

QURAN

is the Book of Guidance

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(For Islamic Brothers)

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

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الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَىٰ إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَىٰ إِلِكِ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُوْرَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep getting the reward of I'tikaf. Remember! There is no Shar'i permission to eat and drink, sleep or do Sahari and Iftari even to drink Zamzam water and the water on which *Dam* has been made in a Masjid. However, if the intention of I'tikaf is made, all these acts will become permissible. One should not make intention to observe I'tikaf only to eat, drink or sleep, but rather he should do it for pleasing Allah Almighty.

It is stated in *Fatawa Shaami*: If someone wants to eat, drink or sleep in a Masjid, he should make intention to observe I'tikaf, do Zikr of Allah Almighty for some time, then whatever he wants he can do (i.e. now if he wants to eat, drink or sleep, he can do so.).

Excellence of Salat upon the Beloved Prophet ﷺ

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said:

مَا مِنْ عَبْدَيْنِ مُتَحَابِّينِ فِي اللَّهِ يَسْتَقْبِلُ أَحَدُهُمَا صَاحِبَهُ فَيُصَافِحُهُ وَيُصَلِّيَانِ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى
اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَّا لَمْ يَفْتَرِقَا حَتَّى تُغْفَرَ ذُنُوبُهُمَا مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْهُمَا وَمَا تَأَخَّرَتْ

Translation: When two people who love each other for the sake of Allah Almighty meet and shake hands, and send Salat upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, their past and future sins are forgiven.

(Musnad-Abi-Ya'la, Musnad Anas Bin Malik, vol. 3, p. 95, Hadith 2951)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'أَفْضَلُ الْعَمَلِ الْبَيِّنَةُ الصَّادِقَةُ' A true intention is the best of an action. (Jami' Sagheer, p. 81, Hadith 1284)

O devotees of Rasool! Make a habit of making good intentions prior to every work, for a good intention enables a person to enter Jannah. Before listening to the Bayan, make good intentions as well. For example, make intention:

- That I will listen to the complete Bayan in order to gain knowledge;
- That I will sit with manners;
- That I will refrain from laziness during the Bayan;
- That I will listen to the Bayan for my reform; and
- That whatever I will listen, I will strive to convey it to the others.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Repentance of the one busy with enjoyment and pleasures

Sayyiduna Abu Haashim Sufi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said: Once, I intended to go to

Basra and moved forward to board a boat. A man with his slave-girl was already aboard the boat. He said to me, 'There is no space on the boat.' The slave-girl interceded with him on my behalf, thus, he allowed me to get on the boat. When we moved forward a little, the man ordered food. The food was brought and he placed it in front of himself. The slave-girl said to him, 'Invite this poor fellow to have a meal as well.' So, he also invited me for the meal.

After we had finished the meal, he said to his slave-girl, 'Bring the wine.' When she brought the wine, he began drinking it. He asked the slave-girl to give me the wine too, but I refused to drink it. When the person became intoxicated, he said to the slave-girl, 'Bring your musical instrument.' The maidservant took hold of the musical instrument and began to sing a song. The man then turned his attention towards me and said, 'Do you have anything like this [song]?' I replied, 'Yes, I have something which is much better than this.' He said, 'Let me hear.' So, I recited the first three Ayahs of Surah At-Takweer, part 30 after reciting

'أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ':

إِذَا الشَّمْسُ كُوِّرَتْ ﴿١﴾ وَإِذَا النُّجُومُ انْكَدَرَتْ ﴿٢﴾ وَإِذَا الْجِبَالُ سُيِّرَتْ ﴿٣﴾

When the sunlight is rolled up. And when the stars shall fall off. And when the mountains are made to move (i.e. crushed into very minute pieces).

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 30, Surah Al-Takweer, Verses 1-3)

After listening to these verses, the man started weeping. When I reached these words of Allah Almighty 'وَإِذَا الصُّحُفُ نُشِيرَتْ ﴿٣﴾' (and when the balance sheets of deeds are opened), he said, 'O maidservant! I free you for the sake of Allah Almighty. Dispose of this wine and break the musical instrument.' He then called me closer and said, 'O my brother!

