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## Hadith

“One who recites a letter of the Kalaam of Allah Ta'ala, receives a reward, and each reward is multiplied tenfold. I do not say that Alim Laam Meem is a letter, but Alim is a letter, Laam is a letter and Meem is a letter.”

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# Tawakkul of the Springbucks

Once while travelling on foot through the desert, Hazrat Maalik bin Dinaar (Rahmatullaahi alaih) was overcome with intense thirst. Soon he saw a well in the distance. A few springbucks were drinking of the well's water which had reached the surface. When Hazrat Maalik approached the well, the bucks scattered and fled.

When he reached the well, he saw the water had receded to the bottom of the well. He drew water with the rope and bucket, and supplicated:

“O My Rabb! The bucks neither make Ruku' nor Sajdah, yet You gave them water at the surface whilst I had to draw water which was a hundred meters below the surface.”

A Voice proclaimed: “O Maalik! The springbucks reposed Tawakkul on Us whilst you reposed trust on the bucket and rope.”

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## Family Action Cricket Fun Day

**Question:** I have a question concerning a family action cricket fun day that was open for all.

The Arena has 3 courts shaped in a L, 2 courts in the back of the arena and 1 In the front. We then got all the men and kids over 13 to the courts at the back of the arena put the names in the hat and randomly chose teams and played. The women, girls and kids were in the front court which we elected 2 women (my wife and school teacher) to sort out so that we as men had no involvement with the ladies and kids. We also had a jumping castle and a flea market outside the arena for the people. Some of them are really struggling and look forward to occasions like this to get some income. The men were constantly playing in the court and the women and kids did their own thing.

The intention of this initiative was

- To have family bonding time with our kids which we hardly do.
- To bring the Muslim men together as they are always quarrelling over petty things that's the reason for the drawing from the hat.
- To try and entertain the youngsters of today keep them occupied and off the streets and away from wrong (drugs, adultery, pornications. Etc....)
- To build the unity amongst the Muslim women who are also quarrelling amongst themselves which in turn are causing the men to argue.

And for the kids it was just fun, fun, fun, as they were very tired.

### **My question is**

Is it permissible for this to happen or was it totally wrong in what we did according to Islam? And if wrong what is the right way to do it as I see a lot of moulanas supporting the fates, for example the sultan bahoo fete, souk, Hartley fete and many, many more. Please advise as I am highly confused as we would like to continue to do this more often for the community. We had achieved this in this family fun day, the men who were fighting are now talking. Parents came to me saying that they never spent so much time with their children like what they did on Sunday.

### Who are the Angels?

They are created from Light  
(Noor)

They have various duties to  
perform

They are not visible to us

They do not commit any sin

They do not disobey Allah  
Ta'ala

They do what Allah Ta'ala  
has ordered them to do

We do not know their exact  
number

We do know of four famous  
Angels...

**Answer:** Regardless of the seeming ‘benefits’ in an activity, the activity has to compulsorily be scaled on the Standard of the Shariah. If the Shariah allows the activity, then only will the ‘benefits’ be considered. If, however, the activity involves haraam acts then the objective of the whole exercise is rejected. The Shariah does not permit the commission of haraam, regardless of the objective being ‘noble’.

Understand well that an action which militates against the Teachings of the Qur’aan and Sunnah can never foster Islamic brotherhood, unity, mutual affection and the lofty goals of the Moral Code of Islam.

The activities you mentioned in the family gathering were decidedly un-Islamic and haraam. Abandoning of hijaab was perpetrated. Emulation of the kuffaar in their nafsani games was perpetrated.

Muslims must understand that their prosperity, unity and force as an Ummah lies exclusively in emulation of the Noble Tareeqah of Rasoolullah (Sallallahu alaihi wa sallam) and his illustrious Sahaabah. Our first allegiance and prior duty are with Islam – the Qur’aan and Sunnah. Molvies who participate and promote gatherings of intermingling and merry-making are lost souls not knowing whether they are floundering. They have betrayed the Sacred Knowledge of Wahi which was imparted to them by their Asaatizah. They have rebelled against the Deen.

