



THE SOLE PURPOSE OF OUR CREATION Shaykh Muhammad Saleem Dhorat hafizahullah

The sole purpose of our creation is to acquire the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ. The bridge that leads to the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ is 'ibadah (worship). It is for this reason that Allah ﷻ says:

I have created the jinns and humans solely for My 'ibadah. (51:56)

What is 'Ibadah?

'Ibadah is iman (belief) and 'Amal salih (good deeds) combined.

What is Iman?

Iman is to accept and believe from the depth of one's heart, without the slightest doubt, in everything that was conveyed to Rasoolullah ﷺ, whether the intellect can comprehend it or not. Once it is established that a particular matter was conveyed to Rasoolullah ﷺ from Allah ﷻ, then it is necessary to believe in it without a shadow of doubt.

What is 'Amal Salih?

It is to fulfill the commands of Allah ﷻ according to the way shown by His beloved Messenger Muhammad ﷺ. In the Qur'an, Allah ﷻ commends those who have iman and do amal salih:

Indeed those who accept iman and perform good deeds.....

These people have in reality engaged in 'ibadah and are on the path leading to the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ. And those who acquire the Pleasure of Allah ﷻ:

...for them are gardens of Paradise beneath which rivers flow. This is the great success. (85:11)

Now we need to ask a very important question:

How Can We Understand What Iman and 'Amal Salih Are?

The answer to this question is that in order to understand iman and 'amal salih we need authentic 'ilm (sacred knowledge). *(To be continued in our next edition)*

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Better You Slept

"As a young child the renowned Shaykh Sa'adi rahmatullahi alayh had the opportunity to perform I'tikaaf with his father. At Tahajjud time father and son awoke, read the Salaah of Tahajjud and made dua. After completing their worship Shaykh Sa'adi said to his father, 'These other people are so negligent that they are sleeping and not performing Tahajjud.'

To this his father replied 'Sa'adi, it would have been better had you slept the whole night rather than performed Tahajjud.'

As Shaykh Sa'adi was young, he did not understand that Tahajjud was Nafl and backbiting was haram. Thus he did not appreciate that his comment had negated the benefit he had acquired by reading Tahajjud.

The Shaykh's father however understood this and took the opportunity to teach his young son this important principle."

Live as you wish to die.

"The Prophet ﷺ has stated in a Hadeeth that a person will be resurrected in the state that he died. And a person will die in the state that he lived.

Hence we should endeavour to always remain occupied in doing good actions so that our death and our resurrection occurs whilst doing good deeds."

Imam Abu Yusuf *Rahmatullahi-alayhi*

Birth Name

The Hanafi Mazhab is not based on the opinions of a singular person, contrary to popular belief. It is the collective research and deliberation of a panel of 40 outstanding Ulama who were experts in the various fields of Islamic learning such as Tafsir, Hadith, Usool, Kalam, Lughat, Ma'ani, Mantiq, Nahwa, Sarf etc. The group even comprised of Sufiya such as Daud Tai *r.a* and Fuzail bin Ayaz *r.a*. Amongst these highly qualified experts was Imam Abu Yusuf *r.a*. His name was Yaqub, born in Kufa in 113 AH, he hailed from a family that traced it's ancestry to Hadrat Sa'd رضي الله عنه. His family was extremely poor.

Education, Services

The Imam was inclined to studies from his childhood and memorized the Glorious Qur'an at an early age. His father was a poor man – a labourer and wished his son to take up some trade. He would spend his free time in the company of the Ulama. Imam Abu Hanifah *r.a* used to personally sponsor Imam Abu Yusuf *r.a* and in this way he was free for studies. Thus he spent 17 years at the feet of his grand teacher and acquired proficiency in the various branches of ilm. Besides Imam Abu Hanifah *r.a* he also studied under various teachers numbering almost a hundred. He was famous for his remarkable memory. He knew almost 20,000 mawdu' [fabricated Ahadith] by memory! According to some historians fiqh was only a minor accomplishment of Imam Abu Yusuf *r.a*. He was regarded a Hafize–Hadith. Imam Abu Yusuf [R] is the authour of many outstanding works. It was due to his erudition and high standing that he was requested to occupy the grand post of “Qadiul-Qudaat” [Chief Justice].

Character and Piety

Imam Abu Yusuf *r.a* was highly generous and would spend lavishly on the poor. Despite the taxing duties of Qadi, Imam Abu Yusuf *r.a* used to offer 200 rakats in nawafil daily.

Demise

He passed away on 5 Rabiul-Awwal 182 AH. Upon his demise Ma'ruf Karkhi *r.a* saw in a dream a most beautiful palace in Jannah. He inquired to whom it belonged. He was informed that it was for Imam Abu Yusuf *r.a*. The reason for this tremendous honour was because he gave taleem of Deen and exercised patience on the difficulties inflicted upon him.

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If a person does not perform salah, what reward can he get for having a beard? And if someone performs salah but does not have a beard, will he be rewarded for his salah? And will there be any reward for a person who had a beard but then shaved it off, yet who still performs salah?

A.

The observance of salah is fardh and to abandon it is a major sin and an act of kufr. To have a beard is wajib and to trim or shave it is haraam and a major sin. Muslims are expected to adhere to all the fara'idh and wajibaat and accumulate as amany rewards as possible for the Hereafter and the grave, for there is no chance of doing any act of reward after death. It is also necessary to abstain from everything haram and impermissible and every major sin; if a sin is committed, tawbah should be carried out straight away, asking Allah سبحانه for forgiveness to make up for the error so that one's future is not destroyed.

