

Love for the Mubarak Lands

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Introduction

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All praise is due to Allah ﷻ, Lord of the worlds. Countless blessings and peace be upon our beloved master, Sayyiduna Muhammad ﷺ the most beloved to Allah, the mercy to all of creation, and the beacon of light for all who seek guidance.

This book, *Love for the Mubarak Lands*, is a humble compilation drawn from the heartfelt words and spiritual insights of **Hazrat Qari Ismail Desai Saheb**

رحمه الله. Delivered in a majlis filled with warmth and sincerity, these words reflect his deep love for **Rasulullah ﷺ**, **Madinah Tayyibah**, and the sacred lands that hold a special place in every believer's heart.

Hazrat Qari Saheb رحمه الله did not speak as a scholar delivering rulings, but as a lover sharing what burned within his heart. May Allah ﷻ accept this effort, and make it a means of *muhabbat*, *ihtiram*, and *tawfiq* for all who read it.

اللهم ارزقنا حب نبيك محمد ﷺ، وحب مدينته، وحب سنته، وحب كل ما يتعلق به

Aameen

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We begin with *Fayzan-e-Muhabbat*, a compilation based on the commentary (*sharh*) of our Grand Shaykh, Hazrat Maulana Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb rahmatullahi alayh.

These blessed souls, the *Ahlullah*, the friends of Allah, are all lovers (*'ashiqs*) of Rasulullah ﷺ. That is their hallmark.

Every one of them has deep love for Nabi Kareem ﷺ, because the reality is: no one can reach Allah Ta'ala without the love of the beloved of Allah Ta'ala, Rasulullah ﷺ.

The path to attaining the love of Allah Ta'ala lies in following the Sunnah, *Ittiba' al-Sunnah*.

This is why Allah Ta'ala declares in the Qur'an:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ

"Say: If you love Allah, then follow me, and Allah will love you..."

(Surah Aal-Imran: 31)

If you claim to love Allah Ta'ala, there is only one way and that is by following the footsteps of Rasulullah ﷺ.

That path leads to the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, and ultimately it will lead a person to Jannah.

Hazrat Maulana Hakim Akhtar Saheb rahmatullahi alayh said so beautifully in the following couplets:

نقش قدم نبی (ﷺ) کے ہیں جنت کے راستے

اللہ ﷻ سے ملاتے ہیں سنت کے راستے

Following in the footsteps of Nabi ﷺ
will lead a person to Jannah.

A person will reach and get closer to Allah ﷻ
by following the sunnats of Nabi ﷺ

The Awliyaa Allah (friends of Allah) had such deep and intense love for Nabi Kareem ﷺ that we see one outstanding trait in all of them: complete adherence to the Sunnah.

Every action of their lives, to the best of their ability, was aligned with the Sunnah of Nabi Kareem ﷺ.

If, by chance, something was done contrary to the Sunnah, they would feel as though they had committed a grave sin. They would be filled with remorse and regret, wondering how such a thing occurred.

Their intense love drove them to value and appreciate every single Sunnah.

Let me share an incident.

On one occasion, a senior of ours received a gift which was a shawl from someone who had just returned from his safar to the Mubaarak Lands (Haramain Shareefain.)

Like many of us do when we return from Makkah Mukarramah or Madinah Tayyibah, this individual brought something as *tabarruk*, a token gift.

This gift was not *Aswadain* (the traditional dates and Zamzam), but it was something else, a shawl.

When the senior received it, he began kissing it and placed it on his forehead, showing such deep *adab* and *ihtiram*.

Someone sitting there commented, “Hazrat, you’re showing so much respect, but this shawl is made in China.”

He immediately replied, “Yes, it may be made in China, but it has been in the air of Madinah Tayyibah and that is what I am honouring.”

Subhan Allah! Sometimes, things are not matters of *mas’alah* (legal rulings) but matters of *adab* and *muhabbat* love and respect.

My own Ustadh, Hazrat Qari Anees Saheb rahmatullahi alayh, was an ardent lover of Rasulullah ﷺ.

He would frequently recite *Durood Shareef* upon Nabi ﷺ.

Someone once brought him a pair of Saudi-style rubber sandals, the type with green straps. Hazrat refused to wear them.

Why did he refuse to wear them?

He said, “These straps are green the colour of the *Gumbad Mubarak* (Green Dome).

How can I walk on something resembling that?”

It was not a *mas’alah* it was a matter of the heart, a reflection of *azmat* (honour), *muhabbat* (love), and *adab*.

