



The Shariah



YOUR LINK TO ISLAM

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“Alif Laam Meem. In this Kitaab (The Qur’aan Majeed) there exists no doubt. In it is a guidance for those who (seek to) fear Allah”

Amongst the many noble objectives of The Qur’aan Majeed are: (1) It is a Grand Consoler: Mere recitation of it creates peace of mind. Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam asked Allah Ta’aala to “Make the Qur’an the spring of my heart and the remover of my sorrows” (Munajate-Maqbul P.47). Thus, it is an excellent “tonic” for depression and grief. (2) It is a Purifier: Just as fire purifies steel from rust, so too, have we been informed that recitation of the Kalaam cleanses the Rooh. (3) It is a means of accumulating Thawaab: Have we not been notified by none other than Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam that by simply reciting the three letters “Alim Laam Meem” (which has no definite meaning) earns us thirty rewards? (4) Above all, the Holy Qur’aan is a Guide unto all of mankind, or at least to those who are genuine Seekers of Guidance. This guidance is a source from which many of us, unfortunately, due to being unversed with the Arabic language, have been deprived of.

Whether it is the genocide being perpetrated in Gaza, the world financial meltdown, the inter-faith movement, the unholy conduct of the U.N, the A.U., the E.U etc.; Allah Rabbul-Izzat has long ago informed us in The Message, of the basic principles involved. In it He has consoled us and clearly plotted the way for our victory.

Just as we hope to enlighten our readers with such messages concerning current affairs, so too is there a dire necessity to confront another extremely disturbing trend. If some of us have discarded the message of the Qur’aan due to sheer ignorance, then others have, albeit with good intention, allowed the Qur’aan-e-Paak to be superseded by the personal views aired by some Ulama. No, we are not making this up. Consider the following: The Holy Qur’aan’s prohibitions NEVER alter with extraneous factors such as “times” or modern technology. Liquor will always remain Haraam, no matter what modern technology is used. The Qur’aan Majeed has branded interest as Haraam. So, after purchasing a car for R150 000/,

you insure it. After two months of insurance payments amounting to R2000/, the car is involved in an accident. The insurance pays you out the full amount of R150 000/. You accept it. Why? Because the Mufti said “In today’s times one has to have insurance”. You are happy. The Mufti is happy. But is Allah Ta’aala happy, when His clear cut command - a command that is in effect until the Day of Qiyamah - is being rudely violated? If you have any glimmer of Imaan and any spark of Allah’s Khauf, you will find a little voice telling you: You have paid in only R2000/. How can the extra R148 000/ be Halaal for you? So you quickly stifle this cry of Imaan with “The Mufti said it is permissible.” Do you think this will be sufficient as an answer on the Day of Qiyamah? No way! Just as the Mufti will be hauled into the Divine Court to explain why he thought that the Qur’aanic Message of Riba which the insurance companies operate upon was outdated, so too you will you be hauled into the Divine Court for not using your Aql.

The Yahood and Nasaara had adopted their priests and rabbis as “lords”. Every wish of theirs is considered an order. Even as their holy men wallow in crafty self-aggrandizement and riches, so too have the flock become bereft of spirituality. We too are in the peril of slumbering into the same state of mental coma. Yes, hold the Ulama in high esteem, but one certainly does not lose one’s Imaan by applying one’s Aql to what they say.

Islam, this mighty religion, belongs to all of us. Everyone has a right to make sense of what is being preached. A woman once guided Hadhrat Umar Radhiallahu anhu when he erred in a Mas’ala of The Shariah. Hadhrat Umar Radhiallahu anhu took no offense whatsoever. In fact, he lamented his lack of knowledge!

Yes, the Qur’aan Majeed is the source for Hidayah. Life is lived but once. May we all be blessed with Hidayat to cling unto Allah’s Message lest we be the subject of Rasullullah’s Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam complaint on the Day of Qiyamah: “And the Rasul will say: ‘My Rabb, verily my people had cast aside the Holy Qur’an’” (c25 v30)

In the Light of The Qur’aan...

Q: At what point will the non-Muslim world stop plotting against Muslims?

A: When we give up Islam and adopt their religion. Says Allah Ta’ala to Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam:

“And the Yahud and the Nasaara will not be pleased with you unless you follow their religion” (c2;v120)

Q: Some of the atrocities being inflicted by the brutal Yahud on the civilians are unheard of., like babies brains being crushed under the boots of soldiers etc. It seems as if the Yahud bear a special grudge against Muslims?

A: Yes, this enmity and hostility has been confirmed by Allah Ta’aala:

“And you will find the Yahud and Mushrikeen amongst people to be most severe in hatred for the Mu’mineen” (v5 v82)

Q: It is frustrating to observe the U.N. etc. not doing anything.

A: The U.N. will not do anything because it oper-

ates in conjunction with the Yahud and Nasaara. We are frustrating ourselves by having expectations from them and the other non-Muslim countries. Allah Ta’aala has informed us:

“O believers, do not adopt the Yahud and the Nasaara as your friends. Some of them are helpers of others.” (c5 v51)

Q: We expected the Muslim countries to do much more.

A: This expectation in itself is misplaced. Says Allah:

“And you do not have any friend or helper other than Allah” (c2 v107)

Q: Is it ever possible for Muslims to gain salvation from their current misery and humiliation.

A: Of course yes! Allah has promised to make us rulers provided we establish His Divine Laws and not man made laws.

Allah Ta’ala’s promise:

“And He will make you successors upon earth and observe how you rule.” (c 7 v129)

Q: What is the way forward. Our hearts burn and cry when we observe the injustices, oppression, the scheming and the conspiracies.

A: Yes, the hearts must burn. That is a healthy

sign of Imaan. However, by Allah, they cannot harm us in the least, if we follow the Qur’aanic Command:

“And if you make Sabr and fear me, then their conspiracies cannot harm you in the least.” (c3 v 120)

Q: The IMF has forecasted a total of 51 million job losses. The economic meltdown has seen billions of Rands in losses. Gulf countries have lost 60% of their investments. Please comment.

A: The entire system of the world is based on Riba. What do you expect when people decide to wage war with Allah Ta’ala by indulging in interest?

Says Allah:

“Allah Ta’ala destroys Riba” (c2 v275)

“And be warned of war from Allah and His Rasul” (c2 v279)

Q: People, especially non-Muslims are committing suicide? We also observe gross disobedience amongst the children of the wealthy.

A: Says Allah: “And (O Muhammed Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam!), do not be amazed at their wealth and their offspring. Verily, Allah seeks to punish them (for their misdeeds) with these in this world...” (c9 v55)



The Role of Muslim Women



The first, foremost and most vital duty of the Ulama is to preserve the Shariah from being distorted, moderated, or corrupted. Thereafter propagation of this unadulterated and pristine Shariah to the masses should follow. Due to evolution of society, technological and scientific advances etc., a subtle and systematic shift away from the Shariah is taking place. Intentions may be sincere and noble. Some Ulama feel that by not accommodating the needs of the times Muslims will become irrelevant. The youth will drift and will indulge in evil. The Ummah will be seen as backward. Thus, the ends justify the means.

