Bloodshed in Karbala

This booklet comprises extremely useful madani pearls especially for Islamic sisters

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Du’a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du’a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study,

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَخِّعَ عَلَيْنَا حُكْمَتَكَ وَاشْتَرِ
علَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالآَكْرَامِ

Translation

O Allah! Open the door of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Honourable and Glorious!

(Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40)

Note: Recite Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ once before and after the Du’a.
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Sag-e-Madinah Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi says Salam from the bottom of his heart to his Madani daughter¹ (an Islamic sister), a devotee of the Holy Prophet and Madinah and a Muballighah (female preacher) of Dawat-e-Islami.

¹ The letter was basically written to a troubled Islamic sister to reassure her. It also contains guidelines about the way of doing the Madani work of Dawat-e-Islami. It has been presented with some amendments. Presented by: Majlis Maktubaat
I received your hand-written letter which revealed your intense devotion for the Holy Prophet. Reading your letter, I realised that you are very concerned about Dawat-e-Islami and make efforts for its Madani work. I felt immense happiness to know about your devotion for Dawat-e-Islami.

My Madani daughter! Don’t care about people’s taunts; whoever tries to tread on the path of Sunnah, society often degrades and misbehaves him/her in the very same way. Alas!

Woh dawr aaya kay deewana-e-Nabi kay liye
Har aik haath mayn patthar dikhayi dayta hay

(It is the era in which stones are seen in the hands of people against the devotee of the Prophet.)

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Imagine the hair-raising scene of Karbala whenever someone oppresses you due to serving or acting upon Sunnah. What was the fault of the Prophet’s family? They just wanted the glory of Islam. The beautiful flowers of the Prophet’s garden were brutally trampled as a cruel punishment for this sacred “crime”. Alas! The sacred buds of the garden of Sayyidatuna Fatimah...
were mercilessly trampled by horses-hooves. What would have been the feelings of Sayyid-ush-Shuhada Imam Husayn ﷺ at the time when the army of Yazeed would have killed his sons in front of his eyes!

**Alas! Baby ‘Ali Asghar**

Alas! Baby ‘Ali Asghar رضی اللہ عنہ! What would have been the magnitude of the grief and sadness of Sayyiduna Imam Husayn ﷺ at the time when an arrow would have struck ‘Ali Asghar’s thirsty throat and he would have writhed and died in his father’s lap!

*Daykha jo yeh nazarah kaanpa hay ‘Arsh saara
Asghar kay jab galay per zalim nay teer maara*

*(Even the whole ‘Arsh trembled when the oppressor shot an arrow at Asghar’s throat.)*

And…and…. how sad Sayyidah Shahar Baano رضی اللہ عنہا, the mother of ‘Ali Asghar رضی اللہ عنہ, would have been, when she would have seen the blood-stained corpse of her baby.

*Ay zameen-e-Karbala yeh to bata kya ho gaya!
Nannha ‘Ali Asghar tayri gawdi mayn kaysay so gaya!*

*(O, the land of Karbala, tell me what has happened, how the baby ‘Ali Asghar رضی اللہ عنہ slept in your depth.)*
The departure of Imam Husayn

My Madani daughter! Ponder for a moment! What would be the feelings of Sayyidah Zaynab, Sayyidah Sakinah and other women of the family at the time when Sayyid-ush-Shuhada Imam Husayn would be departing from the camp for being martyred after the martyrdom of his sons and other beloved companions!

Fatimah kay laadlay ka aakhiri deedar hay

Hashr ka hangamah barpa hay miyan-e-Ahl-e-Bayt

Waqt-e-rukhsat keh raha hay khaak mayn milta suhag

Lo Salam-e-aakhir hay baywagaan-e-Ahl-e-Bayt

(There is the last sight of the beloved son of Fatimah, there is the mayhem of the Day of Judgement. The husband going to be martyred is saying at the time of departure; take my last Salam, O the widows of Ahl-e-Bayt!)

The plundered caravan of Karbala

And then...then... only Sayyiduna Imam Zayn-ul-’Aabideen, who was ill, and some ladies remained alive, all the camps became desolate. The corpses of the youth and children of the blessed family were lying everywhere outside the camps. The cruel troops of Yazeed plundered and burnt the camps; imprisoned all, raised the heads of the martyrs on spears and drove the plundered caravan through streets. Even its imagination
is extremely heart-breaking. Our heart weeps with the tears of blood when these horrific scenes cross our mind.

My Madani daughter! If you remember this scene your trouble will look extremely trivial to you. Our trouble is not a trouble at all if compared with that of Ahl-e-Bayt.

