



# The Shariah

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Ramadaan's Gems  
from heaven...

Sehri

Iftaar

Taraweesh

Tilaawat

I'tikaaf

Laylatul-  
ul-Qadr

Sadaqat-  
ul-Fitr

Zakaat...

Du'aa

## RAMADAAN: A TIME TO CHANGE !

*Allah Ta'ala says: "O, Believers! Fasting has been made obligatory for you just as it was made obligatory before you so that you may adopt Taqwa" (c2 v 83)*

**The Purpose of Life:** Allah Ta'aala has not created us in vain. He has made this clear to everyone of us: "Did you think We have created you in vain and that you would not return to Us?" (C. 23 V. 115)

Each and every one of us has been created with a purpose and with a role to play in life. Nobody has been created in vain or to spend his days loafing in this world.

Each and every one of us has a mission to fulfill even as we go about our daily task. When we look at the skies and ask the question: "Yaa Allah why have you created me?" we will find the answer in The Holy Qur'aan: "(My servant), I have not created mankind or Jinn except that they worship me".

The answer is clear. It is straightforward and simple. "Worship me" says Allah. Ramadaan is an occasion for a special way of worshipping Allah Ta'ala. In order to fully comprehend how to Worship Him, we require 'Ilm. Imagine if everyone had to invent his own method of how to worship Allah Azza Wa jall!

**'Ilm:** Spent time in pursuit of Knowledge. This makes a lot of sense. No matter how sincere and dedicated we may be in our desire to worship Allah Ta'ala, if we do not have the know-how, we will be hopelessly misled by Shaytaan. Take the example of someone who wishes to fast during Ramadaan. He has no knowledge of the time when to commence his fast, nor when to make Iftaar, nor what to abstain from. Obviously such a person will not succeed in carrying out the commands of Allah Ta'aala! Knowledge, with the Fadl of Allah, protects one from Shaytaan's deceptions. Ignorance is the greatest robber and thief. That is why Islam has laid such great stress upon seeking knowledge. Islam is Ahkaam (Divine Laws). If we do not allow the Divine Laws to Govern us, then we in reality are only pretending that we are Muslims. There is no moment wherein we are free from the Ahkaam of The Shariah. From birth to death, we are expected to be true, uprighteous Muslims. We are expected to submit all our desires unto Allah Ta'ala. From the moment we open our eyes until we go to sleep, we are constantly subjected to a host of Ahkaam. The Ahkaam take different forms and structures.

**Detecting the enemy:** Aha! We back to the subject of our arch foe, Shaytaan. But let's just wait a minute and reflect...Who succeeded in misleading Shaytaan despite him being an ardent full time "worshipper" of Allah who spared no moment free of His Ibaadah? He dived with his life when he waged Jihaad on the rebellious Jinn. He worshipped and made Sajdah upon every portion of the earth. He made much Thikrullah. He gave inspiring Bayaans and made the angels even weep out of Fear of Allah. Why, he was even elevated

to the prestigious Maqam of being a Mustajaabud-Da'wat. (One whose Du'aas are readily accepted by Allah Ta'ala. But something terrible happened. Before Shaytaan there surely was no Shaytaan. Something or someone misled him. That something and someone is an arch enemy, infinitely more dangerous than anything created. That something is what Ramadaan teaches us to combat through fasting. That something is called the Nafs. The Nafs is our own deep inner self, constantly calling and yelling, pleading and crying, begging and beseeching, threatening and cajoling us to comply to it's evil commands.

**Combating the enemy:** The power of this enemy called Nafs, according to Moulana Thanvi Rahmatullahi alayh, is to be found in three things: (1) Food (2) Sleep (3) Unnecessary association. Does Ramadaan not teach us to submit our desire for food and water etc. unto Allah, Most High? Does Ramadaan not teach us how to curtail our sleeping hours? And does Ramadaan not contain the element of I'tikaaf? Does Ramadaan not teach us to discard the care free life filled with neglect and abandon? Surely, if we approach Ramadaan in the correct spirit, then the beast within us will be tamed to a great extent, Insha-Allah. Surely, with the lessening of food, sleep etc., our souls will Insha-Allah, reach a higher degree of purification and Taqwa. The effects of the Ibaadaat, if done correctly and sincerely must necessarily effect the Akhlaaq (character) of our souls.

**"Taqwa is here, and he pointed to his heart"**

Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam once explained the concept of Taqwa. He pointed to his Sacred heart and said: "Taqwa is here". Ramadaan is that special time when many Ahkaam manifests itself. The Ahkaam of Sehri, Iftaar, Taraweesh, Laylatul-Qadr, I'tikaaf etc. if abided to sincerely must sow the seeds of Taqwa in the heart in the form of self-sacrifice, humility and the solitude which Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam so dearly loved. Ahkaam pertaining to spending generously in the path of Allah must generate in the heart the lofty Taqwa of gratitude and a glowing contentment which only that person can experience who truly gives for Allah's Pleasure and who only hopes for forgiveness as a reward.

**Sabr and Mai-yat:** Ramadaan is the month of Sabr, a Sabr which if observed correctly, will, Insha-Allah, strengthen and fortify the heart to negotiate and bear future tests, trials and difficulties. With Allah a Muslim lives alone in the World. The seeds of this Mai-yyat (companionship) with Allah Ta'aala are found in Sabr. And, verily Allah is with those who make Sabr. Ramadaan with all its splendour has arrived in order to teach us how to curb our pleasures. Heads filled with humility and hearts overflowing with submission need to bow to Allah Ta'aala. Free from the burden of a filled stomach, the Muslim journeys on the saddle of Ramadaan with the fuel of Ahkaam propelling him to his ultimate destination of Taqwa and a brilliant success called Ta'alluq Ma'aalah and Mai-yyat Ma' Allah.

# Ibaadat-e-Maaliyah

## The Virtues of Charity



### 1. The rewards of just a small slice of bread..

It is mentioned in a Hadith that the servant of Allah gives a small piece of bread as charity. In the sight of Allah Ta'ala

that small piece increases to such an extent that it equals the size of *Mt. Uhud*. In other words, Allah Ta'ala increases the reward that one would have received for the small piece of bread to such an extent that he receives the reward equal to *Mt. Uhud*. We should therefore not concern ourselves with how much we give. Instead, we should give in charity whatever we are capable of giving.

### 2. The value of a few dry dates...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that you should save yourself from hell even if it means giving a few dry dates in charity. That is, even if you have very little, give it in charity. Do not be under the misconception that how will such a meagre amount be of any benefit. This meagre amount will also be a means of deliverance from hell.

### 3. How to obtain Barkat in Rizq...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that you should seek sustenance from Allah Ta'ala by spending in His path. In other words, by your giving charity, Allah Ta'ala will grant you *barakah* in your sustenance.

### 4. How to cool Allah's anger...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that charitable deeds save one from calamities, discreet and undisclosed charity cools the anger of Allah Ta'ala, and having good relations with one's relatives and family members increases one's lifespan.

### 5. The method of obtaining shade on the day of Qiyamah...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that charity cools the heat of the grave and that the person who gives in charity will be granted shade on the day of judgement. In other words, through the *barakah* of charity, the heat of the grave will become cool and the person will be granted some shade on the day of judgement.

### 6. A trait of the special servants of Allah...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that Allah Ta'ala has chosen special servants of His in order to fulfil the needs of other people. People are dependent on such special servants for the fulfilment of their needs. In other words, these people are in such dire need, that they are forced to go to these special servants and Allah Ta'ala has chosen them for this purpose. These special servants who fulfil the needs of poor people will be saved from the punishment of Allah Ta'ala.

### 7. A morsel for a morsel...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that a beggar came begging to a woman. At that moment the wom-

an only had a morsel of food which was already in her mouth. She took that morsel out of her mouth and gave it to the beggar. After some time, a child was born to this woman. When the child grew a little older, a wolf came and snatched the child away. The woman came out of her house running behind the wolf and at the same time shouting for help. Allah Ta'ala sent an angel and ordered him to free the child from the wolf's mouth. Allah Ta'ala added: "Also convey My salaams to that woman and inform her that I did this in return for the morsel of food which she had given to that beggar."

This is the *barakah* of charity that the child's life was saved and the woman was also rewarded. We should give charity abundantly so that we may live in this world and in the hereafter in peace and comfort.

### 8. Allah's Gift...A truly needy person

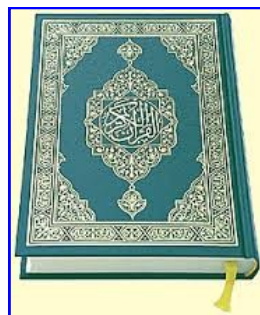
It is mentioned in a Hadith that a beggar at the door of a *Mumin* (believer) is actually a gift from Allah Ta'ala. It is obvious that a gift has to be gladly accepted especially if that gift is from Allah Ta'ala. Therefore, we should help the beggar as much as we can.

### 9. How to cure sicknesses and increase life...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that you should give in charity and cure your sick through charity because charity repels sicknesses and diseases and it increases your life and your good deeds.

### 10. A basic condition for Wilaayat...

It is mentioned in a Hadith that no *wali* (close friend) of Allah Ta'ala was born except through generosity and good habits. In other words, generosity and good habits are most definitely found in the *auliya'*, i.e. the close friends of Allah Ta'ala.



## THE HOLY QUR'AAN

### The rewards for recitation:

Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: "The person who recites a single letter of the Holy Quraan will receive one reward. And the basic principle with regards to rewards is that they are multiplied ten folds. I do not say that Alif Laam Meem is one letter. Instead Alif is one letter, Laam is one letter and Meem is one letter. Based on this one will receive thirty rewards."