This argument is baseless as the success of the Ummah is intertwined with obedience unto The Shariah. The Shariah is Islam which is being challenged as a backward civilization. This clash of civilizations is a reality. This clash occurs in several arenas. Chief amongst them is the role of women in society. The West is absolutely hypocritical in its assumption and declaration that there exists no discrimination of the basis of gender. Consider the following

- ◆ Hospital wards are segregated. Fact?
- ◆ Sports teams are segregated. Fact?
- ◆ Prisons are segregated. Fact?
- ◆ Public toilets and bathrooms are segregated. Fact?
- ◆ Dormitories in colleges etc. are segregated. Fact?

What utter hypocrisy from the so-called liberated West whose promiscuity has spawned millions of illegitimates who do not even know who their fathers are! It is precisely to avoid such situations that the Shariah has clearly stipulated and defined the role of a woman.

⇒ *“(O Women!) Remain firmly in your homes, and do not make a display of yourself... (Surah Ahzaab, Aayat 33) In this Ayat the basis of Hijaab is to be found in that women should remain in their homes... (Ma’aariful—Qur’aan vol.7,p.133)*

⇒ *“And, when you ask them something, then ask them from behind a screen. That is purest for your hearts and their hearts”. (c33 v53)*

⇒ *“Woman is an object of concealment. Thus when she emerges, Shaytaan surreptitiously pursues her”. (Tirmizi)*

⇒ *“Allah Ta’aala curses the one who looks (at females)...” (Baihq)*

⇒ *“Women have no share in emerging from their homes...”*

⇒ *“Women should not converse with men other than a mahram”.*

⇒ *“A man who casts a gaze at a woman, looks at her garments, and discerns her bodily shape, will not smell the fragrance of Jannah”. (Shaami)*

⇒ *“Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam instructed his wives: “Adopt Hijaab from him.” (The blind Sahaabi, Ibn Umme Maktoom). Umme Salmah (Radhiallahu Anha), the wife of Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam responded:*

“O Rasullullah! He is blind and cannot see us.”

Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam replied:

“What! Are you also blind? Can you not see him?”

⇒ *Hadhrat Ali (Radhiallahu anhu) says that once Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam questioned the Sahaabah (Radhiallahu Anhum)*

“What is best for women?”

All the Sahaabah remained silent.

When Hadhrat Ali (Radhiallahu Anhu) posed this question to the Queen of Jannah, Bibi Faatima (Radhiallahu anha), she replied:

“They should not look at men nor should men look at them.”

This answer so overjoyed Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam that when he met Hadhrat Fatimaa (Radhiallahu anha), he kissed her on the forehead and announced with great joy: “Faatima is part of me.”

It is high time that Muslims stop suffering from an inferiority complex. The cry of a Muslim is always: “Allah and His Rasul know better.”

And indeed They do. Because Muslims with dignity understand that their women are their treasures, safe only when they are jealously protected from prying eyes and ears.

Our success lies in following the commands of Allah and His Rasul Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. Here follow certain Shariah rulings with regard to the Hijaab system of the Shariah.

1. *It is not permissible for a woman to give Athaan.*
2. *It is not permissible for a woman to give Iqaamah.*
3. *It is not permissible for a woman to recite Qiraat loudly in her home in Maghrib, Eshaa and Fajr Salaah.*
4. *It is not permissible for her to recite the Talbiyah loudly during Haj.*
5. *It is not permissible for her to recite Takbeer-e-Tashreeq loudly during Ayaamun-Nahr (The days of sacrificing).*
6. *If perchance she is reading Salaah behind a Mehram, she is not permitted to rectify an error by the Imaam by calling out “Subhanallah” as males are instructed to do. Instead she should strike the palm of her right hand onto her left hand..*
7. *It is not permissible for a young lady to reply to the Salaam of a man.*
8. *It is impermissible to look at even the reflection of a woman in the mirror or water.*



9. *It is impermissible for a man to look at the nails and hair of a female even after these have been separated from her body.*
10. *Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam forbade men from looking at the garments of a woman while the garments are still on their bodies.*
11. *It is not permissible for a man to knowingly drink from the left-over water of a lady as this may stir passion in him.*
12. *Women are expected to conceal their hair from even the angels!*

Such is the modesty which a Muslim lady is expected to display before entering Jannah! She is only secure in her home from the mischief of man!

How safe don't I feel, O Allah that..

My wife is not driving a car.

- 1) *I don't have to worry about receiving a call that she made an accident and that she is being taken to the police station*
- 2) *I don't have to worry about her being loaded into a van filled with men at a road block.*
- 3) *I don't have fights with her about who is responsible for the fines*
- 4) *I don't have to worry whether she is at home or not*
- 5) *I don't have to worry about her being the target of road rage*
- 6) *I don't have to worry about children going hungry because she is “stuck in the traffic”*
- 7) *I don't have to worry about her being hijacked*
- 8) *I don't have to worry about rumours - “She was seen driving with another man in the car”*
- 9) *I don't have to worry about her frantically phoning me that the car has broken down near a squatter camp*
- 10) *I don't have to worry about displeasing others if she refuses giving them a lift for their shopping.*
- 11) *I don't have to worry if it's my wife who died in a car pile up and whose body requires identification at a mortuary*

I thank you, O Allah, for The Shariah which has blessed me with such peace of mind! O Allah, I thank you for Islam, Imaan and The Shariah!

RADIO ISLAM'S VIEWS ON WOMEN!

The Lenasia Times in its issue of 13th December 1997 was emblazoned with the headline:

“RADIO ISLAM TO DEFY ‘WOMEN ON AIR’ ORDER.”

“JAMIATUL-ULAMA NOT PREPARED TO BETRAY MUSLIMS.”

At one time our brothers issued statements of defiance which bravely and valiantly declared to one and all:

- *“Due to the sanctity attached to the female voice they have specifically not been ordered to recite the Azaan aloud, or at all.”*
- *“By presenting female hosts on Radio Islam..., Radio Islam would broadcast material in a manner which is offensive to the religious convictions and feelings of the overwhelming majority of Muslims who follow the Qur’an and the teachings of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam).”*
- *“During the compulsory prayer of pilgrimage at Mecca, the male counterpart is ordered to read the Talbia aloud. Women are specifically prevented from doing so aloud in the Hadith.”*
- *“Under no circumstances was it prepared to betray Islam and the Muslim community. It will not be compelled to violate the Quranic and Islamic Hijaab Laws. Our position will necessarily mean a sacrifice in upholding the laws of Allah.”*

Not only was their defiance and views highlighted in the media, even the Masaajid platforms were used:

The scene: Masjid-Umar-e-Farouque, Ext. 8, Lenasia. Excited crowds were swarming all over for the Esha Salaah in order to be updated with the latest news from the battlefield in the clash of civilisations. Musallees were vying for parking and the Masjid was overflowing and bursting at its seams. The atmospherics were electrifying, stimulating the Imaani conscience of the excited audience to dizzying heights. The speech was thrilling and rousing, filled and pumped up with defiance! The blunt, bold clear-cut message from The Jamiat echoed firmly: *“We shall never ever allow women to come onto the radio station! We shall uphold the Shari’ah, even if it means closing down the station. We shall never ever give in.”*



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**Polish of the heart,
Currency of Divine Love, Investment Supreme...
The Glorious Thikrullah!**

Just as a thrashing, open mouthed fish gasps for water, so too does the Rooh of a Mu'min gasp for the remembrance of Allah. Just as a caged bird restlessly flutters for freedom for the vastness of the open skies, so too, does the Rooh of a Mu'min flutter restlessly for freedom from Ghairullah, towards the vastness of all besides Allah.