The solution for all the ills and vices you mentioned is not in fun and games. It is inextricably interwoven in the Fabric of Islam. Those who don this Divine Fabric know what Hayaatan Tayyibah – a wonderful life – is, which Allah Ta’ala promises His devout servants in this life.

### Getting to know one’s Kalimahs

*The meaning of the third Kalimah:*

**Subhanallahi**-Glory be to Allah

**Walhamdulillaahi**-and all praise be to Allah

**Wa-laailaaha-illallaahu**-and there is none worthy of worship besides Allah

**Wallaahu Akbar**-and Allah is the greatest

**Walaahawla-walaaquwwata**-and there is no Power or Might

**Illaa-billaahil-‘aliyil ‘atheem**-The Most High, The Great

### *The Divine Books*

**1. Tauraat**

**2. Zaboor**

**3. Injeel**

**4. Qur’aan Majeed**

*The Tauraat was given to Nabi Moosa Alaihis salaam.*

*The Zaboor was given to Nabi Dawood Alaihis salaam.*

*The Injeel was given to Nabi Isa Alaihis salaam*

*The Qur’aan Majeed was given to our Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam.*

## The Asharah-Mubash-sharah

*(The 10 Sahaabah who were given the glad tiding of Jannah from Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam in this world)*

1. Hazrat Abu Bakr Radhiyallahu anhu
2. Hazrat Umar Radhiyallahu anhu
3. Hazrat Uthmaan Radhiyallahu anhu
4. Hazrat Ali Radhiyallahu anhu
5. Hazrat Talha bin Ubaidullah Radhiyallahu anhu
6. Hazrat Zubair Radhiyallahu anhu
7. Hazrat Abdur-Rahmaan bin Auf Radhiyallahu anhu
8. Hazrat Sa'd bin abi Waqqaas Radhiyallahu anhu
9. Hazrat Sa'eed bin Zaid Radhiyallahu anhu
10. Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarraah Radhiyallahu anhu

The youth of this Ummah will know the soccer heroes names who in reality are zeros if they pass away without Imaan, but are most ignorant in knowing at least the above 10 great and powerful Ashaab-e-Rasool Sallallahu alaihi wasallam.

Soccer players running after a ball is nothing wonderful. Even a child can do that. We should not waste our precious weekends with futile activities like soccer, but rather read and learn about the Sahaabah Radhiyallahu anhum.

Be a proud Muslim by knowing as many names as possible of the noble, great, pious and humble Sahaabah Radhiyallahu anhum Ajma'een!

They made the pages of our history glow. The Qur'aan Majeed praises them. Some of their names are announced in every Khutbah every week.

*In the words of the Buzruks, during battles, the Sahaabah were:*

**“Those who cried like babies (in Ibaadat, Tilaawat, Zikrullah and Du'a etc.) at night, but roared like (hungry) lions during the day (in the battlefield).”**

***“Verily, among the best of good deeds for a man is to be kind to relatives and friends of his father, after his death.” (Hadith)***

## The Divine Scriptures

Allah Ta'ala has revealed a total of 104 Scriptures to His Ambiya. Among these, 60 Manuscripts (each consisting of a few pages) were revealed to Nabi Sheeth Alaihis salaam who was the Nabi after Nabi Aadam Alaihis salaam.

30 Manuscripts were given to Nabi Ibrahim Alaihis salaam and 10 to Nabi Musa Alaihis salaam prior to the revelation of the Taurah. These Manuscripts are called Saheefahs.

## Don't Forget Your Maut

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, “There is not a home, but Malikul-Maut (angel of death) stands at its doorway five times a day. When he finds there in a person who has completed his (quota) of food, and his time has expired, he casts on him the worry of death.

Then he (the Angel) covers the person with the illness and pangs of death.....(Before departing with the soul), Malikul-Maut announces (to the inmates of the home), “Verily, I shall return again and again until no one is left from among you”

## Imam Abu Hanifah Rahmatullahi alaih and a youngster

Once, Imaam Abu Hanifah Rahmatullahi alaih saw a child running with speed. Imam Abu Hanifah Rahmatullahi alaih warning the child said, "Son! Be careful! You may slip."