What do you say? Will Allah Almighty accept my repentance?' I recited the following Ayah (Ayah 222 of Surah Al-Baqarah, part 2) in reply:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ ﴿٢٢٢﴾

Indeed, Allah loves those who repent abundantly and loves those who purify themselves.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, Verse 222)

(Hearing this, he repented.) *(Durra-tun-Nasiheen, pp. 216-217)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! You have heard of how great and unique the Holy Quran is, which is full of guidance! When the person who was intoxicated with the splendour of the world, who had love for songs and music, who had the habit of drinking wine and committing sins listened to the blessed verses of the Holy Book, consisting of the mention of the Hereafter, it pierced his heart. A real revolution took place in his life and he repented of his sins.

Undoubtedly, it is the blessing of the Holy Book of Allah Almighty that hearts shake and tears stream from the eyes when its recitation is heard. Why should this not be the case, as it is the beautiful and truthful book of Allah Almighty; the One Who revealed it is the Lord of the worlds, the one who brought it is Ruh-ul-Ameen, that is, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and the one to whom it was revealed is a Mercy to the worlds صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the Ummah for which it has been revealed is the best of all Ummahs, the language in which it has been revealed is eloquent Arabic, the month in which it was revealed is the most esteemed of all months, the night when it was revealed is the most superior night, and the places where it was revealed are the most exalted of places.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, the Holy Quran is the Divine revelation, the means of attaining closeness to Allah Almighty, a summary of all heavenly books, the fountainhead of all branches of knowledge, a collection of guidance and a treasury of mercy and blessings. It is the Noor [luminosity] which dispels all the darkness of misguidance, it is a system of reformation and upbringing which purify a person's inner and outer, and makes him exceptional, it is the faithful companion which helps in the grave and will also help on the Day of Judgement. It contains cure for the sick hearts. The one who holds fast to it, will be guided, and the one who acts upon it, will succeed in the world and the Hereafter. Let us listen to the excellence and glory of this Holy Book in its own words. It is stated in part 15, in verse 9 of Surah Bani Israel:

اِنَّ هٰذَا الْقُرْاٰنَ يَهْدِيْ لِلَّتِيْ هِيَ اَقْوَمُ

Indeed, this Qur'aan shows that path which is the most straight

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 15, Surah Bani Isra'eel, Verse 9)

It is stated in part 14, in verse 89 of Surah An-Nahl:

وَنَزَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الْكِتٰبَ تَبْيٰٓرًا نَّكُلُّ شَيْءًا وَّ هُدًى وَّ رَحْمَةً وَّ بُشْرٰى لِّلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ



And We have sent down this Qur'aan upon you, which is a clear explanation of all things, and guidance, and mercy and glad tidings to the Muslims.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 14, Surah Al-Nahl, Verse 89)

It is stated in Ayah 138 of Surah Aal-e-'Imran, part 4:

هٰذَا بَيٰٓرٌ لِّلنَّاسِ وَّ هُدًى وَّ مَوْعِظَةٌ لِّلْمُتَّقِيْنَ

This (i.e. the Qur'aan) is a declaration for the people, and guidance and advice for the pious.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 4, Surah Aale 'Imraan, Verse 138)

Regarding the last blessed verse, the renowned commentator of the Holy Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na'eemi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has said: The general blessing of the Holy Quran is for general people, that is, the clear mention of everything, but the special blessing is for special people, that is, to guide [them] to the right path. (He رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ further said:) the Holy Quran being an explanation or guidance is for us, not for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had already been taught and advised about everything, and he صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was already upon guidance. *(Tafseer Na'eemi, vol. 4, p. 200)*

Dear Islamic brothers! After listening to the luminous and sacred verses of the Holy Quran, every wise person will fully comprehend that in reality, 'The Quran is the only book of guidance'. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, just as we have received the clear proof of this fact from the verses of the Holy Quran, similarly, we also receive this fragrant Madani pearl in light of the blessed Ahadith that 'The Quran is the only book of guidance'. Let us listen to a blessed Hadith in order to attain blessings.