Alas! We have forgotten to remember Allah, hence we risk Allah forgetting us. Thus we are the perpetrators of self-infected misery. Worse still, we wallow in self-pity and imagine ourselves to be victims of circumstances (crime, high prices, domestic problems etc.) instead of understanding that we are victims of our lust for sins and wilful transgressions. Says Allah, Most High: "And be not like those who forgot Allah, hence Allah has forgotten them..."

How does one become a successful businessman, husband, father, employee, wife, etc. in this life and be successful in affairs such as having an easy death with Imaan, a comfortable Qabr, an easy reckoning etc. in the hereafter?

"And remember Allah in abundance so that you may be **successful.**" (c8 v45)

How does one become soft-hearted? Why are people's hearts so hard? How do we drift away from Allah?

Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: "Do not speak much apart from the Thikr of Allah because anything other than the Thikr of Allah makes the heart hard. And indeed, of the people, the one furthest from Allah is he who is hard hearted" (Narrated by Ibn Umar).

How can I inspire myself for more Thikrullah?

Says Allah, Most High: "Thus remember Me so that I remember you..." (When Allah remembers us, how will we ever fear or have worries!)

Here are some Masnoon forms of Thikrullah derived from the Ahaadith which could be read at least once daily!

Which Thikr exhausts the angel's rewards?

يَا رَبِّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِجَلَالِ وَجْهِكَ
وَ لِعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِكَ

Which Thikr earns one a date palm in Jannah and causes Rizq to be distributed?

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

Which Thikr is written, hung on the Arsh, which no sin can erase and which will be found on the Day of Qiyaamah exactly as it was read?

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ
أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمِ وَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

Which Tasbeeh earns you more Thawaab than reading on four thousand seeds?

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ مَا خَلَقَ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ مَا خَلَقَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ مَا بَيْنَ ذَلِكَ وَ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ مَا هُوَ خَالِقٌ

Which words are the most Glorious after the Holy Qur'aan?

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

Which Thikr is carried by the angels under their wings and presented as a gift of praise in the court of Allah?

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ

Which Thikr equals Shahaadat? (Martyrdom)

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِي الْمَوْتِ وَ فِي مَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ

Which Thikr's Thawaab confounds the angels?

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مَبْرُورًا كَمَا يُحِبُّ رَبُّنَا وَ يَرْضَى

Which Thikr is the key to any of the eight doors of Jannah?

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ حُدَّه لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَ رَسُولُهُ
وَ أَنَّ عِيسَى عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَ رَسُولُهُ وَ ابْنُ أُمَّتِيهِ وَ كَلِمَتُهُ أَلْفَاها إِي مَرِيْمَ وَ رُوْحَ مِنْهُ
وَ الْجَنَّةَ حَقًّا وَ النَّارَ حَقًّا

Towards which Thikr did thirteen angels race one another in order to be the first to take up to the heavens?

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مَبْرُورًا فِيهِ

Which Thikr earns one so much Thawaab as freeing one hundred Arab slaves, donating a hundred fully equipped horses for Jihaad and making Qurbaani of a hundred camels?

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ

Which Thikr is equal to two million good deeds?

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ حُدَّه لَا شَرِيكَ
لَهُ أَحَدًا صَمَدًا لَمْ يَلِدْ وَ لَمْ
يُولَدْ

Which Thikr earns one the Thawaab of all the Muslim people who ever lived in this world?



رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَ لِوَالِدَيَّ وَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

The True Hajee

The Hujjaaj have returned from their journey of purification, as sinless as the day they were born, so said Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. The journey of Hajj is a journey where one discovers oneself. Core to this self-discovery is the absolute pathetic feeble and weak disposition of man. Waiting in the queue to purchase bread taxes the strongest of men. Rolling eyes cry out: "O Allah, I am so weak". Great were those who imagined that they were favouring Allah Rabbul Izzah with their Ibaadah. By Allah, instead of making their way to the Haram, they found themselves battling for a little place on some side road to perform their Salaah.

Towards Mina the army of Allah marched. The simple Ihraam shattered notions of superiority due to wealth, race, creed and profession. And there they were scrubbed before being washed of their

sins. Denied sleep and comforts, their hearts sobbed: "O Allah, I am so weak". No one could flee back to Makkah, no one could run back home. Money was useless. Chained to the power of Imaan, they spend the night restlessly in anticipation of the coming day. And then to Arafaah it was, walking and stumbling amongst the throngs of this Ummah, calling out "Labbayk, Allahumma Labbayk..." The flags, O yes, the flags, those little pieces of assorted material fluttering proudly upon different sizes of sticks, gluing individuals together into groups, gluing groups together into nations, gluing nations together into one Ummah. The war cry of this immense army was a simple word laden with the weight of mountains and with the sweetness of honey: "Sabr, Saboor."

At Arafaah, the Haaji unburdened himself of his sins! After freeing himself of sin

and being reborn, he makes a "Hadyi" (Just like Aqeeqah). At the time of being born, Shaytaan touched him. He could do nothing, but now...he goes and pelts Shaytaan. In between he makes Tawaaf-e-Ziyaarat. Pushed, pulled stamped on - but the Hajji is desperate. How many rounds have I done - - he worries?. So simple Hajji Saheb can't you count till seven? Of course, I can. In fact I can count to seven million and even more. But right now, my brains are not fully functioning. I am but a speck of dust. I AM BUT NOTHING, A NOBODY, I cant even count safely and with confidence till seven! That is a true Hajee!



DEPTHS OF CORRUPTION!

We narrate a story from Moulana Thanvi Rahmatullahi alayh about the depths of corruption a Moulana fell into: A wealthy influential clean shaven Nawaab of high standing was always criticized about his disregard for the Sunnah beard. He employed a Moulana with the sole purpose of answering the critics. One day some villagers raised the subject with the Nawaab, who promptly pointed at the Moulana. The Moulana sol-

emnly stood up and gave his Fatwa:

"It is Haraam for the Nawaab to keep a beard. The reason is that he is so engrossed with the affairs of the public that he will have no time to comb his beard. As a result lice will breed in it. No Nikaah is performed between the male and female louse. Thus the Nawaab's beard will become a source of Haraam Zina being committed between the lice."

Such are the Ulama-e-Soo we have been warned about by Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam!

SEVEN STAGES OF THE AAKHIRAH!

WHO IS GOING TO AVOID THIS?
NO ONE! THUS RATHER PREPARE FOR...

1. MAUT
2. THE QABR
3. THE HASHR (RESURRECTION)
4. THE MEEZAAN (SCALES)
5. THE SU'AAL (QUESTIONING)
6. THE KITAAB (SCROLL OF DEEDS)
7. THE PUL SEERAT (PASSING OVER THE BRIDGE)

(The Maut check-list, see page 8)

FALSEHOOD (Moulana Thanvi Rahmatullahi Alayh)

Falsehood understandably is dark. Allah knows why the description "white lie" was coined. All sins are dark.

