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## Du'ā for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'ā (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, اِنْ شَآءَاللّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ:

اَللّٰهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَام

### Translation

*Yā Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One who is the most Honourable and Glorious!*

*(Al-Mustaṭraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)*

**Note:** Recite Ṣalāt-'Alan-Nabī once before and after the Du'ā.

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**A Brief Introduction to**

# Dawat-e-Islami

Dawat-e-Islami, the non-political Movement of Propagation of the Quran and Sunnah is speedily progressing. Dawat-e-Islami has received 'Satisfactory Endorsements' not only from different departments of the Pakistani Government but also from the governments of many other countries as well. There are 98 Jāmi'aat (institutions of higher learning in Islamic studies) for Islamic brothers established in many cities of Pakistan. In addition to this, there are 90 Jāmi'aat for Islamic sisters as well.

More than 75,000 boys and girls are gaining knowledge in Madrasa-tul-Madinah in order to learn Quraanic education i.e. Ḥifẓ and Naazirah (memorization of the Quran and recitation by sight), free of charge. There are Dār-ul-Madinahs whereby both religious and academic education is provided.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, There are also Jāmi'aat in countries other than Pakistan i.e. in India, U.K., Nepal, Bangladesh, Kenya and South Africa.

Besides this, there are many Madani Maraakiz (Centres) which we call Faizan-e-Madinah. The Sunnah inspiring Ijtimaa'āt (Weekly Congregations) and the Bayanāt (Lectures) by Muballigheen

(Preachers) continuously take place. There are Halqahs (Sessions) of learning and teaching the Sunnah as well as sessions of memorizing supplications (Du'ās).

The message of Dawat-e-Islami has reached more than 185 countries of the world. By the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dawat-e-Islami is prospering by day and night. There are more or less 90 departments of Dawat-e-Islami.

It is Almighty Allah's عَزَّوَجَلَّ blessing that the Madani Qaafilas (to spread the Sunnah) are travelling worldwide for three, twelve or thirty days, even twelve or twenty-five months. There are a number of Islamic brothers who have dedicated their entire lives to serve the religion of Islam by traveling in Madani Qaafilas.

Madani In'āmaat program: A self accountability program. Simply act upon it on a daily basis for self accountability. You will indeed be inspired by the Madani Ina'āmaat program and would become a well-mannered and practicing Muslim.

It is not less than a blessing if a Muslim gets answers to his Shar'ee (Islamic) questions. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰه عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dārul-Iftā Ahle-Sunnat is established where Muftis (religious scholars) are making efforts to research and answer the queries of the Muslim Ummah day and night.

Maktaba-tul-Madinah is the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. It has the honor to provide the lovers of Rasoolullaah صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم with publishing the books and booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه, other Sunni 'Ulamā and of Al-Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah.

There are websites of at least 8 departments working under the supervision of the IT Majlis. You will be glad to know about Madrasa-tul-Madinah online. The Holy Quran is being taught to hundreds of students within the comfort of their homes through this department, free of charge.

Madani Channel is broadcasted in almost all countries of the world through different satellites and Live Streaming. After watching such a large channel without any immoral display, advertisements and music, many non-Muslims have reverted to Islam and many Muslims have started to practice their faith.

There is an excellent department called "Jail Khaanajaat". The Islamic brothers of Majlis-e-Jail of Dawat-e-Islami visit jails and assist the prisoners through reformation and rehabilitation.

Majlis-e-Ta'wizat-e-'Attariyyah is the department which provides thousands of Ta'wizaat (amulets) every month. There is yet another department called "Majlis-e-Ilaaj". This is a department in which thousands of people who are associated with Dawat-e-Islami who receive treatment free of charge.

Another department is called "Langar-e-Rizwiyya". Whether it is I'tikaaf, Shab-e-Barā-at, Shab-e-Mi'raaj, Baarwheen Shareef or Ijtimā' of Zikr-o-Na'at, your Dawat-e-Islami serves Langar (meals) to thousands of Islamic brothers. Pakistan was recently affected badly with the calamity of earthquakes and by the destructions of floods. Dawat-e-Islami worked hard by collecting and distributing goods and cash, amounting to millions of rupees among affected ones.

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# Al-Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah

**From:**

Shaykh-e-Tariqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyāee دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه.