From the above Hadith three important issues are brought to our notice:

1. The importance of accumulating rewards. Many are the one's who scoff at the term "Thawaab". Sometimes they are heard saying in exasperation "That the Molvies only know about Thawaab, thawaab." Perhaps they will reflect upon the above Hadith wherein Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam gives the Ummah the glad tidings of the amount of Thawaab which they will receive for reciting a single letter of the Holy Qur'an. Allah's Beloved Rasul calculates with relish the amount of Thawaab which one will receive for reciting the three simple letters "Alif, Laam, Meem"

2. We learn about Allah's Rahmat. A single letter uttered for His Divine Pleasure is rewarded tenfold. Says Allah: "Whosoever brings a good deed, for him there shall be a tenfold reward."

3. The reward for reciting the Qur'an is accumulated despite one not understanding what is recited. The letters "Alif, Laam, Meem" is not a sentence which one can understand. Meaningless it may appear, yet it is cited by Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam as a means of accruing rewards!

### SOME FACTS OF THE HOLY QUR'AAN:

- It was revealed over a span of twenty three years.
- The first revelation took place in the cave of Hira on the night of Laylatul-Qadr.
- Jibra'il alayhi Salaam brought the first five verses of Surah Iqra to Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.
- It is the only Heavenly Scripture which has not been tempered with.
- It is the only Heavenly Scripture which is memorized by millions of Muslims.
- It contains Allah's Message to the entire mankind and not only for a selected tribe or nation.
- It will be an intercessor on the Day of Qiyamah.
- It will be an unimaginable bane on the Day of Qiyamah for those Huffaaz who practiced upon it.
- It will be an unmitigated disaster for those Huffaaz who disgraced it by not practicing upon it.
- Parents whose children memorized the Holy Qur'aan are indeed fortunate. How will that Day be when with radiant faces they are paraded with crowns on their heads in front of the entire creation!
- A Hafizul-Qur'aan will intercede on behalf of ten family members upon who have been convicted and sentenced to Jahannam.
- Bismillahir -Rahmaanir-Raheem should be recited loudly for any one Surah as it is a verse of the Holy Qur'an.
- It is highly incorrect and disrespectful to insist upon the Imaam to recite the Holy Qur'aan fast. Allah Ta'aala's Ibaadah should not be treated like a race course.
- Remember that this Ramadaan may just be our last Ramadaan upon the surface of the earth. Thus, we should not miss the opportunity to listen to the entire Qur'aan. *May we honour, love and respect the Huffaaz of the Ummah for verily they are walking Qur'aans. May the Huffaaz of the Ummah understand and appreciate the Great Treasure and Wealth which is contained in their chests! (Ameen)* Those Huffaaz who do not practice on the Holy Qur'aan should deeply ponder about this great gift which Allah Ta'aala bestowed upon them. Indulging in sins such as flirting with women, trimming the beard, not performing Salaah, giving preference to novels and television etc. over the Holy Qur'aan, indulging in Haraam must surely lead to plenty of heartaches and headaches.



# AHKAAM OF WEALTH...



**“Lillah:** Any amount given for the sole Pleasure of Allah Ta’aala.

**Fidyah:** A person who is extremely weak and old and does not have the strength of fasting and does not have any hope of recovering will have to give an amount equivalent to Sadaqatul-Fitr in place of every fast that he has missed.

**Sadaqatul-Fitr:** It is Waajib to give Sadaqatul Fitr upon whom Zakaat is compulsory. The Sadaqatul Fitr has to be given before the day of Eid or on the Day of Eid.

**Sadaqah:** (1) Waajib or compulsory Sadaqah: One has made an intention that if a certain work or task gets done, then he will give a certain amount of money as Sadaqah. It is obligatory upon him to give that amount. (2) Nafl Sadaqah: Money given with the intention to ward off evil or calamities. Rasullullah Sallallahu alayhi Wasallam said that Sadaqah extinguishes the fire of Jahannam.

## Honouring Ramadaan - A Unique incident

Hadhrat Moulana Maseehullah Rahmatullahi alayh narrated the following incident: A pious person saw a Hindu who had passed away strolling in Jannah in a dream. When he inquired from the Hindu how it was possible for him to be in Jannah, the Hindu replied:

“Moments before passing away, my heart was simply overcome with the Love and Truth of Islam. Upon my demise, Allah Ta’aala informed me that I was blessed with Imaan because one day during the month of Ramadaan I saw my son eating in front of fasting Muslims. I was extremely upset at this insensitivity and lack of shame and smacked him. “Don’t you know it is the month of Ramadaan?” I reprimanded him. Allah Ta’aala informed me that since I honoured His month, He honoured me with Imaan. I could not proclaim my Imaan on my deathbed. In the eyes of the World I died as a Hindu, but in Allah’s eyes I was a Muslim. Thus I am in Jannah! *From the above incident we learn the value of honoring the Deen of Allah Ta’aala. An entire life spent in Shirk and Kufr was forgiven due to honoring the Holy month of Ramadaan. Yes, we are sinners from head to toe. If we are regretful, then Insha-Allah, there is some hope for guidance. However, mocking at Allah’s Laws is the surest way to Jahannam. May Allah Ta’aala grant us all the Hidayat to honour all His Ahkaam from within the deepest recesses of our hearts. (Ameen)*

## A frightening lesson for collectors:

Abu Humayd 'Abdur-Rahman ibn S'ad as-Sa'eedi Radiallahu anhu narrated that Allah's Messenger Sallallahu alaihi wasallam appointed a man to collect alms. When he returned he said, "This is for you, and this was given to me as a present."

The Prophet Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said: "What is the matter with a man whom we employ to deal with certain matters Allah entrusted us with, then he comes and says, 'This is for you and this is a present which was given to me.'

Why did he not sit in his fathers or his mothers house and see whether anything would be given to him? By Him, in whose Hand the soul of Muhammad is, whoever among you takes anything unlawfully will meet Allah on the Day of Resurrection carrying it, be it a camel which rambles, an ox which bellows, or a sheep which bleats, he then raised his arms till we could see the place where the hair grows under the armpits.

Then he said, 'O' Allah, have I conveyed admonition?' He (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said this three times."

*In the above episode, there is a severe warning for all collectors. They should refrain from accepting personal gifts etc for themselves. If any lapses occurred in the past, they should make amends by giving in charity an estimated amount equivalent to that which they benefited from. Furthermore, collectors should not compel and apply pressure on people to donate. There is no Barkat in such wealth.*

# Zakaat

NO ZAKAAT ON...	PAY ZAKAAT ON...	VALUE	So little given, so much received! Some stated benefits for giving Zakaat. We get:
*House, property, furniture & utensils	1. Stock in trade	1 000 000	1. Allah's Pleasure
*Personal car	2. Jewelry	50 000	2. Forgiveness
*Personal clothing	3. Gold Coins	50 000	3. Increase in Wealth
*Shop property	4. Present Cash on hand	250 000	4. Protection from losses
*Business vehicles	5. Cash in bank	500 000	5. Barkat (Rain, happiness etc)
*Office equipment	6. Investments (Capital)	1000 000	6. Protection of wealth
*Fittings & Fixtures	Total	2 850 000	7. Shelter on Qiyaamat's day
No Zakaat on Haraam...	Less: Liabilities	850 000	8. Security from seventy misfortunes
Gambling	Balance	2 000 000	9. A shield against Jahannams fire
Insurance income	2.5% Zakaat =	50 000	10. Safety from fear and grief
No Zakaat can be given to...	Some Muslims who can receive Zakaat		Don't want to pay Zakaat ...
Parents, Husbands, Wives	Fuqara: Poor relatives and friends		The hissing bald Snake is waiting...
Sayeds, Children & Grandchildren	Aamileen: Salaries of officials in an Islamic State		"The person on whom Allah has bestowed wealth, and he does not give Zakaat, on the Day of Qiyaamah, his wealth will turned into a venomous bald serpent which WIL WIND AROUND HIS NECK AND BITE HIS JAWS and say: " I AM YOUR WEATH, IAM YOUR TREASURE."
Anyone who has access wealth above the Nisaab	Masaakeen: Destitutes living from hand to mouth		(Bukhari)
Building of factories to employ poor	Al-Gharimeen: Those who have incurred lawful debts and have no means of repayment		
Abusing Zakaat ... Watch it!	Ibnus-Sabeel: Travellers who have insufficient funds to return home though they may be wealthy back home		
If ever Zakaat becomes (unlawfully) part of a (persons) property, then it does not but destroy that property (Hadeeth)	ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO, THE LAUDIUM SUN MADE THE FOLLOWING SHOCKING DISCOVERY: "Our enquiries have revealed that some organizations spent SEVENTY PERCENT of the Zakaat on administrative expense" NEED ANYTHING MORE TO BE SAID?		THE HOT IRON RODS WILL BRAND...
Cheaters never succeed!			"The Holy Qur'aan has informed us that people who do not pay Zakaat etc. will be branded with iron rods on their fore heads and backs!

Narrated Hadhrat Asma Radiallahu anha: The Prophet said to me, "Do not withhold your money, (for if you did so) Allah would withhold His blessings from you."

# Seeking Knowledge... Seeking Allah... A lifetime occupation!

By Moulana Thanvi Rahmatullahi alayh

**Ilm-e-Deen** – Knowledge of the Deen – requires endurance. The reason for this is that it is an endless chain. It is a lifetime occupation. In this path there are ups and downs. You have to occupy yourself till your last breath. A time will most definitely come when the Favour of Allah accompanies you.

**The reality of a Haafizul-Qur’aan** One light-hearted Buzrug (saintly-person) asked the father of a lad what he (the lad) was studying. The father replied: “Hazrat, he is doing Hifz (memorizing the Qur’aan Shareef).” The Buzrug replied: “Bhai, why have you put him on a lifetime occupation?”

The Buzrug called Hifz “a lifetime occupation” because, truly, memorizing the Qur’aan Shareef is a matter of one or two years’ work, but maintaining it is a lifetime’s work. A little negligence and it leaves the memory. Hence, daily revision and annual recitation in Taraaweesh are necessary for retaining the Qur’aan in memory. For this reason it is a lifetime occupation. But blessed is this occupation for it brings the Pleasure of Allah.

