْقَاهُ مَنْشُورًا ﴿١٣﴾

اقْرَأْ كِتَابَكَ طُفْئِلُكَ بِنَفْسِكَ الْيَوْمَ عَلَيْكَ حَسِيبًا ﴿١٤﴾

And We shall bring forth a register for him on the Day of Resurrection, which he will find open. It will be said, "Read your ledger; this day you are sufficient to take your own account.

[Translation of Quran (Kanz-ul-Iman)](Parah. 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 13-14)

Dear Islamic sisters! Just ponder! How shall we read out our Book of deeds in front of everyone on the Judgement Day? How shall we read out the book of deeds that will be full of useless conversation, polluted with abuses and indecent talks, which will contain utterances about breaking the hearts of Muslims? How shall we read out the Book of deeds that will have sins like backbiting and tale-telling against Muslims and untruth? How shall we face people? Therefore we should try to speak as less as possible and should speak only that is necessary, refraining from speaking uselessly or we should

speak good, because useless conversation only causes loss. On the basis of four reasons Hujjat-ul-Islam Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has mentioned the harm of useless conversations:

1. Kiraman Katibeen (those respected angels who record deeds) have to write down useless conversation, therefore, a person should feel shy from them and should not give them the trouble of writing down useless conversation.
2. Regarding condemnation of useless conversation, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ mentions the second reason. It is not good that the Book of deeds full of useless conversation be presented to the Merciful Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
3. The third reason for the condemnation of useless conversation is that a person will be ordered in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in front of all the creation to read out his Book of deeds. Now, the terrifying severities of the Day of Judgement will be in front of him. Human will be without clothes; he will be incredibly thirsty; his back will be bent due to hunger; he will be stopped from going to Paradise, and every type of comfort will be stopped for him. (Just ponder! How worrying it would be to read out a Book of deeds full of useless conversation in such troublesome situation!)
4. The fourth reason for condemnation of useless conversation is that on the Day of Judgement a person will be rebuked for useless conversation and he will be made to feel embarrassed. That person will have no answer to this and he will feel deeply ashamed in the blessed Court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen*, pp. 67)

میری زبان تَرَبے ذِکْر و دُرود سے

بے جا بنسوں کبھی نہ کروں گفتگو فضول

(وسائل بخشش مرمم، ص ۲۴۳)

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Make your mind to protect your tongue in order to protect yourself from this disgrace on the Judgement Day. Get into the habit of avoiding useless conversation, as speaking less is such a deed for which Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام has been made to promise.

Dear Father! Why don't you speak?

Sayyiduna Abdullah Bin Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has narrated: When Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام was sent to the earth, he had a great many children. One day, his sons, grandsons and great-grandsons (sons of grandsons) all gathered around him and were talking, whereas he sat silent and did not speak. His children humbly asked: Father! What is the reason you are quiet and we are talking? Abul Bashar Sayyiduna Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied: 'O my sons! When Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent me to the earth from His closeness (i.e. Paradise), I was made to promise: O Adam! Speak less till you regain My closeness'. (*Tareekh-e-Baghdad, vol. 7, pp. 339, Raqm. 3843*)

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard! To speak less has been given such great importance that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Himself is commanding His highly respected Nabi عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام to speak less. We have to take great care in protecting our tongue and saving it from speaking uselessly. Alas, Alas! Neither do we have the mind-set of observing Qul-e-Madinah of tongue, nor have the fear of speaking too much and useless conversation. It is the tongue due to whose misuse many people will be made to enter Hell.

Bad conversation will make us fall flat on the face in the Hell!

Sayyiduna Ubadah Bin Samit رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ came out of his home and got on his vehicle. Sayyiduna Mu'az Bin Jabbal رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ humbly asked: Ya Rasool Allah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Which deed is the best? Pointing towards his blessed mouth, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: To stay quiet except for speaking about righteousness. It was humbly asked: Will Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ account for what we speak [from our tongue]? Hitting his blessed hand on his thigh the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: O Mu'az! Words uttered from the tongues will make people fall

flat on the face into the Hell. So the one who believes in Allah ﷺ and the Judgement Day, should speak good or stay quiet from speaking bad. (It was further said:) Speak good, you will get benefit and stay quiet from speaking bad, you will be safe. (*Mustadrik Lil-Hakim, vol. 5, pp. 407, Hadees 7844*)

فضول اور بیکار باتوں کے بدلے
کروں کاش! ہر دم مدینے کی باتیں

(وسائلِ بخشش مرمم، ۲۷۳)