\textit{Piyaray Muballigh! Ma’mooli si mushkil pay ghabrata hay!}

\textit{Daykh Husayn nay Deen ki khaatir saara ghar qurban kiya}  
\textit{(Dear preacher! You get perplexed over a trivial difficulty; see! Husayn sacrificed his whole family for Islam.)}

Anyway, stick to patience and decorum, lead your short life according to Shari’ah and Sunnah and remain associated with Dawat-e-Islami and keep calling the Islamic sisters towards righteousness.

\textbf{Death is inevitable}

Remember! Death is inevitable. Those who hold us dear will soon take us to the desolate cemetery on their shoulders and come back after burying us in the dark grave. Allah forbids, if we indulge in immodesty, adopt unlawful fashion, become careless in offering Salah and having fast and if Allah and His Beloved and Blessed Prophet become displeased with us and if, as a result, we are punished, how will we stay in our dark grave with snakes and scorpions till the
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Judgement Day? Therefore, one should never get heedless of death and make preparations for never ending afterlife in this mortal and transient life.

Mayra dil kaanp uthta hay kalayjah munh ko aata hay
Karam Ya Rab! Andhayra qabr ka jab yaad aata hay

(My heart trembles and I get extremely anxious when I remember the darkness of my grave.)

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The blessing of Madani environment

My Madani daughter! One can attain not only a lot of Sawab but also a good company by carrying out the Madani work of Dawat-e-Islami. One gets habitual of performing good deeds and gets the love of Madinah as well as the Prophet of Madinah ﷺ. Try to imagine the huge Sawab of call towards righteousness by reading the following narration.

Once Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah ﷺ humbly asked Allah ﷺ, ‘What is the reward for the one calling his brother to righteousness and preventing him from evil?’ Allah ﷺ said, ‘I write the reward of one-year’s worship for his each and every statement and I have [shyness] in giving him the punishment of the Hell.’ (Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, pp. 48)
The treasure of virtuous deeds

١٠١٠ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ! If we tell something good to someone, we will get the Sawab of one-year’s worship. Now ponder! If you give Dars through Faizan-e-Sunnat to any Islamic sister, and suppose, you read out two pages and twenty good things were described, you will get the Sawab of twenty years’ worship whether or not the Islamic sister listening to the Dars acts accordingly.

Further, if that Islamic sister started acting upon what you described during Dars, you will also get Sawab so long as she will keep acting. If she conveyed any Sunnah which she learnt from you to someone else, so both she and you will get Sawab. In this way, إن شَآءَاللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ your Sawab will multiply. In this world, if man is shown the Sawab of call to righteousness which will be given in the Hereafter he will not perhaps waste even a single moment, he would just keep spreading call towards righteousness.

Don’t let satanic thoughts cross your mind because he would create hurdles in your way so that you give up the great task of call to righteousness. Giving Dars through Faizan-e-Sunnat is one of the Madani works of Dawat-e-Islami. Distribute the Madani pearls of Sunnah by giving Dars at a fixed time and attain heaps of Sawab.
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Madani pearls about giving Dars from Faizan-e-Sunnat
(These Madani pearls are useful for Islamic brothers as well as Islamic sisters).

1. The saying of the Beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, ‘Whosoever conveys an Islamic teaching to my Ummah so that a Sunnah is established or religious bigotry is dispelled, will enter Heaven.’
   
   *(Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 10, pp. 45, Hadees 4466)*

2. The Holy Prophet عليه وسلم said, ‘May Allah عزّ وجلّ keep the one fresh who listens to my Hadees, memorises it and conveys it to others.’ *(Jami’ Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 298, Hadees 2665)*

3. One of the wisdoms of Sayyiduna Idrees’ sacred name is that he عليه وسلم used to spread the teachings of the Divine books abundantly. He عليه وسلم was known as Idrees (على تهيتاً عليه وسلم) meaning ‘the one often giving lessons.’ *(Tafseer Kabeer, vol. 7, pp. 550; Tafseer-ul-Hasanaat, vol. 4, pp. 148)*

4. Sayyiduna Ghaus-ul-A’zam عليه السلام said, I acquired knowledge until I became a Qutb.* *(Qasidah-e-Ghausiyyah)*

5. Everyone should try to get the privilege of either giving or listening to at least two Dars daily from Faizan-e-Sunnat. In Surah At-Tahrim, verse 6, Allah عزّ وجلّ has said:  

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O believers, save yourselves and your family from the fire whose fuel are men and stones.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 28, At-Tahrim, verse 6)

One of the ways of saving yourself and your family from the hellfire is the Dars of Faizan-e-Sunnat. Apart from giving Dars, persuade your family-members to listen to a Bayan or a Madani Muzakarah daily or weekly through the cassettes released by Maktaba-tul-Madinah.

6. The responsible Islamic brother of Zayli Mushawarat should entrust two well-wishers (Islamic brothers) with politely conversing those going out of the Masjid and requesting them to attend the Dars sitting closer.