THE SHARIAH IS THE CRITERION

Ahwaal and Muwaajid (spiritual states and states of ecstasy) occur to even the Ahle-Baatil (people of falsehood). They too display supernatural acts. These are not signs of the Truth. The only distinguishing criterion is the Shariah. If the man of Haal, wajd and supernatural display is obedient to the Shariah, then only is he a kaamil (perfect follower of the truth). If he is not a strict follower of the Shariah, he has no worth whatsoever—he is nothing. (Malfoozaat of Ml. Thanvi (rahmatullah alaih)

ULAMA-E-UMMATI

TESTS, TRIALS, AND ALLAH'S NUSRAT

Just as the Ambiya were trialled, tested and ultimately fortified in Imaan and Yaqeen by Allah Ta'aala, so too are the Ulama ushered into situations and circumstances which clash and collide with their 'Ilm. And just as Allah Ta'aala assisted and supported the Ambiyaa in times of hardships and difficulties, so too are the Ulama-e-Haqq helped and aided, provided they remain firmly entrenched and staunch in their mission. Whereas the Ambiya are aided in their mission with *Mu'jizat* and *Wahi*, the righteous inheritors of the 'Ilm of the Ambiya are aided through *Il-haamaat* (Inspirations), *Mubasharaat* (True Dreams) and *Karaamaat* (Supernatural feats within the ambit of the Shariah).

These three aids are conferred to an Aalim, not only in accordance to the fear which he may feel he has for Allah Ta'aala in his heart, but much more importantly, on how thoroughly and consistently he follows the Shariah and the Sunnah. However, none of the mentioned can even come close to being aided with the spiritual gift of being adorned with the mantle of *Istiqaamat* (Steadfastness) in the face of extreme odds. The more staunch an Aalim is upon his stance of Haqq, the more wholesome his knowledge is. The greater the obstacles in his path, the sweeter the delight of the lofty, spiritual, conquest experienced. It is in the air of "*Taifs, Uhads and Badrs*" that an Aalim floats, glides and soars – ever so close unto Allah and his Beloved Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.

Our Akaabireen were personifications of Truth and sincerity. Moulana Abdul Hay Rahmatullahi Alayh was instructed to give a lecture. He expressed his doubts if anyone would even want to listen to him. His Ustaad immediately reprimanded him and explained to him that the One for whose Pleasure he was giving a lecture, would most certainly be Present. Instead of allowing himself to be photographed, Hadhrat Moulana Yusuf Binnuri Rahmatullahi Alayh walked out on President Nasser of Egypt. When a judge inquired from Moulana Hussein Madani Rahmatullahi Alayh if he knew what the sentence for treason was for opposing British rule, Hadhrat Rahmatullahi Alayh immediately responded: "I have brought my Kafn with me." O yes, our Akaabireen were fantastic examples who never sold their 'Ilm for any price, nor bowed down to any threat!

The Key: Khashiyat

Allah Ta'aala says in the Holy Qur'aan: "*And verily the Ulama are the ones (who know why and how to) fear Allah Ta'aala*".

From this definition of the Ulama by none other than Allah Ta'aala, He makes it abundantly clear that an Aalim is not only defined by the amount of Kitaabs he has studied or the places where he pursued his 'Ilm; in the eyes of Allah Ta'aala a true and genuine Aalim is one who fears Allah Ta'aala. Minus this distinctive quality of *Khashiyat* (Fear of Allah Ta'aala), a Moulana is nothing but a fraud. He is no better than a shady Rabbi or a corrupt priest. Minus this idiosyncratic trait of *Khashiyat*, all his accumulated Kitaabs will not save him from Jahannum. Minus this seed of *Khashiyat*, he is as lost as a sheep in a storm of *Baatil* and *Butlaan*. Minus this *Khashiyat*, he will be more of a politician than an Aalim-e-Rabbani. Minus this *Khashiyat*, he will be more of a power-hungry Imaam, than a contented adherent of The Shariah.

Allah Ta'aala makes it clear that only those are Ulama who are fearful of Him, His Wrath and His Qudrat.

"*And do not fear people, fear Me and do not sell My Aayat for a mere pittance*" – Such was the promise which was extracted from the Ambiya, the Ulama of the Yahud and the Christian Ulama.

Yes, the Ulama indeed are the ones who have first hand knowledge of how destruction befell nations who rebelled and transgressed, oppressed and disobeyed. They know the names of not only the nations, but even some of those cursed individuals who defied and courted the Divine punishment. They know the exact acts which invited Terrible Chastisement. They know the time, the re-action and the horrible results of those who were blown to smithereens.

Having studied the Hadeeth, they are aware of the deadly consequences of evil deeds which Rasulullahu Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam explained in the clearest of details. They have been warned not to fall into the snare of Shaytaan, to ensure that they tread and lead the unwary and unknowing masses towards the direction of Jannah and not to mislead their flock. They are, in short, expected to uphold The Divine Laws of The Shariah and be the very first to fear violating it and infringing upon it. And they are expected to do this with *Sharah Sadr*.

Sharah Sadr

"*O Muhammed Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, have we not expanded your heart...*"

Musa alayhi Salaam made Du'aa:

"*O Allah, grant me Sharah Sadr.*"

Sharah Sadr means to have full conviction in one's cause. Hadhrat Abu Bakr Radhiallahu Anhu had *Sharah Sadr* and elected to wage Jihaad singularly upon the tribes that refused to pay Zakaat after the demise of Rasulullahu Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. He made it abundantly clear that he did not care about the consequences. We must remember, this was at a time when Islam was exposed to numerous dangers and when Islam was under a genuine threat from various quarters. Hadhrat Abu Bakr was prepared to risk the entire Islamic empire in order to uphold the Shariah. He did not even contemplate the consequences of his actions. All that mattered was to preserve The Shariah and to obtain Allah's Pleasure.

Sharah Sadr is when Allah Ta'aala opens the heart to the treasures and worth of *Haqeeqat* (reality.) It is by means of this bounty that all doubts evaporate, hesitations dissolve and uncertainties disperse. The effect of *Sharah Sadr* is that the gaze is removed from *Asbaab* (means) and the *Makhloq* (creation). A person with *Sharah Sadr* is independent from even his own plans and has sole reliance on the plans of Allah, Most High. *Sharah Sadr* is a *Nur* from Allah Ta'aala. Says Allah, Most High:

"Whomsoever Allah has granted *Sharah Sadr*, it is a *Nur* from his Rabb"

Sharah Sadr is a product of *Thikrullah* and *Taqwaa*. Without having *Sharah Sadr* an Aalim cannot discharge his responsibilities properly.

Summary

To summarise: There will be no Nabi coming to protect and propagate the message and the Shariah of Rasulullahu Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. This duty and sacred trust is the first and foremost responsibility of the Ulama of this Ummah.

The Ulama are in a tremendous position of influence. They are in a delicate position as they can either lead or mislead Allah Ta'aala's innocent and ignorant creation towards Jannat or Jahannum. There is not much scope for experimenting nor error.