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِیْبِ

Definition of useless conversation

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard! Our Beloved Rasool ﷺ stated a very beautiful method of staying safe. Safety lies in it that a person speaks good and avoids speaking bad. Remember! We will be able to succeed in observing Qufi-e-Madinah of tongue and staying safe from the destruction of useless conversation when we know what useless conversation is. Regarding this, Sayyiduna Imam Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: The definition of useless conversation is that, to have such conversation, from which if you stop, you will not become a sinner, and nor will you suffer any loss at present or in future. For example, you describe your journey in front of people in any gathering and relate the events that occurred to you and the mountains and streams you saw during the journey. Similarly, you mention the food and clothes you like and the wonderful things about the Mashaikh of different cities and their wonderful events. These are the acts due to which you will not become a sinner if you do not mention them, and nor will you suffer any loss, though you try your best not to make any reduction or addition in describing the incident, and nor does it have any backbiting and any condemnation of the creation. Despite all these precautions you will be the one who wastes his time. And how will you protect yourself from the evils of useless conversation? (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 3, pp. 345*)

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard what useless conversation means! Useless conversation means there will be no harm if it is not done. Thus before we speak we should ponder over its consequence whether or not it will benefit our Hereafter. If it benefits our Hereafter, it should be done, otherwise we should keep quiet. If we bear the concept of being disgraced on the Judgement Day in mind due to useless and indecent conversation, we will become the one who speak less and refrain from useless conversation, because the one who suffers from any worldly tension her concentration is fully diverted to it. For example, if someone's mother or father or relative meets sudden death, or her running business suddenly slows down or she has quarrel at home on trivial issues, she falls silent. Similarly, if we are blessed with pondering over the Hereafter after listening to the torments of Hell, our hearts tremble with the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, we will also fall silent. But we do not keep silent at any moment. We speak all the time without thinking. If we study the blessed life of our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, it will become obvious that our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used to speak very less; he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would remain silent quite often. Sayyiduna Jabir Bin Samorah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said that the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would mostly remain silent.

(Sharh-us-Sunnah lil-Baghwi, vol. 7, pp. 45, Hadees 3589)

The renowned commentator, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَالِحِينَ has said regarding the blessed Hadees, 'Silence here means silence from worldly conversation, otherwise the blessed tongue of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would always remain occupied with the Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. He صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would not talk to people unnecessarily. This refers to permissible conversation whereas he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ never had any impermissible conversation throughout his entire blessed life. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is an embodiment of truth, then how any falsehood can ever approach him!' *(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, pp. 81)*

Dear Islamic sisters! The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would not only protect his blessed tongue himself, but he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would also greatly

persuade or rather urge his Ummah to keep silent. Let's listen to six blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ about the virtues of silence.

- (1) The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: 'Should I not tell you about the nicest and easiest deed?' A blessed companion humbly said: 'May my parents be sacrificed for you! Why not, please state.' The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: 'It is good manners and prolonged silence; must adopt both of them because you cannot take any other act like them in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.'
- (2) The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: 'Silence is the highest act of worship'. (*Ibid, Hadees 3849*)
- (3) The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: 'Silence is mandatory for the one who wants to stay safe'. (*Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 3, pp. 271, Hadees 3595*)
- (4) The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said: 'The one who remains silent achieves salvation'. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 225, Hadees 2509*)
- (5) The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: A bondman cannot achieve the reality of faith until he stops his tongue. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 5, pp. 55, Hadees 6523*)
- (6) The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said: Good news is for the person who saves his excessive conversation and spends his extra wealth. (*Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 5, pp. 72, Hadees 4616*)

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard! Silence has a great many virtues. **Keeping silent** is a very nice deed. **Keeping silent** is the best act of worship. **Keeping silent** is a proof of safety. **Keeping silent** brings about salvation. **Keeping silent** is a source of attaining the reality of faith. So in order to attain the virtues which have been mentioned in these blessed Ahadees, protect your tongue and also give the mind-set to observe Qul-e-Madinah of tongue

to your family members because sometimes it happens that there is a strong possibility that we may start sinful conversation if we speak unnecessarily. So goodness lies in silence.