7. Give Dars in a sitting-posture observing veil within veil\(^1\). If there are a large number of listeners, there is no harm in giving the Dars whilst standing.

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\(^1\) Veil within veil is a term used in the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. It refers to the act of wrapping an extra shawl around dress from naval to knees as and when required.
8. Your voice should neither be too loud nor too low. Try to give Dars in moderate voice so that only the audience listen and other people offering their Salah are not interrupted.

9. Always give Dars slowly and calmly.

10. Study whatever you will be delivering in the Dars in advance so that you do not make any mistake during the Dars.

11. Ensure the correct pronunciation of the words of Faizan-e-Sunnat so that it becomes your habit.

12. Get checked your pronunciation of Hamd, Salat, the Durood read out at the commencement of the Dars, the verse of Durood and the concluding verse etc. by any Sunni scholar. Likewise, do not recite Arabic supplications etc. individually until you get your pronunciation corrected with the help of a Sunni scholar.

13. Besides Faizan-e-Sunnat, Dars may also be given from other Madani booklets published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah.

14. Complete the Dars including the concluding supplication within seven minutes.

15. Every Muballigh and Muballighah should memorise the method of giving Dars, the post-Dars persuasion and the concluding supplication.

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1 Give Dars from the books and booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat only. [Markazi Majlis-e-Shura]
METHOD OF DELIVERING DARS

Say the following three times: ‘Please come closer.’

Then, doing veil within veil, sit in folded leg position [as in Salah] and recite the following:

الحـنـدُ لـلـه رَّبِّ الـعـلـمَيْنِ وَالـصَّلَوَةُ وَالـسَّلَامُ عَلَيْ سَيِّئَيْنَ السَّمَوَّيْنِ

آمَّا بـعـدُ فَأَعْوَّدُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ السَّتِّيـنِ الـوَجْحِ يَشَـمِّـل اللَّهُ الـوَحْـيَ الـوَجْحِ

Then make the attendees of the Dars repeat the following Salat-‘Alan-Nabi:

الـصَّلَوَةُ وَالـسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُوـل اللَّهِ وَعَلَى أَيْكَ وَأَضْحَـيْكَ يَا حَبِّيـبَ اللَّهِ

الـصَّلَوَةُ وَالـسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا تَبيـّن اللَّهِ وَعَلَى أَيْكَ وَأَضْحَـيْكَ يَا تَـيُوـرَ اللَّهِ

Then say the following:

‘Dear Islamic sisters! Come closer and, in respect of the Dars, sit in the folded leg position [as you sit in Salah]. If you get tired, then sit in any comfortable position. Lower your gaze and listen to the Dars from Faizan-e-Sunnat with full concentration because listening to it inattentively looking here and there, playing on the floor with your finger or messing around with your clothes, body or hair may result in the depletion of its blessings¹.’

¹ Make similar persuasion at the commencement of Bayan (speech) as well.
After saying this, read an excellence of Salat-‘Alan-Nabi from *Faizan-e-Sunnat*. Thereafter, read this aloud:

صلّى الله تعلّى عليه مَُحْمَد

Thereafter, begin the Dars by reading from the book. Read out what is written in the book only. Read only the translation of Arabic text. Do not give your own explanation of any Quranic verse or Hadees, as it is Haraam to do so.

Make persuasion in the following words at the end of Dars:

(Each Muballigh/Muballighah should memorize following paragraph by heart and make persuasion accordingly without any alteration at the end of Dars and Bayan).

Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet are abundantly learnt and taught within the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global non-political movement for the preaching of Quran and Sunnah.

It is a Madani request to attend the weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ on every Sunday commencing at approx. 2:30 p.m. at Faizan-e-Madinah\(^1\). Fill out the Madani In’amaat booklet daily practising Fikr-e-Madinah (Madani contemplation) and submit it to the Zimmahdar (relevant representative of Dawat-e-Islami)

\(^1\) Please note that this Ijtima’ is not being held at Faizan-e-Madinah now.
of your locality. By virtue of this, you will develop a mindset and a yearning to protect your faith, adopt the Sunnahs and be averse to sins. Every Islamic sister should develop the Madani mindset that ‘I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world.’

