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DEDICATION

I dedicate this humble effort to:

** The Mujaddid Of The 14th Century Imam-E-Ahle Sunnat A'la Hazrat Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan ؒ whose radiance of Knowledge and Roohaniyat has and will continue to enlighten the hearts of millions throughout the Globe until The Last Day. The personality who stood firm in his battle against those who insulted the Prophet ﷺ and in doing so he protected the Imaan of the believers until the Last Day.....*

** The Representative and Beloved Son of the Great Mujaddid, Hujjatul Islam Hazrat Allama Haamid Raza Khan ؒ whose beauty and eloquence saw no equal in his era, who in knowledge, wisdom and way of life, was the ideal example of a true and sincere servant of AL'LAH.....*

** The Ghaus of the Era, Huzoor Mufti-e-Azam Hind Ash Shah Imam Mustafa Raza Khan ؒ, whose spiritualism and excellence attracted millions of Muslims from all over the world, filling their hearts with true love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ. That personality who in his 92 years in this world spent every moment for the pleasure of Al'laah and His Beloved Rasool ﷺ*

** Taajush Shariah, Rahbar-e-Tareeqat Allama Mufti Mohammed Akhtar Raza Khan Qaadri Azhari & Muhadith-e-Kabeer, Mumtaz-ul-Fuqaha Hazrat Allama Zia-ul-Mustafa Qadri Amjadi, who have both guided us in the love of our Great Masha'ikh. May Al'laah bless them both with long life and good health and keep us in shade of their blessings forever. Aameen*

sag-e-MUFTI-E-AZAM

Muhammad Afthab Cassim Razvi Noori

INTRODUCTION

All Praise is due to Almighty Al'laah who created the Holy Prophet Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ in the best of forms and sent him as Mercy unto the worlds. Peace, blessings and salutations upon the Most Exalted of Al'laah's Creation, The One who will open the doors of intercession, The True Mediator, The seal of Prophets, The Mercy unto the worlds, The Light of Al'laah, The Leader of the Prophets, The One who was granted the Divine Vision, The One in whose hand has been given the treasures of the knowledge of the universe, The Beloved of Al'laah, Our Master and our Beloved Rasool, Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ, whose Noor is the light of our hearts, and whose love draws us closer towards our Creator Al'laah Almighty.

Peace and blessings upon his Noble and Honourable Family whose love is essential upon us all, and upon his illustrious companions who guide us through the darkness of this world. Peace and blessings upon the A'ima-e-Mujtahideen, who have with their knowledge and wisdom made easy for us the understanding of the laws of Al'laah and His Rasool ﷺ. Peace and blessings upon the Awliyah-e-Kaamileen, whose rays of spiritualism enhances our spirituality, thus bringing us closer to the Court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Peace and blessings upon the Ulama-e-Haq who have guided us righteously on the path of the pious predecessors. Peace and blessings upon all those who will follow the way of righteousness until the last day.

Alhumdulillah, before you is a book called "Proper Sunni Beliefs". This book deals with numerous topics related to the Aqida (True Belief) of the Ahl-e-Sunnat Wa Jamaat and it also refutes the corrupt beliefs of the wahabis, deobandis, gheyr muqallids and other corrupt sects who try to corrupt the hearts and minds of the Ahle Sunnat with their false and corrupt ideologies. Most of the information in this document has been translated from the book; Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamaat Kaun by Maulana Zia'ullah Qadri. I read this book many years ago and found it very informative and I had initially translated

it many years ago but being a very swift translation, I had not found time to revise the document and have it prepared for publication. Alhumdulillah, I have now revised the entire document and simplified whatever needed to be easily understood and also included notes to further explain any topic needed further explanation.

This book simply explains numerous topics relating to the practices of the Ahle Sunnat Wa Jamaat and alhumdulillah I am sure it will serve as a means of much knowledge for those who study it with a sincere heart. I also make sincere dua that it is a means of rectifying misconceptions held by those who are confused or have been misled regarding certain issues. This books also proves without any doubt that the true Ahle Sunnat wa Jamaat are those who believe sincerely and accept those issues and all other related issues discusses here. In other words, to accept Al'laah and His Rasool ﷺ and to believe in everything related to Al'laah and His Rasool ﷺ in totality.

I make sincere dua that Almighty Al'laah accepts this humble effort in His Majestic Court through the wasila of our Master Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ. I sincerely make dua that Almighty Al'laah keeps us firm in Imaan and protects our Imaan from the corrupt thoughts and ideas of all corrupt sects. Aameen

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Almighty Al'laah Is Free From All Defects

It is the belief of the Ahle Sunnat wa Jama'at that Almighty Al'laah does not lie and He does not possess the power of telling a lie. Al'laah is free from all defects and those things which lead to defects. Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Quráan,

وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ قِيلًا

“And whose word is more truthful than that of Al'laah?”

[Surah Nisa Verse.122]

وَمَنْ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حَدِيثًا

“And whose word is more truthful than the word of Al'laah.”

[Surah Nisa Verse.87]

Imam-ul-Mufas'sireen, Imam Fakhrudeen Raazi ؒ states:

لَإِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لَا يَجُوزُ أَنْ يَظُنَّ بِاللَّهِ الْكُذْبَ بَلْ يَخْرُجُ
بِذَلِكَ عَنِ الْإِيمَانِ

“It is not permissible for any Muslim to even think that Al'laah can tell a lie. Actually to even think such a thought removes one from the folds of Imaan.” [Tafseer Kabear Vol.5 – Pg.179]

He further mentions:

مِنْ صِفَاتِ كَلِمَةِ اللَّهِ صِدْقًا وَالذَّلِيلُ عَلَيْهِ الْكُذْبُ

نَقْصٌ وَالتَّنْقِصُ عَلَى اللَّهِ مُحَالٌ

“To be truthful is from amongst the Attributes of Al’laah. The evidence for this is that to tell a lie is a defect for Al’laah and for Al’laah to have any defect is Muhaal (Totally impossible)” [Tafseer Kabeer Vol.4 - Pg.138]

Umdatul Mufasireen Imaam Abdur Rahmaan Baidhawi ؒ states:

لَا يَتَطَرَّقُ الْكِذْبُ إِلَى خَبْرِهِ بِوَجْهِ لِإِنَّهُ
نَقْصٌ وَهُوَ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى مُحَالٌ

“A lie cannot find any place in the Message of Al’laah, as it is a defect and to have a defect Muhaal for Al’laah.” [Tafseer Baidhawi Pg.150]

Zubdatul Mufas’ sireen Allama Ali bin Muhammad Khaazin states:

لَا أَحَدٌ أَصْدَقُ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ وَلَا
يَجُوزُ عَلَيْهِ الْكِذْبُ

“(The point to be mentioned) is the fact that there is none more truthful than Al’laah and He does not go against His Word and it is totally impossible for Al’laah to lie” [Tafseer Khaazin Vol.1 – Pg. 421]

Allama Khateeb Muhammad bin Sharbeeni (Alaihir Rahma) states:

قَوْلُهُ ‘ تَعَالَى فَلَنْ يُخْلِفَ اللَّهُ عَهْدَهُ ‘ فِيهِ دَلِيلٌ عَلَى
إِنَّ الْخُلْفَ فِي خَبْرِ اللَّهِ مُحَالٌ

“The above command of Almighty Al’laah is sufficient evidence that it is Muhaal (totally impossible) for there to be a lie in the Message of Al’laah.” [Tafseer Sirajum Muneer Vol.1 – Pg.73]

Allama Muhammad bin Abdullah Tamrtaashi ﷺ states:

وَلَا يُوَصِّفُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى بِالْقُدْرَةِ عَلَى الظُّلْمِ السَّفَةِ وَالْكَذِبِ لِإِنَّ الْمُحَالَ
لَا يَدْخُلُ تَحْتَ الْقُدْرَةِ وَعِنْدَ الْمُعْتَزَلَةِ يَقْدِرُ وَلَا يَفْعَلُ

“To say that Al’laah has the ability of tyranny, lies and ignorance is totally incorrect as it is an impossibility. The reason for this is because that which is Muhaal (totally impossible) cannot be accepted to be within the power of Almighty Al’laah. [eg. the creation of another Al’laah which is definitely Muhaal] and according to the Mu’tazillas (another corrupt sect – firqa), He has the power but does not do so (Al’laah forbid)” [Tanweer ul Absaar]

It is in Fatawa Alamgiri:

إِذَا وَصَّفَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى بِمَالًا يَلِيْقُ بِهِ

“Any person who says Al’laah to possess a certain attribute which is not worthy of His Being,

أَوْ نَسِبَهُ إِلَى الْحَيْلِ أَوْ الْعِزِّ وَالنَّقْصِ وَيَكْفُرُ

or says Al’laah Ta’aala to be weary or to have some weakness, then such a person committed kaafir.” [Fatawa Alamgiri Vol.2 – Pg.258]

Allama Muhammad bin Ali Qaari (Alaihir Rahma) states:

إِنَّهُ لَا يُوَصِّفُ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى بِالْقُدْرَةِ عَلَى الظُّلْمِ لِأَنَّ الْمَحَالَّ لَا يَدْخُلُ
تَحْتَ الْقُدْرَةِ وَعِنْدَ الْمُعْتَزِلَةِ أَنَّهُ يَقْدِرُ وَلَا يَفْعَلُ

“One must not think that Al’laah has power over tyranny since this is Muhaal for Al’laah and that which is Muhaal is not under the Qudrat (Power) of Al’laah. The Mu’tazillas however believes that Al’laah has this power and does not do it.” [Sharah Fiqh Akbar]

Note: This belief of the Mu’tazillas is absolutely corrupt and unacceptable.

Imam Rabbani Mujaddid Alf Thaani Sheikh Ahmad Sarhindi Faarooqi رحمه الله states: ***“That Most Exalted ONE (Al’laah) is free and pure from all defects, direction and limitations.”*** [Maktoobat Vol.1 -Page.314]

Al’laah's Knowledge of the Unseen

It is the belief of the Ahle Sunnat wa Jama'at that the knowledge of unseen which is by Almighty Al’laah is His Self (unattained) Knowledge and He does not gain it from anyone.

This is known as Ilm-e-Zaati. Almighty Al’laah says in the Holy Qur’aan:

هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عِلْمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

***“Al’laah is He, besides whom there is none worthy of worship. (He is)
the Knower of every hidden and visible thing. It is He who is the***

Compassionate, Most Merciful.” [Surah Hashr Verse.22]

عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ الْكَبِيرِ الْمُتَعَالِ

“The Knower of everything hidden and apparent, The Greatest, The Most Supreme.” [Surah Ar Ra’ad Verse.9]

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ

“Undoubtedly You alone are the Knower of all that is unseen.”
[Surah Al Maa’idah Verse.109]

One must note the important fact, that Al’laah does not attain knowledge from anyone, for His knowledge is ilm-e-Zaati, in other words, His Self Knowledge. To enquire would prove that He does not possess Divine Self knowledge. To believe that Almighty Al’laah enquires from anyone is total kufr and against the Qur’aan and the Hadith.

**Rasoolullah ﷺ
Is Noor**

***Teri Nasle Paak me he bacha bacha Noor ka
Too he Aine Noor tera sub gharana Noor ka***

The Aqida (belief) of the Ahle Sunnat Wa Jama’at is that the Prophet (Sall Al’laahu alaihi wasallam) is Noor (Light) and came to us in the form of a man. Even though he came towards us in a human form, he is **“Afdalul Bashr”** (The most superior human).

It should be noted that originality does not change by the changing of a garb. Hazrat Jibra’eel Ameen (Alaihis Salaam) is Noor but when appeared before Hazrat Maryam he would appear to her in the form of human.

Concerning this Almighty Al'laah states in the Holy Qur'aan:

فَتَمَثَّلَ لَهَا بَشَرًا سَوِيًّا

“Thus he appeared to her in the form of a healthy (well built) man”
[Surah Maryam Verse.17]

It is in Mishkaat Shareef on the authority of the Second Khalifa of Islam Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ. He states:

نَحْنُ عِنْدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
ذَاتَ يَوْمٍ إِذْ طَلَعَ عَلَيْنَا رَجُلٌ

**“Once we were in the Holy Court of the Prophet ﷺ
and a man appeared.”**

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ asked Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ if he recognised the person and Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ said “Almighty Al'laah and His beloved Rasool ﷺ know better. The Prophet ﷺ said,

فَأَنَّهُ جِبْرِيْلُ

“It is Jibra'eel (Alaihis Salaam).” [Mishkaat-ul-Masabih Pg.11 - Bukhari Shareef]

It is obvious that the Sahaba referred to Hazrat Jibra'eel (Alaihis Salaam) as a man since they had seen him in the form of a human being. He had black hair, hands, legs, eyes, ears and a nose. All these are human qualities, yet it is obvious that he is not human but an Angel who is Noor, and just appeared to them in the form of a man.

It is a well known fact to the people of knowledge that in the Hadith it has been narrated on numerous occasions about how Hazrat Jibra'eel (Alaihis Salaam) presented himself in the Holy Court of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ as a human.

On many instances he came in the form of Sahabi-e- Rasool Hazrat Dahia Kalbi ؓ.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has stated,

أَوَّلُ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ نُورِي

“The very first creation which Almighty Al’laah created was my Noor.” [Tafseer Nayshapuri Pg. 55 Vol.8 - Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.548 Vol.1 - Zurqaani Shareef Pg.37 Vol.1 - Madarijun Nabuiwa Pg.2 Vol.2 - Bayaanul Milaadun Nabwi Li ibn Jauzi Pg.24]

The Distinguished Sahabi-e-Rasool ﷺ Hazrat Jaabir ؓ respectfully enquired from the Holy Prophet ﷺ,

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ بَابِي أَنْتَ وَأُمِّي أَخْبَرَنِي عَنْ أَوَّلِ شَيْءٍ خَلَقَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى قَبْلَ الْأَشْيَاءِ

“O Prophet of Al’laah ﷺ, my parents be sacrificed upon you. What is the first thing which Almighty Al’laah created before everything else?”

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ replied,

يَا جَابِرُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى خَلَقَ قَبْلَ الْأَشْيَاءِ نُورَ نَبِيِّكَ مِنْ نُورِهِ

“O Jaabir ؓ! Undoubtedly, before creating anything else, Almighty Al’laah created the Noor of your Nabi ؑ from His Noor” [Mawahibul Laduniyah Shareef Pg.9 Vol.1 - Zurqaani Shareef Pg.46 Vol.1 – Seerat-e-Halbia Pg.37 Vol.1 - Sharah Dalailul Kheyraat Pg.210 – Hujatul’laahi alal Alameen Pg.28 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.9 - Fatawa Hadeethia Pg.51]

The annotator of Bukhari Imam Ahmad Qastalaani ؓ in his most distinguished work “Mustataab Mawahibul Laduniyah” presents a narration on the authority of Hazrat Imam Zainul Abedeen ؓ who narrates from His father Hazrat Imam Husain ؓ who narrates from His father Hazrat Ali Mushkil Kusha ؓ that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ***“14000 years before the creation of Hazrat Adam (Alaihis Salaam), I was a Noor (Light) by my Creator.”*** [Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.10 Vol.1 - Jawahirul Bihar Pg.774 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya, Pg.9 – Hujatul’laahi Alal Alameen - Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.370 Vol.2]

After examining the above mentioned sayings of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ it is as bright and evident as the sun that the Holy Prophet ﷺ referred to himself as being Noor and he did so in a very clear manner to his Ummah. Those who oppose and contradict the Nooraniyat of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are definitely against the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Now let us examine the Aqida (belief) of the Glorious Sahaba-e-Kiraam (Companions of the Prophet ﷺ) who are beacons of guidance for the Ummah.

Renowned Muhaditheen of the Ummate Muhammadi ؑ Allama Muhadith Baihiqi and Hazrat Allama Yusuf Nabhaani have explained the belief of Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique ؓ from one of his stanzas in praise of the Holy Prophet ﷺ:

أَمِينٌ مُصْطَفَىٰ بِالْخَيْرِ يَدْعُوا

كَضَوْءِ الْبَدْرِ زَائِلَةِ الظُّلَامِ

“Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ is the Honest and is the One who invites towards righteousness; His Bright Light takes away darkness and destroys it like the radiance of the full Moon.” [Dalail-un-Nabuiwat, Pg.225 Vol.1 - Jawahirul Bihar Pg.96 Vol.1]

The fourth Khalifa of Islam Hazrat Ali Murtuza ؑ states,

كَانَ إِذَا تَكَلَّمَ رُءْيَى كَالنُّورِ يَخْرُجُ مِنْ ثَنَائِيَاءِ

“When the Beloved of Al’laah ؑ used to speak then Noor (light) could be seen beaming from between his blessed teeth.” [Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg. 270 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.132 - Zurqaani Shareef]

After gaining victory and success in Ghazwa-e-Tabook when Rasoolullah ﷺ arrived in Madinatul Munawwara, Hazrat Abbas ؑ asked for permission from the Prophet ﷺ to present a few stanzas in his praise. Mercy unto the Worlds, The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, **“My dear Uncle! Go ahead. Let Almighty Al’laah keep your tongue in good health (One worthy of praising).”**

Two of these stanzas are being noted below. These have been recorded in the distinguished works of great Muhaditheen such as Imam Jalaludeen Suyuti, Muhadith ibn Jauzi, Allama Ibn Hajr, Allama Halbi, Allama Dahlaan Makki, Allama Nabhaani, Allama ibn Abdul Birr, Allama Haakim and Allama Sharistaani

أَنْتَ لَمَّا وُلِدْتَ أَشْرَقَتْ
الْأَرْضُ وَصَبَّاتِ بُنُورِكَ الْإِفْقُ
فَنَحْنُ فِي ذَلِكَ الضِّيَاءِ وَفِي النُّورِ
وَسَبِيلُ الرَّشَادِ نَحْتَرِقُ

***On your blessed Birth the earth became bright,
Through the radiance of your light”
“So in that radiance and in that light
We attain and travel the path of guidance”***

[Kitaabul Wafa Pg.35 Vol.1 – Khasaais-ul-Kubra Pg.97 Vol.1 - Jawahirul Bihar Pg.40 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya - Hujatul’laahi Alal Alameen Pg.222 - Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.23 Al Bidaaya Wan Nihaaya Pg.258 Vol.2]

The blessed and distinguished Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه states,

إِذَا ضَحَكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَتَلَأَأُ فِي الْجُدْرِ

“When the beloved Prophet ﷺ used to smile, the walls would glow with his Noor (Light).” [Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.271 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.133, Shifa Shareef Pg.39 - Commentary Shama’l Tirmizi Pg.16 - Madarijun Nabuiwat (Persian) Pg.12 – Hujatul’laahi Alal Alameen Pg 689]

Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه says,

لَمَّا كَانَ الْيَوْمَ الَّذِي دَخَلَ فِيهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَضَاءَ مِنْهَا كُلُّ شَيْءٍ

“The entire Madinatul Munawwara became bright through the Noor of the Prophet (sall Al’laahu alaihi wasallam) on the day when he entered into the City (Madina).” [Tirmizi Shareef Pg.202 Vol.2 - Mishkaatul Masabih Pg. 547 - Ibn Majah Shareef Pg.119 - Tabaqaat ibn Sa’ad Pg.221 Vol.1 -Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.68 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.38 -Seerate Halabia Pg.234 Vol.2 - Jawahirul Bihar Pg. 60 – Khasaais-ul-Kubra Pg.471 Vol.1 -Madarijun

Now, after examining all the narrations quoted by the Sahaba-e-Kiraam, it is very clear and obvious that they accepted the Prophet ﷺ to be Noor. In the light of Ahadith of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah ﷺ it is clear that the claim of the Deobandis that they are the Ahle Sunnah Wa Jamaat is only a hoax and a fraudulent act as they do not accept the Prophet (salla Al'laahu alaihi wasallam) as Noor. The proper Ahle Sunnah Wa Jamaat are those who accept the Prophet ﷺ as Noor and they are the ones who are known in the world as Sunni Bareilvis.

Those who reject the Prophet ﷺ as being Noor, say that the Holy Prophet ﷺ had wives, He had children, He used to eat and drink and it is for this reason that He is not Noor (In other words he possessed all human qualities). They do not accept our Prophet ﷺ as Noor since he had wives and children, he ate and drank etc; but the Sahaba of the Holy Prophet ﷺ also saw that He had wives, children etc; but still they accepted him to be Noor.

The Imam-ul-Mufasireen of the Ummat-e-Muhammadi ﷺ Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ has stated concerning the Tafseer of the Ayat:

قَدْ جَاءَ نَكْمٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ وَكِتَابٌ مُبِينٌ

“Undoubtedly came to you from Al'laah a Light (Noor) and a Bright Book.” [Surah Maa'idah Verse.15]

He states:

قَدْ جَاءَ نَكْمٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ نُورٌ رَسُوْلٌ يَعْنِي مُحَمَّدًا

“Verily came to you from Al'laah, a light” refers to the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.” [Tafseer ibn Abbas Pg.72 - Published Egypt]

Bibi Halima Sa'adiya (radi Al'laahu anha) was the one who was

blessed with being the milk mother of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. She was the person before whom the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to eat and drink. Even she believed that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was Noor and this has been explained by Allama Muhadith Ibn Jauzi and Qaazi Thanaul'lah Paani Pati (radi Al'laahu anhum) as follows:

إِذَا أَرْضَعْتُهُ فِي الْمَنْزِلِ اسْتَعْنَى بِهِ عَنِ الْمِصْبَاحِ

“I never felt the need for a lamp in my house, when I fed the Holy Prophet (sall Al'laahu alaihi wasallam).”