يا رَبِّ نَهْ ضَرُورَتِ كَيْ سَوَا كَچھ كَبھی بولوں!
 اللّٰهُ زَبَانِ كَا بُو عَطَا قَفْلِ مَدِينَه
 بَك بَك كِي يَه عَادَتِ نَه سِرِ حَشَرِ پَهَنَسَا دے
 اللّٰهُ زَبَانِ كَا بُو عَطَا قَفْلِ مَدِينَه

(وسائلِ بخششِ مرمم، ۹۳)

‘Individual effort’ one of the 8 Madani activities

Dear Islamic sisters! Associate yourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, in order to attain the passion for protecting the tongue and to protect yourself from useless talks and take part actively in the 8 Madani activities of the Zayli Halqah. One of the 8 weekly Madani activities is “Individual effort”. It is a Madani request to you to do Individual effort on new Islamic sisters and persuade them to join the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Help them become Mu’allimah, Muballighah (preacher) and Mudarrisah and increase the Madani work of Dawat-e-Islami. Those Islamic sisters who use to be active in the past and are inactive now, especially make individual effort on them and make them join the Madani environment again. Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, ‘Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said: The 99% work of Dawat-e-Islami is possible through Individual effort. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ by the virtue of Individual effort many Islamic sisters have joined the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami.

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوْا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ

How did I escape from the quicksand of sins?

One Islamic sister was very heedless from the worries of Hereafter, before joining the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. Her escape from the sinful life occurred in this way that someone sent a gift consisting of Faizan-e-Sunnat (Blessings of Sunnah), a masterpiece written by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** and other booklets to her home. Thus, she got the privilege to read the book Faizan-e-Sunnat. This prominent book, written in a very easy and understandable style, enriched with the blessed devotion to the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** developed a spiritual enthusiasm and positive changes began to take place in her life. Furthermore, due the individual efforts of some Islamic sisters, she got associated with the Madani environment of Dawate-e-Islami. And by the blessings of this Madani environment, she repented of her past sinful life and began to spend her life in accordance with Sunnah for the betterment of her Afterlife. In order to reap the blessings of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** she became his disciple. Till writing of this, she has the privilege of serving Islam as a Zimmedar (Responsible Islamic sister) of Area Mushawarat. **(Anokhi Kamaee, pp.21)**

Disadvantages of useless conversation:

Dear Islamic sisters! We are listening to the condemnation of useless conversation. Remember! Speaking without thinking can result into very dangerous consequences and may lead to perpetual displeasure of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**. Surely observing Qufl-e-Madinah of tongue i.e. protecting yourself from unnecessary conversation, brings safety because one who speaks more, generally makes more mistakes and even reveals secrets. It is also very difficult for such a person to refrain from sins like backbiting, tale-telling and finding fault with people. One who speaks uselessly out of habit, sometimes even **مَعَادُ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** utters a word of unbelief. Let's listen to some disadvantages of useless conversation.

1. Loses her respect:

It is a fact that the risk of embarrassment is very low in silence, whereas one who speaks excessively has to apologize again and again after making a mistake. She regrets in her heart, 'If I had not spoken anything at that time, it would have been better, because as a result of my speaking, the one who was listening to me spoke rudely to me and insulted me in front of many people, damaging my reputation as well. In this way, one who speaks uselessly loses her respect. Sayyiduna Muhammad bin Nadar Harsi رحمۃ اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ has narrated: 'Dignity i.e. honour is lost by talking excessively.' (*Al Mawsu'ah Ibn Abid Dunya*)

یا الہی! فالتو باتوں کی عادت دُور ہو
 کاش! لب پر کوئی بھی جاری نہ ہوے جا کلام
 (وسائلِ بخششِ مرمم، ۲۴۶)

(2) Uses foul language:

Another disadvantage of speaking uselessly is that such a person finally uses obscene language and talks about immodesty which are extremely bad deeds. It does not suit any Muslim at all to use such a language. It is stated in a blessed Hadees: A true believer is not the one who finds fault with others, who curses others, uses obscene language and is immodest. (reference) The people, who destroy their Hereafter by indulging in immodest conversations using foul language in their friends' gatherings, should learn an admonitory lesson.

(3) Indulges in backbiting and fighting:

Dear Islamic sisters! Useless conversation and useless questions generally lead to backbiting and a quarrel. If something is asked for a good purpose, there is no harm in it, but questions usually have no correct purpose. In fact, questions are asked for the sake of asking. For example, some people are habitual if they see something with somebody, they start asking questions

like this: How much did you buy it? From where have you bought it? How many years warranty does it have?

Remember! Asking about these things unnecessarily is considered to be a useless conversation and one has to account for it in the Hereafter. Sometimes by asking these questions, one starts backbiting and committing tale-telling, fighting and quarrelling. For example if someone rents a house, questions are asked: How many rooms does it have? How much is the rent? How is the landlord? It is a very dangerous question about the landlord. The sinful answer to this question is given usually without any Shar'i permission like this: Our landlord is very strict, merciless and short-tempered. He does not tolerate even the delay of one day regarding the rent.

