

Is It The Heart Which You Are Asking?



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Dedicated to a Better Tomorrow

To a relative....

When she wanted to commit suicide, she wanted to quit a depressing life and false hopes. She went through a personal and general depression!!!

Praise Be To Allah; His Peace and Blessings upon His Messenger Mohammad?

This was the dialogue that really took place:

My relative wanted to commit suicide because of the prevalent depressing social environment full of moral and spiritual decadence.

Why don't people just kill themselves? Do they think on their own? What is in life that is worth to be living!

Oh, is it the heart you ask about? There is nothing in this world which is equal to human feelings. They are priceless.

Money cannot buy love and definitely cannot make up for it. Even if one wishes to sell ones own feelings, it would be impossible. One can hide them, can tolerate suffering and sacrifice, can pretend to love but to put a price on true love, certainly no.!

Feeling is a fine aspect of life. Allah created it to be above selling or buying otherwise, life will worth nothing to death. Only life does bear meanings that are dearer than the material aspects, even dearer than the life itself. It is for no question worth living.

As for those meanings, on top of it is the love of Allah, the Greatest, the only Creator; praise be upon Him! Just a minute!

I'm telling you, don't be bored, why do people get bore of such love and take for granted as if it is just redundant? Just to preach? You don't know what love is really about, you don't know who your Creator is? You do not understand this life properly. You have nothing but trivialities... even less!! A little knowledge, a shallow understanding... channels, cultures, bits and pieces that hardly weigh more than a mosquito's wing weighs !

Perhaps you'll take my words as repetitive ... but you will never really grasped the soul of life, the depth of the culture... do you understand what I am trying to elaborate?

You can only relate to what I say if you know two things:

Getting knowledge from the correct sources and getting an insight from the Al-Mighty, the Most Knowing. From those points on, you are free. You don't thank anyone for God's words but Allah Almighty. His words are the 'food' of your heart and soul!!

You will acquire the true love of Allah when you know His Names; Glory be to Him, His deeds... do you really know the true meanings of all of His names? Can you understand the meanings? Only then, the love of Allah will come to your heart and bless you....

When you realize what the world is really about, how the universe goes around scientifically, socially and mentally, you are not just a recipient but a thinker with a living mind of your own; and when you realize the vast seas of darkness and the light of truth, when your knowledge is not merely for personal interest, not cold and pointless, but knowledge embodied by the fear and sense of Allah, the theory plus the practice (belief and the practice), not to be memorized only, but a warm deep knowledge... only then you will be able to feel the blessings of Allah in everything...only then you will know what love is really about? The love of Allah is the love that

has true meaning, that is priceless and life is nothing without it!

Those who really grasp the essence of the love of Allah are the scientists. They are able to deeply know Allah through His creation so they become the most fearful and most loving of Him, Glory be to Him. Those who do not know Him are the most miserable. They are the ones who have gone astray. Their hearts never really knew Allah....

Let your heart be opened entirely and sincerely to its Creator and let it be blessed with the love of His Messenger as well. Love is an action rather than just talk.

The true believers are those who can really comprehend the great issue of pure love to Allah to the extent of giving away the souls for Him only...

The following are the love of those who believe in the Oneness of Allah and love Him solely...

The love of ones own parents would come after, and such love is instinctive, otherwise mothers would have left their babies to die for the comfort of their own bodies.... But Allah created them to be their offspring and be patient to raise them no matter how weak they felt.

There is a great love also for the spouse, a very positive love, especially if it is for the right person! Such love is indispensable for the peace of mind and the lasting of the human race. It is crucial for enduring life and overlooking mutual

mistakes...otherwise such partners would not have been able to put up with each other.

The love of good doing is another fine aspect of love. It is a great thing to give people what compassion and mercy they truly need and to like doing good for them. Hatred is only for the evil doers who deny the right of their Creator upon them. Those are unworthy of peace or love. Yet, we as believers should wish them to be guided towards the truth. The believers are the ones filled with feelings of sincerity towards the world, not the misguided empty hearted people!

You might still be wondering what is all this talk about? And why? I wish to show you what the real believers should have to feel content and secure. We just need to be patient. Our first step in this path is abiding by our Holy Book the Qur'aan. Then we have the sayings of His Prophet, may peace be upon him.

We enjoin the love of our Creator, the Only True Creator! He is our best company. People can give up on us but not Him! Angels will then be praying and accompanying us if only our hearts are truly devoted, all our deeds and sayings should be entirely for the sake of Allah, only when we know who our Creator really is that we will find the true meaning of life and happiness.

It would be a treasure we must be very grateful for and to always praise Allah. Praising Him encompasses thanking. Not just the spoken words but it is interpreted through actions...We are asked to get closer to Allah in order to know Him better. We are asked to worship more

sincerely and Allah will help us so we can deeply understand.

Through hope and prayers, giving and good doing (set forth by Qur'aan and Sunnah); through comprehensive knowledge that should lead to the knowing of the Creator; what He wants from and for us; what makes Him angry; or how He had the whole universe; and who we are: what are our roles and to where are we heading to?; what should be our destiny? How will life matters work? To know instead of being ignorant and arrogant! Then through all that, we will be enlightened just like a full moon in the night of a spring time with stars shining all around. Such a vision will uplift our soul and grant the heart its peace and purity.

Life will be tolerable no matter of all the hardships. However our lives might seem limited and filled with obstacles to some. We can go through it with confidence and contented hearts. We are totally engaged with working for the life after rather than this one only ...Paradise is the reward in the hereafter. It is where we will find our beloved ones and our blessings...

We will keep hoping and trying always to be the best and never feel despair... The Prophet went ahead of us. He suffered a lot in this life. He was once granted lot of money but gave it all away and went back to his home. He would just devote his life and soul for his Creator awaiting the greatest reward! The hope and blessing of getting a look at the Al-Mighty Allah in the life after is the best that any believer can wish for!

The Prophet was always with Allah in his heart and mind. He understood, the enemy, Quraysh (his own tribe who opposed his mission) did not bother him. Neither the Romans nor the fear or hunger would make him give up! He is only occupied with one thing, Allah is pleased with him! Allah, is the Creator of Heavens and earth, who controls everything, is the only one that the Prophet really loved. The pleasing of Allah is the Mohammad utmost mission. The price is undoubtedly Paradise!

He once turned down all proposals and temptations from his uncle. Not if they put the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left hand, "I'll still not give up on this faith", he said! He is away high up there now, can you understand that?

Life is but a journey. We choose our way by ourselves. We make our choices of immortality. Would that be a loss? So let it be! Let us lose then! The wise is being the patient and the thankful! Thus one would happily pass away and hope to be resurrected and shaded with the Al-Mighty shade of His Throne.

The losers are the ones who read the Qur'aan without a proper understanding of the meanings of the words. Those are the people who cannot help themselves. A person with a sound mind can realize where the ship of rescue is and seek for it! The wise is the one who can tell who are the right followers and the misguided ones. Those who do not know what are the meanings of the Names of Allah and feel the beauty of them; they are the deprived ones! They do not

know how to learn from the history; to think about the world around and read more insightfully.

They were deprived from realizing Allah's greatness and His Mighty company.

They came into this world and will depart with absolutely nothing!

What a shame!!!

Freedom of the word and impudence!

**Praise be to Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful,
Peace and blessings of Allah be upon his prophet,
Mohammad and his family and companions.**

There were debates concerning the freedom of a writer when the literature handled was conforming to Allah's commands. Some writers accused us for limiting their freedom of expression and hindering their creativity and openness!

I wrote some thing for them, taking into consideration that no particular person was meant by my words but applicable to all. All of those writers are accomplices, with different shares!

All of them from blasphemous writers to the sensual and disgraceful, and even those who think of themselves as respectfully creative. They praised Jerusalem in a poem but wrote dozen of lies and false statements.

They publish stories and lyrics with graphics of girls and boys! Incident the girls with red hearts and flowers.

**They exchange 'pure love touches' (committing the adultery of hand)!
Behind the walls of the so called university campus, their poems are almost references to all students!**

**One who wants to 'love' a student without enduring the punishment of adultery!
Exchange of poems, phone calls, hand touching, looks, words, all is done!
They dedicate to each other the romantic love lyrics and all the small things.**

All those things are forbidden because they are unlawful, disregarding the tradition of the Prophet, peace be upon him.

As for us our freedom is flawless. But still, there are not enough holders! May Allah bless us with the real guidance. We pray to Him and ask to show more people to the right path.

**A real Muslim will not feel restricted or suppressed.
A real Muslim will not go and break the rules when the life is wide enough for him/ her.**

Honesty is the heartbeat of a truthful Muslim. Love will then mean more abiding and following to be closer to Allah.

For an honest Muslim, being a writer does not mean to become famous or to just write all that goes on in one's mind.

**It does not mean to just write without a real purpose. A Muslim writer does not make it a priority to satisfy every whim without contemplating the consequences.
Other important matters occupy a Muslim writer's mind as his heart is rather busy with issues that gratify him.**

Freedom is just another word, its meaning differ according to the individual's culture and perspective. There will always be a certain amount of common thought.

There will always be however a disagreement among some contents.

The perception of the universe governs ones principle and interpretation of life meanings.

Love, peace, freedom, violence, right and humanity ...all are various concepts that differ in meaning according to the context.

Some pagans understood that:

Ghandi once said that correcting words is the first step to fixing ideas.

Despite of being non Muslim, what Ghandi had arrived at is a solid Qur'aanic truth.

Qura'an and sunnah agree that correcting terms will not allow Satan to play around with words.

Wrongdoing is rarely identified with the use of the right designating term, whether an individual or the whole nation are prompted by the devil to use a different term with no different connotation.

Allah the Al-Mighty talked about the worshipped items that are named by different other terms.

In sunnah, the drinker of wine in the last period of time is called by other names.

The wicked mischievous devil swears and pretends to be truthful.

Not all those who act as honest confident are as what they claim to be.

As in surah Al-A'raf, when the devil attempted to seduce Adam, our father peace be upon him, and swore to be honest and sincere.

It was then the forbidden tree was named the tree of eternity.

Wine is called 'source of joy'! Following ones desires is called 'average'

Recanting is called progress!

Obscenity is called art.

Whoever runs out on ones duties has become free and so on.

A true believer can tell the difference between freedom and unaccountability, the difference between being free and being irresponsible.

Understanding the true freedom is crucial.

It is needed for the good of the whole universe, not just for an individual Muslim.

When dubious concept of freedom is preached, the whole universe can get corrupted, the end will definitely be devastating.

The unreasonable thinkers were not convinced with what I believe.

Difference of opinions will remain between us.

Writers who are pro to evil writings will not appear as being indifferent towards freedom.

They are in disagreement regarding the entity of Allah. They however hide behind their liberal masks.

As for us, our freedom is for real, we enjoy it ultimately.

Our happiness is not limited to physical pleasures. We consider the consequences and our needed freedom is uniquely grand.

It creates self confidence so we can overcome obstacles without compromises.

Did you know about Bilal?

He experienced the utmost difficulties, smiled at the burning heat of the desert, disobeyed his non-believer master, he cried, "One God! One God!" and "the Creator of stones and trees...", "to whom my forehead touched the ground in worship..."

Is that what we call as freedom? It goes beyond the boundaries.

Did he not rebel against his master by challenging everything?

He endured the pain of endless physical torture.

The freedom of Islamic literature is within what Allah has stipulated.

For example, to fight against ignorance, to describe the universe, to provoke human thoughts, to enlighten with words and poetry, and to love the one with whom the relation is lawful and so as to praise and philander the spouse.

However words about ones spouse are not to arouse people's lust and desires about that spouse.

To praise the spouse and fly away with the feelings is fine within the allowed limits.

Let me say:

*See You My Love in
Paradise.....
Never ask about Fatimah!*

Let us share my thoughts....

I was in a night shift in an emergency unit, sitting with other physician listening to a radio talking about Fatimah Az-Zahra. Suddenly, the receptionist of the hospital pushed the door harshly and shouted Pascal! Pascal! ...Then he switched on the television and switched off the radio in excited way.

I thought there was a program on that particular French scientist of physics whom we once studied. While he was flipping the channels, I couldn't help wondering how did the receptionist majored in commerce, knew about such prominent physicist. So, I thought the program must then be interesting. But only to find out that he was seeking no more than obscene scenes. I realized that the 'Pascal' he meant was the naked dancer synonymous to the scientist. He stood there watching, almost drooling at such filth. He behaved like a mad dog, forgive me for saying so. His heart was beating fast, I almost felt it. His eyes were popping out! All those for such a cheap

amusement. Is such a pleasure favored over destiny? Can you see with your own sheer eyes?

These 'women' were a worse case than slaves in ancient history. Their bodies were not sold to one man as used to be the case with old civilizations! They were not holding up red flags as used to be done in the Hijaz desert prior to Islam. Their bodies then were sold to a one mean man for a Dinar or some food.

In our time, there are women displaying themselves for millions of people out in the public and not in the dark allies anymore. What could be more degrading? Is that an expression of freedom? Is putting out oneself disgracefully considered a generosity though it renders no self-respect at all? I turned my face around and left the room. The name was added to my sum of knowledge. Surely, it was not just any name... I was deeply indulged in my sadness thinking. How could a doctor who had spent seven years of study, who had lived a life of excellence, just degraded himself to such an extent? He looked behaving like a monkey furiously fighting a bug.

At the waiting area, I saw the nurse was sharing the same 'ceremony' but from a different television. Oh! well, I thought why should she be any different, so I decided to leave, unhappy and disturbed with all these scenes. It was a repulsive act, which displeases the Al-Mighty Allah.

I went into a different room of a person on call and there I went on listening to my radio program. Although I knew about the biography of Fatimah Az-Zahra', may Allah bless her soul, I still was intrigued to follow. The same receptionist repeated the same thing the following days. I just wasn't willing to share the bodies of some women with that person or others through that television or anything else as if we are a bunch of hyenas hovering over some dead donkey.

Yes, I kept going further distance to enjoy another type of program, full of enlightenment and feeling as though an angel might be blessing me with serenity amidst a flood of non-sense.

I am a normal guy. I love fun! I want to enjoy! I share laughter but I fight against the devilish desires. I am definite that we are not on a trip in this kind of life. It is an exam we are putting up against, with some breaks now and then. Pleasure, I believe, it has its own channels. Our religion is, thank to Allah, of no monkhood! And I fight away self weakness. At the middle of the night, I wrote something about Fatimah Az-Zahra'. I wanted to express myself and push away the smothering wrongdoing around me.

Please share with me... Perhaps we can go back to a method long forgotten in order to fly high in a world of hope!

[With Fatimah Az-Zahra'](#)

To meet in Heaven my dear,
my Ali,
to meet in Heaven,
don't cry dear,
days will pass by so fast...
and then you will come..
and we will meet there,

Where death...
Can never make us apart again...
Don't ask about Fatimah,
Who wouldn't love her?
Her pure scent..
Her youth...
She answered the call ..
From the Creator...

Yes,
She was immortal
High mannered,
But short life,
Yet amazingly enough!
She fulfilled her religious duties,

Fatimah,

A woman at the top of the world.

**We all love her,
Generation after generation,
Mothers loved her,
Daughters of her age,
The whole nation,
Respected her,
And everybody just loved Fatimah,
Whether they were righteous or not!**

**What greatness!
Behold the love of Allah to His creation,
How it spread and prevails!
Peace be upon you Fatimah,
A smile to all around her,
Tenderness,
Commitment were all her..**

**A good and loving wife,
A role model to all,
The best wife,
The best daughter,
I think you reached the Paradise ahead of me.**

Heaven is not usually guaranteed!