The child spontaneously responded, "O Imaam! You be (more) careful and walk. If you be careful, the whole world will be careful. If you slip, the whole world will slip."

The intelligent young boy was referring to the formulating and recording of Masaa'il by Imaam Abu Hanifah Rahmatullahi alaih.

These were the youth of that era. They had love and respect for their seniors. They understood the values of their seniors.

Unfortunately, the youth of today's era have more time to worry of upgrading their sporty and flashy cars and to remain up to date with the latest cellphone. In so doing, they have no understanding of the values of the seniors, elders and Ulama-e-Haq.

To the youth of our era, they have a 'Mufti', who, in reaching and finding him, one has to pass through some immoral sites on the net.

Hence, our youth have a kind of a proudful attitude of independence in Deeni matters. Either they google a Deeni difficulty and place all their reliance to some masked 'Fatwa', or they google a Fatwa. In doing this, they will most likely find a Fatwa which will suit their Nafs. Hence, the Deen is slowly but surely bulldozed while they assume they doing things in conformity to the Sunnah!

## Speaking with Allah Paak

Hazrat Sufyaan Thawri  
Rahmaullahi alaih said,

*"Recite the Qur'aan Majeed with attention. Reflect on the statements and actions of Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam and of the Sahaabah Radhiyallahu anhum. He who does so, it is as if he has spoken to Allah Ta'ala, Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam and the Sahaabah."*

## The Daughter of Iblees

Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Hasan  
Shazli Rahmatullahi alaih said:

*"The world is the daughter of Iblees. Whoever marries his daughter, Iblees begins to frequent his home. After consummating this marriage, (the Dunya's) father, Iblees makes this person's house his permanent home."*

## The Aalim ba Amal (The practicing Aalim)

“When an Aalim implements practically his Knowledge, then the hearts of the Mu’mineen incline to him. Then only, in whose heart is a disease (of Nifaaq (hypocrisy), Hasad (jealousy) and the like) detests him.” [Ma’roof Karkhi Rahimullah]

### *Brother and Friend*

“Your brother is he who informs you of your faults and your true friend is he who warns you of your sins.” [Yahya bin Mu’aaz Rahimullah]

### The Heart’s Polish

“Verily, these hearts rust just as steel rusts when exposed to moisture.” The Sahaabah Radhiyallahu anhum asked, “O Rasulullah! What is its polish?” Rasulullah Sallallahu alaihi wasallam said, “Remembering Maut (death) in abundance and Tilaawat of the Qur’aan Majeed.”

## When opening a Masjid

**Question:** How should the Sunnah ceremony be when opening a new masjid?

**Answer:** there is NO ceremony when opening a Masjid. Opening ceremonies are practices of the Kuffaar. They are furthermore, practices of ostentation (Riya, show), pride (Takabbur) and waste (Israaf). A Masjid’s only opening ‘ceremony’ is the Athaan and the Salaah, nothing more.

## *Ingratitude*

A reason for ingratitude for the bounties of Allah Paak is focusing the gaze on what one does not possess instead of on one’s possession.

Therefore, look at what we have so that gratitude can be part of our lives.

## *Frequent Du’a—A Means of remaining in contact with Allah Paak*

When a person makes Du’a, what is he really doing? Did we ever ponder, think and reflect over what actually happens when a person engages in Du’a?

When a person raises his/her hands in Du’a, any part of the day or night, at any time, whether it be in the darkness of the night, whether it be in the brightness of the day, whether it be with Wudhu or

without Wudhu, in any posture, position, while walking, while driving, while sitting, whether the hands are raised or not, when Du’a is made, it actually shakes the skies.

When Du’a is made, Angels come down and take the Du’a up to the heavens. Angels hear the supplication of the person as the Du’a goes further up. In this way, it

reaches the Arsh of Allah Paak. Thereafter, it is ushered in the Court of Allah Paak.

Hence, a person who frequently makes Du'a, the Angels in the Heavens, as the Du'a passes through the different skies, become accustomed to his/her supplication and voice.

