

Hazrat Bilal ؓ uttered the cry of “Ahad! Ahad!” till the anger of the Jew forced him to react with violence and he assaulted Hazrat Bilal ؓ in such a manner, that his body became filled with blood and injury. He made him lie down on the hot desert sand, saying to him: “Now do not dare utter the cry of God’s oneness!”

**Hazrat Bilal ؓ replied within himself:**

*“For the sake of Your Love the disbeliever wants to kill me and is shouting at me.*

*O Beloved, Come hither to the lowest heaven and see the show of Your Lover. What a show it is?”*

One day Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ was passing that way and saw the blood soaked Bilal ؓ “crying out: “Ahad! Ahad!”. On hearing this uttered cry, Hazrat Abu Bakr stood still and perceived the love for the Divine Being and the ecstasy involved. Seeing Hazrat Bilal ؓ being persecuted to this extent, his heart became agitated and tears came to his eyes. He called Hazrat Bilal ؓ towards himself and advised him to utter Allah’s name in solitude and not to utter it in the presence of his persecutor. Otherwise his persecutor would continue to unjustly persecute and punish him.



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Hazrat Bilal ؓ replied: “O Honoured One, you are the Siddeeq of Rasulullah I accept your advise and will act accordingly. “

The following day, Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ again happened to pass that way. Again he witnessed the same sight. Hazrat Bilal ؓ was again uttering the cry of “Ahad! Ahad!” while the Jew was terribly assaulting him until again his body became blood-stained. Seeing this, Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ ‘was again filled with agitation and he advised Hazrat Bilal ؓ “Brother, why do you utter ‘Ahad’ in the presence of this persecutor? Utter it silently and secretly within yourself”. Hazrat Bilal ؓ replied: “I make toubah and in future will not act contrary to your advise.”

“O Foolish One, do not command the nightingale towards silence For when it remembers the garden, its complaints will come on the lips. “

**Maulana Rumi (R.A.) says:**

*“When Abu Bakr advised him towards silence and secrecy,  
Bilal repented again,  
But when love overwhelmed, he swallowed the repentance.  
It is the message of the troubled heart.  
Without You there can be neither peace nor comfort.”*

Hazrat Bilal ؓ in spite of the numerous calamities of persecutions and pains, could not keep his love for Allah a secret and kept on openly uttering the cry of “Ahad! Ahad!”.

*“When Love pulls the strings of its bow,  
Many are the souls that become sold for a small price.  
The body of Bilal was injured and blood-stained before the Jew,  
But his soul was enjoying nearness to Allah in Divine Love, enjoying unending Spring.”*

This is what is called True Love. What a sad state of affairs that today people look at sensual love and call it love. That is not love. The love that comes from metaphorical beauty is not really 'ishq'. It is jisq' (transgression), which is caused by overeating. If a person has to go without food for a few days he will forget his love and ask for bread. But the Divine Love, because it is placed within the essence of man, even if no worldly needs are acquired, no change comes about in the Lover and his Love does not decrease. Love is actually a name for that kind of surrender that Allah, the truly Beloved is the Doer of everything and the servant is he who is pleased and satisfied with all that He does.

It is a fact that Allah loves seeing His servants in distressed. conditions and their weeping and crying in sorrow to Him. At times, in spite of His numerous mercies and gifts, He sometimes delays in accepting their duahs, so that this sighing and crying before Him is not ended after their needs are met and so that they can continue to call on Him: "Ya Allah! Ya Allah!"

*To be continued in the next issue...*

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## **NO, it's not ON!** by **Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb** (rahmatullah alayh)

Once, whilst walking on a pavement, I saw the word “ON” engraved in the cement. A pedestrian would read “ON” walking in the one direction and would read “NO”, walking in the opposite direction. This made me think of the never-ending efforts of Shaytaan and nafs in enticing and persuading us to engage in sins. When it comes to sins, Shaytaan and nafs are very quick in glorifying disobedience, saying to us, *“It’s ‘ON!’”*



This is a common catch-phrase; often used to confirm some get-together or meeting, whether at the rave club, cinema, casino, or an illicit tryst; or meaning, *‘It’s the thing to do...It will bring enjoyment and gratification. You will be ‘with it.’*

However, when a true Muslim is faced with such an invitation to sin or is tempted to disobey Allah Ta’ala and Rasulullah (sallallahu alayhi wasallam), then he boldly and assertively responds :

**“NO, it’s not On!”**

He addresses his nafs :

*“Agreed, there is a little stolen pleasure in sin*

*But what great rebellion is this against the Sustainer (Allah Ta’ala)*

*(That you use His bounties to disobey Him)*

*A little while of pleasure and everlasting regret;*

*What stupidity it is to bury the janaza of respect and honour.”*

## **Halaal Rizq and Its Benefits** **Extracted and Translated from Shifaa ul Quloob of**

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***(Damatbarakatuhu)***

All praise is due to Allah Ta'aala , Peace and Salutations be upon His Choicest servant Hadhrat Muhammad ﷺ.