Who can be like you?

Pure hearted?

Rightful and committed,

The flower of my life,

Just thinking about you,

Brings a smile to my face!

We forget our sadness...

When we remember your joy...

You had the best of kinship,

The daughter of the Messenger of Allah...

For the whole nation

The Final Messenger,

The blessing,

Do you know him?

A leader,

A light,

A mercy,

**Still they say; "how can we then follow his
steps?"**

We're not of the same level?

**Allah asked all of you to follow the Prophet's
path,**

That's all!

You need not fast and not eat,

Nor pray all night and day,

Just obey your Messenger,

Don't be misguided.

What does 'following' really mean?

What is the use of light to be blind!

Let them be Fatimah,

**A fulfillment from Allah to whoever wishes to
believe...**

Fatimah,

Whose father is like no other man,

Sent from Allah,

Blessed with peace and prayers from the Al-

Mighty

And Chosen by Him

A unique father!

A great parent!

A great daughter!

She was a follower,

Obedient..

**A'isha also talked of how wonderful Fatimah
was,**

**She had the Prophet's walk,
His ways and beliefs were embodied by
Fatimah,
Who but you Fatimah,
Such an honoring life.**

**She was the daughter of Khadijah,
The Prophet's most beloved wife,
Whose Allah bestowed His blessings upon her..
Allah sent His Messenger Angel Jibreel to
Fatimah's mother, Khadijah
To tell her of the palace of pearls that awaits her
in the Heaven..**

**Who is like you Fatimah?
Our mother,
Our sister,
The beloved mother of all believers,
To love her is to follow her,
Just like butterflies follow the light,
Who is like you?
Your sons; Al-Hasan and Al-Hussein,**

**The best of youth,
Real men and high mannered.**

**How wonderful Fatimah is!
A woman whom Islam had done her just and
enlightened her.**

Who can be like you?

You were a daughter

**Who wholeheartedly felt for her father,
Lived with him through his hardship and
fights...**

You endured a lot..

**Till the message was completed and perfectly
delivered.**

**How can be there those who will not follow?
There are those who learn to know and realize
what should be done.**

Oh! Fatimah,

It was not your mistake,

People just disregarded the Message...

Even neglected the Qur'aan.

You...

**No one like you...
You are immortal
And example to all believing women.**

**Was Makkah your beginning?
Patience,
Pain,
Hope,
All, the meanings of Truth can be recognized
through you..**

**The Prophet's child, Khadijah's offspring,
Who is like you?
But still.... The girls are not following your
steps!
They just imitate other cheap personalities!
They are ashamed to follow you!
What a shame!
What a blindness!**

**Men who are only interested in indecent
women...
they will surely suffer the consequences... Oh!**

Who can be like you Fatimah,

**Names fade away while yours remain clearly
distinguished!
Sublime,
Dignified,
Ali bin Abi Taleb was your husband,
Anyone knows who is Ali?
A light shining forever,
The last of Caliph ar-Rashedeen,
A star whose antagonists were the misled!
The first little boy to become a believer in only
Allah.**

**The prophet and his wife loved him,
Caliph Omar loved him,
Do you know Omar?
The Farouq?
Omar's endearment towards someone is
indescribable!**

**He was a man cultured by Islam,
Only in our time,
The ill-mannered have become the idols!
A lost generation!
The media has become intoxicated!
Anyhow..**

**People are blinded to see the teachings of
Allah...**

Who can be like you Omar?

**A unique man,
a chosen man.**

Fatimah,

Through you alone,

The Prophet's legacy will live on,

Who can be like you?

Alas!

Others are made as leading examples

Who are ignorant of their own Holy Qur'aan.

**They are willing to take off decency and take off
their 'minds'!**

They don't realize how grave it is..

Fatimah,

You are at the top where Maryam is placed,

The pure,

The poised...

Don't be sad,

**They are bitter so they tasted the 'bitterness' of
honey!**

**Fatimah was the real role model,
They never saw it!
Her way of dressing was part of it but not all of
it..**

**Fatimah is the envy of those who live only by
their wishes..**

**They just don't see how virtuous she was,
I heard them,
They thought she was a loser..
They like low standards!
They are ignorant of history!
Why don't they learn from what the West has
suffered?**

**They don't see the flaws!
Their hearts are blinded!
They don't want the truth,
They believe human beings are made to live in
pigsties!**

They want ideal girls,

Incapable of appreciating Fatimah!

Don't be sad,

Only the worthy will follow,

Only the rabble will fall!

Imagine,

**I sometimes wish they can only know the worst
picture!**

**They are repelled by Musk and drawn by waste,
just like worms!!**

Let them be...

Fatimah,

We are with you, of you.

We enjoy our lawful pleasures,

We are extremely patient,

Who can be like you, let them be,

**You will have coming generations of righteous
believers..**

**And happiness will never be realized by the
disbelievers,**

Not any woman will be affected by them,

Life will go on,

They will suffer remorse,

**You are 'happiness',
'success',
'sublimity',
'content'...**

**She was happy,
Her husband was too,
The universe was happy also despite the
Exhaustion,
Patience,
In Paradise, we will meet Ali,**

**Oh! Fatimah,
You were never served,
Your hands were worn out of hard work,**

**It will be alright,
A matter of short time and we are on our way to
our Creator!
I will go on...,
We will meet in the Paradise,**

**Dear...
Fatimah got up there,
Right after the Prophet,**

The first to follow him among the family...

What an honor!

No time for this life,

No time for food or gossip,

No time to follow up new fashion of clothes,

Enough of this life of such pain..

You made it Fatimah!,

Blessed is the promise,

Paradise opened its doors everywhere!

Angels,

Birds,

Silk garments,

Rivers,

Drinking Vessels,

Pillows,

Gardens,

Palaces...

And you father calling,

Fatimah,

Zahraa' ,

Dear,

A part of me,

Come here,

We arrived at the end of the test!

This is the beginning!

This is the real life!

Everlasting joy!

Immortality!

Paradise!

A Permanent Home!

Eternity!

**Drink my sweet daughter,
Your father will not suffer anymore,
For here is the real blessing,
The glamour,
The beauty..
The river of al-Kauthar,
Drink dear..**

**Yes this is the Kauthar water,
Exactly as mentioned in the Qur'aan,**

Here are also pleasant scents...

**Just drink my love,
I will hand it to you with my own hand,
There is a river of honey,**

**Fortunate and blessed who will work for such
prizes,**

**There is a river of wine,
For those who patiently persevere..
There is the river of blessed yoghurt..**

Oh! Allah!

**There is also found a river of forever fresh
water,**

**They won't decoy like some human minds!
There is the palace of your beloved mother
Khadijah!**

There is your comfortable sofa!

Can you see your sons?

**They are with us,
Here in the Paradise,
High among its youth,
Loved by all,**

Here,

**All are decorous and pure,
Chosen as Allah wants,
There is the palace for those who benefit from
their knowledge,**

**Here is the place for the patients and diligent,
Who worked sincerely hard to win such a
prizes,
And whom Allah accepted and approved.**

**Father,
Will I live long enough to enjoy all that in
Heaven?**

**Dear,
Here,
There is no limit of lifetime,
No age set,
Only infinity,
Immortality...**

**Fatimah,
Here is your husband,
In the Palace a happy martyr,
He was always fully aware of his religion,
Never undermined an aspect!**

**Fatimah,
There is Zainab,
Your sister,
Embrace her...**

The second light of my daughters,
And your sister,
Ruqaiyah and Umm Kalthom,
All are pure..
And your grandmother Safiyah.

We are all here,
Once gathered back in that previous life for the
Message of Truth,
And we never ignored a word there,
Never feared but Allah,
So now,
We are gathered here in the Paradise by the
Light.

People are of two types,
Some got themselves in wrongdoing,
They spend their life in regret and gloominess!
Some others,
However are blessed, enjoying.
Paradise's palaces and sweet smell!

Fatimah,
There will be fruit and food never tasted before,
There in A'isha, your best friend too..

Allah has made it up for her in the Paradise,
For all the lies said about her in that life,
Do you wish to greet her?
One greeting here is 'salaam' a great wonderful
greeting!

Say with me Fatimah,
Thank Allah for granting us the promised
blessings,
And for the Paradise..
A place where we can have all we wish...
And our dreams come true,

Just like He promises in the Qur'aan,
Just like He saved us from Hell,
He will grant us His promise to look at His
Gracious
Face..

The shield will be lift up!
A shield of Light!

Come,
Let us go for such a meeting,
We are content,
By Allah we are content...

**We are gratified,
Please Allah,
Be pleased with us,**

**Yes!..
Today,
I bestow My Blessings Upon You...
I will never be displeased by any of you
anymore.... Forever.....**



When Men Stagger!!

Clouds are raining blood drops...

Clouds are raining blood drops...

Blood drops everywhere...

When the youth dance...

Please ponder these words;

I'm almost dying while writing!

Not because my soul is departing my body;

But as God as my witness;

Only due to anger and suppression!

The young; swinging and swaying with the video clip music, can they be compared to the young men from the story of People of the Cave (Ahli I-Kahf) as told by the Holy Quran?!!

There was a good reason for that story in the Quran!

It was a true story; it involved three types of people:

- 1. The Children Of Israel who committed tremendous errors;**
- 2. Those who aimed at leading the wrong doers to the right path; and**
- 3. Those who gave up hope on guiding others to the truth.**

Almost all of us know the details of that story...when Allah commanded that the painful punishment is to strike the non-believers; those who remained in relentless efforts to guide and advise people towards the rightful duties were spared the punishment.

Who then among us in today's nation giving advice against wrong doing?

Is the nation guilty or not?

Do we really believe that when some of us commit sins; then those who don't are not affected by that harm?

The punishment of this life and the one after affects the whole nation.

We are all in the same boat.

The terrible affliction will get us all alike.

The truthful should fully perform their duties of guiding, directing, advising people and to set a good example as to be free from wrongful mistakes on constant basis.

Hence, wrong doers will become an outcast category! Allah will save those who are righteous

and work on guiding people from His punishment.

In the interpretation of Surat Al-A'araf ; it is said that those who mix and co-exist with the wrong doers without any effort to change or reform, are doomed.

Allah has mercy on the soul of Al-Emad Shams Addin Abi Al-Fedaa Ismael Bin Katheer... He once uttered an enlightening wisdom that says:

He who eats, drinks, laughs with a disobedient and then leaves him/her without any guidance, undoubtedly they are both alike in sin.

Let it be known then that whosoever commits sins in his/her own house will affect the whole society.

Those who overlooked a moment of disobedience contributed to the sad situation of our nation today.

“It is but of your own deeds” Allah said..

The nation is going through dozens of sayings, deeds, intentions ... some are rightly guided but...!

Should there be a justification for such mishaps?

Why were we misjudged ...?

How come our countries are being invaded?

For hundred of years...

The reason of the defeat our nation suffers is due to all the disobedience and the year round sins... that is exactly our situation....

Sharon (Israeli Prime Minister) is imitated and then blamed alone for our mistakes.

People are used to “conventional” mistakes... They are used to traditional mistakes and sermons They are used to guilt and pain and misbelieving ...

They have become rather like Ahl Al-Kitab (Jews & Christians) who believed that they do not have to account for their sins.

The Quran said Ahl Al-Kitab believed that Hellfire will never touch them and that they are the chosen beloved children of God!

Whoever already believes in Hellfire should as a start, avoid the deeds that would lead to the Hell torture even if only for a split of a second.

Whoever loves Allah and believes in His oneness; should abstain from committing sins and hearts should be more attached to the Al-Mighty Creator.

However, whose feelings are oblivious towards Allah’s love and whose minds are frozen that they do not contemplate the wisdom of creation and can not have a stance towards that and who abandon the reading of Al-Quran and don’t know what truth is, those they are the deserving of Allah’s punishment....

Why is not there a group of good believers who can well advise and exert the needed efforts? Why isn’t there a whole generation whose youth

aim at a world size project? Where is the required reading and scrutinizing of the Holy Quran?

True faith begets right good deeds.

Why can't we accomplish such a goal?

Why isn't there a sincere avoidance of unlawful deeds? Is our hate of Sharon deeply true? Are we the sincere servants of Allah? Is Sharon the enemy? Is he violent because he kills our children and our women are raped by his men! We were touched so we gathered money for charity so houses can be built instead of those illegally demolished ... Just like Americans gather charity money to save victims of earthquakes and floods.

If we are weaker than to standstill and fight, what is left of our self respect then?

When will our sins stop as if we are fighting against Allah and His Prophet, Peace and prayers be upon him!

Our faith teaches us how Allah grants victory to the weaker among nations but if they deserve His love. We are the weakest.. are we loved by Allah?

Did we sincerely follow the steps of our Prophet? Is *the "sweet" taste of wrong doing* so hard to give up?

We keep on running after the glamour of material life wasting effort, money, time and everything... all is more agreeable than obeying Allah!! When

will we stop the blood shed of our women and children?

The crises need leadership taking tangible action, not slogans and empty words! We all know what is lawful and what is not. The old and the young... we all know the very long list of mistakes and misbehaviors we ought to stop! Day and night the individual and the whole nation started neglecting prayers and fell back behind other nations.

Disbeliefs, abominations and silly dreams will not help us to deal with real world problems.

In the Quran Allah reminds the believers saying “when will their hearts be fully submissive for Allah’s dhikr (glorification) and what He revealed of the truth and not be as those before them the Ahl Al-Kitab (Jews & Christians) who neglected their Holy Books for too long that their hearts became hard(cruel) and most of them are dissolute.

Did we misjudge Sharon? Is he the only reason for our misfortune? Is he the worst of devils? Does he really deserve all the hatred? Or we the real cause to be blamed?

“Whatever calamity falls upon you, it is of your own deeds”!! (Quran)

The Prophet’s companions taught us how to be fair toward the non-Moslems. One once said: the Roman Christians are known to be steadfast at the time of hardship.

The truth was uttered despite the conflict that was between the two parties.

Stemming from the same perspective, I might say that Sharon is a distinguished man! He does not waste his time watching ball games (soccer) neither does he allow his son (Omri) to sit for long hours on some internet trash.

Sharon has working action plans with a long list of endless duties...never does he spends his time on luxuries and love songs. He might take a short nap and he tolerates harsh criticism in order to achieve his goals! The only "fault" of Sharon is being a disbeliever. May be he dreams of heaven just as we do... forgive me, I meant to say that we are the ones who imitate him... we are the "followers" of Sharon but only in insignificant matters. We do not look up to his dedication and perseverance for instance.

Shall we recall Omar Bin Al-Khattab's saying: we don't overcome disbelievers by weapons but only with obedience. If we go against our God's creed, He won't offer us His help and thus we will be left fight alone in this unfair world...our nation is already suffering injustice. We consequently neither enjoyed this life nor did we abide by our Holy Quran!

Is there a chance we can come to our senses and repent before it is too late?

Is there hope that our nation would regain the status of advanced civilization that once it enjoyed with dignity and dedication to all its unique religious teachings?

Oh Allah!

You are our Creator. You will take our souls at the time of death. You have created all of us. Please Allah, purify myself as no one can do that but You. You alone are the Creator. You own me and my life and death. If You want to live, please Allah keep me safe as you keep all your believing human servants. If You intend to take my soul, please Allah, forgive me and bless me with mercy. You are the Most Merciful, the Most Gracious. Oh Allah! Grant us healthfulness in this life and in the Hereafter and sanity in our religion. Oh Allah! Grant us forgiveness in this life and in the Hereafter, and accept our righteous deeds. You Allah are our only God. Bless us to die as Moslems and grant us the company of all the good persons who died before us.