This is what we see in the Awliya Allah deep love for anything connected to Rasulullah ﷺ or Madinah Tayyibah.

Hazrat Maulana Hakim Akhtar Saheb rahmatullahi alayh has written a beautiful *ash’ar* (poetry) in this regard.

Even the name “Madinah” brought joy to his heart.

Hazrat wrote the following poetry:

مدینہ، مدینہ، مدینہ، مدینہ بڑا لطف دیتا ہے نامِ مدینہ

"Madinah, Madinah, Madinah, Madinah
Just the name 'Madinah' brings immense pleasure."

Why it brings pleasure? Because it's the city of Rasulullah ﷺ.

Just uttering its name fills the heart with joy.

Those who have had the honour of visiting Madinah Tayyibah will relate to this love.

For those who haven't yet gone, we make du'a:

May Allah Ta'ala grant each and every one of us the opportunity to visit Madinah Tayyibah and Makkah Mukarramah.

May Allah Ta'ala bless us with Hajj and Ziyara.

This yearning is present in every *mu'min*. If the desire is in your heart, then continue to make du'a. Going to these blessed places is not based on wealth, it is based on the *nida'* (divine invitation) of Allah. When He wills, a person is taken even without means.

There are many who have experienced this: people who made the intention for Hajj with not a cent in their pockets, and Allah made the means. So have firm intention and rely on Allah.

Let me mention another incident. In Madinah Tayyibah, as many who have visited would know, there are cats roaming the streets and around restaurants.

One visitor, unfamiliar with this, made some negative comments about the cats, perhaps something disrespectful.

That night, this visitor had a dream.
He was told in this dream:
**“If you don’t like the cats of Madinah Tayyibah,
then leave.”**

This is *adab*. This is the *azmat* of anything connected to Rasulullah ﷺ, even the cats of Madinah.

Think about the *juzdan*, the cloth cover of the Qur'an. It's not the Qur'an itself, but because of its attachment, people handle it with great respect. Some even wash the *juzdan* and collect that water, pouring it in the garden rather than letting it go down the drain all due to its association with the Qur'an.

I remember a friend, Ayub Bhai the builder.

I once visited his home. The water used for wudhu there didn't drain into the sewer like how it supposed to drain.

It was diverted elsewhere out of respect.

Allah Ta'ala may use small actions like this as a means for a person's *maghfirah* (forgiveness).

Even something as simple as picking up a piece of paper with the Name of Allah written on it, placing it respectfully on a high place, that can be a means of forgiveness.

Some of our elders may not have had a very high academic expertise, but their hearts were filled with *adab* and reverence. Today, we may boast more knowledge, but that *adab* is scarce. It was this very *adab* that raised them to such high spiritual stations.

Hazrat Wala Maulana Hakim Muhammad Akhtar Saheb rahmatullahi alayh, after returning from Madinah Tayyibah, wrote the following couplet:

یہ صبحِ مدینہ، یہ شامِ مدینہ، مبارک تجھے یہ قیامِ مدینہ

O this wonderful morning and evening of Madinah,
Congratulations to you for your stay in Madinah

It is an honour beyond comparison to be granted time in the beloved
city of Nabi Kareem ﷺ.

It is a sign of Allah Ta'ala's acceptance and grace.

The Ecstasy of Madinah

What do people truly know about the happiness a person feels in Madinah Tayyibah?

Today, people travel far and wide for holidays.

They chase enjoyment, relaxation, and temporary happiness, but ask that person whose heart is attached to Madinah Tayyibah, ask him what ecstasy, what joy, what peace, what comfort, and what indescribable happiness he experiences when he is in the blessed city of Rasulullah ﷺ.

The *Ahlullah*, the friends of Allah, may not always be physically present in Madinah Tayyibah, but spiritually, they are always there. Their hearts are there. Their thoughts are there.

They long to be there in Madinah Tayyibah.

And a person like me, may Allah forgive me. I might physically be there, yet my heart is elsewhere... attached to the home, the business, the world.

On the other hand, these lovers of Allah are distant in body, but their hearts remain ever close to Madinah Tayyibah.

مدینے کی گلیوں میں ہر ایک قدم پر ہود مد نظر احترام مدینہ

“At every step taken in the streets of Madinah...
always bear in mind the reverence of Madinah.”

This is a nasihah. A heartfelt advice.