Sayyiduna 'Ali al-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ narrated that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'A tribulation will soon arise.' I asked, 'O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! What will be the way to stay safe from it?'

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'The book of Allah Almighty; it contains the news of your future and past generations, and the judgements of your mutual dealings. The Quran is conclusive, and this is not false. The unjust person who leaves it, Allah Almighty will destroy him, and the one who seeks guidance in other than it, Allah Almighty will misguide him; it is the strong rope of Allah Almighty and His wise remembrance. It is the straight path. The Quran is the book by virtue of which, desires do not get spoilt, other languages combined together cannot make it doubtful, from which Islamic scholars are not

negligent, which does not become old if recited repeatedly, whose wonders do not come to an end. The Quran is the book that when Jinns heard it, they could not help but say that we have heard the wonderous Quran which guides towards goodness so we have placed our faith in it. The one who accepts the Quran is truthful; the one who acts upon it will attain reward; the one who makes decisions in accordance to it will be the one who does justice, and the one who calls towards it, then certainly, he has called towards the straight path.’ (Tirmizi, vol. 4, p. 414, Hadith 2915)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ! You have heard that the Holy Quran is a book full of countless virtues, and it is a complete code of life. Surely, it is the blessing of the Quran which is guiding us even today in such a way that not only Muslims, but non-Muslims are also accepting its truthfulness, and everyone is busy pondering over it from their own perspective. The Quran is the book of guidance and the clear evidence for this is that when the radiance of this matchless book shone on the society, darkness turned to light, and the luminosity of its guidance spread everywhere. When the people who were busy committing sins listened to the blessed verses [consisting of guidance], their hearts became illuminated by the luminosity of Quran, fear of Allah Almighty developed in their hearts, and not only did they repent of their sins, begin offering Salah and following the Sunnah, but they also became the leaders of Muslims and guided the misled people towards the right path. Let us listen to two faith-refreshing accounts in this regard.

Repentance of Sayyiduna Fudayl Bin ‘Iyaad رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

On page 17 of ‘Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat (part 2)’, a 413-page book, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, it is stated that before repenting, Sayyiduna Fudayl Bin ‘Iyaad رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

was such a dangerous highway robber that he would rob the entire caravan alone.

Once, a caravan passed by his area, and night fell, so it had to stay there. When he arrived near the caravan with the intention to raid it, he heard some members of the caravan saying, 'Do not go towards this town, and take another route instead. There is a dangerous robber named Fudayl who lives here.' When he heard the voice of the people of the caravan, he trembled with fear and said out aloud, 'O people! I am Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad, present in front of you. Pass through this area without any fear of danger; you are safe from me. I swear to Allah Almighty! From today onwards I will never disobey Allah Almighty.'

Having said this, he رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ left and repented of all his past sins, and started following the right path. It is also stated that on that night, he رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ invited the members of the caravan and said, 'Consider yourselves safe from Fudayl Bin 'Iyaad.' He رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ then went to get the food for their animals. Upon his return, he رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ heard someone reciting this blessed verse of the Holy Quran:

الْمُرْيَانِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ

Has the time not come for the believers to humble their hearts to Allah's remembrance

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 27, Surah Al-Hadeed, Verse 16)

This blessed verse of the Holy Quran pierced his heart. He رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ began weeping bitterly, and whilst putting dust on his clothes, he said, 'Yes! Why not! By Allah Almighty! Now the time has come, now the time has come.' He رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ continued to weep like this and then repented of all his past sins. (*'Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat, vol. 2, p. 17*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Repentance of sitar-playing girl

Sayyiduna Saalih Murri رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ has stated: A girl who would play the Sitar (a musical instrument) passed by a reciter of the Blessed Quran who was reciting the following blessed verse (of Surah Al-'Ankaboot, part 21):

وَأَنَّ جَهَنَّمَ لَمُحِيطَةٌ بِالْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٥٤﴾

And indeed, Hell has surrounded the disbelievers.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 21, Surah Al-'Ankaboot, Verse 54)