Finally, all thanks are due to Allah the Lord of the whole universe. Praise be to Allah, there is no god but Allah. Oh Allah! We ask Your forgiveness and please grant us repentance. Ameen!

Is this the end?

No

I want you to see the ideal example

We are not talking about false superman, we have a real superman!

Let us see one of them

His name is Ahmad

Who am I, if compare to Ahmad.....

Who was Ahmad?

Are you just a man like other men? Or like other false men?

Are you just a wise man, an old man who, lived and died.

Ahmad, my brother was not a normal man. He was a pioneer scholar, a champion, a miracle, exceptional, a unique one.

When good things in this life are mentioned, they are like a book

And we are the title of it.

Life is like a day time, a short period like the passing cloud, so live you within this short day in your life journey as a human.

His heart was not admiring the face of a female and dream to see her beloved woman as the start and the end and in any time.

And his chest was not shaking or vibrating by any pulse or earthquake other than the right. He has a thinking mind who, know where was the safe shore, the safe cost. So he

became a candle, a unique candle with no similarity in its brilliancy of light.

And he flied like a green bird who, gather Ahadith (the sayings of the Messenger and his history) from all flowery gardens. And wrote down all these good things to people who came after him, to us. He left his work, a compilation of 40,000 Ahadith, text, sayings and description of the life of our final Prophet, peace and prayers be upon him, in his encyclopedia. The texts were like paradise and pure rivers for those who request the best who seek the purest and perfumed news, without any copy rights or financial benefit.

He was married and got off springs. He also had a family, but he had a pure clear feelings and emotions, he had love for righteousness.

He hated bad and delusions. His offenders were who profess ignorance and live darkness. His life was a story, an advice, which tells us a real striving of a human being who carried out his duty in the depth of his heart, the purity of love to the Creator, as we imagine if Allah's willing. Allah knows best.

He could not keep silent or keep quiet. When the call for duty came, he replied. So the meanings flowed like pearls lightening the round earth regardless the hardships he faced.

Ahmad Ibn Hanbal is the man of the third century after the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him. All those who saw and witnessed him, agreed he was a trusted scholar, a good fearing Imam, head in patience and master in stability on principles.

Imam Ahmad was born in year 164 after Hijrah, in Baghdad. Baghdad is a capital recently occupied by

America, who is full of envy, destroyed its national library and burned all the historical books. They felt jealous as it was the light of the Prophet's Traditions. So they threw out its history and destroyed its ancient unique things and left it for thieves, after the 2003 military invasion, they looted its wealth and destroyed human habitats and killed millions of civilians.

Imam Ahmad died in the year 241 hijrah. His age was 40 years old when Imam As-Shafi'e died. May Allah bless them all.

As if Allah prepared him for the nation after Imam As-Shafi'e, at the age of 40, the strongest and full of wisdom age. As-Shafi'e was older than him by 14 years.

Ahmad was an Arabic heritage, from the family of Shayban. His grandfather was named Nezar Ibn Maad, who met the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him. So he was Ahmad Ibn Muhammad Ibn Hilal Ibn Asad, till Mazin Ibn Shayban.

He was an orphan when he was young and to be a big example when he is old. He became a proof against anyone who seek lame excuse by saying, "I am orphan (yateem), weak, poor, to live in weakness and laziness and negativity!!"

His loving mother, developed him with her unique tarbiyyah (upbringing) and she was the best mother, the best nurturer, teacher, the best respectable lady. She didn't wait for anyone to make the way for her as the way was brightened by her trust in Allah and her proactive intelligence. She was not a dreamer who saw life by admiring and missing a man, who rode an imaginary horse but she was moving in the dawn and lightening the nights by good remembrance of Allah and Qur'aan recitation.

The love of Allah was her leader while she was giving her orphan boy as a gift to Allah, to be His servant. Her supports and supplies were not money or materials as they were a poor family. She didn't have a dream to make a nice luxurious suit jacket for him like the mothers do nowadays.

Selling was for better than this. It was like a miracle as if a man who stood still in front of wild animals in the time of stress, without any hesitation being wavy or hazy or with scattered attentions of fears or desires.

His mother was a woman from the time of top people who didn't follow our way of upbringing and the same silly routine way of life and practices.

And she didn't exhaust herself in memorizing the alphabet of being equal to man and challenge men as we are created to compete and stuck head like sheep. She didn't seek to go out of her flat exposed, bare to be called a free woman.

And she didn't see taking care of kids as nothing as we do now when we require the women to give full time for kids and no career women. Should we push her to go out to work? As if she got no work at home or doing nothing.

She was working ...Look to her work and compare to our work. She gave us gifted Ahmad Ibn Hanbal.

And he came to lighten all the earth till this night. We are now benefiting from his books. He saved all Islamic Ahadith and Islamic Jurisprudence (fiqh) to make the religion reach to us pure. He bore the hunger, the strikes and the swords.

His mother was with him day by day making the next coming man the dawn of light, the brilliant shining sun....

And she didn't live like crazy women nowadays. She hoped to be superior and she did fly to the highest level, the best class of humans. She had the right to be happy as she saw Ahmad as a light on the earth. He talked about the Messenger peace and prayers upon him. When he talked in the mosque, all people became silent, concentrating to what he said and affected by miracles, from the text and the speaker and the man who he was talking about, the Prophet Muhammad peace and prayers be upon him.

Even when he was young, his behaviour clearly proved that how much blessing it was to have such a unique Muslim mother.

Abu Siraj Ibn Khuzayma tells: 'He was one of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal's friends when he was young in the Qur'an school inside a mosque. My father was amazed from the politeness and excellence of characters of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal.'

My father said, 'I spent lot of money for teaching and upbringing of my kids and hired the best teacher and they could not succeed to be good and here is Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, an orphan boy, poor, see how is he? He meant to say that he was very good although he was poor and had no father to guide and help.

A scholar Al-Haytham Ibn Jameel was amazed by the intelligence of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal, he said 'if this boy lives until old, he will be the strongest proof over all people in his century.'

Now the wonderful boy becomes older, he was here in the mosque, not even talking, just sitting quietly at the mosque and people were impressed by his characters, his look, piety, god fearing. People felt their hearts were full of faith when they looked at him. They felt calm when they saw his fine tears flowing to express the highest degree of faith.

Do you see any Muslim mother when she gave a Muslim generation!

May Allah bless her.

She endured poverty. She sacrificed and gave her youth to be free for her gifted son. She didn't live like most of the widows do with their remaining life of old hopes.

Ahmad didn't get marry till his mother died when he was 30 years, may be to take care of her.

The first thing was to implant the non fading flower, the Holy Book. His mother helped him to memorize the whole Qur'aan till they wore the crown of honour and Ahmad became 15 years old and started to drink from the pure river of the Prophet's Tradition and his sayings (Sunnah and Ahadith) in the teaching circles of scholars.

Ahmad had attended all the scholars in Baghdad. Then he decided to go all over the world to gather all sayings of the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him and verified all the sayings according to scientific basis to be sure that the chains were correct. So, he analyzed the grammar and the personality of the tellers until he confirmed the degree of all Ahadith either weak or strong or totally fabricated.

The time was passing ...

No matter how much effort was needed, no matter how cold the weather was, he was always traveling, listening, writing and analyzing.

For Allah we live, with love we fly, we drink the freshness of knowledge, the warmth come to us from the shivering of happiness.

Ahmad traveled to all places from Yemen to Syria, from Morocco to Iran, from Makkah to Madinah, over the mountains, even in places of last piece of Islamic land, where fighting was on with enemies. He did not want to leave any beautiful word or pious man. He wanted to see the evidence and learnt and gathered. All for the right, the right only, a brave decision to live as a champ ...a strong stand not influenced by desires and lust, by winds or laziness.

All people said Ahmad was good, MashaAllah, Allah knows best, we guess he was the best. He was not a dreamer, he left a materialistic proof, an Islamic encyclopedia. He became a leader of teaching.

Some of his teachers:

Imam Ali Ibn Mujahid

Ahmad met him in year 182Hijrah

Imam Jarir Ibn Abdal Hameed

In 186 Hijrah, he traveled to Basra, a city in Iraq then to Kufah city, then he was infected by a disease and had fever, so he returned back to Baghdad. Even though he was sick, he didn't stop learning and never said 'enough in seeking knowledge as I already learned enough knowledge to be the scholar of Baghdad.' He traveled to Basra city five times! His trips were to learn and to listen and not for trading or other purposes or to look around.

During the reign of Khalifa Haron Al-Rasheed, he was trapped in a flood which made him unable to travel. This

was the only period which, he stopped traveling, a reasonable excuse! This was an accepted excuse.

Ahmad Ibn Hanbal met Imam Shafi'e in Makkah, and he realized how wonderful the man was and learned from him. Both got the benefit as later, Ahmad transferred his knowledge in hadith to Shafi'e and learned from him a detail basis of Islamic Jurisprudence (fiqh), learned how to conclude and pick up the meaning and the aim from the texts of Qur'aan and Prophet's Tradition (Sunnah).

Ahmad said: I did supplication for Shafi'e every night all over the last 40 years. Ahmad also said, 'Allah send every 100 years someone who refreshes faith and knowledge in the hearts of people to serve the religion of Islam as the best one and Omar Ibn Abdul Azeez was in the 2nd century. I hope Shafi'e is the one of the third.

Shafi'e chose Ahmad as the best candidate to be judge in Yemen but Ahmad refused by saying, 'I am here to learn from you.' He was not seeking to be in a big position with big salary.

Shafi'e said, I left Baghdad and no one there more knowledgeable or better than Ahmad Ibn Hanbal. Ahmad became the proof of love of a worshipper. If anyone criticized Ahmad, you have to know that he will be left without cover. (He meant to say, punishment from Allah will come to him if he criticized Ahmad as Ahmad is the symbol of the Prophet's Tradition (sunnah).

Ahmad never had the chance to meet Imam Malek. He said, 'I couldn't meet Imam Malek but Allah compensates and allow me to meet Imam Sufyan Ibn Uyaynah.'

Look! He was not feeling sad because he lost his money or life but he felt sad as he missed one scholar. He didn't just take it for granted and tried to forget.

See this teaching tarbiyyah....

Imam Shafi'e said to Imam Ahmad, '..you are more professional in hadith, so whenever you find the correct saying of the Prophet, tell me whether it comes from Syria or Yemen.'

Abdal Wahab Al-Waraq said, "I didn't see anyone like Ahmad Ibn Hanbal. He was asked all over his life 60,000 topics and always replied with details and proofs telling who and when and where."

A scholar named Abu Zuraa said, Ahmad was examined and I reviewed him. He memorized 700,000 Ahadith .

See...! His memory and blessings!

Abdullah the son of Ahmad said, my father always finished reading the whole Qur'aan twice a week. He read once at day time and once at night time!

Ahmad went to Yemen to see a scholar named Abdur Razzaq. He tried to help Ahmad by giving him some money but Ahmad refused and worked in Yemen for a while to cover the costs of his trip.

Ahmad also met a scholar named Abdullah Ibn Al Mubarak. He was one of the best scholars at this time and the scholar tried to help Ahmad by some money and again Ahmad refused and said, "I am here with you for your knowledge and not for your money."

Ahmad performed pilgrimage 5 times in his life. Three times he did by walking because he got no money to buy camel or horse!

See.... how much activity and strength!

Read your history!

One of the scholars who taught Ahmad was Sulayman Ibn Harb in the year 194 Hijrah. Another scholar was Abu Bar Ibn Ayyash, who was a champion in knowledge.

Ahmad also listened the sayings of the Prophet from women! She was a female scholar named Um Umar bint Hasan bin Zayd Ath-Thaqafi. So our religion never inhibited the women from being a scholar.

His friends asked him, "You are now an Imam, till when you want to keep searching and studying? And until when you will be with ink?" He replied, "I am with ink till the grave."

In Makkah, he lost his things and he didn't care of anything other than to find his papers which he wrote some sayings of the Prophet on. He did not feel bored with the test from Allah and he cared only for the everlasting rose, the papers which he compiled all the sayings of the Prophet until he found them.

AHMAD always smiled to people. He used to walk behind people and even during Qur'an recitation. He will avoid from sitting in front not to show off to people of his abilities.

Imam Ahmad lived in the period which was full of innovation. He was a defender of Sunnah. He confronted Khalifah al-Ma'mun, who was following innovation. He was in delusions of Greece philosophy and a student of Abu Lahuzayl, an innovator teacher, who had corrupted the meanings of Qur'aan. This innovator said the Qur'aan was not the word of Allah, spoken by Allah but it was just Allah's creation (makhluk) or created words of Allah. This was like the first step to corrupt the Islamic creed.

Ahmad and all scholars who followed strongly the Prophet's Tradition rejected these crazy words.

An innovator Minister called Ahmad Ibn Abi Zu'aad

The Khalifah tried to force the scholars to agree with the new opinion, to say that the Qur'aan was created words and not the words of Allah. He deprived any donation from the government to those who rejected this new creed made by the innovators. He ordered all scholars who rejected the new creed to be captured and put in jail. They were forced to agree with this innovation or be killed. Imam Ahmad was one of them. Some died on the way of this painful and terrifying period. One of them was Imam Muhammad Ibn Noh Al-Aji, who fell sick and died. Some changed their opinions because of fear.

People said to Ahmad, "The leader (Al-Ma'mun) swore to kill you if you don't agree with his opinion ...!"

But Ahmad refused to change his principles and accepted the pressure rather than to leave the right way. While Ahmad was taken by the soldiers to the leader to be tortured he, knelt down and did supplication asking Allah to rescue him, to save him from this....

The reply from ALLAH came so fast and the leader died before Ahmad reached the city of Tarsooss! But Allah wants the test to occur for certain wisdom, probably to raise the degree of some people and increase the punishment of others.

AHMAD returned back to the prison till the second leader had stability in his position. Then started again to see the strong scholar who refuse to change his principles.

While Ahmad was taken to be tortured, on the way he met an Arabic poet named, Jabir. He said to him, "Don't worry, don't bother, just you will be killed for the sake of Allah, then will go to Paradise!

Imam Ahmad said, "His word supported me a lot...."

Then the new leader Khalifah Al-Mu'taseem asked to bring Ahmad to him. Ahmad was tied with chains and the leader was surrounded by many innovators mainly the head of innovator named, IBN ABI ZUAD who envied Imam Ahmad as he was the most knowledgeable and beloved Imam among them.

Ahmad was clear and refused to agree with them and kept on saying, "The Qur'aan is the words of Allah, the speech of Allah, the knowledge of Allah, and anyone says knowledge of Allah is created this means he is a non-Muslim!"

The leader asked the innovators to discuss with Ahmad in his presence. Those who attended said, "The leader was about to return to the right view as Ahmad was strong and persuading, but the evil took him to the wrong way again and he tried to implement a different kind of pressure on Ahmad by saying, "I will give you all money you want!"

Ahmad said, "Show me something from the Qur'aan to support me to say as what you want!"

He meant to say, give him the proof and he was not a cheap man to corrupt the religion for some money.

Then the other period of suffering started, imprisonment and torturing, a long time under this stress, all day striking, till he entered in the syncope.

Many students visited him in prison and asked him to change his opinion to save himself from this and he realized that his stand on the right principle and strength were the victory of right and he asked his students to see how many thousands of people fell in delusion and darkness. If he 'the symbol of right', changed and followed the innovators, this will not end the innovation, it will be the starting point of corruption of Islam and deviation of all

meanings, one after another same like the Christianity and Judaism.

