

# Nooniyah Al-Qahtani With English Translation

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# In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah. We praise him, and seek his help. and ask for his forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evils of our souls and the misdeeds of our actions. Whomsoever Allah guides, none can misguide, and whomsoever he misguides, none can guide.

To proceed: This is the poem of the scholar, the pious imam, Abu Muhammad Abdullah ibn Muhammad Al-Andalusi Al-Qahtani Al-Maliki. Though small in size, it is vast in knowledge, encompassing the principles of religion, jurisprudential branches, and prophetic advice that every believer must adhere to, following its guidance and being among those who benefit from it.

So I wished to honour myself by being the first person to translate it after searching for a translated version but not finding one. I thank Allah, the Exalted for making this task easy for me, and to him belongs all praise and gratitude.

May Allah's blessings and peace be upon our prophet Muhammad, his family, and companions.

# بية التجمز الرحيم

### يَامُنْزِلَ الآيَاتِ وَالْفُرُقَانِ \* يَيْنِي وَبَيْنَكَ حُرُمَةُ الْقُرُآنِ

Oh Revealer of the Verses and the Criterion. Between You and I is the sanctity of the Quran.

Open my heart with it to understand the guidance, and protect my heart with it from the Satan.

Ease my affairs with it and settle my needs, and save my body with it from the fire.

And lighten with it my load and purify my intention, and increase with it my strength and rectify my state.

And remove with it my harm and accept my repentance, and make me profit from my pledge with it without any loss.

Cleanse my heart with it and purify my mind. Beautify my reputation with it and raise my rank.

Cut off my greed with it, and honour my ambitions. Increase my piety with it and give life to my heart.

Pass my night With it and make my limbs thirsty. Soak my eyelashes with the abundance of its tears.

Mix it, Oh my Lord, with my flesh and blood, And wash my heart with it from malice.

You are the one who fashioned me and created me, and guided me to the laws of faith.

You are the one who taught me and had mercy on me, and made my chest conscious of the Quran.

You are the one who fed me and gave me drink Without me earning it by hand or via trade.

And You restored me, covered me and aided me, and enveloped me in grace and goodness.

You are the one who gave me refuge and awarded me, and guided me from the confusion of disappointment.

And you have planted love for me between the hearts, and the grace from you with mercy and affection.

And you have spread goodness out for me amongst the people, and you have hidden my sins from their eyes.

And you have made my reputation amongst the people widespread until you made them all my brothers.

### وَاللَّهِ لَوُ عَلِمُوا قَبِيحَ سَرِيرَتِي \* لَأَ بَى السَّلَامَ عَلَىَّ مَنُ يَلْقَانِي

By Allah, if they knew the ugliness of my inner self, whoever met me would refuse to greet me.

And they would turn away from me and be fed up with my friendship, and I would draw disgrace on myself after honour.

But you covered my flaws and defects, and you bore my sins and my tyranny.

So all Praises and thanks belong to you with my thoughts, my limbs and my tongue.

You have indeed, Oh Lord, bestowed upon me blessings. The smallest of which I am unable give thanks for.

So by the truth of your wisdom which you have given me until You strengthened my argument by its light.

If, from Your Pleasure, I were to be selected by your aid until its power strengthened my faith.

[Then] surely, I will praise you day and night, And my limbs will serve you in the darkest parts of the night.

And I will indeed remember you whether I'm standing or sitting, and I will be thanking you the rest of the time.

### وَلاَّكُتُمَنَّ عَنِ الْبَرِيَّةِ خَلَّتِي \* وَلاَّشُكُونَّ إِلَيْكَ جَهْدَ زَمَانِي

And I shall hide my dire needs from the people, and I shall complain to you of my troubled times.

And I shall seek you in all of my needs without seeking so-and-so.

And I will surely sever my hopes from the people with the severance of despair never seen before.

And I shall make your pleasure to be my greatest ambition, and I shall indeed strike the devil out from my desires.

And I shall clothe the defects of my soul with Taqwa (piety), and I will restrain my reins from wickedness.

And I will prevent my soul from its desires, and I will make Zuhd (asceticism) to be one of my supporters.

And I shall indeed recite the letters of your revelation in the depths of the dark, and I will burn my Shaytan (devil) with its light.

You are the one, oh my Lord, who uttered its letters, and you described it as an admonition and clarification.

And you have constructed it with eternal eloquence, the manner of which is hidden from the minds.

And you have written its letters in the preserved Tablet before the creation of all things aforetime.

So Allah, my Lord, has not ceased to speak. Indeed if he wills; owner of Great Generosity.

He called out with his voice when he called his servant, Moses; and so he caused him to hear without any obscurity.

And likewise our Lord shall call on the day of Resurrection loudly, and the jinn and mankind shall hear him.

That 'Oh my servants, pay attention to me and listen to the word of God, the owner and the Judge!'

This is the speech of our Prophet about his Lord truthfully without any lie or falsehood.

We do not liken his voice to our speech, for his description cannot be understood by sight

Minds can never encompass the extent of his being, and no diameter of any place can contain him.

He is the one whose knowledge encompasses all things without heedlessness or forgetfulness.

### مَنْ ذَا يُكَيِّفُ ذَا تَهُ وَصِفَاتِهِ \* وَهُوَ الْقَدِيمُ مُكَوِّنُ الْأَكُوانِ

And who can attempt to describe his essence or his attributes, while he is the Pre-eternal, creator of all existence?

Glory be to him, a King who rose over his Throne, encompassed all the dominion and authority.

And his speech is the Qur'an whose verses he has revealed as a revelation to the one sent from Adnan.

May Allah send upon him his best blessings for as long as the sun and the moon remain in their orbits.

He came with the Qur'an from the one who cannot be affected by the misfortunes of time.

It is the Revelation of the Lord of the worlds with the testimony of the Rabbis and Priests.

And the speech of my Lord, none can bring like it, even if Man and Jinn were to come together to achieve that

And it is protected from every single falsehood, and from addition to it and subtraction from it.

Whoever claims that he can challenge its construction, and sees it to be like poetry or senseless chatter.

Then let him bring a single chapter or verse of his own, and if he sees the two constructions to be similar...

Then let him single himself out with the divine name and let him be the Lord of people, and let him say: 'Glory to me!'

But if his construction is different, then let him wear the garments of failure, belittled by humiliation.

Or let him admit that it is the Revelation of the one who named it 'Mathani' (Oft-repeated) in the Book.

There is no doubt that it is his Revelation, and the start of the Revelation began in Ramadan.

Allah explained it in detail and clarified its verses, and recited it as a Revelation without any mistakes.

It is his word, and his speech, and his addressing with eloquence, articulacy, and clarity.

It is his Judgement, it is his Knowledge, it is his Light, and his Path which guides to his approval.

[In it] He gathered all Sciences; the subtle and the great, and [hence] the righteous scholar delves into them.

### قَصَصٌ عَلَى خَير البُريَّةِ قَصَّهُ \* رَبِّي فَأَحُسَنَ أَيَّمَا إِحْسَانِ

[What great] stories he narrated to the best of creation (the Prophet). My Lord [narrated them], and in perfection did he do so.

And he clarified his halal and his haram in it, and he forbade from all sins and disobedience.

Whoever says that Allah is the creator of his word, then he has made worshiping idols lawful.

Whoever says [the Quran] is a narration or expression [of what he said], then tomorrow he will be forced to drink from the boiling water.

Whoever says that its letters are created, then curse him and abandon him at all times.

Do not meet any innovator or a heretic except with the frown of the angry Maalik (Guardian of Hell-fire).

And Waqf (skepticism about it being created or uncreated) about the Quran is a false wickedness, and it is the deceiving of every confused skeptic.

Say uncreated is the speech of our God, and hasten and do not be slack in answering.

The people of Sharia gained certainty of its revelation, and those who say that it's created are two types.

And stay away from both of the terms for both of them, and the saying of the Jahmis are the same to us.

Oh sunni, take my advice, And dedicate this to a group of your brothers.

And accept the advice of a kind-hearted and compassionate one, and listen with a present and awake understanding.

Be in all of your matters moderate and just, without any shortage or bias.

And know that Allah is a single Lord, transcendent from being three or two.

The First, the Originator without a beginning, and the Last, the Annihilator, yet he does not perish.

And his speech is an attribute to him and his glory from him without any duration or beginning.

A pillar of religion is to believe in Qadha (divine decree). There is no good in a house without pillars.

