Method to become pious

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Dear Islamic Brothers! From this we learn that reciting Durood Shareef is also a **Method of becoming pious**. Whilst standing, sitting or in our daily activities, we can continue to recite Durood Shareef.

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1 The bayan was delivered by Ameer-e-AhleSunnat during the 3 day international Ijtimah of Dawat-e-Islami in Madina-tul-Auliya Multan Shareef (2nd, 3rd, 4th Rajab-ul-Murajjab 1419ah). It is being presented with relevant changes.
As in the tomb there will be the sight of the Prophet
Am making a habit of Durood-o-Salam

THE GIGANTIC SNAKE
Sayyiduna Malik bin Dinar was once asked about the reason for his repentance. He replied, ‘I was an officer in the police force. I committed sins on a regular basis and drank alcohol. I had one daughter who I loved very much. She passed away at the age of two. I became lost in grief. That year when the 15th of Sha’ban (Shab-e-Bara’at) arrived, I did not even read recite Isha prayers. I drank lots of alcohol and in this drunken state I fell asleep.

While I was asleep, I saw in my dream that it was the end of time. The dead were rising from their graves and forming groups. Just then I felt a movement behind me. I turned around to see a gigantic snake with its mouth open ready to attack me. With fright I started to run and the snake began to chase me. Just then, I saw the luminous face of a weak old man. I asked him for help but he replied, ‘I am too weak, I can not help you’. I then continued to run, with the snake still after me. Still running, I climbed a small hill. On the other side of the hill was a frightful blazing fire and many people were burning in it. I was about to fall in when a voice said, ‘Move back! You are not for this fire’.

I pulled myself back and started to run in the opposite direction with the snake still behind me. I met the same weak old man again. He started crying and said,
‘Regretfully, I am too weak to help you. Look over there. The round mountain you see is where the Muslims keep their deposit. Go there and if you have a deposit then Insha-Allah you will be able to gain it back’. I reached the round mountain and saw that there were windows decorated with silk curtains and gold doors decorated with beads. The angels started to announce, ‘Remove the curtains, maybe this person has some deposit here which will save him from the snake’. The windows opened and many faces of Madani children appeared. Amongst them was my late 2 year old daughter. Upon seeing me she started to cry out, ‘I swear by Allah! This is my father’. She then jumped and came to me and held my right hand with her left hand. On seeing this, the gigantic snake turned and fled. Now I could relax. My daughter sat in my lap and whilst stroking my beard recited the 16th verse of Sura Hadeed,

Translation Kanzul-Imaan:
Has not the time come for the believers to surrender their hearts to Allah’s remembrance and for this truth that has come?

After hearing this verse from my lovely child, I began to cry. I asked her about the gigantic snake. She replied, ‘He was your bad deeds that you are increasing continuously. Your bad deeds in the form of the gigantic snake are
about to take you into the Hellfire’. I asked who the weak old man was. She said, ‘He was your pious deeds. Since you carry out very few good deeds, he was too weak to challenge your bad deeds’. I asked, ‘What do you do upon this mountain?’ She replied, ‘The Muslim children who have passed away wait here for the Day of Judgement. We wait for our parents so that when they arrive we can intercede on their behalf’. Then I awoke from my dream. I was deeply moved. Alhamdu-Lillah I sincerely repented for my sins. (Rauzur-Riyaheen, P91, Syria)

صَلَّوَا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ ﴿صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ ﻭَسَلَّمُ﴾

Dear Islamic Brothers! We can learn many lessons from this event. One of the lessons we learn is that when a person’s young child passes away, he is not at loss but instead the person gains something. The daughter of Sayyiduna Malik bin Dinar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ came in the dream of her father and changed him from a drunk and sinful person to a brightly shining star in the ranks of piety! The verse narrated in this incident that affected the heart is mentioned in Khazain-ul-Irfan.

It is narrated by the mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Aisha Siddiqa رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا that once the Prophet ﷺ came out of His blessed home and saw that the Muslims were laughing amongst themselves. He said,
‘You are laughing! Safety has not yet come from Allah ﷺ and this verse was revealed upon your laughter’. The Muslims asked, ‘Ya RasulAllah ﷺ what is the compensation for this laughter?’ He replied, ‘Cry as much’. (Tafseer Khazain-ul-Irfan, Sura Hadeed, verse 16)

With regret would arise some reduction in our sins. Alas! Only if we could shed some tears of regret.