## Ilm is a lifetime occupation

In like manner, understand that Ilm is a lifetime occupation. Its study should be kept up a lifetime. It comes in the Hadeeth: *“Two cravings are never fulfilled; craving for worldly comforts and craving for Ilm.”* One who gets the taste of Ilm never finds his stomach filled; he desires more and more. The reason for this is that Ilm is infinite and hence searching for it; studying Ilm is also infinite. Brother! This Road never ends. When you reach a station, don’t stop, continue ahead.

## ‘Ilm is the food of Imaan

If you comment that this lifetime chain is not possible for you; you can only manage a day or two of work, then why don’t you do away with eating? Say, “This endless eating, day in and day out, is unbearable.” Why have you put up with this lifetime routine of eating? You will say that this is food without which a person cannot live. Then just as that food is necessary for the body, similarly, Ilm is food for

Imaan. Life as a Mu-min is dependent on Ilm. Just as eating food daily is easy for you, engross yourself in Ilm and you will see how easy it is to remain occupied with Ilm. Once you get the taste of Ilm you will find no peace without it.

## Another Benefit of Studying Ilm-e-Deen...

There is furthermore another benefit to it. The Pleasure of Allah Ta’ala is attained by virtue of it. A person who passes away whilst studying knowledge of the Deen receives the thawaab (reward) of a Shaheed (martyr).

Dear Friends! Allah Ta’ala seeks excuses to be happy with His servants. Someone saw Imam Muhammad (Rahmatullahi alaihi) in a dream. He was asked about his condition. He replied: “I was brought before Allah Ta’ala. Allah Ta’ala declared: ‘O Muhammad! Ask for what you want.’ I replied: ‘I ask for forgiveness.’ Allah Ta’ala said: ‘If We wanted to punish you We would not have given you Ilm. We gave you Ilm to forgive you. So, your forgiveness is assured; ask for something else.’”

## Allah Ta’ala’s Appreciation

*Subhaanallah!* Look at the virtue of Ilm of the Deen! Truly, Allah Ta’ala looks just for an excuse to forgive. In this regard at one place in the Qur’aan Allah Ta’ala says:

*If you are grateful, that is, you bring Imaan then what is Allah going to do punishing you?*

In other words, there is no benefit to Allah in punishing you. Further He says:

*“Allah Ta’ala is exceptionally grateful and omniscient.”*

He knows everything. He knows who has Imaan and who does not. And He is appreciative of every Mu-min’s Imaan. This Aayat is so rich in meaning. He did not say that if you do not bring Imaan then He will punish you. Rather, He says that what is He going to get out of punishing you? Those who understand the language and expression can understand the richness and depth of this statement.

What benefit does Allah Ta’ala get in punishing us? He is ever ready to forgive. There should just be someone who wishes to be forgiven.

## “Sanam” and “Samad” ...

There was an idol-worshipper. Every day he used to worship his idol. For years and years he would say: *“Sanam! Sanam!”* [Sanam means ‘idol’.] One day, unmindfully, instead of *‘Sanam’* the word *‘Samad’* came from his tongue.

[*‘Samad’* is the name of Allah Ta’ala.]

Immediately he heard a voice saying: *“I am present My servant.”* The voice brought tears to his eyes and he took the idol and threw it away saying: “Wretched idol! For years I have been calling you and you never ever responded. I sacrifice my life for that Allah Whom I was indifferent to for all these years and just once His Name slipped from my tongue and He turned to me at once.”

## No Reason for Despondency

Dear Friends! When an idol-worshipper gets such attention through mistakenly taking Allah’s Name, do you think that Allah Ta’ala will not turn to Muslims who call Him?” If Muslims desire to please Allah Ta’ala then He will most certainly turn to them. Make the intention to please Allah Ta’ala and you will see. By Allah Ta’ala it is a matter of: *“Return! Return! Whatever you are, return! Even if you are an infidel or fire-worshipper, return. This Portal of Ours is not a portal of despondency. Even if you have broken your taubah a hundred times, return.”*

## Maintaining the chain

So what a great benefit there is in Ilm-e-Deen; with it the Pleasure of Allah Ta’ala is obtained. Therefore, this chain should never be broken. And if it breaks, then fix it and continue studying. If anyone cannot study regularly then learn irregularly. This is better than not learning at all. Continue in this manner. Insha-Allahu Ta’ala, one day order will fall in place in your study.

## Even if it is haphazard, continue...

Moulana Roomi (Rahmatullahi alaihi) is a great sage. He doesn’t leave the Saalik in despondency in any condition. He says that if you aren’t punctual with your Zikr and Shaghl (Spiritual Exercises) and you cannot find rhythm then continue in that haphazard and sporadic manner. Your Friend [Allah Ta’ala] loves that as well. Further he advances such a beautiful proof for this. He says that a haphazard effort is better than sleeping. This person is trying whilst the one who has dropped out is doing nothing.

## Company of the Awliya

If someone cannot pursue Ilm constructively then at least he should meet frequently with the Ulama and ask them Masaail of the Deen. He should adopt their company for some time. In fact, this should be adopted even with one’s course of study. One should not stop at just

studying books because there is something which cannot be acquired without the company of the Awliya. And that is affinity with the Deen. Relationship with Deen cannot be achieved without company of the Awliya. The effect of company is as described by Shaikh Sa’di (Rahmatullahi alaihi). He says in a parable: *“I picked up a sweet-smelling lump of soil. I asked it whether it was musk or ambergris. It replied that it was plain sand; however, the company of a sweet-smelling rose left its impression on it.”*

See how sand became sweet-scented by virtue of being in the company of a rose! In the same manner, by keeping the company of the Lovers of Allah, love for Allah and affinity with Deen are produced.

## The Sahaabah and Their Greatness

The greatness of the illustrious Sahaabah was by virtue of this company, to the extent that no Imam, no Faqeeh and no Wali, regardless of how great the Wali may be, can reach the rank of the most junior Sahaabi, whereas the Sahaabah weren’t academics. Many sciences were formulated after their era. During their age all these sciences were non-existent which are in vogue today. But their greatest virtue was that they saw Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) and they were blessed with his company. Thus, remember that company of the Awliya can be beneficial even without being a scholar; however, being a scholar without the company of the Awliya is seldom beneficial. For this reason Ulama are plentiful, but only a handful are True Guides of the Deen. They are those who benefitted from the company of a Master of Tasawwuf.

## The Ustaad

An Ustaad plays a vital role in the life of a student. The life and piety of Ustaads are taught to the students before they commence studying a Kitaab. The reason is that the effect of the author’s character and piety etc. will impact upon the student.

If the Ustaad has corrupt belief’s, then the student could incline towards those belief’s. A student who studies under an Ustaad who watches television, eats Haraam, freely intermingles with non-Mehram ladies, abandons the Sunnah, will most certainly be devoid of Rohaniyat. What then to speak about the danger of sending our small children to study under non-Muslims?



# THE AHKAAM OF FASTING

## MOON SIGHTING

### Whose testimony is not accepted?

- ⇒ People who do not perform their five times daily Salaah.
- ⇒ People who do not fast
- ⇒ People who are in the habit of speaking lies
- ⇒ People who do not confine themselves to the dictates of The Shariah
- ⇒ People who commit sins such as gambling and indulging in Ribaa etc.

In short, those who transgress the Divine Laws of Allah, rebel against His Sovereignty and prefer sinning to His obedience, disqualify themselves from having their evidence of sighting the moon accepted. If a religious minded pious and honest male or female sights the moon on a clouded day or dusty day, then Ramadaan will commence. The sighting of the Eid moon will be established only if two reliable pious men or two pious women give testimony that they have sighted the moon.

## UPON WHOM IS FASTING COMPULSORY?

The obligation of fasting is mandatory on a person who has fulfilled these conditions: He or she must be a **Muslim**, **sane**, must have reached **puberty**, must be **healthy**, and not in a **state of travel**; and for women, they must be in a state of purity. If a person fulfills the above prerequisites, fasting becomes valid and mandatory.

## SEHRI

- ⇒ It is Sunnah to make Sehri even if it be with a few dates or water.
- ⇒ It is Mustahab to delay the eating of Sehri.
- ⇒ Fasting is valid without Sehri.
- ⇒ If A person made Sehri without being aware that the time for Sehri has lapsed, his fast will be invalid. He has to make Qadhaa of the fast.

## ACTS WHICH BREAK THE FAST

- ⇒ If one intentionally inhales smoke from incense sticks etc. then his fast will break
- ⇒ The fast breaks when one smokes cigarettes and cigars etc.
- ⇒ A fibre of food, bigger than the size of a gram-seed which was stuck in the teeth went down the throat when cleansing the teeth.
- ⇒ Intentionally vomiting more than a mouthful.

⇒ Putting oil in the ears breaks the fast.

## ACTS WHICH DO NOT BREAK THE FAST

- ⇒ Blood is swallowed with saliva and the quantity of the blood is greater than the saliva then the fast will break
- ⇒ Forgetfully eating, drinking or having intercourse.
- ⇒ Applying Surmah, oil or Itr.
- ⇒ Not taking a compulsory bath, though it is reprehensible to do so.
- ⇒ Unintentionally vomiting irrespective of the amount.

## IFTAAR: A TIME OF JOY!

- ⇒ It is Mustahab to open the fast as soon as the sun sets.
- ⇒ It is preferable to open the fast with dates and water.
- ⇒ One should not make Iftaari if there is a doubt about the sun having set.

## Kaffaraah: A severe penalty for a severe transgression!

### What is Kaffarah?

1. Kaffarah means that one should keep fast for two consecutive months without a single days break. If for some reason a person misses a single fast or breaks his fast during the duration of that two months, he will have to re-start his fasting of sixty days.
  2. If a person breaks a few fasts without any valid reasons in the same Ramadaan, he will have to make only one Kaffarah of sixty days of continuous fasting.
- If fasts were broken during two different Ramadaan months, then two Kaffarahs will have to be observed.