She further says, “One day Umme Khula Sa'adiya said, ‘O Halima! Do you leave the fire burning for the entire night in your home’ and I replied by saying:

لَا وَاللَّهِ لَا أَوْقِدُ نَارًا وَ لَكِنَّهُ نُورٌ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

No! I swear by Almighty Al'laah that I do not keep the fire burning at all, but this is actually the Noor (light) of Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ’
[Bayaanul Milaadun Nabwi Pg.54 – Tafseer Mazhari]

The second nurse (milk mother) of the Holy Prophet ﷺ also believed that Huzoor ﷺ is Noor. This is obvious from one of the stanzas of the poem which she said at the time of the passing of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ:

وَلَقَدْ كَانَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ نُورًا
وَسِرَاجًا يُضِيءُ فِي الظُّلْمَاءِ

“And you were definitely a Noor, A (radiant) sun, and you used to provide brightness in darkness and emptiness.” [Tabaqaat ibn Sa'ad Pg.333 Vol.2]

After examining the beliefs of a few distinguished Sahaba-e-Kiraam (radi Al'laahu anhum), let us examine the beliefs of the Aunts (Paternal) of the Prophet ﷺ:

Hazrat Allama Abdur Rahman Jaami ؒ narrates that Sayyida Safiyya the aunt of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ says ***“On the eve of the birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ I was present at his home. I saw that his Noor (radiance) became more powerful than the brightness of the lamp.”*** [Shawaahidun Nubuiwat Persian Pg 22]

After the Holy Prophet ﷺ journeyed into the hereafter, Hazrat Safia (radi Al'laahu anha) said the following stanza due to the sorrow and thought of the passing of The Holy Prophet ﷺ. From this, one may conclude that she also accepted him as Noor (Light).

لَفَقَدِ الْمُصْطَفَىٰ بِالنُّورِ حَقًّا

“I am weeping on the passing of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ who was really Noor (Light).” [Tabaqaat ibn Sa'ad Pg.329 Vol.2]

It is obvious from the above mentioned narrations that Hazrat Safia (radi Al'laahu anha) always accepted the Holy Prophet ﷺ to be Noor.

The second aunt of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, Hazrat Aatika (radi Al'laahu anha) also said that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was Noor. On the passing of the Holy Prophet ﷺ she said the following:

اعَيْنُ فَاحْتَفَلِي وَسَخِي وَاسْجُمِي وَأَبْكِي عَلَىٰ نُورِ الْبِلَادِ مُحَمَّدِ
عَلَىٰ الْمُصْطَفَىٰ بِالْحَقِّ وَالنُّورِ وَالْهُدَىٰ

“O eyes! Tear in sadness on the loss of the Noor of the cities, Hazrat

Muhammad ﷺ, (it is for him) for whom am I am weeping”

***That Mustafa ﷺ, who is Noor and who was sent with
Righteousness and Guidance”***

[Tabaqaat ibn Sa'ad Pg.326/327 Vol.2, Published Beirut]

On the passing of the Prophet ﷺ the third aunt of the Holy Prophet ﷺ Sayyida Urwa ؓ pointed out what she believed.

This was recorded by ibn Sa'ad in his book Tabaqaat as follows:

عَلَى نُورِ الْبِلَادِ مَعًا جَمِيعًا
رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَحْمَدَ فَاشْرُ كَيْنِي

***“Ah! Muhammad ﷺ is the Noor (Light) unto all cities,
(so) let me continue praising you.”*** [Tabaqaat ibn Sa'ad Pg.325 Vol.2]

It is clear that even after knowing and living amongst the blessed wives and beloved children of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and even after observing him eat and drink, the blessed aunts of the Holy Prophet ﷺ still believed that he is Noor (Light) and this was their clear and open belief (aqida).

***Let us now examine the belief of the Blessed and Respected Wives of
the Holy Prophet ﷺ, who are known as the “Mothers of the Ummah”***

Um'mul Mo'mineen Hazrat Sayyida Aisha Siddiqa (radi Al'laahu anha) was the one whom the companions of the Prophet (sall Al'laahu alaihi wasallam) went to when they needed guidance regarding any issue after the passing of the Prophet ﷺ. She states:

كُنْتُ أُحِيطُ فِي السَّحْرِ فَسَقَطَتِ الْإِبْرَةُ فَطَلَبْتُهَا فَلَمْ أَقْدِرْ عَلَيْهَا فَدَخَلَ

رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَتَبَيَّنَتِ الْإِبْرَةُ بِشُعَاعِ نُورٍ وَجْهِهِ

“It was the time of sahari and I was sewing something when the needle fell down. Just then the Holy Prophet ﷺ entered the room and due to the stream of light flowing from His blessed face, I found the needle.”

[Khasaaais-ul-Kubra Pg.156 Vol.1 – Hujatul’laahi Alal Aalameen Pg.688 - Al Qaulul Bad’i Pg.147]

Mulla Ali Qaari and Allama Jalalud’deen Suyuti (radi Al’laahu anhum) narrated that Ummul Mo’mineen Aisha Siddiqa (radi Al’laahu anha) says,

كُنْتُ أَدْخُلُ الْخَيْطَ فِي الْإِبْرَةِ حَالَ الظُّلْمَةِ لِبَيَاضِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“In total dark nights, I used to put the thread into the eye of a needle with the help of the Noor (light) of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.” [Shara Shifa Hashia Naseemur Riyaz Pg.328 Vol.1]

The cousin of the Holy Prophet ﷺ Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ says that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is Noor. He was always in and out of the house of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

The uncle of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, Hazrat Abbas ؓ also says that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is Noor. Those nurses who fed the Beloved Prophet ﷺ and saw him eating and drinking, those nurses in whose home the Beloved Prophet ﷺ lived, walked, ate and drank etc; also believed that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is Noor. Those blessed aunts of the Holy Prophet ﷺ who saw his wives, his children, and who saw him eat and drink and who observed the way he lived his life, all believed that he is Noor and not an ordinary human being.

Sayyida Aisha Siddiqa (radi Al'laahu anha) was the one that the Sahaba respected so dearly that after the Holy Prophet (sall Al'laahu alaihi wasallam) passed from this world, they queried from her the solutions to their problems.

Even though she was the respected and blessed wife of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ she still accepted him to be Noor.

Hazrat Imam Azam Abu Hanifa ﷺ states the following in the most praised court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ:

أَنْتَ الَّذِي مِنْ نُورِكَ الْبَدْرُ أَكْتَسَى
وَالشَّمْسُ مُشْرِقَةً بِنُورِ بِهَاكَ

“You are such a Noor that the full Moon is brightened by your Noor and you are with your beauty and elegance a shining sun.”

[Qasidatun Nu'maan Pg.23]

Clear evidence from the sayings of the Sahaba-e-Kiraam, the Ahle Bait-e-Athaar (radi Al'laahu Anhuma), and from the books of the distinguished Muhaditheen have been presented. After examining them, it is as clear and obvious as the brightness of day that although they possessed knowledge of the eating, drinking, wives and children of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ they all still believed without any doubt that he is Noor.

Rasoolullah ﷺ is the Most Unique Human Being

*Yahi bole Sidra Waale chamane jahan ke thaale
Subhi me ne chaan daale koyi paye ka na paaya
Tuje Yak na Yak banaya Tuje Yak na yak banaya
Tujhe Humd he khuda ya tujhe humd he khuda ya*

The Prophet ﷺ is the most unique human being and the greatest of Al'laah's Creation. He is so blessed that the Holy Qur'aan has even referred to those fortunate Women who came into his Nikah to be the most unique amongst the women. This status, they attained by entering into the Nikah of the Most Unique of Al'laah's Creation, Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ. If barkat upon those who entered into the Nikah of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is so great that they become the most unique amongst women then who can compare or be more unique than that such a personality as the Holy Prophet ﷺ?

It has been narrated on the authority of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنِّي لَسْتُ مِثْلَكُمْ

“I am not similar to anyone of you”

[Jaam'e Tirmizi Pg.97 Vol.1 - Sahih Bukhari Pg.246 Vol.1]

Hazrat Abu Saeed Khudri ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنِّي لَسْتُ كَهَيْئَتِكُمْ

“I am not of your appearance”

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ asked,

أَيُّكُمْ مِثْلِي

“Who from amongst you is like me” [Sahih Bukhari Shareef Pg.246 Vol.1 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.351 - Abu Dawood Shareef Pg.235]

From amongst the Sahaba-e-Kiraam (alaihimir ridwaan) none of them said Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ you are human like us. You have two hands and

feet, you eat and drink, you have blessed wives and children.

All of them (the Sahaba) are silent and obedient to the saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The Sahaba-e-Kiraam did not say that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was like them but yet today there are those who have the audacity to claim that the Prophet ﷺ is an ordinary human being like you and I (Al'laah Forbid). They say the only difference is that he has been given some excellence over us. That is definitely not the difference. One can never compare sinful people like us to Al'laah's most unique and most beloved and most chosen creation Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ. In reality, he is our master and we are his servants.

Hazrat Ali ؓ says,

لَمْ أَرَى قَبْلَهُ وَلَا بَعْدَهُ

“I have not seen anybody similar to the Prophet ﷺ either before of after him.” [Taareekh-e-Kabeer Pg.8 Vol.1 - Khasaais ul Kubra Pg.181 Vol.1 - Tirmizi Shareef Pg.204 Vol.2]

Hazrat Abu Hurairah ؓ says,

مَا رَأَيْتُ شَيْئًا أَحْسَنَ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ كَانَ الشَّمْسُ تَجْرِي فِي وَجْهِهِ

“I have not seen anyone more beautiful than the Holy Prophet ﷺ. It was as if the sun was moving on his blessed face.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.518]

Another Sahabi-e-Rasool ؓ states,

لَمْ أَرَى شَيْئًا كَانَ أَبْرَدَ وَلَا أَطْيَبَ مِنْ يَدِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“I have not seen anything cooler and more fragrant than the blessed hand of the Holy Prophet ﷺ” [Tabraani Shareef Pg.217 Vol.1 published Egypt]

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ states that the Prophet ﷺ forbade the Sahaba from keeping Saume Wisaal (continuous fasting without sahari and iftaar) and the Sahaba-e-Kiraam stated, ***“Yaa Rasoolallah! ﷺ you keep Saume Wisaal”*** so the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنِّي لَسْتُ مِثْلَكُمْ إِنِّي أُطْعَمُ وَأُسْقَى

“I am not like (similar to) you. I am given food and water.” [Sahih Bukhari Shareef Pg.246 Vol.1 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.352 Vol.1]

Hazrat Allama Ahmad Qistalaani ؓ is the annotator of Bukhari Shareef. He states,

إِعْلَمُ أَنَّ مِنْ تَمَامِ الْإِيمَانِ بِهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ الْإِيمَانُ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى جَعَلَ خَلْقَ بَدَنِهِ الشَّرِيفِ عَلَى وَجْهِهِ لَمْ يَطْهَرُ قَبْلَهُ، وَلَا بَعْدَهُ، خُلِقَ آدَمِيُّ مِثْلَهُ،

“Make yourself well aware (of the fact) that the physical body of the Holy Prophet ﷺ was created in such a way that neither was anyone created similar to him in the past and nor will anyone similar to him be born afterwards.” [Mawahibul Laduniyah Shareef Pg.248 Vol.1]

The Blessed Face of the Prophet ﷺ

Ummul Mo'mineen Sayyida Aisha Siddiqah radi Al'laahu anha says,

كُنْتُ أُحِيطُ فِي السَّحْرِ فَسَقَطَتِ الْإِبْرَةُ فَطَلَبْتُهَا فَلَمْ أَقْدِرْ عَلَيْهَا فَدَخَلَ
رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَتَبَيَّنَتْ الْإِبْرَةُ بِشُعَاعِ نُورِ وَجْهِهِ

“I was sewing something at the time of Sahri and the needle fell down. I searched for it but it could not be found. Just then the Holy Prophet ﷺ entered and through the brightness of His face I found the needle.” [Khasaaais-ul-Kubra Pg.156 Vol.1 – Hujatul’laahi alal Aalameen Pg.688 - Al Qaulul Badí Pg.147]

Mulla Ali Qaari رَحِمَهُ اللهُ، a distinguished Hanafi Muhadith explained the belief of Hazrat Aisha (radi Al’laahu anha) in his explanation of Shifa Shareef as follows:

كُنْتُ أَدْخُلُ النَّخِيْطَ فِي الْإِبْرَةِ حَالَ الظُّلْمَةِ لَبِيَّاضِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“I used to thread the eye of a needle during dark nights through the Brightness of the face of the Prophet ﷺ” [Khasaaais-ul-Kubra Pg.156 Vol.1 - Shara Shifa bar Hashia Naseemur RAYaaz Pg. 328 Vol.1]

A’la Hazrat Azeemul Barkat Imam-e-Ahle Sunnat Mujad’ did-e-Deen-o-Mil’lat Maulana Shah Ahmed Raza Khan Barelvi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ says:

***Khaana-e-Qudrat Ka Husn Dastkaari Waah Waah
Kya Hee Tasweer Apne Pyaare Ki Sawaari Waah Waah***

The First Khalifa of Islam Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique رَحِمَهُ اللهُ states the following concerning the blessed face of Huzoor ﷺ:

كَانَ وَجْهُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ كَدَارَةِ الْقَمَرِ

“The face of the Holy Prophet ﷺ was bright like the moon.”

Once someone mentioned to Hazrat Jabir bin Samura ؓ that the face of the Holy Prophet ﷺ was like a sword. Hazrat Jabir ؓ replied,

لَا بَلْ مِثْلَ الشَّمْسِ وَالْقَمَرِ وَكَانَ مُسْتَدِيرًا

“No! But His face used to be bright and shone like the sun and the moon.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.515 - Sahih Muslim Shareef - Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.250 Vol.1 - Zurqaani Shareef - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.124 – Dalail-un-Nubuiwat - Baihiqi Pg.151 Vol.1 - Shifa Shareef Pg.39 Vol.1 - Khasaais ul Kubra Pg.178 Vol.1 – Hujatul’laahi alal Aalameen Pg.688 - Darmi Shareef Pg.34 Vol.1 - Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.482 Vol.4]

The blessed son of Sayyida Fathima Zahra and Hazrat Ali Hazrat Imam Hassan Mujataba (radi Al’laahu Anhuma) states,

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَخَمَامُضْحَمًا يَتَلَاءُ لَوْءَ وَجْهِهِ
تَلَاءَ لَوْءِ الْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ

“The Holy Prophet ﷺ was of the greatest stature. His face was as bright as the brightness of the full moon.” [Shama’il-e-Tirmizi Pg.2 – Khasaais-ul-Kubra Pg.188 Vol.1 – MajmaúZ Zawahid Li ibn Hajr Makki Pg.279 Vol.8 - Jawahirul Bihar Pg.35 - Dalailun Nubuiwat Pg.220 Vol.3]

In the words of Imam Zurqaani ؓ, Hazrat Fakhrudeen Raazi ؓ explains the blessed face of the Prophet ﷺ:

لَا تَهْ، وَحُفْهٖ، صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ شَدِيدًا التُّورِ بِحَيْثُ يَتَّعُ
نُورُهُ، عَلَى الْجِدَارِ إِذَا قَابَلَهَا

“The Prophet’s face was so bright, that when the Noor from his face would fall upon the walls they would begin to glitter.” [Zurqaani Shareef Pg.210 Vol.6]

The annotator of Bukhari Shareef Imam Ibn Hajar Asqalani, in his distinguished book Fathul Baari narrates that a certain Sahabia of the Holy Prophet ﷺ went for Hajj and had the opportunity of seeing the Holy Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam. When she returned to her country a person by the name of Abu Ishaq asked her to explain the appearance of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and she said,

كَالْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ لَمْ أَرَ قَبْلَهُ، وَلَا بَعْدَهُ، مِثْلَهُ،

“His blessed face was like the full moon and I have never seen anyone so beautiful and full of splendour either before or after him.”
[Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg. 250 Vol.1 - Khasaa-is-ul-Kubra Pg.179 Vol.1 - Dalailun Nubuiwat li Baihaqi Pg.153 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.196 - Madaarijun Nubuiwat Pg.6 Vol.1]

The Blessed Saliva of the Prophet ﷺ

Regarding the saliva of ordinary people like you and I, it is mentioned that if one spits anywhere or on anything, then it is unhygienic and carries germs and harmful bacteria that causes illnesses. It is for this reason that one may even see a sign which says ***“Do not spit hear. It is unhealthy.”*** However the Lu’aab-e-Dahan (Holy Saliva) of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is not unclean or does not cause illness but it is the cure to illnesses. Through it, severe illnesses are completely cured just as it has been mentioned in distinguished kitaabs.

Hazrat Sahl bin Sa'ad ؓ states that on the day of Khaibar the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ***“Tomorrow I shall give the flag in the hand of such a person in whose hand Almighty Al'laah will give success and victory and he loves Almighty Al'laah and His Prophet ﷺ.”*** The following morning all the Sahaba (alaihimiridwaan) presented themselves in the Holy Court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and each one wished that the flag would be given to him but the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

أَيْنَ عَلِيُّ بْنُ أَبِي طَالِبٍ

‘Where is Ali ibn Abi Talib ؓ?’

The Sahaba-e-Kiraam said,

يَشْتَكِي عَيْنَيْهِ

“His eyes are hurting (had an eye infection)”

The Prophet ﷺ said,

فَارْشَلُوا إِلَيْهِ فَاتَى بِهِ فَبَصَقَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَبَرَأَ
حَتَّى كَانَ لَمْ يَكُنْ بِهِ وَجَعٌ

“Ask for someone to call him” Someone was sent to call Hazrat Ali ؓ. When he arrived, the Holy Prophet ﷺ put his blessed saliva into his eyes and Hazrat Ali ؓ became well and he felt as if there never was any pain (in his eyes). [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.563 - Ash'atul Lam'aat {Persian} Pg.664 Vol.4 - Musnad Imam Ahmed Pg.53 Vol.4 - Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.378 Vol.1]

Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Aqeeli bin Habeeb ؓ says that his fathers both

eyes became completely white and he could not see at all,

فَنَفَثَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي عَيْنَيْهِ فَأَبْصَرَ فَرَأَيْتَهُ
يُدْخِلُ الْحَيْطَ فِي الْإِبْرَةِ هُوَابِنُ ثَمَانِينَ

“Then the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ placed his blessed saliva into both his eyes and he began to see and I have seen that even at the age of eighty he used to thread a needle (without any effort).” [Shifa Shareef Pg.213 Vol.1 - Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.379 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg 297 - Zurqaani Shareef - Madarijun Nubuiwat Shareef]

It has been quoted by Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi رحمته الله, then by Hazrat Allama Qistalaani Shareh Bukhari in his book Mawahibul Laduniyah and Allama Yusuf Nibhaani رحمته الله in his book Anwaarul Muhammadiya that:

حَجَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي بئرِ ففاحَ مِنْهَا رَائِحَةُ الْمِسْكِ

Once the Prophet ﷺ gargled into a well, due to which the entire well became fragrant like kasturi and musk. [Madaarijun Nubuiwat Pg.11 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg 200]

The water from the well at the house of the distinguished Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه was very bitter.

بَصَقَ فِي بئرِ فِي دَارِ أَنَسٍ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ بِالْمَدِينَةِ بئرٌ أَعَذَبُ مِنْهَا

The Holy Prophet ﷺ put his saliva into the well at the house of Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه. The water became so sweet that there was no water in the entire Madinah Munawwara that was sweeter than that. [Madaarijun Nubuiwat Pg.11 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg.200]

When Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique ﷺ was bitten by the snake in the Cave of Thawr,

فَتَقَلَّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
عَلَى مَحَلِّ اللَّذْغَةِ فَذَهَبَ مَا يَجِدُهُ

Then the Holy Prophet ﷺ applied his blessed saliva on the snake bite and the discomfort which he (Abu Bakr) felt began to subside.
[Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.433 Vol.3, Published Beirut]

Hazrat Bishr bin Aqraba ﷺ says, ***“My father was made Shaheed during Ghazwa-e-Uhud and I went to the court of the Prophet ﷺ crying. The Prophet ﷺ said, ‘Why are you crying? Do you not like that I may become your father and Hazrat Fathima Zahra (radi Al’laahu anha) becomes your mother.’ The Holy Prophet ﷺ then ran his blessed hands over my head. The area on which his hand passed over always remained black and the rest turned white. “***

He further says,

كَأَنَّ فِي لِسَانِي عُقْدَةً فَتَقَلَّ فِيهَا فَأَنْحَلْتُ

“I used to stammer when I spoke. He ﷺ placed his blessed saliva (in my mouth) and the stammering stopped.” [Khasaaais-e-Kubra Pg.83 Vol.2]

The Blessed Perspiration of the Holy Prophet ﷺ

It is well known that when we perspire it gives out a foul odour and

causes discomfort to us and to those around us, but it should be noted that the blessed perspiration of Sayyidul Abraar Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ possessed a sweet smelling fragrance and was unique in every way.

The Muhaditheen have explained the Aqida of Hazrat Umme Sulaim who was the mother of Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Anas ؓ. They mention that Huzoor ﷺ used to go to the house of Hazrat Umme Sulaim (radi Al'laahu anha) to make Qailula (Rest after lunch). Hazrat Umme Sulaim (radi Al'laahu anha) used to lay a bedspread made from skin on the ground for him to rest on. He would rest on the skin spread and would perspire whilst resting.