**VERSE OF THE HOLY QUR’AN FROM A FLUTE**

Dear Islamic Brothers! Indeed, this verse is the Madani solution to becoming pious. After listening to this verse, many people have had a Madani transformation take place within their lives. Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mubarak رضي الله عنه says, ‘They were the days of my youth. My friends and I entered a park. I used to enjoy playing the flute and as soon as night fell, I picked up the flute to play it. And I heard this verse (coming from it)! My heart was affected and I repented sincerely and vowed to never do anything that would take me away from my Lord ﷺ.’ (Shu’abul Iman, Hadith 7317, V5, P68, Darul Kutubil ‘Ilmiyah, Beirut)
INCIDENT
You see! This verse became the means through which Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mubarak رضي الله عنه changed his ways and reached a very high status. Once when he was going somewhere, he met a blind person. He asked, ‘What is your wish?’ The blind man replied, ‘I need eyesight’. Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Mubarak رضي الله عنه raised his hands and did Dua. Allah 기역 inglés blessed the blind man with sight. *(Tazkira-tul-Auliya, V1, P167, Intisharati Ganjina, Tehran)*

صُلْنَّا عَلَى الْحَبِيْبِ! صلى الله تعالى على مُحمَّدَ

INCIDENT
Sayyiduna Isma’eel Haqqi رحمه الله عليه says, “Sayyiduna Fuzail bin Ayaz رحمه الله عليه also became pious due to this verse. He was a famous thief of his time. He started having passionate feelings for a woman. She also agreed to participate in the sin. When he arrived to carry out the sin, he heard this verse. The condition of his heart changed. He returned with tears in his eyes and wept in front of Allah عزّو جلّ and repented for his sins. He turned himself towards performing good deeds and carried out worship in Makkah for a long time. And due to this he became a friend of Allah عزّو جلّ. *(Ruh-ul-Bayan, V9, P365, Daruhya It’turasil Arabi, Beirut)*
SMILING UPON THE DEATH OF HIS SON
Dear Islamic Brothers! No-one ever saw this great personality of the Chishtiyya spiritual chain smiling. When his son, Sayyiduna Ali bin Fuzail, who was also of a high status passed away, Sayyiduna Fuzail bin Ayaz began to smile’. Someone asked, ‘Is this a happy time that you are smiling?’ He replied, ‘I am smiling upon the will of Allah since my son’s death came by the will of Allah. I like whatever my Lord likes.’ (Mulakhkhasan Tazkira-tul-Auliya, V1, P86, Intisharati Ganjina, Tehran)

DO YOU WISH TO BECOME PIOUS?
Dear Islamic Brothers! Do you really wish to become pious? If you do then you must make some effort. Alhamdulillah I have written 72 Madani In’amat (Gifts of Madina) for Islamic brothers and 63 Madani In’amat for Islamic sisters which are in the form of questions and can be purchased from Maktaba-tul-Madina. Please read them and reflect. I pray that Allah grants those who whoever act upon these sincerely a place in Janna-tul-Firdous next to His beloved Messenger
FIRST MADANI IN’AM
The first Madani In’am (after the one for Intentions) for brothers is, ‘Today did you perform the five daily salah in the first row of the jama’at (congregation) in the Masjid, and were you able to join in the first raka’ (Takbeer-e-Ula)’ Dear Islamic Brothers! Even if you follow this one Madani In’am with the right intention, InshaAllah غَفُرَّ جَلُوْعَيْتُكُمْ you will become successful. Who is not aware of the benefits of salah?

ALL MINOR SINS FORGIVEN
The Holy Prophet صلّى الله تعالى عليه وَالله وَسَلَّم has said, ‘Whoever prays 2 raka’ of salah and does not make any mistakes, his past sins are forgiven’. (Minor sins are meant in this case). (Musnad Imam Ahmad, Hadith 21749, V8, P162, Dar-ul-Fikr, Beirut)

EXCELLENCE OF JAMA’AT (CONGREGATION)
You see! If this is the benefit of 2 raka’, imagine the blessings of the five daily salah! In the first Madani In’am, you are supposed to pray the daily salah with Jama’at and what can be said about the excellence of Jama’at. It is stated in Muslim Sharif that Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Umar رضي الله عنّهما said, ‘The Holy Prophet صلّى الله تعالى عليه وَالله وَسَلَّم said, ‘It is 27 times more rewarding to pray salah with Jama’at than by yourself.’ (Muslim Sharif, V1, P231)
EXCELLENCE OF TAKBEER-E-ULA

Takbeer-e-Ula is also mentioned in this ‘Madani In’am’. Listen to the excellence of this and rejoice. It is stated in Ibn-e-Maja that the Holy Prophet صلی الله عالی جوهر وآله وسلم said, ‘Whoever prays his Isha salah in the Masjid with Jama’at for 40 nights in such a manner that his first raka’ is read with Jama’at, it is written that he is free from the fire of Hell.’ (Ibn-e-Maja, Hadith 798, V1, P437, Dar-ul-Ma’rifa, Beirut)

Subhan-Allah! If this is the excellence of praying Isha salah with Takbeer-e-Ula with Jama’at for 40 nights, what can be said about praying the 5 daily salah with Takbeer-e-Ula with Jama’at for many years!

