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Dear Reader,

As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum!

Summer vacations are right around the corner and I am sure everyone is excited. One of the best things about summer is the Jalsa Salana; three days filled with so much knowledge and fun. Some people travel a long way to be able to experience the blessings of Jalsa. You know what you can do during those long car rides or flights? You can say Durūd [pray for blessings on the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)]. Saying Durūd is a way to get lots of blessings for yourself as well. You can say Durūd throughout your day, but you must always say Durūd before you relate a Ḥadīth [saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)]. Our beloved Prophet was the best example for us to follow and we are lucky that we get to know more about him because his companions noted down his sayings.

They say that if you truly love someone, you do everything you can to be like them. The characteristics of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) are exactly what we should aspire to make our own. So, when you read this issue about favorite Aḥādīth, think how you can make these words of wisdom part of your everyday life. We hope you enjoy reading this issue.

Was-Salām,

Mahnoor Waseem. Al Hilal Editorial Staff

Favorite Sayings of the Holy Prophet

(may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

By: Aliya R. Nasir. Central Jersey. Age 12

If you are ever in a problem and need someone to look up to, you should always think about the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), who was the perfect role model. If you do not know what to do about something in a situation, just remember some of the sayings of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The sayings of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), or Aḥādīth, have helped me in life and have taught me so much. My favorite ones include the Ḥadīth on the importance of truthfulness and the Ḥadīth against backbiting. These are the sayings that I have picked out to write about because they have changed me as an individual, and, In Shā Allah (God willing), they will change you for the good, too.

The first Ḥadīth is about the importance of truth: **Aṣ-Ṣidqu Yunjī Wal-Kadhibu Yuhliku.** *Truth saves, falsehood destroys.* First, I would like to again mention that lying is one of the greatest sins. Many kids do it so they will not get in trouble if they did something wrong, but that would mean that they are committing a great sin. Lying is one of the biggest sins. There was an incident where a man who did many bad things asked the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) how he could stop doing bad things. The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said to give up lying. When the man wanted to do bad things, it occurred to him that word might get to the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). If the Holy Prophet asks him if



he did that bad thing, he could not lie. So he did not do it. Slowly, the man stopped doing bad things, just because he gave up lying. When he gave up lying, he had the strength to give up other sins, too. Therefore, we should all give up lying

completely because it will give us the strength to give up other sins, too.

The second Hadīth is against backbiting: Al-Ghībatu Ashaddu Minal-Qatli. Backbiting is worse than killing. This Hadīth really helped me become a better person, and I want it to help all of you, too. If you do not know what backbiting is, it is when you talk bad about someone when they are not there to hear you. I want it to help all of you because backbiting occurs so often, and we do not even know we are doing it. I know that possibly everyone who is reading this—including me—has probably backbitten someone before. We did not know it, but while we were backbiting, which was like killing the person you were talking about, but worse.

In conclusion, my main goal in writing this article was for all of you to start paying attention to the sayings of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) because they can really help. In Sha Allah, many of you will learn a lot and become a better person from the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Respect Your Elders and Young Ones



By: Sareena Noya Baig. Chicago West. Age 8

You should always respect your elders and young ones. Here is an example: If your mom is being nice to you, you should be nice. If you do not respect your younger ones, they might grow up like you. If you do not respect your elders you will not get respect from them. If you follow this advice, Allah will bless you. I hope everyone respects their elders and young ones.

UNITY Among Believers



By: Talha Ahmed. Brooklyn, NY. Age 12

Al-Mu'minu Lil-Mu'mini Kal-Bunyāni Yashuddu Ba'ḍuhū Ba'dan (Bukhari, 2446)

One believers to another is like a building,
each part is a source of strength for the other part.

The meaning of this Ḥadīth is that all Muslims, who believe in Allah, are brothers and sisters. One is like a teacher to another fellow Muslim, teaching him or her the beautiful etiquette of our own Muslim faith. I carry out this teaching by setting an example of unity with my siblings. By going to the Masjid and joining in Prayers with my fellow Muslim brothers, and if I cannot go to the mosque, I offer them in congregation at home with my family. We can implement this Ḥadīth by listening and paying attention to our beloved Khalifatul-Masih, and spread his words among our fellow Aḥmadīs to form a strong community.



If the base is strong, a building never falters, likewise if our foundation is strong by listening to our beloved Khalifa, we will always be united under one banner of brotherhood.



My Favorite Hadith

By: Bushra Rehman. Dallas, TX. Age 10



One Ḥadīth that has changed my life is about the high status of mothers, **Al-Jannatu Taḥṭal-Aqdāmīl-Ummahāti**: Paradise is under the feet of mothers. Mothers have a tremendous influence on children and are a role model for them. They raise their children to be pious and God-fearing who will enter the paradise. I have learned to respect my mother and treat her with love and kindness.

My Favorite Hadith is...

By: Zahra Siddiqui. Laurel, MD. Age 11

My favorite Ḥadīth is related to control over anger.

The Ḥadīth states:

“The strong person is not he who defeats others in wrestling. The strong person is he who has full control over himself during his anger.” Bukhārī

This helps me in my life a lot because I fight with my brother a lot. If I think of this Ḥadīth when I am fighting with him, I realize that we should not be fighting at all. This Ḥadīth brings all people closer to peace because it should help us control our anger and help us not to take out our anger on others. This Ḥadīth helps me to be a better Muslim because Muslims should be peaceful and this Ḥadīth helps us control ourselves and keep peace within ourselves and others. As Muslims we should remember that Islam means peace and the submission to the will of Allah.



Allah is Kind

By: Amaan Ahmed. Brooklyn, NY. Age 7

“Innallāha Rafīqun Wa Yuḥibbur-Rifqa”

Allah is kind and loves kindness (in all affairs). This is my favorite Ḥadīth because it is true that Allah helps us get through life. He is the Creator of all things. He is the Lord of all the worlds. He loves everyone even if we do bad deeds. He is always ready to show mercy and forgive us. Allah is kind to me in my life by making me an Aḥmadī Muslim, giving me such good parents, making me so intelligent, and giving me such a good family. I try to show love and kindness to my little brother and sister.



Paradise Lies Under the Feet of Mothers

By: Adeena Baig. Chicago West. Age 10

Mothers are the most important people in your life. Your mothers give you food, shelter, and so much more. For example, every day my mom wakes up and makes our lunches for school. Another example is that she provides

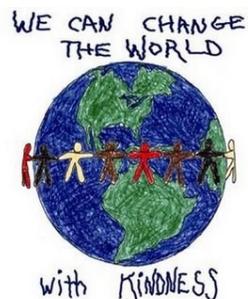


shelter for us, like a bed or a room to sleep in. You should always respect your mom. If I did not have a mom, I would be upset. She takes care of you. Also, your mom is your best friend. You can always tell your secrets to her. That is what my mom tells me. Once again your mothers are the most important people in your life. May Allah give them so many blessings.