فَكَانَتْ تَجْمَعُ عَرَقَهُ، فَتَجْعَلُهُ، فِي الطَّيِّبِ فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ يَا أُمَّ سَلِيمَ مَا هَذَا قَالَتْ عَرَقُكَ نَجْعَلُهُ، فِي طِينِنَا وَهُوَ مِنْ أَطْيَبِ الطَّيِّبِ

“She used to collect the blessed perspiration of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and she used to mix it as perfume. The Prophet ﷺ asked, ‘O Umme Salim! What is this?’ She said, Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ! It is your blessed perspiration. I mix it in my perfume because your blessed perspiration is the best perfume amongst all perfumes.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.517 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.488 Vol.4 - Khasaais-ul-Kubra - Sahih Bukhari Shareef Pg.66 Vol.1]

The Mujaddid of the 14th Century, A'la Hazrat Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan ؓ says:

***Raaf'e, Naaf'e Daaf'e Shaaf'e
Kya Kya Rahmat Paate ye Hai***

Sheikh-ul-Muhaditheen Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Delhwi ؓ mentions in his book Mustataab Madaarij Shareef that a certain person wished to send his daughter to her husband's house (marry her) but he had no perfume so he went into the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and

there was nothing present.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ asked for a bottle and placed some perfume in it. He then put some of his blessed perspiration into the bottle and said, **“Mix some scent with it and ask your daughter to use it as perfume.”** Whenever she used the perfume, the people of Madinah used to smell the fragrance and they called her home **“The House of the Fragrant Ones”** [Madaarijun Nubuiwat Persian Pg.29 Vol.1 -Hujatul’laahi Alal Aalameen Pg.685]

Intercession of the Holy Prophet ﷺ

*Shafa'e Roze Jaza tum pe karoro Durood
Dafa'e Jumla bala tum pe karoro Durood*

The Holy Prophet ﷺ is an Intercessor and through the special permission granted to him by Almighty Al’laah, he will intercede on the day of Qiyamaah. Almighty Al’laah in the Glorious Qur’aan Azeem states:

مَنْ ذَٰلِذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ

“Who is there, that can intercede before Him, without His Permission. He knows whatever is ahead of them and what is behind them.” [Surah Baqarah Verse.255]

عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا

“Soon your Creator shall raise you to stand at a station, where all shall praise you.” [Surah Bani Isra’eel Verse.79]

Imam Khaazin and Imam Nasfi (alaihimir rahma) have stated the following in the commentary of this verse:

وَالْمَقَامُ الْمَحْمُودُ وَهُوَ مَقَامُ الشَّفَاعَةِ لِأَنَّهُ يَحْمَدُ فِيهِ الْأَوَّلُونَ وَالْآخِرُونَ

“And the Maqaame Mahmood is a point of intercession for there; all those who were before and after will praise and honour the Holy Prophet ﷺ.” [Tafseer-e-Khaazin Pg.175 Vol.3 - Madaarik Pg.175 - Tafseer-e-Jalaalain Pg.237 -Tafseer Jaami' ul Bayaan Pg.245]

Imam Bukhari رحمته الله in his kitaab also states that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was asked regarding the Maqaam-e-Mahmood and he said,

هِيَ الشَّفَاعَةُ

‘It is the station of intercession’
[Jaame Tirmizi Pg.142 Vol.2]

Hazrat Imam Bukhari رحمته الله quotes the Hadith on intercession in the Sahih Bukhari. In this it is stated:

ثُمَّ تَلَا هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا الَّذِي وَعَدَهُ
نَبِيِّكُمْ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Then Rasool ﷺ recited the verse: ‘It is near that your lord may make you stand at a place where all should praise you.’ And he then said, **‘And it has been promised to your Nabi Muhammad ﷺ by Almighty Al’laah.’** [Sahih Bukhari Shareef 1118 Vol.2 - Mishkaat Pg.489 - Mirkaat Pg.282 Vol.10 - Ash'atul Lam'at Pg.387 Vol.3]

Imam Nasfi, Imam Suyuti and Imam Qurtabi (radi Al'laahu anhum) have stated the following concerning the verse of the Holy Qur'aan,

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ

“And verily, soon your Creator will bestow upon you so abundantly that you shall be satisfied (completely pleased)”. [Surah Duhaa Verse.5]

لَمَّا نَزَلَتْ قَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
إِذَا لَا أَرْضِي قَطُّ وَوَاحِدٌ مِنْ أُمَّتِي فِي النَّارِ

When this verse of the Holy Qur'aan was revealed then the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, “Then I will never be pleased until every single one of my Ummah is removed from the fire of Hell.” [Tafseer Durr Manthur Pg.361 Vol.6 - Tafseere Qurtabi Pg.96 Vol.20 - Tafseere Azezi Pg.318 Vol.4 - Tafseere Madaarik Pg.364 Vol.4]

Imam-ul-Mufas'sireen Ala'uddeen Ali bin Muhammad bin Ibrahim Baghdadi ؒ in his Tafseer-e-Khaazin states the following on the commentary of the verse

وَلَسَوْفَ يُعْطِيكَ رَبُّكَ فَتَرْضَىٰ

“And verily, soon your Creator will bestow upon you so abundantly that you shall be satisfied (completely pleased)” that Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ states,

هِيَ الشَّفَاعَةُ فِي أُمَّتِهِ حَتَّىٰ يَرْضَىٰ

“(The meaning of this giving is) the intercession for the Ummah up

to the time when you become pleased” [Tafseer-e-Khaazin Pg.258 Vol.7]

Hazrat Auf bin Maalik رضي الله عنه states that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم has said,

أَتَانِي أْتٍ مِنْ عِنْدِ رَبِّي فَخَيْرَ نِي بَيْنَ أَنْ يَدْخِلَ نَصْفُ أُمَّتِي الْجَنَّةَ وَبَيْنَ
الشَّفَاعَةِ فَاخْتَرْتُ الشَّفَاعَةَ وَهِيَ لِمَنْ مَاتَ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئاً

“A certain person came to me from of my Creator and he gave me the option of either half my Ummah entering Jannat or my intercession so I accepted the intercession and this is for every such person except those who commit shirk” [Mishkaat Pg.494 – Jaame Tirmizi Pg.67 Vol.2 - Ibn Majah Pg.330 - Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.404 Vol.4 - Mirkaat Pg.310 Vol.10 - Mustadrik Pg.67 Vol.1]

Hazrat Ali Murtuza رضي الله عنه says that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

أَشْفَعُ لِأُمَّتِي حَتَّى يُنَادِينِي رَبِّي أَرْضَيْتُ يَا مُحَمَّدُ فَاقُولُ نَعَمْ يَا رَبُّ رَضِيتُ

“I will intercede for my Ummah until my Creator summons me (saying), “O Muhammad! صلى الله عليه وسلم Are you fully satisfied” then, I will say, O my Creator! I am fully satisfied.” [Durr Manthur Pg.361 Vol.6 - Qurtabi Pg.96 Vol.20 – Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.455 Vol.30]

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

لِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ دَعْوَةٌ مُسْتَجَابَةٌ فَتَعْجَلْ كُلُّ نَبِيٍّ دَعْوَتَهُ، وَإِنِ افْتَبَاتُ دَعْوَتِي
شَفَاعَةً لِأُمَّتِي فَهِيَ نَائِلَةٌ مَنْ مَاتَ مِنْهُمْ لَا يُشْرِكُ بِاللَّهِ شَيْئاً

“One (special) Dua of every Nabi is accepted and every Nabi was swift in making that Dua and I have kept this Dua for the day of

Qiyamaah for the Shafa'at of my Ummah and this Dua of mine is one that will reach every that person in my Ummah who died without committing shirk with Almighty Al'laah.” [Ibn Majah Shareef Pg.329 - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.194 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.168 Vol.2 - Sahih Bukhari Shareef Pg.932 Vol.2 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.113 Vol.1 - Fathul Baari Pg.96 Vol.11 - Umdatul Qaari Pg.276 Vol.22 - Irshaadus Saari - Mustadrik Pg.68 Vol.1-Tirmizi Shareef Pg.600 Vol.6 - Jaame Sagheer Pg.97 Vol.1-Nihaaya Pg.208 Vol.2]

Hazrat Ubay bin Ka'ab ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِذَا كَانَ يَوْمُ الْقِيَامَةِ كُنْتُ إِمَامُ النَّبِيِّينَ وَخَطِيْبِهِمْ
وَصَاحِبُ شَفَاعَتِهِمْ غَيْرَ فَخْرٍ

“On the day of Qiyamaah I will be the Leader and Spokesperson of all the Ambia (Alaihimus Salaam) and I will be the master of their intercession. I do not say this out of pride.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.514 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.478 Vol.4 - Mirkaat Shareef Pg.64 & 65 Vol.11 - Tirmizi Shareef Pg.201 Vol.2 - Jaame Sagheer Pg.33 Vol.1 - Mustadrik Pg.71 Vol.1 - Talkhees Pg.71 Vol.1 - Ibn Majah Shareef Pg.330]

Hazrat Anas bin Maalik ؓ says that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

أَنَا أَوَّلُ النَّاسِ خُرُوجًا إِذَا بَعَثُوا وَأَنَا قَائِدُهُمْ إِذَا وَقَدُوا وَأَنَا خَطِيْبُهُمْ إِذَا لَعَنُوا
وَأَنَا مُسْتَشْفِعُهُمْ إِذَا حُبِسُوا وَأَنَا مُبَشِّرُهُمْ إِذَا أَلْيَسُوا الْكِرَامَةَ وَالْمَفَاتِيحُ
يَوْمَئِذٍ بِيَدِي وَ لِوَاءُ الْحَمْدِ يَوْمَئِذٍ بِيَدِي وَأَنَا أَكْرَمُ وُلْدِ آدَمَ عَلَى رَبِّي
يَطُوفُ عَلَيَّ أَلْفُ خَادِمٍ كَأَنَّ تَهُمُ بَيْضٌ مَكْتُوبٌ أَوْ لَوْلُؤُ مَسْشُورٌ

“When the people will rise from their graves, then I shall be the first to rise. I will be their leader when they go before Al'laah and I will be their spokesperson when they are all alone and I will be their

intercessor when they are stopped in Mahshar and I will give them hope when they are in despair. The keys of respect and treasures of mercy will be in my hand on that day Liwa ul Humd (The Flag of Praise) will be in my hand. From amongst all the people I am the most exalted near my Creator. Thousands of servants will be going around me as if they were eggs and are kept with great care or like pearls all widely spread out.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.514 - Jaame Tirmizi Pg.201 Vol.2 - Darimi Shareef Pg.30 Vol.1 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.477 Mirkaat Shareef Pg.63 Vol.11]

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

أَنَا سَيِّدُ وُلْدِ آدَمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَأَوَّلُ مَنْ يَنْشَقُّ عَنْهُ الْقَبْرَ
وَأَوَّلُ شَافِعٍ وَأَوَّلُ مُشَفَّعٍ

“On the day of Qiyamaah I will be the leader of the children of Hazrat Adam (Alaihis Salaam). I will be the first to rise from my grave. I will be the first to start interceding and my intercession will be the first to be accepted.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.511 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.245 Vol.2 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.466 Vol.4 - Mirkaat Shareef Pg.45 Vol.11 - Ibn Majah Shareef Pg.329]

Hazrat Jaabir رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

أَنَا قَائِدُ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَلَا فَاخِرَ وَأَنَا خَاتِمُ النَّبِيِّينَ وَلَا فَاخِرَ
وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ شَافِعٍ وَمُشَفَّعٍ وَلَا فَاخِرَ

“I am the leader of the Prophets and I do not show any pride. I am the seal of the Prophets and I do not show any pride, and first of all I will intercede and my intercession will be accepted and I do not show any pride.” [Mishkaat Pg.514, Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.477 Vol.4 - Mirkaat Pg.63 Vol.11]

Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم said that on the day of Qiyamaah, the people will congregate and say

لَوِاسْتَشْفَعْنَا إِلَى رَبِّنَا حَتَّى يُرِيحَنَا مِنْ مَكَانِنَا هَذَا

“We wish to find someone to intercede for us in the Court of Almighty Al’laah so that He may grant us comfort at this point.”

After this, they will go before Hazrat Adam (Alaihis Salaam) and say, ***“O Adam! (Alaihis Salaam) Are you not looking at the people? Almighty Al’laah has created you with his Qudrat and commanded the Angels to prostrate before you. He gave you the knowledge of the names of everything.”***

They will say,

إِشْفَعْ لَنَا إِلَى رَبِّنَا حَتَّى يُرِيحَنَا مِنْ مَكَانِنَا هَذَا

“Intercede for us in the court of our Creator so that He may grant us (some) relief at this point.” Then Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) will say, ***لَسْتُ هُنَاكَ ‘This is not my duty’*** (In other words first open the doors of Shafa'at). He shall say,

إِئْتُوا نُوحًا فَإِنَّهُ أَوَّلُ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَى أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ

“Go to Hazrat Nooh (alaihis salaam) for he is the first Nabi that Almighty Al’laah sent towards the people on earth.” Then they will go to Hazrat Nooh (alaihis salaam) and he too will say, ***لَسْتُ هُنَاكَ ‘This is not my duty’*** (first open the doors of Shafa'at). He shall further say,

إِئْتُوا إِبْرَاهِيمَ خَلِيلَ الرَّحْمَنِ

***Go to Hazrat Ibrahim (alaihis salaam).
He is the friend of Almighty Al'laah.”***

Then they will go to him and he shall say لَسْتُ هُنَاكَ **“This is not my duty.”** He will further say,

إِتُّوْا مُوسَى عَبْدًا آتَاهُ اللهُ التَّوْرَةَ وَكَلَّمَهُ تَكْلِيمًا

“Go to Hazrat Moosa (alaihis salaam). He is a special servant of Almighty Al'laah. Almighty Al'laah gave him the Tauraat and also spoke to him.”

Thus the people will go before him and he too will shall لَسْتُ هُنَاكَ **“This is not my duty.”**

إِتُّوْا عِيسَى عَبْدًا لِلَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَكَلَّمَتْهُ وَرُوحَهُ

Go to Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam) He is the special servant and Rasool of Almighty Al'laah and His Kalima and Rooh.”

The people will then present themselves before Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam) and he will say, لَسْتُ هُنَاكَ and then say:

لَكِنْ إِتُّوْا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدًا غَفَرَ اللهُ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِكُمْ وَمَا تَأَخَّرَ

“Go into the Court of Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ who is a unique servant of Almighty Al'laah and it is through him that Almighty Al'laah has forgiven those before and after him.” Then Huzoor ﷺ said, **“They will come to me”**

فَانْطَلِقُ فَاسْتَأْذِنُ عَلَى رَبِّي يُؤْذَنُ لِي عَلَيْهِ

“Then, I shall ask for permission in the Court of Almighty Al’laah and permission will be granted. And when I am granted the divine vision of seeing Almighty Al’laah, I will prostrate (make Sajdah). Then Almighty Al’laah will say,

ارْفَعْ مُحَمَّدٌ وَقُلْ تَسْمَعُ وَاسْئَلْ تُعْطَهُ وَاشْفَعْ تُشَفِّعَ

“Rise O Muhammad ﷺ, Ask and request and it will be given, and intercede and your intercession shall be accepted. “

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated, *“Any person who read laa ilaaha ila la and has Imaan in his heart equal to a grain of wheat, He will be taken out of Jahanum, after this, he will be removed from Jahanum who has in his heart Imaan equivalent to a speck of flour and then he will be removed from Jahanum who has in his heart Imaan equivalent to a speck of dust. [Bukhari Shareef Pg.1102 Vol.2 - Ibn Majah Pg.329 - Mirkaat Pg.276 Vol.10 - Nihaaya Pg.188 Vol.2]*

Permissibility of Keeping the Names Ghulaam Mustafa etc.

*“Ya Ibaadi kah ke humko Shah ne”
“Apna banda karliya phir tujko kya”*

The Ahle Sunnah Wa Jama'at believe that to keep the names Ghulaam Mustafa and Abdun Nabi etc as permissible and a means of attaining blessing, whereas the there are those who oppose it and regard the keeping of these names to be shirk (associating partners with Al’laah). This belief and false theory of theirs is absolutely incorrect. In reality, it is totally permissible for us to refer to ourselves as the servants of Rasoolullah ﷺ.

Almighty Al’laah says in the Holy Qur’aan:

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ

“You Say, O my servants who have harmed their own souls. Do not be disillusioned from the mercy of Al’laah.” [Surah Zumar Verse.53]

One of the persons who is even respected by the Wahabis, Haji Imdaadullah Muhaajir-e-Makki states as follows concerning the above mentioned verse of the Holy Qur’aan: ***“Because the Holy Prophet ﷺ is so near to Almighty Al’laah, it is permissible to refer to the servant of Al’laah as the servant of the Rasool ﷺ. Just as Almighty Al’laah states: “You Say, O my servants who committed injustice unto their souls’. The one being referred to (in this verse) is none other than the Holy Prophet ﷺ.’*** [Imdaadul Mushtaaq Pg 93]

Note: In other words the Prophet ﷺ is being commanded from the Court of Al’laah to refer to those of us who have committed injustice unto our souls as his servants.

The second Khalifa of Islam, Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ also used to refer to himself as Abdul Mustafa just as the narration below will show:

فَلَمَّا وَلىٰ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ خَطَبَ النَّاسَ عَلَىٰ مَنبَرِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ حَمْدًا لِلَّهِ وَأَنْتَىٰ عَلَيْهِ ثُمَّ قَالَ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي قَدْ عَلِمْتُ أَنَّكُمْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْنِسُونَ مِنِّي شِدَّةً وَغِلْظَةً وَذَلِكَ أَنِّي كُنْتُ مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَىٰ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَكُنْتُ عَبْدَهُ وَخَادِمَهُ

“When Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ became Khalifa, he stood on the Mimbar of the Prophet ﷺ and delivered a sermon and praised Almighty Al’laah and the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He then said, O people! I am aware of the fact that you love me dearly and this is because I lived with the Holy Prophet ﷺ and I am his “Abd” (servant / slave) and his Khaadim.” [Kanzul Um’maal Pg.147 Vol.3 - Hayaatul

Haiwaan of Imam Dameeri Pg.787 Vol.1 - Izaalatul Khifa of Shah Waliyillah Muhadith Delhwi Pg.63 Vol.2]

The Aqida of Hazrat Umar-e-Farouk ؓ concerning this issue has already been examined. This is that Umar-e-Farouk ؓ concerning whom the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَفِرُّ مِنْ ظِلِّ عُمَرَ

**“Verily shaitaan runs from the shadow
of Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ”**

Whilst adorning the Mimbar and the Mehraab with the respect and pride of Islam, Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ announced before great Sahaba-e-Kiraam and Taabi'een, from amongst whom were great personalities and great Islamic luminaries such as Hazrat Uthmaan Ghani and Hazrat Ali Murtuza (radi Al'laahu anhum), that he was the **“Abd”** servant and slave of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

The Sahaba-e-Kiraam (radi Al'laahu anhumul Ajmaeen) did not say, ‘O Umar Farouk ؓ! You have committed polytheism’. In the presence of the Sahaba and Taabi'een Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ while standing on the sacred Mimbar of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is saying that he is **“Abdul Mustafa and Abdun Nabi”** and their is no objection from the distinguished Sahaba-e-Kiraam or the Taabi'een (radi Al'laahu anhum). It is obvious that the silence of the Sahaba and the Taabi'een was testimony to the fact that this was also their belief since silence is consent. It is evidence that they did not accept this name to be polytheism but they accepted those who believed in this to be **“Mo'min-e-Kaamil”**.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

عَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِينَ

“It is necessary upon you to follow my way and the way of my Khulafa Raashideen, as they are the righteous ones.” [Mishkaat Shareef - Tirmizi Shareef Pg.92 Vol.2 - Musnad-e-Ahmad Pg.27 - Mustadrik Pg.95 Vol.1]

Now, keeping the Holy saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in mind and examining the statement of Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ wherein he referred to himself as Abdul Mustafa in the presence of Hazrat Ali ؓ, Hazrat Uthmaan ؓ and in the presence of all the other Sahaba and Taabi'een (radi Al'laahu anhum) that were present, the Ahle Sunnah Wa Jama'at keep the names Abdul Mustafa and Abdun Nabi.

My Aa'la Hazrat Sayyidi Imam Ahle Sunnah Ash Shah Imam Ahmed Raza Khan ؓ even in his official seal had the name Abdul Mustafa written. It used to read ***Abdul Mustafa Muhammad Ahmed Raza Khan Bareilvi***. It is for this reason that Allama Abu Noor Muhammad Basheer Sahib Kautilwi has written:

“Mere Abdul Mustafa Ahmed Raza Tera Qalam”
“Dushmanane Mustafa ke waaste Shamsheer he”

The Prophet ﷺ Hears From Great Distances

“Door o Nazdeek ke sun'ne waale wo kaan”
“kaan la'ale karaamat pe lakho salaam”

It is our Aqida that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is able to hear us even from great distances. The distinguished Sahaba of the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to call out to the Prophet ﷺ from great distances even at the time of battles which took place distances away. This was also the manner of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ. It is well known that he used to call to out to the the Holy Prophet ﷺ during the battles he fought in. This has also been proven by Hazrat Abdullah bin Abbas and Hazrat Uthmaan bin Hunaif (radi Al'laahu anhum).

The Sahaba used to call out to the Holy Prophet ﷺ from both far and near and their problems would be solved. The companions of the Prophet ﷺ called out his Holy Name from great distances to seek his assistance and in doing so, they displayed their belief that he could hear them no matter where they were. It is also the saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ,

إِنِّي أَسْمَعُ مَا لَا تَسْمَعُونَ

“I hear that which you do not hear.” [Sahih Bukhari Shareef - Sahih Muslim Shareef - Mishkaat Shareef]

Hazrat Shah Wali Al’laah Muhadith Delhwi ؒ used to say the following concerning Dala’il e Kheyraat:

“I received the authority of Dalail from my Sheikh, Abu Tahir, he received it from Ahmad Nakhaa, he received it from Sayed Abdur Rahman Idrees, He received it from his father Ahmed, he received it from His grandfather Muhammad, he received it from his grandfather and He received it from the Compiler of Dala’il-e-Kheyraat Sheikh Sayed Shareef Muhammad bin Sulaiman Al Juzuli ؒ.” [Intibah fis Salasil]

In the very book Dala’il-e-Kheyraat, the Author Hazrat Muhammad bin Sulaiman Juzuli ؒ has quoted this Hadith of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has stated,

أَسْمَعُ صَلَاةَ أَهْلِ مُحَبَّتِي وَأَعْرِفُهُمْ

“I personally hear the Durood of those who love me and I also

recognise them” [Dala'il-e-Kheyraat Shareef Pg.22]

A true Muslim always trusts the words of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and he will believe that the Holy Prophet ﷺ hears Duas and Durood from both far and near and also recognises the one remembering him. From the above mentioned Hadith it is obvious that the entire world is before the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He sees and recognises everyone and everything. It has been quoted in Tabraani Shareef that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

أَكْثَرُوا الصَّلَاةَ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ فَإِنَّهُ يَوْمَ مَشْهُودٍ شَهِدَهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ
لَيْسَ مِنْ عَبْدٍ يُصَلِّي عَلَيَّ إِلَّا بَلَغَنِي صَوْتُهُ، حَيْثُ كَانَ

“Recite Durood Shareef abundantly on Fridays since it is a day of witnesses. Angels present themselves there. When any servant recites Durood, no matter whom and where he is his voice reaches me.