Just like how we have a frequent caller who calls us all the time, merely by hearing his voice, one will recognize the speaker. No further introduction is required. No further questions are required about the caller.

In the same way, a person who makes frequent Du'a, his/her voice and supplications are recognized and welcomed by the Angels. Thereafter, when it finally reaches the Highest Sky, the Door to Allah Paak's Court is opened and this supplication is put down. There too, no further introduction is required. Not that Allah Paak needs any information as He is All-Hearing and All-Knowing.

At times, the Du'a proclaims words of Shukr when ushered in the Court of Allah Paak. At times it voices out the person's worries and concerns from which he/she is seeking a way out. At times the Du'a echoes safety and security from which the servant on earth pursues from. And at other times, the Du'a requests goodness, health, Barakah and 'Aafiyah which the humble servant on earth desires.

All the above, whether the Du'a was made in times of stress, in times of sorrow, in times of problems, in times of sickness, at times of financial constraint, or whether the Du'a was made in times of comfort, in times of leisure, in times of

good health, during free time, in times of happiness and/or in times of enjoyment, the Du'a is from a frequent and recognized voice and servant.

To the contrary, if Du'a is something which is a forgotten chore in our lives. It is something which is a last resort after using, contacting and asking many other people and contacts. At times, the contact in the Police, the Haraam insurance broker is depended upon, the Haraam medical aid is a 'security' for the admittance to hospital etc. In the event the money in the bank runs to low figures, or the Haraam insurance broker refuses to pay etc. then will the option of Du'a be like a 'last resort'.

Such a person's Du'a, also goes up as explained above. However, just as a first time caller, or a non-regular caller, the name, place and other similar questions will be asked before one continues with the conversation, in the same way, this person who doesn't make Du'a regularly, his voice, supplication and requests are all strange and unfamiliar to the Angels.

Just like, to unfamiliar callers, we will quickly go back in history and see what work he contacted us for in the past, and upon investigations one might observe that only when the unfamiliar caller was in need, he contacted you. At times the unfamiliar caller wanted a loan or a favour. In short, for his benefit was the phone call made as the need arose. Besides that, never did he contact one to ask about one's health, family and work. Never did he call when he was in no real need of anything. When he was afforded the opportunity to go on holiday, one was unaware. One was made aware by his friends or family.

In the same way, Du'a which is made only in times of distress is a call raised to the Heavens which is unfamiliar to the Angels. They will discuss among themselves as to who the person is whose Du'a has come up. They will need introduction. Then they will investigate and see that the supplication is made only at times of distress, difficulty and problems. Hence, they might feel just as we feel when the unfamiliar caller calls.

Therefore, one should continue making Du'a at all times. Minimum, daily, a 3 minute Du'a is required. Raise the hands while imagining that these are my begging bowls. They are stretched out to the Giver Who is not a miser. Big or small, He listens to and answers all. No problem is too difficult for Him to solve, while no gratitude is too simple for Him to appreciate.

Then, recite Bismillah, and Durood Shareef. For indeed, Bismillah is a powerful key to start any work of ours. Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam showed us the importance of Bismillah and said that any work which is NOT begun with Bismillah, is incomplete.

Thereafter, recite Durood Shareef, it is something which attracts the Mercy of Allah Paak. Durood at the beginning and end of a Du'a is like Itr. Hence, one's hope in the acceptance of one's Du'a should increase even more when one includes Durood Shareef in Du'as.

Then, with humility, while looking into one's palms, one should think that our hands are empty, and Allah Paak's Treasures are full. For Him to give won't diminish His Treasures in the least, or to even a bit. In this way, lay down one's gratitude, problems, difficulties, financial problems, marital problems, children's problems and any other supplication. We ask Allah Paak to accept our Du'as that we make, Aameen.

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## Create an Environment of Deen in our Homes

The one thing lacking in the homes of the Ummah of SA, is an environment of Deen in our homes. We will be more stressed on regard to our children studying to obtain a healthy mark and degree, but display almost no such concern in the punctuality of Fajr Salaah of our children, and other basic Deeni demands.