Allah is Kind

By: Ayesha Ahmad. Minnesota. Age 8

The Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, said, "Allah is kind and He loves kindness." Kindness means being nice and gentle. Out of His kindness, He has provided us with all the things we want and need. We all love Allah and we have to show kindness to all of His creations to get His love. We have to be polite and caring and make sure that we do not hurt anyone's feelings. Treat others like you want to be treated. I believe that as Allah is kind, we should all be kind. Allah will be happy if we are all good to each other.



My Favorite Hadith

By: Freeha Malik. Laurel, MD. Age 12

Ḥadīth is the saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). I would like to share some interesting facts about Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him). He was born in Baha, Yemen. His name at birth was Abdush-Shams (servant of the sun). However, he had a pet cat when he was a child, and became known as "Abū Hurairah" (which literally means "father of the kitten").

Abū Hurairah spent three years in the company of the Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and went on expeditions and journeys with him. It is estimated that he narrated around 5,375 Aḥādīth. Among the many Aḥādīth narrated by Ḥaḍrat Abū Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him), this is my favorite Ḥadīth:

Abū Hurairah relates that he heard the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) say: **Allah is my witness, that I seek forgiveness of Allah and turn to Him more than seventy times a day** (Bukhārī).

After reading this Ḥadīth, it becomes very obvious how important it is to seek forgiveness (engage in Istighfār [repentance]) on a daily basis. Being humans, we are prone to falter. So, it is extremely important that we keep seeking Allah's forgiveness all the time. Especially in this society, it becomes even more relevant where there are many dangers all around us. May Allah, the Almighty, keep us in His loving protection and enable us to become the recipients of His mercy and forgiveness. Āmīn, Allāhumma, Āmīn.



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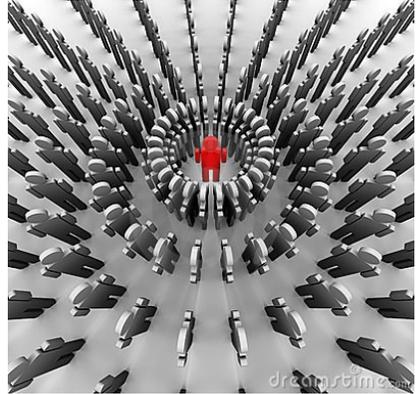
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Keeping Good Company: An Influential Saying Among Many

By: Faiza Khan. Dallas TX. Age 14

When I sat down and thought about the many sayings of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), it was really difficult for me to choose only one because all of them influenced me somehow. At this age, considering how easily influenced teenagers and children are by the people who surround them; I decided that the Ḥadīth that I find most influential in my everyday life is the importance of keeping good company. The translation of this Ḥadīth is: **“A person may adopt a friend’s religion (or way of life), hence he should watch who he befriends.”**



The people who we are friends with and whom we associate with ultimately determine who we will turn out to be. Your friends will not only influence your personality but also your actions. Not only that but other people will also judge you based on who you hang out with. The importance of having good friends cannot be stressed enough. Whether you admit it or not, we all can fall under the influence of peer pressure. This can lead us to making bad decisions just because our friends are doing the same. Bad company destroys good virtues and will force you to stray from the path towards Allah. To avoid going down that road, you should watch who you befriend. The key is to befriend people who uplift you and bring out the best of your



personality and influence you in a positive way.

Why is it important to keep good company, you might ask. Well, because there is nothing that weighs heavier in the scales of Allah than good conduct. In fact, the Holy Qur'an states that the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was a perfect role model for mankind because he possessed such immense moral excellence. If our goal as Aḥmadī Muslims is to follow the path of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), we too must make sure that we and our company reflect good conduct.

So, what exactly is good company? What should we look for in our friends? Well, a good friend is someone who possesses the necessary qualities to be a generally good person. In this society, for example, we should seek friends who are not judgmental and do not rank people because of their appearance, who respect your customs and beliefs, who understand your feelings and emotions. Friends should be people who are honest, kind and selfless. Your company should be people who influence you to do good deeds and to become a better person.

This Ḥadīth can help you in everyday life by reminding you that the people who you associate with are the people who will help determine your future. Keep in mind that the company you keep shapes who you turn out to be.

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My Favorite Hadith

AneekaTak / Potomac, MD / Age 7

There are many sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that I like, but there are two which are my favorite. The first one is, “Tarakad-du’āi ma’siyatun,” and it means, “It is a sin to abandon praying.” I like this Hadith because the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) taught us to never give up on praying because it is very important for the Muslims.

My second favorite Hadith is, “Ittaqun-nāra wa lau bi shiqqi tamratin.” This Hadith means, “Shield yourself against the Fire even if it be only with half a date [given in Sadaqa].” This Hadith teaches us that if we keep all the money for ourselves then the poor people will not have anything.

The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) always took care of the poor and gave them food and money.

He told his followers to do the same because this is what Allah wants us to do. If we listen to Allah and the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) then we will be protected from the fire of hell and we will instead go to heaven.



A Hadith to Live by

By: Maheen Rizwan. Chicago West. Age 8

Ma Qalla Wa Kafā khairum-Mimmā Kathura Wa Alhā

A little that suffices one's need is better than plenty that makes him forgetful (of Allah).

This Ḥadīth means that we should learn to be happy with how much we have. It also means that too much of anything can be bad and cause us to not have time for Allah. For example, if you play video games all day then you will not have time for religion, you will not have time for Allah. But if you play video games for only one hour and learn, or offer Ṣalāt, you are learning and giving time to Allah.

This Ḥadīth can be applied to daily life if we learn to be happy with how much we have. For example: if you only have \$10, you should learn to either save it or buy something you can afford with it, and be happy. This way you have what you need and you also have time for other things. If you have a lot more money than you need, you might get so caught up in spending your money and having a good time that you will not be able to make time for Allah. This Ḥadīth is a great Ḥadīth to live by because it teaches us the importance of everything we have, even if it is just a little bit.