Allah karam aysa karay tujh pay jahan mayn
Ay Dawat-e-Islami tayri dhoom machi ho

May Allah bless Dawat-e-Islami with such a grace!
That it becomes glorious at each and every place

Finally, with absolute humility and humbleness, make the following Du’a conforming to the manners of raising hands without adding and leaving out anything:

آَحْمَدُ يَلِهِ رَبِّ الْعَلَمِيِّنَ وَالصَّلَوَةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيِ السَّيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِيِّنَ

‘Ya Allah! For the sake of Mustafa forgive us, our parents, and all the Muslims! Ya Allah! Forgive the mistakes of Dars and all of our sins, give us the passion to become pious and practising Muslims and make us obedient to our parents! Ya Allah! Make us Your and Your Beloved Prophet’s sincere devotee! Cure us from the disease of sins! Ya Allah! Give us the ability to act upon the Madani In’amaat! Ya Allah! Bless us with the enthusiasm to persuade others to carry out Madani activities! Ya Allah!
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Free Muslims from diseases, debt, unemployment, wrongful court cases and different types of worries! Ya Allah مَعَذِّبُ! May Islam dominate and the enemies of Islam be disgraced! Ya Allah مَعَذِّبُ! Bless us with steadfastness in the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami! Ya Allah مَعَذِّبُ! Bless us with martyrdom under the shade of Grand Green Dome while we are beholding the Beloved Prophet صلَّى الله تعالى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, burial in Jannat-ul-Baqi’, and the neighbourhood of Your Beloved Prophet صلَّى الله تعالى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ in Jannat-ul-Firdaus! Ya Allah مَعَذِّبُ for the sake of the fragrant breeze of Madinah, answer all of ours lawful Du’as.’

Then read the following couplet:

Kehtay rehtay hayn Du’a kay wasitay banday Tayray
Ker day poori aarzu her baykas-o-majboor ki

Ya Rab مَعَذِّبُ whoever requested for supplications
Fulfil his supplications and relieve him of all his complications

أَهْيَٰنِي بِجِبَاحِ النَّبِيِّ الَّذِيْنَ صَلَّى الله تعالى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Next, recite the following verse as part of Du’a:

إنَّ اللهَ وَمَلَأِّ كَتَبَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ

بَلَيْهَا النَّيْنَ اسْتُنِمْنَ صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِيمَوا تَسْلِيمًا

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Read any Salat-‘Alan-Nabi.

Read the following verse to finish Du’a:

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْأَصْحَابِ ﺎَن يَصِفُونَ
وَسَلَّمُ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ ﺎَن ﺎَوْهَدُوهُمُ رَبُّ الْعَلَمِينَ

In order to achieve maximum benefit from Dars, sit down and warmly meet everyone. Make some new Islamic sisters sit around you and explain to them the blessings of acting upon the Madani In’amaat and other Madani activities.

Tumhayn ay Muballigh yeh mayri Du’a hay
Kiye jao tay tum taraqqi ka zeenah

O Muballigh! For you, it is my prayer
May you keep ascending success-stair!

Du’a of ‘Attar

Ya Allah, forgive me and all those giving and listening to at least two Dars everyday from Faizan-e-Sunnat (one in home and the other at schools, Masajid, homes and busy places etc.) and make us well-mannered.

أَمِينَ يُهْيِجُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ضِلَالَ الْأَمْيَانِ ﺎَن تَغْفِرْ لَهُمْ وَلَنَسْلَمْ
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Mujhay Dars-e-Faizan-e-Sunnat ki taufeeq
Milay din mayn dau martabah Ya Ilahi

Bless me with this ability
May I give two Dars daily O Almighty ﷺ!

Delivering Bayan is Haraam for the one not an Islamic scholar

Question: Can the Islamic sister who is not a scholar deliver Bayan in the Ijtima’ (congregation) of Islamic sisters?

Answer: The one not possessing enough knowledge should not deliver religious Bayanaat. Therefore, A’la Hadrat ﷺ has said in Fatawa Razawiyyah in volume 23 on page 378: The permission from Allah ﷺ and His Prophet ﷺ is the most important in delivering Bayan and in every other matter. It is Haraam for the one not having enough knowledge to deliver Bayan and listening to such a Bayan is also not permissible. Allah ﷺ forbid, if someone is a religious bigot, he is the puppet of Satan, and listening to his talk is rigidly Haraam (he must be prevented from delivering Bayan in Masjid), if somebody’s Bayan causes quarrel, the Imam and other responsible people have the right to prevent such a person. However, nobody has the right to stop a Sunni scholar, who has correct beliefs, to deliver Bayan. Allah ﷺ has said in part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 114:

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And who is more unjust than one who prevents the name of Allah from being mentioned in the Masajid.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (Translation of Quran)] (Part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 114)
(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 23, pp. 378)

The definition of Islamic scholar

Question: Is it necessary to pass Dars-e-Nizami for becoming a Muballigh (preacher)?

Answer: Neither passing Dars-e-Nizami is a pre-condition nor its mere degree is enough for becoming an Islamic scholar; instead, knowledge is needed. According to the definition put forward by A’la Hadrat, an Islamic scholar is the one who is not only aware of all the beliefs completely and consistently, but is also able enough to find out rulings from books without anyone’s help. Knowledge can also be acquired by studying books and listening to scholars’ speeches etc.