Remember! All these fall into the category of backbiting and to do backbiting against any Muslim means you are destroying yourself. It is stated on page 26 of 'Gheebat ki Tabahkariyan' (Backbiting – A Cancer in our Society): Backbiting cuts faith. Backbiting leads to bad end. The Du'a of the one who does backbiting abundantly is not answered. One loses the spirituality of Salah and Sawm due to backbiting. Backbiting destroys virtuous deeds. Backbiting burns virtuous deeds. One who does backbiting will be the last to enter Paradise even after repenting of it. In short, backbiting is a grave sin, absolutely Haraam and an act leading to Hell.

(4) Speaks words of unbelief:

Dear Islamic sisters! At present, due to lack of knowledge some people are getting so much uncontrolled that whatever comes to their mind they speak immediately. They do not think even for a moment what they are saying. This habit of speaking uselessly makes a person speak what she should not speak and puts her into hot water. Sometimes even a person utters words of unbelief and loses her most precious thing 'faith' and she does not know at all about it that she no longer remains a Muslim and also has invalidated her Nikah (marriage). Some people are very inconsiderate. They want such confirmation after every utterance unnecessarily: Yes sisters! Is it ok or not? Am I saying wrong! What do you think? Now, at all costs, a person has to say

yes to agree to her statement and thus doing this, she commits the sin of telling a lie. People who speak uselessly speak sometimes of apostasy; or rather **مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** utter words of unbelief in order to get confirmation as per their habit. They utter such sentences: Yes, sisters! I am saying right, am not I? And make their listeners also utter 'yes' to them and sometimes destroy their faith as well because supporting words of unbelief with sense and understanding is also unbelief. In order to obtain further important pieces of information about words of unbelief it is extremely useful to study Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat's **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** excellent book 'Questions and Answers about Kufriyyah Kalimaat'.

يَارَبِّ! نَهْ ضَرُورَتِ كَيْ سَوَا كَبْهِي كَجْه بُولُون
اللَّهُ زَبَانَ كَا هُوَ عَطَا قُفْلِي مَدِينَه

(وسائلِ بخششِ مَرَمَم، ۹۳)

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Remember! Useless conversation is condemnable in every way. Regarding this, Imam Ghazali **رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** has said: It also includes useless conversation and the conversation that is useful but more than the need because it is also possible to do useful work with a brief conversation. It can also be done exaggeratedly and with repetition. When we can serve our purpose with one word, but we use two words, so the second word is useless i.e. it will be more than the need and it is also condemnable. (reference) Therefore in order to protect the tongue, it is very necessary to refrain from useless conversation. Our pious predecessors would spend every minute in doing Zikr of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, but even then these righteous people would protect their tongue very much. Let's listen to the blessed sayings of these personages about it.

It might be a useless conversation:

Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddique رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ would keep a piece of stone in his mouth in order to avoid conversation and would say pointing towards his tongue: It is the very thing that has taken me to the places of destruction.

- A blessed companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said: When a person talks to me about something, I like it more to answer it than a thirsty person likes cold water, but I do not answer due to the fear that it could be a useless conversation. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 3, pp. 348*)
- Sayyiduna Musa Bin Ali رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: A monk (i.e. who is away from the world busy in worship) from Bani Israel has said: The beauty of a woman is modesty and the beauty of a wise person is silence. (*Ayk chup So Sukh, pp. 16*)
- Sayyiduna Ruba'e Bin Khaisam رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ did not have a worldly conversation for 20 years. In the morning, he would have an ink pot, a sheet of paper and a pen and he رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would write whatever conversation he would make and then in the evening he would account for his Nafs. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 3, pp. 3387*)

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you heard! Our pious predecessors would give great importance to the tongue. Despite spending every moment in Zikr and Salat these righteous people would keep a stone in their mouth in order to avoid speaking uselessly. When they would talk about something, they would write it and then would ponder over it in the evening. At present, this trait can be found in Shaykh e Tareeqat Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ. He دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ not only acts upon the teachings of these pious predecessors, but hundreds of thousands of people have also started following the right path by virtue of the blessing of his Tarbiyyat (teachings). Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ has given us many Madani In'amaat about the protection of tongue:

For example, in a Madani In'aam he **دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةَ** says: Have you today asked anybody the questions due to which a Muslim usually commits the sin of telling a lie? (e.g. Asking unnecessarily: Did you like our food? etc.)

He states in a Madani In'aam: Have you falsely accused anyone or spoiled anyone's name (at home and outside) today? Have you abused anyone?