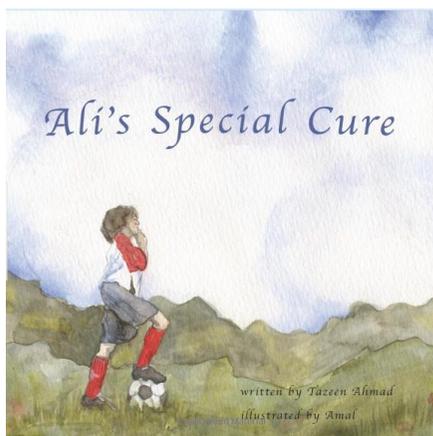
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Cleanliness is Part of Faith

By: Daanish Malik. Laurel, MD. Age 9

Cleanliness is part of faith and leads us to a healthy life. Our Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said الطهور شطر الإيمان "Cleanliness is a requirement of faith." The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also said, "Cleanliness is the key to Prayer and Prayer is key to paradise." I like this Ḥadīth because the Ḥadīth tells



us to perform Wuḍū which is needed for Ṣalāt. If I do Wuḍū, I am keeping myself clean which stops me from having diseases. This Ḥadīth changed my life because sometimes I used to forget to perform Wuḍū. But I learned this Ḥadīth, and now I never forget. The Holy Qur'an

says this itself. Cleanliness is particularly emphasized in connection with Ṣalāt (Prayer), as a Muslim is expected to try to be in a prayerful state at all times. To this end, Muslims are commanded to perform the ritual washing of certain parts of the body in preparation for Ṣalāt. The Holy Qur'an says: "O you who believe! When you rise up for Prayer, wash your faces and your hands as far as the elbows, and wipe your heads, and (wash) your feet up to the ankles." The Holy Prophet teaches us to follow a healthy lifestyle and said, "Food is blessed when one washes his hands before and after it." The Messenger of Islam said: "Had I not found it difficult for my followers, I would have ordered them to clean their teeth before every Prayer." A healthy body has a healthy mind. So let's try to follow footsteps of our Holy Prophet, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Zoya Shams. Chicago West. Age 13

Would you ask for your gift back? Did you know that taking back a gift is like one who licks his own vomit? I strongly agree that taking back a gift is not right. It shows you are very uncaring person. You gave that gift for a reason now why are you taking it back? People who take gifts back usually do it because someone did something to cause that person to take the gift back. Taking a gift back can cause hatred towards a person. This is why the Holy Qur'an tells us not to take a gift back. There should never be hatred towards a person in the first place. The Aḥmadiyya Muslim Community's motto is: *Love for all. Hatred for none.* An example of this would be at my school. There were two very close friends. One gave money to the other because it was friend's birthday. The next day they lost respect for each other and were no longer friends. This person who had given the money asked for the money back once they were no longer friends. The friend should have felt very ashamed when asking for money back. I hope you consider all the things I said and now realize taking a gift back is not right.



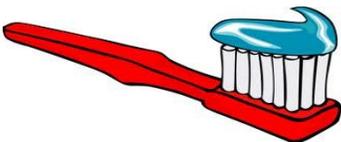
My Favorite Hadith

By: Labeena Ehsan. Pittsburgh, PA. Age 7

Here is my favorite Ḥadīth of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

Ḥadīrat Ā'isha (may Allah be pleased with her) relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and

blessings of Allah be upon him) said "Brushing the teeth purifies the mouth and pleases Allah." I like this Ḥadīth because it tells



us about how to stay clean and that if you are clean, you will have good health. Also, Allah will also be pleased with you.

We should brush our teeth at least twice a day. Brushing makes all the germs in our mouth go away. It makes your breath smell fresh. The Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) told us to do this 1500 years ago when doctors did not even know about it. We should be grateful to him because he told us such a useful thing and we should recite Durūd a lot, that is, we should send blessings on him a lot.



My Favorite Saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw)

By: Meheen T. Piracha. Dallas, TX. Age 9

My favorite saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is: *Paradise lies under the feet of mothers*. This is my favorite because mothers help us kids. Sure, dads too help us but many of our fathers go to work and many of our mothers stay home. The meaning of this Ḥadīth is that you have to obey, respect, and take care of your mother no matter what happens. It does not mean that you pick up your mother's foot and say, "Hello? Is the door to paradise open?" No. It means that you have to obey your mother then the door to paradise opens. Another one of my favorite sayings is *Beware the Fire Of Jealousy*. This is my favorite because this basically tells you not to be jealous of somebody else. For example, if you are jealous of somebody you might think "*Blah! What an ugly girl! That shirt on her makes her really good and making her the most popular girl in class! And I am the most popular! I am so jealous that I might snatch that pretty, pretty shirt of hers and I will wear and look better than her.*" Jealousy makes you think and say bad things. Islam despises badness. These are my favorite sayings of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

My Favorite Hadith

By: Mirza Khubaib Ahmad. Pittsburgh, PA. Age 9

My favorite Ḥadīth of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is about serving your parents. It states, "May his nose be rubbed in dust, may his nose be rubbed in dust, may his nose be rubbed in dust! Anyone who found his parents-one or both-approaching old age and did not enter paradise through serving them."

In the Holy Quran, Allah states to "not say 'ugh' to your parents, nor scold them, and speak kindly to them."

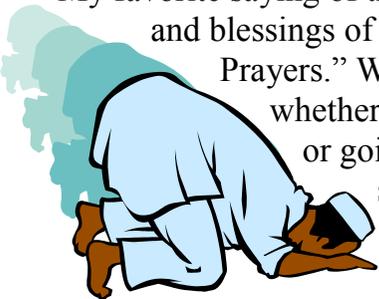
Ḥaḍrat Awais Qarni (may Allah be pleased with him) could never visit the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) because he was serving his sick mother! Because of this act, the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) thought dearly of him and sent Salām to him.

We should all try to respect and obey our parents and should serve them in every possible way. May Allah enable us all to do so. Āmīn.



Naimol Quloob/Northern Virginia/Age 13

My favorite saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is, "Allah accepts Prayers." When I pray to Allah he always fulfills it whether it is for doing well in school, getting a toy or going somewhere. It always gives me a great sense of peace whenever I am scared to do something. Praying to Allah brings me comfort and protects me from bad things.



My Favorite Ḥadīth

Saliha Noor / Brooklyn NY / Age 13

I wrote a poem on my favorite Aḥādīth, which brings sympathy between Muslims. The Ḥadīth is, “Be the First to Greet.” Allah prefers those who hasten to be the first to greet others.

BE THE FIRST TO GREET

The person who's the first to greet,
Saying

To a brother or a sister
Anyone!

Is kind and loving
To all

He's the one Allah uses
The one to succeed
And the one to have the Nūr.
He is chosen by Allah
The one to be nearer to Allah
And that's an honor from Allah.

Allah is

Al-Wāḥid—the One
Al-Wadūd—the Loving
An-Nūr—the Light
Al-Majīd—the Glorious
As-Salām—the Peace
Ar-Rahmān—the most Gracious
Ar-Rahīm—the most Merciful
Al-Mu'min—the Faithful
Who chooses you.

Allah is even more than that—
He's the one to give
you all you deserve



And when you are asked who, who do you believe?
 That day the earth will rumble, the sky will open and fire
 will come
 The only One you would say is Allah
 The One who controls the earth and everything that is
 around you
 And He will see if you were kind to your brother and
 sister all around.
 He'll see everything, so start what you have missed
 And change yourself



My Favorite Ḥadīth

Nyla Chaudhry / Potomac, MD / 7

I have three favorite Aḥādīth. The first one is, “Al-Balā’u Mu’akkalun Bil-Mantiqi” which means, “Speaking without thinking leads to trouble.” It is important to think before saying anything because we may say something wrong or hurtful to someone without meaning to do so. Since we cannot take back the words once spoken, we should stop and think before we speak. Sometimes we may get angry with our siblings or our friends and we may say hurtful things to them. It is better to think what we want to say before we speak it out loud.