Allah already knows the happiness or misery. [He already knows whether a person will go to hell or paradise], and they both and their positions are opposites

#### لَا يُمْلِكُ الْعَبْدُ الضَّعِيفُ لِنَفُسِهِ \* رُشُدًا وَلَا يَقْدِرُ عَلَى خِذُ لَان

A weak servant does not possess for himself any guidance and he can not prevent being forsaken.

Glory be to the one who manages affairs with wisdom in the creation, with provision and deprivation.

His will was executed with the precedence of his knowledge in his creation, justly without oppression.

And all of it is written in the mother of the book without heedlessness or deficiency.

So seek; may you be guided, and do not be excessive. Indeed, pots overflow when boiling.

Adhere to both the Sharia and the Book (Quran), both of them for both of them are intermediaries to the religion.

Likewise, the Sharia and the Book, both of them safeguard all that it (religion) brings.

And for every servant, there are two guardians over all that will be recompensed, they are created.

They are commanded to record his words and actions, and they both are obedient to the command of Allah.

#### وَاللَّهُ صِدُقُّ وَعُكُ وَوَعِيكُ \* مِّايْعَايِنُ شَخْصَهُ الْعَيْنَانِ

And Allah's promise and threat are true from what the eyes see of his essence.

And Allah is too great for his attributes to be limited or to be compared to any created beings.

And our life in the grave after our death is true and the two angels will ask us about it.

And the grave truly contains both its pleasures and its torments, and both are reserved for mankind.

And resurrection after death is a true promise with the restoration of the souls into the bodies.

Our path is true and the Hawdh (lake) of our Prophet is true, with vessels as many as the number of stars.

From which the Sunni will be given the sweetest drink, and every opposing mischief-maker will be driven away [to hell-fire].

And likewise, the deeds on that day will be seen placed on the scale.

And the records on that day will be scattered among the people on the left or on the right hands.

### وَاللَّهُ يَوْمَئِذٍ يَجِيءُ لِعَرْضِنَا \*مَعَ أَنَّهُ فِي كُلِّ وَقُتٍ دَانِ

And on that day, Allah will come to judge us, although he is always nearby.

And the Ashari says his order comes, and finds it wrong to describe Allah with [the verb] coming.

And Allah in the Quran has informed that he comes without transportation or approaching.

And upon him is the presentation of all creation on the Day of their return for judgment so that the two adversaries may be justly examined

On that day, we shall see Allah as we see a moon that appears for six [days] after eight.

The Day of Judgment, if you [only] knew of its enormity, you would flee from [your] family and homeland.

A day when the sky splits apart due to its enormity, and in it, the heads of children will turn grey.

A harsh day in which there is great evil, scattered throughout creation, with magnificent grandeur.

And the lofty Paradise and the Fire of Hell are two eternal abodes for the two adversaries.

A day when the righteous will come to their Lord in delegations, on pure gold.

And in it, shall the criminals come to the Scorching Fire. They will smack their lips like the smacking of the thirsty.

And the entering of some Muslims into Hell-fire, because of major sins and tyranny.

And Allah will have mercy on them because of their right beliefs, and they will be exchanged with assurance after fear.

And their intercessor when exiting [the Hell-fire] is Mohammad, and their purification will be in the river of Al-Hayawan.

Until they are purified there, then they will be admitted into the gardens of Eden and they are the best gardens.

So may Allah gather us and them in it without punishment and without disgrace.

And when you are called to perform an obligation, be vigorous and don't be slack in answering.

Perform the five prayers and know their value, for in the sight of Allah, they have the greatest significance.

### لَا تَمْنَعَنَّ زَّكَاةَ مَالِكَ ظَالِمًا \* فَصَلَا تُنَا وَزَّكَاتُنَا أُخْتَانِ

Do not withhold the payment of your wealth's Zakat wrongfully, for our prayer and our Zakah are sisters.

And the Witr [prayer] is the most recommended sunnah after fard [prayers], and the luminous Jummah and the two Eids.

With any righteous person, pray it or with a wicked one as long as he is not faulty in his religion.

And our fasting in Ramadan is a compulsory obligation, and our Qiyam is sunnah in Ramadan.

The Prophet prayed it three [nights] eagerly, and an assembly reported that it was two.

Indeed, Taraweeh was a comfort in his night and a burden for every sluggish and lazy one.

By Allah, no one made Taraweeh munkar, except the Magians and the group of crucifixes

And the Hajj is obligatory upon you, and its condition is the safety of the way and the health of the bodies.

Make Takbir four times, may you be guided, over the Jinazah, and ask for its forgiveness and pardon.

# إِنَّ الصَّلَاةَ عَلَى الْجَنَائِزِ عِنْدَنَا \* فَرُضُ الْكِفَايَةِ لَا عَلَى الأَعْيَانِ

Indeed, the prayer over the Jinazah for us is fard Al-Kifayah, not upon everyone.

Indeed, the crescents are measurements for people, and by them, the accounting of every period is measured.

Do not break your fast, nor observe fasting until two people witness the crescent moon.

Two confident people on what they see. Two free people who are trustworthy in their transmission.

Do not deliberately aim for a doubtful day, lest you fast it and consider it from Ramadan.

Do not believe in the religion of Rawafidh for they are people of illogicality and the group of Satan.

They have assigned the months according to their own calculations, and perhaps for us two months have been completed.

And perhaps [their month] has fallen short sufficiently, and the one with deficiency exceeded.

Indeed, the Rawafidh are the worst people who step on earth from every speaking man or jinn.

They praised the prophet and regarded his companions as traitors, and accused them of wrong-doing and aggression.

They loved his kin, but cursed his companions. Two arguments that are contradictory in the sight of Allah.

For it is as though the family of the prophet and his companions are One soul enveloped by two bodies.

Two parties whose covenant is the Shariah of Ahmad. May my father and mother be sacrificed for these two parties.

Two parties adhering to the paths of guidance, and they both uphold the religion of Allah.

Say, "The best of the prophets is Mohammad, and the greatest person to walk on earth."

And the greatest companions of messengers are the companions of Mohammad, and likewise, his best companions are Abu Bakr and Umar.

Two men who were created to assist Mohammad. May my blood and soul be sacrificed for these two men.

For they were the ones who supported our prophet in his victory, and they were father-in-laws to him.

Their daughters were the highest wives of our prophet, and both of them accompanied him during the revelation.

Their fathers were the highest companions of Ahmad. What great fathers and great daughters they were!

And they were his two ministers who were racing one another to do the best of deeds.

And they were for Ahmad, his eyes and his ears, and because of their closeness to him, they are lying down next to him in grave.

They cared the most about Islam among its people, and they were two mountains for the religion of Mohammad.

[Out of the two, one is] The chosen, the firmest, the most humble, and the most pious in both secret and in public.

The grandest, the purest, the highest, the most fulfilling in weight (on the Day of Judgement) and in excellence.

Seddiq of Ahmad, the companion of the cave who was in the cave and the prophet was the second.

I mean Abu Bakr, the one about whom no two men disputed over his virtue in our Religion.

He is the Sheikh of the prophet's companions and the best of them, and their Imam truly without any falsehood.

And the father of the pure one (Aishah) whose exoneration came to us in [Surah] Al-Noor and the Furqan.

Honour Aishah, the approved one among the free women, a virgin, pure-garmented, and the chaste one.

She is the wife of the best of the prophets and his virgin, and his bride from among the women.

She is his spouse, his companion, and his confidant. She is his beloved truly with no blemish.

Was her father not devoted to her husband, and they, through the mercy of Allah, were united with one another.

When Seddiq of Ahmad fulfilled his vow [to the death], he transferred the caliphate to the second Imam.

I mean Al-Farooq who distinguished valorously with the sword between Kufr and Iman [faith and disbelief].

He made Islam evident after its concealment, and he erased the darkness and uncovered the concealment.

# وَمَضَى وَخَلَّى الْأَمْرَشُورَى بَيْنَهُمُ \* فِي الْأَمْرِ فَاجْتَمَعُوا عَلَى عُمَّانِ

And he passed, leaving the matter to consultation among them about the matter, so they agreed upon Uthman.

Who used to spent his night in one witr rakaah, and he would finish the Quran.

The successor to the caliphate was Ahmad's son-in-law after him. I mean Ali, the knowledgeable, the Righteous.

Husband of Al-Batool, brother of the Messenger and his pillar, lion of battles, duellist of his peers.