As soon as she heard this blessed verse, she threw away the Sitar, screamed loudly, and fell unconscious to the ground. Upon regaining her senses, she broke the Sitar and fully devoted herself to worship and spiritual efforts to such an extent that she became well-known for her piety and ascetism. One day, I said to her, 'Be gentle with yourself.' Hearing this, she wept and said, 'I wish I could know how the dwellers of Hell will come out of their graves, how they will cross the Bridge of Siraat, how they will attain salvation from the horrors of the Day of Judgement, how they will take the draught of boiling water and how they will bear the wrath of Allah Almighty.'

Saying this, she again fell unconscious and collapsed. Upon regaining consciousness, she implored Allah Almighty in the following way, 'O Allah Almighty, I disobeyed You in my youth, and I am now obeying You in this state of weakness; will You accept my worship?' She then heaved a deep sigh and said, 'Alas! The faults of many people will be disclosed on the Day of Judgement.' She then gave a piercing scream and burst into tears in such a painful way that all the people who were present there fell unconscious. *(Ar-Raud-ul-Faa'iq, p. 148)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you hear how effective the Holy Quran is, such that upon listening to its recitation, the hearts of people tremble

and they feel frightened and are blessed with the thought of the Hereafter when they listen to its recitation. Even extremely sinful people are privileged to repent of their sins sincerely when they listen to the recitation of the Holy Quran.

Ponder for a moment! The blessings of these sacred words are such that by listening to them, even the gravest of sinners begin to travel on the straight path and become obedient to Allah Almighty. So how many blessings must those fortunate Muslims who, alongside the recitation of this blessed book, act upon its teachings, receive?

Madrasa-tul-Madinah Baalighan

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! Keeping in mind the importance and the necessity of learning and teaching the Glorious Quran and in order to propagate its teachings, Madaris-ul-Madinah Baalighan for mature Islamic brothers are arranged under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami, after 'Isha Salah at different Masajid, markets, factories, etc., keeping in view their convenience. Thousands of Madaris-ul-Madinah [for Islamic sisters] are also arranged at various timings at various locations. Islamic brothers teach Islamic brothers, and Islamic sisters teach Islamic sisters. They learn the Holy Quran with correct pronunciation of the letters along with memorising different Du'as, learning rulings regarding Salah and learning Sunnahs, free-of-charge.

We must attend Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adults for the betterment of our world and Hereafter. If we already know how to recite the Holy Quran correctly, then we should start teaching it to others for the pleasure of Allah Almighty and gaining reward, but if we do not know how to teach, then we should start learning it.

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَیْ مُحَمَّدٍ

Introduction to booklet, 'Excellence of Reciting the Holy Quran'

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to develop a yearning for reciting the Holy Quran and to attain the blessings of the Quran, study the booklet published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, namely, '*Excellence of Reciting the Holy Quran*'. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ, this booklet contains the virtues of reciting the Holy Quran and learning and teaching the Holy Quran, 21 Madani pearls of reciting the Holy Quran, 14 Madani pearls of Sajdah Tilawat, 9 Madani pearls of touching the Holy Quran and many other interesting Madani pearls. Therefore, buy this booklet today from the stall of Maktaba-tul-Madinah. Read it yourself and also persuade others to do so.

صَلُّوْا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ! Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziyaae دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ اَعْلَايَه is the great saint of Allah Almighty, the great revolutionary leader and the well-wisher of Muslim Ummah, who not only acts upon the Holy Quran but also has a great passion for reciting it. His writings, Sunnah-inspiring speeches, Madani Muzakaraha, audio and video messages, etc., are a clear testament to this. He is busy day and night making other Muslims righteous, Salah-offering, followers of the Holy Quran and increasing their yearning for its recitation

In order to persuade others to recite the Holy Quran and ponder over it, he encourages them to read its translation and commentary by means of the Pious Deeds. Hence, is stated in Pious Deed number 5: Today, did you recite Ayat-ul-Kursi, Tasbeeh-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlas at least once after offering the five daily Salahs? It is further stated in Pious Deed number 6: Today, did you recite or listen to at least three Ayahs of the Holy Quran from Kanz-ul-Iman with its translation and commentary? Or, did you read or listen to around two pages from Siraat-ul-Jinaan?