My second favorite Ḥadīth is, “Annan-Nazafatu Minal-Imani.” This means, “Cleanliness is a part of faith.” I like this Ḥadīth because it teaches us how it is important to be clean.

My third favorite Ḥadīth is, “Laisal-Khabaru Kal-Mu’ayanati,” which means, “Hearsay is not like seeing.” This Ḥadīth teaches me not to believe anything unless I see it with my own eyes. For example, if someone came and told me that there is a lion in our backyard, I will not believe that person unless I go and carefully see for myself if there is a lion or not.

My Favorite Hadith

Musa Lughmani / Silver Spring MD / Age 11

My favorite Ḥadīth is the Ḥadīth about the importance of motives, Innamal-A'maalu Bin-Niyyati. It means that whatever you do, you must have a good intention or motive. This affects my daily life because when my mom tells me to offer Ṣalāt (Prayer), I do it because it will make her and Allah happy, not because I was forced to. This is why the Ḥadīth about the importance of motives is my favorite Ḥadīth.

Haroon Lughmani / Silver Spring MD / Age 8

My favorite Ḥadīth is the one that says paradise lies under the feet of mothers. That means it is the key to paradise. Also, I have to tell you many ways this affects my life. Because mothers are involved in many aspects of our lives, they can teach us, make us successful, pious, and God-fearing. So, if we listen to them, and obey them, then we will be granted paradise.



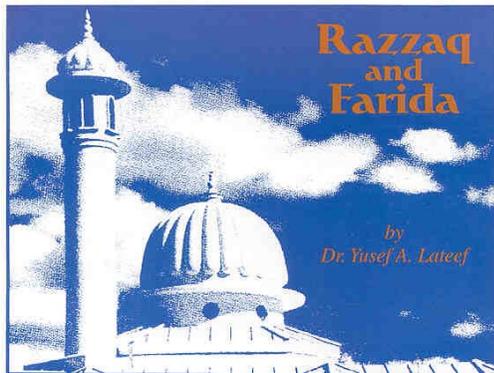
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Allah is Kind and Loves Kindness



Raheel Yanful/Bronx, NY/12



The Ḥadīth (saying of the Holy Prophet) that I follow the most is the one that states you should, **“BE RESPECTFUL TO YOUR ELDERLY AND KIND TO THE YOUNG.”** I think it is the number one Ḥadīth that matches my kind of life and lifestyle.

It is related to most of the Aḥādīth because if people were to follow this Ḥadīth the world would be a better place. One of the main reasons why I believe this is that some people that are now criminals were not treated kindly or with respect when they were young. So they may feel that if someone can treat me that way I can treat another person badly.

I would prefer not to end up with that kind of mindset. It seems to me that if you follow this Ḥadīth you’ll get what you want in life (well mostly) and make the people you love happy. It’s a win/win deal. So it’s kind of hard not to follow it.



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How Ahadith Guide Me

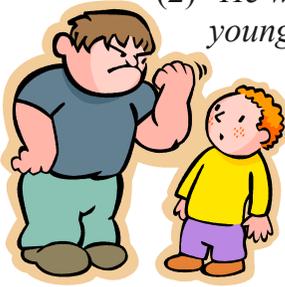
Nuriya Rodney / St. Louis / Age 9
(with help from her mom Tamara Rodney)

Here are three Aḥādīth, and below each is one way that they guide me in my daily life.

(1) *Speaking without thinking leads to trouble.*”
When I think before I act I do not say something wrong, mean, or rude.



(2) *“He who has no sympathy for younger ones and does not recognize the rights of the elders is not from us.”*



When I see a child being picked on, I try to defend them. Or, if an elder asks me to help carry something I help them.

(3) *“Paradise lies under the feet of mothers.”*

When I get sad, scared, sick, or angry I know that I can go to my mom and she will make me feel better.



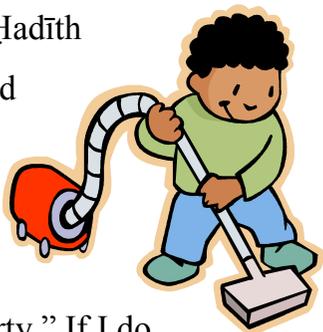
Al-Hamdu Lillah, the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) left many useful Aḥādīth that **still** chaperone Muslim children through life.

Source: Lessons on Islam: Book Four, pages 22-23.

Cleanliness is part of Faith

Yusra Haroon / Potomac, MD / 8

My favorite Ḥadīth is, “Anna-Nazafatu Minal-Imani” which means “Cleanliness is a part of faith.” This Ḥadīth teaches me the importance of being clean and keeping my room clean. If I had dirty clothes lying on the floor in my room and someone came in they would say, “Look at



your room! It is not clean. It is dirty.” If I do

not brush my teeth then my mouth will smell bad and people will not want to sit next to me or talk to me.

Worse than that is my teeth will fall out. If I do not

take a shower everyday then I will

start being smelly and my hair

will look very greasy and dirty. Would anyone

want to be my friend if I do not keep myself

clean?



The Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace be upon him) was so right for giving us this guidance and I will make sure that I follow it. I am also going to tell my mom and dad the importance of this Ḥadīth and what I have learned.

My Favorite Ahadith

Sabina Khan, Northern Virginia, Age 9

Aḥādīth are sayings of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (peace be upon him). These saying are very special and when we read and understand them, they can make our lives much better. Here are some Aḥādīth I love:

1. SPEAKING WITHOUT THINKING LEADS TO TROUBLE—I like this because if I think before I speak I will not get in as much trouble or hurt someone’s feelings.
2. HE WHO IS NOT KIND TO OUR YOUNGER ONES AND DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS OF OUR ELDER, IS NOT FROM AMONG US—Elders should be kind to kids and kids should respect elders. If we do this, our families will be happier because we are nice to each other.
3. THE BEST AMONG YOU IS THE ONE WHO LEARNS THE QUR’AN AND TEACHES IT—First, it is important to learn the Holy Qur’an yourself, but then when you get big you can teach your kids too, In Sha Allah, and that is so special and important.



4. RESPECT YOUR CHILDREN AND CULTIVATE GOOD MANNERS IN THEM—This is important because if you are nice to your kids and teach them to be kind, then when they grow up and use their good manners, people will feel good around them too, In Sha Allah.



The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) was a very special person, and that is why I love Aḥādīth.

My Favorite Hadith

Mustapha Trawalley / Boston, MA / 15

“The strong person is not he who defeats others in wrestling. The strong person is he who has full control over himself during his anger.”

This Ḥadīth indicates that the strong person is the one who can control his anger while the weak person is the one who cannot control his anger and uses violence. Anger leads to negative behavior towards others and for the angry person. If a person can control his anger he is surely one who has self-control.