(Summarized from: Ahkam-e-Shari’at, vol. 2, pp. 231)

We learnt that neither the degree of Dars-e-Nizami is necessary nor it is enough for becoming an Islamic scholar; similarly, knowing different languages such as Arabic or Persian etc. is not a precondition. Instead, knowledge is prerequisite. Therefore, A’la Hadrat has said, ‘There is no importance of
degree at all; a number of degree-holders have no knowledge and they are not able enough to become even the students of those who don’t have any degree; knowledge is necessary.’

(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 23, pp. 683)

One can get the honour of becoming an Islamic scholar by acquiring knowledge about necessary beliefs and deeds reading and comprehending many books published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah in Urdu such as Fatawa Razawiyyah, Bahar-e-Shari’at, Qanoon-e-Shari’at, Nisab-e-Shari’at, Mirat-ul-Manajih, ‘Ilm-ul-Quran, Tafseer-e-Na’emi and Ihya-ul-‘Uloom. Asking and consulting scholars is also a way of enhancing knowledge. Apart from acquiring knowledge through the aforementioned books, passing Dars-e-Nizami will further enhance skills and expertise.

The alternative of delivering Bayan for the one not an Islamic scholar

Question: Is there any possible way of delivering Bayan for the one who is not an Islamic scholar?

Answer: There is an easy way of delivering Bayan for the one not a scholar; he should get necessary pages from the books of Sunni scholars photocopied, paste them in his/her diary and read them out. Such a person should not deliver anything without reading from these pages. Moreover, he is not allowed to give exegesis of any verse or Hadees on the basis of his personal
opinion because Tafseer-e-Birraaye\(^1\) is Haraaam. By Shari’ah, it is not permissible to derive any ruling, even if it is correct, from a verse or comment on a Hadees on the basis of guess.

The saying of Mustafa ﷺ: The one giving the exegesis of the Quran without knowledge should make the Hell his abode. *(Jami’ Tirmizi, vol. 4, pp. 439, Hadees 2959)*

Guiding about the matter of non scholar’s Bayan, A’la Hadrat Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan ﷺ has said, ‘If the one who is ignorant but able to read Urdu, reads out the book of an Islamic scholar without adding anything personally, there is no harm in it.’ *(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 23, pp. 409)*

**Important instructions for Muballighin (preachers)**

**Question:** Some of the Muballighin and Muballighat of Dawat-e-Islami deliver Bayan orally; what instructions would you give to them?

**Answer:** If they are Islamic scholars; it does not matter; if not so, they should act upon the foregoing ruling that they have to deliver Bayan reading out the writings of scholars only. If the responsible Islamic brothers of Dawat-e-Islami found someone who is not a scholar delivering Bayan orally in Sunnah-inspiring

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\(^1\) The one commenting on the Quran through his opinion is the person who comments on the Quran on the basis of his intellect and guess without any Shar‘i proof and authentic reference.
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Ijtima’, they should stop him/her. All such preachers and orators who are not scholars should not deliver Bayan and religious speeches verbally.

A’la Hadrat has said, ‘It does not harm if the one ignorant but able to read Urdu reads out the book of a scholar without adding anything personally.’ He has further stated, ‘The ignorant person’s delivering Wa’az is Haraam and listening to his Wa’az is also Haraam, and the Muslims have the right; rather, it is obligatory for them to prevent him because preventing such a person is like preventing evils, which is Wajib (necessary).’ (*Fatawa Razawiyyah*, vol. 23, pp. 409)

**Can women listen to the Bayan of a Muballigh (male preacher) through VCD?**

**Question:** Can Islamic sisters listen to the Bayan of a Na-Mahram Muballigh through Madani Channel or VCD? Isn’t it improper?

**Answer:** There is a difference between an improper thing and Islamic sisters’ watching and listening to the Bayan of a Na-Mahram preacher. If an Islamic sister sees a Na-Mahram man, there is some leniency in this regard under certain Shari’ah-approved limitations. According to *Bahar-e-Shari’at* published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, (on page 86, volume 16): ‘If the woman is sure that she would not feel lust, her seeing a Na-Mahram
man is like a man’s looking at another man; however, if there is even a doubt of lust, she must not look.’

(Fatawa ‘Aalamgiri, vol. 5, pp. 327)

Therefore, Allah forbid, if she feels sinful attraction while watching even Madani Channel or a VCD, she must give it up repenting immediately. I would suggest that as long as possible, Islamic sisters should avoid seeing the Muballigh whether he is young or old because it is a very crucial era. However, she can see an aged scholar, an unattractive old man and her aged Peer Sahib or Murshid (provided she could avoid seeing other men around him) because it does not seem objectionable. Even then if Satan tries to arouse feelings, she is not to see any longer and go elsewhere.