In the secular education, material accusation and possessions of our children, we as parents wish for the best. Our son must have the best of vehicles, with a V8, V10 engine, or they must have the latest of mobile phones. In all such material, temporary things we pay much attention. But to the Sunnah dressing, the Sunnah simplicity and the obligatory Deeni responsibilities of our children, we pay almost no concern.

Then who will teach our daughters the importance of covering the hair? Then who will teach our children the importance of the Topi? Then who will teach and show our children the importance of following a Sunnah lifestyle?

Today, our children of 7-8 yrs. old are almost experts and masters of the internet, the computers, the cellphones and PSPs. Let us think for a while, while being logical, how have they achieved such expertise in these things?

Because, they are exposed Technology has entered lounges, our bedrooms and are also not spared. At any be online and connected. required a construction of and other literature, today chips which can carry libraries.

This is just one example. are growing up while the net, open apps,

follow people on such devices. They too began fidgeting, experimenting and mastering the same. To bring a stop to this is very difficult, since we as parents have already become so used to the use of technology. While on the one hand, this has also made many conveniences.

However, we should not become proudful at the expertise our children have to modern devices and technology, while they are empty of Deen. Just as we want them to progress in secular education, in having a degree or some title before their names, or we want their lives to be good, at the same time, we as parents should implement and stress on the aspects of Deen, in basic Deeni knowledge, in a Sunnah

### The Ulama-e-Soo'

Commenting on the evil of the Ulama-e-Soo', Hazrat Abdullah bin Mubaarak said more than a thousand years ago:

*“Consumption of Haraam and Mushtabah (doubtful food) has overwhelmed the Ulama of the age. They utilize their (Islamic) knowledge as a net to hunt the world.”*

to them, day and night. into our homes, our our pockets. Our kitchens given moment, we want to What once upon a time, shelves to keep our books it is available in tiny small 100 times the size of those

For this reason, children seeing their parents serve download things and

lifestyle, in the Masnoon Du'a which should be read at certain times, in the aspect of Purdah and in other basic teachings of the Deen.

A simple remedy to all this, is to begin with daily Ta'leem. Set a time, let none go to sleep until the daily Ta'leem has not taken place.

To enlivening the environment of Deen in our homes, begin with reading one Hadith a day, even if it may be from Fazaail-e-A'maal, or any other reliable Kitaab which will revise, refresh and increase us and our children the fervour of practicing upon Deen, the lives of the Sahaabah and motivation to other aspects of this beautiful Deen of Islaam.

## Medical Aid, Halaal or Haraam?

According to us, and many other Ulama, all medical aids as well as insurances are totally impermissible and Haraam. The reasons are very simple, one need not to be a rocket scientist to understand its *Hurmat* (prohibition). Islaam is a simple and straightforward Deen. It is a universal Deen. Any person can easily understand, adapt and practice upon our beautiful Deen.

Be it a villager in Western Africa, be it a street hawker from an informal settlement, or be it a wealthy man from anywhere, Islaam can easily be welcomed in everyone's life.

Look at a beautiful aspect of our Deen with regards to our calendar. Any person in any part of the world can easily fast in Ramadhaan, celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adhaa and if he is able to, can go for Haj in the month of Zul-Hijjah. All this is made possible by the simple means of the sighting of the *Hilaal* (moon).

To follow Deen, one need not to be 'online' all the time, one need not to have a smartphone, Wi-Fi, data, e-mail, network and any other modern day

technology service which the youngsters of this era die to have. In the same way, just as people of the past lived, got married, had children, got sick and other challenges came their way, they had no option of a Haraam insurance or medical aid. So how did they manage? This is a logical fact which should make us ponder.

Similarly, these so-called 'Shari'ah-compliant and approved' medical aids are nothing but Haraam interest (Riba) which is warned of War Against Allah Paak in the Qur'aan Majeed, should any of His Servants deal with/in it.