May Allah Almighty also grant us the honour of spending our lives in whilst acting upon the Pious Deeds.

اٰوِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوْا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani Halqah after Fajr Salah

The circle of listening to and reading Tafseer after Fajr Salah is one religious work from the 12 religious works of Dawat-e-Islami. This consists of reciting 3 Quranic verses with their translation from *Kanz-ul-Iman* and Tafseer from *Khaza'in-ul-'Irfan*, *Noor-ul-'Irfan* or *Siraat-ul-Jinaan*. Also, Dars is delivered from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* (4 pages) and *Shajarah Qadiriyyah*, *Razawiyyah*, *Attariyyah* is recited.

Through the blessings of the study circle for listening to and reading Tafseer after Fajr Salah, the Masjid remains full, one gains the opportunity to listen to the recitation of the Quran, one receives various Madani pearls of religious knowledge regarding various topics. What can be said about reciting, teaching and understanding the Quran! Hence, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said in a Hadith of Bukhari: 'خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ', meaning, 'The best among you is the one who learnt the Quran and taught it to others.' (*Bukhari, vol. 3, p. 410, Hadith 5027*)

How blessed must it be to start the day by participating in the circle for listening to and reading Tafseer after Fajr Salah, with the recitation of the Holy Quran, its translation and commentary, Dars from 4 pages of *Faizan-e-Sunnat*, litanies, and listening to and reading the *Shajarah* which is full of the mention of the *Awliya*.

The one who remains occupied in the Zikr of Allah after offering Fajr Salah in congregation, until the sun rises fully and then offers 2 units of Nafil Salah, he receives a special virtue. Just as it is narrated: Whosoever offers Fajr Salah in congregation, and then remains busy in

the Zikr of Allah until the sun rises fully, then he offers 2 units of Salah, he will receive the reward of a complete Hajj and Umrah. *(Tirmizi, p. 171, Hadith 586)* It is stated in another place: Whosoever remained seated in his place of prayer after completing Fajr Salah, until he reads the Nafil of Ishraq, and speaking only good, his sins will be forgiven even if they are exceed the foam of the ocean. *(Abu Dawood, p. 211, Hadith 1287)*

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Maktaba-tul-Madinah

One of the departments of Dawat-e-Islami is known as Maktaba-tul-Madinah. In current times, the use of new methods and means to propagate messages and publish books and booklets is growing rapidly. It should have been the case that these new means were only used to spread the call to righteousness and for other permissible reasons. But unfortunately, some evil forces have made them into a weapon to achieve their own agendas. Through its help, they are busy day and night in spreading their corrupt beliefs and diverting unwitting Muslims from the path of truth.

In short, there was a flood of a lack of practice in one direction, and in the other, there was a terrifying storm of misguided beliefs. Therefore, in this situation of tribulation, Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziyaae *دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه* worked tirelessly to stop this torrent of misguidance. Eventually, his sincere efforts bore fruit, and *الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ*, in 1406 AH, in accordance to 1986 CE, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, namely, Maktaba-tul-Madinah, came into existence.

Initially, this department of Dawat-e-Islami would only release audio cassettes of Bayans, and then with the grace of Allah Almighty and the merciful gaze of the Beloved Prophet *صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ*, such progress took

place that the department that started its work with audio cassettes, now overlooks the press and VCD office established in Bab-ul-Madina, Karachi, which are equipped with the latest facilities and needs associated with this department. In this short space of time, just as hundreds of thousands of cassettes and VCDs have reached the entire world by means of this Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the books of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ and other scholars of Ahl-e-Sunnat كَرَّمَ اللهُ لَهُمُ have also been published and are in the hands of the public in large amounts, where they are becoming a means of reviving the Sunnah.