Dawat-e-Islami, a global and non-political movement for the preaching of Quran and Sunnah, is determined to revive Sunnah and spread righteousness as well as the knowledge of Shari'ah throughout the world. In order to carry out these great and significant tasks in an excellent way, several Majālis (departments) have been formed including the Majlis 'Al-Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah' which consists of the 'Ulamā and Muftis of Dawat-e-Islami. This Majlis has ambitiously taken on the responsibility of serving religion in the areas of knowledge, research and publication. It has the following six departments:

1. Department of books of A'lā Ḥaḍrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه.
2. Department of teaching books.
3. Department of reforming books.
4. Department of translation.
5. Department of scrutiny of books.
6. Department of referencing and documentation.

The primary objective of Al-Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah is to present the precious books of A'la Hadrat, Imām-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, reviver of the Sunnah, eradicator of Bid'ah, scholar of Shari'ah, 'Allamah Maulana Al-Hāj, Al-Qārī, Ash-Shāh Imām Ahmad Razā Khān عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمٰن in an easily understandable way according to the needs of the present age. All the Islamic brothers and sisters should whole-heartedly cooperate in the development of the Madanī work of knowledge, research and publication, and study every book published by the Majlis as well as persuade others to do the same.

May all the Majālis of Dawat-e-Islami including Al-Madina-tul-'Ilmiyyah progress by leaps and bounds! May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestow success upon us in the worldly life as well as in the afterlife by enabling us to perform each and every good deed with sincerity! May we all be blessed with martyrdom under the green dome, burial in Jannat-ul-Baqī' and an abode in Jannat-ul-Firdaus.

آمِيْن بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْن صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم

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# WELCOME TO ISLAM

## Faith in Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

To be a Muslim, one has to express his or her firm faith in Tawḥeed (the Oneness of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ), Most High, and the Prophethood of Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم.

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, is One. There is no partner in His divinity, His works, in His commandments and in His names. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'Waajib-ul-Wujood' which means that His existence is necessary at all times. He is Eternal (al-Qadeem) and everlasting (al-Baaqī). None but Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, is worthy of limitless praise and adoration. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ is dependent on no other. On the contrary, everything in the universe is dependent on Him.

The knowledge of Almighty Allah's Being is beyond all imagination and comprehension. It is indeed impossible to comprehend His Supreme Being by using any amount of wisdom, presentation,

intellect or intuition because He is beyond imagination, unbound by any limit. It is only possible to imagine something when it has a definite and circumscribed shape or form. But since Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, is formless, unbound and unrestricted, any attempt to visualize Him is impossible. However one can come to know of the existence of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ the Most High, through human reason and contemplation of His creations.

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, is neither a father nor a son of anyone; nor has He any spouse. Those who consider Him as a father or a son are disbelievers.

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Most High, all perfections are gathered in Him. He عَزَّوَجَلَّ is pure of all that is impure, defective, cruel, impertinent and indecent. The presence of any drawback and shortcomings in His being is totally impossible.

Telling a lie, deceiving, misappropriation, savagery, ignorance, gracelessness and many other detestable things like these, are absolutely impossible as far as Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, is concerned. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most Exalted, is free from all confines of time and space, places and directions, forms and shapes and all those things that resemble any creation.

It is only the Beloved Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. who saw Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with his physical eyes on Mi'raaj.
As far as other Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are concerned, they saw Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, only in meditations and dreams. It is reported that Imām Abū Hanīfa رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْه, the great Jurist Imām, had the divine vision of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most Exalted, more than a hundred times in his dreams.

Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, is the absolute Sovereign: free to do whatever, whenever and however He عَزَّوَجَلَّ Wills. No one can have any control over Him. Nor can anyone distract Him from His intentions. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Most High, neither dozes nor sleeps. He watches over ll the worlds. He is never tired, nor is He ever bored. None other than Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is the Preserver of the universe. He is more tolerant, benevolent and loving than parents. His mercy and benevolence provides comfort to broken hearts. All the glories and greatnesses are for Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

## Faith in Prophethood

For Muslims, it is essential to know about the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام and their virtuous qualities as it is essential to know about the supreme Being and the Attributes of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most Exalted. It is also essential to have a sound knowledge about Prophethood so that one may avoid wrong notions and misleading beliefs and avoid uttering anything that may amount to degradation of the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام.

## Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام were all men

A Prophet عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام is the person to whom the Divine Revelation from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most Exalted, is bestowed for the guidance of mankind. Such a person is also called an Apostle or Messenger of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most Exalted.