### WHICH ACTS MAKE KAFFAARAH WAAJIB ?

Intentionally breaking the Ramadaan fast by eating, drinking or having intercourse makes Kaffarah Waajib.

## THE MISSED FASTS

- ⇒ If due to some reason or the other person missed a Ramadaan fast, he should keep it as soon as possible. Delaying the Qadha fast without a valid reason is a sin.
- ⇒ It is not necessary to stipulate the date and day of the missed fast. Instead one should only make an intention before Subah Sadiq that one is keeping a missed fast.

# I'tikaaf

The benefits for sitting in I'tikaf are immense:

Ali Ibn Hussain (RA) narrates from his father that the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said: "He who observes the ten days I'tikaf during Ramadhan will obtain the reward of two Hajj & two Umrah." (Bayhaqi)

Abdullah bin Abbas (RA) reported that the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi wasallam) said: "Whosoever for Allah's sake did even one days I'tikaf, Allah would keep him away from Jahan-nam by trenches." (Tabarani)

Ibn Abbas (RA) reported that the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) said, (he who engages in I'tikaf), "that he is safe from sin & he also gets that reward which everyone (outside I'tikaf) gets for pious deeds." (Ibn Majah)

If a person from the community fulfils the obligation of I'tikaaf, the entire community will be absolved of this sacred duty, otherwise all the residents will be sinful of neglecting this Sunnat. I'tikaaf is Sunnate Mu-akadah to reside during the last ten days and nights of Ramadaan in the Masjid.

## IFTAAR

Hadhrat Sahal (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "The people will remain prosperous so long as they hasten in breaking their fast (at the time of Iftaar)." [Bukhari]

Hadhrat Abu Hurayra (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Allah Ta'ala said, 'The most beloved of my servants in my sight are those who hasten when breaking fast'." [Tirmidhi]

Hadhrat Salman bin Amir (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "When one of you breaks his fast he should do so with dates for they provide blessing, but if he cannot get any he should break his fast with water for it is purifying."

Hadhrat Umar (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Not a single prayer made by a fasting person at the time of breaking fast (iftaar) is rejected." [Ibn Majah]

**Delaying Suhoor is a Sunnah:** The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam) said, "The people will remain on the right path as long as they hasten the Iftar (breaking the fast) and delay taking Suhoor." [Abu-Dawood]

**Hastening in Iftar (breaking the fast) as soon as the sun sets** is from the Sunnah. Allah's Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam) said, "My Um-mah (nation) will not cease to be upon my Sunnah as long as they do not await the stars when breaking the fast." He (sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam) also said, "The Deen will not cease to be uppermost as long as the people hasten to break the fast, since the Jews and the Christians delay it."

(hasan) Abu Dawood (2/305)

# Taraweeh...The heartbeat of Ramadaan!

Imams Bukhari and Muslim reported that the Prophet Muhammad (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: "Whoever offers optional prayers (like Taraweeh prayers) throughout the nights of Ramadan, believing in Allah and seeking His rewards, will have his previous sins forgiven." Abdullah Bin Ammar radhiyallahu anhu states that Nabi sallallahu alayhi wasallam said: "The fast and the Quraan will both plead on behalf of the bondsmen who keeps fast in the day and recites or listens attentively to the recitation of the Quraan at night standing in the presence of Allah (in taraweeh). The fast will say "O my Lord, I had held him back from food, drink and sexual gratification, accept my intercession for him today and treat him with mercy and forgiveness. The Quraan will say, "I had held him back from taking rest and sleep at night, O' my Lord, accept my intercession for him today and treat him with mercy and forgiveness". The intercession of both the fast and Quraan will be accepted and he will be treated with exception kindness". (Baihaqi).

## Definition of Taraweeh

Proof of Taraweeh being Sunnat: It is reported by Abdur Rahman Ibn Auf (Radiyallahu anhu) that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: "Verily Allah Ta'ala made the fasting of Ramadhaan compulsory upon you and I Have made its standing (in Salaah) Sunnat for you. Hence whoever fasts the month of Ramadhaan and stands (in prayer) in Ramadhaan with faith and hoping for reward will emerge from his sins like the day his mother gave birth to him (Nasai pg.468 vol.4, Musnad Ahmad Hadith no.1660 vol.2 pg.306).

## Taraweeh in the era of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)

It is reported from Aisha (Radiyallahu anhu) that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) performed salaah one night in the Masjid. A group of people (sahaaba) followed him in his salaah. Thereafter Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) performed salaah the following night and the number of people increased. Thereafter they gathered in the third or fourth night but Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi

wasallam) did not go out to them. When Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) went out in the morning he said: "I had seen what you had done. The only thing that prevented me from coming out to you was that I feared that it (the salaah at night in Ramadhaan) would be made compulsory upon you. This was in Ramadhaan (Bukhari vol.1, g.152).

The above Hadith clearly indicates that Taraweeh Salaah with Jama'ah in the month of Ramadhaan is originally the Sunnat of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) and the only reason that Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) curtailed this practice was due to the fear that it might be made compulsory (fard) upon the Ummah.

## Taraweeh after the demise of Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)

It is reported from Abu Hurairah that Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) said: "Whosoever stands up (in salaah) in Ramadhaan with faith and hoping for reward, all his previous sins would be forgiven." Ibne Shihaab (R.A.) said: "Thereafter Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam) passed away and the matter was like that (this means that everyone would stand up in Ramadhaan in the mentioned period whichever way he wished until Umar (R.A.) gathered them – as explained by Allamah Kirmaani (R.A.) in his commentary). Thereafter the matter was like that in the Khilafat of Abu Bakar (R.A.) and the initial stages of the Khilafat of Umar (R.A.). It is reported from Ibn Shihaab who reports from **Muhammad ibn Nasr Al-Murwazi pg.94.**

## The Incorrect Evidence Provided for Establishing of 8 Rakats as Taraweeh:

The Ulama of Salaf-us-Saliheen (RA) have left for the Ummah rules and regulations on how best to interpret Ahadith: "If in any narration the message is not completely understood or there are a number of conflicting opinions regarding the same topic it is essential to refer to the practices and recommendations of the Sahabah, especially the actions of the Khulafa Rashideen – 'for you that is the true path'." (Fathul Bari Sharah Bukhari vol 2, p269)

Shah Waliullah Muhaddith Dehlawi (RA) writes: 'The 20 Rakats of Taraweeh is an 'established continuous Sunnah' (Sunnat Qai'mah Mutawatira) which has been practiced in its current form since the

time of the 1st generation of Muslims (Salaf-us-Saliheen (RA) in a united manner. Specifically, for the view of the 4 Imams to agree upon a matter is one of the greatest proofs of it being an established Sunnah.' (Hujatulahlil Baligha vol 1, p412-3) Verily 20 Rakats Taraweeh is Sunnah Muakkadah (an emphasized Sunnah) on both men and women. (Ad-Durrul Mukhtar. vol 1 p.520) After all these narrations and sayings, an appeal is made to the people to act upon the sayings and way shown by the Sahabah. The actions of the Sahabah are the actions of Rasulullah sallallahu alaihi wasallam.

## TARAWEEH SALAAH

1.It is preferable to offer the Witr Salaah after the Taraweeh Salaah. However, it is permissible to perform it before the Taraweeh Salaah.

2.After four Rak'aats of Taraweeh one should sit and engage in some form of Tasheeb, Istighfaar etc.

3.If after performing Taraweeh Salaah, a person realizes that he did something wrong in his Fardh Esha Salaah which nullified the Fardh Salaah then he should repeat both his Esha Salaah as well as his Taraweeh Salaah.

4.If Esha Salaah was not performed with Jama'at then Taraweeh should also not be performed with Jama'at. Taraweeh Salaah is subordinate to the Esha Salaah.

5.If a person enters the Masjid at a time when the Esha Salaah is over, he should first perform his Esha Salaah.

6.It is sunnate-Mu'akkadah to recite the entire Qur'aan in Taraweeh Salaah.

## SEHRI

*Ibn Umar (Radhi Allahu anho) relates: Rasulullah (Sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: 'Verily Allah and His Malaa'ikah (angels) send Mercy upon those who eat 'Sehri' (sower-Suhoor). 'How great is Allah's favour upon us that even the partaking of food before dawn for fasting is so greatly rewarded! There are many Ahaadith in which the virtues of "Sehri" are expounded and the rewards mentioned. Many people are deprived of this great reward because of their own laziness. Some even go so far as to finish 'Taraweeh', eat (what they suppose to "Sehri"!) and go to bed. What great blessings do they lose! "Sehri" actually means partaking of food*

shortly before dawn. Then it must also be remembered that to eat at the latest possible time is better and greater in reward than eating earlier, subject to the condition that no doubt remains as to whether "Sehri" had been eaten before the time of dawn. The Ahaadith are full of virtues of "Sehri".

*Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) said: 'The difference between our fasting and that of the Ahlul-Kitaab (Jews and Christians) lies in our partaking of food at "Sehri" which they do not.'*

*The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) has said, "Eat Sehri, because in it lie great blessings; and again. "In three things, are the great blessings: in "Jama'ah" (company), in eating "Thareed" and in "Sehri".*

*When Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) used to invite any of the companions to eat "Sehri" with him, he used to say: "Come and partake of blessed food with me."*

One Hadith says: "Eat 'Sehri' and strengthen yourself for the fast. And sleep in the afternoon (Siesta), so as to gain assistance in waking up in the latter portion of the night (for "Ibaadah")."

Abdullah bin Haarith RA reports that one of the Sahaaba said: "I once visited Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) at a time when he was busy in partaking of 'Sehri'.

*Rasulullah SAW then said: "This is a thing full of blessings, which Allah has granted you. Do not give it up."*

*Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) in urging us repeatedly for 'Sehri' has said: "Even though there be no food, then one date should be eaten or a drink of water taken."*

In his commentary on "Sahih Bukhari", Ibne Hajar has mentioned various reasons for the blessedness of "Sehri":

1) Because in it, the 'Sunnah' is followed.