Should woman see the VCD of a Na’at reciter

Question: Should Islamic sisters listen and watch even a young Na’at reciter through Madani Channel or VCD?

Answer: It goes without mentioning that a young Na’at reciter looks more attractive than an old one; then he also tries to attract attention by moving his hands and face in different styles, and above all, the melodiousness of voice impresses others like a magic. In this situation, perhaps only a Waliyyah could save herself from sinful thoughts. Not to speak of watching, I would advise my Madani daughters not to even listen to the audio cassettes of a young Na’at reciter, as it is also risky.
According to Sahih Bukhari, Rasoolullah صلی الله علیه وآله وسلم had a Hudi Khuwan (the person reciting couplets to make the camels run fast through the effect of the couplets and his pleasant voice) whose name was Anjashah رضی الله عنه. He had a melodious voice. (Sayyiduna Anjashah رضی الله عنه recited some couplets on the occasion of a journey during which some women also accompanied the Holy Prophet صلی الله علیه وآله وسلم.) The Holy Prophet صلی الله علیه وآله وسلم said to him, ‘O Anjashah! In low voice, in case you break the fragile bottles.’

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 158, Hadees 6211)

Commenting on the foregoing Hadees, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan Na’eemi رضی الله عنه has said, ‘The Holy Prophet صلی الله علیه وآله وسلم meant that some women were also accompanying him during the journey; their hearts were delicate like a fragile bottle, pleasant voice would impress them and they could be motivated towards sins due to singing, therefore, he صلی الله علیه وآله وسلم prevented him from singing.’

(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 6, pp. 443)

However, there is probably no risk in listening to the Na’ats of a deceased Na’at reciter, but even now if Satan tries to make you feel sinful imagination, turn the tape off immediately repenting.
Eight Madani pearls about menses and Nifaas
(post-natal bleeding)

1. Islamic sisters can deliver Bayan and Dars in the state of menses and Nifaas, they can touch Islamic books as well. However, it is Haraam to touch the Quran with hand, fingertip or any part of the body. Further, if any verse of Quran is written on a piece of paper, nothing else is written, it is not allowed to touch it from any side or any corner.

2. Reading and touching the Quran is Haraam in the state of menses and Nifaas. There is the same ruling in case of reading or touching the translation of the Quran in Persian or Urdu or any other language\(^1\). (*Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 2, pp. 49, 101*)

3. If the Quran is in a box, there is no harm in touching the box; similarly, it is permissible to hold the Quran with such a cloth etc. which neither you are wearing nor in which Quran has been wrapped. Touching the Quran with your sleeve, shawl (which is on your head or shoulder) is Haraam. (*Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 2, pp. 49*)

4. There’s no harm in reciting the verse of Quran with the intention of supplication or getting blessing i.e. reciting بِنَبْيَ الَّذِي نَخْلَسَ الْحَرْقَانِیَّ عَلَیْهِ اَللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَلَمَيْنِ with the intention of gratitude or reciting تَسْمَىُ الْلَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَلَمَيْنِ after the sneeze is allowed. Likewise,

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\(^1\) Including English
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listening to any bad news, saying أنَّ اللَّهُ وَأَنتَ لَهُ رِجَالًا or reading Surah Al-Fatihah, Aayat-ul-Kursi, last three verses of Surah Al-Hashr from هو الله الذي لا إله إلا هوُ to the end of Surah with the intention of glorification is also allowed.

Similarly, she can read all the three Quls with the intention of glorification without the word قُلَ. She cannot read with the word قُلَ even with the intention of glorification because it will be regarded the recitation of Quran, intention (of mere glorification) is not valid in this case.

(Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 2, pp. 48)

5. Except the Quran, there’s no harm in reading all the invocations, Zikr, Salat-‘Alan-Nabi, Salams, Na’ats, reply to Azan etc. She can attend an Ijtima’ (congregation) of Zikr, and can conduct it as well. However, it is better to make Wudu or clean the mouth before performing these acts. If she performs these acts even without Wudu etc. there is no harm.

6. It should be particularly kept in mind that offering Salah or having fast is Haraam during these days. (Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 2, pp. 102; Fatawa ‘Aalamgiri, vol. 1, pp. 38)

7. She must not offer Salah during these days even due to considerateness as some scholars say ‘offering Salah
deliberately without Wudu and without any Shar’i exemption is Kufr (disbelief) provided one commits this act considering it permissible or making a fun of Salah.’

(Minh-ur-Raud lil-Qaari, pp. 468)

8. There is no need to offer the Salah missed during these days; however, it is Fard (obligatory) to observe the fasts of Ramadan left during this period.

(Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 2, pp. 102; Durr-e-Mukhtar, vol. 1, pp. 532)

Nafl (supererogatory) fasts are unlikely to be accepted unless the missed obligatory fasts are observed. For detailed information, study Bahar-e-Shari’at, volume 2, page 91 to 109 (published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah). (It is not only my request but also my strict advice to every Islamic sister.)