Whilst Almighty Allah has promised them rich rewards for discharging their obligation, they simultaneously have been clearly warned not to dabble with the Aakhirah of the Ummah.

Tested they will indeed be. If they throw caution to the wind and indulge in obscuring, falsifying, watering-down and mutilating or distorting the Shariah, then theirs indeed is a most severe reckoning. If they are sincere and fearful, then they will be aided and assisted from the unseen.

The grand battle between Truth and Falsehood is not something new. It commenced from the heavens when Shaytaan confronted Allah Ta'aala. Falsehood progressed to a level where it sought to extinguish the spirit of Haqq. In its maddening lust for power and greed it spared no one. Consider the insults and difficulties which the following august personalities were subjected to:

Nuh Alayhis Salaam: He is astray! He should be pelted to death!

Hud Alayhis Salaam: A fool and a liar indeed he is!

Lut Alayhis Salaam: Expel him from the community!

Saalih Alayhis Salaam: He and his companions are bad luck!

Ebrahim Alayhis Salaam: A criminal! Burn him alive!

Musa Alayhis Salaam: A mad man he is!

Eesa Alayhis Salaam: It is compulsory to kill him!

Maryam Alayha Salaam: She is unchaste!

Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: "No Nabi was subjected to the amount of difficulties I was subjected to"

The Ulama-e-Haq being the inheritors of the Ambiya are subjected to similar trials.

Imaam Zainul-Abideen: He speaks like an idol worshipper!

Imaam Abu Hanifa Rahmatullahi alayh: He is an enemy of the Ummah! He is the Shaytaan of the Ummah. Assassinate him and you will earn more virtues than performing seventy Jihaads!

Imaam Malik Rahmatullahi alayh could not perform Salaah with Jama'ah for twenty five years due to the oppression of those who were enslaved to their Nafs. He was even prevented from leaving his house for performing Jum'ah Salaah!

Imaam Shafi' Rahmatullahi alayh was given the title "More harmful than Iblees". He was cursed and sworn at!

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Your correspondences...



I am an anaesthetist by profession. Some of my colleagues in the medical fraternity and I were shocked at the observation made by the Chief Mufti of The Jamiat, who compared the brutal electrocution of Rainbow chickens which causes the chicken to become senseless to the soothing administration of anaesthetic to a patient who simply falls asleep without any pain. The silence of all the Muftis serving on the board was a source of acute embarrassment to us in the medical profession. Your "Special Issue" on this matter has restored my faith in the Ulama fraternity. May you be amply rewarded.

We wish to share with you our excellent experience of the services which was rendered to us during Haj by the *Gheidmatul-Awaam* group. Alhamdulillah, we were very well looked after and catered for.

Some persons sought to negatively influence me against your organization. However, after reading your issue "*Why the Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng*", I fully understand your position. I had lost hope when I observed how the Ulama intermingle with females at schools and in their offices. Sadly, this sin is being

attempted to portray as differences between Ulama.

Having read Sanha's reason for certifying Jewish products as Halaal and observing the absolute subsequent silence of the Ulama, had made me lose all hope. That is, until a friend forwarded me your detailed Fatwa which clarified that extraneous factors do play a role in the formulation of Islamic Law. Jazakallah for producing a wonderful article based not on emotionalism but on sound Fiqhi principles.

I am a prisoner at the Krugersdorp maximum prison. I found your newspaper to be very informative. Alhamdulillah, I have converted five brothers. Could you please send some Islamic literature.

My family and I were T.V. addicts. Our whole house simply rotated around 'the box'. No one knew when they were going to sleep. At times my children would wake up at two in the morning to watch cricket. As a family we seldom ate together in peace without any interruption. Having come into contact with some of your literature in which the evils of T.V. was mentioned, made us reflect on the miserable life we were leading. We got rid of the box and believe me - freedom never tasted sweeter! Jazakallah.

May Allah Ta'aala reward you for clarifying the reasons for the formation of your organization. (*Why the Jamiatul-Ulama - Gauteng*;

The Shariah Vol.1, No.1). I am a Moulana who fully agrees with the reasons forwarded by you. Walk into The Jamiat building in Fordsburg and you will find women adorned with cosmetics freely intermingling with Ulama in the Al-Baraka Bank which is in a Waqf building. Instead of being principled and chucking out such Haraam from a Waqf building, there is talk of the Jamiat hiring the top floor to the bank.

I saw a person removing your literature from the Masjid and confronted him. I asked him to point out a single issue which was against the Qur'aan and The Hadith. He could not do so. I complained to the Mutawallees who agreed that Musallees should have access to the views of other Ulama as well.

A friend of mine forwarded a copy of The Shariah to me. I enjoyed it tremendously. May Allah Ta'aala make you grow from strength to strength.

Your consistency in boycotting the Sunday Times has touched me. I observed that your views and the views of the Jamiatul-Ulama KZN appear to coincide on many issues.

Jazakallah for the photo's of Ghandi skippers being worn over the Sunnah Kurtaas. Your views are most certainly not extremist!



THE REALITY OF T.V.

"Nowadays youngsters are corrupt. They run away from home. Even good homes are not spared. ALL OF THIS IS LINKED TO TELEVISION. The father, mother, brothers, sisters, daughters all sit and watch together. Scenes which are stored in the mind eventually are expressed in deeds." (Malfoozaat Maseehul-Ummat, p.59)

YOU BE THE JUDGE

A man makes the following statement:
"Musa, Allah ka Nabi; Eesa, Allah ka Nabi, but paysa sab se bara Nabi (Money is the greatest Nabi)"

Should such a person not be branded a Kaafir?

How do I get peace of mind ...

Where does one get knowledge of carpentry?

Where does one learn the art of boxing?

Where does one learn how to be a mechanic?

The art of gaining peace of mind is obtained in the workshops of the Auliya. Find a friend of Allah. Sit in his *Khanqa* or company. Listen to him attentively and act upon his advices. Insha-Allah, you will find *the treasure* you seek.

THE DARKNESS OF SINS

The darkness which develops on the heart as a consequence of sin is a special *zulmat* (darkness). Its effect is the creation of a disinclination for obedience

The month of Safar

The month of Safar is the second month in the Islamic calendar. It is one of the *Ash-hur-al-Hurum* i.e. it is one of the four sanctified months in which battle was prohibited during the times of Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.

The Shariah has not specified any Ibaadah during this month. Yes, the Shariah has emphasized that this month should not be considered as an unlucky month. Thus Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam expressly informed us: "No (bad omen) exists with Safar."

You make the connection...

We went to spend Christmas day at the Zoo. We received a call that robbers were in our premises...

We went to the wedding hall. When we returned, our home had been broken into...

We were watching T.V. The next thing we saw was the robbers in the lounge

Sin is a magnet for crime!

WHAT COULD THE REASON BE ?

A person has married SIX times. Each of his marriages has broken down. Despite being immensely wealthy, he has no peace of mind. Some wives have taken him to the court. What could be the reason for the pathetic and sad state of this person?