Ahmad chose to be the champion, the soldier of Allah, the one who sacrificed to preserve the right view.

There was someone who was famous to be a worshipper and pious than to be knowledgeable who supported Ahmad. His name was Bishar Ibn Al-Harith Alhafee. The existence of Bishar had no effect to people and he was not feared by the leader. The leader feared to accept any criticism if he put him into the prison too. Bishar always said in front of the palace between people, "how ugly my legs were as no chains around them to be with Ahmad, sharing and defending the right!" By such stability, sensitivity and strength during the duration cultivated a deep meaning until the flower of fear to Allah (taqwa) and this pious behaviour planted deeply in the hearts of faithful people when they saw Ahmad stabled and strong.

At the same time, there was another Imam named, Na'em Ibn Hammad Al-Khoza'ie. He was also a scholar of Ahadith in Egypt, who also refused to agree with the principles of bad sects. He died in the prison without tolerating with any wrong principle.

Another one named, Imam Al-Boyadee, a scholar of Islamic Jurisprudence (fiqh), who died on the way while taken to the prison.

There was other famous scholar who was also strong with his principles and the leader was afraid to touch him as he was very old. The leader was afraid that he might die in the prison. He was not tortured or being imprisonment but only threatened. He was Abu Na'im Al-Fadl Ibn Zukayn. He was one of the teachers of Hadith in the city of Kufah. He was also one of Imam Al-Bukhary teachers. He was over 70 years old at this time. The leader only succeeded to threaten him and said I will cut of the salary which comes

to you from 'bayt al-Mal' (A centre which, collect monies to be distributed to eligible people).

Then Abu Na'im torn one piece of his cloth and put between his two fingers, then threw it to the leader!

And he said, "Your life, wealth and salary and all palaces are cheaper to my eyes than this piece of cloth! The reply of the scholar was practical.

But the leader feared to give any harsh reaction as the man was very old, very wise and very famous.

Ahmad started to teach people inside the prison and guided them to the light. After they knew this, the bad head of innovators, Ibn Abi Zuaad gave an order to transfer Ahmad in a special separate prison with more harsh soldiers.

Ahmad was patient in spite of all these as Allah ordered to be patient in such situations. When he was tested for 2 years in the prison, people started to have a revolution against the leader. They forced him to put the 'Champ' out of the prison. All scholars stood in front of the house of the leader saying, "Our master is beaten! Our master is beaten!"

The leader couldn't continue to imprison Ahmad and he was set free.

Some sources of Islamic history said that the leader felt regression after this and he sent a messenger daily to Ahmad's home to ensure that Ahmad was fine and healthy. He tried to compensate what had happened to him in the past.

The leader died and another one came for short period and died then came another Khalifah named, Al-Mutawakkel

who was a pious leader and following the Prophet's Tradition and he put all the tyrants into the prison!

In the year 230 of Hijrah, this pious leader asked Ahmad to be the Prime Minister and to manage and control everything and to remove all bad government servants from their positions.

Imam Ahmad said, Al-Mutawakkel in his family is similar to Umar Ibn Abdel Aziz in his family. Al-Mutawakkel tried to give money to Imam Ahmad but he refused to take it politely. This was the end of the test and because of this, people admired Imam Ahmad more and more.

Some scholars met Ahmad in the street while he was carrying books and his papers moving from town to town. He asked Ahmad, "Oh! Imam, sometimes you travel here to Kufah, then to Basrah city, all seeking knowledge! Until when? Is it not enough to write 30,000 Ahadith?" (sayings of messenger peace be upon him and its narrators and verification of the historical event and meanings)

Ahmad kept silent! The scholar asked, "60,000?"

Ahmad was still silent. Then Ahmad said 100,000. If 100,000 this means he started to know something. Then the scholar and his friends asked Ahmad to see his writings and gatherings. They found 300,000 Ahadith.

Imam Abu Ya'ala said Ahmad was a leader in grace and humility. He refused life leisure, money and gifts, big positions in the government and he always replied any trial to change him by saying, "life is just for a few days!"

When Ahmad died, the cloth which should cover him in the grave was sent as a gift from the leader's home, but it was returned back. The uncle of Ahmad said to the carrier, "Ahmad didn't allow my servant to make aeration for him when he was sick as he was afraid I might have taken it

from the leader!” This means, so how can you imagine he will be comfortable in his grave by taking cloth from you!

This was Ahmad who was competing to reach the highest degree.

Scholar Ali Ibn Al-Madiny who was a teacher of Al-Bukhary said, “Allah supported this religion by two men, Abu Bakr in the period of Redda and Ahmad Ibn Hanbal in the period of test” (Trial, tribulation to deviate the nation to corrupted creed).

He also said, a scholar named Sadaqa Al-Maqabery said, I saw a vision, the Messenger peace be upon him was holding the hand of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal and walking while I was trying to reach them but failed! Then I awaked from sleep and listened to the calling of prayer then I found the Imam was in the mosque. At this time, Ahmad and I prayed. Since then, if any question comes to me, I will say, “Go to that Imam!”

Even after his death people still respected him. Some one was trying to criticize the friends of Ahmad in front of Khalifah Al-Mutawakkel, then the leader replied, “Never try to make me hate them, this man and his companions are from masters of the nation, of Muhammad, peace and prayers be upon him.”

Ahmad died in the month of Rabi’ul Akheer in the year of 241Hijrah when he was 77 years old.

The leader attended his funeral and considered his attendance of such funeral as a gift from Allah. He said to one of his companion named, Muhammad Ibn Tahir, how wonderful your chance, you are praying the janaza(dead body) of the late Ahmad!

The encyclopedia of Ahmad Ibn Hanbal was his famous series of books, Al-Musnad, gathering 40,000 Ahadith which, he chose from all his life journey.

He collected them in a strict and valuable way and checked them twice while he traveled all over the world twice to collect and analyze the history and personality of each man who related the sayings of the Prophets. He analyze their personal behaviour, attitude, honesty and whether they had strong memory or not. So the analysis of Ahmad was very scientific, to ensure that he didn't choose any wrong man to collect the Ahadith from.

The son of Imam Ahmad named Abdullah, collected the book and gathered from all the papers belonging to his wonderful father. Abdullah the son of Imam Ahmad was wonderful like the father also. He rearranged all the Ahadith and classified them according to the name of the companions of the Prophet (peace and prayer be upon him). So each volume gathered all the sayings of the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him which transferred to us through Abu Bakar As-Siddiq, then transferred through Umar etc.

Can you imagine how hard it was? To gather thousands of sayings and classified them without using any computer or without using even nice papers and electric, no light or fast writing equipments.

So, sleepy will not gain the highest reward....dreams are the bad life of men.....

Ahmad also made a book called An-Nasikh wa Al-Mansookh (describing the chronological order of some rules to show which was the last editions.

Ahmad said one day, if you want Allah to be always as you love, be as he loves.

Many scholars were among the students of Imam Ahmad and they were numerous! Even some of his teachers returned to him as students to listen from this knowledgeable man who exceeded them in knowledge. They are Abdur Razzaq, Ibn Hamaam As- Sanaany, Ismael Ibn Olayaa, Wakee'a Ibn Al-Jarrah, Ali Ibn Al-Madini.

The son of Ahmad also became his good students and others such Bukhary, Tarmidhi and Ishaq may Allah bless them all. Some female students also attended his teachings and transferred his knowledge to us. They were Husn, she was Imam Ahmad's servant, Khadijah Um Muhammad, Rayhana his cousin sister and Abbasa bint Al-Fadl.

The history books said that many Jews and Christians were affected and became Muslims after seeing the late Imam Ahmad. Many nice visions were seen about him pointing to the good reward. We ask Allah to forgive this Imam and reward him the Paradise. Ameen.

Shall we recall Omar Bin Al-Khattab's saying: we don't overcome disbelievers by weapons but only with obedience! If we go against our God's creed, He won't offer us His help and thus we will be left fight alone in this unfair world...our nation is already suffering injustice. Consequently, we neither enjoy this life nor did we abide by the Holy Quran!

Is it possible, we can come to our senses and realize our role and responsibility and repent before it is too late??!

Is there hope that our nation would regain the status of civilization it once enjoyed with dignity by committing to all its unique religious teachings?

Oh Allah!

You have created us. You will take our souls at the time of death. You created our selves. Please Allah, purify ourselves as no other can do that except You. You alone are the Creator. You own me and my life and death. If You intend for me to go on living, please Allah keep me safe as you keep all your believing human servants. If You intend to take my soul, please Allah, forgive me and bless me with mercy. You are the Most Merciful, the Most Gracious. Oh Allah! Grant us healthfulness in this life and in the Hereafter and sanity in our religion. Oh Allah! Grant us forgiveness in this life and in the Hereafter, and accept our deeds. You Allah are our only God.

Bless us to die as Moslems and grant us the company of all the good persons who died before us.

Finally, all thanks are due to Allah the Lord of the whole universe. Praise be to Allah, there is no god but Allah. Oh Allah! We ask Your forgiveness and please grant us repentance. Ameen!

What will be explained... who Abu Haneefa was!

Abu Haneefa .. a story of a unique man

“Cup of Knowledge never wound the lips”

By Dr. Islam Al-Mazeny

He is a man whom people call as the greatest imam and this name which people give to him was not just a name which came from false magnifying. He really deserved the name.

And this never meant he was refuge from mistakes or he was infallible but shows us how his position was between scholars and how great he was.

' I saw Abu Haneefa day by day... '

He became more intelligent and better person.

He said the right and chose the best whenever the people in delusions said delusion theories and fabricated words. '

Poem by Abdullah Ibn Al-Mubarak, may Allah bestow His mercy upon him.

رأيت أبا حنيفة كل يوم ** يزيد نباهة و يزيد خيرا
و ينطق بالصواب و يصطفيه ** إذا ماقال أهل الجور جورا

His father named Thabit came from Persian land to Kufah, the old famous big city in Iraq. He worked in trading as all the families were, lived in good financial status.

His Persian heritage didn't affect his position in society or put him down as he was not an Arab because the great Islamic always put the good worker and the brave positive one as first and give

honor to the one who fear Allah most, the pious one.

Islam was not a family system which classify people into social classes according to their family state and was not a foolish arrogant system built on earth ties like the system before such as Magna Carta, the foreign document which British people made to give full human rights to all humans without discrimination there was the Islamic document that is the verse from Allah the most honorable, the most gifted, the most beloved by your Lord, the highest degree in the calculation of your Lord is the most pious one.

May Allah bestow His mercy to the wonderful non-Arab Muslims, who became more fluent and more knowledgeable than the Arabs. The Arabs loved him more than themselves as if it was the true right prediction which the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him said in his saying; if knowledge is as far as the sun, some people from Persian land will take it!

He deserved to be one of the top four great Imam as the famous poem says,

*** And Abu Haneefa the Imam and Malek, plus Shafi'ee and the strong Ahmad***

و أبي حنيفة الإمام و مالك ** و الشافعي و أحمد المتمنع

His father lived in Kufah a city in Iraq and Allah gave him an intelligent son whose name was Abu Haneefah and his real name was An-Nu'maan.

He was born in the year 80 Hijri. He worked in cloth trading like his father and he continued this good work along his life.

He said a nice word representing his wisdom and honor about work and money earning from permissible sources (the best money is that you

gain from permissible source and the best and most delicious food is that which you gain from your hand work).

So, the heart of this young man was not consumed in young men's imaginations and desires or drunken in laughters and jokes all life and he didn't live a long sleep which is a 60 year duration like some people! He had a big aim and a great dream. Let us stand here with this truthful; telling an amazing story.

One day a female came to him to sell a piece of cloth to him and he asked her how much you sell, she said 100. He replied, it is better than 100. (He is the one who say to her as a hint to raise the price. He was not grasping the chance as an intelligent business man). Then she said 200, he replied no it worth more, and again till she said 400. Then she said you are taking me as a joke!! Then he went for a moment and came with a man from the market who bought from her the cloth with 500!

And he didn't take any commission!! See! A life story with musk colour and odour....

His life was not a game, win and loose, to live up and down, jump or fall, like any business man.

One day he gave his trading partner a piece of cloth, which had some defects in manufacturing and he asked his partner to inform the buyer about this before selling it, but the man forgot to tell and he couldn't find the one who bought it to ask forgiveness and to return part of the money back as it should be cheaper of course, then when he told Abu Haneefa what had happened, Abu Haneefa gave away all the money as charity!

Arabic Poem

فى الزهد أحمد و النباهة مالك ** و أبى حنيفة و الأغر
الهاشمى

' In humbleness is Ahmad, and in intelligence are Malek and Abu Haneefa and the brilliant Hashimi ' (Imam As-Shafi'e as he was from the family of Hashim same family of our messenger peace be upon him).

Abu Haneefa had the habit of gathering his income from the profit of trading and spending them by buying all the needs of his students and scholars, (free scholarships), food, clothes, and others. He then gave everyone some money and said to them, "Spend in your needs and don't praise other than Allah. (In other words, don't thank me) as I don't give you from my own money but it is from the blessing which Allah has bestowed upon me and you!!!"

So, he will share the reward with them in all good knowledge which they preached like pearls among the nation and share with the people who got the knowledge as the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him said, 'any one who invite people to do good will have similar reward like those who follow him without deducting from them anything and anyone who call for bad thing will have the same punishment, same like the followers without deducting from their account any sin.'

So, Abu Haneefa was not just a volunteer teacher, whom people inherit from him a wonderful tradition which he learned. He was also an active generous donor who was always donating and contributing to spread the light of Allah.

And he mentioned the reasons for choosing the way of knowledge in shari'ah, fiqh, he said: "I found this science however you deal with it or go deeper in it or give it more thinking and revising, it

becomes more wonderful and great, and your religious duties can't be done properly without it.'

The teachers of Abu Haneefa were the pioneer scholars, the heads of this nation, who left the golden knowledge for us.

Imam Zahabi said in his book named 'Reminder for those who memorize'

Abu Haneefa got knowlege from Ataa, Nafea, Abdurrahman Ibn Hurmuz, Salama Ibn Kuhail, Abu Gaffer Muhammad Ibn Ali, Qatada, Amr Ibn Deenar, Abu Ishak and many others!

And in the book named Al-'Ibar (It means the events which leave mark inside the heart which give us wisdom)

He said, Abu Haneefa, learned from Ataa Ibn Rabah and got the knowledge of Islamic Jurisprudence from Hammad.

So Abu Haneefa was like the other scholars but careful to learn the sayings of the Messenger may peace and prayers be upon him, and did ijtihaad. (use mind to conclude the rules which are not listed to understanding of the general base and principle of Shari'a and searching for similar cases or near to such cases) to know what is the right rule in any matter which face by people in their life, what is the correct opinion which pleases Allah)

And we have to know that we shouldn't imitate him or any imam if we find anything contradictory to the saying of the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him as Abu Haneefa and all imams, all Islamic scholars are real truth seekers who were always seeking the truth but none of them collected all the sayings of the Prophet, at the time, it was hard to gather all Prophet's traditions. So they always warned anyone who followed them

from leaving the sayings of the Prophets. If anyone discovered any sayings of the Prophets which were against with what they said and can produce clear texts in their books, they said, 'don't imitate us if you find other tangible proof.'

As they knew one day all Prophet's traditions will be gathered and verified and checked to remove any fabricated story through careful historical and language searching and analysis of all texts transferred to us to see which are really stated by the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him and which are not.