Glory be to him who made caliphate in ranks, and established Imamate with what an establishment.

And He appointed the companions as successors so that no one after Ahmad (the Prophet Muhammad) would claim to be a second prophet.

Honour Fatimah Al-Batool and her husband, and the two who were grandsons to Mohammad.

They are two branches whose roots are in the garden of Ahmad, for Allah is the springing out of the roots and the two branches.

Honour Talhah, and Zubair and their Sa'd, and their Sa'eed and Abdurrahman.

And Abu Ubaidah, the one of religion and piety, and praise the assembly of Pledge of Al-Ridhwan.

Say the best words about the companions of Ahmad, and praise all of [his] family and wives.

Leave what went on between the companions in [the periods] of conflict with their swords, when the two assemblies met.

For their slain are from them, and their killer are for them, and both of them will be given mercy [from Allah] on the day of resurrection.

And on the day of resurrection, Allah will remove all that their chests contain of grudges.

Woe to the assembly who hastened to oppose Uthman, and they gathered upon disobedience.

Woe to the one who killed Hussain for he drew upon himself loss from his master.

We are not to do takfir on a Muslim because of a major sin, for Allah is full of pardon and forgiveness.

Do not accept from history everything that the narrators gathered and what every finger wrote.

# اِرُوِالْحَدِيثَ الْمُنتَقَى عَنُ أَهْلِهِ \*سِيمَاذَوِي الأَحْلام وَالأَسْنَانِ

Narrate the chosen Hadith from its people, specially from the people of high status and age.

Like Ibn Al-Musayyib and Al-Ala and Maalik, and Layth and Zuhri or Sufyan.

And memorise the narration of Jafar Ibn Mohammad, for his position in it, is the highest position.

And keep for ahlulbait their due rights, and know Ali with great recognition.

Do not diminish him, nor increase in his status, for two parties will burn in the fire over him.

One of them do not accept him as a caliph, and the other one declare him as another god.

And curse the heretics of ignorance for their necks are shackled up to their necks.

They rejected the divine laws and the prophethood and they followed the corruption of the religion of [Khosrau] the owner of the Ewaan [Arch of Kisra].

Do not lean towards the Rawafidh, for they cursed the companions with no proof.

# لَعَنُوا كَمَا بَغَضُوا صَحَابَةً أَحْمَدٍ \* وَوِدَادُهُمْ فَرُضٌ عَلَى الإِنسَانِ

They cursed as they hated the companions of Ahmad and loving them is obligatory upon mankind.

Loving the companions and the kin [of Mohammad] is a sunnah that my Lord casted [upon me] when he gave me life.

Beware of Allah's punishment and hope for his reward, so that you can be like the one who has two hearts.

Our Iman (faith) in Allah is between three; actions, words, and the belief of the heart.

And it increases with Taqwa (piety) and decreases with wrong-doing, and both of them wrestle in the heart.

And when you are alone in the dark with a temptation, and the soul is calling [you] to sin.

Be ashamed of God's gaze and say to it, "The one who created the darkness can see me."

Be a seeker of knowledge and do good deeds, for they are two reasons leading to the paths of guidance.

Do not follow astrology for it is related to soothsayers' motifs.

Astrology and the science of Mohammad's Shariah, in the heart of a servant, do not stay together.

If it was a science relating to planets or Qadha (fate), Mars would not land in Cancer.

And the sun is fast in the luminous Aries, and its landing is in the planet of Libra.

And the sun is a burning for six other stars, but it and the moon eclipse.

And perhaps they both darkened and their light disappeared, and both of them tremble from the fear of Allah.

Say to the one who finds comfort in them, and thinks that they are both two lords.

Oh you who loves Jupiter and Mercury, and he thinks that they (Jupiter and Mercury) are his sources of luck.

Why do they descend and ascend in honour, and with the blazing heat of the sun, they burn?

Do you fear Saturn and hope from Jupiter, while both of them are owned servants?

#### وَاللَّهِ لَوُ مَلَكًا حَيَاةً أَوْ فَنَا \* لَسَجَدتُ نَحُوهُمَا لِيَصْطَنِعَان

By Allah, if they possessed life or death, I would have prostrated towards them so that they may do so [benefit me].

So that they may expand my duration [life] and increase my provision and envelope me in goodness.

Rather, all of that is in the hands of Allah, before whom both jinn and mankind are humbled for the honour of his Face.

For Saturn and the star Jupiter have ascended, and the head and the tail of great grandeur.

And the radiant Venus with its Mars, and the blazing Mercury with its Saturn.

If it meets, settles, and becomes threefold, and they become aligned and follow each other in close proximity.

Does it have indication of happiness or misery? No, by the one who created the people and created me.

Whoever believes in Al-Tathir [influence of stars on people's lives], then he rejects the Sharia and follows another belief.

Indeed, the stars are of three types, so listen to the discourse of the critical chief.

Some of the stars have been created as adornment for the sky like pearls above the necklace of women.

And stars that guide the traveller in the darkness, and the shooting stars for every persistent devil.

Man does not know what is destined tomorrow, for every day, our Lord is [bringing about] a matter.

And Allah showers us with rain by his grace, not the star of Al-Awa or Al-Dabaran.

Whoever says that rain came because of Alhena, or as a fortune, or by the star of the Libra.

He has fabricated a sin and falsehood, and the Merciful has not bestowed any authority over it.

And likewise, naturalism is an opposition to the Sharia, and seldom do opposites come together.

And when you seek a humble naturalist, then seek flames of fire in the ponds.

The science of misguided philosophers is naturalism, and the resurrection of souls without bodies.

If it had not been for nature, according to them, and its actions, then no animal would have walked over the earth.

And the sea is the source of all water according to them, and the sun is the first source of fire.

And the rain is vapor that rises whenever it continues with the heavy pouring rain.

And thunder, according to the philosopher, with his claim, is the sound of the clouds' collision in the sky.

And the lightning, according to them, is external sparks between the clouds that illuminate at times.

Their Aristotle has lied in this statement of his, and exceeded the limit in delusion.

The rain is emptied into the clouds from the heaven, and Michael weighs it with the scale.

Not a single drop falls except that an angel descends towards it, to the highlands and the flood.

And thunder is the shriek of Maalik, and that is his name. He stirs the clouds like the driver of camels.

And lightning is the flame of fire that he drives away with it like the driving of camels with a whip.

So did their Aristotle know the arrangement of what the two directions have singled out?

Or did he disappear under the earth or ascended into the sky, and he saw the kingdom with his own eyes?

Or did he manage its night and day, or did he know how they differ?

Or did Ptolemy traverse among its stars until he saw the moving and the stationary?

Or did he witness its sun and its crescent, or did he perceive how they follow each other in succession?

Or did he send forth its wind and clouds with the rain, neglecting it with great neglection?

Rather, that is the wisdom of Allah, the one who manages the affairs of time through his decree.

Do not listen to the words of those who strike with pebbles [Soothsayer women who claimed to foretell the future by throwing pebbles], and the scolders of birds by flying.

For the two factions lie about Qadha [destiny], and they are ignorant of the unseen knowledge of Allah.

The engineer has lied and the astrologer has lied like him, for they both claim to have the knowledge of Allah.

The earth, according to them, is round, and they both adhere to this belief.

And the earth, according to those of knowledge, is flat with true and clear evidence from the Quran.

And Allah has informed that it is flat, and he has clarified it with great clarification.

And Allah made it a bed for the creatures, and he constructed the sky with perfect construction.

Has their knowledge surrounded the encompassing earth, or the lofty and sheltering mountains?

Or do they inform about its length and width, or are they both equal in magnitude?

Or have they burst forth its rivers and springs, water by which the thirsty is quenched?

Or have they brought forth its fruits and vegetation, and the date-palms with their clustered spathes?

Or do they have knowledge of the quantity of its fruits, or by the diversity of its taste and colour?

Allah has created all of that with perfect artistry and has perfected with what a perfection.

Say to the philosopher physician with his claim. Indeed, nature, its science is evidence.

Where was nature when you were a sperm in the womb when it mixed with the two fluids?

Where was nature when you became a clinging clot in forty days, and you [stayed there] for another forty days?

Where was nature when you were a chewed lump of flesh in forty days, and the two [previous] time frames had already passed?

Do you think that nature sculpted you in the shape [that you are now] with ears and eyes and fingers?