It is as clear as day from the Hadith that the belief of the Ahle Sunnah Wa Jama'at is true and proper because the Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated that wherever or whoever the person is who recites Durood upon him, the voice of that person reaches him. This means whether a person is far or near, in Madinah Munawwara or anywhere else in the world, his voice reaches the Prophet ﷺ.

Those who say that the Prophet ﷺ is not able to hear our Durood Shareef, present the Hadith wherein it is mentioned that the Angels carry the Durood into the Court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. After presenting this Hadith, they say that this is proof that the Prophet ﷺ does not hear it personally.

The said Hadith is being quoted below: It is mentioned in the Hadith Shareef as follows:

مَامِنُ عَبْدٍ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ صَلَوةً إِلَّا عَرَجَ بِهَا مَلِكٌ حَتَّى يَجِيءَ بِهَا وَجْهَ
الرَّحْمَنِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَيَقُولُ رَبُّنَا تَبَارَكَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ اذْهَبُوا بِهَا إِلَى قَبْرِ عَبْدِي
تَسْتَغْفِرُ لِصَاحِبِهَا وَتَقْرِبُهَا عَيْنَهُ

“When a person recites Durood Shareef then an Angel ascends with it and presents it before Almighty Al’laah. Al’laah Almighty says, ‘Take it to the Holy Grave of my Beloved servant Muhammad ﷺ so that he may make Dua-e-Bakhshish for the person who sent the Durood and he may gain coolness in his eyes.’”

From the above mentioned Hadith it is clear that the Durood is first presented in the Divine Court of Almighty Al’laah and thereafter with the command of Almighty Al’laah, it is presented in the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The logic of the deobandis is that if the Durood is heard by the Prophet ﷺ then what need is there for the Angels to present it. It should be noted that this argument is not only contradicting the power of hearing of the Holy Prophet ﷺ but it is also contradicting the power of hearing of Almighty Al’laah since the Durood is first presented in the Court of Almighty Al’laah.

According to their evidence (Al’laah Forbid) Will this then not mean that Almighty also cannot hear from distances as well, if not what need was there for it to be presented by the Angel?

Note how corrupt beliefs these people hold that it has even contradicted and opposed one of the attributes of Almighty Al’laah. May Almighty Al’laah protect us from such false and corrupt beliefs and groups (Ameen).

Imam Sakhaawi ؒ in his book Mustataab Al Qaulul Bad’i’ quotes a narration which is also quoted by the deobandis.

Hazrat Am' maar bin Yaaser ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنَّ لِلَّهِ مَلَكًا أَعْطَاهُ، أَسْمَاعَ الْخَلَائِقِ فَهُوَ عَلَى قَبْرِى إِذَا مِتُّ فَلَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يُصَلِّى عَلَى صَلَوَةِ إِلَّا قَالَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْكَ فَلَانَ بْنِ فَلَانَ قَالَ فَيُصَلِّى الرَّبُّ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى عَلَى ذَلِكَ بِكُلِّ وَاحِدَةٍ عَشْرًا

“Verily Almighty Al’laah has granted an Angel the power of listening to the voices of every creation. That Angel will be standing at my graveside when I leave this world. Thus whoever sends Durood Shareef upon me then he will say, “O Muhammad ﷺ! Certain person who is the son of certain person has recited Durood”. Huzoor ﷺ has stated, “Any person who recites Durood once upon me. Almighty Al’laah bestows his mercy ten times upon him.” [Al Qaulul Bad’i Pg.112]

From this Hadith one can understand the respect and status of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. If the reciter of the Durood is far or near, in Arabia or outside Arabia in the East or in the West, the voice (of that person) is heard by the Angel who is standing on duty as a slave and servant at the Rauza-e-Mubaarak of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

The Angel does not only hear the voice of one single person but he hears the voice of every creation. If this is the hearing power of that Angel who is a servant and a slave of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, that it is able to hear the voice of every creation then what can be said about the hearing power of the Holy Prophet ﷺ who is the leader and Rasool of all the Angels.

Is there any one in their right sense of mind who will believe that the Angel who is the servant of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is hearing the Salaam of every person on the Duniya while standing beside the

Rauza-e-Anwar of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the Master of that Angel who is the Holy Prophet ﷺ cannot hear the Salaam of His Ummah? Definitely not! The Master Muhammadur Rasoolullah ﷺ is aware of our salaam and hears it and all the Angels and the rest of Al'laahs creation, are all servants and humble slaves at before the Majestic Court of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. Another important fact which is present in this narration is that the Angel knows the name of every person sending Durood. He even knows the name of the reciters father since in the Hadith it has been stated, certain person who is the son of certain person sends Durood. It is obvious that the person who is reciting Durood does not say his name or his fathers name before reciting the Durood. He does not say that I am certain person the son of certain person.

Now, even though the person reciting the Durood does not give his name or his father's name, the Angel who is present in Madinatul Munawwarah at the Rauza-e-Aqdas of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is aware of the name and the father's name of the sender of the Durood. Now, If this is the status and knowledge possessed by that particular Angel, then it is obvious that the Beloved of Almighty Al'laah Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ is definitely aware of the name and father's name of the person who is sending Durood upon him. Verily our Leader Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ is aware of our names and surnames and of our condition at all times.

“Banda mit' Jaye na Aaqa pe wo banda kya hai”

“Be Khabar ho jo Ghulaamo se wo Aaqa kya hai”

This is why Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz Muhadith Delhwi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ states the following whilst explaining the verse **“وَيَكُونُ الرَّسُولُ عَلَيْكُمْ شَهِيدًا** ***Through the power of Noor-e-Nabuiwat, the Holy Prophet ﷺ is aware and well informed of the condition and status of every follower. He knows of the point where that person has reached in his Deen and what is the condition of his Imaan and due to which veil it is that he is deprived of (spiritual) elevation. Thus he is aware of our sins, intentions and hypocritical plans. This is why according to Shariat his testimony***

regarding the Ummah in the world and the hereafter will necessarily be accepted” [Tafseer-e-Azeezi]

Seeking Assistance From The Awliyah Al’laah

**“Ghaus-e-Azam aap se faryaad he
Zinda phir ye paak millat kijiye”**

It is absolutely permissible and a means of blessing to seek assistance from the Awliyah Al’laah (Alaihimur Ridwaan) as they are the beloved servants of Al’laah. Almighty Al’laah says in the Glorious Qur’aan:

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيْلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ

“Then undoubtedly, Al’laah is his helper and Jibra’eel and (all) the pious believers and after this, even the Angels will support him.”
[Surah Tahreem Verse.4]

In the commentary of the above mentioned verse of the Holy Qur’aan Hazrat Allama Aaloosi رحمته الله says that the word Maula in this verse means Nassir which means Helper.

In another verse of the Holy Qur’aan Almighty Al’laah says:

أَتَمَّوْا لِيُكْمِلَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَالَّذِيْنَ آمَنُوا الَّذِيْنَ يَقِيْمُوْنَ الصَّلَاةَ
وَ يُؤْتُوْنَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُوْنَ

“Your helpers are Almighty Al’laah and His Rasool and those Muslims who perform Salaah and give alms and make Ruku” [Surah Maa’idah Verse.55]

It is an authentic Hadith of the Holy Prophet ﷺ that it has been narrated by Hazrat Abdullah bin Mas'ud ؓ that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has stated, **“When the animal etc. of any person flees into the woods,**

فَلْيَقُلْ يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي

Then he should say thrice, O servants of Al'laah help me! O servants of Al'laah help me! O servants of Al'laah help me! [Hisn Haseen Pg.163]

Hazrat Allama ibn Juzri ؓ says that it has been reported from a certain person that once one of his animals went astray. He knew the words of the said Hadith. Through the blessing of this, Almighty Al'laah caused the animal to return to him. Quoting another narration from Tabraani Hazrat Allama ibn Juzri ؓ states,

إِنْ أَرَادَ عَوْنًا فَلْيَقُلْ يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي
يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ أَعِينُونِي

“If one is ever in any need then he should say O’ servants of Al’laah! Assist me. O servants of Al’laah! Assist me. O servants of Al’laah! Assist me.” After narrating this Hadith Allama ibn Juzri ؓ quotes the Narrator where he says,

قَدْ جُرِّبَ ذَلِكَ

“I have found that to be very effective.”

In Hirz-e-Thameen, the commentary of Hisn Haseen Allama Mulla Ali Qaari ؓ states the following concerning the above mentioned Hadith:

قَالَ بَعْضُ الْعُلَمَاءِ الثَّقَاتِ هَذَا حَدِيثٌ حَسَنٌ يَحْتَاجُ إِلَيْهِ الْمَسَافِرُونَ
وَرَوَى عَنِ الْمَشَائِخِ أَنَّهُ مُجَرَّبٌ مُحَقَّقٌ

“Certain reliable Ulama have stated that this Hadith Shareef is Hassan (in merit). It is very much needed by travellers and it is narrated by great spiritual leaders that this (Hadith) is authentic. (In other words through it ones problems are solved).”

Hazrat Imam Nawawi رحمته الله who is the annotator of Muslim Shareef quotes an incident:

حَكَى لِي بَعْضُ شُيُوخِنَا الْكِبَارِ فِي الْعِلْمِ أَنَّهُ، انْفَلَتَتْ لَهُ، دَابَّةٌ أَظْنَمَهَا بَعْلَةٌ
وَكَانَ يَعْرِفُ هَذَا الْحَدِيثَ فَقَالَ، فَحَسَبَهَا اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِمْ فِي الْحَالِ وَكُنْتُ
أَنَا مَرَّةً مَعَ جَمَاعَةٍ فَأَنْفَلَتَتْ مِنْهَا بَهِيمَةٌ وَعَجَزُوا عَنْهَا فَقَلْتُهُ، فَوَقَفَتْ فِي
الْحَالِ بِغَيْرِ سَبَبٍ سِوَى هَذَا الْكَلَامِ

“One of our Sheikhs narrated an incident to me,” (He said) my mule ran away and I had known the Hadith and I immediately said O servants of Al’laah! Assist me, then Almighty Al’laah immediately stopped the mule (from running away).” [Kitaabul Azkaar Pg.201]

Muhadith Imam Nawawi رحمته الله states that once I was personally going somewhere with a group of people and our animal ran away. Our catching the animal was in vain, and then I said the words أَعِثُّونِي يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ
“O servants of Al’laah! Help me.” and the animal stopped immediately, allowing us to catch it and with the exception of this I did not do or say anything else.

Hazrat Allama Jalaludeen Suyuti رحمته الله has quoted a Hadith with reference to Tabraani Shareef on the authority of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar رضي الله عنهما

that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى عِبَادًا اِخْتَصَّهِمْ بِحَوَائِجِ النَّاسِ يَفْرَعُ النَّاسُ إِلَيْهِمْ فِي
حَوَائِجِهِمْ أَوْلَئِكَ الْأَمْنُونَ مِنْ عَذَابِ اللَّهِ

“There are certain of Al’laah’s servants that have been appointed to fulfil the necessities of the people. People will call to them in their times of need. They are protected from the punishment of Almighty Al’laah. [Jaame Sagheer Pg.78 Vol.1]

Allama Abdul Wahaab Sha’raani ؒ in his distinguished book Tabaqaatul Kubra narrated many incidents in which the Awliyah have helped from great distances. A few of these incidents are being quoted so that the true belief of the Ahle Sunnat wa Jama’at is clearly identified. Allama Abdul Wahab Sha’raani ؒ states that Hazrat Shamsud’deen Muhammad Hanafi ؒ was performing ablution in his room when he suddenly threw his wooden sandal into the air.

It disappeared although there was no way for it to exit the room. He gave the other sandal to his disciple and asked him to keep it until the first one returned. After some time a certain person from Syria arrived with the sandal and some money as gifts and said, ***“May Almighty Al’laah give reward you for this.”***

The man mentioned that the actual incident which occurred as follows:

إِنَّ اللَّصَّ لَمَّا جَلَسَ عَلَى صَدْرِي لِيَذْبَحَنِي قُلْتُ فِي نَفْسِي يَا سَيِّدِي مُحَمَّدٍ يَا حَنْفِي
فَجَاءَتْهُ فِي صَدْرِهِ وَأَتَعَلَبَ مُغْمَى عَلَيْهِ وَنَجَانِي اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِرِكَاتِكَ

“Once when a thief sat on my chest and was about to slaughter me, in my heart I said, “Ya Sayyidi Muhammadin Ya Hanafiyu” then suddenly this sandal appeared and struck the thief on his chest with such force that he became dazed and collapsed and Almighty Al’laah

saved me through your blessing.” [Tabaqaatul Kubra Pg.95 Vol.2]

Hazrat Allama Abdul Wahab Sha’rani ؒ when explaining the status and significance of Hazrat Moosa Abu Imran ؒ states:

كَانَ إِذَا نَادَاهُ مُرِيدُهُ ‘أَجَابَهُ‘ مِنْ مُسِيرَةٍ سَنَةً أَوْ أَكْثَرَ

“When any of his mureeds would call out to him from anywhere, he would answer them even if he was a year’s distance away or even more than that.” [Tabaqaatul Kubra Pg.29 Vol.2]

Hazrat Allama ibn Hajar Makki (radi Al’laahu anhu) states,

وَمِنْ نَفْعِ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ إِنَّ بَرَكَتَهُمْ تَغِيثُ الْعِبَادِ وَ يَدْفَعُ بِهَا الْفَسَادُ وَالْأَرْضُ لَفَسَدَتِ الْأَرْضُ

“It is from amongst the blessings of the Awliyah Al’laah that through their blessings it rains upon the people (and) fighting is alleviated, if not the earth would be full of destruction.” [Fataawa Hadeethia Pg.221]

Hazrat Allama ibn Aabideen Shaami ؒ on the footnote of his internationally renowned book Raddul Muhtarul Ma’roof says that Ziyaadi has reported that if any person loses any one of his belongings then he wishes for Almighty Al’laah to return it to him, he should stand on a high place facing the Qibla and make Faateha and send the sawaab (reward) to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and to Sayyid Ahmad bin Alwaan ؒ and say,

يَا سَيِّدِي أَحْمَدُ يَا بِنَ عَلْوَانَ إِنْ تَرُدُّ عَلَيَّ ضَالَّتِي وَالْأَرْضَ نَزَعْتِكَ
مِنْ دِيْوَانِ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى يَرُدُّ عَلَيَّ

“O my leader Ahmad! O son of Alwaan! If you do not return my lost item, then it is fine, otherwise I will remove your name

from the register of the Awliyah

مَنْ قَالَ ذَلِكَ ضَالَّتْهُ، بِرِكَتِهِ أُجُورِي مَعَ زِيَادَةِ

With the Barkah of this amal and that Wali Al'laah, the lost thing will be returned. [Raddul Muhtaar Shara Durr Mukhtar Pg.334 Vol.3]

Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz Muhadith Delhwi ؒ presents a narration from Hazrat Sheikh Ahmad Zarookh ؒ who is the teacher of Allama Ahmad Qistalaani the commentator of Bukhari Shareef and also the teacher of Allama Shamsud'deen Liqaani ؒ. He is also well recognised in the academic and spiritual world. Read this and look at the truthfulness and sincerity of the Ahle Sunnah wall Jama'at. He says,

إِذَا مَا سَطَا جَرُّ الزَّمَانِ بِنُكْبَةٍ أَنَا الْمُرِيدِي جَامِعٌ لِشَتَاتِهِ
فَنَادِ بِيَا زُرُوقُ أَتِ بِسُرْعَةٍ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ فِي ضَيْقٍ وَكَرْبٍ وَوَحْشَةٍ

“I am the one who comforts my disciple in his difficult times, when the world breaks unto him. If you are in any discomfort, shortage or grief, then call out to me with the words “Ya Zarooq” and I will present myself.” [Bustaan-ul-Muhaditheen]

Those who reject the above mentioned and try to corrupt the minds and hearts of the simple unsuspecting Muslims are not the Ahle Sunnah Wall Jama'at nor are they true Hanafis. Those who obtain assistance from the Awliyah Al'laah and believe (The Awliyah) have power over certain things with the permission of Al'laah are the true Ahle Sunnah.

The Prophet ﷺ is Our Benefactor

*Jis ko dena he dene ko moo chahiye
Dene waala he sacha humara Nabi*

Almighty Al'laah says in the Glorious Qur'aan,

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ رَضُوا مَا آتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ سَيُؤْتِينَا اللَّهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
وَرَسُولُهُ، إِنَّا إِلَى اللَّهِ رَاغِبُونَ

“And how nice it would have been if they had been content with that which Al'laah and His Rasool had given them, and if they had said, ‘Sufficient for us is Al'laah, Al'laah bestows upon us of His Grace and so does His Prophet. And towards Al'laah alone do we turn.’”
[Surah Tauba Verse.59]

وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا مُمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ، أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ
أَمْرِهِمْ ؕ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ، فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُّبِينًا

“And it is not befitting to any Muslim man or Muslim woman, that when Al'laah and His Messenger have decreed something, they should have any choice in their matters, and whosoever disobeys Al'laah and His Messenger, he has undoubtedly gone astray” [Surah Al Ahzab Verse.36]

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ
لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

“And when they commit injustice unto their souls, then O Beloved, they should present themselves before you and then seek

forgiveness from Al'laah, and (if) the Prophet should intercede on their behalf, then definitely they shall find Al'laah Most Forgiving, Most Compassionate.” [Surah Nisa Verse.64]

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَنْفَالِ قُلِ الْأَنْفَالُ لِلَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ ج فَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَصْلِحُوا
ذَاتَ بَيْنِكُمْ ص وَأَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ ، إِنْ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ

“(O Beloved Prophet) they ask you concerning the spoils (of war). Say you, 'the spoils belong to Al'laah and His Rasool; so fear Al'laah and remain united amongst yourselves; and obey Al'laah and the Prophet, if you have Imaan (true faith).” [Surah Al Anfal Verse.1]

With the exception of these verses of the Holy Qur'aan there are also numerous other verses concerning this from which it can be proven that through the consent of Almighty Al'laah, the Holy Prophet ﷺ has been given the power of granting benefit to whomsoever he wishes. It should be noted that if to make someone wealthy or to bless them with anything or to intercede for any person is not a way of giving benefit, then what is it?

Even the Sahaba of the Holy Prophet ﷺ received great blessings and benefits from the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Such incidents are also present in the Ahadith-e-Mubaaraka and will be discussed later on.

The story of Hazrat Esa (Alaihis salaam) is present in the Holy Qur'aan that Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam) had stated,

أَنْتَىٰ أَخْلَقُ لَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيْنِ كَهَيْئَةِ الطَّيْرِ فَاَنْفُخْ فِيهِ فَيَكُونُ طَيْرًا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ

“I mould for you from sand, a figure resembling a bird, and when I blow into it, it immediately becomes a bird, through the command of Al'laah. [Surah Al Imran Verse.49]

Now the making of the form of the bird was the action of Hazrat Esa

(alaihi Salaam). To blow in it was the action of Hazrat Esa (alaihi salaam). When Hazrat Esa (alaihi salaam) blew into it then with the command of Al'laah it began to fly. If in this incident the benefit which is being caused by Hazrat Esa (alaihi salaam) is not clear then what is?

Almighty Al'laah explained this benefit caused by Hazrat Esa (alaihi salaam) in the Holy Qur'aan so that his status may be understood. Hence, the status and personality of our Beloved Rasool ﷺ is much more exalted as our Prophet ﷺ is Imaamul Ambiya. Another verse of the Holy Qur'aan is being quoted to show the benefit received through Hazrat Esa (alaihi salaam):

وَأُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِي الْمَوْتَىٰ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ

“And I cure the one who is born blind and the ones with leprosy, and I bring the dead back to life, through the command of Al'laah”, [Surah Al Imran Verse.49]

If through the command of Al'laah, to be cured by Hazrat Esa (alaihi salaam), to be made healthy and to be brought back to life from the dead is not benefit, then what else can it be called?

How can those (who oppose this) stand before the Christians and say to them that our Nabi Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ is not in control of giving benefit when the proof of their Nabi Esa (alaihi salaam) being in control of giving benefit is present in our Holy Qur'aan.

In the instance where Hazrat Jibra'eel (alaihi salaam) went to Hazrat Mariam (radi Al'laahu anha) and told her, 'I am here to give you a son', Was Hazrat Jibra'eel (alaihi salaam) not the one that was giving benefit. However, Hazrat Jibra'eel (alaihi salaam) is also a creation of Almighty Al'laah. This has been explained in the Holy Qur'aan as follows:

قَالَ إِنَّمَا أَنَا رَسُولُ رَبِّكِ ؕ لِيَهَبَ لَكَ غُلَامًا زَكِيًّا

“He said, “I have been sent by your Lord so that I may give you a pure son.” [Surah Maryam Verse.19]

It has also been stated in the Holy Qur’aan that through the Barakah of Hazrat Yusuf (alaihiss salaam), Hazrat Ya’qoob (alaihiss salaam) regained his sight. Is the returning of the sight of Hazrat Ya’qoob (alaihiss salaam) not a benefit and advantage? Verily it is. Now the verse of the Holy Qur’aan is being quoted where this incident has been explained. Hazrat Yusuf (alaihiss salaam) said,

إِذْهَبُوا بِقَمِيصِي هَذَا فَالْقُوهُ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِ أَبِي يَأْتِي بَصِيرًا

“Take (with you) this kurta of mine and place it over the face of my father, his eyes shall open.” [Surah Yusuf Verse.93]

فَلَمَّا أَنْ جَاءَ الْبَشِيرُ أَلْقَاهُ عَلَىٰ وَجْهِهِ فَارْتَدَّ بَصِيرًا

“Then, when the person bearing the good news arrived, he placed that kurta over the face of Ya’qoob. Immediately his eye sight returned.” [Surah Yusuf Verse.96]

After studying the above mentioned verses of the Holy Qur’aan it is clear that benefit was gained from Hazrat Esa, Hazrat Yusuf and Hazrat Jibra’eel (alaihiss Salaam).