All the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام sent by Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, were human beings and men. No woman was ever accorded the status

of a Prophet. It was not obligatory for Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, to send His Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام. Nevertheless, out of His extreme kindness He عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent the Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام for the guidance of mankind. A Prophet must receive Waḥī or Divine Revelation whether it is bestowed upon him through Angels or through any other means.

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## The prominent Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام of Almighty Allah

Allah, the Most High, sent down many Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام for the guidance of mankind from the time of Prophet Ādam عَلٰى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام to Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. While some of them have been mentioned specifically in the Holy Quran, many others have not figured in it. The Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام who have been given prominence in the Holy Quran are: Prophet Ādam, Prophet Idrīs (Enoch), Prophet Nūḥ (Noah) Prophet Hūd, Prophet Sāliḥ, Prophet Ibrāhīm (Abraham), Prophet Ismā'īl (Ishmael), Prophet Isḥaaq (Isaac), Prophet Lūṭ (Lot), Prophet Ya'qoob (Jacob), Prophet Yūsuf (Joseph), Prophet Shu'aib, Prophet Ayyūb (Job), Prophet Mūsā (Moses), Prophet Hārūn (Aaron), Prophet Dhul Kifl (Ezekiel), Prophet Dāwood (David), Prophet Sulaimān (Solomon), Prophet Zakarīyā (Zecharia), Prophet Yaḥyā (John), Prophet 'Īsā (Jesus Christ) and the Leader of all Prophets Sayyidunā Muhammad عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام.

## How many Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام?

It is not advisable to put an exact figure on the number of Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام sent down by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Most Wise, for the guidance of mankind because the opinion on this point differs. The safest way is to believe and say that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent more or less 124,000 prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام.

## Faith in Angels

Angels are neither male nor female; neither eat nor drink; neither marry nor reproduce. They are made of light and hence they can change themselves into different forms. They also have the power to transform themselves into any form but they never do any such thing knowingly or unknowingly against the command of Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Every Angel has a specific assignment to accomplish. Some Angels bring Waḥī (Revelation) from Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, to His Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام. Some of them are responsible for the rain while others are responsible for supplying provision to worldly creatures. Some Angels عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام shape the face of the fetus in the womb of the mother, while some take care of the changes in human bodies.

Some Angels عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام are responsible for providing protection to living beings from their enemies and lurking dangers. Some Angels عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام move about to attend the functions and meetings held in remembrance of Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and His Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَام.

Some Angels carry forward the salutations and greetings of Muslims to Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم while some have been assigned the job of blowing the decisive Ṣoor (Clarion) just before the Day of Judgment.

Sayyidunā Jibrāīl (Gabriel) عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام is the Archangel. His title is 'Rooḥ-ul-Ameen.' He visited the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم twenty four thousand times, Nabī Ādam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام twelve times, Nabī Idrīs عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام four times, Nabī Nooḥ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام fifty times, Nabī Ibrāhīm عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام 42 times, Nabī Ayyūb عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام three times, Nabī Ya'qoob عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام four times, Nabī Mūsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام four hundred times and Nabī 'Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام ten times.

The other prominent Angels are Sayyidunā Mīkā-eel, Sayyidunā Isrāfīl and Sayyidunā Izra'eel عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام. Sayyidunā Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام is the Angel of death. Then there are the Angels who are carrying the 'Arsh (Throne) and the Kursī (Chair). The Angels possess no conscience or reason of their own. They are created simply to obey Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the All-Powerful. They never ask questions like why, how and what without the permission of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. They are totally dedicated to the Will of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Supreme Creator.

Two Angels are always accompanying each person on both the shoulders called 'Kirāman Kātibīn', they are the Scribes. They record the daily account of an individual's good and bad deeds. The other two famous Angels are 'Munkar-Nakīr'. After burial, these Angels call on the dead and ask three questions pertaining to faith:

1. Who is your Rabb (Lord)?
2. What is your religion?
3. What did you used to say about him (referring to the Holy Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم)?

The other super-natural creatures are called Jinns (Genies). They are created from fire. Some of them have the power to adapt to any shape they wish. They have very lengthy lives although some of their dimensions, like intelligence and spirits are just like human beings. They eat, drink and procreate and die like humans. There are Muslims as well as non-Muslims amongst the Jinns and to treat all of them metaphorically as evil doers is strictly forbidden.