REWARD OF HAJJ IN SALAH

The Holy Prophet صلی الله عالی جوهر وآله وسلم said, ‘Whoever purifies himself and leaves his house for farz salah, his reward is like a person who performed Hajj in Ihram.’ (Abu Dawood Shareef, Hadith 558, V1, P231, Daruhy It’urasil Arabi, Beirut)

EXAMPLE OF DOING GHUSL FIVE TIMES IN THE DAY

Sayyiduna Abu Huraira رضی الله عَنْهُ narrates that the Holy Prophet صلی الله عالی جوهر وآله وسلم said, ‘Tell me, if someone has a stream flowing by his house and he does ghusl (bathes) 5 times a day in that stream, will any dirt be left on him?’ People replied that no dirt would be left. The
Holy Prophet صلِّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وُلَاهُ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘The 5 times daily salah is like this. Allah غَفُورًا removes all his sins.’ (Muslim Sharif, V1, P235, Tib’atu Afghanistan)

**HEAVENLY FEAST**

Dear Islamic Brothers! From this ‘Madani In’am’ we find out that we should pray salah in the Masjid and what can be said about going to the Masjid! Sayyiduna Abu Huraira رضي الله عنه narrates that the Messenger of Allah, the Mercy to the worlds, the best of creation صلِّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وُلَاهُ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Whoever goes to the Masjid in the morning or evening, Allah will prepare a feast in Heaven for him.” (Sahih Muslim, V1, P235, Tib’atu Afghanistan)

**FIRST ROW**

Praying in the first row is also included in this ‘Madani In’am’. The Holy Prophet صلِّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وُلَاهُ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, ‘If people knew what was in the Adhan and the first row they would not be able to achieve it drawing lots for it, therefore they would draw lots for it.” (Sahih Muslim, V1, P172, Tib’atu Afghanistan) There is also another narration which mentions that the Holy Prophet صلِّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وُلَاهُ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Allah and His angels send Durood (mercy) on the first row.” The companions asked, “What about the second row?” The Holy Prophet صلِّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وُلَاهُ وَسَلَّمَ replied, “Allah and His angels send Durood upon the first row.” The companions again asked, “What about the
second row?” The Holy Prophet replied, “And on the second row.” He added ‘Straighten your rows and join your shoulders (meaning stand shoulder to shoulder), soften yourselves against your brothers and fill the empty gaps because Satan moves within you like a baby lamb.” (Musnad Imam Ahmad, Hadith 22326, V8, P296, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut)

**WHICH ACTION IS BETTER?**

Dear Islamic brothers! Maybe you will find my Madani In’amat difficult but do not lose hope. It is stated in a Hadith that the best action is the one which is difficult. Sayyiduna Ibrahim bin Adham states, “An action which seems the most difficult in this world will weigh the most on the scales on the Day ofJudgement. (Tazkira-tul-Auliya, VI, P95, Intisharati Ganjina, Tehran) Once you start acting upon a certain point, In’sha-Allah it will become easier. You may have noticed that while performing wuzu on a very cold day, at first your teeth will chatter due to the cold, but once you actually start, you will find that you do not feel the cold as much. Every difficult action has the same principle. For example, when someone becomes seriously ill then he becomes stressed and the pain feels unbearable, but gradually he will find that he becomes accustomed to the pain and it becomes more bearable.

An Islamic brother became ill with sciatica. This illness usually starts from the ankles and reaches the joints of
the calf. This continues for months and even years for some people. He became troubled by this. I said to him that \( \text{\textit{Allah}} \) will make it better. Do not worry; when you become accustomed to it then \( \text{\textit{Allah}} \) will increase your patience so that it is more bearable. When I met the brother after some time and asked him about his illness he replied that the pain is still there but now I have become accustomed to it and it is bearable. Alhamdu-Lillah the Madani In’amat bring us closer to \( \text{\textit{Allah}} \) and improve our life in this world and the next. Indeed Satan will always attempt to stop us from becoming close to \( \text{\textit{Allah}} \) but we must not lose hope. No matter how hard Satan and our ego attempt to misguide us, we should continue to act upon these Madani In’amat.