Do you think that nature brought you out upside down from the womb of your mother with frail body parts?

# أَمْ فَجَّرَتُ لَكَ بِاللِّبَانِي ثَدَيَّهَا \* فَرَضَعُتَهَا حَتَّى مَضَى الْحَوُلَانِ

Or did it make her breasts flow with milk for you, so you got breastfed by her until two years passed?

Or did it place love in yours parents [for you], so they, with what pleases you, are delighted?

Oh philosopher, you have indeed been preoccupied from guidance with Roman and Greek logic.

And the law of Islam is the best law, the religion of the truthful Prophet, [descendant] of Adnan.

It is the religion of the Lord of the worlds and his law, and it is the ancient [religion] and master of all religions.

It is the religion of Adam and the angels before him. It is the religion of Noah, the companion of the flood.

And Prophet Hud called to it, and so did Saleh, and both of them were believers in the religion of Allah.

And with it came Lot and the companion of Midian, and both of them were diligent in the religion.

It is the religion of Abraham and his two sons together, and by it, he got saved from the blow of the fire.

And by it, Allah protected the sacrifice from the affliction, when he offered him for the greatest sacrifice.

It is the religion of the Prophet Jacob and Jonah, and both of them faced afflictions in the way of Allah.

It is the religion of David, the caliph, and his son, and by it, he humbled the kings of the Jinn before him.

It is the religion of Yahya (John), along with his father and mother. What a blessed child, and how excellent are the two elders!

And towards it, Jesus son of Mary called upon his people. He did not call them to worship the crosses.

Allah made him speak as a child with guidance in the cradle, then raised above the [other] children.

The completion of Allah's religion is the Sharia of Muhammad. May the Revealer of the Quran send [his] blessings upon him.

The pure, righteous one, who never had a day with both of his parents [alive].

Who had pure wives and children, the one who from his lineage are Al-Zahra and the two Hassans [Hassan and Hussain].

And those of prophethood and guidance, none of them were Jewish, or Christian.

Rather, Muslims and believers in their Lord, inclined to truth, both in secrecy and in public.

And the religion of Islam has five creeds, and Allah made me utter them and guided me.

Do not disobey your Lord, neither in word nor in action, for both of them are written in the records.

Beautify your time with silence for it is the ornament of the forbearing and the shield of the confused.

Cling to your house if you hear of an affliction, and stay away from every afflictive hypocrite.

Fulfil the obligations, do not be lazy, lest you become the worst disgraced one in the sight of Allah.

Use the toothstick (siwak) with ablution, for indeed it is pleasing to the God and purifying to the teeth.

Say the name of God before ablution with an intention, then seek refuge from the affliction of distraction.

# فَأَسَاسُ أَعْمَالِ الْوَرَى نِيَّاتُهُمْ \* وَعَلَى الأَسَاسِ قَوَاعِدُ الْبُنْيَانِ

For the foundation of the actions of people is their intentions, and upon the foundation, the principles are formed.

Perfect your Wudhu (ablution) and do not miss any part of it, for continuity and thoroughness are obligatory.

And when you sniff water (for ablution), do not overdo it, but it is a sniff without excessiveness.

And it is obligatory upon you to wash your entire face, and the water must reach the eyelids.

And wash your hands up to the elbows thoroughly, for both of them (hands) are included in washing.

And wipe your entire head thoroughly, and the ears should [also] be wiped with the water.

And likewise, rinsing your mouth during your ablution is a sunnah with water, then the lips should spit it out.

And the face and the palms of the hands, washing them both is obligatory, and the two bones are included in them.

Washing the hands before ablution is cleanliness. The Prophet commanded it for the purpose of excellence.

#### سِمَا إِذَا مَا قُمْتَ فِي غَسَقِ الدُّجَى \* وَاسْتَيْقَظَتُ مِنْ نَوْمِكَ الْعَيْنَانِ

Especially, when you wake up in the darkness of the night, and your eyes wake up from your sleep.

And likewise, the two feet, washing them both is obligatory, and the ankles are included in them.

Do not listen to the words of the Rawafidh, for they, from their opinion, [claim] that the two feet should be wiped.

They [seek] to interpret an abrogated Qira'ah with [another] Qira'ah and both of them were revealed.

One of them was revealed to abrogate the other, but both are recorded in the Mushaf.

The Prophet and his companions washed their feet. No two men differed regarding their washing.

And the clear Sunnah, according to those of understanding, in judgement, interprets the Quran.

So when your feet are settled in their two khufs (leather socks), and they are clean from impurities.

And you wanted to renew your purification while being in a state of impurity, then it is sufficient that the two khufs are wiped.

## وَإِذَا أَرِدتَّ طَهَارَةً لِجَنَابَةٍ \* فَلْتُخُلَعَا وَلُتُغُسَلِ الْقَدَمَانِ

And if you wanted purification from a state of major impurity (janabah), then, they should be taken off, and the two feet should be washed

The ritual washing for major impurity (janabah) is a trust upon the necks (responsibility), so performing it is from the completion of Iman (faith).

So when you are afflicted [with impurity], hasten to perform its washing.

There is no good in a lazy procrastinator.

And when you perform Ghusl (ritual bath) then rub over your body until the entire [body] has been [rubbed] over by the two palms.

And when you cannot find water, then perform Tayammum (dry ablution) with clean earth from the ground or the walls.

Whether you pray with Tayammum or Wudhu. Both are sufficient according to the Sharia.

And Ghusl is obligatory and rubbing over the body is sunnah, and both, according to the madhhab of Maalik, are obligatory.

And the water, as long as it has not changed its characteristics with impurity or other pollutants,

So when it is pure in colour and taste, along with its smell from a number of impurities,

## فَهُنَاكَ سُمِّي طَاهِرًا وَمُطَهِّرًا \* هَذَانِ أَبُلَغُ وَصْفِهِ هَذَانِ

Then, it is called pure and purifying. These two are its best descriptions.

So when it is pure in colour and taste from the mud of wells and the ground,

It is permissible for us to perform Wudhu with it, and to purify ourselves, so listen with a present and awake heart.

And when a person person dies in water, it is not permissible for purification due to bleeding [into the water].

Except when the water is running, abundant, without measure or scale.

Or if the dead did not bleed, and the amount of water was small, suitable for purification.

And the entire sea, its water is pure, and its dead animals are halal, from the fishes.

Protect yourself from the enemy and his plot, for both of them hasten to harm you.

Beware of excessiveness and carelessness in your Wudhu, for both of them are cautioned against in knowledge.

For a small amount of water in your ablution is a deceit, so that its validity return to being nullified.

And that its washed parts become wiped, so beware of the deception of the stubborn and treacherous [devil].

And using excessive water in your ablution (Wudhu) is an innovation. It leads to Waswas [whisperings] and negligence.

Do not use too much [water] nor too little, but be moderate, for moderation and Tawfiq (divine success) come hand in hand.

And when you perform Istijmar (using stones to clean oneself after defecation), then in the hadith, it says three [stones]. One or two stones is not sufficient for us.

For the exit of excretion is from the passage, surrounded by two sides.

And when the impurity exceeds its usual area, it is not sufficient except to [wash it] with abundant water.

The invalidation of ablution is by a kiss or a touch, or by prolonged sleep or touching the private parts.

Or by urination, defecation, or [deep] sleep, or by passing wind, silently or audibly.

And from Mathi [pre-seminal fluid], or Wadi [fluid that comes after urination], both of them. From where urine exits, they gush forth.

And perhaps the wicked [devil] blew with his plot until the two thighs are joined together because of his blowing.

And the clarification of this is its sound or its smell. There are two true clarifications.

And Ghusl is obligatory for three reasons, ejaculation of semen and menstruation of women.

Its ejaculation during sleep or wakefulness are two conditions that necessitate purification.

And the purification of the two spouses is a mandatory obligation during intercourse, when the two private parts meet.

So both of them, whether they ejaculate or withhold, then they both must perform Ghusl according to Sharia.

And wash your private part thoroughly when you discharge Mathi (pre-seminal fluid), and the testicles are not mandatory [to wash].

And menstruation and lochia are of the same nature. When the bleeding stops, they must perform Ghusl.

## وَإِذَا أَعَادَتُ بَعُدَشَهُ رَيْنِ الدِّمَا \* تِلْكَ اسْتِحَاضَةُ بَعُدَذِي الشَّهْرَانِ

And if she sees blood again after two months. That is considered irregular bleeding after those two months.