This Ḥadīth is one of my favorite Aḥadīth because it makes clear that defeating others when you are angry is a sign of violence and lack of self-control. The person who controls his anger is the one who is the true “strong person” because he stopped himself from using violence to calm his anger. The “strong person” is the one who chooses peacefulness over violence.

“Controlling your anger is one thing that will be a skill you need in life to be successful.” My teachers always emphasize this quote because that is what you need to succeed. Also, Allah loves those who can suppress their anger and have the mindset of Islam, which means peace and obedience.

Allah says in the Holy Qur’an (Chapter 3 Verse 135):

“Those who spend in prosperity and adversity, and

those who suppress anger and pardon men; and Allah loves those who do good...”

This portion of the Holy Qur’an shows that Allah loves the ones that suppress their anger and forgive. Only the righteous people are the people Allah loves and the ones who can suppress their anger the best.

May Allah help us suppress our anger in hardships so we can be one of those who are righteous, so Allah will love and reward us.

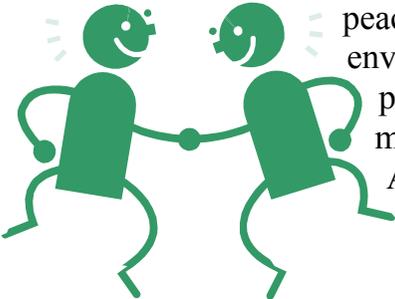
My Favorite Ḥadīth

Nazir Ahmad / Virginia South / 13

إِنَّ أَوْلَى النَّاسِ بِاللَّهِ مَنْ بَدَأَهُمْ
بِالسَّلَامِ

Allah prefers those who hasten to be the first to greet others saying “As-Salamu Alaikum.” (Abū Dawūd)

All Aḥādīth should be the favorite of all the Muslims. These Aḥādīth are guidance for all of us. The one I try to follow each moment is, “**Be the first to greet others.**” This Ḥadīth helps me be respectful and humble to others. It teaches me to be a part of a brotherhood and be closer to other Muslims. It guides me to spread peace in the world and creates a friendly environment. By saying Salam first, I give people respect, they feel more open to me and best of all, I get a reward from Allah.



My Favorite Hadith

Alina Khan/Northern Virginia/Age: 14

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) has many sayings we call Aḥādīth. Some of my favorites are:

“The best action in the sight of Allah is that which is done with regularity, even if it is small.”

This means that it is better to do little actions all the time than one big action once in a while.

“Truth saves; falsehood destroys.”

This means that it is a good idea to just tell the truth than to tell a lie that would lead to more lies and trouble.

There are many Aḥādīth that help me become a better Muslim. For example, **“Allah does not look upon your outward appearance but he looks at your hearts.”** I think this Ḥadīth makes a difference because it tells people that Allah does not care if you are pretty. He is more concerned if you have a good heart.



“Cleanliness is a requirement of faith.”

This Ḥadīth tells us that being clean is very important and is part of our faith.

And finally, **“In every matter, moderation is best.”** This Ḥadīth applies to every situation. The middle way is the best.

Jassia Ahmad, Brookfield, WI, Age 10

Cross word Puzzle

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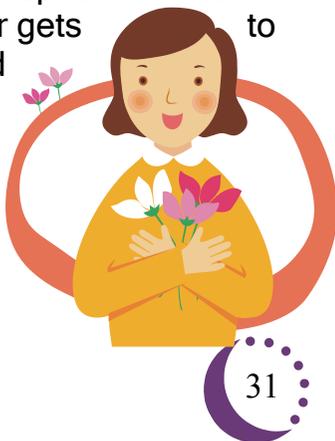
HIGH STATUS OF MOTHERS

By: Omar Ahmad Khan, Pennsylvania, Age 9

Paradise is under the feet of mothers. (Sunan Nisa'i)
This Ḥadīth is about the high status of mothers. Mothers have a high status because they gave birth to us and took care of us, when we could not take care of ourselves.

They have raised us since we were born and they buy us clothes and things we need. That is why they have a high status. They also taught us the basic Qur'anic teachings. My mother taught me how to read the Yassarnal-Qur'an. She showed me how to do ablution, and how to call the Adhān. She also taught me how to read the Qur'an and how to offer Ṣalāt and helped me remember the prayers to be recited in Ṣalāt and their meanings. She also taught me how to speak Urdu and read Arabic. She helped me learn the last ten chapters of the holy Quran.

This Ḥadīth says "Paradise is under the feet of mothers." What this means is that if you help your mother and do what your mother tells you to do; you have a good chance of going to paradise. This Ḥadīth helped me because I am going to try to help my mother in the work that she does. If we do not argue with our mother and properly respect her and do our chores, we will have a good chance of going to paradise. If we follow in our mother's footsteps, we will become better individuals. If you do not follow in your mother's footsteps, you will become sinners. Also We should respect our mothers and do as they say. If your mother gets to a point where she gets sick or gets old and cannot help you, do your work and try to help your mother do her work as best as you can. If you do help your mother in this situation, you will be pious in the eyes of Allah, the Almighty, and your mother will appreciate it a lot.



My Favorite Hadith

By: Khalid Husain
Pittsburgh, PA, Age: 11



Paradise lies under the feet of your mother. This Ḥadīth means: If you follow your mother's instructions and obey her fully, you along with her will go to heaven. This Ḥadīth can affect you in your daily life: by telling you to obey your mother and not fight you will get along with her very well. If you fought all the time with your mother she would not want to have anything to do with you. Do

you remember how many times your mother says to you politely, "Please brush your teeth," "Please change your shirt so you do not get sick," "Please turn off the game so you can do your homework." When she gets mad, remember that she is only human too just like you. If you are by yourself, who's

going to help you heal that broken bone. In conclusion, if you listen to your mother you will go to heaven and have a nice relationship with her. Remember who's going to help you function when you have a broken bone?





The Mother

**By: Mahrukh Amir,
Las Vegas, Nevada,
Age: 14**

From inside her womb till
her deathbed... she cares...
she nourishes... she loves... she instills in you piousness... You
are taken care of... nourished... loved... and pious. The Mother.
A great influence on us children. For all the things she does
for us to be a better generation. We can repay by simply
obeying her even though you think it's not right—she's your
mother—and she knows what is perfect for her kids.

One of the many Aḥādīth is “Paradise lies under the
feet of mothers.” This literally does not mean that if you look
under your mother's feet you'll see paradise. Therefore, it
indicates that the upbringing that the mother puts in you will
have a good effect. Our mothers always want the best for
their children.

For example, once a companion came to the Holy
Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) and
asked, “Of all the people with whom should I have the best
relationship?” He replied, “Your mother.” The man enquired
the second time, “And then who?” Again “Your mother,” was
the reply. “Who then?” “Your mother.” “Then who?” “Your
father.” The man asked, “Who should receive the best of
treatment?” The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of
Allah be upon him) stated, “Your mother.” As we can see
from the prior example, that the mother is indeed a very
important and vital person in our life!