2) Through "Sehri", we differentiate ourselves from the ways of Ahlul-Kitaab, which we are at all times called upon to do.

3) It provides strength for "Ibaadah"

4) It promotes greater sincerity in "Ibaadah"

5) It aids in elimination of bad temper, which normally comes about as result of hunger.

6) 'Sehri' is the time when prayers are accepted.

7) At the time of 'Sehri', one gets the opportunity to remember Allah, makes Dhikr and lifts up the hand to Him in prayer.

**DO WE HAVE ANY GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL BE ALIVE NEXT YEAR FOR ANOTHER RAMADAAN?**



**Question and Answers:** I have never ever paid zakaat before. Where do I start?

**Answer:** right now, fix a date for zakaat calculations e.g. maghrib azaan time on the 29th Ramadaan. Do not change this fixed annual date. Once a year on the set date, the farz of discharging your zakaat will be incumbent upon you if you have an amount in access of the nisaab.

**2. What is meant by nisaab?**

**Answer:** Understand nisaab to be "the wealth line". Nisaab amounts vary. The present nisaab is in the region of R2000. however you need to contact your local aalim to find out what the exact amount is on the date your zakaat is due. Any excess wealth above this amount makes one liable for 2.5% zakaat.

**3. Do you have to take exact stock on the day before your Zakaat due date – or is an estimation sufficient?**

**Answer:** A cautionary inflated estimation is sufficient.

**4. I presently have R50 000 cash. I do not owe anyone. My Zakaat is due on the 29<sup>th</sup> Ramadaan. I am expecting an amount of R100 000 on the 25<sup>th</sup> Ramadaan. Thus, I will have a total amount of R150 000 on the 29<sup>th</sup> Ramadaan. Do I have to pay Zakaat on the R100 000 as well which was only in my possession for four days?**

**Answer:** Yes, you have to pay Zakaat even on the R100 000 which was in your possession for only four days.

**5. I received post-dated cheques for seventy two months. How do I calculate my Zakaat?**

**Answer:** In order to simplify things, ignore all post dated cheques, loans etc. outstanding to you until you are paid and have the cash in your hand. Only calculate your Zakaat when you have the cash in your hand for all the outstanding years.

**6. A rich person with a mansion and luxury cars keeps himself always purposely in debt. Can I give him my Zakaat?**

**Answer:** Technically the Zakaat is discharged.

**7. People owe me money. I do not know if they are going to repay me. Do I have to pay Zakaat?**

**Answer:** When they repay you, then Zakaat will become Waajib upon you.

**8. Do I have to inform the person I give Zakaat to, that it is Zakaat?**

**Answer:** No, you do not have to inform him.

**9. Can I just assume a person who is in deep financial trouble is allowed to be given Zakaat or should I investigate?**

**Answer:** You should make some covert investigations. Many such persons have a lot of jewellery which disqualifies them from receiving Zakaat.

**10. A poor person has a T.V. Can I give him Zakaat?**

**Answer:** The T.V. is an excess item. If the value of it is added to other Zakaat assets and reaches the Nisaab amount, then that person will not qualify for Zakaat. Example: A poor person owes two thousand rands.

He has a T.V. worth R5000. The Nisaab is R2500. This poor person will not qualify for Zakaat.

**11. After giving Zakaat, it came to my attention that the person was not qualified. What do I do now?**

**Answer:** Your Zakaat has been discharged. You have received every cent's Thawaab. Grief not!

**12. What happens if I do not remember whether I paid my Zakaat in the past?**

**Answer:** Think and ponder. What does your heart say to you? Follow its honest advice.

**13. Does the person on whose behalf you are distributing Zakaat need to be informed that you have done so?**

**Answer:** If you have appointed him as your unfettered Wakeel (representative), then there is no need that he inform you.

**14. Must the wife pay her own Zakaat? Could I pay on her behalf?**

**Answer:** Yes, not only she, but every Baligh child, has to pay their own Zakaat. If the husband or the father wishes to pay their Zakaat, he requires their consent.

**15. Instead of taking out a lump sum at the end of the year, is it permissible to take out my Zakaat beforehand in monthly instalments?**

**Answer:** Yes, it is permissible to do this.

**16. Can I give some of my old stock out as Zakaat?**

**Answer:** If some poor person can use it, then it is fine. However, if it is useless to anyone, then the Zakaat is not discharged.

**17. Whom do I give my Sadaqatul-Fitr to?**

**Answer:** Best to give it to an organization that distributes Sadaqatul-Fitr before hand so that they can feed the poor on Eid's day.

**18. Is it permissible to give Zakaat to an organization which pays its employees salary from Zakaat funds?**

**Answer:** No, it is not permissible to pay salaries from Zakaat funds.

**19. Is it permissible to give Zakaat to an Islamic school?**

**Answer:** If the Islamic school operates fully within the confines of The Shari'ah, it is permissible to give Zakaat to them. If they do not operate according to The Shari'ah, then it is impermissible to give Zakaat to them. The onus is on you to investigate.



**Zam-Zam**

lama Taahir

Karwi, writes in this regard:

1. The inception of this well was owing to Hadhrat

Ismaeel (alaihimus salaam) and his mother Hadhrat Haajira (R.A).

2. Its coming into existence was owing to the intervention of Hadhrat Jibraeel (alaihis salaam).

3. Its position is upon the most blessed place on earth, i.e. near the Kaaba Shareef and within the Haram.

4. This well is surrounded by three such sacred places, viz. Hajre Aswad, Safa and Marwah which grants it virtue (over all other wells).'

This well is surrounded by three such sacred places, viz. Hajre Aswad, Safa and Marwah which grants it virtue (over all other wells).'

5. This is such blessed water, from which Prophets, Pious and Allaah-fearing people have drank.

6. This such a pure water, with which, Hadhrat Jibraeel (alaihis salaam) bathed the pure heart of Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam).

7. This water also has this virtue that Rahmatul lil 'Aalameen, Muhammad Mustafa (sallallahu alaihi wasallam), twice rinsed his blessed mouth in the bucket of its well, thereby granting it the virtue of having the effect of his Mubarak mouth.

8. The world over, this is such a blessed water, that it has been praised by the most Truthful of all the truthful people (sallallahu alaihi wasallam).

9. Nabi (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) requested this water from Makkah Mukarramah, whilst he was stationed in Madinah Munawwarah.

**and khajoor...**



Muslims generally break their fast by eating dates. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is reported to have said: "if anyone of you is fasting, let him break his fast with dates. In case he does not have them, then

with water. Verily water is a purifier."

The Prophet used to break his fast by eating some dates before offering Maghrib prayer, and if ripe dates were not available, he used to substitute them with some dried grapes. When they too were not available, he used to have a few sips of water, according to some reports.

(1) The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Break your fast by eating dates as it is purifying." (Narrated by Ahmad)

(2) The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Whoever finds dates should break his fast with them and the one who does not should break his fast with water because it is pure"

Sayyidah Ayisha, (R.A.) wife of Prophet (Pbuh), used to prescribe dates for those suffering from giddiness.

### **Nutritional Value/Facts of Dates**

#### **100 gm of dates contains:**

2 mg of "Sodium"; 75 gm of "Total Carbohydrates"; 8 gm of "Dietary Fiber"; 63 gm of "Sugars"; 2 gm of "Protein"; A 10 IU of "Vitamin"; 0.4 mg of "Vitamin C"; 0.05 mg of "Vitamin E"; 2.7 mcg of "Vitamin K"; 0.052 mg of "Thiamin"; 0.066 mg of "Riboflavin"; 1.274 mg of "Niacin"; 0.165 mg of "Vitamin B6"; 0 mcg of "Vitamin B12"; 19 mcg of "Folate"; 0.589 mcg of "Pantothenic Acid"; 39 mg of "Calcium"; 1.02 mg of "Iron"; 43 mg of "Magnesium"; 62 mg of "Phosphorus"; 656 mg of "Potassium"; 2 mg of "Sodium"; 0.29 mg of "Zinc"; 0.206 mg of "Copper"; 0.262 mg of "Manganese"; 3 mcg of "Selenium"; 0.39 mg of "Total Fat"; 0.032 mg of "Saturated Fat"; 0.036 mg of Monounsaturated Fat; 100 gm of dates contains; 0.019 mg of "Polyunsaturated Fat". **Trust Allah's Nature!**

# Du'aa: What we should know...

## JUST THREE MINUTES DAILY! THE METHOD OF MAKING A SIMPLE YET EFFECTIVE DU’AA!

“Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: that one should ask Allah Ta’aala even for salt if one needs it”. Ask Allah Ta’aala for whatever we require for our personal selves, no mater how small it may be.

### OUR DU’AAS WILL BE REPLIED TO, INSHA-ALLAH, IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:

WE WILL BE GIVEN EXACTLY WHAT WE ASKED FOR, OR A CALAMITY WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO BE– FALL US WILL BE REMOVED, OR WE WILL RECIVE SUCH A REWARD ON THE DAY OF QIYAAMAT THAT WE WILL WISH THAT NONE OF OUR DU’AAS WERE ACCEPTED.