Important Madani pearls about Pardah (veil)

Observe Pardah (veil) with all of your paternal and maternal cousins, brother-in-law, the husband of your mother’s sister, that of your father’s sister and that of your own sister and even your Na-Mahram Murshid. Further, there is Pardah between man and his aunts (except the sister of his father and that of mother), sister-in-law (both the sister of his wife as well as the wife of his brother). There is the commandment of Pardah
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between called\textsuperscript{1} brother and sister, called mother and son, and called father and daughter. There is Pardah (veil) even with the adopted child (when he becomes adolescent); however, there is no Pardah between the two having family relation established by virtue of suckling.

Therefore, the woman should suckle the adopted child or make her real daughter or her real sister or her maternal niece (the daughter of her brother or sister only) suckle the child within the age of two years (according to Hijri calendar) in such a way that milk goes down from the throat of the child. In case of suckling the child in the afore-mentioned way, Pardah will not remain obligatory with those who have a relationship on the basis of suckling the child. A’la Hadrat \textit{رحمة الله عليه} has stated, ‘It is appropriate to have Pardah in youth or for fear of heresy because people do not regard it (relation by suckling) so firm.’

\textit{(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 22 pp. 235)}

It should be kept in mind that though it is Haraam to suckle the baby after the age of two years (according to Hijri calendar), however, if she suckles the baby up to the age of two and a half (2\text{1/2}) years, Rada’at (relation by suckling) will be valid. For detailed information, read the chapter of Rada’at (relation by

\textsuperscript{1} Called brother and sister, mother and son and father and daughter are such people who do not actually have blood-relation. Instead, they treat each other like brother and sister etc. due to a type of friendship. In fact, they are not real brother and sister etc. at all. Shari’ah does not endorse such relations.
suckling) from *Bahar-e-Shari’at*, volume 7. Further, do study the booklet ‘*Injured Snake*.’

Say my Salam to your family-members and request them to pray Allah to bless me with Madinah, Baqi’, and forgiveness without accountability. You are also requested to make supplications for me.

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**Eight Madani activities (for Islamic sisters)**

**By:** Markazi Majlis-e-Shura (central advisory body)

1. Individual effort
2. Home-Dars
3. Cassette-Bayan
4. Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adult Islamic sisters)
5. Weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ (congregation)
6. Area-visit for call towards righteousness
7. Weekly training session
8. Madani In’amaat
1. Individual effort

Making individual effort, make new Islamic sisters join the Madani environment. Enhance the Madani working of Dawat-e-Islami by enabling and entrusting them with giving Dars, Bayan and teaching the Quran. The Islamic sisters who used to attend the Ijtima’ (congregation) but do not do any more, need your especial attention. Making efforts individually, make them join Dawat-e-Islami again.


2. Home-Dars

In order to develop Madani environment at your home, make arrangements to give at least one Dars daily from Faizan-e-Sunnat at your home. (Na-Mahram should not attend this Dars). Dars can also be given through the booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat in connection with appropriate occasions. (The duration of Dars should be 7 minutes. See the method of Dars in this booklet).

3. Cassette-Bayan

Every Islamic sister should listen to one Bayan (or Madani Muzakarah) daily delivered by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat...
or other Muballighin (preachers) either individually or with other family-members (but Na-Mahrams should not be present). Hold cassette Ijtima’ once a month in weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ and weekly training session; once a week in Madrasa-tul-Madinah for adult Islamic sisters and hold it daily in Jami’a-tul-Madinah. I am immensely happy with those listening to the cassette of a Bayan or that of Muzakarah daily.

4. Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adult Islamic sisters)

Make arrangement for at least one Madrasa-tul-Madinah in a Zayli Halqah.

The target of the Islamic sisters learning in Madrasa-tul-Madinah (adult): At least 12 Islamic sisters, Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adult Islamic sisters) can be held at any time from 8 a.m. to the time of Salat-ul-‘Asr at any proper place with the observance of Pardah. The duration should be up to 1 hour 12 minutes at the most.

In addition to teaching the Quran with correct pronunciation, teach the Islamic sisters the method of Salah, Wudu, ritual bath, Sunnah, supplications and other Shar’i matters relating to women, not orally but by reading from the books published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, such as the *Salah for Islamic Sisters*, *Jannati Zaywar* and the *Laws of Salah*. Hold Madrasah in conformity with the Madani pearls (rules) laid down for Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adult Islamic sisters).
5. Weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’

With the permission of Islamic brothers’ Majlis-e-Mushawarat of the city, hold weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ at a proper place with Pardah on any fixed day of the week at Zayli Halqah, ‘Alaqah or city level. Hold Ijtima’ at a fixed day and pre-set time.