Endless treasure of knowledge and gnosis

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely, reciting the Holy Quran, listening to it and acting upon it bring about blessings, goodness and salvation in the Hereafter. But unfortunately, nowadays, Muslims have no time to recite it, understand it and act upon it. Some people are privileged to do this only in the sacred month of Ramadan and some people are deprived of its recitation even in the sacred month of Ramadan, or in fact, they remain deprived of seeing it because in order to pass time in the sacred month of Ramadan, we waste our precious time in restaurants, useless gatherings, parks, places of mixed entertainment, reading newspapers, watching films, dramas or programs containing music, discussing and listening to the state of the country or politics, and commentary on matches, playing games on mobile phones, computers and sinful usage of social media.

If we were to get into a routine of reciting at least one part of the Holy Quran every day instead of wasting our precious time in these useless activities, then اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ by virtue of its blessings, a large number of good deeds will be recorded in our book of deeds. Furthermore, if we get into a routine of reciting three verses with translation and commentary every day, we will attain a wealth of information by virtue of its blessing, for the Holy Quran contains the rulings of Halal and Haraam,

admonition and advice, events and circumstances of the noble Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام and previous nations, the conditions of Paradise and Hell, and many other branches of knowledge which cannot come to an end even until the Day of Judgement.

It is stated in the book 'Ajaib-ul-Quran ma' Gharab-ul-Quran' [Quranic Wonders] a 462-page book, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah: Although the Holy Quran is apparently a collection of thirty parts, its inner meanings are such a treasure of millions, or rather billions of branches of knowledge which can never come to an end. The following is a famous couplet of an eminent Gnostic of Allah:

جَمِيعُ الْعِلْمِ فِي الْقُرْآنِ لَكِنْ تَقَاعَرَ عَنْهُ أَفْهَامُ الرِّجَالِ

i.e. all branches of knowledge are present in the Holy Quran, but the intellects of people are unable to understand them.

The information in the Holy Quran is not only limited to the branches of knowledge, but the reality is that it contains details of the whole universe and of each and every thing in the entire world. That is to say, every star in the sky, every drop of the ocean, every particle of the earth, every particle of the deserts, every leaf of the trees, every edge of the 'Arsh and Kursi, every corner of the universe, every event of the past, every matter of the present, and every incident of the future has been explained with extreme clarity and detail in the Holy Quran. Hence, Allah Almighty has said:

مَا فَرَّطْنَا فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ

We have left out nothing in this Book,

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 7, Surah Al-An'aam, Verse 38)

The Holy Quran is that treasure of knowledge that can never end, rather, the Islamic scholars will always continue to extract amazing pearls regarding various topics from this immense ocean, and

hundreds of thousands of books will continue to be written until the Day of Judgement. (*'Ajaib-ul-Quran, pp. 419, 420, selected*)

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Points regarding neighbours

Dear Islamic brothers! Bringing the Bayan to an end, let us have the honour of listening to some points regarding neighbours from the booklet of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ, entitled, 'Qiyamat ka Imtihan':

Let us first listen to two sayings of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

1. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'The best neighbour in the sight of Allah Almighty is the one who wishes well for his neighbour.' (*Tirmizi, , vol. 3, p. 379, Hadith 1951*)
2. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ also said, 'The one who harmed his neighbour, harmed me, and the one harmed me, he annoyed (Eezaa) Allah Almighty. (*Al-Targib-wat-Tahrib, vol. 3, p. 241, Hadith 13*)
 - It is stated in Nuzha-tul-Qaari: Every person understands who his neighbour is in accordance to his customs and norms. (*Nuzha-tul-Qaari, vol. 5, p. 568*)
 - Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states: From the rights of the neighbour is to greet him with Salam first, to not converse with him for a lengthy time, and to not ask too many questions about his affairs.

Announcement

The remaining points regarding neighbours will be mentioned in the study circles. Therefore, take part in the study circles to learn about them.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The 6 Duroods and 2 Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-inspiring weekly Ijtimā' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami



1. The Durood for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ الْعَالِي
الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Durood at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. (*Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, p. 151*)

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

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

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Durood, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him.