ALLAH TA’AALA’S PROMISE: “AND I REPLY TO THE ONE WHO MAKES DU’AA UNTO ME. THUS LET HIM ASK ME…” (Suraah Baqarah)

**The method of making Du’a:** LIFT BOTH HANDS ACROSS THE CHEST, SPREAD OUT BOTH PALMS FACING THE SKIES WITH A SLIGHT GAP IN BETWEEN THEM AND LOOK INTO THE PALMS WITH HUMILITY. AFTER READING BISMILLAH AND DUROOD SHARIEF, AND WHILST HAVING MORE YAQEEEN IN THE POWER OF THE DU’AA THEN IN OUR WEAK EFFORTS, SPEAK TO ALLAH TA’AALA IN THE FOL– LOWING MANNER:

1. ADMIT SINS: O Allah, I am very evil. Please forgive all my sins, hide them and grant me the Taufeeq of making Islaah. (reform)
2. IMAAN: O Allah, make my Imaan strong with Taqwaa and grant me Husne–Gaatamah (a beautiful Maut.)
3. ‘ILM: O Allah, grant me ‘Ilm and Hikmat (Wisdom) and give me Hidayat to practice upon what I know. Let me observe all the Sunnahs and keep me in the company of pious people in both the Worlds.
4. GOOD DEEDS: O Allah grant me the love of all good deeds, create in me the urgency to do good with sincerity and Istiqamat (Steadfastness). Please accept my all imperfect deeds through your Mercy.
5. EVIL DEEDS: O Allah safe me from all kinds of evil intentions and deeds. Safe me from everything that leads towards evil. Let my heart reject evil and grant me the courage to stay away from all evil company.
6. SHAYTAAN AND NAFS: O Allah, protect me from Shaytaan’s presence and his sweet tricks. O Allah, make it easy for me to control my Nafs, for me to accept my faults and to to worry about my Imaan until Maut.
7. SAFETY: O Allah, safe us from all calamities, oppression, Sehr and from hurting anybody’s feelings.
8. HALAAL RIZQ: O Allah bless us with Easy Halaal Rizq in abundance and safe us from debts and pov– erty
9. HEALTH: O Allah, grant me continuous Excellent Health so that I can make Ibaadat with humility.
10. JANNAT: O Allah, I beg of you through your Mercy for Jannatul–Firdaus without any reckoning.
11. AAKHIRAH: O Allah, safe me from a bad Maut, the Athaab of the Qabr, the terrors of the Day of Qiyaamah and from the horrors of Jahannam. Please do not disgrace me in front of all.
12. PARENTS: O Allah, look after my parents. Have Mercy upon them just as they had Mercy upon me in my childhood. Let me be of service to them with kindness and compassion.
13. FAMILY: O Allah let my family be the coolness of my eyes. Protect them from all harm and grant them Barkat in their deeds, lifespan, knowledge and wealth.
14. RIGHTS: O Allah, give me the strength to fulfil everyone’s rights without expecting any of mine. Grant me a good character filled with soft speech, kind words and tolerance upon hurt and pain inflicted upon me.
15. THE UMMAH: O Allah Help the entire Ummah of Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. Grant them victory over all their enemies, remove their difficulties, bless them with Barakat and fulfil all their needs.
16. MARHOOMS: O Allah, forgive all those people who have passed away and fill their Qabrs with Noor. Have Mercy upon them and let me take a lesson from their departure form this temporary world.

The Quraan–e–Kareem says:  
“Your Rabb declares: ‘Call Me, I will answer your call. Certainly those who are arrogant enough to turn away from my Ibaadat will soon enter Jahannam in utter humiliation.”  
2. Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: “Du’aa is the essence of Ibaadat.”  
3. The essence of Du’aa: To express one’s need, humbleness and helplessness to one’s Master.  
4. As long as one is not fully attentive and completely humble when making Du’aa, the Du’aa is not a Du’aa.  
5. There are no conditions attached to Du’aa; neither time, nor Arabic, nor facing a particular direction, nor any length, nor wuzoo. The only essential requirement is its essence.  
6. An outstanding feature of Du’aa: It can be made for a Deeni purpose or worldly purpose provided that it is not for anything un– lawful.  
7. Make Du’aa for all your needs, whether major or minor. The Hadeeth states that we should resort to Du’aa for even something minor as shoelaces for our shoes when re– quired.  
8. Du’aa is a much loved practice by Allah Ta’ala because there is no scope of Kibr (proudnness and arrogance) in it.  
9. There is nothing but benefit and reward (Thawaab) in true Du’aa.  
10. Du’aa should be part and parcel of our Islaahi (self-reformation) routine and our lives.

### FAVOURS OF OUR WIVES — LEST WE FORGET!

Says Rasullullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam: “The best amongst you are those who are kindest to their wives”.  
It is worth pondering the immense goodness which our wives possess. Long before the dawn of Ramadaan, they are worried and concerned about preparations for Rama– daan. Comes Ramadaan, they, out of Love for their husbands and children, prepare various dishes and delicacies.  
Tired, thirsty and hungry as they may be, day after day we will find them frying, cook– ing, baking, and preparing the choicest of meals. Yet, when they happen to annoy the husband, he rages like a crazy lion and vents his anger like a Jin on drugs. He for– gets all the favours and enjoy increasing her misery! Says Allah Ta’aala: “And if you dis– like something in them, then there is many a good in them”

**What is Du’a?** Du’a is the weapon of a believer. It will protect you from the evils of enemies. Du’a is the shield of a believer. It will increase your sustenance. Du’a is more forceful than a sword. Du’a replaces what has been destined and also creates that what has not been destined. Du’a is a form of ibaadat. Du’a removes both the present suffering and that which will come down later. Du’a and sufferings challenge each other until the Day of Judgment, and Du’a comes out victorious. Ask Allah for what you need so that He will give it to you. If we keep on knocking the door of Divine Mercy, sooner or later it will be opened for us. Never get tired of Du’a, Du’a is communication with Allah Ta’ala. Instead of listening to Du’as on Radio stations, let Allah Ta’ala listen to your Du’as directly from your lips and your heart. Makes sense, doesn’t it?



## THE CHICKEN CONTROVERSY

by The South African National Muslim Consumer Council

The observation of a The Independent Halal Review Panel (IHRP), comprising professionals and experts from various industries, which was established last year to probe the MJCHT's operations in the wake of the Orion relabelling debacle in 2011 when non halal imports were labelled as "halal" sheds some light and makes for some interesting reading: .

The IHRP was tasked with reviewing the Muslim Judicial Council Halal Trust (MJCHT) last year, including visiting local poultry abattoirs, from Rianbow to free range abattoirs. Of great concern is the following statement by the then IHRP PRO, Mickaeel Collier. We quote:

**'On the matter of reciting the tasmiyya upon slaughtering the chicken to ensure that it is halal, Collier said: "We found that the slaughterers slaughtered a chicken almost every 30 – 45 seconds and we could hear them reciting 'bismillahi allahu akbar' as they progressed. "'**

Here we have an estimate from an in house inspection conducted by a professional clearly claiming that "slaughterers slaughters a chicken almost every 30– 45 seconds". And so harrowing was the experience that MI Colliers observed:

**"I left there thinking these guys should go straight to Jannah,.."** (Ref: VOC IHRP)

More shocking than the above, is the fact that chickens that are slaughtered at the Rainbow Plant at a rate of less than three seconds are certified as Halaal. This simply cannot make sense irrespective of what system is deployed. No wonder SANHA refuses to allow a free and unfettered inspection unless those who wish to conduct such an inspection does so in their presence and on condition that the slaughterers are not interviewed independently by the inspectors.

### The difference of opinion question:

To state that there is a difference of opinion amongst Ulama and that such differences ought to be respected is a colossal mistake. Truly the Ulama cannot be entirely blamed for at first sight it may really appear that there is sufficient Shar'i scope for differences of opinion to exist. However, upon closer reflection we find that there is – and this may appear strange – a consensus on almost every issue.

All the Ulama, in fact, the entire Ummah is united upon the under-

standing that Islam has laid great stress with regards to the compassionate treatment of all forms of life be it animals, bird life or even insects. Just as there are numerous incidents which record Jannah being granted to those who showed mercy towards dogs etc, so too are there narrations of people who have been condemned to Jahannam due to inflicting pain upon these speechless creation of Allah Ta'ala.

Being dumb does not make them any less deserving of mercy. Being dumb does not in any manner diminish their pain, their hunger, their thirst, the cold that they experience or the emotions of hope and happiness, fear and fright. It is not necessary to understand pain only through the speech of someone; through the medium of *Dalaallat-e-ghair-lafziyah tabiyah* (Unspoken words indicating the condition of a natural disposition), much knowledge is gained. And from the very inception these chickens are subjected to the most horrible form of existence.

No one less than Astral Food CEO Chris Schutte is on record as saying: *"These chicken in one day literally experience a four day cycle, to allow them to grow faster. They control this, for instance, by putting the lights on and off at certain times to simulate day and night. So the chemical pathologist on our panel found, for instance, that at the time they were slaughtered, the liver of these chickens were gray and fatty, not red, because of how they were force fed," he said. (Ref: Business Day 25 November 2012)*

Hereby follows the reports of other non Muslim experts involved in the welfare of chickens:

a) "After an average of 45 days in the grower sheds, broiler chickens have reached market weight and are ready to be taken to slaughter. The birds are caught by the legs and thrown into crates. Catching teams load crates at rates of 1,000 to 1,500 birds per hour. Many chickens are injured in the process, suffering dislocated and broken hips, legs, and wings, as well as internal hemorrhages..