Then she must perform Ghusl for her prayers and fasting, and for the woman with irregular bleeding, her time is divided into two parts.

For half of the time, she leaves her fasting and prayers, and the blood of menstruation and other types are of two colours.

And when it becomes clear and its colour brightens, then her prayers and fasting are obligatory.

She must make up the fasting but does not need to make up the prayers. Indeed, the prayer returns at all times.

For the Shariah and the Quran have ruled on it among women, so they (Sharia and the Quran) are not to be dismissed.

And when the woman with lochia sees purity, she should perform Ghusl, otherwise, her maximum period for purification is after two months.

Touching women by men is forbidden. The cultivation of bad soil is the loss of both cultivations.

Do not meet your Lord as a thief or a traitor or as a drinker, or an oppressor, or an adulterer.

Say that the stoning of both the adulterers is obligatory if they commit adultery being Muhsan (in a state of marital bond).

And stoning in the Quran is an obligatory duty for the married, and the unmarried are to be whipped.

And the sale and purchase of wine are forbidden. Both are the same to us.

In the Shariah and the Quran, its drinking has been forbidden, and both of them are undoubtedly followed.

Be certain of all the signs of the Day of Judgment, And listen, may you be guided, to my advice and clarification.

[it will be as if] the sun is rising from its place of setting, and the emergence of the Dajjal and the horror of the smoke.

And the emergence of Gog and Magog together from every distant region and place.

And the descent of Jesus to kill their Dajjal. He will judge with the rule of justice and excellence.

And mention the emergence of the fasil [baby camel] of the she-camel of Saleh. It will mark the people with kufr and Iman.

And the revelation will be lifted and the prayer from the people, and they are two intermediaries for the covenant of the religion.

Perform the five prayers at their earliest times, for each one has two times.

Shortening the prayer for the traveller is obligatory, and the minimum limit of shortening (the prayer) is two stages.

Both of them, in the madhhab of Maalik are fifty miles, minus two miles.

And when the traveller is away from his home, then shortening (the prayer) and breaking the fast are to be done.

And the prayer of our sun setting (maghrib) and our morning [prayer are prayed] completely in both presence and travels.

And the sun when it disappears from the middle of the sky, then Dhuhr [prayer] and afterwards Asr [prayer] are obligatory.

And Dhuhr's end time is related to [the beginning of] Asr, and the two times overlap.

Do not look back as long as you are standing in it (prayer), and humble yourself [before God] with a fearful and alarmed heart.

### وَكَذَا الصَّلَاةُ غُرُوبَ شَمْس نَهَارِنَا \* وَعِشَاؤُنَا وَقُتَانِ مُتَّصِلَانِ

And likewise, the prayer at the sunset of our day and our Isha [prayer] are two connected times.

And the morning is singular with a single time, but it has two prescribed times.

Dawn and daylight, and between both of them is a time for every sluggish prolonger.

And observe the rise of dawn and be certain of it, for the dawn according to our elders is two dawns.

A false dawn, then a true dawn, and perhaps in the eye, they may appear similar.

And the shadow is different in [different] times just as the times of winter and summer are different.

So, recite if the Imam recites quietly, and be silent if he is reciting aloud.

And for every forgetfulness, there are two prostrations, so perform them before Salam or after it, [there are] two opinions.

The voluntary acts of the prayer are clear, and its obligations, so ask the scholars of jurisprudence and excellence.

The obligations of the prayer are its bowing and its prostration, in which no two men differ.

Its beginning is marked by 'Allahu Akbar' and its end is marked by the greeting (Salam), and both are obligatory.

And reciting Al-Hamd (Surah Al-Fatiha) is an obligation in the prayer. Its verses are seven, and they are [called] Al-Mathani (oft-repeated).

Repeated in every unit of the prayer with the Basmalah in it, so take my clarification.

And if you forget to recite it in a unit [of prayer], then repeat that unit without hesitation.

Follow your Imam, whether he lowers or raises (his voice), for both actions are commendable.

Do not rise before the Imam, and do not lower (yourself) before him, for both actions are blameworthy.

Indeed, the Sharia (Islamic law) is composed of Sunnah (traditions) and obligations, and they are the two ropes of the religion of Mohammad.

But the Athaan (call to prayer) for Fajr (dawn), according to our scholars is before the two dawns become distinct.

It is a concession for Fajr (dawn), not for other times, for the awakening of the heedless and the drowsy.

Perfect your prayer, whether bowing or prostrating with calmness, gentleness, and humility.

Do not enter into your prayer while holding in [urine or defecation], for holding in [urine or defecation] disrupts the pillars (of prayer).

Intend to fast from the night with a clear intention, before the two threads become distinct (dawn)

A single night's intention is sufficient for you in Ramadan, since it is not mixed with another period.

Ramadan is a complete month in our observance, not just a day or two.

Except for the traveller and the sick, for their fasting can be delayed to another time.

And likewise, pregnancy and breastfeeding, both are valid excuses for our women to break their fast.

Hasten to break your fast, and delay the pre-dawn meal (Suhoor), for both actions are desirable.

## حَصِّنُ صِيَامَكَ بِالسُّكُوتِ عَنِ الْخَنَا \* أَطْبِقُ عَلَى عَيْنَيْكَ بِالأَجْفَانِ

Protect your fast by silence from obscene speech. Close your eyes with your eyelids [from obscenity].

Do not walk from among people with two faces. The worst of mankind is the one who has two faces.

Do not envy anyone for their blessings. Indeed, the envious one opposes the decree of your Lord.

Do not spread gossip between two friends, for because of it, close friends come to hate each other.

The evil eye is real, but it does not precede what is decreed in terms of provision and deprivation.

Magic is disbelief in its practice, not in its knowledge. From here, the two rulings differ.

And the punishment for magicians is death if they practice it for disbelief and tyranny.

And seek to be good to your parents, for it is obligatory upon you, as well as obedience to the ruler.

Do not rebel against the Imam (ruler) seeking for a war, even if he is a man from Abyssinia (Ethiopia).

And when you are commanded to perform an innovation or an error, then flee with your religion to the [farthest] lands.

Religion is the head of wealth, so hold firmly to it, for losing it is among the greatest of losses.

Do not be alone with a woman under suspicious [circumstances], even if you were among the devout like Banaan.

Indeed, men who look at women are like dogs circling around meat.

If its lions do not guard that meat, it will be consumed without compensation or payment.

Do not accept affection from women, for their hearts are quick to attach.

Do not leave anyone alone with your family, for over women, two brothers have fought.

Lower your eyelids from observing women, and the beauties of young men and boys.

Do not make the divorce of your family a [frequent] occurrence. Indeed, divorce is the most detestable of oaths.

## إِنَّ الطَّلَاقَ مَعَ الْعِتَاقِ كِلَاهُمَا \* قَسَمَانِ عِنْدَاللَّهِ مَثُوتَانِ

Indeed, divorce along with manumission, both of them are two oaths that are detested by Allah.

And dig a grave for your secrets in your heart, and bury it deep within your innermost being with great burial.

Indeed, the friend and the enemy, both are two types in secrecy according to the wise.

Let not a fault be shown from you to your friend, and make your heart the most trustworthy of the two friends.

Do not underestimate the minor sins, for a drop leads to a [flood] of water.

And if you make a vow, then fulfil your vow, for a vow is like a covenant, and both will be questioned.

Do not be occupied with the faults of others, neglecting your own faults, for that is two faults.

Do not waste your life in arguments, disputing. Indeed, argumentation disrupts religions.

And beware of arguing with men, for it leads to enmity and resentment.

## وَإِذَا اضْطُرِرُتَ إِلَى الْجِدَالِ وَلَمْ تَجِدُ \* لَكَ مَهْرَبًا وَتَلاَقَتِ الصَّفَّانِ

And if you are compelled to argue and find no escape, and the two sides confront each other.

Then make the Book of Allah your ample shield, and the Shariah as your sword, and enter the field.

And the pure Sunnah as your armour before you, and ride the steed of determination into the arena.

And stand firm with your patience under the banners of guidance, for patience is the most reliable tool of a person.

And pierce every stubborn opponent with the spear of truth. For Allah is the emergence of the piercing knight.

And strike with the sword of truth, a strike of a sincere person only for Allah, without being a coward.

And with all your effort, beware of the cunning of your opponent, for he is like a wild fox in his trickery.