Under this perspective, not every mother has heaven under



her feet. It means that mothers are a heavenly sign and heaven has become manifest in their appearance. In other words, if a father is pious and God fearing, but the mother is not cooperative then the children are wasted. So, the children of those women who have developed a profound personal connection with God are NEVER wasted.

Nowadays, in our western society, children of all ages are influenced by the outside community, and look down upon their parents, especially mothers. Somehow they have in their minds that everything they say is wrong. All kids care about is their "own" life and to have "fun." With this, they do not keep the limits in mind. Although they should be thinking of what their mothers want. Always the best.

This Aḥādīth creates a better understanding, and we should keep it in our thoughts the majority of the time. This will help us grow to be a better Muslim. Mothers are the ones who instill in us the love of Allah and everything leading to the path of piety. Āmīn.

Paradise lies at the feet of your mother

By: Aleena Jjaz, Fort Worth, TX, Age: 9

Mothers care for you
Obviously love you
Teach you things you never knew before
Help you with your homework
Encourage you
Respect you
So, treat your mothers kindly!

Sayings of Prophet Muḥammad Regarding the high status of Motherhood

By: Taimoor A. Chaudhry, Fort Worth, TX, Age: 9

Our beloved Prophet, Ḥaḍrat Muḥammad (may peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) said, “Paradise lies under the feet of mothers.” In connection with respect, honor and status, mothers are highly regarded in Islam.

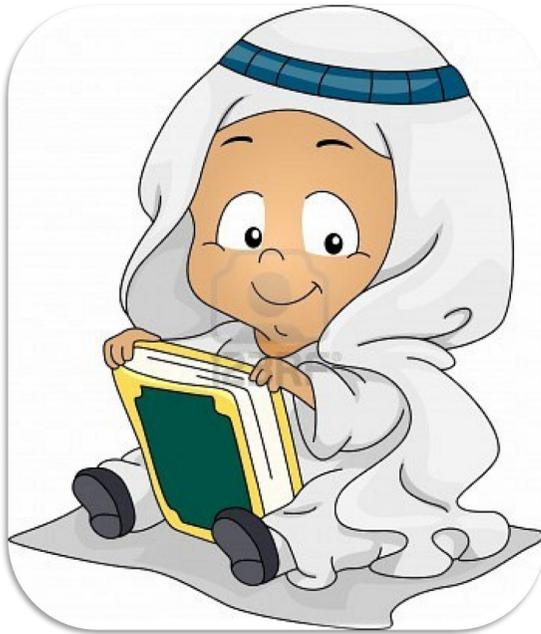
Once, a Companion of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) wanted to seek permission to go on a journey with the Holy Prophet Muhammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). The Prophet

asked him, “Is your mother alive?” He replied, “Yes.” The Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) then said, “Be with her because paradise lies under the feet of mothers.”

Mothers are always a role model for children. She plays an important role in the child’s life. She guides them in religion as well as in society and keeps children on the right path. Mothers are a protective shield as God told Moses (peace be upon him) after

his mother’s death, “O Moses, be careful now that you do not have the kind prayers of your mother.”

Our beloved Khalifatul-Masih (may Allah be his support)



has said in his many addresses to Lajna that mothers are responsible for their children's Tarbiyat (moral upbringing) because children



generally spend more time with their mothers than their fathers. Whatever mother does in her daily routine, children observe her attitude (manners) and absorb them automatically.

Mothers are first schooling for their children. Good mothers build a good nation.

Mother is a symbol of sacrifice. As children, it is our duty to take care of our mothers. We should be obedient to our mothers.

Mother has a most respectful place and great right in her children's life. Once a Sahabi asked the Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), "Who has the most right on me. The Holy Prophet said, "Your mother." Sahabi asked, "After that?" He replied, "Your mother." Sahabi asked the third time, the Holy Prophet said, "Your mother."

We can get paradise if we are obedient, pay respect to our mothers as well as fathers and try to keep her pleased. May Allah enable us to be obedient to our mothers and bring happiness in their lives.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Humza M. Ahmad, Chicago West, Age: 8,

The upper hand is better than the lower hand (Muslim. Kitabuz-Zakat).

This is my favorite Hadith. It means giving something is better than begging. I have applied this Hadith by giving charity. I give Atfal Chanda (dues) from my pocket money.

Cleanliness

By: Seher Ambar Khan, LA East Age 8

The Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said, "Cleanliness is a requirement of faith." This is my favorite Ḥadīth because it tells us how important it is to be clean. There are many ways I try to follow this.

In the morning, I brush my teeth, wash my face and wear clean clothes, so I feel clean for the rest of the day. I always feel clean after taking a shower. Whenever we read Qur'an or offer Ṣalāt, we must do Wuḍū (ablution) so that we are clean. I also wash my hands throughout the day, especially before and after eating, after recess, and when I come home from school.

In order to call ourselves Muslims, we must always keep ourselves clean.

"Paradise Lies Under the Feet of Mothers"

By: Rehan Mahmood Khan, LA East, Age 6



If your mother teaches you good things, you can go to paradise. If you treat your mother nicely, you can go to paradise. If your mother treats you nicely, she can go to paradise. If your mother teaches you good things, she can go to paradise.

This is a good deal.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Ujala Yousaf, Central Virginia, Age: 10



My favorite Ḥadīth is Allah looks at your heart. I like Ḥadīth because Allah does not look at your body or its movement but how you behave. Allah looks at your heart to see what kind of a person you are. Allah looks at feelings. Your heart has all these

qualities. Allah is the one who gave us everything and wants to know how we use them. Allah wants to know if we are happy, sad, gloomy or grumpy among many other feelings. I like this Ḥadīth because Allah looks at our inner beauty not external. Allah does not look at our body but our heart. Allah loves our inside not outside. What more do we need? Our creator does not care what we look like but how we look at everything else and how we accept it. Allah indeed looks at our heart.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Raheel Ahmad, Chicago West, Age: 7

A person may adopt his friend's religion (or way of life), hence he should watch who he befriends. (Abū Dawūd)

This Ḥadīth means to watch closely before making someone your friend because if he does bad stuff then you start to copy it. How to

choose a friend is not easy because you have to closely see if he is doing something bad. I always choose a friend by testing him if he is intelligent and smart in studies. I also check to see if he is a truthful guy and that he does not tell lies. I have to see if he is nice, caring and respectful to teachers and others.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Amjad Ahmad, Chicago West, Age: 9



God helps a person who helps his brother (in mankind). Bukhārī

This Ḥadīth means that Allah will help you if you help for a good purpose. I am in the fourth grade and I am in the second highest level of reading in my class. It happened in my life when in my school

my teacher asked me if I can help the first graders to read. Then I helped those kids in the first grade who could not read well. Then afterwards Allah rewarded me by making me the best student in math also. Later I also realized that Allah helped me in every walk of life to make me successful.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Saltan Hamayan, Atlanta, GA, Age: 12

Ḥaḍrat Ā'isha, may Allah be pleased with her, relates that the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said "The best among you are those who are good to their families and I am the best of those who are good to their families." I interpret this Ḥadīth to mean that one should love and respect his family. This Ḥadīth states that everyone has a role in their family to love and care for each other. Here is a poem expressing how much I love and respect my family.