Answer: One of a few reasons:

- (1) He made a mockery of the Hijaab system of the Shariah. Thus his punishment in this world is at the hands of women.
- (2) His income is Haraam. Thus his punishment is in the form of wealth being depleted in a disgraceful manner.
- (3) He has troubled a friend of Allah. Thus both forms of punishment, wealth and women have been imposed as a punishment upon him. Such a punishment is a sign of a war which Allah has promised that He will wage against those who trouble His Friends.

This here is only the initial punishment in this world. He can get married a hundred times but he will find no peace of mind. The only way to extricate himself from his problem is to make Tauba, check on the source of his income. If he reflects deeply and sincerely, Allah Ta'aala will guide his mind to which friend he has hurt. He should seek forgiveness and please the one who he has hurt.

Did You Know?

*Zamzam Water is the best water on earth!
It is a clear sign of Allah Ta'ala in the Haram!
The blessed heart of Nabi Kareem (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) was washed with it!*

*It is food for hunger and a cure for sickness!
It is blessed with the holy saliva of Nabi Kareem (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam)!*

*A munaafiq can never drink Zamzam Water to his fill!
It is among the best of gifts given and the best of things served to guests!*

It is Sunnat to take it along on journey!

It is a cure for all maladies!

*Gazing at it brings lustre to the eyes and is an act of Ibaadat!
Find out more about this extraordinary Gift of Allah Ta'ala and revive your life. Read The Greatness of Zamzam Water.*

Translated from the original Arabic book Fadhlu Maai Zamzam and Published by Jamiatul Ulama Gauteng (PART 1 is now available – You may request a copy) (The Kitaab costs R25, inc. postage – Our address & banking details at the back)

Towards understanding Tasawwuf

Alhamdulillah, in response to our article. (The Shariah Vol. 1 No. 2) we have received many requests to shed more light on Tasawwuf. With the Fadl of Allah, we continue with the subject in this issue which have been sourced from The Majaalis of Hadhrat Moulana Maseehullah - Shariat and Tareeqat and Shariat and Tasawwuf.

Question 12: What is meant by having *Munaasabat* (Compatibility) with a Sheikh?

Munaasabat means that one is completely at ease and at peace with one's Sheikh. The heart of the Mureed is content with the actions and deeds of the Sheikh. However, at times it is possible for the mureed to mentally disagree with the Sheikh. This disagreement is not harmful provided it does not occur frequently. That is why one has to exercise extreme care before choosing a Sheikh. Without *Munaasabat* with the Sheikh there simply exists no scope for spiritual progress. Without *Munaasabat* all the striving and efforts of the mureed will be futile. Another vital point is that one should love one's Sheikh as an individual and not because of his qualities.

Question 13: What should the relationship be between a mureed and the Sheikh's family?

Never judge the Sheikh on the basis of the actions of any of his family members. The mureed's primary concern and focus should be the Sheikh. All family members of the Sheikh should be honored and respected.

Question 14: What is the reality of *Bay't*?

After sitting for a few bayaans or Majlises, a person may feel inclined towards the method of a Sheikh's presentation of the Deen. Thereafter, he may initiate a correspondence with the Sheikh. Now his relationship with the Sheikh is on a personal level. After a few such correspondences the mureed may wish to formalize his relationship with his Sheikh and he may wish to officially take *Bay't*. He accordingly could request the Sheikh to grant him this honor. It is now the prerogative of the Sheikh to accept, refuse or to refer the mureed to another Sheikh because of a possible lack of *Munaasabat*.

Question 15: What are the benefits of taking *Bay't*?

The Mureed's heart slowly absorbs the noble and lofty qualities of the Sheikh. He is endowed with the quality of '*Sharah Sadr*'. He is focused and saved from the quagmire of uncertainty and hesitance. He is firmly entrenched in his mission of attaining his objective. He is protected from the "but this Moulana says so and that Moulana says something else" syndrome. He has a clear precise vision upon which he bases his life.

Question 16: What should one not expect from a Sheikh?

- ◆ That he will guide you towards success in your worldly affairs such as your business and marital life etc.
- ◆ That through his blessings, Du'aas and Taweezes, you will not be confronted with sicknesses
- ◆ That he will foretell and foresee your future
- ◆ That you will automatically engage in lots of Ibaadat
- ◆ That you will have wonderful dreams and visions

- ◆ That he will interpret your dreams
- ◆ That he should choose partners for your children
- ◆ That he will safeguard you from enemies etc.
- ◆ That he is faultless, will never err

Question 17: What are the rights of the Sheikh?

- ⇒ Cultivate a constant good opinion of him.
- ⇒ Consider it an honour to be of service to him.
Do not have any ulterior motive such as gaining special attention, Du'aas or Barakat (blessings) etc. when serving him
- ⇒ Even if you give him your Dunyaa in gold, you cannot repay him for a single Du'aa which he has made from the deepest recesses of his heart for the well-being of your Akhirah.
- ⇒ It is more appropriate to request permission before presenting a gift. If he returns any of your gifts or presents, do not feel offended.
- ⇒ In dealings, follow his lead. If he wishes to pay for any service you have rendered, gladly accept it. Do not impose your will upon him.

Question 18: What are the rights of the Mureed?

- ⇒ It is the right of the Mureed that the Sheikh leads him with kindness and firmness towards Allah Ta'aala.
- ⇒ If need be, the Sheikh should reprimand him and display his anger and annoyance. It is against the rights of the Mureed for the Sheikh to remain silent when observing the shortcomings of the Mureed.
- ⇒ The Sheikh should strive and through his Majlis etc. bring the Mureed's shortcomings to his attention by narrating various episodes, warnings and harms of evil habits.
- ⇒ At the same time he should encourage the mureed by bringing to his notice his strengths and his progress.
- ⇒ The Sheikh himself should exercise extreme care over his Nafs. Since a Sheikh-e-Kaamil does not consider himself to be worth any attention, he would not be concerned at all if a Mureed wishes to leave him. In fact, he would make heartfelt Du'aa for the Mureed's success elsewhere.

Question 19: How should one communicate with one's Sheikh?

- ⇒ When you are starting the process of your reformation, there would be a minimum need of corresponding at least once a week. Communication could be conducted verbally or by writing.
- ⇒ Be truthful in your correspondence. Lay out your shortcomings as well as your strengths clearly.
- ⇒ It is more appropriate to limit your correspondence to three issues at a time. It is of greater benefit to communicate in writing as this gives the Sheikh a chance to reply according to his convenience. Furthermore, at times he may require time to think before replying. Another benefit is that there is a record of one's *Islaahi* affairs, which would be of great value for future references.
- ⇒ If you wish to speak to him instead of writing then do ask him beforehand which time will be suitable.
- ⇒ Avoid the mentioning of any names of enemies etc. in your correspondences.

⇒ Value his advice and make Shukr upon any congratulations offered. Appreciate his admonishments and love him for any anger that he may display towards you. His anger towards you is to remove the rust from your heart so that you may experience the Glitter of Allah Ta'aala's *Qurb* (proximity). His anger is by no stretch of the imagination for the appeasement of his Nafs. The Sword of his anger is more beneficial for you than the flowers of love offered by others. The greater the correspondence the more the *Munaasabat* and *Muhabbat* increases.

Question 20: What about obedience to the Sheikh?