## Faith in the books of Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

All the heavenly books are true and whatever Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said through them, is to be believed in. However, due to distortions, their originality has been brought into question. The preservation of these Holy Scriptures was entrusted to their respective followers, and rather than preserving the books in their memories and on tablets, the books suffered alterations. The outcome was that these books could not be relied upon to be the same as when they were originally revealed and those who had vested interests altered the words and letters to change the meanings in order to make them conveniently suit their personal interests. They even indulged in addition and deletion in accordance with their whims and fancies. This kind of distortion in respect of the Scriptures is called 'Tahreef'.

It is therefore advisable that when we come across anything mentioned in previous Scriptures, we would accept it only if it is in conformity with the Magnificent Quran. But if it is contrary to the Holy Quran we should deem it to be an outcome of 'Tahreef'. In the case of confusion over a thing being consistent or inconsistent with the Glorious Quran, we should neither accept those things immediately nor should we deny it outright, our stand in such cases should be cautious.

## The Glorious Quran, the Last Testament of Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ

Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent down many Holy Scriptures through many Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام. Four of them are the most famous:

1. The Taurāt (Torah) revealed to Prophet Mūsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
2. The Zabūr (Psalms) revealed to Prophet Dāwood (David) عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
3. The Injeel (Bible) revealed to Prophet 'Īsā عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام.
4. The Glorious Quran revealed to our Beloved Prophet Sayyidunā Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم, the Seal of the Prophets.

There is no scope of any superiority or inferiority as far as the Holy Word of Almighty Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is concerned. However, the Holy Quran stands out to be the most rewarding.

## Death and the grave

Death is when the soul comes out of the body. Everyone has to die. Nothing can save one from death. The time of death is fixed for everyone. Nothing can delay it.

When a person's life is ending, the Angel Izra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام comes to remove the Rooḥ (soul) from the dying person. When the dying person looks to his left and to his right, he sees Angels everywhere. The Angels of Mercy come to a Muslim. The Angels of Punishment come to the Kaafirs (disbelievers). A Muslim's soul is taken out with ease and respect by the Angels of Mercy. A Kaafir's soul is taken out with great pain and disgrace. When someone visits a grave, the souls see the person, recognize him or her and listen to what they are saying. They can even hear the footsteps of the visitors.

## What happens after burial?

After the person is buried, the grave tightens up and presses the dead. It presses the Muslim like a mother firmly embraces her child. It squeezes a Kaafir in such a way that the left ribs are crushed and interlock with the right side. When the people leave the burial, the dead person hears the footsteps of the people. At that time, two Angels called Munkar and Nakeer come ripping through the earth with their long teeth. Their faces look very fearful and scary. Their bodies are black in colour. They have blue eyes, which are very large in size and are popping out of their foreheads. They are fiery. Their hair is very frightful and long from head to toe. Their teeth are also very long with which they rip through the

earth. They wake up the dead shaking and rattling them. With great strength and a gruff voice, they ask these three questions:

a. 'مَنْ رَّبُّكَ؟' meaning 'Who is your Lord?'

b. 'مَا دِيْنُكَ؟' meaning 'What is your religion?'

c. 'مَا كُنْتَ تَقُوْلُ فِيْ حَقِّ هٰذَا الرَّجُل؟' meaning 'What did you used to say about this person?'

If the dead person is a Muslim, he will reply as follows:

a. 'رَبِّيَ اللّٰهُ' meaning 'My Lord is Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ).'

b. 'دِيْنِيَ الْاِسْلَامُ' meaning 'My religion is Islam.'

c. 'هُوَ رَسُوْلُ اللّٰهِ' meaning 'He (صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم) is Allah's Messenger.'

Now a voice from the skies will be heard saying: "My servant has spoken the truth. Lay the tablecloth of Paradise for him. Give him clothes from Paradise to wear and open the doors of Paradise (Jannah) for him." The cool air and the sweet fragrance of Jannah will fill the air. The grave will be made wide and large. The Angels will say: "Sleep like a groom sleeps on his wedding night," this will be for the good pious Muslims.

The sinful will be punished according to their sins. This punishment will continue for a time. The punishment can stop when somebody supplicates (makes Du'ā) for the dead person or when Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ the Most Merciful shows His Mercy to the dead.