It is as bright as day that if you ask any ordinary Muslim concerning the most superior of Prophets, he will say, The final Messenger Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ is the most superior of all the Prophets, Thus if benefit can be gained through the other Ambia (Alaihiss salaam) then how can a Muslim refute this for the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Those who are Muslims will always accept that the Holy Prophet ﷺ has the power of giving benefit. He will think of him as the one to turn towards in his times of need. This is why our Aa'la Hazrat Ash Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan ؒ has stated:

*“Rafa'e Nafa'e Dafa'e Shafa'e”
“kya kya rahmat laate ye hai”*

***Now a few Ahadith of the Holy Prophet ﷺ
are being quoted to conclude this discussion***

Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Maaghir ؒ had comitted a serious error, so he went into the Court of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and said,

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ طَهِّرْ نِيْ

“O Prophet of Al’laah, Purify me”

[Mishkaat Shareef - Ash’atul Lam’aat - Mirkaat - Muslim Shareef]

The Sahabi-e-Rasool had committed an error and was answerable in the Court of Al’laah for this, and yet he is asking the Holy Prophet ﷺ to purify and cleanse him. The reason for this is that the Sahabi of the Holy Prophet ﷺ knew that he could give benefit to them and this is why they asked him to assit them.

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنَّمَا أَنَا قَاسِمٌ وَاللَّهُ يُعْطِيْ

“I am the Distributor and Almighty Al’laah is Giver.” [Bukhari Pg.16 Vol.1 - Fathul Baari Pg.164 Vol.1 - Umdatul Qaari Pg.48 Vol.2 - Irshaadus Saari Pg.170 Vol.1 - Mishkaat Pg.32 - Mirkaat Pg.267 Vol.1 - Ash’atul Lam'aat Pg.152 Vol.1]

Hazrat Rabi'aa رضي الله عنه said in the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ,

إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مُرَافَقَتَكَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ

“I ask from you that I may be in Jannat with you.” [Mishkaat Pg.86 - Mirkaat Vol.2 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.396 - Muslim Shareef Pg.193 Vol.1 - Nasaai Pg.171]

It is obvious from the Ahadith-e-Mubaaraka that the Holy Prophet is the one who distributes throughout the universe and verily he who is a distributor in the entire universe definitely has the power of giving benefit.

Wasila (Mediation)

***Khuda Ki Raza Chaahate he Do Aalam
Khuda Chahata he Raza e Muhammad***

The Aqida of the Ahle Sunnah wall Jama'at is that Wasila is permissible. Almighty Al'laah says in the Qur'aan Azeem:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ وَجَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

“O you who Believe, Fear Al'laah and seek a means (Waseela)

towards Him and fight (make jihad) in His way, in hope of attaining salvation”. [Surah Maa'idah Verse.35]

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا أَنفُسَهُمْ جَاءُوكَ
فَاسْتَغْفَرُوا اللَّهَ وَاسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُمُ الرَّسُولُ لَوَجَدُوا اللَّهَ تَوَّابًا رَحِيمًا

“And when they commit injustice unto their souls, then O Beloved,

they should present themselves before you and then seek forgiveness from Al'laah, and (if) the Prophet should intercede on their behalf, then definitely they shall find Al'laah Most Forgiving, Most Compassionate.” [Surah Nisa Verse.64]

With reference to the above mentioned verse the Commentators of the Holy Qur'aan have quoted an incident which is being quoted below:

After the passing of the of the Holy Prophet ﷺ from this physical world, a villager presented himself before the Rauza-e-Anwar of Rasoolullah ﷺ and he placed the dust from the Rauza Shareef on his head and then said,

“Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ That which you have said, we have obeyed, and in that which was revealed upon you is this verse: وَكَوَأْتَهُمْ إِذْ ظَلَمُوا And verily I have done injustice upon my soul and I am before you to ask repentance from Al'laah.” On this, a voice was heard from the Rauza-e-Anwar which said, ***“You have been forgiven.”*** [Tafseer Midraak Pg.234 Vol.1 - Jazbul Quloob Pg.211]

Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan,

وَكَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَلَمَّا جَاءَهُمْ مَا عَرَفُوا
كَفَرُوا بِهِ فَلَعْنَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ

“And (even though) before that, they used to pray for victory over the infidels through the mediation (wasila) of the same Prophet, but when came towards them that recognized one, who was well known to them, they rejected him, so the curse of Al'laah is upon the rejecters.” [Surah Baqara Verse.89]

With reference to this verse of the Holy Qur'aan the commentators have quoted the instances where the Jews asked for Dua through the wasila of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Sayyidul Mufasireen, Sahabi Rasool Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ states that when the Jews wished to gain victory over their enemies they would make this Dua:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي نَسْتَنْصِرُكَ بِحَقِّ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ أَنْ تَنْصُرَنَا عَلَيْهِمْ

“O Al’laah! We ask to you through the mediation of the unlettered Prophet that you may grant us victory over the polytheists.”

[Tafseer Durr Manthur Pg.88 Vol.1]

Hazrat Fakhrud’deen Raazi ؓ the distinguished author of the celebrated Tafseer-e-Kabeer, which is the commentary of the Holy Qur’aan writes the following concerning the commentary of the above mentioned verse of the Holy Qur’aan:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا وَأَنْصُرْنَا بِالنَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ

“O Al’laah! Grant us victory and assist us through the mediation of the unlettered Prophet.” [Tafseer-e-Kabeer Pg.428 Vol. 1]

Hazrat Abul Aaliyah ؓ reports that the Jews made Dua in this manner:

اللَّهُمَّ ابْعَثْ هَذَا النَّبِيَّ الَّذِي نَجِدُهُ مَكْتُوبًا عِنْدَنَا حَتَّى يُعَذِّبَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ وَيَقْتُلَهُمْ

“O Al’laah send that Prophet whose blessed praise is in our Tauraat so that he may punish the polytheists and execute them.” [Tafseer ibn Jareer Pg.310 Vol.1]

Hazrat Imam ibn Jareer Tabri ؓ writes the following concerning this verse and the Dua of the Jews:

اللَّهُمَّ ابْعَثْ لَنَا هَذَا النَّبِيَّ يَحْكُمُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ النَّاسِ

يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ يَسْتَنْصِرُونَ بِهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ

“O Al’laah! Send down that Prophet who will bring justice between us and the people and those people used to gain victory and help against the others through his mediation.” [Tafseer ibn Jareer Pg.310 Vol.1]

Whilst presenting the commentary on this verse, well renowned Mufasssireen of the Ummat-e-Muslima such as Allama Jalaalud’deen Suyuti, Allama Sharbeeni, Allama Nasafi etc. said that when the Jews made Dua to Al’laah they would say,

اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْنَا بِالنَّبِيِّ الْمُبْعُوثِ فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ الَّذِي نَجِدُ نَعْتَهُ وَصِفَتَهُ فِي التَّوْرَةِ

“O Al’laah! Assist us through the mediation of that Prophet who will come in the final era, whose praise and qualities we find in the Tauraat.” [Tafseer Madaarik Pg.47 Vol.1 - Tafseer Jalaalain Pg.14 - Tafseer Sirajum Muneer Pg.73 - Tafseer Jam’i ul Bayaan Pg.16]

Imam Abdur Rahman bin Jauzi Muhadith رحمته الله writes:

إِنَّ يَهُودَ كَانُوا يَسْتَفْتِحُونَ عَلَى الْأَوْسِ وَالْخَزْرَجِ بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَبْلَ مَبْعَاثِهِ

“Verily the Jews gained victory over the Aus and Khazratj tribes with the Wasila of the Prophet رحمته الله even before he was sent.” [Kitaabul Wafa bi Ahwaalil Mustafa Pg.44 Vol.1]

Hazrat Qatadah رحمته الله states as follows concerning the said verse of the Holy Qur’aan:

كَانَتْ يَهُودُ تَسْتَفْتِحُ بِمُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَى كُفَّارِ الْعَرَبِ كَانُوا يَقُولُونَ اللَّهُمَّ الْبَعْثِ النَّبِيَّ الَّذِي نَجِدُهُ

فِي التَّوْرَةِ مُعَذِّبُهُمْ وَ تَقْتُلُهُمْ

“The Jews used to ask for victory over the Kufaar of Arabia through the Wasila of Rasoolullah ﷺ. They used to say this, 'O Al'laah! Send that Prophet whose praise we find in the Tauraat so that we may punish and kill those Kufaar of Arabia.’ [Kitaabul Wafa Pg.44]

Explaining this verse of the Holy Qur’aan Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz Muhadith Delhwi ﷺ says that they used to say,

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا إِنَّا نَسْتُلُكَ بِحَقِّ أَحْمَدَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِيِّ الَّذِي وَعَدْتَنَا أَنْ تُخْرِجَهُ لَنَا فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ بِكِتَابِكَ الَّذِي تُنَزِّلُ عَلَيْهِ آخِرَ مَا يُنَزَّلُ أَنْ تُنْصِرَنَا عَلَيَّ أَعْدَائِنَا

“O Al'laah! Our Creator, We ask of You through the mediation of the unlettered Prophet whom You have promised us You would send. Grant us victory and success against our enemies through the Barakah of this Kitaab which you will reveal unto him after all kitaabs.” [Tafseer Fathul Azeez Pg.329 - At Tawassul Bi Nabi Pg.200]

Hazrat Uthman bin Hunaif ﷺ says that a blind man presented himself in the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said, ***“O Messenger of Al'laah! Pray for me that I may regain my sight”***

The Prophet ﷺ said, ***“Perform ablution and read two rakaats of Nafil Namaaz and read this Dua:***

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ وَآتُوْجِّهُ إِلَيْكَ بِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنِّي قَدْ تَوَجَّهْتُ بِكَ إِلَى رَبِّي فِي حَاجَتِي هَذِهِ لِنُقْضَى اللَّهُمَّ فَشَفِّعْهُ فِيَّ

‘O Al'laah! Verily I ask of you and towards you I use the mediation of Nabi-e-Rahmat my Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ O Muhammad! Verily I turn through your Wasila to your Creator for my needs so that my needs may be fulfilled. O Al'laah, accept for me the intercession of

Muhammad ﷺ [Ibn Majah Pg.100 - Jaame Tirmizi Pg.197 Vol.2 - Mustadrik Pg.519 Vol.1 - Shifa Shareef Pg.213 - Hisn Haseen Pg.202]
On the explanation of this Hadith, Allama Abdul Ghani Delhwi says,

وَالْحَدِيثُ يُدُلُّ عَلَى جَوَازِ التَّوَسُّلِ وَالْإِسْتِشْفَاعِ بِدَايَةِ الْمُكْرَمِ
فِي حَيَاتِهِ وَأَمَّا بَعْدَ مَمَاتِهِ

“And the Hadith proves the permissibility of mediation and that of the Prophet’s ﷺ intercession. This command is during his lifetime and also after his passing from the world.” [Misbahuz Zujaaja Bar Hashia ibn Majah Pg.100]

It has been reported by Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas that the Holy Prophet ﷺ asked the following Dua in the Court of Almighty Al’laah,

اللَّهُمَّ اعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ بِأَبِي جَهْلٍ بِنِ هِشَامٍ أَوْ بِعُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ فَاصْبِحْ عُمَرُ
فَعَدَا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَاسْلَمَ ثُمَّ
صَلَّى فِي الْمَسْجِدِ ظَاهِرًا

“O Al’laah! Grant honour to Islam through Abu Jahl bin Hishaam or Umar ibn Khattab. Hazrat Umar ibn Khattab spent the morning with the Prophet ﷺ and on the very same morning accepted Islam and openly performed Salaah in the Masjid-e- Nabawi.” [Mishkaat Pg.557 - Tirmizi Pg.209 Vol.2]

Prominent Muhaditheen such as Imam Tabraani, Imam Suyuti, Allama Haakim, Allama ibn Asaakir, Allama Zurqaani, Allama ibn Jauzi, Allama Qistalaani, Allama Nibhaani and Shah Abdul Azizi Muhadith Delhwi (radi Al’laahu anhum) have quoted this incident in their books that when Hazrat Adam (Alaihis salaam) ate from the forbidden tree, he asked Dua to Al’laah through the mediation of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in this way,

يَا رَبِّ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ لَمَا غَفَرْتَ لِيْ

“O Al’laah, Pardon me through the Wasila of Muhammad ﷺ”
[Tabraani Shareef Pg.82/83 Vol.2 - Khasaaais Kubra Pg.17 Vol.1 - Kitaabul Wafa Bi Ahwaalil Mustafa Pg.33 Vol.1 - Mustadrik Pg.615 Vol.2 - Talkhees Az Zahbi Pg.615 Vol.2 - Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.12 Vol.1 - Anwaarul Muhammadiya Pg. 1079 - Zurqaani Shareef Pg.62 Vol.1 – Tafseer-e-Azeezi Pg.183 Vol.1 - Afzalul Salawaat Pg.117 - Shawahidul Haq Pg.137]

Allama Sheikh Mustafa Kareemi ؒ writes that when Hazrat Nooh (alaihis salaam) made Dua for his nation, He said,

إِلَهِيْ أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَنْصُرَنِيْ عَلَيْهِمْ بِنُورِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“O Al’laah, I beg for your help to over power them through the Barakah of the Noor of Muhammad Mustafa ﷺ.” [Risalatun Nasiyeen fi radil Mubtadieenil Wahabeen Pg.24]

Ummul Mo'mineen Hazrat Aisha Siddiqa (radi Al’laahu anha) says that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزِّ الْاِسْلَامَ بِعُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ خَاصَّةً

“O Al’laah Grant Islam honour through Umar ibn Khattab specially.” [Ibn Majah Pg.11]

Hazrat Ali-e-Murtuda ؒ says that I heard the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying,

اَلْاَبْدَالُ يَكُوْنُوْنَ بِاَلشَّامِ وَهُمْ اَرْبَعُوْنَ رَجُلًا كَلَّمَا مَاتَ رَجُلٌ اَبْدَالَ اللهُ

مَكَانَهُ رَجُلًا يُسْقَى بِهِمِ الْعَيْثَ وَ يُنْتَصِرُ بِهِمْ عَلَى الْأَعْدَاءِ
وَ يُصْرَفُ عَنْ أَهْلِ الشَّامِ بِهِمِ الْعَذَابُ

“Abdaals will be in Syria. They are forty men. When one of them passes away, then Al’laah appoints another in his place. Through their blessings it rains, through them victory is gained over enemies and through their blessing punishment is moved away from the people of Syria.” [Mishkaat Pg.582/583 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.749/750 Vol.4 - Mirkaat Pg.460 Vol.11 – Jaame Sagheer Pg.122 Vol.1]

Allama Tabri رحمته الله quotes that in the time of his rule, Hazrat Umar Farouk رضي الله عنه sent troops towards Kasra.

For this expedition he appointed Hazrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waq'qas رضي الله عنه as the Commander of the Muslim Army and he appointed Hazrat Khalid bin Walid رضي الله عنه the chief commanding officer.

When they came close to the River Tigris, they found that there was no ship or boat there so Hazrat Khalid bin Walid and Hazrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waq'qas (radi Al’laahu anhu) went forward and spoke to the river and said,

يَابْحَرُ إِنَّكَ تَجْرِي بِأَمْرِ اللَّهِ فَبِحُرْمَةِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ بَعْدَلِ عُمَرَ خَلِيفَةَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ الْآ
خَلَيْتَنَا وَالْعُبُورَ فَعَبَّرَ الْجَيْشُ بِخَيْلِهِ وَجَمَالِهِ إِلَى الْمَدَائِنِ وَلَمْ تَبْتَلْ حَوَافِرَهَا

“O River (Tigris)! You are flowing through the command of Almighty Al’laah. Thus We are giving you the Wasila of the justice of Rasool ﷺ and the Khalifa of Rasool ﷺ Hazrat Umar Farouk رضي الله عنه. Do not become a hinderance between us and our crossing. Then the troops crossed the river with their horses and camels and reached the land in such a manner that their (horses and camels) hooves were not even wet.”

This incident in the life of the third Khalifa of Islam Hazrat Uthman-e-Ghani ؓ is quoted in the authentic and distinguished books of Hadith, namely, Tabraani Shareef, and on the commentary of Ibn Majah Shareef as follows: **“A certain person needed something from Hazrat Uthman-e-Ghani ؓ but Hazrat Uthman-e-Ghani ؓ never paid attention towards him. This person complained to Hazrat Uthman bin Hunaif ؓ and he asked this person to ask Dua through the mediation of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the person acted exactly and Hazrat Uthman Ghani ؓ placed his attention on him.”**

The Dua which was prescribed was as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ وَأَتُوجَّهُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِنِّي أَتُوجَّهُ
بِكَ إِلَى رَبِّي فِي حَاجَتِي هَذِهِ لِتَقْضَى لِي اللَّهُمَّ فَشَفِّعْهُ فِيَّ

[Tabraani Shareef Pg.183 Vol.1 - Jazbul Quloob Pg.219/220]

Hazrat Abu Saeed Khudri ؓ says that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said:

يَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ فَيَعْزُرُونَ فِتْنًا مِنَ النَّاسِ فَيَقُولُونَ هَلْ فِيكُمْ مَنْ
صَاحَبَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَيَقُولُونَ نَعَمْ فَيُفْتَحُ لَهُمْ ثُمَّ يَأْتِي
عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ فَيَعْزُرُونَ فِتْنًا مِنَ النَّاسِ فَيَقُولُ هَلْ فِيكُمْ مَنْ صَاحَبَ
أَصْحَابَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَيَقُولُونَ نَعَمْ فَيُفْتَحُ لَهُمْ ثُمَّ يَأْتِي
عَلَى النَّاسِ زَمَانٌ فَيَعْزُرُونَ فِتْنًا مِنَ النَّاسِ فَيَقُولُ هَلْ فِيكُمْ مَنْ صَاحَبَ
أَصْحَابَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَيَقُولُونَ نَعَمْ فَيُفْتَحُ لَهُمْ

“An era (zamana) will come upon the people that a group of these people will make Jihad. Then (other people) will say, 'Is there any one amongst you who has lived with the Holy Prophet ﷺ' they will say yes and through him they will gain victory. Then a time will come

upon the people then one group of people will make Jihad then it will be said, 'Is there anyone from amongst you who has lived with a Sahabi of the Prophet ﷺ' they will say yes and through him they will gain victory. Then a time will come upon the people that a certain group will make Jihad and then it will be said, amongst you is he who lived with him (who lived with a sahabi)." [Mishkaat Pg.553 - Mirkaat Pg.275 Vol.11 - Ash'atul Lam'aat 629/630 Vol.4]

Umdatul Mufasssireen Allama Saawi ﷺ says,

فَالَا نُبِيَّاءُ وَسَائِطٍ لِّمَهُمْ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَوَأَسِطَتِهِمْ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

“The Ambia are means and mediators for their Ummah in every form and the wasila and mediator of the Ambia is the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.” [Tafseer Saawi Pg .107 Vol.1]

He also says,

فَهُوَ الْوَأَسِطَةُ لِكُلِّ وَأَسِطَةٍ حَتَّىٰ أَدَمَ

“Hence the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the mediator (wasila) of all mediators, even the mediator of Hazrat Adam (alaihi salaam).” [Tafseer Saawi Pg.22 Vol.1]

Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Delhwi ﷺ says, *“Wasila of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the motive of need and the instrument of gaining ones desire.”*

In another part of his book Hazrat Abdul Haq Muhadith Delhwi ﷺ writes the following: *“According to the consensus of the Ulama, to use the wasila of the Holy Prophet ﷺ to gain assistance either verbally or physically is an accepted tradition and confirmed to be desirable.”* [Jazbul Quloob Pg.210]

Hazrat Allama Ahmad Dahlaan Makki ﷺ says,

التَّوَسَّلُ مَجْمَعٌ عَلَيْهِ عِنْدَ أَهْلِ السُّنَّةِ

“It is a unanimous agreement of the Ahle Sunnah regarding the wasila.”