It is of great importance to be obedient to one's Sheikh in carrying out his instructions in *Islaahi* affairs. In the event of the instruction being difficult to follow, the reason should be corresponded to the Sheikh. A Sheikh-e-Kaamil would accordingly change his prescription in order to assist the Mureed to overcome his spiritual problem. At times the Mureed will be lazy or lax in following the Sheikh's instructions. This does not denote complete failure on the part of the Mureed.

Question 21: How much love should one have for one's Sheikh?

There is no limit to the love that one can have for one's Sheikh, provided that the Shariah is not contravened in the displaying of this respect and *muhabbat*. Since the Mureed is in search of the Divine Love of Allah Ta'aala, the Love he has for his Sheikh is merely a manifestation of the Love he has for Allah Ta'aala. Some Mureeds reach a stage called *Fanaa-Fi-Sheikh*. This means that the Mureed has dissolved himself in the qualities of his Sheikh to the extent that he has forgotten himself.

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RADIO ISLAM'S VIEWS ON WOMEN!

Strategies were propounded: The services of top lawyers would be engaged and, if need be, the case will be taken all the way to the Constitutional Court. The Jamiat was on the warpath against both the modernists and Broadcasting Complaints Commission in the name of Islam! Hundreds of Ulama and Mufti's were operating on the basis of nothing and nothing else besides The Shariah. 51 organizations backed them.

Then...tragically, came along the supposedly overseas Fatwas:

1. Women are permitted to air their voices in enchanting, alluring and charming tones as is presently the case.
2. Married women could co-host programs with young Ulama.
3. Since Hadhrat Ayesha Radhiallahu anha taught Hadith to the Sahaabah, it now is permissible for women to broadcast recipes, news, views, reviews, the weather and even the latest gold price.
4. Women could use sweet sounding pet-names.

Sadly, by accepting and condoning the present situation, The Jamiat allowed a small clique to bring untold harm to its image as a bastion of Truth! May Allah grant us all Hidayat. (Ameen)

Questions & Answers

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ULAMA-E-UMMATI

Imaam Ahmed bin Hambal was imprisoned and daily whipped until he used to become unconscious. In addition to this he was repeatedly smacked and spat upon!

Hadhrat Zunnoon Misri was chained and with a rope around his neck and expelled from Egypt.

Imaam Nisaa'i Rahmatullah alayh was made Shaheed by the Ahle-Bid'ah in the Holy Kaaba!

Imaam Ghazaali's books were burnt in public. This was considered Fard just as it was considered an act of Thawaab to curse him!

Imaam Bukhari Rahmatullah alayh was hounded, called a non-Muslim and to even sit in his company was considered sinful!

Shah Wali-ullah Rahmatullahi alayh was imprisoned and his hand was amputated to stop him from writing. He was forced to make Hijrat and passed away in Delhi.

The "crime" of each these noble souls: Protecting, propagating and acting upon The Shariah in its pristine purity!

The Salaat of those performing Salaat in the streets, Hotel Jamaat Khanas, etc. is not valid in view of there being no continuity of the Sufoof. This is according to even the Shaafi'i and Hambali Math-habs. The Government Ulama of Saudi Arabia have also issued the Fatwa of prohibition. Qadhaa of all Salaats performed in this manner should be made.

Q. Hanafi women cannot perform Salaah behind the Imaams in Saudi Arabia because they do not make a specific niyyat that women are following them. Is this correct?

If I perform Maghrib Salaah behind the Imaam and I made a niyyat for Nafil Salaat, do I have to make Qadhaa of the Salaat. If so how do I make Qadhaa of a 3 Rakaat Salaah?

A. Assuming that the Imaams of the Haram do make intention for women following them, in that case as well it is not permissible for women to perform Jamaat Salaat in the Haram behind the Imaam due to the havoc it will cause to the men's Salaat. There are no separate Salaat facilities for the women to perform their Salaat right behind the males in the Haram. Hence the *mas-alah of muhaathaah* will be applicable, i.e. a man's Salaat becoming *faasid* due to a woman performing the same Salaat in line with him. There are other details relevant to the *mas-alah of muhaathaah*. Nevertheless, women should read their Salaat at their apartments. If they happen to be in the Haram at the time of Jamaat Salaat they should perform their Salaat individually.

In so far as making a Nafil intention behind the Imaam who happens to be performing Maghrib Salaat is concerned, this is not permissible. It is Haraam. There is no Nafil Salaah of 3 Rakaats. *Qadhaa*, however, is necessary of 4 Rakaats in addition to *istighfaar* for terminating the Nafil at 3 Rakaats.



Q. Is it permissible or not to make Sajdah Tilaawat, Janaazah Namaaz, Fardh Qadha or any other Namaaz between Asr and Maghrib?

A. Between Asr and Maghrib prior to the sun becoming pale it is permissible (*jaaiz*) to make Sajdah Tilaawat, perform Janaazah Namaaz and Qadha of any Fardh or Witr. During this time Nawaafil and Sunan are disallowed. Then once the sun becomes pale all the above-mentioned are disallowed. However, if one has not yet performed that day's Asr Namaaz it should be performed even during this Makrooh time.

Q. What are the occasions when Athaan is Sunnat? During occurrences such as storm winds, etc. will it be bid'at to give Athaan?

A. The *Sunnat* occasions of Athaan are: Fardh Salaahs, childbirth (in the ear of the newborn babe), when there is a fire, when waging Jihaad against the kuffaar, when the musafir (traveller) is overcome with fear on journey, on occasions of grief, when becoming angry, when the musafir loses his way, when a person goes into an epileptic fit and when experiencing ill-behaviour of a human or animal.

We have not read or heard of Athaan on the occasion of a storm wind. However, the Fuqaha have written that Salaat should be read on that occasion as well as on the following occasions: solar eclipse, lunar eclipse, when dark clouds hang above, a very bright night, when there is fear for an enemy, when the earth tremors, at the time of lightning, incessant hail and rain, epidemics and drought. In short, it is Sunnat to engage in Salaat upon any Sign of Allah Ta'ala's wrath. Nabi (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: "When you see any of these fearsome signs then take refuge in Salaat."

Q. A person entered the Masjid and found the Imaam in Ruku'. In haste he said his Takbeer-e-Tahreemah whilst bending into Ruku'. Was this correct?

A. It is incorrect. In fact, his Takbeer-e-Tahreemah was not valid and hence his Salaat was not valid. He has to compulsorily repeat his Salaat. Takbeer-e-Tahreemah has to necessarily be said whilst standing (in Qiyaam), not whilst bending into Ruku'.

Q. Is it masnoon to lay the deceased in the qabr (grave) on his/her right side facing the Qiblah or on the back with the face towards the Qiblah?

A. The deceased should be placed in the qabr laying on his/her right hand side and facing towards the Qiblah.

Q. Is there Zakaat on gold and silver embroidery or lacework on fabrics?

A. Zakaat is *waajib* on gold and silver in whatever form they are—coins, jewellery, raw and even gold and silver embroidery or lacework on fabrics. [Gold and silver referred to in the question and answer do not refer to imitation gold/silver or less than 12carat gold.]