Ahaadeeth:

1. Hadhrat Abu Bakr ؓ narrates that he heard Rasoolullah ﷺ saying, " A body nourished with haram will not enter Jannah."
2. Rasoolullah ﷺ said, "The traders will be resurrected on the day of Qiyamah as sinners, except those who adopted piety, did good and were truthful."
3. Rasoolullah ﷺ said, "The truthful, trustworthy trader will be with the Prophets, Siddiqueen and Martyrs." (On the Day of Qiyamah)

Today I wish to speak on halaal rizq and the consumption of halaal.

There are many types of ibaadat like namaaz, fasting,haj,zakat,jihad, etc. Many people are deficient in these ibaadat.For instance many man are not particular when it comes to performing salaah with Jamaat. Yet the first thing that we will be questioned on after death will be our namaaz. When Nabi ﷺ went on Mi'raaj, then he witnesses an angel crushing the heads of some people by dropping a boulder on them. Thereafter the angel would go to pick up the boulder. In the meantime these people's heads would be resorted only to be crushed again by the angel. On enquiring from Jibrail ؑ as to who these people were, Nabi ﷺ was informed that these were the people who were not particular performing salaah with Jamaat.

Rasoolullah ﷺ then proceeded and came across a group of people who only had rags tied around their private parts. This was a very fearful sight and these people were experiencing much difficulty. Nabi ﷺ enquired from Jibrail ؑ as to who these people were? He was informed that these people never paid the zakaat that was due on their wealth in the world.

Thereafter Rasoolullah ﷺ saw some people who were sowing seeds. As soon as they planted the seeds the crops would grow in a few seconds and they would begin harvesting their crop. Rasoolullah ﷺ enquired as to who these fortunate people were? Jibrail ؑ responded that these were the people who spent their wealth in the path of Allah while they were in the world. They also took part in jihad and presented their lives in the path of Allah Ta'aala. In lieu of this Allah Ta'aala is rewarding them more than seven hundred times. (Subhanallah)

Thus in this era there are many who are deficient in Ibaadat. On the other hand there are those particular when it comes to namaaz, fasting, haj, zakaat, jihad, etc. however when it comes to the consumption of Halaal, then they too seem to lag behind. However, Rasoolullah ﷺ has mentioned that a body nourished by haram will not enter Jannah. In another narration Rasoolullah ﷺ has mentioned that after the faraidh it is also Fardh to earn a Halaal livelihood. This means that after completing our namaz, fasting, haj, zakaat, etc then it is Fardh for us to earn a Halaal livelihood.

Our beloved Rasoolullah ﷺ has educated us on every fact of life. He has taught us how to live our lives, how to conduct our business and how to die. The sad thing is that today the Ummah has ignored the teachings of our beloved Rasoolullah ﷺ and we are looking to the Jews and Christians to see what they have stipulated for our progress in this worldly life.

Nowadays generally people are taking loans on interest from the banks. Whether it is the leaders or the common folk, almost everyone's focus has turned away from Allah Ta'aala to the World Bank and the IMF. Our thinking has become such that we feel we can only progress if they give us loans.

These institutes belong to the Jews and they have been established to destroy the Muslims. Their rationale is that they are aware that Allah Ta'aala has declared war against the one who charges or pays interest. Hence they resolved to involve all the Muslims in interest dealings so that Allah Ta'aala will be displeased with them. Thus when Allah Ta'aala is displeased with the Muslims, then they (The Jews) can do as they wish with the Muslims.