The root of argumentation is from questioning, and its branch is a good response with the best explanation.

Do not look back when asked a question, and do not repeat the wording of the question; both are mistakes.

And when you defeat your opponent, do not mock him, For boastfulness extinguishes the ember of goodness.

And perhaps the opponent may have deliberately lost, then he turns back and decisively attacks the knights.

And be silent when the opponents clash and make noise, for they might cast you into a whirlpool.

And perhaps the opponents might laugh in astonishment, so stand firm and do not retreat from the evidence.

And if they prolong their speech, say to them, "Indeed, eloquence has been bridled with clarity."

Do not get angry if you are questioned, and do not shout, for both are dispraised traits.

And beware of debating in a fearful assembly until fear is replaced with tranquillity.

Debate with an intellectual, fair, and intelligent person, and be fair to him according to what you both see.

And let there be a wise judge between you, Justly, if you come to him for arbitration.

### كُنُ طُولَ دَهُرِكَ سَاكِتًا مُتَوَاضِعًا \* فَهُمَا لِكُلِّ فَضِيلَةٍ بَابَانِ

Be silent and humble throughout your life, for they are the two gateways to every virtue.

And cast off the cloak of arrogance from yourself, for the shoulders cannot bear its weight.

Be a doer of good and a speaker of it, for words and actions are intertwined.

From the relief of the distressed, and the feeding of the hungry, and the clothing of the naked and the ransom of the captive.

And when you do good, do not boast about it. There is no good in one who boasts and reminds others of his favours.

Be grateful for the blessings and be patient in adversity, for both are praiseworthy traits.

Do not complain about an ailment or scarcity, for both bring disgrace to a person's honour.

Preserve your nobility of your face with contentment, for preserving one's dignity is the virtue of young men.

Trust in Allah, turn to him, and seek his help. If you do so, you will be given the best assistance.

### وَإِذَا عَصَيْتَ فَتُبُ لِرَبِّكَ مُسُرِعًا \*حَذَرَ الْمَمَاتِ وَلَا تَقُلُ لَمْ يَانِ

And when you sin, repent to your Lord swiftly in fear of death, and do not say, "the time has not come yet."

And if you are tested with hardship, be patient through it, for hardship is singular, followed by two eases.

Do not stuff your stomach with food to become fat, for the bodies of the people of knowledge are not fat.

Do not excessively follow the desires of your soul, for Allah despises a lustful worshipper.

Reduce your food intake as much as you can, for it benefits the body and maintains health.

And control your desires by restraining your stomach, for the worst of men is the one who is weak and driven by his stomach.

And whoever is subjugated by his private part and his stomach, then they, along with his desires, are two stomachs.

The perseverance of healing is in hunger and thirst, and they are two chains for suppressing our souls [restraining their desires].

Thirst during your day and you will be quenched in the abode of exaltation [Jannah] on a day, when the yearning of the thirsty will be prolonged.

### حُسُنُ الْغِذَاءِ يَنُوبُ عَن شُرُبِ الدَّوَا \* سِيَامَعَ التَّقُلِيلِ وَالإِدُمَانِ

Good nutrition serves as a substitute for taking medicine, especially with moderation and consistency.

Avoid intense anger towards medicine, for it may lead to disappointment.

Take your medicine before drinking and let it be well-balanced in its components and quantities.

Treat yourself with pure honey and cupping, for they are two cures for all your ailments.

Do not enter the bathroom with a full stomach. There is no benefit in bathing for the one with a full stomach.

And sleeping on the rooftop under the sky exhausts and diminishes the vitality of the body.

Do not waste your life in [excessive] intercourse, for it covers faces with pallor.

I warn you against the breath and private part of an old woman, for they both bring sickness to the body of her companion.

Embrace any damsel from among the women. Her breath is like the fragrance of basil.

There is no good in all forms of musical instruments, and dancing and rhythm with the rods.

Indeed, the pious person abstains for the sake of his Lord from the sound of strings and the listening to songs.

And the recitation of the Qur'an by the people of piety, especially [when recited] with great passion and articulation.

Is more delightful and fulfilling to the souls in its sweetness than the sound of a flute and the tapping of drums.

And its melodious sound in the night is the most pleasant to hear more so than the melody of flutes and string instruments [lutes].

Turn away from the worldly life with asceticism, for asceticism, according to the wise, is of two kinds.

Asceticism from the worldly life and asceticism in commendation. Blessed is the one who possesses both forms of asceticism.

Do not seize the wealth of orphans unjustly, and abandon usury, for both are acts of disobedience.

And safeguard your neighbour's rights and honour, and every Muslim neighbour has two rights.

And smile at your guest when he dismounts from his saddle. Indeed, the generous person is delighted by guests.

Maintain ties with your relatives even if they distance themselves, for maintaining ties with them is better than abandonment.

Be truthful and do not swear by your Lord falsely, and seek to make atonements for your oaths.

And avoid false oaths, for indeed they leave homes desolate with no walls.

The limit of marriage from free women is four, so seek those who possess religion and chastity.

Do not marry them during their waiting period, for marriage with her and adultery with her are similar.

The waiting period of women are obligated by four, but they are united in two principles.

The divorce or death of a husband, whether before or after consummation, is the same.

Their waiting period is three menstrual cycles, or months, and both are bridges.

### وَكَذَاكَ عِلَّةُ مَن تُوفِيِّ زَوْجُهَا \* سَبُعُونَ يَوْمًا بَعُدَهَا شَهْرَانِ

And similarly, the waiting period of a woman whose husband has died is seventy days, followed by two months.

The waiting period for pregnant women due to divorce or death is the delivery of the fetus, whether alive or stillborn.

And likewise, the ruling for a miscarriage, its ruling is the same as a full-term birth, both are considered deliveries.

For those who do not menstruate or whose menstruation has ceased, the waiting periods are applicable in both cases.

Both of them remain for three months. Their rulings in the text are equal.

The waiting period for slave women from divorce is one menstrual cycle, and from the death [of the husband] is five days and two months.

With two divorces, she becomes separated from her husband, and cannot return to him unless she marries another man.

And likewise, for free women, three divorces separate her, then she becomes permissible, and these two will be [considered] spouses.

Let them marry their husbands with contentment, and satisfaction, without deceit or disobedience.

Unless if the marriage is mixed with deceit, then they, along with their husbands, are considered adulterers.

Beware of the Muhallil [someone who marries a woman temporarily so she can remarry her former husband], for he And the one who legitimises her return are both deceitful.

The Prophet cursed the one who performs the tahlil marriage and the one for whom it is performed; thus, both are cursed in the Shariah.

Do not strike a female slave or a male slave who has committed an offense, for both of them are captives in your hands.

Turn away from women as much as you can and dedicate yourself to embrace the virtuous and beautiful women there.

In a garden that is pleasant and its bliss is delightful. From every fruit in it, there are two kinds.

Its rivers flow from beneath them surrounded by date palms and pomegranates.

Its chambers are made of pearls and emeralds, and its palaces are made of pure gold.

Reserved therein for the righteous are full-breasted maidens. They are likened to rubies and coral.

With white faces and dark hair, with rosy cheeks and large, dark eyes.

With spaced teeth, when they smile laughingly, with slender waists and soft bodies.

Wearing green garments, their breasts are full, adorned with golden jewellery, their sleeves fragrant.

Blessed are the people for whom they are spouses in the eternal abode, in a place of safety.

They are given to drink of a wine delicious to taste by the fingers of servants and youthful boys.

If you could see the maiden with her companion, both reclining upon couches.

They pass the cup to each other in their hands, and they are joyful with the pleasure of its drink.

And perhaps she gives him a second cup, and both of them are pleased with it with contentment.

They converse in seclusion on the couches, and they are enveloped in the garment of union.

# أَكُرِمُ بِجَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ وَأَهْلِهَا \* إِخُوَانُ صِدُقٍ أَيَّمَا إِخُوَانِ

Honour the gardens of bliss and their inhabitants—brothers in truth, indeed, what brothers!

Neighbours of the Lord of the worlds and his party. Honour them among the choicest of neighbours.

Honour them among the choicest of neighbours, and their eyes are gazing upon him.

And upon them are garments of fine silk, and on their heads are the finest crowns.

Their crowns are made of pearls and emeralds, or silver, or from pure gold.

And rings of gold and bracelets of silver that adorns their wrists.

And their food is from the tender meat of birds, like the finest young camels that are fed with all kinds of delicacies.