And here are examples of what they said,

Abu Haneefa said, 'If you found a correct sayings of the Prophets, take it as my opinion. (He meant to say, leave what he said and apply that opinion) and it is not permissible (halal) for anyone to render opinion from my books unless he knows the authentic reference (the proof from the Scripture and the Tradition or general agreement by all scholars on certain matter).

Imam Malek says,

I am just a human being, sometimes I don't reach to the truth and sometimes I do. So look to what I have said and whatever the Qur'aan and the Tradition say, take it and whatever the case do not leave them.

Imam Shafi'e said,

If you found in my book anything contradictory to the the Prophet's Tradition (way of messenger peace and prayers be upon him) then say what is right and leave what I said. Then follow it and don't look to opinion of anyone else.

Imam Ahmad said,

Anyone who reject the saying of the Messenger peace and prayers be upon him, this means he is about to fall in hell and loose guidance totally. Don't imitate me and don't imitate Malek. Don't imitate Shafi'ee neither imitate Awza'ee and take from the same source which they took them from (He means to say follow the proof of the original and pure teachings of the Prophets which they follow and don't follow their words and take it as sacred words as they are just humans who tried to reach to the truth).

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So, we are just taking what they think is right and not pointing to who is right. Please look through the books of this imam, you will find these meanings which filled his vessels and lived in his heart and he gave to his students after he received from his pioneer fathers the scholars.

Come to see the practical life, which is a good example to show you the written meanings as a living human who only fear Allah!

One day the leader of all nation called Al-Mansour (the one who get victory from Allah) sent to Abu Haneefa many jewelries, money and gifts but Abu Haneefa refused to accept the gift. The leader said how could you reject my gift, my present, my reward to you?! Then Abu Haneefa said: If you give me from your own money which you earned

from your hand work or permissible source I would accept, but if you give me the money which you got from the public, I have no right to accept it!

Just imagine how strong he was for not fearing the punishment.

One day, there was a problem between the leader and his wife because he was unfair between her and another wife and the wife made a complaint asking for justice. The leader ask his wife, “Whom do you choose and agree to be judge between me and you as a fair judge whom you feel satisfied with his mind and faith, to judge as a sincere man!” She said, “Abu Haneefa the scholar, the Imam!”

Then the leader agreed. Then he called Abu Haneefa and said to him, 'my wife is complaining and angry, give me my right from her!'

Abu Haneefa said, 'let our leader speak.'

Al-Mansour asked, 'how many female am I allowed to marry?'

Abu Haneefa answered, 'four!'

Then Al-Mansour said to his wife, “Do you hear that?”

Then Abu Haneefa said, “Oh! The leader of the faithful, Allah gave this permission only for those who are just, so if anyone who was unjust or afraid that he can't do justice, he has to marry only one!”

As Allah said, if you are afraid you will not do justice, then marry one.

: {فَإِنْ خِفْتُمْ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا فَوَاحِدَةً} [النساء: ٣]،

So, we have to be polite with Allah and obey his orders and follow his wisdom and His reminder.

Then the leader Al-Mansour kept silent for a long time!

And Abu Haneefa stood up and went back. Later on, the wife of Al-Mansour sent to Abu Haneefa's home some clothes and money as a reward! Abu Haneefa rejected and said, 'Reveal my greetings to her and tell her I defended my religion and stood in this situation and risk for the sake of Allah, and I didn't do this to be favourable to anyone or to please any human. Or to seek any benefit from this world.

Did you see!

His night was not a heavy long waiting for a gift or a prize except from his Creator of the universe. It was not a hard matter for him to say the right, his heart was not exhausted by many wishes and desires, was not scattered between life and other life, was not suffering and tired from being searching for middle solutions!

Abu Haneefa was a lifelong learner from the famous scholar Hammad Ibn Abu Sulayman to learn Islamic Jurisprudence (fiqh), and he accompanied them till he died, Abu Haneefa started this companionship when he was 22 years old for 18 years with this Imam Hammad.

He says: 'I accompanied him for ten years. Then I felt my internal desire whispering to be Imam like him, to be a professor and to make my own class and teach and be a leader in science. One day, I went out of my home aiming to do this to start sitting alone in the mosque and teach, as an independent teacher. But I couldn't do it, I felt it is wrong feeling, and my heart couldn't obey me to be isolated from him! and I sit with him normally, then suddenly at this night while we are sitting together, some one came telling him regarding the

lost of one relative, had passed away then my professor decided to go to the village where his relative was living to attend the funeral. He left me alone in the mosque instead of him as an alternative or temporary teacher to give replies to people until his return. Then some people came and started asking me on Islamic topics regarding the Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh). There are many question in these topics which I never heard from him, so I just gave the reply according to my own understanding and writing down in my notes what I said, then when he came, I told him my replies and they were about 60 issues altogether and he agreed with me only in 40 issues and said I did a mistake in 20 issues.

So I decided at this moment not to leave him till he dies!

And this was what I did

We can see how much he is truthful, honest and humble. He never seeks to be a leader and fabricated any reply or opinion (fatwa) just to be known as a wiser one. He was not a dreamer to be a famous one regardless the standard of knowledge he got, he was careful for this responsibility. The value was warm inside his heart and his breath was a practical applying for these principles. He was keeping the roses of the best dream, to satisfy Allah, always fresh and flowery.

The only point on which he can be criticized is his opinion on Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh), Hanafi School of thoughts.

Firstly, he expanded the suggestive way for any problem which did not occur yet by imagining any situation then started to find the solution for it. This was not so favourable to give any opinion like

this. Supposed we only dealt with the real situation which was happening as every situation has its own reasoning which brain could not comprehend or cover totally by prediction and assumption.

Secondly, the work of gathering the sayings of the Prophet were in progress at his time and completed after his time. Therefore, he missed some sayings of the Prophet, as he was not collecting all the Ahadith like Imam Ahmad and also he put additional condition to accept only famous hadith as permissible. Therefore, he didn't accept some hadith because in his opinion they have to be very famous to be accepted.

Abu Haneefa with Abu Hubayra!

Abu Hubayra was the leader of the city of Kufah and he was a tough leader, unfair and people started to make small revolution. He gathered all the scholars to give everyone of them certain big positions in the government system to support him and be his followers. By having scholars with him in the leadership team may polish his policy and gave brilliant appearance. So people will just keep quiet and felt it was wrong to be against such government. All the scholars accepted and he also asked Abu Haneefa to accept the post as general supervisor! But Abu Haneefa refused!

And he said, "If he gave me job just to count the doors only, I will not do!"

So Abu Haneefa was not among those who joined when the leader gave them positions. His soul found its happiness in different things so he didn't see positions as flowers and gardens and rivers, as a dream. He saw them as a heavy responsibility which, collaborate with mistakes and at the same

time he had to keep silent without criticizing the mistake of leaders.

The leader did not like Abu Haneefa to reject his offer and he threatened him. If Abu Haneefa refused, he will order his servants to strike him and put him into the prison as a punishment but Abu Haneefa was stable and strong and said, 'I will not share this unjust ruling system! I will not be used as a cover for your exploitation!'

Abu Haneefa lost consciousness under the stress of difficulties. But he was still strong.

One day Abu Haneefa was in the Khaleefa's place and people said to the Khaleefa, Al-Mansoor, "This man, Abu Haneefa is the scholar of the universe nowadays." Then Al-Mansoor asked Abu Haneefa from where you got your knowledge? Abu Haneefa said, "From the companions of the companions of the Prophet may peace be upon him, Abdullah Ibn Abbas and Abdullah Ibn Masoud and Abdullah ibn Omar Ibn Al-Khattab!

Then Al-Mansoor said, so you make the precautions for yourself!

Al-Mansoor meant to say that he had no doubt or hesitation in such knowledge! And no one could criticize him.

We can see how wonderful this knowledge which came from the companions of the Prophet, peace and prayers be upon him, from the angel Jibreel and from Allah!

Oh....Dear readers.

Those people were not other creations.

They were just human beings whom we can follow in opinion and role play and imitate their hard work and strive.

They were not spending their life in front of television, dreaming to achieve their personal wishes ...

They had nothing to disturb their mind from things which are exaggerated in our century being over conscious about health, money making, personal future, being famous, wasting time on entertainment, music, chatting, football, playing, fashion and leisure.

Oh! ...how painful ..

Let us go back to those beautiful days, enriched by the people of that age.

The people of the city Mawsel have a revolution against Al-Mansoor. He gathered the scholars saying: we know the conditions have to be fulfilled and those people in this city have promised me that if they have any troubles against me I am free to kill them! Some said you have the right to do but you are merciful!

Then Abu Haneefa said!

This condition is wrong! No one have the right to give his life as a promise, no one owe his life. Life can't be ended except by order of the Creator! And you don't have the permission from the Creator to kill them. It is forbidden and Allah must be obeyed! And not your deal.

Then Al-Mansoor, asked all people to go out except Abu Haneefa and said to him, "You are right!!!"

Didn't you see?

The man was sensitive and living by the heart of As-Shaheed (expecting to be killed from Al-Mansoor as the price for his sacrifice to say the right and defend justice) but he lived like this, he

prepared himself for this as he didn't forget the other life. He didn't have a confused conscience.

He didn't give his heart to be possessed by evil whisper to live and had a colony of devils inside to lead him to deviation.

Books of Abu Haneefa :

In this century many innovators appeared and they corrupted the Islamic view by their false proofs and bad philosophical opinions which they got from different cultures like the Greek and Persian etc.

Abu Haneefa like other pioneer scholars took a note of such developments and started a mental discussion against all innovations to clarify the truth and erase the delusions and remove all dirty thoughts and showed the correct understanding of Qur'aan and Sunnah.

These innovators were from many groups and many directions. Some innovations were from the Jews, Christians and Greek philosophers etc. Every group had its own way of understanding and view.

Other sects are such as the Shi'a, their exaggeration of love to Ali Ibn Abi Taleb, until they believed him as the Prophet and Mu'tazilah (the group which put themselves in the middle and isolated from all opinions and has exaggeration in mind rule to leave clear proofs) etc.

These deviated groups have few followers but poison the people's beliefs.

The wonderful scholars of Ahl al-Sunnah (who follow the sayings of messenger peace and prayers be upon him, according to the

understanding of his companions and their students, not according to suggestion and philosophy) have their books to replies against all these deviated groups.

Abu Haneefa made his book, the biggest Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh), to reply and show the correct way, building the new life for his nation with the wonderfulness of science and respect for knowledge to fight against the ignorant opinions and views. People are honoured by their knowledge and living with good characters and good deeds as said in Arabic poem

يبنى لأمته الحياة جديدة ** للعلم فيها روعة و جلال
تأبى المعاول أن يقر قرارها ** حتى تدمر ما بنى الجهال
شرف الشعوب علومها و حياتها** أن تصلح الأخلاق و الأعمال

What other scholars said about Imam Abu Haneefa.

Imam Zahabi

‘He was excellent in Islamic Jurisprudence (fiqh), understanding the text and a generous man with a lot of prayers and recitation of Qur’aan in night prayers, may he be pleased by Allah’.

Did you see he was not just a library, but with a big memory ...

Ibn Katheer

Imam Abu Haneefa, was the scholar of Iraq, one of the Islamic historical leaders and scholars.

Ibn Al-Emad

He was from intelligent unique humans, gathered knowledge and a good worshipper, fearing Allah and generous with people, never accept gifts from any leaders!

Take wisdom as a treatment and searched it in old books of your history and read the good life of

your previous ancestors as if the dead one may teach the living one!

Arabic poem

**عالجوا الحكمة ، واستشفوا بها
وانشدوا ما ضل منها في السّير
واقروا آداب من قبلكم
ربما علّم حيا من غير**

Could you see the glory of this man? The man who was free from all situations, who never accepted any bribery?

He was a thankful slave at night and a remarkable professor at day time.

He realized that the wealth of this earth was worthless and not equal to the price of saving taqwa, to be pious and sincere.

Al-Fodayl Ibn Eyad

Abu Haneefa was a scholar, rich and generous man, patient, bearing to learn at night and day, committed to night prayers (tahajjud).

He practiced a lot of silence, little talking except in good discussion regarding permissible and forbidden matters, he was good to show the right way and fear of any forbidden earnings, he was like a mountain of knowledge and taqwa.

Can you see:

He was like a bird between scholars, flying by wings of fear and love to his Creator, not imprisoning himself in life cages and walls.

Imam Malek Ibn Anas

Nu'maan, this is Nu'maan, if he said this part of mosque is made from gold, you will find he is truthful! Or he can persuade you it is!

He meant to say that Abu Haneefa was truthful and very intelligent in discussions.

Can you see? How someone could live and his fragrance is still in existence for centuries after him and still spreading!

Imam Mis'aar Ibn Kidam

One day Abu Haneefa read the Qur'aan till he reached to the verse,

{فَمَنْ لَّلهُ عَلَيْنَا وَوَقَانَا عَذَابَ السَّمُومِ} [الطور: ٢٧]

And he reread it until dawn!

And in another time he repeated the verse,

وردد قوله تعالى: {بَلِ السَّاعَةُ مَوْعِدُهُمْ وَالسَّاعَةُ أَدْهَى
وَأَمْرٌ} [القمر: ٤٦]،

All night long in night prayer!

He was concentrating with the meanings,

Centuries of light will return in spite of all who hate!

And all hypocrites and those who like to betray ...

The light of Allah will never be extinguished by small foolish boys,

Our religion landmarks will never disappear...

And its rosy fragrance and wonderful good spirit will never fade..

Arabic poem..

ويخيب كلُّ منافقٍ خَوَّانٍ
هيهات نور الله لا يطفئه كيدُ
عصابةٍ حمقى من الصَّبَّيانِ
هيهات أن تخفى معالمُ ديننا
ويزول طيبُ الروحِ والرَّيحانِ

His Death

He was offered to be a judge but he refused to be part of the court system as a matter of principle. As a result of his refusal he was put into prison until his death.

He said to the Khalifah, “I am not suitable for this post, I can’t be generous with your men and give them special position and special treatment (recommendation) because they are your men!”

And I am not suitable to play this role! (To be a false judge)

After refusal, he was put into prison for some times. He worked in building the wall of the capital of Baghdad trying to be away from the anger of the ruler. They said at the time of his death, he felt that he was about to die and he did prostration to Allah and died at that moment. Some source said that the Khalifah attended his funeral and prayed for his Janaza, with all people in the city and Khalifah felt a great regression and sorrow for what he did because he forced him to be a judge and treated him harshly. Khalifah said, “Who will save me from this sin which I have done to this man, who will protect me or give me any excuse to this man living or dead.”

Can you see the psychic effect of righteousness, it is the power of the truth and the strength of faith which made the big leader felt that he was beaten and sad after he did a big mistake by forcing the innocent man, Abu Haneefa as the one who will follow what he wanted.

Abu Haneefa achieved his dream, to be independent scholar who was not influenced by any system and rejecting all offers from the leader. The righteous lasted what was right forever.

The story was not just shaking the heart but it took it out, grasped it out of ribs and chests. Who will follow those wonderful people..

The students of Abu Haneefa:

He had many students who became scholars after him, some of them continued on the right way and some were deviated.

The most famous are as follows:

Abu Youssef (Yakoob Ibn Ibraheem), he was the Head of Judges after Abu Haneefa died and he chose all judges to be on Hanafi sect. So, all the Government affairs and documents in the country followed the Hanafi School of thought. This is one of the factors which make the Hanafi School of Thought spread widely until today.