*(Translator: This article will Insha Allah be continued in future publications of An Noor)*

*Regarding the  
importance of fulfilling ones debts  
Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb رحمه الله says:*

**“Pay back here,  
to save your  
back there!”**

*The above quote means that one should ask for forgiveness in this world and pay back to whomsoever whatever is due, in order to save oneself from punishment in the Hereafter.*



## Strengthening our Nisbat Part 2

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گر سنت نبوی کی کرے پیروی امت طوفاں سے نکل جائے گا پھر اسکا سفینہ

*“If the Ummat follows the Sunnat of Nabi ﷺ then it's ship will escape from the storm”*

When we refer to sunnats then we are not only referring to the sunnats of miswaak, surma or the eating of sweetmeats. There are also sunnats in our marriages, walimahs, businesses, salaah etc...if all these are implemented we will find solutions to our problems. (1)

یہ دولت ایماں جو ملی سارے جہاں کو فیضان مدینہ ہے یہ فیضان مدینہ

*“This wealth of Imaan which the entire world has received. This is the beneficence and overflow of Madina!”*

Look at the sacrifices in Madina Sharif and develop appreciation. Islam spread through the sacrifices of Nabi ﷺ in Madina Sharif. He faced even more enmity, plotting and federations against him. (2)

The lesson we learn is that, there will always be opposition for Islam, for Haq (the truth) and the Awliya-e-kiraam (friends of Allah ﷺ).

Allah ﷻ uses it to displays the character of His chosen ones; that: despite the plotting, planning, hurt, injury and criticism they still forgive.

Ofcourse if anyone criticizes them they look into it. If there is any truth in it they correct themselves.

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1) Generally we confine ourselves to sunnats which suit our whims and fancies. When it comes to our weddings, businesses and character we find it difficult to adopt the sunnat. In order to find true success all sunnats should be revered and adopted.

2) An example is when the entire conglomeration of kuffar formed a united front to attack Madina Sharif.



Our condition is the converse where, over a petty issue we resort to screaming, swearing, shouting, arguments and quarrels.  
It is said:

من ينظر الى مجارى القضاء لا يفنى ايامه فى مخاصمة الناس

*'That person whose gaze is on Allah's ﷻ decision-making system, he will not waste his time in disputing with people.'*

A glaring example of this is the incident of Hazrat Ayesha ؓ when allegations were cast at her; her gaze was focused on Allah ﷻ. After that Allah ﷻ clarified her name in the Quraan Sharif. If not, the Shias would have had a fields day! Sometimes however, it becomes necessary to clear ones name especially if ones reputation is affected. eg: if an Imams reputation is damaged it is necessary for him to clear his name otherwise people will not listen to his advices. This is derived from the story of Yusuf ؑ who refused to come out of prison until his reputation was not restored.

### The Wealth Of Imaan

A poor person in Kabul, wearing patched clothing used to say: "I am the richest person!"

People enquired from him his reason and his reply was: "I have دولت ايمان - I have the wealth of Imaan!"

Do we consider this as wealth! Yet all success is dependent on this as our lives are temporary and we all have to depart.(1)

جو آيا ہے يہاں آج کل جاؤگا کوئی دم میں یہ دم نکل جاؤگا

*"Whoever came today, has to leave tomorrow. At any moment this life/ breath will be extracted."*

Our breaths in this world are limited.

1) In other words all other worldly wealth is temporary unlike the wealth of Imaan which is eternal.

جو قلب پریشاں تھا صد رنج و آلم سے فیضان نبوت سے ملا اسکو سکینہ

*“That heart which was wrestless with grief and pain,  
through the beneficence of Nubuwwat it received tranquillity.”*

A person in total darkness does not know whether he is picking up a stick or a snake! There was total darkness prior to nubuwwat (prophethood). Had it not been for Imaan the hearts would never have found satisfaction.(1)

May Allah ﷻ grant us Muhabbat, Azmat (respect) and Aqeedat (firm belief) of Rasullullah ﷺ. Therefore these Umrah trips should not be tourism.

ہے مدینے کی نسبت قیمت میری و گرنا حقیقت میں سستے ہے ہم

*“My value is due to my nisbat (connection) with Madina,  
Otherwise in reality we are cheap.”*

Our value is only as much as is our obedience to Allah ﷻ and His Nabi ﷺ. Unfortunately we have stooped so low that our yardstick in measuring value is the car, bank balance, home, degrees and qualifications of a person. These are not condemned by Shariat, as it can be a means of attaining Aakirat. However, of what value are these when they are leading us to the displeasure of Allah ﷻ.

Akbar Ilahabad used to say:

نہ نماز ہے نہ روزہ نہ زکوٰۃ ہے نہ حج تو خوشی پھر اسکی کیا ہے کہ کوئی جینت ہے کہ کوئی حج

*“There is no salah, no fasting, no zakat and no Haj. Then what is the happiness if a person is called gentleman or a judge!”*

The happiness will only be there if the person is a good Muslim judge, otherwise to be desirous of such things is to be desirous of the anger of Allah ﷻ.

1) Without the Noor of Imaan a person is oblivious of the lethal effect and misery found in sins. Due to the darkness of disbelief he considers the ‘snake of sins’ to be beneficial.