Leader of Deen, guide the feeble,
Until when will we suffer under the yoke of Satan & ego

**A WAY TO INCREASE MADANI WORK**

If all the responsible brothers and sisters of Dawat-e-Islami begin to accept and follow these Madani In’amat, you will in’sha-\( \text{\textit{Allah}} \) see that good actions and adherence to the sunnah will become common. If you accept these Madani In’amat and start to act upon them with full sincerity you will in’sha-\( \text{\textit{Allah}} \) see the
blessings very soon. You will find peace in your heart and purity of the soul In’sha-Allah عَزْوَجَلْ. The fear of Allah صلی اللہ علیه وآله وسلم and the love of the Prophet ﷺ عَزْوَجَلْ will shine from your heart. In’sha-Allah عَزْوَجَلْ the Madani work of Dawat-e-Islami will spread rapidly in your area. Because acting upon the Madani In’aamaat is a way to earn the pleasure of Allah عَزْوَجَلْ. Satan will attempt to make you lazy and make you think of many excuses. At first it will be difficult for you to make your heart agree but you must not lose hope. In’sha-Allah عَزْوَجَلْ your heart will become accustomed to it.

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There is a time for every deed O Raza
The heart will eventually find solace

THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE
Hujja-tul-Islam Imam Muhammad Ghazali رَحْمَةُ الله عَلیہ states in Kimiya-e-Sa’adat that Sayyiduna Abu Usman Maghribi رَحْمَةُ الله عَلیہ was asked by his disciple, “Sometimes, without the heart being conscious of it, I continue to perform Dhikr of Allah’. He replied, “You should thank Allah عَزْوَجَلْ that at least He عَزْوَجَلْ has granted your tongue the chance to praise Him. Whoever does not praise Allah عَزْوَجَلْ from the heart, Satan will put evil thoughts into that persons mind i.e. what is the point of doing this Dhikr when your heart is not focused? Why
don’t you just be silent because doing this kind of Dhikr is disrespectful?” Imam Ghazali \( \text{الهم} \text{اللهَ} \text{عليه} \) says that there are three types of people who can give a response to this whisper. Some people would say to Satan, “Thank you for reminding me. To silence you I will focus with my heart as well” and in this way they put salt in the wounds of Satan. Then there are those unfortunate people who would reply, “You are right, what is the point of moving my tongue when my heart is not focused” and they will stop doing the Dhikr of Allah \( \text{عَزَّ الْجَلَّ} \). These foolish people think that they have done something clever although they have taken Satan as their sympathiser and have been fooled by him. The third type of response from some people would be “although I am unable to pay attention with my heart, at least keeping the tongue busy in doing the Dhikr of Allah \( \text{عَزَّ الْجَلَّ} \) is better then staying silent”. However, doing the Dhikr of Allah \( \text{عَزَّ الْجَلَّ} \) from the heart is better then this type of Dhikr. (Kimiya-e-Sa’adat, V2, P771, Intisharati Ganjina)

**EXCELLENCE OF REPENTING**

Dear Islamic brothers! Did you see? Even if our heart is not focused on something, continuing the action is still better for us. Anyway, I have presented the “Method of Becoming Pious” therefore keep on acting according to it. In’sha-Allah \( \text{عَزَّ الْجَلَّ} \) one day we will certainly reach our destination. One Madani In’aam encourages a person to pray 2 raka’ of salah for repentance daily and to ask for
forgiveness from your sins. Repenting pleases Allah and is the best **Method of Becoming Pious**. As soon as a sin is committed you should ask for forgiveness straight away. Let me tell you the benefits of repentance. The Holy Prophet has said, “The person who repents after committing a sin, it is as if he never committed that sin.” *(Ibn-e-Maja, Hadith 4250, V4, P491, Dar-ul-Ma’rifa Beirut)*

To become pious you should remain attached to the **Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami**. Participate in the weekly Ijtima from start to finish. Every Islamic brother should try to travel with the lovers of the Holy Prophet in the Madani Qafila of Dawat-e-Islami for 12 months once in his life, 30 days every 12 months and at least 3 days every month.
Madani Method to Earn Reward at Wedding Receptions

While a lot of money is spent in weddings, during the reception make arrangements to set up "Madani Bastay (bookstalls)" (one in the women's section and one in the men's section). Distribute Madani booklets, pamphlets and cassettes etc. for free at these stalls according to your capacity and gain virtues in abundance. You just need to place an order with Maktaba-tul-Madina. In'shaa-Allah the Islamic brothers and sisters there will take care of the rest of the arrangements. Jazak-Allah.

NOTE: Arrange similar Madani Bastay (bookstalls) for Eesal-e-Sawaab during occasions such as Siwum, Chihlum, Niaz of Giarveen Shareef etc. Those Islamic brothers who would like to distribute books like Faizan-e-Sunnat, Laws of Salah and other books, booklets, pamphlets etc. for Eesal-e-Sawaab by having the names of their deceased loved ones printed in these books should contact Maktaba-tul-Madina.