Muhammad Ibn Al-Hassan Ashaybanee, one of his students wrote all fatwa and replies of Abu Haneefa even in any changes in opinions made by Abu Haneefa. He recorded the fatwa (opinion) like an encyclopedia to let you know how he concluded and changed and the reason why he changed. He traveled to Madyan and met Imam Malek and this made him in the middle way between the two schools as he took the opinion of Madina school in many points after long discussions with Imam Malek, the Imam of Madina at that time. Muhammad was a scholar and a judge before he resigned. He spent his remaining life as a voluntary professor.

Oh! The Nation of Honor and glory in old days...Why now you are lazy and don't want to know...

This laziness was never expected, predicted or anticipated or even imagined from you!

Arabic poem

أيا أمة المجد في الغابر
إلام خمورك في الحاضر
وما كان يعزى إليك الخمول
ولا كان يخطر بالخاطر

Other student who became famous was Zofar Ibn Al-Hozayl who, died in the year 158 hijra .

There was another student also very famous and strong against innovators, Ibraheem Ibn Tahmaan who died in the year of 163Hijrah.

Can you see the drops of perfume which the teacher left for us!! Do you see these facts which make the tight and narrow chest becoming wide again for people who learn and apply?

Ask Allah to gather us all in the Paradise, pure and away from sins and heavy responsibilities.

Peace and prayers be upon the Prophet and his family and companions.

The Wonders of Imam Malik

By: Dr. Islam Sobhi Al-Mazeny

Each Imam has a special place in my heart. If I have enough time left in my life, I will attempt to write about them, if god willing. My thoughts and observations are intended now to share about them with you, and to act upon such contemplations. This sharing is also for the youngsters in order to learn about our hero ancestor. It is for the adults as well who should learn not to do or overlook serious mistakes!

The father of Imam Malik was called Anas, and he was paralyzed. He used to make arrows for a living. He was no scholar. He used to encourage his son towards education! His father never asked his son to just take any job that might bring him comfort !

He never accepted charity! He was never a businessman or an employer. He was poor and handicapped. His son nevertheless, still became a great scholar! This father never provided a car for his son or a club membership, nor some computer set or an allowance for candy!

However despite the difficulties, there were the greatest father, and the greatest son. His mother was such an outstanding example as well. She was patient and a fine disciplinarian. Her name was Ghalya.

Imam Malik became also poor in his later days. It was told that in his biography there was an

incident about selling his own house ceiling! He sold the logs to have some money to spend off. This ceiling then must have been made of wood that won't protect against heat or frost! He had neither fan nor any heater.

Nevertheless, he always loves for knowledge and never gave up into despair. He never gave teaching in search for a more profitable profession. He endured poverty along with his wife to seek more knowledge.

His wife was originally a slave (sariyah). He didn't care that she should be a rich lady, he was like that despite what 70 scholars had granted him at the age of 17. They testified that he was a competent educator. He assumed the hard job advisory to people when he was 17.

His poverty went on after marriage. His contemporaries said they were certain, they knew that his daughter cried sometimes out of hunger! She did not cry just because she wanted ice cream or some picnics ... just hunger !!!

In a later period, Allah bestowed the blessing of some wealth upon him. He spent long years writing and collecting the material of his book 'Al Mawatta'. He said that he wrote 100,000 saying of the prophet!

He never enjoyed the luxury of a ball pen or parker pen! So just imagine how hard it must have been! The relentless perseverance! The pencils used to be made of rough thin wood.

When one would get broken, another must be prepared for use. Holding such type of a tool used to hurt the fingers. It didn't have the comfortable plastic shape. Ink was from primitive bad kinds if compared to today's standards of stationary. Paper used to be made of dry leather and bark!

Therefore, pencils used to be sharpened by knives! His hands were stained by that type of ink! The smell used to be bad and harmful with its toxicity ! Stretching that type of paper was a silly boring job, a job our ancestors to do when they were too tired to read, or when they were visited by an unwelcome guest !

The books for writing were not of the modern type with fine papers and coils. They did not have the luxury of keyboards. Our ancestors had to wait the ink to get dry before writing again !

Lanterns were lit with hardly enough light! There were no side lamps and air fresheners. The light was too dim, and the eyes would get exhausted. It was not the fluorescent or the halogen type of light.

In the Imam's biography, there was a part about his daughter Fatimah, and that she used to know his book 'Al- Mawatta' by heart! There are some of us who didn't ever read it, not ever see it, let alone memorize it! It is seldom for people to know the sayings of the prophet in that book, Imam Malik had spent a lifetime in writing it!

Did the prophet peace be upon him say the sayings of the prophet just for scholars to learn?

Is the job of understanding the prophet's sayings for that class of people only?

In the biography, his daughter, Fatimah used to listen to the lesson from behind the door. If a pupil made a mistake, she would knock on the door and Imam Malik would ask him to correct the mistake! She was never indecent. She never wasted time over the internet or so!

Once, one of his students said that the maid of Imam Malik passed by that student on time when he was sitting near the door of the Imam Malik's house waiting for him to leave for dawn(fajr) prayer, just to accompany him as usual; that student fell asleep while waiting for him.

When Imam Malik left, the maid was standing behind him, when she saw the student at the door she knocked his foot slightly with her shoe, and said, wake up lazy! This old man had been going for dawn prayer (fajr) with the night (isha') prayer ablution for 40 year!

So the student would wait for his master at the street! The master was just an old man whom Allah granted the blessing of knowledge! He never had enough food or drink!

The maid was a true worshipper who regards laziness as a disgrace for youth! She could advice for and against! The students didn't get angry with her. She was just educating not finding a chance for playfulness! They saw her as a mother. The student ever considered her a wonder and wrote the story, so the next generations will learn from it .

Imam Abu Yousef, the scholar of Ahnaf sat by the door of Imam Malik for 3 years to listen to 700 sayings of the prophet! He said, he heard the sayings of the prophet directly from Imam Malik.

Imam Abu Yousef considered that as an honor for him!

The sayings of the prophet! He sought the direct hearing from the source so no errors would be committed! He was never ashamed to say. 'I don't know' to what he didn't! He once answered 32 questions out of 48 ! Today I could hardly hear a phrase like his. After he assumed the position of giving advisory opinions, two of whom used to be his teachers attended his sessions to hear from him. It is a sign of his excellence !

He was never being arrogant , he was a typical ethical academic atmosphere. His method was based on honesty with Allah. It is seldom today, to see a university scholar asking another who used to be a student about a certain issue, whether in medicine or other areas.

A lot of students know much, much more than to show off. The problem is they are too insecure and ashamed to speak out. Only a few have the courage! It was a merit of our ancestors.

A Life Journey With a Brilliant Man



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Imam As-Shafi'e, may Allah bless his soul.

A short biography

As-Shafi'e, the imam that was beloved by the whole Islamic nation.

A respectable solemn person

A poet

A scholar

A role model of patience in seeking knowledge.

Although it has been a long time since he passed away, his warmth and brightness can still be felt.

His name was Mohammad. His nick name was Abu Abdullah. Idris was his father.

His long line of kinship back to the prophet (peace be upon him). It was a great privilege. He was named after the prophet who was the best man after Adam (peace of Allah be upon them).

His father was named after the prophet Idris. A verse of Qura'an speaks of this prophet:

**(We (Allah) had lifted him to a high place).
What person could be worthy of such a place from Al-Mighty Allah.**

As-Shafi'e is Mohammad bin Idris bin Abbas bin Othman bin As-Shafi'e bin Obaid bin Abd Yazeed bin Hashim bin Abd Mutalib bin Abd Manaf.

He was known for the 'faqih' of religion (the jury's consult), the out spoken. He earned such nick names when he retaliated the group of heresiarch; 'Mubtadeah'. The group claimed that it is right to believe in Qura'an only but not the prophet's tradition, (sunnah or Hadith)! He proved to them how false their beliefs were. Such beliefs were truly degrading and wrong.

It must have been very glorious to be called the faqih of religion, the advocator of Hadith : the prophet's sayings.

**He must have received a great reward from Allah. We can only imagine how the Prophet Mohammad will meet him in the Hereafter, at the Al-kawthar Hawd (the glorified basin).
May Allah accept his deeds and bless him.**

As-Shafi'e was born in 150 Hijrah, 140 years after the final Messenger, a holy land, the one described by Qura'an as (the land we have blessed for all worlds).

He was born in today's pre-occupied Palestine; our beloved land, a land that was even more privileged with As-Shafi'e's relation to it. He was born in Gaza; the land is sadly in captivity. He honored the land as well as the people. What disgrace it would be, should its people lose it!

He was not born in Makkah because his father traveled from Makkah to Gaza prior to his birth to seek a source of living.

His father passed away when he was at young age, As-Shafi'e was raised as an orphan, much like the prophet Mohammad was, perhaps to be such an example ...who could really complain, for there lived a poor orphan who later exerted all the effort there could be and became very distinguished!

Let us take a look at his mother and see how a Moslem woman can set a great example for others.

What As-Shafi'e became is owed to Allah the greatest, and then to that unique lady. She was the one who raised him, guided and be patient throughout the years. She was never shallow or negative. She was not just getting along in life and her own comfort was never her main concern!

She understood the real message of Islam, and she have given herself entirely for the cause and raised her son on it. A real great lady she was. She was matured and made the right decisions. She exactly knew her place. She was

widowed in an early age, yet she knew what to do.

She was a real believer.

When we take a look at her life; her own deeds would speak for her. She was the reason behind the greatness of As-Shafi'e, the outstanding life of As-Shafi'e materialized for all followers of nations to come.

His mother took him back from Palestine to Makkah when he was only 2 years old, following the death of his father.

She took him to be in "kuttab" (elementary school) so he could learn Qura'an. She never allowed him to waste his time with the children of his age. She did not care to send him to learn a certain craft or to earn money despite their poverty.

Allah blessed her with a genius son. He was able to learn Qura'an at the age of seven, it was the best pleasure, it was as if the crown of heaven was on her son's head.

What more did a real believing mother wish for?

A heartening incident took place when he was just a pupil in 'kuttab'. He was very poor that he had not enough money to pay the teacher. As-Shafi'e was a smart lad, he used to imitate the teacher and take his position in his absence.

He used to recite verses from Qura'an for the pupils and gave them instructions. The teacher

saw him and he was pleased with the smart boy that he allowed him to take the teacher's place in his absence, and that was more like a price for the unpaid expenses As-Shafi'e could not afford. So As-Shafi'e helped the pupils as well as the teacher i.e. help him rest a little.

Imagine how hard it is to be very poor and work with the teacher just so you can attend classesOh! Allah, how hard it is to be so proud.

His mother took him to Madinah to learn and be taught by Imam Malek, she knew how knowledgeable the Imam was.

Can you see how wise such a decision of a woman, a free woman was? Why should she travel thousands of miles across the desert? She did not orient her son to learn to get a profession as a writer or a baker, so she could be relieved from hunger and fatigue. In her time, she was truly the first lady and the most ideal mother. The best example of a believing woman.

In preparation to meet Imam Malek, As-Shafi'e memorized "Al-Mawatta' ", the collection of the saying of the prophet by Imam Malek. He was only ten years old, but he was still worried that Imam Malek might not accept teaching him due to his young age, so he sought distinction.

This is how he got accepted:

His mother made a request to the Wali (governor) of Makkah. She did not ask for some kind of a position or so. She only asked if the Governor could write a letter of

recommendation to Imam Malek to take care of her son. She was by all means a great lady!!

The Governor of Makkah did so, and sent the letter with As-Shafi'e, who was just a little boy to the Governor of Madinah.

When the Governor of Madinah read it he said, "Son, walking on my bare feet from Madinah to Makkah and crossing the desert, is much easier for me than to walk to Imam Malek's doorsteps. I feel disparaged when I go there."

Evidently, Imam Malek never adulated a figure of authority, he was a very proud man.

As-Shafi'e thought that may be the Governor of Madinah could send for the Imam to come.

The Governor of Madinah, however, considered it impossible and he said to himself, "if I went to the trouble of going to the Imam's house, and go over the sandy paths on the way, we still could not get the result we need."

Eventually, As-Shafi'e was promised to be taken over there afternoon. He recalled, "We went there as expected. We crossed the difficult sand paths, and one of us approached Imam Malek's door and knocked."

An Afro young servant girl opened the door. The Governor of Madinah asked her to tell her master about their coming. She did and came back saying, "my master says salaam to all, and that if you have a certain issue, please write it down and he will look into it when your turn

comes. (The Imam had his priority attending "Fatwa" consultations and didn't wish to be delayed).

The servant continued, "...and if it is for just a chat, then it is better to be put off for another time."

In Islam, there is no rule against politely turning away unwanted visitors. Particularly if they are of high places and their call might cause suspicion.

Imam Malek was serious enough not to tolerate with any time waster or annoyance and disturbances.

The Governor of Madinah then told the young girl to inform Imam Malek that he got the letter from the Governor of Makkah and it is for a special purpose.

She did tell him and then later Imam Malek appeared.

He was a tall man. He looked as dignified as a scholar would be. The Governor handed him the letter. He read it, there were things between the lines like ..." a person I care for, teach him ... instruct him ...do ... so and so..."

Imam Malek threw away the letter, he said in fury, "subhana Allah! (glory to god!), is it already the time of age when what is learned from the prophet is transferred due to requests of letters?!!"

So As-Shafi'e replied: "Oh! Imam Malek, I am a descendant of Abdul Muttaleb. I told him all about me. When he was through listening, he looked at me (he was a very wise man) and asked, "what is your name again?"

Mohammad.

Mohammad, you are going to be of high significance in this world. Allah had filled your heart with a special light, never extinguish it with disobedience. Come tomorrow and bring your reading materials."

Imam Malek asked a man to read "Al-Mawatta' " book of his to As-Shafi'e, considering him very young age.

The latter surprised Imam Malek with his memorizing of the whole book, he started reciting and pausing sometimes; feeling awed by the presence of the Imam. However Imam Malek was delighted with the boy's correct recitations; so he used to encourage him to go on.

In a few days, As-Shafi'e was able to cover the whole book through his recitation. It was the opportunity of a life time. He was able to memorize the book that covers the sunnah (tradition) of the prophet, thus the best after the Qura'an, and directly from the man who spent tens of years compiling the material. An achievement that outweighs getting PH.D in our time.

Imam Malek used to say, "no other young man from Quraysh is more knowledgeable than this lad." And he added, "if a boy is destined to reach high standards, it is this boy."

Imam Malek had a right inner sight. He realized the brilliance of that boy: As-Shafi'e. He saw the special twinkle in the lad's smart eyes. He was absolutely right.

May Allah bless Imam Malek's soul.

As-Shafi'e remained 9 years with Imam Malek. The son of Idris was fortunate to enjoy such a unique upbringing. His great moral supporter, a real mother, the special Imam for a teacher, and his bright mind, all blessed the young man with extraordinary gifts.

Imam Malek was considered a confident and trustworthy with regards to gathering the sayings of the prophet (sunnah) in particular. In a time when gossip was the favorite pass time; Imam Malek put his knowledge into practice.

Yet, As-Shafi'e found out that he wanted more! Staying 9 years with the prominent scholar of Madinah was not enough. He went back to Makkah. He got the chance there to be educated by another scholar, Sufiyan Bin Oyaynah, after the death of Imam Malek.

As the old saying does, "two are never fulfilled: the seeker of money, and the seeker of knowledge."

It would be a privilege to be the second saying!