If the dead person is a hypocrite (Munafiq), then he will not be able to answer the questions and will say "هَيْهَاتَ هَيْهَاتَ لَا اَدْرِی" meaning "Shame, for I know nothing." A caller will shout: "He is a liar, lay the table-cloth of fire for him, and give him clothes of fire to wear and open the doors of Hell for him, for which the heat of Hell will reach him." There will be two Angels who will punish him and hit him with huge hammers of fire. Enormous scorpions and snakes will also bite him continuously. Different types of punishments will be meted out to him until the day of Resurrection.

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## DOOMSDAY

A Muslim has to believe that the day and time of everyone's death has been pre-determined. Everything and every living being is mortal. The worlds will come to an end according to the Command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, and that will be the Last day, called 'Qiyaamah'.

It is said that the Angel Isrāfeel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلٰوةُ وَالسَّلَام, is kneeling beneath the 'Arsh with the trumpet in his hands, waiting for the Command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the Most Exalted, to blow it. The first blowing of the Trumpet will bring the world to an end. The earth, the heavens, the Angels and humans – all must perish one day. Only Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most Exalted, will last forever. But before the world comes to its final end there will appear many signs to herald the nearness of the approaching Doom. Some of these signs are mentioned here overleaf:

## Disappearance of knowledge

The knowledge of Islam will gradually disappear with the death of Islamic Scholars. There may be some scholars but their minds and hearts will be empty of real knowledge. People will cease to be religiously minded.

## Sexual depravity

Sexual depravity will increase. Adultery will become prevalent. Shamelessness will reach such a high level that humans will indulge in sexual intercourse in public like animals. Respect, reverence, etiquette and manners that work as a cementing force for the bonds between young and the old will vanish. The population of males will decrease while that of females will increase. There will be at least fifty women for one man.

## False Prophets

People will claim to be Prophets even though Prophethood has ended with Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللّٰه تَعَالٰى عَلَيْهِ وَاٰلِهٖ وَسَلَّم. Some of the false prophets that we know of are: Musailama Kazzāb from the Najd Desert of Arabia, Tulaiha Bin Khuwailid, Aswad Ensa, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qādiyāni. All of them have made false claims of Prophethood. Others who have not yet appeared will certainly appear one by one before the occurrence of the Day of Judgment.

## Abundance of wealth

Wealth will be abundant and visible everywhere, like a mountain of burning coals. This abundance will be so overwhelming that it will end up being unbearable for the righteous and truthful people who will retire to the graveyards, desiring death.

## Time will pass quickly

Time will pass very swiftly, so much so that a year will slip away like a month, a month like a week, a week like a day while a day will fizzle out in a fleeting moment. People will pursue the knowledge of Islam for the sake of their mundane and material needs and not for the sake of Islam itself. Men will be submissive to their women. Children will disobey their parents. Some will prefer to be in the company of their friends and will desert their parents. People will discuss worldly affairs in the Masaajid. Music and dance will become the general order of the day. People will curse their ancestors and will talk ill of them. Wild animals will talk to humans. Mean and illiterate people will live in big mansions.

## Some Major Signs of the Hour

A. **The Emergence of Imām Mahdi:** Imām Mahdi رضی اللہ تعالیٰ عنہ is to appear on the scene at a time when Islam vanishes from everywhere and becomes confined within the limits of Hijaaz (Arabia) only. The world will then be full of infidels. In such a

compelling and humiliating situation, the Saints (Awliyā) رحمهم الله تعالى and all the righteous and Allah-Fearing people will leave their respective countries for refuge at the holy cities of Makkah 'the Ennobled' and Madinah 'the Illuminated'.

During the month of Ramaḍān, Imām Mahdi رضی الله تعالی عنه will be amongst the people performing Ṭawaaf around the Holy Ka'bah. The Saints and pious Muslims will recognize him and immediately beseech him to accept their allegiance. Imām Mahdi رضی الله تعالی عنه will first decline their request but will ultimately comply in following a commanding voice from the Unseen, "He is Māhdi, the Khalīfah (vicegerent) of Allah (عزوجل). Listen to what he says and follow him." All will then proclaim their faith and allegiance to Imām Mahdi رضی الله تعالی عنه who will lead them to Shaam (Syria).