(*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, p. 277)

4. The reward of 600,000 Duroods

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً يَدْوَامُ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Durood once receives the reward of reciting Durood 600,000 times. (*Afdal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, p. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'When he recites Durood upon me, he does so in these words.'

(*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi'*, p. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa'at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَنْزِلْهُ الْمَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Durood upon me, my intercession will become Wajib for him.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, p. 329, Hadith 31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid, p. 254, vol. 10, Hadith 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

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

(Overseas) Schedule for Madani Halqa in the Weekly Gathering, 20th January 2022

1. Learning Sunnah and etiquette: **5 minutes**
2. Memorising Du'a: **5 minutes**
3. Summary: **5 minutes**
4. Total duration: **15 minutes**

Remaining points regarding neighbours

- If he falls ill then enquire about his health.
- During times of grief, show him compassion and support him.
- During times of happiness, congratulate him and express happiness for his sake.
- Forgive his shortcomings.
- Do not peer into his house from the roof.
- Do not obstruct the path to his house.
- Conceal his shortcomings.
- If he is involved in an accident or other incident, then help him immediately.
- If he is not home, then do not be heedless in protecting his home.
- Do not listen to any words that are spoken against him and keep your gaze lowered from his family members.
- Speak gently to his children.
- Guide him in those religious and worldly affairs which he has no knowledge about. *(Ihya`-ul-'Uloom, vol. 2, p. 267, summarised)*

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Du'a for salvation from laziness and cowardice

According to the schedule of the weekly Sunnah-inspired Ijtima of Da'wat-e-Islami, the 'Du'a for salvation from laziness and cowardice' will be learnt. The Du'a is as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ وَالْهَرَمِ وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَفِتْنَةِ الْمَسِيحِ وَعَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

Translation: O Allah! I seek refuge in you from laziness, old age, cowardice, the tribulation of Dajjaal and the punishment of the grave.

(Faizan-e-Du'a, p. 331)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Saying of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: Pondering (over the Hereafter) for a moment is better than the worship of 60 years.

(Al-Jami'-us-Sagheer, p. 365, Hadith 5897)

Let's make good intentions' before filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet:

1. To please Allah Almighty, I will carry out today's Fikr-e-Madinah (i.e. self-accountability) myself through the Madani In'amaat booklet and persuade others as well.
2. I will praise (i.e. thank) Allah Almighty for the Madani In'amaat which I practised.
3. I will regret the Madani In'amaat which I did not practise and try to act on them in the future.
4. Allah Almighty forbid, if I have not acted on any such Madani In'aam which saves a person from the sins, I will make a firm

intention of not committing sin in the future, along with making repentance and Istighfar.

5. I will not reveal my good deeds without need (for example, I act on such and such or these many Madani In'amaat).
6. I will act afterwards or tomorrow on the Madani In'amaat which can be practised afterwards (for example, one did not recite Durood upon the Holy Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 313 times today).
7. I will try to achieve the actual aim of filling in the Madani In'amaat booklet (for example, Divine fear, piety, correcting manners, progress in the Madani activities, etc.).
8. I will fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet (i.e. carry out Fikr-e-Madinah) tomorrow as well.
9. I will not consider it a usual formality but fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet while pondering.

Mark the boxes given below with a 'correct (i.e. inverted tick)' sign for the Madani In'amaat you have practised today and mark them with a '(0) sign' in case you have not practised them.

Attention: Carry out Fikr-e-Madinah while keeping an eye on your own Madani In'amaat booklet only.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Method of collective Fikr-e-Madinah (72 Madani In'amaat)

Daily 56 Madani In'amaat

1. Made good intentions?
2. Offered all five Salahs with congregation?

3. Invited others to Salah before every Salah?
4. Recited or listened to Surah al-Mulk at night?
5. Recited Aaya-tul-Kursi, Tasbih-e-Fatimah and Surah Al-Ikhlās after every Salah?
6. Read or listened to three verses of Kanz-ul-Iman or two pages of Siraat-ul-Jinaan with translation and commentary?
7. Recited the Wazaaif of the Shajarah?
8. Recited Salat upon the Prophet 313 times?
9. Protected eyes from sins?
10. Protected ears from sins?
11. Kept gaze lowered while saving yourself from unnecessary glances?
12. Read a reforming book of Maktaba-tul-Madina for 12 minutes?
13. Replied to Azaan and Iqamah?
14. Cured your anger?
15. Reflected upon your actions?
16. Obeyed your Nigran?
17. Conversed in a respectful manner?
18. Studied or taught in Madrassa-tul-Madina Baalighan?
19. Arrived home within two hours of Isha Jumu'ah?
20. Spent two hours on religious works?
21. Awoke others for Fajr Salah?