Yes, Allah has honoured you with the opportunity to visit Madinah Tayyibah. But remember: every step you take in its streets must be with utmost *ihtram* (respect) and reverence.

We recalled earlier the individual who made a casual, dismissive comment about the cats of Madinah and what did he see in his dream?

“If you don’t like the cats of Madinah Tayyibah, then leave.”

So again, we say:

ہود مد نظر احترام مدینہ

Keep the reverence (respect) of Madinah always in front of you.

It is a great blessing to have the *tamanna*, the desire to be there in Madinah Tayyibah, Alhamdulillah. But once you are there, ensure that *adab* (respect) remains with you every moment.

Do not do anything disrespectful.

Do not say anything disrespectful.

Do not even think anything disrespectful.

Whatever you see whether it’s a person, an animal, or even the stones of Madinah hold your tongue. Say nothing that would diminish the sanctity of this place.

Anything attached to Madinah Tayyibah or Makkah Mukarramah carries honour and that honour must be preserved in our gaze, in our actions, and in our hearts.

مدینہ مدینہ مدینہ مدینہ بڑا لطف دیتا ہے نامِ مدینہ
Madinah, Madinah, Madinah, Madinah
Even the name "Madinah" brings such immense joy.

This is what we spoke of earlier. The name "Madinah" the very word brings spiritual delight, peace, and ecstasy.

مدینہ مدینہ مدینہ مدینہ
Just repeating it... *Madinah, Madinah...* floods the heart with love.

نگاہوں میں سلطانیٹ ہیج ہوگی
جو پائے گادل میں پیامِ مدینہ

*All the grandeur of this world, all kingdoms and power, will seem
worthless...*
To the one whose heart has received the message of Madinah.

Today, we are filled with love by wealth, power, and pomp.

That is what dazzles the world. But look deeper many of today's global crises, the conflict between nations, the suffering of people all of it often boils down to greed and wealth.

But Maulana Hakeem Akhtar Saheb (rahmatullahi alayh) says:

نگاہوں میں سلطانیٹ ہیج ہوگی
"All these kingdoms will appear insignificant..."

When the heart is filled with the *payam* (the message and light) of Madinah Tayyibah, the glitter and glamour of this world becomes meaningless. Nothing can compare to the honour of holding Madinah in your heart.

You're searching for contentment.
You're longing for peace.
You want a life of satisfaction, comfort, and tranquility.

But the question is where are you looking for it?

We search for happiness in the things of this world in wealth, in material comfort, entertainment etc. But the reality is, the peace you are seeking can only be found in one place:

in the way and system of Madinah Tayyibah, in the *Sunnah* of Nabi Kareem ﷺ.

Respect for Elders and the Language We Use

Before moving on, let's pause on a related note. We mentioned the word "elderly" in the story and this brings to mind something which is very important.

We must be extremely careful in how we refer to our elders, our parents, our teachers, our seniors.

Sometimes, we use words that are **highly disrespectful** without realizing their weight and effect on us.

We casually refer to our fathers or our seniors as "the old man," or in some cultures, words like "the bali" (old guy) are used with a very dismissive tone.

This is **not the way** to speak about those whom Allah Ta'ala has given immense rank and status.

Think about it. If someone were to refer to their *ustadh* (teacher) in such terms, we would be appalled (disappointed).

Yet our **parents**, in the Qur'an, have been given even **greater** status than our teachers.

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا

"And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him and show excellent treatment to your parents."

(Surah Al-Isra: 23)

How then can we refer to our father or mother as “the old man” or “the old lady”?

It's not just a matter of language it's a matter of **respect, ihtiram, and adab**. This disrespect in speech often reflects disrespect in the heart.

Let us rectify our tongues. Let us bring *adab* back into our homes.

When we speak about our elders whether parents, teachers, or anyone senior let our words reflect the honour Allah has given them.

Where Are You Looking for Peace?

Although the word “old” is not inherently wrong, the word *elderly* carries much more dignity.

It reflects *tarbiyyah* good upbringing and this is part of our *islah* (self-rectification): how we refer to our seniors, how we speak about those older than us.

That's why today, we hear terms like "senior citizens."
It's a respectful term. It is an honourable way to refer to those who have advanced in age.

**I remember my Shaykh, Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb
rahmatullahi alayh, once shared an incident:**

There was an elderly man, bent with age, walking very slowly with a stick. A youngster, like many today, who enjoy teasing and joking saw this and said to him mockingly,

"Grandfather, how much did you pay for that bow?"