A muslim is a traveller on the road leading to the Hereafter, and should be eager to accumulate provisions for the journey and get past the shrubs and thorns on the road unscratched. Now, if someone does some good deeds and some bad deeds, they will be weighed against each other on the Day of Judgement in the scales of justice. If the good deeds prove heavier, it will mean success; if the bad deeds are heavier (we seek refuge with Allah سبحانه from that), it will mean facing disgrace, failure and destruction, unless the Mercy of Allah سبحانه comes to one's aid. This discussion answers your question, and all similar questions.

It's Never Too Late

For His Mercy Is Great

In the cover of a dark and silent night
I awake from my sleep to put things right

I contemplate over my evil past
And think this moment could be my last

My heart softens with regret and sorrow
With fear at what awaits tomorrow
Raising my hands I ask Him to forgive
Who knows how long I have to live

As the flow of tears rush down my cheeks
Seeing myself as a servant so weak
As this silence is echoed by helpless cries
As now there's time for no more lies

My life I know I've truly wasted
The punishment for which shall be surely tasted
But I know the Mercy of my Rabb is great
So I say to my self "It's never too late"

The time I have left, I will make sure I use
To the call of shaytan, I will surely refuse
By living my life the way my Prophet ﷺ showed
In the process ensuring a peaceful abode

May Allah forgive our sins till death
And we stay on iman till our final breath

For a Healthy Heart



There are two aspects of a Muslim's life – spiritual and physical. Both require food or nourishment. Without a proper diet, each one will become sick and weak. We understand this fact very well as far as the physical aspect is concerned, and every effort is made to ensure a good healthy diet. However, many of us are neglectful of our spiritual aspect, which also requires food for its strength. Due to this our hearts have become spiritually weak, resulting in laxity towards our obligation to Allah ﷻ. In order to remedy this ailment, we need to give food, which is salah, tasbeeh, du'a, Istighfar, tawbah and abundance of Allah's remembrance, for this will retain and maintain our spiritual health. Once this is acquired, the whole body will enjoy the fruits of this achievement. Rasoolullah ﷺ has said,

"Truly in the body there is a morsel of flesh which, if it be whole, all the body is whole and which, if it be diseased, all of it is diseased. Truly it is the heart." (Bukhari, Muslim)



Rasoolullah ﷺ has said whoever recites the following 3 times after salah shall get full reward for his salah.

(Tirmidhi) سُبْحَانَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Purity belongs to Your Sustainer, the Rabb of majesty, from that which they attribute (To Him) & Peace be upon the messengers, and Praise be to Allah ﷻ, the Sustainer of the worlds.

- It's Sunnah after the completion of fard salah to read 'Allahu Akbar' once and 'Astagfirullah' 3 times with the last 'Astagfirullah' read a little audibly and also dragged (pulled) slightly. (Tirmidhi)

Whoever recites the following dua 7 times in the morning and evening Allah ﷻ shall make his major and important tasks easy. (Muslim)

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Allah ﷻ is sufficient for me. There is none (worthy of worship) except He. I have trust in Him and He is the possessor of the mighty throne.

Allah ﷻ shall bless the one who recites the following 3 times morning and evening with so many gifts on the day of Qiyamah that he (the reciter) shall be pleased.

رَضِيتُ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ ﷺ نَبِيًّا وَرَسُولًا

I am pleased with Allah ﷻ as 'Rabb' (Sustainer), with Islam as religion and with Muhammad ﷺ as a Nabi and Rasool (Prophet).

Children's wordsearch

a	d	k	q	a	z	h	a	n	x
d	h	l	i	z	r	a	e	e	l
a	j	g	y	q	p	o	u	y	t
m	u	h	a	m	m	a	d	s	s
d	f	g	m	h	j	k	l	v	f
b	z	s	a	l	a	a	m	k	a
b	m	n	h	s	k	h	a	j	j
i	t	t	f	b	d	k	i	a	r
i	s	h	a	f	a	a	l	j	j
u	g	u	w	u	d	h	u	i	a

Solve the clues below and then find the answers in the wordsearch grid.

- 1) Last Prophet
- 2) Morning Salah
- 3) 5th Pillar Of Islam
- 4) The Last Day
- 5) Washing before Salah
- 6) Muslim's Hello
- 7) Angel of Death
- 8) The call for Salah
- 9) The first Prophet
- 10) Last evening Salah

JUMBLE TROUBLE

Here are 8 Prophet Names. Can you match the jumble names with the correct spelling?

The first one has been done for you.

maad	muhammad
qboaoy	dawood
saum	ishaaq
suufy	ibrahim
woodda	yaqoob
iaheremb	yusuf
umdmhama	adam
qaisha	musa

HONESTY

It was the habit of Umar رضي الله عنه to patrol the streets of Madinah Munawwarah. Once at night as he was passing a house, he overheard a voice of an old woman telling a young girl:

"Mix some water with the milk"

"No the caliph has forbidden anyone to mix water with milk and then to sell it" the girl replied

"Is the Ameer observing you here? do as I say." Shouted the old lady.

"The Ameer is not watching, but the Rabb of Umar رضي الله عنه is watching." The young girl answered back, obviously she knew Allah was watching.

Umar رضي الله عنه noted the house and sent a message to that house the next morning proposing marriage to that girl on behalf of his son, Aasim. From their children a pious man like Umar Bin Abdul Aziz was born.

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