Why is the medical aids Haraam? Consider the following facts, which are simple and straightforward:

1. A member has to pay monthly 'X' amount.
2. This payment is monthly and obligatory.
3. In the event, which is unpredictable, a member is in a crisis where the member is admitted to a private hospital, the medical aid company pays

for his medical expense/stay in the hospital etc.

4. One is not sure if the medical aid company will pay the full amount, lesser or more than the amount the member has invested thus far.

The above facts are undebatable.

Ulama who have approved such medical aids, can furnish to the world the most fantastic of Fatwas. However, that doesn't change the Deen. What is impermissible, will remain impermissible in Deen. No Mufti, Molvi or Jamiat can change that.

Then the argument is put forth as to how a woman will give birth if her hospital costs are not covered by means of some medical aid dubbed with other names in order to make Haq-seeking Muslims entrapped and involved unknowingly in Riba and Haraam.

Ponder for a while, hardly a year ago (in 2017), when Muslims from Burma fled to Bangladesh, some Ulama of SA visited Bangladesh to assist. In their report back, they said that the women there were just too fine in giving birth the natural way. Our Kaafir mentality has duped us into taking as 'God' a medical cover, insurance assurances and other Haraam avenues of interest, which in actual fact is declaring openly war against Allah Paak. Who will ever be victorious in such a war?

Today, the Kuffar have succeeded into making us dependent almost fully on people and technology. In so doing, we have made our *Yaqeen* (faith) and trust very minimal onto Allah Paak. We have all types of Haram investments, medical covers, hospital plans, insurances and other similar modern day 'Deities'. In

falling prey to this, one's level of *Yaqeen* drops. And in this dropping of one's *Yaqeen*, one's Imaani level is also dropped. And this is extremely dangerous.

We have to opt and choose Islamic ways. Islam is a beautiful Deen. A way and life of peace. The practice of Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam, his Ashaab and the great pious leaders and scholars of the history of Islaam are available to us for us to take an example.

Nabi Sallallahu alaihi wasallam in one Hadith mentioned that the performance of Salaatud-Dhuha (Chaast Salaah, which is can be performed in the morning after Ishraq Salaah till just before Zawaal) is Sadaqah for every joint and bone in our bodies. When a person falls ill, people consider making Sadaqah with the Niyyat of Allah Paak curing the sick person. So, in a person's offering Dhuha Salaah, one is distancing oneself from sicknesses.

We are not saying that no sickness at all will overcome a punctual Chast Salaah performer. however, if sickness does come, such a person's approach to it will be very different. Such a person's mind will be at ease and peace. He will be happy with Allah Paak's decision in his matter. Then, such a sickness will elevate his stages in Jannah.

Since there are Fatwas which permit medical aids, at the same time, there are fatwas of Muftis which claim all medical aids to be Haraam Riba. So, since this difference creates a doubt, one should adopt the safer route. Abstain from medical aids!

Just as there are few persons who report back of been attacked while travelling on

a particular road, there are many others who reported a safe journey on the same route. And we are about to travel to the same place, which have two routes to get there. One is the road on which few people reported of hijacking and robbing taking place. the other is a road on which no such reports have reached us. Every sane, safety-concern person, who wants safety for him and his wife and children in the car, will take the second road. He'll say, "Rather be safe than sorry."

So why, where there is a possibility or a doubt, or a difference between two people regarding some poison falling in a bottle of water or not, will we drink that water? We will opt to be safe and not drink that water. If there was poison, it will not affect one. And if there wasn't poison, one loses nothing much. Choose the safer of the two.

And Allah Ta'ala knows best.

## *The Wasiyyat of Nabi Aadam*

Before departing from this world, Hazrat Aadam Alaihis salaam made the following wasiyyat to his son, Hazrat Sheeth Alaihis salaam:

- 1. "Before embarking on any activity, reflect on the consequence. If I had done so, I would not have been humiliated in Jannah.**
- 2. Do not do anything which agitates your conscience. At the time when I began eating from the forbidden fruit in Jannah, my conscience was agitated, but I ignored it.**
- 3. Before doing anything, consult with people of experience. If I had consulted with the Angels before eating of the fruit, I would not have been disgraced."**

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