Allama Sharji (alaihira rahma) has written that if a person has any issue that needs to be resolved, then he should perform four rakaats of Namaaz in this manner that in the first rakaat he should Surah Faateha and Surah Ikhlâas ten times, in the second rakaat, Surah Faateha and Surah Ikhlâas twenty times, in the third time Surah Faateha and Surah Ikhlâas thirty times and in the fourth rakaat Surah Faateha and Surah Ikhlâas forty times. After completing the Salaah he should read the following dua:

اللَّهُمَّ بِنُورِكَ وَجَلَّالِكَ وَبِحَقِّ هَذَا الْإِسْمِ الْأَعْظَمِ وَبِحَقِّ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَقْضِيَ حَاجَتِي وَتَبْلُغَنِي سُوءِي

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Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan:

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

“O Beloved! You say, ‘O People (Mankind), If you desire closeness to Al'laah then become obedient to me. Al'laah will grant you His closeness and He will forgive your sins.’ And Al'laah is The Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.” [Surah Al Imran Verse.31]

مَنْ يُطِيعِ الرَّسُولَ فَقَدْ أَطَاعَ اللَّهَ

“Whosoever obeyed the command of the Prophet, has indeed obeyed the command of Al’laah.” [Surah An Nisa Verse.80]

رَبَّنَا وَأَبْعَثْ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا مِّنْهُمْ يَتْلُوا عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتِكَ وَيُعَلِّمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ
وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُزَكِّيهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

“O Our Creator! And send in them a Rasool (Prophet) from amongst them, so that he may recite to them your verses (signs), and teach them Your Book and proper knowledge, and (who) will purify them well. Undoubtedly, You alone are the Truly Mighty, The Most Wise.” [Surah Baqara Verse.29]

هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ
عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ

“It is He who sent down His Prophet with guidance and the True Religion so that he may cause it to prevail over all religions, even though the polytheists may dislike it.” [Surah Tauba Verse.33]

وَمَا آتَاكُمُ الرَّسُولُ فَخُذُوهُ وَمَا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ فَانْتَهُوا

“And take whatever the Prophet blesses you with, and abstain from that of which he forbids you” [Surah Hashr Verse.7]

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا بِلِسَانٍ قَوْمِهِ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَهُمْ

“And we have sent every Messenger in the language of His own people (so) that he may inform them clearly.” [Surah Ibrahim Verse.4]

In connection with this verse of the Holy Qur’aan Hazrat Allama Sulaiman (Alaihimur Rahma) states in Tafseer Jamal:

وَهُوَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ يُخَاطَبُ كُلَّ قَوْمٍ بِلُغَتِهِمْ

“And the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to converse with every nation in their own language.” [Tafseer Jamal Pg.512 Vol.2]

In Naseemur Riyaz, the commentary of Shifa Shareef, Allama Shahabud’deen Khufaaaji ﷺ says,

إِنَّهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ لِحَمِيعِ النَّاسِ عَلَّمَهُ حَمِيعَ اللُّغَاتِ

“Verily the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to teach the people their languages.” [Naseemur Riyaz Pg.387 Vol.2]

It should be noted that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was sent as the Nabi to the entire mankind. Almighty Al’laah says that which ever Rasool He sent, He gave him the knowledge of the language of His people. Thus it will have to be an accepted fact that Almighty Al’laah taught all the languages of the world to His beloved Prophet ﷺ

Almighty Al’laah says,

يَعْلَمُهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلُ لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ
وَأَخْرَيْنَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ

“And (he) teaches them the knowledge of the book and wisdom, and undoubtedly before it, they were in clear error, and (He) purifies and

teaches others amongst them who have not as yet met their formers.
 [Surah Jumu'ah Verse.2&3]

From this verse it can be understood that the Holy Prophet ﷺ taught the Sahaba and even those after them. Commenting on this verse of the Holy Qur'aan, in Tafseer Qurtabi, Hazrat Allama Muhammad bin Ahmad Ansari رضى الله عنه says,

أَيُّ يُعَلِّمُهُمْ وَيُعَلِّمُ آخَرِينَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ لِأَنَّ التَّعْلِيمَ إِذَا تَنَاسَقَ إِلَى آخِرِ
 الزَّمَانِ كَانَ كُلُّهُ، مُسْنَدًا إِلَى أَوَّلِهِ فَكَأَنَّهُ، هُوَ الَّذِي تَوَلَّى كُلَّ وَمَا وَجَدَ
 مِنْهُ وَ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ أَيُّ لَمْ يَكُونُوا فِي زَمَانِهِمْ وَسَيَجِيئُونَ بَعْدَهُمْ قَالَ
 ابْنُ عُمَرَ وَسَعِيدُ بْنُ جُبَيْرٍ هُمُ الْعَجَمُ وَقَالَ مُجَاهِدٌ هُمُ النَّاسُ كُلُّهُمْ يَعْنِي
 مَنْ بَعْدَ الْعَرَبِ الَّذِينَ بُعِثَ فِيهِمْ مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَقَالَ ابْنُ
 زَيْدٍ وَمُقَاتِلُ ابْنُ حَيَّانٍ قَالَاهُمْ مَنْ دَخَلَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ بَعْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
 عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

“The Prophet ﷺ educates all the believers and he also teaches all those believers who will come in the future since his teachings will be until the last time and it will be associated towards him. لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ refers to those who were not present in his time and will come after him. Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar and Hazrat Saeed bin Jubair رضى الله عنه said that this refers to those who are non Arabs and Mujahid said that it is referred to all those who brought faith on the Holy Prophet ﷺ and ibn Zaid and Muqatil said that it is referred to those who are after the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and until Qiyamaah who will come into Islam.” [Tafseer Qurtabi Pg.93 Vol.1]

Allama Mahmood Aaloosi رضى الله عنه states as follows in Tafseer Roohul Ma'aani:

أَيُّ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ بَعْدَ وَسَيَلْحَقُونَ وَهُمْ الَّذِينَ
جَاءُوا بَعْدَ الصَّحَابَةِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

“(It refers to) *Those who have not as yet been associated with the Sahaba and will be associated shortly. This refers to the Muslims from the time after the era of the Sahaba-e-Kiraam until the last day.*” [Tafseer Roohul Ma’aani Pg.93/94 Vol.10]

In Tafseer-e-Madaarikut Tanzeel, Allama Nasafi ؒ states,

أَيُّ لَمْ يَلْحَقُوا بَعْدَ وَهُمْ الَّذِينَ بَعْدَ الصَّحَابَةِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ أَوْهُمْ الَّذِينَ
يَأْتُونَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

“*They are those people who have as yet not been associated with the Sahaba-e-Kiraam and will come after the time of the Sahaba Kiraam. They are those people who will enter Islam until Qiyamaah.*”

In Tafseer ibn Jareer, Hazrat Allama Muhammad bin Jareer Tabri ؒ in connection with this verse says,

وَقَالَ آخَرُونَ إِنَّمَا عَنِّي بِذَلِكَ جَمِيعَ مَنْ دَخَلَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ
كَائِنًا مَنْ كَانَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

“*And (some Mufasireen) have said “Wa Akhireena Minhum” refers to all those who will enter Islam until Qiyamaah no matter who they are.*”

He also quotes the following narration:

قَالَ ابْنُ زَيْدٍ فِي قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَآخِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ قَالَ هَؤُلَاءِ كُلٌّ مَنْ كَانَ بَعْدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ كُلٌّ مَنْ دَخَلَ فِي الْإِسْلَامِ مِنَ الْعَرَبِ وَالْعَجَمِ

“Hazrat ibn Zaid ؓ presented the commentary of the verse of Almighty Al’laah, وَآخِرِينَ مِنْهُمْ لَمَّا يَلْحَقُوا بِهِمْ, saying that it refers to all those until Qiyamaah who bring faith on Huzoor ؓ even if they are Arabs or Non- Arabs.”

Hazrat Allama Abdul Wahab Sha’rani ؓ says that Sheikh Mohiyud’deen ibn Arabi ؓ said,

لَيْسَ أَحَدٌ يَنَالُ عِلْمًا فِي الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا وَهُوَ مِنْ بَاطِنِيَّةِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ سِوَاءِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالْأَوْلِيَاءِ الْمُتَقَدِّمُونَ عَلَى بَعْنِهِ وَالْمَتَأَخِّرُونَ عَنْهُ

“There is not a single person on this earth that has not acquired from the Holy Prophet ؓ be it Ambia or Awliyah. Be he of this Shariat or of the past Shariat.”

Hazrat Sha’rani ؓ also says,

أَمَّا الْقُطْبُ الْوَاحِدُ الْمُهْدِيُّ الْجَمِيعِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَالرُّسُلِ وَالْأَقْطَابِ مِنْ حِينِ النَّشْءِ إِلَّا نَسَانِيَّ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ فَهُوَ رُوحُ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“(It must be mentioned) the assistance of the Holy Prophet ؓ is for all the Ambia and Mursaleen and the Aqtaab from the beginning of humanity up to Qiyamaah.

It is obvious from the verses of the Qur'aan Majeed and the authentic books of Tafseer that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is the teacher of the entire universe and Almighty Al'laah has taught every language to the Holy Prophet ﷺ.

Al'laah Alone Is The Teacher Of The Prophet ﷺ

وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا

“And He (Al'laah) taught you all that which you knew not. And great is the Grace of Al'laah upon you.” [Surah An Nisa Verse.113]

If the Muslims continuously repeat this verse then they would never keep the Aqida that the Prophet ﷺ did not know a certain thing or for example a certain language.”

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ مِنْ رَّسُولٍ إِلَّا بِلِسَانِ قَوْمِهِ لِيُبَيِّنَ لَهُمْ

“And we have sent every Messenger in the language of His own people (so) that he may inform them clearly.” [Surah Ibrahim Verse.4]

From this verse it is clear that Almighty Al'laah taught every Nabis that Language which he needed to know, in order to converse with those towards whom he came. What we need to know is that to whom did the Prophet ﷺ come? The answer to this is already clearly mentioned in the Holy Qur'aan. Almighty Al'laah says,

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا

“Say you: O People! I am the Prophet of Al'laah unto all of you.”
[Surah Al A'raf Verse.158]

From this verse of the Holy Qur'aan, it is clear that the Holy Prophet ﷺ came as a Rasool to the entire mankind and amongst those people are also those who speak Urdu. In the first Ayah of Surah Furqan Almighty Al'laah says:

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْفُرْقَانَ عَلَى عَبْدِهِ لِيَكُونَ لِلْعَالَمِينَ نَذِيرًا

“Most blessed is He who has revealed the Qur'aan unto his chosen servant,(so) that He may be the one who warns the entire world.”

[Surah Furqan Verse.1]

From this verse it is evident that Al'laah sent His Messenger as a warning to the entire universe and in it should be noted that the universe also comprises of those who speak Urdu, so if someone says that they taught the Prophet ﷺ Urdu or that he learnt it at there Darul Uloom, then this is absolute disrespect to the Prophet ﷺ.

Almighty Al'laah sent the Prophet unto the entire universe and he came bearing glad tidings and understanding the languages of every nation.

Almighty Al'laah says,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

“And We have sent you not, but as Mercy unto all the Worlds”

[Surah Ambiya Verse.107]

Let us now examine a few Hadith of the Holy Prophet ﷺ: Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Abu Zaid ؓ says,

فَاخْبِرْنَا بِمَا كَانَ وَبِمَا هُوَ كَائِنٌ

“The Holy Prophet ﷺ informed us of all that which had happened in the past and he also told us about all that which was going to happen in the future. [Sahih Muslim Pg.390 Vol.2]

وَعَلِمْتُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

“Thus I became aware of everything that is in the skies and on the earth.” [Mirkaat Pg.310 Vol.2 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.333 Vol.1]

Allama Muhammad bin Ali Khaazin ؒ quoted one of the sayings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ in his Tafseer:

مَا بَالُ أَقْوَامٍ طَعَنُوا فِي عِلْمِي لَا تَسْأَلُونِي عَنْ شَيْءٍ فِي مَا بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَ
السَّاعَةِ إِلَّا تَبَاءَتُكُمْ بِهِ

“What is the condition of those nations who have mocked my knowledge? Ask what ever your heart pleases between me and Qiyamaah and I will inform you of it.” [Tafseer Khaazin Pg.382 Vol.1]

The Deceased Are Able To Hear

The Aqida of the Ahle Sunnah Wall Jama'at is that the dead have the power of hearing.

It is in the Qur'aan Majeed that when Azaab came upon the people of Hazrat Thamood and they died, Hazrat Saleh (alaihis salaam) addressed them in this manner:

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَاقَوْمِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَنَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ

وَلَكِنْ لَا تُحِبُّونَ النَّاصِحِينَ

“So (Saaleh) turned his face away from them and said, 'O my people! Undoubtedly, I did deliver to you the messages of my Lord, and wished your well-being, but you do not approve the well wishers.’”
[Surah Al A'raf Verse.79]

Likewise explaining the story of the people of Badaan, Almighty Al'laah says how the punishment came upon them and how they were destroyed and how Hazrat Shu'aib (Alaihis salaam) while conversing with this dead nation said:

فَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُمْ وَقَالَ يَاقَوْمِ لَقَدْ أَبْلَغْتُكُمْ رِسَالَاتِ رَبِّي وَ نَصَحْتُ لَكُمْ فَ كَيْفَ
أَسَىٰ عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ كَافِرِينَ

“Then (Shuaib) turned his face away from them and said, ' O my people, I have already delivered to you the messages of my lord and I advised for your own good, so how then should I grieve over the infidels.’” [Surah Al A'raf Verse.93]

To address a dead nation with the word “Yaa” is proof enough that they are aware and it should be noted that the one who is addressing them is a Nabi of Almighty Al'laah. In the battle of Badr when the Kufaar were defeated and they were thrown into a well, The Holy Prophet ﷺ stood beside the well and spoke to the dead. He said,

يَا فُلَانُ بَنُ فُلَانٍ يَا فُلَانُ بَنُ فُلَانٍ أَيْسُرُكُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَطَعْتُمُ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ، فَإِنَّا
قَدْ وَجَدْنَا مَا وَعَدْنَا رَبَّنَا حَقًّا فَهَلْ وَجَدْتُمْ مَا وَعَدَ رَبُّكُمْ حَقًّا

“O certain person, son of certain person. O certain person son of certain person. Does this make you sad that you should have followed

Al'laah and his Rasool ﷺ He then said, ***“Verily I have found the promise of my Creator to be true. Did you find the promise of your creator to be true?”*** On hearing this, Hazrat Umar Farouk ؓ said, ***“Ya Rasoolallah! ﷺ Are you conversing which such bodies in which there are no souls?”***

The Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

وَالَّذِي نَفْسُ مُحَمَّدٍ بِيَدِهِ مَا أَنتُمْ بِأَسْمَعَ لِمَا أَقُولُ مِنْهُمْ

“I swear an oath on Him in whose Power is the life of Muhammad ﷺ you can not hear better than them, that which I am saying.”

[Mishkaat Shareef Pg.345 - Sahih Bukhari Shareef - Sahih Muslim Shareef - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.398 Vol.3 - Mirkaat Shareef Pg.10/11 Vol.8 - Mazaahire Haq Pg.391 Vol.3 - Fathul Baari - Umdatul Qaari - Irshaadus Saari - Kitaabur Rooh - Nisa'i Shareef Pg.639]

The Mu'jaza of Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam) is famous that he used to bring the dead back to life. It is in the Holy Qur'aan:

وَأُبْرِئُ الْأَكْمَهَ وَالْأَبْرَصَ وَأُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ

“And I cure the one who is born blind and the ones with leprosy, and I bring the dead back to life, through the command of Al'laah”

[Surah Al Imran Verse.49]

It is obvious from this verse of the Holy Qur'aan that he (Hazrat Esa) brings the dead back to life and in the Hadith it has been stated that he used to address the dead by saying,

قُمْ بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ

قُمْ is a commanding tense and it means, ***“Stand up or Rise.”*** Thus when he would say قُمْ to the dead then they would immediately rise. Thus it can be understood that first the hearing of the dead is proven

and then the Mu'jaza of Hazrat Esa (Alaihis salaam). If the deceased do not hear then it was not necessary for Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam) to use the word فَمُ. The mere use of the word فَمُ is proof enough that the dead hear. Sahabi-e-Rasool Hazrat Anas ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

إِنَّ الْعَبْدَ إِذَا وُضِعَ فِي قَبْرِهِ وَتَوَلَّى عَنْهُ أَصْحَابَهُ، إِنَّهُ يَسْمَعُ قَرَعَ نَعَالِهِمْ

“Verily when a person is placed in the grave and when his friends return from him, then he hears the sound of their shoes.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.24 - Sahih Bukhari Vol.1 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Vol.1]

Hazrat Anas ؓ also states that when the Holy Prophet ﷺ used to pass through the graveyard then he would say,

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ يَا أَهْلَ الْقُبُورِ يَغْفِرُ اللَّهُ لَنَا وَلَكُمْ
وَأَنْتُمْ سَلَفْنَا وَنَحْنُ بِلَا تُرٍ

“O Dwellers of the grave! Peace be upon you. (We Pray) for Al’laah to forgive you and us. You have gone before us and we are to come after you.” [Jaame Tirmizi - Sharhus Sudoor - Kitaabur Rooh]

Even in this discussion, the words يَا أَهْلَ الْقُبُورِ make it obvious that the dwellers of the grave are able to hear.

Permissibility Of Reciting Zikr Aloud After Salaah

The deobandis strongly object to reciting Zikr in a loud voice after Salaah and they also say it to be a Bid' at (innovation). The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jama'at on the other hand recites Zikr in a loud voice after Salaah since the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ used to recite Zikr aloud after Salaah.

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ reports,

رَفَعُ الصَّوْتِ بِالذِّكْرِ حِينَ يَنْصَرِفُ النَّاسُ مِنَ الْمَكْتُوبَةِ كَانَ عَلَى عَهْدِ
النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“The recitation of Zikr aloud has been the manner of the people since the era of the Holy Prophet ﷺ” [Sahih Bukhari Shareef Pg.116 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg. 217]

In connection with this Hadith Shareef, Hazrat Allama ibn Hajr Asqalaani ؓ states in Fathul Baari:

فِيهِ دَلِيلٌ عَلَى جَوَازِ الْجَهْرِ بِالذِّكْرِ عَقِبَ الصَّلَاةِ

“This Hadith Shareef is proof of permissibility of reciting Zikr aloud after Salaah.” [Fathul Baari Pg. 325 Vol.2]

With reference to the same Hadith, Hazrat Allama Badrud'deen Aini Hanafi ؓ says:

إِسْتَدْلَ بِهِ بَعْضُ السَّلَفِ عَلَى اسْتِحْبَابِ رَفَعِ الصَّوْتِ بِالتَّكْبِيرِ
وَالذِّكْرِ عَقِبَ الْمَكْتُوبَةِ

“From this Hadith a few of the pious predecessors have regarded the recitation of Zikr after Salaah to be Mustahab (desirable).” [Umdatul Qaari Pg.126 – Vol.6]

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ states,

كُنْتُ أَعْلَمُ إِذَا انْصَرَفُوا بِذَلِكَ إِذَا سَمِعْتُهُ

“When those in Namaaz would complete their Namaaz, I would hear the sound of Zikr with my ears.” [Bukhari Shareef Pg.116 Vol.1- Muslim Shareef Page.217 Vol.1]

Another narration of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ is being quoted. From this Hadith it will be known how loud the Zikr after Salaah may be. Hazrat Ibn Abbas ؓ says,

كُنْتُ أَعْرِفُ الْقَضَاءِ صَلَوَةَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِالتَّكْبِيرِ

“I used to realise that the Prophet (alaihi salaatu wa tasleem) had completed Salaah, by the sound of the takbeer.” [Mishkaat Shareef Page.88 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.217 Vol.1]

Explaining the above mentioned Hadith, Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Delhwi ؓ states, ***“The Ulama-e-Kiraam have stated in referring to this Hadith that the takbeer is absolute Zikr just as it has been narrated in the Sahih of Bukhari and Muslim by Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ that in the time of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, Zikr aloud was a general practice and Ibn Abbas ؓ states that he would realise the end of Namaaz through the Zikr. Imam Bukhari ؓ then quoted this Hadith. Thus it is obvious that Takbeer refers to Zikr aloud.”*** [Ash'atul Lam'at Page.418 Vol.1]

Now, the narration of another Sahabi is being quoted so that the confused may view the proof and clear their minds. The name of this

Sahabi is Hazrat Abdullah bin Zubair (radi Al'laahu ta'aala anhu). He says,

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا سَلَّمَ مِنْ صَلَوَتِهِ يَقُولُ بِصَوْتِهِ الْأَعْلَى

“When the Prophet ﷺ would complete his Namaaz, then in a loud voice he would say:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ— لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَا نَعْبُدُ إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ لَهُ النِّعْمَةُ وَكَوُ الْفَضْلُ وَ لَهُ، الثَّنَاءُ الْحَسَنُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ، الدِّينَ وَ لَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ

[Mishkaat Pg.88 - Sahih Muslim Vol.1 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Vol.1]

Explaining the meaning of this Hadith, Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi ؒ states, **“This Hadith is (Nas'se Sir'rih) definite proof that the Prophet ﷺ used to perform Zikr aloud.** [Ash'atul Lam'aat Page.419 Vol.1]

Referring to the same Hadith Shareef, Hazrat Sayed Ahmad Tahtaawi ؒ states,

وَ يَسْتَفَادُ مِنَ الْحَدِيثِ الْأَخِيرِ جَوَازُ رَفْعِ الصَّوْتِ بِالذِّكْرِ وَ التَّكْبِيرِ عَقِبُ الْمَكْتُوباتِ بَلْ مِنَ السَّلَفِ قَالَ بِاسْتِحْبَابِهِ

“It is proven from the Hadith-e-Akheer (of Abdullah ibn Abbas) that to recite Zikr after the Fard Salaah is permissible and the Ulama-e-Salf (pious predecessors) have said it to be Mustahab (a desirable act).” [Haashia Tahtaawi Shareef Ala Miraaqi ul Falah Pg.186]

Allama Sayed Ahmed Tahtaawi ﷺ giving reference to Fatawa Bazaazia says that any person who stops **“Zikr Bil Jahr” (reciting of Zikr aloud)** in the Musjid is said to be a Zaalim (Tyrant/Transgressor). The original words of Tahtaawi Shareef are as follows:

قَالَ فِي الْفَتَاوَى لَا يُمْنَعُ مِنَ الْجَهْرِ بِالذِّكْرِ فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ إِحْتِرَازًا عَنِ الدُّخُولِ
تَحْتَ قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ مَنَعَ مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُذَكَّرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ

“It is in Fatawa Bazaazia that the Zikr Bil Jahr should not be stopped in a Musjid so that one may not be guilty of this verse of the Holy Qur’aan applying to him”

Allama Ibn Aabideen Shaami ﷺ quotes the consensus of the past and present Ulama concerning Zikr bil Jahr (loud zikr) in the following words,

أَجْمَعُ الْعُلَمَاءُ سَلْفًا وَخَلْفًا عَلَى اسْتِحْبَابِ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى جَمَاعَةً فِي الْمَسَاجِدِ وَغَيْرِهَا

“The past and the present Ulama have unanimously agreed that to read Zikr aloud (Bil Jahr) in a congregation is Mustahab (desirable), whether the Zikr is in the Musjid or any where else.” [Shaami Shareef Pg.618 - Tahtaawi Shareef Pg.190]

Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz Muhadith Delhwi ﷺ who is also accepted as Waarisul Ambia by those who oppose Zikr aloud, also says that to oppose Zikr bil Jahr is ignorance. He states, ***“The truth is this, that to oppose the reciting of Zikr aloud is ignorance because in the recitation of the Holy Qur’aan there is proven Jahr.”*** [Fataawa Azezi Pg.17 Vol.1]

Hazrat Shah Abdul Haq Muhadith Delhwi ﷺ states, ***“Know that to read Zikr aloud after Salaah is in accordance with the Shariat and there are many Ahadith to prove this.”*** [Ash'atul Lam'aat Shara Mishkaat Pg.418]

Allama Ibn Hajar Makki ﷺ who was the Imam of the Haram, writes the following,

أَوْرَادُ الصُّوفِيَّةِ الَّتِي يَقْرَوْنَهَا بَعْدَ الصَّلَوَاتِ عَلَى حَسَبِ عَادَاتِهِمْ فِي
سُلُوكِهِمْ لَهَا أَصْلٌ أَصِيلٌ

“The loud Zikr (Wazifas) which the sufis recite after salaah according to their practice in their deep motivation has a very strong source.” [Fataawa Hadeethia Pg.65]

Those misled people who object to it, say that by reciting Zikr aloud after Namaaz causes disturbance to other Musallees. The Ahle Sunnah wal Jama'at says that if this was so then our Beloved Rasool ﷺ would have been the first to object to it, yet he did not object but personally carried out the practice of Zikr after Salaah. No Sahaba of the Holy Prophet ﷺ ever objected to the practice of Zikr Bil Jahr and yet the wahabis seem to be looking for excuses to make this blessed practice seem like a sinful act.