B. **Emergence of Dajjāl:** Dajjāl, a powerful devilish character will appear on the scene. Besides the Holy cities of Makkah 'the Ennobled' and Madinah 'the Illuminated', he will establish his influence and conquer the entire world in a span of just fourty days. The first day of these fourty days will be as long as a year. The second day will be like a month and the third day like a week. The rest of the days will be of normal duration. Dajjāl, like a destructive storm will travel around the world, destroying everything in his path. His speed will be like the speed of a cloud carried away by forceful winds. He will unleash destruction wherever he goes. The afflictions and miseries that Dajjāl will cause through his mischief and deceptions will be appalling. He will play tricks and

display deceptive illusions in order to dupe, misguide, mesmerize and induce the people into following him.

The devious Dajjāl will have two dazzling things with which to entice the people – a garden and a fire. He will call these "Jannah" (Paradise) and "Jahannam" (Hell) and wherever he goes he will take them with him. In reality, in this illusion and magic, his Jannah will actually be fire and his Jahannam will be a peaceful place of rest. He will order people to believe him to be God. Whoever believes him to be God, he will put them into his Jannah, and whoever rejects him, he will throw them into his Jahannam (which will be the opposite).

He will revive the dead and the earth will grow vegetation upon his command. He will make the clouds rain. The livestock of the people during his reign will increase in number and health and the milk-yield will also increase. When Dajjāl passes through the forests, treasures of wealth will follow him like swarms of bees. He will play several other magical tricks and ploys which will ultimately prove to be sheer illusions. All these tricks and ploys will indeed be deceptive feats of magic and wizardry and will instantly vanish as soon as Dajjāl leaves the place. Whenever Dajjāl tries to move towards the holy cities of Makkah and Madinah, Angels will turn his face in some other direction. Dajjāl will be followed by an army of Jews and will have three letters "ك (Kaaf), ف (Faa), ر (Raa)" (signifying Kaafir or disbeliever) engraved on his forehead. Muslims alone will be able to see and read these letters.

When Dajjāl completes his round of the world and reaches Syria, it will be dawn. The call to prayer for the morning Ṣalāh would have just finished when the Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام will descend onto the eastern minaret of the Jaami' Masjid of Damascus. Imām Mahdi will be present and will be asked by Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام to lead the prayer. With the presence of Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام this will have a very disastrous effect on Dajjāl who will start melting, like salt in water, due to the fragrance emanating from the breath of Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام. This fragrant breath will keep growing in intensity far and wide until Dajjāl is forced to retreat. Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام will chase Dajjāl and will finally kill him with a spear.

The end of Dajjāl's domination will mark the beginning of a new era. Prophet ʻĪsā's عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام reign will be one of abundance and affluence. People will be in possession of so much wealth that it will be difficult to find anyone in need of anything. There will be no enmity, jealousy, animosity or distrust among the people. Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام will kill the pig (Khinzeer) and break the Cross. All the followers of the Holy Books who survive the tyrannical atrocities of Dajjāl during his regime will eventually proclaim their allegiance to Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام. There will now only be one dominant religion – Islam.

C **The Emergence of Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj ('Gog' and 'Magog'):** During the magnificent reign of Prophet ʻĪsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام, the most powerful tribes from Transoxania named 'Gog' and

'Magog' will appear to commit murder, pillage and plunder wherever they go. They would pass by the lake of Tiberias and drink all of its water. They will then march on till they reach the Mount Khamar in Jerusalem. After the general human massacre, they will try to murder those who are in heaven. Then Prophet 'Īsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام and his companions will pray for help. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the All-Powerful, will then send insects to destroy Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj. They will be thus killed and their corpses will be taken away by birds.

There will then be profuse rains for many days and consequently the earth will assume the most luxuriant fertility. The period of affluence and prosperity will then be followed by a period of dark days, caused by deep columns of a mysterious smoke. This smoke will appear by the Order of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Most High, and will engulf the entire globe.

D. **The Appearance of the Dābbatul-Arḍ:** This is an awesome underground creature with a horrible beastly appearance. It will appear menacingly holding in one of its hands the miraculous staff of Prophet Mūsā عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام and in its other hand the miraculous ring of Prophet Solomon عَلٰی نَبِیِّنَا وَعَلَیْہِ الصَّلٰوۃُ وَالسَّلَام. With the help of the staff he will make a shining mark on the forehead of every Muslim and with the help of the ring he will put a black mark on the forehead of every disbeliever. These marks will distinguish Muslims from non-Muslims.

E. **The sun rises from the West:** There will then come a time when the sun will rise in the West instead of the East. With

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