This youngster was referring to the old man's hunched back, comparing it to a bow (a weapon made with a curved piece of wood joined at both ends and used for shooting arrows).

But the elderly man responded with wisdom and said,

"Oh my son, when you reach my age, you'll get it for free."

Subhan Allah. Such dignity. Such composure.

سکونِ جہاں تم کہاں ڈھونڈتے ہو؟ سکونِ جہاں ہے نظامِ مدینہ

The peace of the world, where are you really looking for it?
The peace of this world lies in the system of Madinah.

ہو آزاد اختر غم دو جہاں سے جو ہو جائے دل سے غلامِ مدینہ

“O Akhtar, if you want freedom from the griefs of this world and the next, then become a sincere servant of Madinah.”

You’re searching for contentment.

You’re longing for peace.

You want a life of satisfaction, comfort, and tranquility.

But the question is, where are you looking for it?

We search for happiness in the things of this world in wealth, in material comfort, in entertainment etc.

The reality is that the peace and serenity you are seeking can only be found in one place:

It can be found in the way and system of

Madinah Tayyibah,

It can be found in the *Sunnah* of Nabi Kareem ﷺ.

Let me share with you a powerful example that Hazrat Maulana Rumi rahmatullahi alayh gives:

An elderly man was once seen, late at night, bent over and searching for something beneath a dim streetlamp.

He was hunched, walking with a stick, and carefully combing the area under the light.

A young passer-by saw him and asked, “Uncle, it looks like you’re looking for something. Can I help you?”

The elderly man replied, “Yes, I’m looking for a coin I lost.”

Eager to assist, the young man joined him. Together they searched under the lamp but found nothing.

After a while, the young man asked, “Uncle, are you sure you lost it here?”

The old man said, “No, I dropped it inside the house.”

Shocked, the young man asked,

“Then why are you looking out here?”

He replied, “Because there is light here.”

It sounds humorous at first, even foolish. But the reality is, that is **my condition, your condition, our condition**.

We’ve lost peace **inside**, in the heart...

But we’re searching for it **outside**, under the lights of this world in wealth, in status, in the latest distractions.

Just like I laughed at that elderly man... I must now laugh at myself. Because I, too, am searching in the wrong place.

سکونِ جہاں تم کہاں ڈھونڈتے ہو؟

Where are you searching for the peace of this world?

People assume that peace lies in accumulating wealth and that wealth will bring enjoyment and buy happiness.

We think that if we just earn more, build bigger homes, live a fancier lifestyle then we will be happy and content.

Yet many have done exactly that... only to find nothing but disaster in their homes. They have everything, yet no peace.

There are those who owned vast empires... and ended their lives in suicide.

May Allah Ta'ala save us all from this calamity. Aameen

سکونِ جہاں تم کہاں ڈھونڈتے ہو؟

The peace of the world, where are you really looking for it?

سکونِ جہاں ہے نظامِ مدینہ

The peace of this world lies in the system of Madinah.

Freedom Lies in the Love of Madinah

ہو آزاد اخترِ غمِ دو جہاں سے جو ہو جائے دل سے غلامِ مدینہ

Hazrat Maulana Akhtar Saheb rahmatullahi alayh writes:

A person will be free from the sorrows of both worlds if his heart becomes the true *ghulam* (devoted servant) of Madinah.

Meaning: his life is shaped by the Sunnah of Nabi Kareem ﷺ, his character molded by the way of Rasulullah ﷺ, his path is the path of Madinah.

ہو آزاد اخترِ غمِ دو جہاں سے جو ہو جائے دل سے غلامِ مدینہ

Hazrat addresses himself:

“O Akhtar, if you want freedom from the griefs of this world and the next, then become a sincere servant of Madinah.”

If only we could internalize this... so many of our problems would disappear.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us true love for Rasulullah ﷺ.
May He give us the tawfiq to live by the Sunnah.
Therein lies solace, happiness, and true success . آمين



NB:

Please consult a qualified Aalim before acting upon any ruling in this book, as certain matters require proper scholarly guidance to be correctly understood.

Any errors, omissions, or shortcomings found in this publication are solely due to our own limitations and deficiencies. We seek the forgiveness of Allah ﷻ for any mistakes that may have occurred and ask Him to accept this humble effort, overlook its shortcomings, and make it beneficial for all who read it.

We humbly request your du'aas for all those who contributed towards the research, preparation, publication, and distribution of this book. We also ask Allah ﷻ

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