Similarly, it is stated in a Madani In'aam: Have you succeeded in refraining from untruth, backbiting, tale-telling, jealousy, arrogance and breaking promises today?

It is stated in a Madani In'aam: Have you made any conversation in a gesture and at least 12 times in writing in order to form the habit of refraining from useless conversation by observing the Qul-e-Madinah of tongue today?

Just ponder! All the above-mentioned Madani In'amaat are about the protection of tongue. We should also make conversation in writing at least 12 times daily in order to form the habit of being silent and get rid of useless conversation. If we try, we will gradually get into the habit of talking about everything in writing. However, while making conversation in writing we should also take great care that it should not be a useless conversation because useless conversation is prohibited even in writing. May Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** enable us to avoid useless and indecent conversation and enable us to do Zikr and recite Salat Alan Nabi all the time!

أَمِينِ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

بجیں بے کار باتوں سے پڑھیں اے کاش کثرت سے
ترے محبوب پر ہر دم دُرُودِ پاک ہم مولیٰ
ہماری فالتو باتوں کی عادت دُور ہو جائے
لگائیں مُستقل قفلِ مدینہ لب پہ ہم مولیٰ

(وسائلِ بخششِ مرمم، ۹۹)

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Majlis Madani In'amaat

Dear Islamic sisters **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, Dawat-e-Islami is busy serving Islam in more or less 104 departments. One of them is 'Majlis Madani In'amaat. As per the desire of Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ**, Majlis Madani In'amaat has been established to make Islamic brothers, Islamic sisters and the male and female Islamic students of Jami'a-tul-Madinah and Madaris-ul-Madinah practicing Muslims and to persuade them to act upon the Madani In'amaat. Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ** has stated: May Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** enable all the Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters to act upon these Madani In'amaat along with acting upon Fard (obligatory) and Sunan acts and all the responsible Islamic brothers and Islamic sisters of Dawat-e-Islami propagate booklets of these Madani In'amaat in their Halqah [area] so that every Muslim practises them sincerely for the betterment of their grave and the Hereafter and attains the great gift of being the neighbour of the Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in Jannat-ul-Firdaus by the Grace of Allah Almighty! Let's make intention that we will actively take part in this virtuous deed. We will not only act upon the Madani In'amaat ourselves, but we will also persuade Islamic sisters to do so.

Summary of speech:

Dear Islamic sisters! **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** today, we have been privileged to listen about the importance and benefit of refraining from useless conversation and observing Qufl-e-Madinah of tongue. Surely

- By protecting the tongue, one attains the pleasure of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.
- By virtue of the blessing of observing Qufl-e-Madinah of tongue, one stays safe.
- Silence is a high act of worship.
- Silence is a beauty of a wise person.

- One who refrains from useless conversation is blessed with wisdom.
- Excess of conversation and the habit of useless conversation become a cause of destruction.
- Allah ﷺ does not like useless and indecent conversation.

May Allah ﷺ enable us to observe the Qufi-e-Madinah of tongue by refraining from useless conversation!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Du'a to stay safe from backbiting:

Allamah Majduddin Firauzabadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَادِي has stated, 'When you sit in a gathering and recite بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ, Allah ﷺ will designate an angel for you that will keep you from backbiting. When you leave the gathering, recite بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ, the angel will keep others from backbiting against you.' (Al-Qaul-ul-Badī', pp. 278)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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 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)

سینه تری سُنَّتِ کا مدینہ بنے آقا
جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani pearls of conversation

1. Make conversation smilingly and politely.
2. With the intention of pleasing Islamic sisters, talk respectfully with the elders and kindly with the youngsters. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*.
3. Talking loudly as if you are shouting, as friends do, is not a Sunnah.
4. With good intentions, make it your habit to talk politely even with a newborn baby. Your manners will improve and the child will also learn good manners.
5. During a conversation, one should not do anything disgusting such as removing dirt from the body with the fingers, touching the nose or putting fingers into the ears, nose or repeatedly spitting etc. People are disgusted by such acts.
6. Calmly continue listening as long as the other person is speaking. Interrupting someone's conversation is not a Sunnah.
7. There should be a genuine purpose of the conversation. Always talk to people according to their level of wisdom and awareness.
8. Avoid foul and indecent talks. Refrain from vulgarism. Remember! Swearing at a Muslim without any Shar'i permission is absolutely Haraam (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 21, pp. 127*) and Heaven is Haram on the one engaged in indecent conversation. (*Kitab-us-Samt, pp. 204, vol. 7, Raqm 325*)

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.