Takbeers of Ayaame Tashreeq

The Takbeers of Ayaame Tashreeq are recited in the month of Zul Hijjah From the Asr of the 9th of Zul Hijjah right up to the Fajr of the 13th of Zul Hijjah. These Takbeers are recited in every masjid aloud after every Fard Namaaz. The Imaam and the congregation together recite the takbeers. In these times some people who missed any raka'ats are still reciting their Salaah. Why is it that on these occasions the those who object donot find it a reason for disturbance? To recite these Takbeers is Wajib (compulsory). From this it is known that if to recited Zikr or Takbeer after Fard Salaah was Bid' at and disturbance to the Musallees, then Rahmat-e-Aalam ﷺ would never have given the command of reciting the Takbeer in the Days of Tashreeq.

Permissibility Of Dua After Janaaza Salaah

According to the Ahle Sunnah Wal Jama'at, to recite Dua after the Janazah Salaah is totally permissible. Our beloved Prophet ﷺ said,

إِذَا صَلَّيْتُمْ عَلَيَّ الْمَيِّتِ فَاخْلُصُوا لَهُ، الدُّعَاءَ

Our beloved Rasool ﷺ has commanded us to make Dua after the Janazah Salaah. The Holy Prophet ﷺ stood on the Mimbar and informed the Sahaba concerning Ghazwa-e-Mouta and he also informed them of the martyrdom of Hazrat Ja'far ibn Abu Taalib ؓ:

فَصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَدَعَا لَهُ، وَقَالَ اسْتَغْفِرُوا لَهُ،

“So the Holy Prophet ﷺ performed his Janazah Salaah and made Dua for him and then said to the people, you too make Dua -e-Maghfirat for him.”

Imam Sarkhasi who even in the eyes of the deobandis and wahabis is known as Shamsul A'ima also quotes a narration in his internationally renowned book Mabsoot.

Once Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ went for a Janazah Namaaz but reached there after the Namaaz. He then said,

إِنْ سَبَقْتُمُونِي بِالصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ فَلَا تَسْبِقُونِي بِالْدُّعَاءِ

***“If you have preceded me in the Namaaz,
then do not precede me in the Dua.”***

Hazrat Sarkhasi ؓ has quoted narrations of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas and Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar (radi Al'laahu anhum) in the section on

Ghisl of the deceased in his book Mabsoot, in which he has proved Dua after Janazah Salaah to be permissible.

In the book which discusses the narrators of Hadith, it has been stated concerning Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ that he was very steadfast in adhering to the Sunnats of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. If this dua was improper then would such a distinguished Sahabi-e-Rasool ever have read this Dua? Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas ؓ, who is known by all as Imam-ul-Mufas'sireen also allowed the reading of Dua after Janazah Salaah. If it were bid' at then would such a great Commentator of the Holy Qur'aan ever read the Dua after Janazah Salaah?

From the above mentioned narrations it has become evident that to read the Dua after Janazah Salaah is permissible. The deobandis and the wahabis say that the reason for this Dua to be a bid' at is because the Janazah Salaah by itself is a Dua, so there is no need for a second Dua.

There is no where in the Holy Qur'aan or the Hadith where it has been mentioned that if one Dua is recited then to recite a second Dua after it is not permissible. No where has it been mentioned that if you recite a second Dua then the first will not be accepted. If there is no such command of Almighty Al'laah and the Beloved Rasool ﷺ preventing the second Dua, then what right does anyone else have to stop this beneficial practice?

There is no such proof from any verse of the Qur'aan or Hadith-e-Mustafa ﷺ which disallows the making of a second Dua, but the Ahle Sunnah wal Jama'at have proof that to make Dua once, twice or more than that is also permissible. It has been stated in the Glorious Qur'aan:

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي
سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ

“And your Creator says; Make Dua (pray) to me and I shall accept it. Undoubtedly, those who are too arrogant to worship Me shall soon enter Hell, disgraced.” [Surah Al Mu'min Verse.60]

In this verse, Almighty Al'laah has clearly commanded the Believers to make Dua and has given clear sign of accepting there Duas and He also informed those who are proud and donot make Dua to Him that they will go into hell. One must have noticed that after the Salaatul Janaazah, Dua is read and certain people lift up their hands to make Dua for the deceased whereas others seem to stand proudly and uncomfortable without reciting the Dua.

After examining the above mentioned verse of the Holy Qur'aan, it is now left upon you to understand what would be the condition of those who stand with pride and refuse to make Dua.

In yet another verse of the Glorious Qur'aan Almighty Al'laah says:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ
فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَالْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

“And O Beloved, When my servants ask you concerning Me, then, indeed I am close. I accept the supplication of the supplicant, when he supplicates Me. so they should be obedient to my Commands, and bring faith upon Me, so that they may gain the (true) path.”
[Surah Baqara Verse.186]

Almighty Al'laah has stated that whenever a servant asks from Him, He accepts his Dua. In this verse there is no specification that Dua must only be asked once, twice or thrice or that if you ask more than once then it would make Almighty Al'laah unhappy and the first Dua will be rejected but it has been stated that whenever you ask, it will be accepted.

It is a common point that you will ask as many times Dua as possible for someone you love and verily all Muslims love their fellow Muslim brothers. It is either this or it seems as though those who object to this dua have some kind of hidden enmity against the deceased that they prohibit the making of Dua for them and the excuse they are using is that to make one Dua after the other is bid' at.

These people do not even realise that every Namaaz has Dua in it, then why do they read Dua after the Fard Salaah of every Namaaz. Is there no Duas in those Namaaz?

- (1). *In Janazah Salaah the first thing that we read is Thanaa
In the Fard Namaaz, we also read the Thanaa*
- (2). *In Janazah Salaah we recite the Durood
In the Fard Namaaz we also recite the Durood*
- (3). *In Janazah Namaaz we make Dua for the Muslims
In the Fard Namaaz we also make Dua for the Muslims*
- (4). *In the Janazah Salaah we terminate with salaam
In the Fard Namaaz, we also terminate with salaam*

Now, after examining the simple table presented above, it is obvious that the Janazah Namaaz also consists of certain of those Duas etc that are read in the five daily Salaah, then why is it that after the Fard Namaaz, those who object also read this Dua:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا
وَتَعَالَيْتَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

But they still say the Dua after Janazah Salaah to be bid' at. The famous and distinguished commentator of the Holy Qur'aan, Allama Ibn Jareer Tabri رحمته الله while commenting on this verse of the Holy Qur'aan: *فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ* he says,

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ فِي قَوْلِهِ فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَأَنْصَبْ يَقُولُ فِي الدُّعَاءِ

“Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه says that when you have completed, (then remain standing), this standing by itself is for Dua.” [Tafseer ibn Jareer Pg.130 Vol.30]

Narration has been made by Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه that,

عَنِ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ مِمَّا فَرَضَ عَلَيْكَ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ
فَسُئِلَ اللَّهُ وَارْغَبْ إِلَيْهِ وَأَنْصَبْ لَهُ

“When you have completed those commands of Almighty Al’laah, which are Fard upon you, then ask (make Dua) from Almighty Al’laah and turn towards Him and stand for Him.” [Tafseer ibn Jareer Pg.130 Vol.30]

عَنْ قَتَادَةَ قَوْلُهُ، فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَأَنْصَبْ وَإِلَى رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ قَالَ أَمْرُهُ، إِذَا
فَرَغَ مِنْ صَلَاةٍ أَنْ يُبَالِغَ فِي دُعَائِهِ

“It is on the authority of Hazrat Qatadah رضي الله عنه that once you have completed and are standing then turn your attention towards your Creator, for the command of Al’laah is this, that when you complete your Namaaz, then enter into your Dua.” [Tafseer ibn Jareer Pg.130 Vol.30]

While giving commentary of this Ayat-e-Kareema Hazrat Allama Imam Khaazin and Imam Baghwi (radi Al’laahu anhum) say,

فَإِذَا فَرَعْتَ فَأَنْصَبْ قَالَ ابْنُ عَبَّاسٍ وَ قَتَادَةَ الضَّحَّاكَ وَمَقَاتِلَ وَالْكَلْبِيَّ
فَإِذَا فَرَعْتَ مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ الْمَكْتُوبَةِ فَأَنْصَبْ إِلَى رَبِّكَ فِي الدُّعَاءِ وَارْغَبْ
إِلَيْهِ فِي الْمَسْأَلَةِ يُعْطِيكَ

“Hazrat ibn Abbas, Hazrat Qatada, Hazrat Dahaak, Hazrat Muqatil and Hazrat Kalbi (radi Al’laahu ta’aala Anhumul Ajmaeen) have stated that when you complete the Fardh Namaaz, then stand in Dua before Al’laah and when asking, then turn to Him, and He will grant that which you desire.” [Tafseer-e-Khaazin Pg.220 Vol.7]

Hazrat ibn Abbas رضي الله عنه reported that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said that when you ask from Almighty Al’laah then spread your palms and make Dua and after this, do not leave your hands like that but turn it over your face.

In another narration it has been stated that by doing this, Almighty Al’laah gives Barkat in it.

Muhadith Baihaqi رضي الله عنه reported a narration from Sunan-e-Kubra in which it is proven that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم made dua after a Janazah Salaah. Hazrat Ibrahim رضي الله عنه narrates from a Sahabi who was from the **Sahaba-e-Shajra**, that his daughter passed away and that he performed the Janazah Salaah.

ثُمَّ أَقَامَ بَعْدَ الرَّابِعَةِ قَدْرًا صَابِينَ التَّكْبِيرِ يَنْ يَدْعُو ثُمَّ قَالَ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَصْنَعُ فِي الْجَنَازَةِ هَكَذَا

‘Then after the fourth Takbeer, he remained standing and he continued making Dua equivalent to the length of two Takbeers, then he said that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, always performed a Janazah (Salaah) in this manner.’ [Sunan-ul-Kubra Pg.42 Vol.4]

Allama Muhammad Abdullah bin Abi Jamurah Maaliki Bukhari ﷺ, in Bahjatun Nufoos narrated a Hadith, in which he proved that the Holy Prophet ﷺ made Dua after Janazah Salaah. The Hadith is this:

قَدْ صَلَّى عَلَى صَبِيٍّ وَدَعَا لَهُ، بَانَ يُعَافِيَهُ اللَّهُ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْقَبْرِ

“Verily the he (Prophet) ﷺ performed the Janazah Salaah of a child and then made Dua (for the child) that Almighty Al’laah save the child from the adversity of the grave” [Bahjatun Nufoos Shara Sahih Bukhari Pg.122 Vol.1]

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated,

إِنَّ الدُّعَاءَ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ

“Verily to ask Dua is Ibaadat”

The Holy Prophet ﷺ also said,

الدُّعَاءُ مُخُّ الْعِبَادَةِ

“Dua is the essence of Ibaadat”

In this time, when a person leaves home on lengthy journey, His family and friends make Dua for him. They accompany him to the railway station, bus terminal of Airport and when he is boarding the train, bus or aeroplane, they make Dua for his safe return even though they are aware that there is a possibility of him coming back home.

Yet, when our respected elders or relatives pass away, then we are told that it is bid’ at to make Dua for them. The minds of these people who oppose dua can not be understood.

They seem to be using the reverse gear in this case. When a person passes away, we know that he is going to leave us for ever. He is never going to return and he is to prepare to meet his Creator and face the greatest examination of his life and yet they do not make Dua for such a person, rather they say it is Haraam and bid' at to do so.

***“Khuda Mahfooz Rakhe har Balaa se
Khusoosan Wahabiyat ki Wabaa se”***

*May Al'laah protect us from every wickedness
Especially from the curse of Wahabism*

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has said,

إِذَا صَلَّيْتُمْ عَلَيَّ الْمَيِّتِ فَأَخْلِصُوا لَهُ الدُّعَاءَ

“When you perform the Janazah Salaah over the deceased, so be sure to make Dua for him.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.146 -Abu Dawood Pg.456 - Ibn Majah Pg.109]

It has been narrated that Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ arrived after the Janazah Salaah of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Salaam ؓ and he said,

إِنْ سَبَقْتُمُونِي بِالصَّلَاةِ عَلَيْهِ فَلَا تَسْبِقُونِي بِالدُّعَاءِ

“If you have preceded me in performing the Janazah Salaah then, do not precede me in making the Dua.” [Mabsoot Pg.67 Vol.2]

Permissibility Of Kissing The Hands And Feet Of The Pious

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jama'at say that it is permissible and desirable to kiss the hands and feet of the pious out of respect, since in the books of Hadith, it has been proven from the Ahle Bait and the Sahaba-e-Kiraam where they kissed the blessed hands and feet of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and they even kissed the hands and the feet of one another.

Imaamul Muhaditheen Muhammad bin Ismaeel Bukhari, Imam Abu Dawood, Imam Abu Abdullah, Huzoor Ghaus-e-Azam Sheikh Muhiy'ud'deen Abdul Qadir Jilaani and Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith-e-Delhwi (radi Al'laahu anhum) have narrated from Hazrat Sayyida Aisha Siddiqa (radi Al'laahu anha) ***“When the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ would go to the house of his beloved daughter Sayyidatun Nisa Hazrat Fathima Zahra (radi Al'laahu anha) then she would out of respect, stand up for him and***

فَاخَذَتْ بِيَدِهِ وَقَبَّلَتْهُ وَأَجْلَسَتْهُ فِي مَجْلِسِهَا

then she would take his blessed hand and kiss it and allow him to sit in her place and when Hazrat Fathima Zahra ﷺ would go to visit the Holy Prophet ﷺ then he would stand up for her,

وَأَخَذَ بِيَدِهَا وَقَبَّلَهَا وَأَجْلَسَهَا فِي مَجْلِسِهِ

And he would hold her hand and kiss it and allow her to sit in his place.” [Abu Dawood Pg.218 Vol.2 - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.402 - Hujatul'laahil Baaligha Pg.148 Vol.2 - Madaarijun Nubuiwat Pg.542 Vol.2 - Ghuniyatut Taalibeen Pg.31]

Referring to the Prophet ﷺ, Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ says,

فَقَبَّلْنَا يَدَاهُ

“Then we kissed his (The Prophet’s) ﷺ blessed hands” [Abu Dawood Pg.218 Vol.2 - Al Adabul Mufrad Pg.143 – Kitaabul Azkaar Nawawi Pg.234 - Tanweerul Quloob Pg.200]

It is narrated that Hazrat Ashbah ؓ entered the Court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ

حَتَّىٰ أَخَذَ بِيَدِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَبَّلَهَا

Then he held the blessed hand of the holy Prophet ﷺ and kissed it, so Nabi ﷺ said,

إِنَّ فِيكَ لَخُلُقَيْنِ يُحِبُّهُمَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

“Verily in you there are two such habits which are dear to Almighty Al’laah and His Holy Prophet ﷺ.” (Al Adabul Mufrad Pg.86]

From this it is obvious that the kissing of the hands is a desired action which was even preferred by the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Hazrat Zaar’e ؓ states that he was present in the delegation of Abdul Qais, **“When we reached Madinatul Munawwarah, we were swift in disembarking.**

فَنَقَبَلُ يَدَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَرِجْلَهُ

“We then kissed the hands and the feet of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.” [Abu Dawood Pg.218 Vol.2 - Mishkaat ul Masabih Pg.402 - Kitaabul Azkaar li Nawawi Pg.234]

It has been narrated from Hazrat Safwaan bin Isaal ؓ, ***“Two Jews came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and asked a question, The Holy Prophet ﷺ then answered them. On hearing the answer,***

فَقَبَّلَا يَدَيْهِ وَرَجُلَيْهِ

They (the Jews) kissed the hands and the feet of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and then said,

نَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ نَبِيٌّ

“We bear testimony that you are a Nabi” [Tirmizi Shareef Pg.98 Vol.2 - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.17 - Kitaabul Azkaar Li Nawawi Pg.271 Vol.2 – Sharah Fiqh Akbar Pg.22 – Hujatul’laahi alal Aalameen Pg.118]

Sheikhul Muhaditheen Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi ؓ in his distinguished kitaab Madaarijun Nubuiwat quotes a narration that, Hazrat Usaaama ؓ arrived with his army on the 11th of Rabi ul Awwal Shareef in the court of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ with the intention of asking permission to undertake an expedition.

He stood at the head side of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and he lowered his head and then kissed the blessed head and hands of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. [Madaarijun Nubuiwat Persian Pg.486 Vol.2]

It has been narrated from Hazrat Waaz'i bin Aamir ؓ: ***“We presented ourselves in the exalted court of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ but we were not familiar with how the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ looked, then someone said to us:***

ذَاكَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

فَأَخَذْنَا بِيَدَيْهِ وَرَجَلَيْهِ فَاقْبَلْنَاهُمَا

“There is the Prophet of Al’laah’ ﷺ so we held and kissed the blessed hands and the feet of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ” [Adabul Mufrad lil Bukhari Pg.144 - Tanweerul Quloob Pg.200]

In his book, Taareekhul Kabeer, Hazrat Imam Bukhari ﷺ quotes a narration that Hazrat Abdullah ibn Sa’ad Al Abdi ﷺ states that he heard from Hazrat Mazidatul Usra ﷺ that he said,

أَتَيْنَا النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَانزَلْتُ إِلَيْهِ فَاقْبَلْتُ يَدَهُ

“(After) we presented ourselves in the court of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, I then went close to the Prophet ﷺ and I kissed his blessed hand.” [Tareekhul Kabeer Pg.31 Vol.8]

A narration is being quoted on the authority of Hazrat Zaid bin Thaabit (radi Al’laahu anhumu) that Hazrat Sa'ad bin Ubaada ﷺ took his son with him into the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said salaams. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, **“Sit here, Sit Here”** and made him sit on his right and said, **“Welcome to the Ansaar! Welcome to the Ansaar”** Hazrat Sa'ad ﷺ made his son stand in front of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Huzoor ﷺ said, **“Sit down”** The youngster also sat. He then said, **“Come closer”** He went closer to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and kissed both his blessed hands, then Rasoolullah ﷺ said, **“I am from the Ansaar and from the children of the Ansaar.”** On hearing this, Hazrat Sa'ad ﷺ said, **“May Al’laah give you all the respect, like you have respected us.”** The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, **“Before I have shown respect to you, you have been granted respect. Verily, after me, you will see superiority over yourselves. You must always be patient until you meet with me at Hauz-e-Kauthar.”**

Allama Badrud'deen Aini ﷺ quoted this Hadith Shareef:

إِنَّ رَجُلًا أَتَى النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ أَنْ فَتَحَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ عَلَيْكَ بِمَكَّةَ إِنْ أَتَى الْبَيْتَ فَأُقْبِلَ الْأَسْفَلَ الْأَسْكِفَةَ فَقَالَ قَبْلُ قَدَمِي أُمَّكَ وَقَدَوَيْتَ نَذَرَكَ

“Verily a man came to the Holy Prophet ﷺ and said, ' I have taken a vow that if Almighty Al’laah grants you (Rasoolullah sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) victory at Makkah, then I will go the Holy Kaaba and kiss the Holy Entrance.' The Holy Prophet ﷺ said, Go and kiss the feet of your mother, your vow will be fulfilled.” [Umdatul Qaari Pg.82 Vol.2]

Allama Abdur Rahmaan Jaami ﷺ in his book Shawaahidun Nubuiwat quotes that Hazrat Baaqir ﷺ states, ***“I visited and conveyed Salaam to Hazrat Jaabir bin Abdullah ﷺ in a time when he had lost his eyesight. He answered my salaam and asked who I was. I said that I am Muhammad, the son of Ali, the son of Husain. On hearing this Hazrat Jaabir ﷺ said, “O my son Come close me.” I then went near him and he kissed my hands. He was just about to kiss my feet when I moved a little away from him. He then said, “The Holy Prophet ﷺ has sent salaam upon you.” “I then said to him, Peace and Salutations upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ and may there be the blessings and mercy of Almighty Al’laah.” “I then asked, O Jaabir! Why has all this occurred?” Hazrat Jaabir ﷺ said, “Once I was present in the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ then he said to me, 'O Jaabir ﷺ, It is possible that you will meet a person from my family whose name will be Muhammad bin Husain ﷺ. Al’laah Subhanuhu wa ta'aala will grant him brilliance and authority. You must convey my Salaams to him.”*** [Shawaahidun Nabuiwat Pg.181]

The above mentioned narrations conclude the evidence where the Sahaba Kiraam kissed the blessed hands and feet of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

We will now present narrations to prove that the Khulafa-e-Raashideen, Ahle Bait-e-At'haar and the Sahaba-e-Kiraam kissed the hands of one another.