The target of the Islamic sisters attending the Ijtima’

At-least 12 Islamic sisters from each Zayli Halqah should attend the Ijtima’ whose duration can be up to 2 hours at the most. Hold the Ijtima’ in conformity with the Madani pearls\(^1\) laid down for Ijtima’. Islamic sisters are not allowed to use mike, megaphone, CD player and echo-sound etc.

6. Area visit for calling towards righteousness

Determining any day of the week, get the privilege of participating in area-visit for call towards righteousness at different places (there should be at least 7 Islamic sisters one of whom must be aged). Carry out call towards righteousness for 30 minutes around your Zayli Halqah or Halqah going to different houses in the state of Pardah. Then, hold an Ijtima’ at a predetermined place and time in conformity with the rules laid down by Markazi Majlis-e-Shura (duration 63 minutes). All the Islamic sisters have to reach their homes before the Azan of Maghrib winding up all the Madani activities.

\(^1\) i.e. rules formulated by Markazi Majlis-e-Shura.
7. Weekly training session

Determining any day of the week with the prior permission of the Islamic brothers’ Majlis-e-Mushawarat of the city, make arrangement for training session at Halqah, ‘Alaqah or city level (duration is two hours at the most). Hold training session at a predetermined day, time and at permanent location with the facility of Pardah. Teach the method of Salah, fast, Wudu, ritual bath, Sunnah, supplications, Shar’i matters of women, method of Dars and Bayan and terms used in Dawat-e-Islami with correct pronunciation according to the rules put forward by Madani Markaz.

Further, make the Islamic sisters learn the invocations mentioned in Shajarah ‘Attariyyah and persuade them to enhance the Madani activities of Dawat-e-Islami through individual effort. Explaining the eight Madani works, entrust them politely with any appropriate responsibility. Besides, groom Islamic sisters in accordance with the Madani pearls (rules and instructions) issued by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat and Majlis-e-Shura. The target for the participation in the training session is at least 7 Islamic sisters from each Zayli Halqah.

8. Madani In’amaat

63 Madani In’amaat proposed by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat is an excellent recipe for obtaining piety. Therefore, fill in the booklet of Madani In’amaat at a suitable
fixed time observing Fikr-e-Madinah. Submit your filled booklet of Madani In’amaat to the relevant responsible Islamic sister of your area by the 1st of each Madani (Hijri) month. Moreover, persuade other Islamic sisters to act upon the Madani In’amaat with the help of the book ‘*Madani Gift*’ published by the Maktaba-tul-Madinah.

Every Islamic sister should struggle to get the honour of becoming the Ajmayri, Baghdadi, Makki and Madani daughter of ‘Attar'. Distribute at least 26 booklets of Madani In’amaat every month among the Islamic sisters, and try to receive them the next month acting upon the Madani In’aam of making individual effort. Target for each Zayli Halqah is 12 booklets.

**Emphatic instruction**

Deliver every sort of Bayan reading from your diary in conformity with Madani pearls; it is strictly forbidden to deliver Bayan orally.

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**Give this booklet to someone else after having read it**

Reap rewards by distributing Maktaba-tul-Madinah’s published booklets and Madani pearls-containing pamphlets on the occasions of wedding, funeral, Ijtima’aat, ‘Urs, procession of Milad etc. Make a habit to keep some booklets in your shop to gift them to your customers with the intention of reaping rewards. Send at least one Sunnah-Inspiring booklet or Madani pearls-containing pamphlet to each home in your neighbourhood with the help of children or paperboys, stepping up efforts for conveying the call towards righteousness and gaining great reward.

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1 See its details in the booklet of Madani In’amaat.
The Blossoming of Sunnah

By the Grace of Allah Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet are extensively learnt and taught in the congenial Madani Environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global non-political movement for the propagation of Qur’an and Sunnah.

It is a Madani request to spend the whole night in the weekly Sunnah Inspiring Ijtima’ commencing after Salat-ul-Maghrib every Thursday in your city. (In Bab-ul-Madinah [Karachi], the Ijtima’ is held at Faizan-e-Madinah, Mahalla Saudagran, Old Sabzi Mandi). Habitualize yourself to a punctual travel in the Madani Qasilah with the devotees of the Holy Prophet in order to learn the Sunnah and fill out the Madani In’amat booklet daily practicing Fikr-e-Madinah (Madani Contemplation) and submit it to the Zimmadar (relevant representative of Dawat-e-Islami) of your locality. By the blessing of this, you will develop a mindset and a yearning to protect your faith, adopt the Sunnahs and be averse to sins.

Every Islamic brother should develop the Madani Mindset that “I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world.”

In order to reform ourselves, we must act upon the Madani In’amat and to reform people of the entire world we must travel in the Madani Qasilah.

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