As one researcher described, "Hip dislocation occurs as the birds are carried in the broiler sheds and loaded into the transport crates. Normally the birds are held by one leg as a bunch of birds in each hand. If one or more birds start flapping, they twist at the hip, the femur detaches, and a subcutaneous haemorrhage is produced which kills the bird....Dead birds that have a dislocated hip often have blood in

their mouths, which has been coughed up from the respiratory tract. Sometimes this damage is caused by too much haste on the part of the catchers." ( *Boyd F, "Humane Slaughter of Poultry: The Case Against the Use of Electrical Stunning Devices," Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics 7 (1994): 221–36.*)

b) One group of researchers concluded, "Chickens find transport a fearful, stressful, injurious and even fatal procedure." Webster A, "Thermal Stress on Chickens in Transit," *British Poultry Science* 34 (1993): 267–77.

c) A number of studies have discovered high levels of stress hormones in the blood of chickens during transport. (Mitchell M, "Indicators of Physiological Stress in Broiler Chickens During Road Transportation," *Animal Welfare* 1 (1992): 91–103; Freeman B, et al, "Stress of Transportation for Broilers," *The Veterinary Record* 114 (1984): 286–7)

d) During transport, broiler chickens are denied food, water, and shelter from extreme temperature Weeks C and Nicol C, "Poultry Handling and Transport," In: Grandin T (ed.) *Livestock Handling and Transport*, (Wallingford, England: CAB International, 2000), pp. 363–84.s.

e) According to one scientist, "Unless crates are properly covered, exposure to wind and cold will rapidly cause freezing of unfeathered parts. The frosted appendage first becomes red and swollen, followed by gangrene, necrosis, and sloughing."( Gentle MJ, "Pain in Birds," *Animal Welfare* 1 (1992): 242.)

f) Many chickens die during the trip from hypothermia or heart failure associated with the stresses of catching and transport.( Gregory NG and Austin SD, "Causes of Trauma in Broilers Arriving in Poultry Processing Plants," *Veterinary Record* 131 (1992): 501–3; Weeks CA, "Temperature Stress in Poultry During Transport: Welfare Issues and Solutions," *ASWELVA Newsle*

g) At the slaughter plant, the chickens are moved out of the trucks, dumped onto conveyors, and hung upside down in shackles by their legs. Shackling is painful for chickens, especially since so many suffer from bone and joint problems. One group of researchers concluded that "90 percent of broilers had a detectable gait abnormality indicating leg weakness, and 26 percent suffered an abnormality so severe that their welfare was considered compro-

mised. This level of leg abnormality, if representative of commercial flocks, provides evidence that, potentially, a large number of birds should not be shackled."

(Sparrey J and Kettlewell P, "Shackling of Poultry: Is It a Welfare Problem?" *World's Poultry Science Journal* 50 (1994): 167–76.

h) One study found that, after shackling, 3 percent of broilers had broken bones and 4.5 percent had dislocations.( Gregory NG and Wilkins LJ, "Duration of Wing Flapping in Chickens Shackled Before Slaughter," *Veterinary Record* 121 (1989): 567–9.)

i) Another study found a 44-percent increase in newly broken bones following shackling.( Gregory NG and Wilkins LJ, "Broken Bones in Chickens: Effects of Stunning and Processing in Broilers," *British Poultry Science* 31 (1990): 53–8.)

l) As a result, birds may be conscious as they enter tanks of scalding water intended to loosen the birds' feathers. One study found that up to 23 percent of broilers were still alive when they entered scalding tanks. (Gregory NG and Wotton SB, "Effect of Slaughter on the Spontaneous and Evoked Activity of the Brain," *British Poultry Science* 27 (1986): 195–205.)

What doubt and which differences of opinion exist amongst Ulama that each of the above mentioned facts constitute pain and brutality? Which Aalim can claim with conviction that the current brutal system is compatible with the noble values of compassion and kindness, mercy and gentleness which Sayidina wa Nabiyyina Muhammed Salallahu alaihi wasallam who was sent as a Mercy unto all the Creation, including birds?

We are not speaking about the differences of opinion concerning the make of a vehicle transporting the chickens or the make and merits of which knife is better, we are speaking of brutality in its rawest and crudest form. Visualize in the eye of your mind the following

"caught by the legs and thrown into crates; suffering dislocated and broken hips, legs, and wings, as well as internal hemorrhages; hip dislocation; femur detaches, and a subcutaneous haemorrhage is produced which kills the bird....Dead birds that have a dislocated hip often have blood in their mouths, which has been coughed up from the respiratory tract; chickens find transport a fearful, stressful,

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## IFTAAR

Hadhrat Sahal (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: “The people will remain prosperous so long as they hasten in breaking their fast (at the time of Iftaar).” [Bukhari]

Hadhrat Abu Hurayra (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: “Allah Ta’ala said, ‘The most beloved of my servants in my sight are those who hasten when breaking fast’.” [Tirmidhi] Hadhrat Salman bin Amir (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: “When one of you breaks his fast he should do so with dates for they provide blessing, but if he cannot get any he should break his fast with water for it is purifying.” [Mishkat] Hadhrat Umar (Radhiallaahu Anhu) narrates that the holy Prophet (sallallaahu alayhi wasallam) said: “Not a single prayer made by a fasting person at the time of breaking fast (iftaar) is rejected.” [Ibn Majah]

**Delaying Suhoor is a Sunnah:** The Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam) said, “The people will remain on the right path as long as they hasten the Iftar (breaking the fast) and delay taking Suhoor.” [Abu-Dawood] **Hastening in Iftar (breaking the fast) as soon as the sun sets** (as explained earlier) is from the Sunnah. Allah's Messenger (sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam) said, “My Ummah (nation) will not cease to be upon my Sunnah as long as they do not await the stars when breaking the fast.” [Saheeh al-Bukharee (4/173) and Saheeh Muslim (1093)] and he (sallallahu alaihi wa-sallam) also said, “The Deen will not cease to be uppermost as long as the people hasten to break the fast, since the Jews and the Christians delay it.” [(hasan) Abu Dawood (2/305) and Ibn Hibban (224)]

## Inheritance: What we should know

1. Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: “Learn the Laws of Inheritance and teach it (to others).”  
2. Hazrat Umar (Radhiyallahu anhu) said: “O people learn the Laws of Inheritance with the same concern and effort with which you learn the Quraan.”

3. The importance of the Laws of Inheritance can also be gauged from the fact that whole Aayaat of the Quraan-e-Kareem have been revealed with regard to inheritance.  
4. We were previously non-existent. Allah Ta’ala through his grace and mercy brought us to life and bestowed us with a variety of material provisions to sustain ourselves in this temporary life on earth. The wealth, property, garments, vehicles, etc. He has bestowed to us on loan revert back to Him when life’s term comes to an end. Hence, it is not permissible to dispose of one’s estate according to one’s own wishes and desires. Upon death the rights of others – the heirs – become automatically related to the estate left behind.  
5. The distribution of the estate is not discretionary. The Muslim has absolutely no choice in the disposal of his assets after his demise. Trying to assert his non-existing right and authority in the estate he is guilty of two great sins and acts of transgressions, viz.

- Usurping the huqooq (rights) of the rightful heirs.
  - Flagrant violation of Allah’s command pertaining to Inheritance.
6. It appears in the Hadeeth that there are some people who spend a lifetime in acts of worship and obedience, however, on the eve of their meeting with Allah Ta’ala they usurp the rights of the heirs. In consequence, they are dispatched to Jahannam.  
7. Rights related to the estate in order of priority:
- Burial expenses
  - Payment of debts
  - Payments of wasiyyat from one third or less of the balance
  - Distribution of the balance of the estate to the heirs

8. The heirs, the classes of heirs, their respective shares, conditions applicable for their qualification as heirs – The laws pertaining to these aspects of Inheritance are too many and too complex to mention here. The Ulama will have to be consulted in determining the heirs and their respective shares.  
9. The Estate of the Mayyit: Every item belonging to the mayyit is part of his estate, regardless of its insignificant value. With the advent of mowt (death) the rights of all heirs are immediately confirmed in every item of the mayyit’s estate right down to the worn pair of shoes and socks of the mayyit. After having completed the burial, the heirs should immediately commence to take stock of all the assets of the

mayyit. Nothing should be excluded from the inventory. Every item should be correctly valued.  
10. The Importance of Drawing up an Islamic Will: Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said that it is not proper for a Muslim to allow two days to pass with out him having a Will. It is waajib to draw up a Will which should specify that the estate should be distributed in accordance with Islamic Law of the Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jama’ah School of thought. Such Wills are available on request.  
It is important to note that Islamic Wills will not be valid according to the law of the land if:

- a couple’s marriage is in Community of Property
  - a couple is married under Antenupatial Contract without specifically excluding the system of accrual
- Those who are already registered in Community of Property should have this system cancelled. This has to be done through the office of an attorney who will apply to the court for a cancellation of the Community of Property. To do so is Waajib. The same applies to the Ante-nupatial Contract without the exclusion of the system of accrual. The legal process will have to be resorted to for the cancellation of the contract to enable one to draw up an Islamic Will.

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So brutal is this system that even in the United States which specialises in torturing techniques, poultry are not included under the federal Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, thus there are no legal requirements that chickens be made unconscious before they are slaughtered. Indeed, as mentioned there simply is **NO SCOPE FOR ANY DIFFERENCES WHATSOEVER AMONGST ULAMA** that the system is brutal, uncom-

promising, evil, vicious, violent and cruel. Any Aalim who claims that no cruelty takes place and that this is a matter of differences of opinion surely did not apply his mind sufficiently to the issues involved or alternatively has got a very personal interest at stake. This is not a matter of differences in choices of a vehicle etc. – this is pure destruction of the sanctity of life and the Sacred Sunnah System meant to secure the rights of animals.

### A Shocking Statement

At the Bukhari Sharief Jalsa which was recently conducted at Darul Uloom Azaadville, the Rector, Hadhrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Saheb very publicly made the following statement. This statement is an indictment from one of the most senior scholars in the Islamic World on the pathetic, dishonest state of the Halaal industry.  
The background to this statement is the claim made on Radio Islam by Sanha’s Moulana Navalkhi that Hadhrat Mufti Sanjalvi Rahmatullahi alayh approved of the commercially slaughtered chickens.  
The silence of Radio Islam must give credence to the rumours that Radio Islam is controlled by Sanha. The silence of both the Jamiatul Ulama South Africa and Uucsa is equally regrettable.  
Surely Hadhrat Moulana Abdul Hameed Saheb cannot be termed as a fitna maker or an extremist or a proximate etc. for the Majlis. Kindly read the following with an open mind: Moulana said:

#### Deceiving the public

“And in this point i am going to get a bit emotional, please forgive me but a few times now i have heard that Mufti saheb Sanjalwi Rahmatullah alaih sanctioned and said that commercially cut chickens are permissible and are Halaal. This is a total blatant lie. I was with the Jamiat very strong in those days. I was sent personally for inspection by Mufti Saheb at various plants. Mufti Sahebs final words; not on my dead body. If you people want to classify it as halaal, do it after I am died, but as long as I am living, i don’t ever can see these things can be halaal. So these people who are vying with mufti saheb using his name so wrongly, and say that he sanctioned please fear Allah, fear the day of qiyaamah and fear the qabar—please. Issued by **The South African Muslim Consumer Council P.O. Box 42110 Fordsburg 2033** [sa.muslim.consumerCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sa.muslim.consumerCouncil@gmail.com)



# THE NEED FOR TOWBAH

1. Allah Ta’ala exhorts us in His Glorious Kalaam: “O People Bearing Imaan! Turn to Allah in all earnesty.”

2. Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) said: “Towbah is to express shame and regret (over one’s sins).”

