Fifth question from Fatwa No. 8666

Q 5: What is the wisdom behind switching the outer garment around in Salat Al-Istisqa' (Prayer for rain)?

A: Many jurists said that the wisdom behind doing so is

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being optimistic concerning the alteration of adversity to prosperity. Al-Daraqutny reported on the authority of Abu Ja`far Al-Baqir as a Hadith Mursal (a Hadith with no Companion of the Prophet in the chain of narration) that the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ("He turned his cloak inside out so that the drought goes away.") This Hadith was mentioned by Al-Hafiz in his book called Al-Bulugh.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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