Another saying explains how fool it is to work hard just for this life and forget about the life after. At the years of this study, the cost of paper was high . As-Shafi'e and his mother were poor. It was reported that he used to gather large bones to write on them! He might go to places where he found waste papers, and he would collect them for writing!

No comment!

Why don't we take a look at our time? Let us learn then the true meaning of manhood perseverance.

As-Shafi'e believed that Arabic language is the main source of understanding Qura'an. He came to know that the most correct dialect spoken at that time belonged to the tribe of Hatheel. Therefore, he decided to go to that tribe. He did it despite the desert conditions. His journey was more like an expedition for which he received no benefits, he went to a primitive town and patiently stayed there.

As-Shafi'e learned from their pure unmodified language. He learned from their rhetoric. He exerted a lot of effort and spent a lot of time, despite the fact that he had no promise of a certain profession in return. He was away from his home just for Allah's sake, an example of magnificence!

Taking a look at ourselves, we are quick to complain in less stressful circumstances!!

As-Shafi'e stayed ten years with that tribe, he studied language and literature. He learned 10,000 poems. He also mastered the sports of sharp shooting and equestrian.

When As-Shafi'e recalled such period, he said, "I used to be mainly interested in education and sharp shooting. In the latter, I got high scores." He was too modest to come across his achievements in knowledge. Nevertheless, there are people who are beneath his great lore and they would still brag about what they know!

He left for Baghdad to learn at the real school of knowledge. Shouldn't we shed tears for the materialistic lives we are leading to?

As-Shafi'e did not just have a beautiful voice, heard while reciting Qura'an. He was also keen to learn beyond the words. For him, the Qura'an was a spiritual message. His eyes would get filled with tears when he recited to the extent that his beard would soak!

He combined humbleness with knowledge. That situation should apply to the nation of our time and age!

Ibn Naser _ may Allah bless his soul _ narrated, "if we want to cry (from the fear of Allah) we would go to that young man, As-Shafi'e, to recite the Qura'an for us.

When we went to the Haram mosque in Makkah, we would pray with him. A lot of people gathered in prayer when they heard his recitation. A lot of people would cry! The Haram

would be filled with people to pray behind As-Shafi'e. He would then stop his recitation." He was too modest. He did not want his voice to be the reason for people getting in large numbers into prayer.

His genius:

Here are some sayings from his contemporaries, they were scholars by themselves.

" I have never met a wiser man "

" he had more sense than the whole nation. "

His generosity :

"His knowledge was combined with the merit of generosity."

" As-Shafi'e was the best in giving what he can." said Ibn Hakan, may Allah bless his soul.

Ar-rabie said," when I got married, As-Shafi'e asked me how much I paid for my bride's dowry. I said 30 dinars, but I only paid 6 of them so far. He then gave me the 24 left."

Al-Risalah: his book, its importance:

It was a habit of As-Shafi'e to set in Haram near the well of Zamzam. The most brilliant in interpreting Qura'an used to be there. He was Shaikh Abdullah Bin Abbas (may Allah bless his soul).

He neither had a luxurious palace nor a respectable classroom! He was only sitting in a very simple place in search for knowledge. As-Shafi'e wrote his best literature in that period i.e. his book 'Al-Risalah'.

As-Shafi'e became famous and all those who were eager to learn used to seek him.

One of them was the well known Imam, Ahmad Bin Hanbal. He was a student of Imam Ibn Oyaynah, the Imam of Haram mosque, in the field of the prophet's traditions (Ahadith).

Ahmad Bin Hanbal was keen to learn from As-Shafi'e to the extent that he left the lecture of Ibn Oyaynah. When he was asked about that, he said, 'even if Ibn Oyaynah passed away, I can learn Ahadith from other narrators. However it would be a great loss to miss out on a mind like As-Shafi'e. He is irreplaceable.'

He added, "No other Quraish man is more knowledgeable!"

Ahmad Bin Hanbal said: "Fiqh (jurisprudence) was never that open for people till the time of As-Shafi'e".

Also about his genius:

Al-Hasan Bin Mohammad said: "we were at a meeting with Bishr Al-Merisi (a man of Mubtadiyyah, Muktazilah and Qadariyyah sects). He was a brilliant man in debate. He was able to

make people listen to him, and subsequently be misguided.

None of us were to be his encounter! We asked Ahmad Bin Hanbal, but he referred us to As-Shafi'e.

We asked the later for a book of his, he gave us the (Fiqh research Oath and witness).

I studied his book in 2 days. I went to Bishr after that, he said, "the Hadith narrator, what brought you here?!" Al-Hasan said, "let us not start with that. Tell me what is the proof of the annulment of the witness of Oath? I went on talking and debating until I had the upper hand.

He explained: "these points are not of your own knowledge! It is the talk of a man I saw in Makkah and he was smarter than half of the minds of the world."

When Bishr Al Merisi saw As-Shafi'e who assumed Fatwa (advisory opinion) in Makkah, he said to his followers, there is only one danger I fear, it is that young man, he has all the intelligence there is."

As-Shafi'e was praised by his own enemies!

Ahmad Bin Hanbal said, "most of the knowledge I passes, I owe it to As-Shafi'e. I said Dua'a (prayer) throughout my 40 years."

What a great man you were Ahmad. How loyal and modest and high mannered you were, and you attributed your knowledge to As-Shafi'e.

Ahmad was a landmark in history. Still he would say that about As-Shafi'e. Such great men they were!

One day As-Shafi'e was a guest at Ahmad's house. The later was performing "Tahajjud" (the late night prayer). He spent a long time in it.

His little daughter took a look at As-Shafi'e's room to see how he performed worshipping; for he was well known among the scholars. She did not notice any light in As-Shafi'e's room and there was no movement. She did not hear any Qura'an recitation all night long as she expected.

She asked her father, "is this As-Shafi'e?" He did not answer her.

He later sat with As-Shafi'e and asked him, "how was your night Abu Abdullah?"

As-Shafi'e answered, "I was contemplating some verses of Qura'an and Ahadith, I arrived to 60 rulings.(Hukum/ conclusions).

Imam Ahmad later told his daughter, "one thought of Imam Shafi'e was better than your father's whole night prayer!"

As-Shafi'e's style of worshipping made his followers felt they could never live up to the standards of his worships and deeds!

It was said about As-Shafi'e that he used to divide his night into three: A third for sleeping, a third for writing, and a third for night prayer.

So when did he get enough sleep? He was truly an enlightenment to the whole nation.

As-Shafi'e appreciated the knowledge of Ahmad Bin Hanbal concerning the science of Hadith. As-Shafi'e learned from Ahmad's comprehensive understanding of Hadith, they had a unique friendship.

As-Shafi'e traveled to Egypt and wrote his book 'Al-Umm'.

In this book, he wrote about different branches of knowledge. It was almost an encyclopedia. He was a combination of several scholars: the science of Qura'an, the science of Hadith, the science of language and literature.

How wonder it was of As-Shafi'e doing such a great favor to human knowledge and getting absolutely no money in return.

It was once stated that the best of high manners are;

- 1. Religion**
- 2. Mind**
- 3. Science**
- 4. Indulgence**
- 5. Generosity**
- 6. Virtue**
- 7. Charity**
- 8. Gratitude**
- 9. Patience and clemency covers the rest.**

In Egypt he also edited his book –Al-Risalah –

He reconsidered his 'ijtihadah' (Independent judgment). This is the reason why his book 'Al-Hujjah', was written in Iraq, would have references to previous 'ijtihadah' mentioned in his former book 'Al-Risalah'.

The term: As-Shafi'e's new methodology referred to the additions he contributed while he was in Egypt. They were all covered in his book : (Al-Umm). " the mother or also means the head "

As-Shafi'e also worked as a coast guard on the borders when he was in Egypt. He was at the front line in battles ready for attack.

There was no opportunity for good doing that he would not grab! Although he could have stayed home for the reason of seeking knowledge, he never settled for less! Doing good was his obsession.

Approaching his last days, he got very ill. He set a great example for all. May Allah accepts him among the best of all human.

As-Shafi'e suffered from a severe case of hemorrhoids. It was told that when he rode on a horse, he used to bleed! He used to put a small bowl with a cloth in it in order to absorb the bleeding.

Despite all the health difficulties, he neither stopped teaching nor learning. That was the fact passed on generation to another through all those who loved him.

He left a great legacy of unique knowledge. Only a wise person can benefit from such a fortune. He never held back on any person who sought knowledge.

People of our time usually retire even if there is no good reason as being gravely ill.

That is why As-Shafi'e deserved what Ahmad Bin Hanbal called him: "As-Shafi'e was like the sun to all of the world. He was like health to people." Those two were indispensable to all.

Ahmad also said that, "As-Shafi'e will remain a role model for hundred of years to come that followed the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him).

At the beginning of every age and time, Allah assigns a special person to people in order to help and teach the right decision. And most important, he can defy all lies told about the Prophet. There was Omar Bin Abdul Aziz, and for the following century there was As-Shafi'e.

Abu Zara'a Al-Razi said, "As-Shafi'e never narrated a wrong Hadith. It is Allah's favor that he bestows upon whom ever he wishes for.

Some of As-Shafi'e's sayings :

"The best deed any servant (human) of Allah can do, after performing religious duties, is seeking knowledge."

"Getting an education is better than Nawafel prayer (further)"

" He who would be laughed at for a certain matter can never forget it."

" He who attends a session of learning without ink and papers, is like that who goes to the mill without any flour. "

" Hadith reading is better than 'Tatawa' prayer (extra prayer)."

" Good science is that delivered not just memorized."

"Withdrawing from people is a reason for making enemies, yet getting a lot of acquaintances can lead to bad company. Hence, a compromise is the best solution."

" if, in my book, anything is found contradictory to what the prophet (peace be upon him) said then it should be disregarded."

" Any true saying of the prophet I was not aware of and you heard it, take it and consider that I withdraw what I said."

Imam Ahmad said, " those who are interested in the saying of the Prophet (Hadith) can never get enough of As-Shafi'e's books."

Al-Jahith said: "I examined the literature of those who were considered bright, I never found someone better than As-Shafi'e, his words were like rare pearls."

Perhaps one of the readers of this brief biography will get excited enough and

motivated to awaken this nation that is so much in need.

At the time of his death, a friend of As-Shafi'e, Al-Muzzani said, "I visited As-Shafi'e while he was seriously ill. I asked him about his health. He replied, "I will soon leave this life, leave my friends, my bad deeds are waiting for me, I will meet my Creator, not knowing whether to congratulate myself for going to Paradise, or accept condolences if it is going to Hell."

Then he cried and said a poem asking for Allah's forgiveness.

May Allah bless his soul and grant him mercy, Ameen.

Peace be upon the Prophet Mohammad and his family and friends and companions.



A Misfortunate doctor's diary! Among Junkies!

THE FIRST INCIDENT:

A woman came through the clinic's door. There was 'something' following behind her, holding a baby... a thing with four limbs... it was supposed to be a maid because of its humble walk and silence. However, it turned out to be man because the lady did not address him as a woman.

After she entered and saw me and the nurse, she turned to the 'pet' and told him to leave the lounge. That 'tiger' left and went to the waiting area with the baby but did not 'breastfeed' the child.

Well, she looked at me and spoke with a snake-like hissing voice saying, "you see, I feel shy to take off my clothes in front of my husband with someone else in the room!"

I was too astonished! I could hardly breath! That 'alien' was her HUSBAND. She threw him out of the room so she could take her clothes off without feeling 'embarrassed' with another man!! WOW! I was speechless!

Nothing can be said...

I looked at her the first permissible look for that a poor misfortunate doctor like me is allowed, and she looked back through her fake blue contact lenses. That look she gave me was mischievous! It was a silly look! She had her full make-up on, pretending to look naïve, and her 'man' is totally clueless.

Why a full make-up when she was in the clinic for a medical examination. It is not acceptable even among relatives except the male relatives whom the covers are allowed by Allah to be taken off.

I was almost convinced that she might be the one who stole that amount of blood from the hospital's fridge. She used half of it on her face, and the rest was used for her 'claws'

The 'husband' was right behind her, and I wondered with whom I should be more disappointed. God helped me back then to get out of the situation.

She complained that she was a sleeping drug abuser, despite her breastfeeding. She would intake the pills in the morning after watching porn movies and sleep to wake up at late afternoon, just like a mouse. Thus, I referred her to a female doctor. I was not able to brush away the image of her pathetic husband. An old saying came to my mind, if the post is not upright, its shadow is not either.

The Second Incident:

I happened to be in a hospital for the treatment of drug addiction. A guy was in for a treatment from heroin. He was found lying on the street at 2 a.m. by a pizza delivery man with his motorcycle. The guy was unconscious after being stabbed by his 'friends'! He was still slightly drugged when I spoke to him after he woke up. I played a tape for him where someone was talking about all the forbidden pleasures that can only bring forth the worst.

He was found just like a stray dog on the street...

He complained of his ill-will and bad company. I talked about how he should fight back desires of dangerous consequences. We talked and we came across his family's situation. His house was open to unsupervised visitors.

His 'dear' mother arrived later yelling and scolding him, wearing her tight jeans when she was over 50 years of age.

She told him about those who were looking for him. It was not something new. He got arrested before. He used to be taken for treatment and still went back out there and got drugged and got lost in the streets again.

At that time, he answered to his mother, "so what? You take drugs as well?"

She seemed insulted! She said, "ok! But I take them for fun, unlike you"

I guess by 'fun' she meant "now and then, occasionally"

The nurse and I were very disturbed by that scene! We left the son and the mother fighting, and we were feeling overwhelmed ourselves.

The nurse said, "Oh God! What kind of world are we living in?"

The family is the first reason for drug abuse and addiction and not the bad company! The company can be the disease, but the family is the weak immunity!

The Third Incident:

It is about a young man in a drug-addiction treatment facility. He failed for 7 years in a row! He used to spend around \$100 per gram of drug powder daily! His liver was deteriorating from toxin.

I was around him, talking and advising. He told me about his circumstances.

"My mother is the religious one among us .She asked a religious man (Shaikh) over to

our house to preach her and her friends every two months.” I later came to know that the shaikh was a fanatic Sufi. He would go to the rich people’s houses and charm them with his sweet voice and his stories about how they’ll go to Paradise and he of course had no proof or guarantee of anything. I said, “Well, great! So your mom is religious.” and I thought to myself that may be she would be the one to help him!

His father was never at home unless or if; he was there to sleep.

In a little while, his mother came. She was wearing red pants and yellow dyed hair that did not suit her age. She smoked. I wondered, is that the most 'religious' in their house!! I started arguing my point about how cigarettes can be the beginning to all of this! She said, "Oh it's ok, if he wants to smoke and drink whiskey, it is better than the stupid drugs he is taking!" Well, she eventually and unconvincingly admitted that he needed to give up all that to heal. Shortly before Maghreb prayer was due, I was surprised to see her jumped to her feet saying that she missed praying Al-Asr!!

She didn't have a scarf or a veil. Well, she wasn't that modest also in her dress. She hurried to her German red car... it looked like her toy... a mother of a 24 year-old young man. She even looked like a dancer in a video clip shooting!

How religious! She rushed away to her home that is 20 minutes far from where I was.

The addicts' families are the real accomplices because of their poor example and misguidance. A few of them are real patients.

The Fourth Slap!

A college girl came to us as a heroin addict. She started by using the narghile. I told her about how she should not put off good doing because tomorrow may not come and that she should hurry to repent. She spent all her money on drugs. The money came from her 'generous' father who had no idea about her drug addiction!