3. The nature of Towbah: To turn to Allah Ta’ala and turn away from sin.

4. Sin is disobedience to Allah Ta’ala. The Law of Allah Ta’ala governs every aspect of our lives. Transgressing any aspect of that Divine
- Law – the Shariah – is a sin; it is disobedience to Allah Ta’ala. Hence, the need for Towbah exists all the time as we are continuously engaged in flouting the Law of Allah Ta’ala.

5. Realization of our flagrant and frequent transgression of the Law of Allah Ta’ala will dawn upon us when we have the complete Constitution of the Shariah before us. For this we are duty-bound to study the Shariah; to learn the Masaail of the Deen.
6. There are certain obstacles in the path of making Towbah which deters a person from resorting to Towbah. It is necessary to mention these obstacles and provide practical solutions to overcoming all in order that the one who wishes to make Towbah does not become despondent when confronted with the obstacles. Otherwise, one will be deprived of Towbah even after having understood the need and necessity for it. And Allah Ta’ala is the Giver of Towfeeq.

Obstacle	Solution / Answer
<p>1. <b>Lack of awareness</b> of the detailed list of sins.</p> <p>2. Regarding <b>sin to be trivial</b>. The sign of this is that one does not feel bad after committing the sin.</p> <p>3. We consider our <b>sins to be too big to be forgiven</b> or too much to be pardoned.</p> <p>4. Thinking that <b>Allah Ta’ala is Ghafoor Raheem; He will forgive us without the need for our Towbah</b>. Thinking that there is <b>no benefit in Towbah</b> when the sin will be committed again. Whatever is written out in Taqdeer has to happen. Of what benefit is my Towbah when it is decreed that I will commit ghunaah (sin) again?</p> <p>5. We refrain from <b>Towbah</b> and abstention from ghunaah fearing the criticism of relatives and friends in not joining them in their acts of transgression. Our employment is of such a nature that abstaining from haraam is extremely difficult.</p> <p>6. There is <b>enjoyment in sin</b>.</p>	<p><b>Study and learn.</b> A simple method is to read the English Translation of Behshti Zewar daily at home.</p> <p>Study the Ahaadeeth of encouragement to righteous deeds and warnings over evil deeds. This theme can be found in the kitaabs: Behshti Zewar, Deeds and Retribution, Fazail-e-A’maal, etc. This notion is utterly false. We think that Allah Ta’ala is like a human being who does not forgive a major crime or repeated crimes.</p> <p><b>This believe is wrong.</b> Allah Ta’ala is completely free of emotion and human susceptibilities. Every action of His is with His full and unfettered violation. We should understand that no sin is too big to be forgiven with Towbah. Similarly, no quantity of sins is too much for Allah Ta’ala to forgive by the bandah resorting to Towbah. Reflect over the Ahaadeeth speaking of the Mercy of Allah Ta’ala.</p> <p><b>This notion is also false.</b> A person thinks like that because he assumes that the former Towbah has broken, hence he engages in the same sin. Understand that the former Towbah has been accepted and no reckoning will be taken for it. Furthermore there is no time in our lives where we can be certain of being pure from sin. The only time is when our lives are snatched away by Malaikul Mowt (the Angel of Death). Then it will be too late to make Towbah. Allah Ta’ala is Shadeedul Iqaab (Severe in Chastisement) as well. This attribute of His should arouse us from our indifference to Towbah. Secondly, when physically sick we do not refrain from treating ourselves in spite of knowing that we will fall ill again. Similarly, does anyone consume poison thinking that Allah Ta’ala is Ghafoor Raheem; He will keep me safe and well regardless of the poison –intake? No, never. Sin is spiritual poison to the Imaan of the Mu-min. Never venture near it.</p> <p>The <b>essence of Allah Ta’ala being Gafoor Raheem</b> is that you should not lose hope in His Mercy and Forgiveness after committing a sin thinking that the Doors of Forgiveness have been closed to you.</p> <p><b>This is a devilish idea.</b> In our worldly activities we never employ this idea and quit our work and employment. In fact, we strive and toil in pursuit of our rizq (livelihood and sustenance) knowing and believing that our rizq has being preordained. Alas, is there no need to strive in Deeni works!</p> <p>Such fear does not deter us from pursuing our aspirations of the dunya, why then should it be a deterrent in our aspirations of the Aakhirat? In reality, we lack courage in Deeni activities. For this, i.e. inculcation of resolve and determination in works pertaining to the Aakhirat, we are in dire need of the company of the Ahlullah (Special Friends of Allah) and the Mashaaikh of Tasawwuf. We will never have courage in our Deeni life without listening to and practising on the directives and advice of the Mashaaikh.</p> <p>Firstly, the call for the moment is only to resort to <b>Towbah</b>. Engaging in true and constant Towbah will Insha Allah, create the avenues for halaal earnings.</p> <p>Secondly, reflection reveals that there isn’t a single haraam activity which cannot be discarded. That, however, requires strong will and determination. For the week, stop all sins which are of no benefit and which will not harm your income. And regarding the sins you regard to be unavoidable in your livelihood, it will suffice in the first stage to resort to sincere Towbah and pleading unto Allah Ta’ala for a way out. Fikr and concern is a requirement. Befikri or indifference is a curse. Assuming that there is enjoyment in sin, then too the demand of the intelligence is to refrain from sin as the ‘enjoyment’ is temporary and the hardships and misfortune arising from sin are lasting. Actually, there is <b>no true enjoyment in sin</b>. Sin sullies the heart. It wrecks one’s peace of mind. It brings along with it difficulties and unhappiness. True happiness and peace of mind is only and only in obedience unto Allah Azza wa Jall.</p>

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## LAYLATUL-QADR

Amongst the nights of Ramadhan there is one called "Laylatul Qadr", a night that is noted for its great blessings.

**Better then a thousand months:** The Quran Kareem describes it as being greater in blessedness and spiritual virtue than a thousand months which in turn means that it is greater than eighty three years and four months.

Fortunate indeed is that person who attains the full blessings of this night by spending it in Ibaadah of Allah, because he has then attained reward for Ibaadah of eighty-three years and four months.

**Sins forgiven:** The Messenger of Allaah (sallallaahu alayhi wa sallam) said: "Whoever stands (in prayer) during the Night of Al-Qadr with faith and expecting reward (from Allaah), he will be forgiven for his previous sins."

**Angels descend:** Allah Ta'aala says in the Quran: "Therein descend the angels and the Ruh by their Lord's permission with every matter." (Surah Al Qadr 97:4)

The angels descend in abundance during the Night of Al-Qadr due to its abundant blessings.

**A Unique Night:** Allah Ta'aala also says in the Quran: "There is peace until the appearance of the dawn." (Surah Al Qadr 97:5)

The angels are giving the greetings of peace during the Night of Al-Qadr to the people engrossed in Ibaadah until the coming of Fajr (dawn).

### Why this night was granted?

Regarding this night, Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) is reported to have said Laylatul Qadr was granted to my Ummah and not to any other Ummah before this. Regarding the reason for the granting of Laylatul Qadr, various reasons are mentioned.

One reason, according to some Ahadith is given thus: Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) used to look at the longer lives of the earlier people and was saddened when pondering over the much shorter lives of his own Ummah. If His Ummah had wished to compete with the people before them in the doing of righteous deeds, because of their shorter lives it would be impossible for them to either emulate or surpass them.

To compensate for this difference in their life span, Allah in His infinite mercy granted them with this night of great blessing.

This means that if any fortunate one of this Ummah spends during his life time ten such nights in the worship of his maker, he would have gained the reward for Ibaadah of eight hundred and thirty years and even more.

Another report states that Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alaihi Wasallam) once related to the Sahabah the story of a very righteous man from among the Bani Israel who used to spend one thousand months in Jihad.

On hearing this, the Sahabah envied that person because they could not attain the same reward. whereupon Allah granted them the

Night of Power as a recompense.

### In a nutshell, Ramadaan is...

Salmaan radhiyallahu anhu reports: "On the last day of Sha'baan the Messenger of Allah addressed us and said: 'O people, there comes over you now a great month, a most blessed month in which lies a night more greater in virtue than one thousand months. It is a month in which Allah has made compulsory that the days should be observed by fasting. And he has made sunnah the Taraweeh by night. Whosoever intends drawing nearer to Allah by performing any virtuous deed, for him shall be the reward like him who had performed a fardh in any other time.

And whoever performs a fardh, for him shall be the reward of seventy faraa'idh in any other time. This is indeed the month of patience, and the reward for true patience is Jannah (paradise). It is the month of sympathy with one's fellow men. It is the month wherein a true believer's rizq is increased.



*We wear Ihraam and make Tawaaf, we stand by the Mutazam and cry and make Du'aa. We promise we are going to change, but we return spiritually more bankrupt then what we were before. Why we must ask ourselves? Why not is the answer when we are eating Haraam!*

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*The Jamiatul-Ulama Gauteng has closed it's bank account with F.N.B. in protest at their anti-Palestine stance and in solidarity with our suffering Palestinian brothers and sisters.*

*Kindly note that we are not a fund raising organization.*

*The banking facility is for the benefit of those who, for whatever reasons, do not wish to channel their funds elsewhere.*

*Also do make us your unfettered "Wakeel".*

*If you are depositing Zakaat in cash, do please ensure that a few extra rands are deposited in order to offset bank charges.*

**JAMIATUL -ULAMA GAUTENG**

**STANDARD BANK, MEYERTON,  
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