My Family

My dad is the head of the family by my side.

He is the male lion to our pride.

The person who cared for us when my siblings and I cried,

In order to be respectful we try to abide.

My mom is more caring than anybody else in the world to me.

I love her more than anything else that could be,

Even more than a money tree.

I love her so much, you can surely see.

My sister is so wonderful.

We sometimes get in fights, but she is always thoughtful,

When we were little she was always playful,

No matter what she does, for my sister, I am very grateful.

My brother is the best.

Once we start playing together, it is as if we can never rest.

Sometimes he is a pest,

But no matter what I am blessed.

My Favorite Hadith

By Hisham Ahmad, Central Jersey, Age: 10



My favorite Ḥadīth is the following saying by the Holy Prophet Muḥammad (may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) about the importance of Friday:

“O Muslims! God has made this day Eid for you. On this day, take a bath and do brush

your teeth.” (Ḥadīqatuṣ-Ṣālihīn, pages 303-304)

I have acted upon this Ḥadīth by taking a bath before Friday prayer and brushing as well. Since every Friday is like Eid, I wear new or clean clothes. Once in the mosque, I sit quietly while listening to the Friday sermon like I would during Ṣalāt itself.

I take time off from school to attend the Friday Prayer every week. My parents wrote a letter to my Principal to obtain permission for me to leave school early on Fridays. Every Friday, my parents pick me up from the school at 1 PM to bring me to the mosque for the Friday Prayer.

My Favorite Hadith



By: Maysha Talat, Cypress
Houston, Age: 13

"Three great sins?"

Narrated by Ḥaḍrat Abū Bakr Siddiq (Allah be pleased with him). said the Prophet of

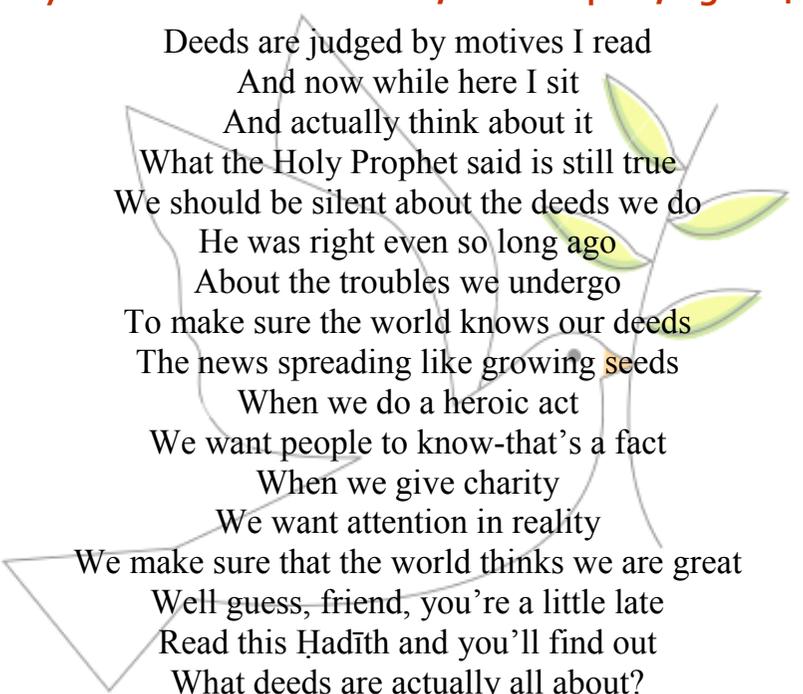
Allah (may peace of Allah and His blessing be upon him), "Shall I apprise you of three great sins?" We said, 'Aye, O Prophet of Allah.' He said: "Hearken! The biggest sin is setting up equals to Allah and the disobedience of parents and neglect of duty to them," and, leaving the cushion he was leaning against and sitting up in a roused manner, he said with great force, "Hearken! and lying," and he repeated it so many times that we wished he had left it off at that and not strained himself so much." (Bukhārī).

As a teenager, this Ḥadīth has helped me in many different ways. It has helped me be more understanding and patient with my parents. I know whenever they ask or tell me to do something it is for my own good. I should not disobey them because in the long run, it will benefit me the most.

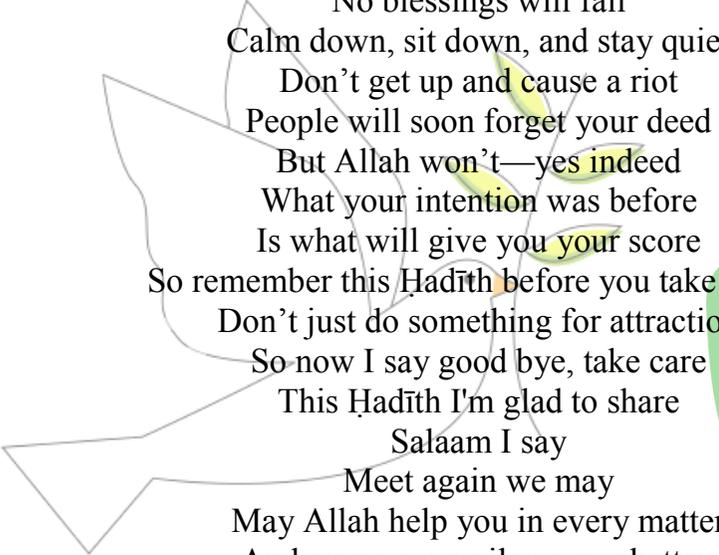
When reading this Ḥadīth, I feel very thankful for all that my parents have done for me. They are the reason why I have food in my stomach and a roof over my head. There are so many kids out there who do not have parents telling them "no" or making them understand what's wrong and what's right, and a lot of them are being misguided because of that. This Ḥadīth makes me very grateful for my parents.