Q. I have a kaffaarah of 60 days fast to keep for intentionally breaking my fast during Ramadhaan without any valid reason. Does one intention of 60 days fast suffice or is it necessary to form a separate intention for each day's kaffaarah?

A. A separate niyyat (intention) for each day is necessary in this manner: "I am observing this day as a kaffaarah fast for so-and-so (specify) fast of Ramadhaan which I violated."

Q. A person instructed to perform Hajj-e-Badal rendered the Hajj faasid before the Wuqoof in Arafaat. Now what I would like to know is that if he performs Hajj next year will it be on behalf of the person who instructed him to perform the Hajj-e-Badal or not?

A. His action of rendering the Hajj *faasid* before the Wuqoof in Arafaat is in conflict with the instruction given for the Hajj-e-Badal. Hence, the Hajj was not on

behalf of the person who had instructed him. It was his Hajj. In such a case the *hukm* [law, rule] is to complete the *faasid* Hajj and to perform its Qadha next year. Thereafter another Hajj will have to be performed on behalf of the one who instructed him to make Hajj-e-Badal.

Q. Bakr married his 13 year old daughter without her consent to Umar. Before the nikaah the girl was adamant that she was not prepared to marry Umar no matter what. Bakr ignored the girl's remonstrations and without her consent and without informing her, he went ahead with the nikaah. Even after coming to know of the nikaah the girl has not changed her position; she still refuses. Now is this nikaah which Bakr arbitrarily performed of his daughter to Umar valid or not?

A. If the girl was baaligh when her father, Bakr sought permission from her and she refused, or she refused upon learning of the nikaah in the case of her not being consulted about the nikaah, then in these two cases the nikaah was not valid. If however she was na-baaligh (i.e. not of the age of puberty) then the nikaah the father performed was valid and intact. The minor girl's refusal is of no significance. She will be regarded as Umar's wife.

Q. Zaid committed zina with Hindah's mother. Hindah's father is Khalid. Can Zaid marry Hindah or not? Some Ulama have issued the fatwa of non-permissibility in view of Hurmat-e-Musaaharat being established through zina. [Hurmat-e-Musaaharat is the prohibition of nikaah between a man and the mother, daughter, etc. of the woman he had sexual intercourse with and vice versa]. However, Zaid maintains that if his nikaah is recognized by the Shariat with Hindah, he will repent from all the major sins he presently commits. In this case is it proper to invoke the ruling of another Imaam [i.e. another Math-hab] in whose opinion Hurmat-e-Musaaharat is not effective through zina?

A. Abandoning Taqleed of one's Math-hab without a dire need is prohibited and well-established. And this excuse of Zaid is not a dire need. Therefore, it is not permissible for a Hanafi to employ the ruling of another Math-hab in this issue.

His statement of repenting from all major sins if he is granted permission is astonishing. Firstly, this is in itself a *kabeerah* (major) sin. This statement is akin to saying that if he is granted permission to take bribes he will repent from devouring interest. Secondly, if he makes Towbah, then who will he be rendering a favour to? And if he does not, then who will he be harming? Ma-aathallah! He seeks to bend the arm of the Shariah! Obedience to the Shariah is for one's own success. The Shariat is absolutely independent. Allah Ta'ala issues the following threat to such deviates:

"Whoever wishes let him believe, and whoever wishes let him commit kufr,"

"They think they are doing you (O Muhammad) a favour by becoming Muslims?"

Thirdly, if he does not make Towbah, then what can anyone do? Who is prepared to put themselves into the cauldron of Allah Ta'ala's wrath by giving permission for certain harm in anticipation of an imaginary benefit?

Q. Could you please explain to me the mas'alah for continuity of saffs? In Madinah Munawwarah men are not allowed to read in the aisles. In Makkah Mukarramah people perform Salaah in the streets and the Jamaat Khanas of hotels adjacent to the Haram Shareef. There are definite gaps between the saffs. Is their following of the Imaam correct or should Qadhaa be performed for those Salaah?

A. In a Masjid, if there happens to be a gap between Saffs the Salaat of the back Saff Musallis will still be valid.

A BASIC AND BRIEF MAUT CHECK LIST

For everything, man has a plan. Through this plan he seeks to construct his success. Hadhrat Moulana Maseehullah used to say that success or failure on the Day of Qiyaamah will be based on the Divine Law called the Shariah, not on how much service one has rendered to Deen, nor on how much sacrifices one made. Each and every deed, act or intention will be judged in accordance to the Divine Laws of Shariah. Only those deeds will be accepted that are in conformity with The Divine Law. The following brief chart is a plan for plotting our inevitable Aakhirah. It will clearly identify our shortcomings, Insha-Allah, provided we are sincere. Every night you should ask yourself a simple question: WAS I READY TO DIE TODAY?

Compulsory - Check these Deeds!	Yes/No	Are you abstaining form these sins?	Yes/No	A beautiful Qabr – How?
Aqaa'id of Ahuls-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah		Gambling		Reading Surah Mulk nightly
Five daily Salaah		Insurance		Performing the 5 daily Salaah
Fardh Saum (Ramadaan)		Adultery		Making Amr Bil Ma'ruf
Zakaat		Music		Making Tilawat
Hajj		Indulging in Interest-related activities.		Giving Sadaqah
If any of the above was missed, have you commenced Qadha?		Trousers below ankles		The Qabr – a pit of fire: Why?
Kindness towards creation		Belittling or finding fault with the Shariah		Being unmindful of urine drops!
Spending in the path of Allah Ta'aala		Severing family ties		Slandering!
Daily Durood Sharief		Associating with Haraam (Weddings etc.)		Abandoning Salaah!
Istighfaar: General and Specific Sins		Trimming, shaving of the beard		
Fulfilled outstanding monetary rights		Unmindful of Hijaab System		DO YOU HAVE AN ISLAMIC WILL? Contact us for your free copy! Before sleeping, ask yourself if your heart is clean towards all Muslims? If not, do not go to sleep! (Hadeeth)
Made Amr bil Ma'roof		T.V./Videos/Photography		
Some basic daily Sunnats		Trading in Haraam		
Sleeping				
Eating absolute Halaal food		Females: Leaving home without Shar'i need		
Dressing		Total obedience to husband in all Shar'i affairs		

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

- ⇒ Cinema is coming big time into Saudi Arabia. Nine shows daily in Jeddah. Taif, Makkah and Madina Munawwarah will soon have their own cinemas.
- ⇒ "There are differences between the Ulama" says a statement in the "Arab News". Separate accommodation for ladies!
- ⇒ The Star (Jan 29): Pork found in "Halaal Kabaabs"
- ⇒ Pray for Israel says PW's wife: The first inter-denominational church service in George. "I feel incredibly strongly about this. This is a biblical re-

sponse that as Christians we must support Israel and take action against the violence towards it."

- ⇒ Chief Rabbi passionately defends and backs Israeli attacks in Gaza.
 - ⇒ Pope refuses to call off Israel visit in May.
- Can anyone still believe and defend the inter-faith movement? Can anyone still support it? Can anyone still share a platform with the Pope who is on his way to bless Israel and Rabbis who passionately believe that Israel had the right to stamp on Muslim babies' heads till their brains popped out?

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