And their dishes are of gold and exquisite pearls, seventy thousand above a thousand tables.

If you are longing for it and passionately yearning for it, like the longing of a stranger to see his homeland.

## كُنُ مُحُسِنًا فِيَااسُتَطَعُتَ فَرُبَّمَا \* تُجُزَى عَنِ الإِحْسَانِ بِالإِحْسَانِ

Be good in what you can, for perhaps you will be rewarded for your goodness with goodness.

And work for the gardens of bliss and their delights, for its bliss remains and does not perish.

Persist in fasting and performing the night prayer [qiyam] as acts of worship, for both are accepted deeds.

Rise in the night and recite the Book, and do not sleep, except like the sleep of the one bewildered and longing.

For perhaps death may come suddenly, and you may be taken from your bed to your shroud.

How beautiful are the two eyes in the darkness of the night, crying from the fear of the Most Merciful.

Do not slander chaste women, and do not say what you do not know from false accusations.

Do not enter the houses of people without permission, except with a cough or seeking permission.

Do not be impatient when a calamity befalls you, for indeed, the reward of the patient is doubled.

And if you are afflicted with a calamity, be patient through it, [Saying], "Allah alone is sufficient for me and he is enough"

And upon you is the [study] of Fiqh (jurisprudence) that explains our Shariah, and the obligations of inheritance and the Quran.

The science of mathematics and the science of the Shariah of Muhammad are two sciences that are sought after and followed.

Were it not for the obligatory shares, the inheritance of humanity would be lost, and disputes between the young and the old would persist.

Were it not for mathematics, its multiplication, and fractions, neither a share nor two shares would be divided.

Do not seek the science of Kalaam, for it leads to negation [of Allah's attributes] and confusion.

No one should be riend an innovator except someone like him. Beneath the smoke, the fires blaze.

The science of Kalaam and the science of Muhammad's Shariah, they differ and are not similar.

They took Kalaam from the ancient philosophers. They denied the laws heedlessly and assuredly.

## حَمُلُوا الأُمُورَ عَلَى قِيَاسِ عُقُولِهِمْ \* فَتَبَلَّدُوا كَتَبَلُّهِ الْحَيْرَانِ

They judged matters according to their own reasoning, so they became confused like the bewildered.

Their Murji'ah discredit their Qadariyah, and both groups are disbelievers in my view.

And their Mukhtariyah curse their Dawriyah, and the Qarmati curses the Rafidhies.

And their Karramiyyah criticizes their Wahbiyyah, while both of them narrate from Ibn Aban.

Their arguments have a semblance of vagueness and allure, like a mirage that appears to the thirsty.

Leave their Ash'aris and Mu'tazilis caw at each other like the cawing of crows.

Each one measures the paths of guidance with his own intellect, and he wanders like the one bewildered and confused.

So may Allah recompense them according to what they deserve, and to him belongs the praise; he has absolved me from their words.

Whoever measures the Shariah of Muhammad with his intellect, desires will cast him into the ponds.

### لَا تَفْتَكِرُ فِي ذَاتِ رَبِّكَ وَاعْتَبُ \* فِيمَا بِهِ يَتَصَرَّ فُ الْمَلَوَانِ

Do not ponder about the essence of your Lord, but reflect upon that by which day and night alternate.

And Allah is my Lord; his essence cannot be comprehended by the thoughts of imaginations and minds.

Transmit the hadiths of the attributes as they have come without interpretation or senseless words.

It is the doctrine of Az-Zuhri, and Maalik agreed [with it], and both of them are scholars in our Shariah.

Allah has a face that is not defined by a form, and our Lord has two seeing eyes.

And he has two hands as our God says, and his right hand is exalted above all right hands.

Both of my Lord's hands are described as right hands, and they both bestow upon mankind and the jinn.

His Kursi encompasses the highest heavens, and the earth, and it (Kursi) is encompassed by his feet.

And Allah laughs, but not like the laughter of his servants, and 'how' is forbidden from the Most Merciful.

And Allah descends every last part of the night to his lowest heaven, without concealment.

And he says, "Is there anyone who asks, so I may respond to him? For I am near, I answer whoever calls upon me."

Far be it from God that His essence be described, for 'how' and comparison are negated.

And the fundamental principle is that there is nothing like Allah. Exalted is the Lord, the One full of goodness.

And his speech is the Quran, and it is his words. Sound and letters that do not separate.

We do not liken our Lord to his servants. Lord and servant, how can they be similar?

For sound does not necessitate anthropomorphising him, since the two attributes are different.

The movements of our tongues and the sound of our throats are created, and all of that will perish.

And as Allah, my Lord, says: he has always been living and not like other living beings.

And the life of my Lord has always been an attribute of his. Glory be to him, the Perfect One of great majesty.

And likewise, the voice of our God and his call, truly, it has come in the clear [verses of the] Quran.

And our life is with heat and cold, and these two (heat and cold) cannot be attributed to Allah.

And its [human life] sustenance is with moisture and dryness.

Opposites pairs, they are opposites.

Glory be to my Lord, far above the attributes of his servants, or to be composed of two bodies.

Indeed, I speak, so listen to my words, oh company of associates and brothers.

Indeed, what is recorded in the manuscripts by the fingers of the elders and the young.

It is the word of my Lord, its verses and letters, and our ink and parchment are created.

Whoever says about the Quran the opposite of my statement, then curse him at every Iqamah and Adhan.

It is truly in the manuscripts and in the hearts. Be certain of that with utmost certainty.

And likewise the letters, their fixed count is twenty letters followed by eight.

They are from the speech of Allah, exalted is His majesty truly, they are the foundation of all speech.

Ha and Meem are the words of my Lord alone without any supporters or helpers.

Whoever says about the Quran what Abdul-Jaleel and the followers of Lihyan have said.

Then he has fabricated lies and committed sin and followed the dogs of Kalb of Ma'arra al-Nu'man.

I intermixed with them for a while, and if I had been close to them, I would have struck them with my swords and my tongue.

Wretched is the blind man Abu Al-'Ala', for indeed, he had been afflicted with two blindnesses.

And I have composed two poems rebuking him. Each poem consists of two hundred verses.

## وَالآنَ أَهُجُو الأَشْعَرِيُّ وَحِزْبَهُ \* وَأُذِيعُ مَاكَتَمُوا مِنَ البُّهُتَانِ

And now I rebuke Al-Ash'ari and his party, and I expose the falsehoods they have concealed.

Oh assembly of kalamists, you have transgressed, like the transgression of the people of Sabbath with the fish.

You have declared the people of Sharia and guidance to be disbelievers, and you have attacked with injustice and aggression.

So I shall support the truth until I defeat your masters with my rebuking.

Allah has turned me into the staff of Moses unto you, so that my serpent devours your falsehoods.

With the evidences of the Qur'an, I shall nullify your magic, and with it, I shall shake whoever confronts me.

It is my refuge, my shield, and my saviour from the plot of every treacherous hypocrite.

If your Mathhab settles in a land, it will become barren, or will become a wasteland with no prosperity.

And Allah has turned me into an indignation upon you, and to expose all of you, he has kept me alive.

I am a thorn in all of their throats. The obscurity of my location has baffled your doctors.

I am the serpent of the valley and the lion of the mountain. I am soft [with the people of sunnah] and [a sharp] Yemeni sword [against the people of innovation].

Between Ibn Hanbal and your Ibn Ismail is a wrath that will make you taste the scalding water.

You embraced the science of Kalaam with hostility, and as for Fiqh, you have no knowledge of it.

Figh requires five pillars. Not even two of them are found with you.

Forbearance and adherence to the Sunnah of Ahmad, and piety, refraining from harm, and understanding meanings.

You have preferred the worldly life over your religions. There is no good in the world without religions.

And you have opened your mouths and bellies, and you have devoured the world without hesitation.

You have contradicted your words with your actions, and you have placed the world over religions.

You have contradicted your words with your actions. Two groups disobedient to the Most Merciful.

They rush towards the Haram and its people, like dogs around carcasses.

Oh Ash'aris, have you realised that I am the inflammation of the eyes and the itch of the eyelids?

I am an ulcer in the livers of the Ash'aris. I grow and kill whoever detests me.

And I have confronted your senior shaikhs, and I have driven away from among them anyone who opposed me.

And I have turned over the grounds of their arguments and scattered them, and I found them to be statements without proof.

And Allah supported me and strengthened my argument, and Allah saved me from their doubts.