My Favorite Hadith

By: Kuratul ain Abaidullah, Philadelphia, Age: 14



Deeds are judged by motives I read
And now while here I sit
And actually think about it
What the Holy Prophet said is still true
We should be silent about the deeds we do
He was right even so long ago
About the troubles we undergo
To make sure the world knows our deeds
The news spreading like growing seeds
When we do a heroic act
We want people to know-that's a fact
When we give charity
We want attention in reality
We make sure that the world thinks we are great
Well guess, friend, you're a little late
Read this Hadīth and you'll find out
What deeds are actually all about?
God cares what your intentions were
So when telling people starts to occur
Allah just lets it go
And there your blessings go
Allah Almighty can see all and everything
So don't think you can get away with anything
He only cares about what's in your heart
So friend, when you do something great, don't just dart
Make sure it stays a mystery
And then leave it as history
Because your motives judge your deeds
So what you helped with thier needs
Once you told all

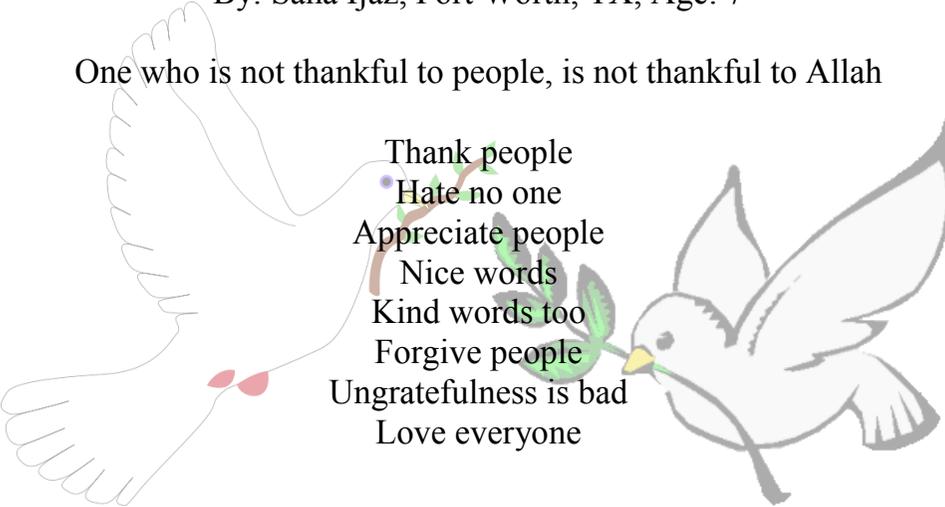


No blessings will fall
Calm down, sit down, and stay quiet
Don't get up and cause a riot
People will soon forget your deed
But Allah won't—yes indeed
What your intention was before
Is what will give you your score
So remember this Hadīth before you take action
Don't just do something for attraction
So now I say good bye, take care
This Hadīth I'm glad to share
Salaam I say
Meet again we may
May Allah help you in every matter
And may your smile never shatter.

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By: Sana Ijaz, Fort Worth, TX, Age: 7

One who is not thankful to people, is not thankful to Allah

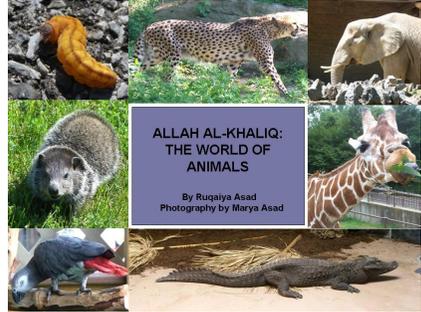


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Appreciate people
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Kind words too
Forgive people
Ungratefulness is bad
Love everyone

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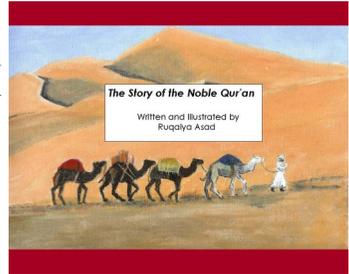
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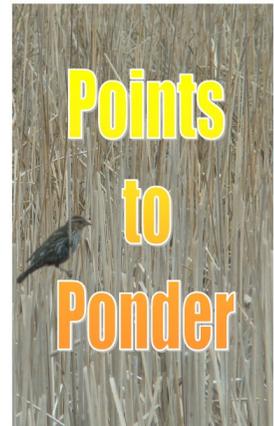
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Glossary

Abū Dāwūd: ابو داود A collection of ahadith. The author of this collection.

Adhān : اذان Verbal call, made loudly, to announce the formal Islamic worship five times a day.

aḥādīth احاديث Plural of ḥadīth.

Āmīn [Āmeen] : آمين So be it. Amen.

As-Salāmu ‘Alaikum السلام عليكم: May peace be upon you. (The formation assalam-o or assalam-u is incorrect as there is no waw و after mīm م, hence the abbreviation AoA or A.O.A. or A-o-A is also incorrect.)

Atfāl : اطفال children. Plural of Ṭifl. Members of Majlis Atfal-ul-Ahmadiyya.

Bukhārī: بخاری: The most reliable source of the sayings of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad, peace and blessings of Allāh be on him.

Chanda: چنده Monetary contribution, donation. (The ha at the end is to indicate a faṭḥ on dāl, and is not pronounced, so should not be explicitly written in the transliteration of the word.)

Darūd, Darood [Urdū] (Durūd in Persian?) درود: blessings, benediction, salutation.

Ḥadīth حَدِيث: Saying of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad, ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam. a verified account of a statement or action.

In Shā’ Allāh, in shā’allāh ان شاء الله: God willing. Note that there is a hamza at the end of inshā’ and the faṭḥ is on the hamza of Inshā’ and not on the alif of Allāh, therefore, in shā’allāh or inshā’allāh as pronounced and In Shā’ Allāh otherwise.

istighfār اسْتِغْفَار: seeking forgiveness from Allah

Jamā’at, Jamā’ah جماعت: Community, Organization. community of believers.

Muḥammad مُحَمَّد: Praiseworthy, commendable, laudable. Holy Prophet and founder of Islām (571-632), peace and blessings of Allāh be on him.

Qur’ān, Quran, Koran قرآن: recitation, a book most read. The Holy Book revealed to Muḥammad, ṣallallāhu ‘alaihi wa sallam, in Arabic over 23 years.

Ṣaḥābah, Ṣaḥāba صحابه: Companions (of the Holy Prophet Muḥammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him, and of the Promised Messiah, ‘alaihiṣsalām).

Ṣaḥābī: companion

Ṣalāt صَلَاة: Formal Prayer offered according to a prescribed procedure.

Thus, Ṣalātut-Tahajjud, Ṣalātul-Fajr, Ṣalātuḡ-Zuḡr, Ṣalātul-‘Asr, Ṣalātul-Maghrib, Ṣalātul-‘Ishā.

Sūrah سُورَة: A chapter of the Holy Qur’ān. There are 114 Sūrahs (chapters)—of various lengths—in the Holy Qur’ān.

tarbiyat, tarbiyah تَرْبِيَة: training

Wuḏū وَضُو: Ablution. Prescribed washing before Islamic worship.

In the Holy Qur'an, Allah, the Almighty
directs the Holy Prophet Muhammad
(may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him):

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي
يُحِبُّكُمْ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ
وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿٣٢﴾

Say,
'If you love Allah, follow me:
then will Allah love you and
forgive you your faults.
And Allah is Most Forgiving,
Merciful.'

[Holy Qur'an, 3:32]

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