Allah said, "The devil promise you (people) poverty and command you of ill doing. And Allah promised you His forgiveness and favor".

She sold all her jewelry that her father bought her while working diligently away from homeland. She replaced it with false jewelry to cheat her mother. She then started with the cartons containing some expensive appliances bought by her father and saved above the cabinet until the day of her wedding and her sister's! She would empty the carton of a cassette player for example and sell it behind the back of

everyone. Then she sold the blender and then the vacuum cleaner.

She robbed her own mom.

She was caught and her parents found out. Her father came back to the country. He wanted to fix what has been ruined. He came back for only one month. One month as if he was back to fix the roof only. He bought her a car, gave her an equal amount of money and jewelry. He said he did all that for her to 'help' her regain her self-confidence. What a pro in children education? Is that is what she really needed? What kind of an educator was he?

The 20 year old young lady went back to drug abuse. She sold everything once again. She was buying heroin every two weeks with her 'friends' and traveling from a place to another to buy drugs by wholesale from a well known tradesperson!

Well, that is what 'bad' friends are good for!

The Qur'an spoke of how a person extremely regrets being a friend to a bad person on the Last Day!

I was only at the end of such a story in that hospital. Her father stopped talking to her! She was very pale and suffered a bad liver condition. She failed the treatment for three straight years. She was attached to reading stories of false affections. She never read anything about the Islamic creed and the

oneness of Allah and what that entails. She refused to educate herself in that domain.

She told me that her mother was fond of 'freedom' and did not want to be cruel to her kids. She believed that she did not do anything wrong.

So, the 20 years of upbringing was a total disaster. The parents reaped the result.

In the Holy Quran, there are verses that warn against wrongdoing and the bitter regret in the Last Day. On the Last Day, a person would run away from all humans including his/her own parents, spouse and children because every person will be only for themselves. Allah promised the good doers, whether men or women who are righteous believers, a fine good life and that they will be rewarded with the best of what their deeds were.

Oh Allah!

You are our Creator. You will take our souls at the time of death. You created everything. Please Allah, purify myself as no one else can do that but You. You alone are the Creator. You own me and my life and death. If You intend for me to go on living, please Allah keep me with Eman and in safety as you keep all your believing human servants. If You intend to take my soul, please Allah, forgive me and bless me with Your mercy. You are the Most Merciful, the Most Gracious. Oh Allah! Grant us

healthy life and in the Hereafter and sanity in our religion. Oh Allah! Grant us forgiveness in this life and in the Hereafter, and accept all of our deeds. Oh Allah, You have no partners and You are One. Bless us to die as Moslems and grant us the company of all the good persons who died before us. Ameen

Finally, all thanks are due to Allah the Lord of the whole universe. Praise be to Allah, there is no God but Allah. Oh Allah! We ask Your forgiveness and please grant us repentance. Ameen!

CLONING and Non-Islamic MASS MEDIA

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In an article titled:

"They are creating Humans from Human! – which appeared in a newspaper exposing the latest on cloning – doubts were rose regarding the power of creation of Allah Al-Mighty!! It is beyond any belief that one would degrade one's mind to such a low point.

As we say (**Except the 'Foolishness'... It is Hard to Treat**)

Cloning- as so called, has been taking place with Allah's will, since the beginning of time. It can be seen in plants, animals and even potatoes! Sea star is another example. Even an illiterate farmer can take notice of such a process and deal with it.

Cloning is merely an embracing of tissues in order to grow, but with Allah's will only. When a cell (an egg in the uterus) is transferred into multiple cells, it would then be no wonder that one of those cells is reused as a 'mother' born from a previous 'mother'! It is used to be a cell and it evolved into a perfect human being!! Life goes on following a particular accounts system.

The power of the Al-Mighty Allah, the One and the only Creator, is the sufficient explanation.

Why do white blood cells move towards an infected area?



White blood cell

Do they 'know' what is best for them? Do wounds realize the function of such cells to call them by certain chemicals?

Is there a certain relation between them by certain chemicals?

Is there any certain relationship between them?

Are they friends?

Do they call each other in time of need?

They are nothing but pieces of meat, so what is it then?

Should we lose our reason and perspective just because a live tissue is embraced?

It is called cloning!

It is basically planting!

When a seed is planted and watered to grow without any further human intervention, and then it miraculously blooms, does it then make any sense to claim that this is a human-made miracle?

Remember the Ayat:

Do you plant it or do we!?! (56:64)

Praise be to Allah!

Can you only 'see' with your sheer eyes? When a primary cell is dispensed in water that is called 'amoeba' and when it is watched devouring what is around it, should not we wonder: who, what cause motion to its particles?

Who tells it how much should it drink?

Why not it drinks more?

Did its 'mother' teach it these things?

Or is it perhaps the universe that did the teaching?



Did you see how a newborn smiles?

Where did he/she get emotion?

Go, look and think about it sensibly! You will surely conclude that Allah is the only God.

"Do you create it, or do We" ! (56:59)



Did you see pretty flowers and fruits! What a beauty! Why did the colours come in such harmony? Why to that extent of perfection?



Botany in the Holy Qur'an

Admittedly, science of botany at the time of the Prophet Muhammad (Blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) was not advanced enough in any country for scientists to know that plants have both male and female parts. Nevertheless, we read the following in the Sura (chapter) of Taa Haa:

﴿(Allah is the One Who) sent down rain from the sky and with it

brought forth a variety of plants in pairs.﴾

The Holy Qur'an. (20:53)



Banana on tree

Today we know that fruit comes from plants that have sexual characteristics even when they come from unfertilized flowers, like bananas. In the Sura of ar-Ra'd we read the following:

﴿... and from all of the fruits (Allah) placed (on the earth) two pairs.﴾ The Holy Qur'an. (13:3)

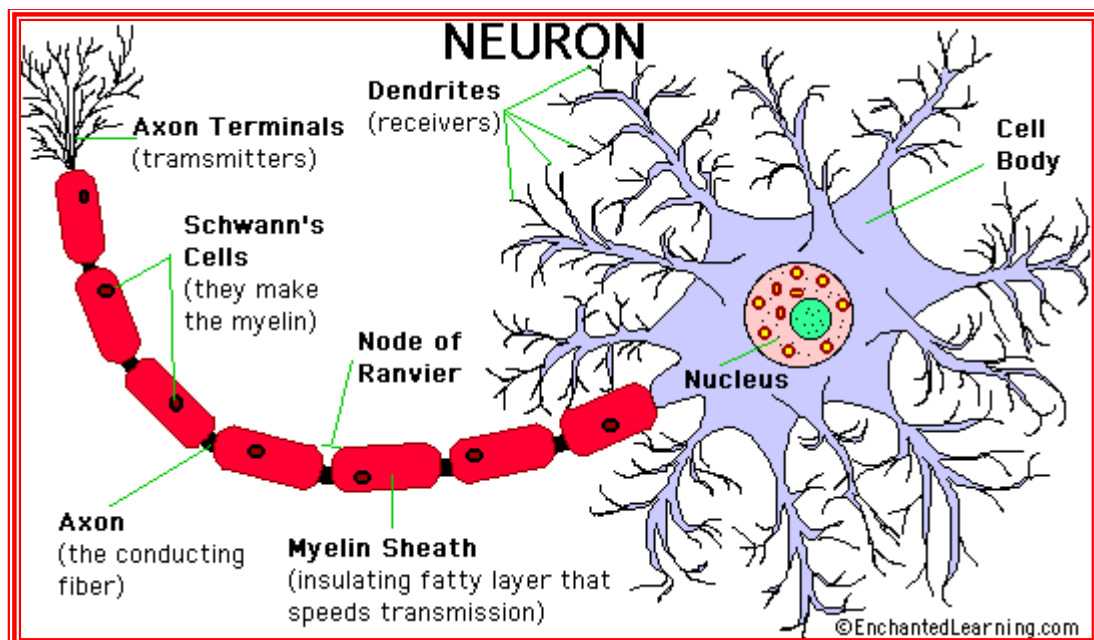
Did you ever see a cat playing with its kittens?



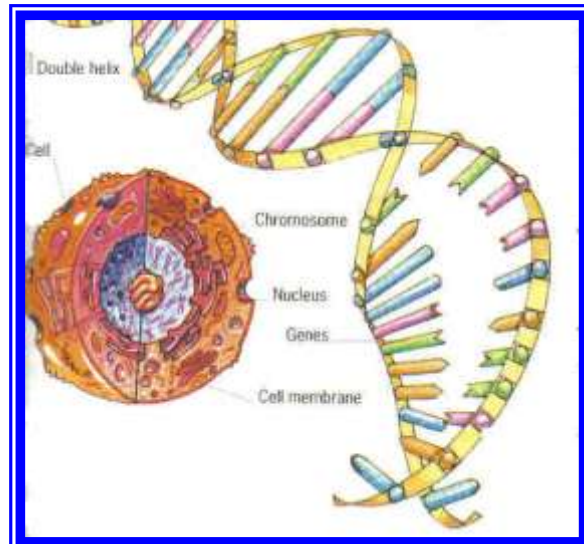
How about when the little ones play with the owner or with each other? They bite their kitten? How about when the little ones play with the owner or with each other? They bite lightly as a sort of tickling rather than harming. Who taught them to do so?

Praise be to Allah!..

Where is the reason! A cell containing 3000 million data, inside the genes heredity data. Who put them there?

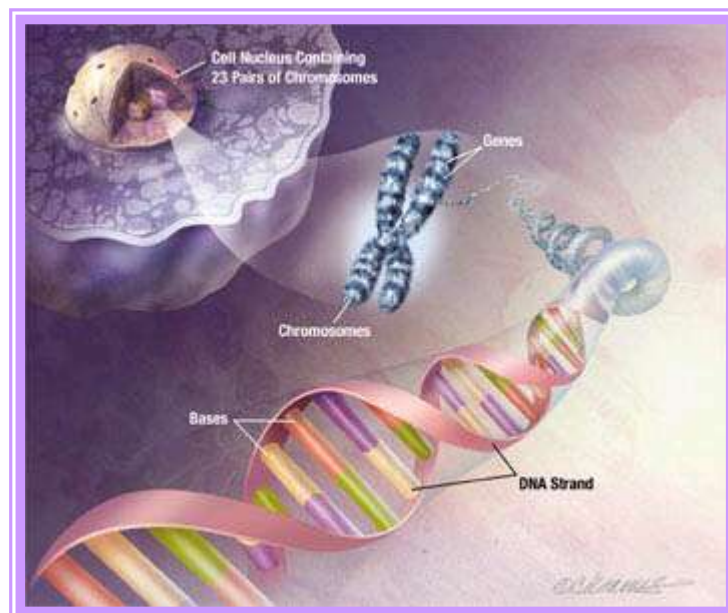


Why don't they ask themselves? Each cell is representing memory of a mainframe! It is the deed and the creation of Allah Al-Mighty, who created those cells that hold the data to be discovered by humans. Why can't humans think deeply and wonder the microscope! What causes these particles to move around with such accuracy? Particles that have no sense of their own!



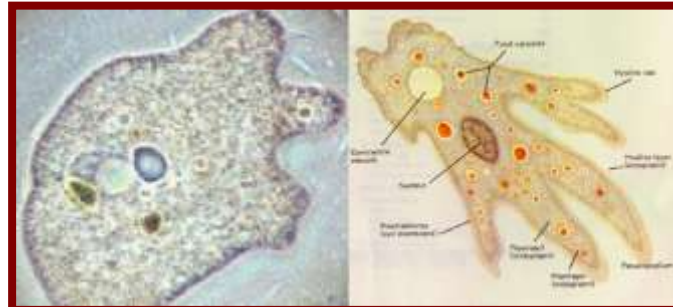
Cells and chromosome

Why does the DNA molecule have the ability to move when it is only a group of atoms? The latter is merely, electrons and neutrons! Why should they move? What causes the motion, a conscious kind of movement? The DNA molecule bonds and stretches according to the body need? When the protein called 'rybosome' move"? How can it make another protein as similar to it? How can it gather the molecules efficiently and of the needed amount only?



It resembles a worker in a factory playing the required role competently! Why not each of the molecules goes to a different direction? Or even atom for the same matter? Why don't they scatter around like flour grains! Why does that small particle move to make something useful? Why wouldn't it just remain static as rocks or stones or charcoal? Their atoms too are constituted of hydrogen and carbon, aren't they? Why can't it stop producing and making? Why won't a group of atoms, the chromosome, stop moving and instead they form a long thread of millions of atoms in a certain order for a specific use? Who holds such atoms so they will not move in different directions or even stop at all!

Why does the cell wall, the amoeba for example, move to devour and swallow? Is it sensible enough? Or is it hungry? It has no brain, feeling, nerves or a mind of its own!



Why does the chromosome of a cell multiply? How can it realize the necessity of division and making replica, when it is just a senseless cell?

Who gave that cell that unexplainable soul? Who moves such creation with the utmost potentiality, knowledge and greatness? Do you ever hear this?

'Protect yourselves against death if you are truthful...'

Don't you see?



When I write on the rosy petals



When I write on the rosy petals,

They wilt and fade away,

The petals are wilting between my hands....

**They are fading while I am writing an
announcement to declare the death of some
living people,**

**They are dead although they are still
breathing and reproducing,**

They are dead but the burying are delayed,

They are drowned in hundreds of love poems!

While

Their poems about Iraq are few,

They wrote these few poems just because

they feel shy from the readers,

Why do they ignore a wild animal in a figure

of human who rape our girls in Iraq?

Who took bare photos for them?

I will not blame him, as it is not strange to

gain dirt from dirt.

This civilized animal,

Who did this?

While his citizens insult us and our Prophet-

peace and prayers be upon him - without

reasons and with fabricated reasons,

Writers are leaders,

**They are asked to rule the readers with the
priority to spread lights and good morals,**

**Not to restrict their writings to the field of
male – female relationship,**

And praising the tyrants,

**Those like these are betraying their nations
and their families, their sisters who are raped
while they dance on their wounds by
behaving like this and ignoring them.**

**Our cheeks are stepped on by the miscreant,
The dirty one....**

**While the wild television channel is still
singing!**

This is a monkey poet!

Why all these praises to the false leaders?!

We have no sword not even sheath of sword,

Are all our donkeys really lions?

Does our history contain any honor?

**So why all these happen to us, as if we are
treated like nothing?**

Are our sufferings, lowness, servility endless?

Hey you!!

Let me go in my way!!

**I will not have insomnia from the smoke of
blame,**

I will not paint my way by deceiving colours!

I will donate and give all what I get,

I will fly over all narrow parts of the way,

**All these are apparently the mountains but
originally they are only holes,**

My heart will not blame me!

Whoever I face, thorns or roses....

I am stable on this way.

Stop advising me:

Keep on writing corrupted funny words!

As missing to my Lord has filled my heart,

It is an endless missing!

**I am willing to live by holding on the rope of
the Creator,**

**And my poems are the dam which block their
way of dirt,**

**The big heads in ideologies are the writers,
who wasted all useful things,**

And honor comes to the prostitutes,

While free men become like slaves!

Poetries become like dancers,

**While criticism by governmental commercial
thinkers become like drums to the bitch
artists!**

Nevertheless of all these,

**We still find a viscid literature which praise
false imaginations and fabricated champions,**

**Are those people honest to be the protectors
to our youth?**

**I was always thinking of Palestine and
writing about it all the time,**

Then when I saw Iraq,

I understood fully the meaning

Of the old poem:

Some types of crying can be cured from other types! Same like when a painful wound can be cured by a deep stabbed wound.

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