And praise be to Allah, the Protector, always—praise that nourishes my intellect and soul.

Did you think, Oh Ash'aris, that I am one of those who is rattled by threats behind him?

## أَفْتُسْتَى الشَّمُسُ الْمُضِيئَةُ بِالسُّهَا \*أَمْ هَلْ يُقَاسُ الْبَحْرُ بِالْخُلْجَانِ

Can the bright sun be hidden by a tiny star, or can the sea be compared to the small bays?

All my life, I have examined you and found you donkeys without reins or bridles.

I brought you, gathered you, and addressed you, and I broke you, a breaking without mending.

Did you claim that the Qur'an is [merely] an expression? Then, according to what you say, there are two Qur'ans.

The Iman of Gabriel and the Iman of the one who engages in sins are the same in your view.

This Jawhar [An entity that exists by itself] and Ard [An entity that exists by something else] according to you. Are they both fundamental principals to understand guidance?

Whoever lived in this world and did not know them, and attested to Islam and the Furqan.

Is he, in your view, a Muslim or an disbeliever, or is he intelligent, ignorant, or neglectful?

You have negated the seven lofty heavens, and you have emptied the Throne from the Most Merciful.

## وَزَعَمْتُمُ أَنَّ الْبَلَاعَ لأَحْمَدٍ \* فِي آيَةٍ مِن جُمُلَةِ الْقُرُ آنِ

And you claimed that the conveyance to Ahmad is in one verse among the entirety of the Qur'an.

These are mere outbursts, falsehoods, and desires, and the newly invented satanic Madhhab.

You have called the science of Usul (fundamentals) misguidance, like the name 'nabidh' for the casks of wine.

And your likes are mourned by your mahrams [Forbidden mourning which includes slapping one's cheeks.], and Allah has protected and safeguarded me from it.

Indeed, I have held fast to the rope of Muhammad's Sharia, and I have bitten onto it with my molar teeth.

Have you realised, Oh Ash'aris, that I am a flood of the sea, what a mighty flood!

I am your worry, I am your sorrow, I am your sickness, I am your poison, in secret and in public.

Have you taken away the light and beauty of the Qur'an from every heart that is longing and sorrowful?

By the truth of the Almighty who rose above the Throne without likening, as the words of the opposer.

#### وَوَحَقّ مَنْ خَتَمَ الرِّسَالَةَ وَالْهُدَى \* بِمُحَمَّدٍ فَزَهَا بِهِ الْحَرَمَانِ

And by the truth of the one who concluded the message and guidance through Muhammad, and he honoured the two holy sites (Makkah and Madinah).

I shall sever your reputations with my pickaxe as long as my soul is in my body.

And I shall rebuke you and revile your party until my shroud conceals my corpse.

And I shall expose your veils with my words until I make it known to those far and near.

And I shall satirise both your young and old in spite of those who insulted and satirised me.

And I shall bring down upon you my thunderclaps, and my flames shall surely burn your livers.

And I shall cut down your falsehoods with the sword of my truth, and my flood shall extinguish your flames.

And I shall ask Allah to forsake you, and my forsaking shall prevent all of you.

And I shall charge against the tyrants among you, like the charge of lions against a flock of sheep.

## وَلَأَرُمِيَنَّكُمُ بِصَخُرِ مَجَانِقِي \*حَتَّى يَهِدَّ عُتُوَّكُرُ سُلُطَانِي

And I shall hurl at you the stones from my catapults until my power crushes your insolence.

And I shall write to the lands, rebuking you, and it will spread like swift camels with riders.

And I shall refute your doubts with my argument until my knowledge overwhelms your ignorance.

And I shall be angered by what my Lord has said about you with the fury of tigers and a group of eagles.

And I shall strike you with the sharpness of my words, a strike that shakes the spirits of the brave.

And I shall fill your noses with the snuff of disdain, a snuff that makes every coward sneeze.

Indeed, I by the praise of Allah, when fighting you, I am resolute in war, with a steadfast heart.

And when I strike, my strikes do not miss, and when I thrust, my thrust does not miss.

And when I charge against your battalion, I tear it apart with the lights of evidence.

## الشَّرُعُ وَالْقُرُ آنُ أَكْبُرُعُدَّتِي \*فَهُمَا لِقَطْع حِجَاجِكُمْ سَيْفَانِ

The Sharia and the Qur'an are my greatest weapons, for they are two swords for cutting down your arguments.

They have weighed heavily upon your bodies and heads, for they are two stones for smashing your heads.

If you make peace, you will be granted peace, and you will be safe from the confusion of disgrace.

And if you refuse and persist in your desires, then striving against you is my responsibility and guarantee.

Oh Ash'aris, oh lowest of creatures, oh blind ones, oh deaf ones without ears

Indeed, I hate you and I hate your party, a hatred, the least of which fills me with resentment.

If I were blind in both eyes, it would please me, so that my being never saw one of yours.

Your hearts boil against me with their heat with rage and fury, what a boiling!

Die in your rage, and die in regret, and in grief over me, gnaw at every finger.

#### قَدُعِشُتُ مَسْرُورًا وَمِتُ مُخَفَّرًا \* وَلَقِيتُ رَبِّي سَرَّنِي وَرَعَانِي

I have lived joyfully and died in safety, and I met my Lord, who pleased me and cared for me.

And granted me the Gardens of eternity, secure and at peace, and by his grace, he saved me from the Hellfire.

And I met Ahmad in the Gardens along with his companions, and they all drew me close when I met them.

I did not store up any righteous deeds for my Lord, but by provoking your anger, he pleased me.

I am a [sweet] date to my loved ones, but a [bitter] colocynth to my enemies. I am a thorn in the throat of those who oppose me.

And I am the lover of the people of Ahmad's Sunnah, and I am the intellectual and the poet Al-Qahtani.

Ask about the sons of Qahtan and how their deeds were on the day of uproar when the two armies meet.

Ask how they articulated speech and composed poetry, and they both were [like] two unsheathed swords for them.

They supported with sharp and piercing tongues, like spears readied for striking.

## سَلُ عَنْهُمُ عِنْدَ الْجِدَالِ إِذَا الْتَقَى \* مِنْهُمُ وَمِنْ أَضْدَادِ هِمْ خَصْمَانِ

Ask about them about the debate when the two opponents met; one from them and one from their adversaries.

We are the kings, the sons of kings by inheritance, lions of war, and [our] women not adulteresses.

Oh Ash'aris, oh all those who claim innovations and desires without any proof.

A trustworthy Sunni has come to you, a poet with a sharp tongue and assisted [by Allah].

He strung together the verses with praise and satire. It is as if its sentences are familiar to me.

Clear speech flows effortlessly from his mouth, like rocks descending from the peaks of Kahlan.

I have addressed all of you with a poem. It has exposed your secrets across the lands.

aIt is an Umari whip (i.e., in the style of 'Umar) for the Rawafid. It has left their heads without ears.

It is a demise for the astrologer and the physician, for both of them are cast down with differences.

### هِيَ فِي رُؤُوسِ الْمَارِقِينَ شَقِيقَةٌ \* ضُرِبَتُ لِفَرُطِ صُدَاعِهَا الصَّدُ غَانِ

It is a splitting headache in the heads of the deviators. The temples were struck due to the intensity of its headache.

It is in the hearts of all the Ash'aris, a Saab (a spiny plant named euphorbia trigona) in their hearts and like thorns in their bodies.

But for the people of truth, it is pure honey, or the dates of Yathrib, those Saihani ones.

And I am the one who composed it and made it strung together like necklaces of coral.

And I supported the people of truth to the extent of my ability, and I slapped every opponent with two slaps.

Even though it encompasses abundant knowledge, such that my book would be too narrow to explain it.

Its verses are like gardens harvested by hearing, and the gatherer never tires of them.

And it is as if the lines of its verses on its parchment are like embroidery, embellished by the hands of beautiful women.

And I ask Allah to accept my poem from me, and I thank him for what he has bestowed upon me.

# صَلَّى الإِلَّهُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ مُحَمَّدٍ \* مَانَاحَ قُمُرِيٌّ عَلَى الأَغْصَانِ

May Allah send his blessings upon the Prophet Muhammad as long as a turtledove coos on the branches.

And upon all his daughters and his wives, and upon all his companions and brothers.

By Allah, say whenever you recite, "May Allah have mercy on you, Oh Qahtani."