22. Refrained from peering into others' homes?
23. Did home Dars take place?
24. Delivered or listened to Masjid Dars?
25. Wore clothes in accordance to Sunnah?
26. Are you complying with the Sunnah of keeping tresses?
27. Do you have a fist-length beard?
28. Immediately repented upon committing a sin?
29. Ate according to Sunnah?
30. Gave Salam to Muslims?
31. Acted upon some Sunnahs?
32. Offered the preceding Sunnahs of Zuhr Salah before the Faraaid?
33. Offered Tahajjud or Salah-tul-Layl?
34. Offered Awwabeen or Ishraq and Chasht?
35. Offered the preceding Sunnahs of 'Asr or 'Isha?
36. Gave encouragement for one religious work from the 12 religious works?
37. Refrained from asking others for things and using them?
38. Saved yourself from lying, backbiting and tale-telling?
39. Watched Madani Channel for at least some time?
40. Refrained from forming personal friendships?
41. Paid back debt on time?

42. Refrained from speaking such words of humility that were not in conformity with your heart?
43. Maintained cleanliness and decorum?
44. Concealed the faults of Muslims?
45. Delivered or attended the circle of Quranic commentary after Fajr Salah?
46. Recited 'بِسْمِ اللَّهِ' before some permissible works?
47. Delivered or listened to Chowk Dars?
48. Conveyed reward to your parents and spiritual guide?
49. Avoided Israaf (wastage)?
50. Abided by the laws of traffic?
51. Resolved issues in accordance to the organisational procedure?
52. Saved yourself from the sins of tongue?
53. Refrained from unnecessary speech?
54. Avoided joking, mocking, taunting, hurting others' feelings and laughing out loud?
55. Wore 'Imamah'?
56. Respected your parents?

Record of Qufl-e-Madinah

- Communicating through writing - 12 times
- Communicating through gestures - 12 times
- Conversing without staring - 12 times

Weekly 10 Pious Deeds

57. Sent at least one Islamic sister from your home to the Weekly Ijtima of Islamic sisters?
58. Watched or listened to the Weekly Madani Muzakah?
59. Attended the Weekly Ijtima from beginning till end?
60. Conducted the holiday I'tikaf?
61. Inquired after an ill person or sympathised with a grieved person, and offered condolences on someone's death?
62. Fasted on any day of the week?
63. Read or listened to the weekly booklet?
64. Performed area visit?
65. Persuaded an Islamic brother, who would once attend but no longer attends, to join the religious environment?
66. Took part in the weekly Madani Halqah?

Monthly 3 Pious Deeds

67. Submitted last month's booklet of Pious Deeds to your Nigran?
68. Travelled in at least a 3-day Madani Qafilah this month?
69. Rendered financial help to a Sunni scholar this month?

Yearly 1 Pious Deed

70. Travelled in a 1-month Qafilah this year according to the schedule?

Lifelong 2 Pious Deeds

71. Read the lifelong syllabus?
72. Travelled for 12 months (together) and completed different courses (12 religious works course, 7-day Islah-e-A'maal [i.e. reformation of deeds] course, 7-day Faizan-e-Namaz course)

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Du'a of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat

Ya Allah Almighty! The one who sincerely acts upon Madani In'amaat, fills in the booklet by performing Fikr-e-Madinah daily and submits it to his relevant responsible Islamic brother on the 1st of every Madani [Islamic] month, do not give him death until he recites the Kalimah.

أَمِيرِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِيرِينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