Hujjatul Islam, Imam Ghazzali ؒ states that **Hazrat Abu Ubaidah bin Jarrah ؒ kissed the hand of Hazrat Umar-e-Farouk ؒ**. [Kimya-e-Sa'adat Pg.194 - Awaariful Mu'aarif Pg.160]

Hazrat Thaabit ؒ asked Hazrat Anas ؒ

أَمَسْتَ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِيَدِكَ

‘Did you touch the blessed hands of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.’ Hazrat Anas ؒ answered by saying that he did. **Hazrat Thaabit (radi Al'laahu anhu then kissed the hand of Hazrat Anas ؒ**. [Al Adabul Mufrad lil Bukhari Pg.144 - Tanweerul Quloob Pg.200 -Darmi Shareef Pg.31 Vol.1]

Faqih Abul Laith Samarkandi ؒ states that it has been narrated concerning the Sahaba-e-Kiraam of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ that whenever they would return from a journey, they would embrace one another and kiss the hands of one another. [Bustaanul Aarifeen Pg.160]

Allama ibn Hajar Makki ؒ quotes a narration of Hazrat Jameela (radi Al'laahu anha). She says it was the habit of Hazrat Thaabit ؒ that:

إِذَا أَتَى أَنَسٌ قَالَ يَا جَارِيَةَ هَاتِي لِي طَيِّبًا أَمْسَحُ يَدَيْ فَاِنَّ ابْنَ أُمَّ ثَابِتٍ لَا يَرْضَى حَتَّى يُقَبَّلَ يَدَيْ

“Whenever Hazrat Anas ؓ would come to visit him, he would say to his servant, “Bring me some perfume so that I may put some on my hand since unless the son of Umme Thaabit does not kiss my hands, he is not pleased.” [Majma’uz Zawa’id Pg.130 Vol.1]

It is now obvious that to kiss the hands and feet of the pious and respected persons is Sunnah and those who say this to be shirk and bid’ at are doing this due to their total ignorance. It should be noted that to kiss the feet of the pious people is not Sajdah. Those who object to it say that it is the same as making sajdah. It seems as if they are not aware of the definition of the term Sajdah. Hazrat Abu Esa Tirmizi ؓ has quoted a narration from Hazrat Abbas ؓ that,

أَنَّ سَمِعَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ إِذَا سَجَدَ الْعَبْدُ سَجَدًا مَعَهُ سَبْعَةٌ
أَدَابٌ وَجْهُهُ، وَكَفَّاهُ، وَرُكْبَتَاهُ، وَقَدَمَاهُ

“He heard the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying that when a worshipper performs Sajdah then his seven body parts, (namely) his face, both hands, both knees and both feet make Sajdah with him.” [Tirmizi Shareef Pg.37]

Permissibility Of Celebrating Meelad-Un-Nabi ﷺ

It is the belief of the Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat that it is totally permissible to celebrate the Maulood (Birthday) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ since this is a means of attaining great blessings.

Almighty says in the Holy Qur’aan:

قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ بَدَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا

“You say, Only on the grace of Al’laah and on His mercy, and it is

only on this that you should rejoice.” [Surah Yunus Verse.58]

Almighty Al’laah commands:

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

“And publicize well the special favours of your Lord”

[Surah Duha Verse.11]

From these verses it is clear that Almighty Al’laah has commanded the Muslims to rejoice on the Mercy and Grace of Almighty Al’laah and not only should they rejoice due to this, but they should also announce and publicize these favours which Almighty Al’laah has bestowed upon them. Now which Muslim is there, who does not think of and accept the Holy Prophet ﷺ as the greatest favour and Mercy of Almighty Al’laah?

Actually he is Rahmatulil Alameen (Mercy unto the worlds) and the greatest blessing of Almighty Al’laah towards us. Almighty Al’laah, in the Holy Qur’aan has made us aware and informed us how great a favour He has done by sending Rasoolullah ﷺ. The verse relating to this is:

لَقَدْ مَنَّ اللَّهُ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ إِذْ بَعَثَ فِيهِمْ رَسُولًا

“Undoubtedly Al’laah bestowed a great favour upon the Muslims, that in them, from amongst them, he sent a Prophet” [Al Imran Verse.164]

Rasoolullah ﷺ is that Messenger and Beloved of Almighty Al’laah, whose blessed arrival was announced and publicized by all the previous Ambia and Mursaleen. It is mentioned in the Holy Qur’aan about the statement of Hazrat Esa Ala Nabiiyyina (alaihi salaatu

wassalaam),

وَمُبَشِّرًا بِرَسُولٍ يَأْتِيهِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ اسْمُهُ 'أَحْمَدُ'

“And I give you glad tidings regarding that Rasool who will come after me. His name is Ahmad.” [Surah As Saff Verse.6]

It is Hazrat Esa (alaihiss salaam) who made this dua in the Court of Almighty Al'laah,

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ تَكُونُ لَنَا عِيدًا لِأَوَّلِنَا وَآخِرِنَا

“O Al'laah! O our Lord! Send down for us a spread of food from the sky, so that it may be a day of rejoicing for us, for the first of us and (for) the last of us.” [Surah Maa'idah Verse.114]

Hazrat Esa (alaihiss salaam) says that the day on which Almighty Al'laah sent a spread of food from the skies should be a day of rejoicing for those in his era and for those who come after them. If this be the case, then why should we not celebrate and rejoice on the day that the Soul of the Universe, The Mercy unto the worlds, The Beloved of Almighty Al'laah, Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ was born. This should definitely be a day of rejoicing for the Muslims right up to the day of Qiyaamah.

Sayyidi A'la Hazrat Ash Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan ﷺ says the following poetic stanza concerning the day on which Holy Prophet ﷺ was born:

**“Subho Taiba me huwi batta he bara Noor Ka
Sadaqa lene Noor Ka Aaya he Taara Noor Ka
Bagh Taiba me Suhana Phool Phoola Noor Ka
Must Jo he bu bule parti he kalma Noor Ka”**

Almighty Al'laah has commanded us to publicize and announce his

mercy and favours and the only time that this favour can be announced is if we remember the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, say verses in his praise, send salutations upon him and inform the world of the Mu'jazaat (miracles) of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. If the authentic books of Seerat have to be examined, we will find such incidents concerning the Meelad of the Holy Prophet ﷺ that will strenghten our Imaan.

Almighty Al'laah states in the Holy Qur'aan,

وَذَكِّرْهُمْ بِأَيَّامِ اللَّهِ

“And remind them of the days of Al'laah.”

[Surah Ibrahim Verse.5]

Concerning this verse of the Holy Qur'aan, the Mufasireen Izaam (alahimur Rahma) have stated that **“The days of Al'laah”** refer to those days in which Almighty Al'laah has bestowed His favours upon the believers. From this it is obvious that the Meelad of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is from amongst **“The Days of Al'laah”** and Al'laah commands concerning His days, **“And remind them of the days of Al'laah.”**

One of the best and appropriate ways of remembering the birth of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is to celebrate the Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ which Alhumdulillah is a practice amongst majority of the Muslims. Those who go against this practice and give fatawas of shirk and Bid'at against it should learn a lesson from those who celebrate this occasion.

Allama Ismaeel Haqqi in Tafseer Roohul Bayaan states the following, while commenting on the verse: مُحَمَّدٌ رَّسُولُ اللَّهِ **“Muhammad is the (Chosen) Prophet of Al'laah”**

وَمِنْ تَعْظِيمِهِ عَمَلُ الْمَوْلِدِ إِذَا لَمْ يَكُنْ فِيهِ مُنْكَرٌ قَالَ الْإِمَامُ الشَّيْطُونِي
 قُدْسَ سِرِّهِ ‘ يَسْتَحِبُّ لَنَا إِظْهَارُ الشُّكْرِ لِمَوْلِدِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

“To celebrate Meelad Shareef is to show respect to him (Prophet) ﷺ as long as it is free from any wrongdoings. Hazrat Imam Suyuti ﷺ says that it is desirable for us to show our appreciation on the Birthday of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.” [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.56 Vol.9]

Hazrat Ismaeel also states in Tafseer Roohul Bayaan as follows,

وَقَدْ اسْتَخْرَجَ لَهُ، الْحَافِظُ ابْنُ حَجَرَ أَصْلًا مِنَ السُّنَّةِ وَكَذَا الْحَافِظُ
السُّيُوطِيُّ وَرَدَّ أَعْلَى الْفَاكِهَانِي قَوْلَهُ إِنَّ عَمَلَ الْمَوْلِدِ بِدْعَةٌ مَذْمُومَةٌ

“And Haafiz ibn Hajar and Hafiz Suyuti (radi Al’laahu anhuma) have proven the originality of Meelad Shareef from Sunnah and they have refuted those who forbid Meelad by saying that it is a Bid’ ate Sa’iya (Bad Innovation).” [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.57 Vol.9]

Imam-ul-Muhaditheen Muhammad bin Ismaeel Bukhari ﷺ quoted the following narration:

فَلَمَّا مَاتَ أَبُو لَهَبٍ فَرَأَهُ بَعْضُ أَهْلِهِ بِشَرِّ حَيْبَةٍ قَالَ لَهُ، مَاذَا لَقِيتَ قَالَ
أَبُو لَهَبٍ لَمْ أَلْقَ بَعْدَكُمْ خَيْرًا إِنِّي سَقَيْتُ فِي هَذِهِ بَعْتَاقَتِي ثُوَيْبَةَ

“When Abu Lahab died then one of his families saw him in their dream and he was in a bad condition. He was asked about what had happened. He said, ‘By being away from you I have not gained anything beneficial but for freeing Thuwaiba, with this finger (shahaadat finger), I gain water, since it is the very finger which I used to point to her when freeing her.’ [Bukhari Shareef]

Hazrat Allama Ibn Hajar Asqalani ﷺ while commenting on the above mentioned narration of Bukhari Shareef says,

ذَكَرَ السُّهَيْلِيُّ أَنَّ الْعَبَّاسَ قَالَ لَمَّا مَاتَ أَبُو لَهَبٍ رَأَى نَيْتَهُ فِي مَنَامِي بَعْدَ حَوْلٍ فِي شَرِّ حَالٍ فَقَالَ مَا لَقْتُ بَعْدَكُمْ رَاحَةً إِلَّا أَنَّ الْعَذَابَ يُخَفَّفُ عَنِّي فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ اِثْنَيْنِ وَذَلِكَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَ لِدَ يَوْمِ الْاِثْنَيْنِ وَكَأَنْتَ ثَوِيَّةٌ بَشَّرْتَ أَبَا لَهَبٍ بِمَوْلِدِهِ فَأَعْتَمَتَهَا

“Hazrat Suhaili ؓ mentions that Hazrat Abbas ؓ says, 'one year after the death of Abu Lahab I saw him in my dream and he was in a terrible condition and he was saying, After separating from you, I did not gain any peace and comfort but every Mondays my punishment is reduced.' (Hazrat Abbas ؓ says that) the reason for this is because the Holy Prophet Muhammad ؐ was born on a Monday and it was on his birth that out of joy, Abu Lahab freed Thuwaiba (his female slave) who gave him this good news.” [Fathul Baari Pg.145 Vol.9]

Abu Lahab was a Kaafir. It was concerning him that Almighty Al'laah sent down the verse تَبَّتْ يَدَا أَبِي لَهَبٍ وَتَبَّ - If he gained such benefit just by freeing Thuwaiba because he heard of the Birth of his nephew Muhammad bin Abdullah ؐ, then definitely those of us who not only accept him as Muhammad, the son of Abdullah ؓ but as our Rasool and our King, and those of us who celebrate his Meelad Shareef by having Mahfile Meelad and by remembering him always, will undoubtedly gain great blessings from Almighty Al'laah for this.

Sheikh-ul-Muhaditheen, Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi ؓ in the commentary of this narration says, **“In this incident there is clear proof for those who celebrate the Meelad and for those who on the birth of the Holy Prophet ؐ show happiness and spend their wealth. In other words if Abu Lahab who was a kaafir and out of happiness on the birth of Holy Prophet ؐ, freed Thuwaiba to feed milk to him, can gain such reward, then what will be the condition of that Muslim who out of happiness and love spends his wealth in abundance and**

celebrates Meelad Shareef, but it should be so that the Mahfile Meelad be free of the publics innovation and free of singing and Haraam instruments.” [Madaarijun Nabuiwat Pg.24 Vol.2]

Concerning the very same narration, Hazrat Haafizul Hadith Allama Abul Khair Shamsuddeen Muhammad bin Muhammad Juzri ؒ says,

“So if the kaafir Abu lahab was given benefit for showing his happiness on the birth of Rasoolullah ﷺ, then what is the condition of that true Muslim who out of happiness on the event of Meelad Shareef spends his wealth accordingly? I swear on my soul, that this will be his reward that Almighty Al’laah through His Divine Grace will enter such a person into Jannatun Naeem.” [Zurqaani Shareef Pg.139 Vol.1]

Sheikh-ul-Islam Allama ibn Hajar Makki ؒ in his distinguished book “An Ne'matul Kubra” quotes the blessed sayings of the Khulafa-e-Raashideen concerning Meelad Shareef. A few of these narrations are being quoted below:

قَالَ أَبُو بَكْرٍ الصِّدِّيقِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ دِرْهَمًا عَلَى قِرَاءَةِ مَوْلِدِ
النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ كَانَ رَفِيقِي فِي الْجَنَّةِ

Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique ؒ says, “Whosoever spends one dirham on the birthday of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, will be my companion in Jannat.”

قَالَ عُمَرُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ مَنْ عَظَّمَ مَوْلِدَ النَّبِيِّ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَقَدْ أَحْيَا الْإِسْلَامَ

Hazrat Umar-e-Farouk ؒ says, “Whosoever has respected the Meelad Shareef of the Holy Prophet ﷺ it is as though he has revived

the Deen.”

قَالَ عُمَانُ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ دِرْهَمًا عَلَى قِرَاءَةِ مَوْلِدِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فَكَأَنَّمَا شَهِدَ غَزْوَةَ بَدْرٍ وَحُنَيْنٍ

Hazrat Uthmaan-e-Ghani رضي الله عنه says, “Whosoever has spent one dirham on the Birthday of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم, it is as though He was present in Ghazwa-e-Badr and Hunain.”

قَالَ عَلِيُّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ وَكَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَجْهَهُ، مَنْ عَظَّمَ مَوْلِدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَكَانَ سَبِيًّا لِقِرَاءَةِ تَهٍ لَا يَخْرُجُ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَ يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

Hazrat Ali رضي الله عنه says, “Whosoever respects the Meelad Shareef and is a means of motivating a Meelad function, he will take from this world the gift of Imaan and he will enter Jannat without any questioning.” [Ne'mate Kubra Pages 7/8 - Published Istanbul-Turkey]

With the exception of quoting the sayings of the Khulafa-e-Raashideen, Hazrat ibn Hajar Makki رحمته الله also quoted the sayings of many Awliyah, Kaamileen and Muhaqqiqeen. A few of them are as follows:

Hazrat Imam Hassan Basri رحمته الله states,

وُودِدْتُ لَوْ كَانَ لِي مِثْلُ جَبَلِ أُحُدٍ ذَهَبًا فَأَنْفَقْتُهُ عَلَى قِرَاءَةِ مَوْلِدِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

“I wish I had gold equivalent to the Mountain of Uhud so that I could be able to spend it in the commemorating the Meelad Shareef of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم.”

Hazrat Junaid-e-Baghdadi ؒ states,

مَنْ حَضَرَ مَوْلِدَ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَعَظَّمَهُ
قَدْرَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ بِإِلَافَةِ إِيْمَانِهِ

“Whosoever presented himself in the gathering of the Meelad Shareef of Rasoolullah ﷺ and he respected and honoured it, then he will be successful with Imaan.” [Ne'mate Kubra Pg.8]

Hazrat Allama ibn Hajar Makki (Alaihimur Rahma) says,

الْمَوَالِدُ وَالْأَذْكَارُ الَّتِي تُفْعَلُ عِنْدَنَا أَكْثَرُهَا مُشْتَمِلٌ عَلَى خَيْرِ كَصَدَقَةٍ
وَذِكْرِ وَصَلَاةٍ وَسَلَامٍ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَمَدْحِهِ

“Those gatherings of Meelad-e-Paak and Azkaar (Zikr gatherings) which we commemorate are usually full of good actions such as Sadqa, Zikr, Salaam upon Nabi Paak ﷺ and his praise.” [Fatawa Hadeethia Pg.129]

Imam Qistalaani ؒ the commentator of Bukhari Shareef, says,

وَلَا زَالَ أَهْلُ الْإِسْلَامِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ بِشَهْرِ مَوْلِدِهِ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَ
يَعْمَلُونَ الْوَلَاةَ وَ يَتَصَدَّقُونَ فِي لَيْلِيهِ بِأَنْوَاعِ الصَّدَقَاتِ وَيُظْهِرُونَ
السُّرُورَ وَيَزِيدُونَ فِي الْمُبْرَاتِ وَيَعْتَنُونَ بِقِرَاءَةِ مَوْلِدِهِ الْكَرِيمِ وَيُظْهِرُونَ
عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ بَرَكَاتِهِ كُلِّ فَضْلٍ عَمِيمٍ وَمِمَّا جُرِّبَ مِنْ خَوَاصِهِ أَنَّهُ أَمَانٌ
فِي ذَلِكَ الْعَامِ وَبُشْرَى عَاجِلَةٍ نَبِيلِ الْبُعْيَةِ وَالْمُرَامِ فَرَحَمَ اللَّهُ أَمْرَاءَ اتَّخَذَ

لَيْلَى شَهْرَ مَوْلِدِهِ الْمُبَارَكِ أَعْيَادًا

“And in the blessed month of the Birth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, the Ahle Islam have always celebrated the Meelad Shareef and they would happily cook food and give invitations and on this night they would give all types of Sadqa and Kheyraat and they would show there happiness and love and they would anxiously partake in any good deeds and they have been always making grand arrangements for the reading of the Meelad Shareef. It is for this reason that the Grace and Blessings of Almighty Al’laah is received and from the specialities of Meelad Shareef it has been noticed that the year in which the Meelad Shareef is read, that year becomes a year of protection and preservation for the Muslims and by having Meelad Shareef, the ambitions of the heart are fulfilled. The Great Mercy of Almighty Al’laah is upon that person who has made the night of Meelad Shareef the night of happiness and Eid.”
[Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.27 Vol.1- Zurqaani Shareef Pg.149 Vol.1]

Allama Qistalaani in Mawahibul Laduniyah and Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi (radi Al’laahu anhumu) in Mathibatu bis Sunnah states,

لَيْلَةُ مَوْلِدِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ

“The night of the Meelad Shareef of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is greater than the night of Lailatul Qadr.” [Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.26 - Mathibatu bis Sunna Pg.59]

Sheikh Muhammad Tahir Patni (Alaihimur Rahma) writes concerning Rabi ul Awwal Shareef that,

مَظْهَرٌ مَنَّبَعِ الْأَنْوَارِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ شَهْرِ رَبِيعِ الْأَوَّلِ وَ إِنَّهُ شَهْرٌ أَمْرُنَا بِأَذْهَارِ
الْحَبُورِ فِيهِ كُلُّ عَامٍ

“The month of Rabi ul Awwal Shareef is the manifestation of Noor and marvel of Mercy. This is such a month that every year in this month the command is that we should rejoice.” [Majma'ul Bihaar Pg.550 Vol.3]

Allama Muhadith Ibn Jauzi رحمته الله states,

جَعَلَ لِمَنْ فَرِحَ بِمَوْلِدِهِ حِجَابٌ مِنَ النَّارِ وَ سِتْرًا وَ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ فِي مَوْلِدِهِ
دِرْهَمًا كَانَ الْمُصْطَفَى صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ شَافِعًا وَ مُشَفَّعًا

“Whoso ever shows happiness on the Meelad of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, then this happiness will become a veil and covering (for him) from the fire of Jahanum and whosoever spends even one dirham on the Meelad Shareef then the Holy Prophet ﷺ will intercede for him and his intercession will be accepted.” [Maulood Al Uroos li Ibni Jauzi Page-9]

Haji Imdaadullah Makki رحمته الله who many deobandis refer to as their Peer says, *“The way of this servant is this, that I present myself in the Mahfil-e-Meelad and thinking of it as a means of Blessing I even commemorate it and I gain great pleasure and peace by standing.”* [Faisla Haft Mas'ala Pg.5]

Permissibility Of Setting Aside Days

The Ahle Sunnah wal Jamaat believe that it is not Haraam but totally permissible to set aside days for important and beneficial events.

Almighty Al'laah in the Glorious Qur'aan says,

وَذَكِّرْهُمْ بِأَيَّامِ اللَّهِ

“And remind them of the days of Al’laah”

[Surah Ibrahim Verse.5]

In another verse of the Holy Qur’aan Almighty Al’laah says,

وَأَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْدُودَاتٍ

“And remember Al’laah in the designated days.”

[Surah Baqara Verse.203]

Now that we have had the opportunity of examining the above mentioned verses of the Holy Qur’aan, let us now study a few sayings of the Ahle Bait-e-Athaar and the Blessed Sahaba-e-Kiraam (radi Al’laahu anhumul Ajmaeen).

Ummul Mo'minin Sayyida Aisha Siddiqah (radi Al’laahu anha) says,

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَصُومُ إِلَّا ثِنينِ وَالْخَميسِ

“Rasoolullah ﷺ used to keep fast on Mondays and Thursdays.”

[Mishkaat Shareef Pg.179 - Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.104 Vol.4 – Mirqaat Shareef Pg.298 Vol.4 - Abu Dawood Shareef Pg 242 Vol.1- Ibn Majah Pg.n 125 - Jaame Tirmizi Pg.93 Vo.1 - Nisa’i Shareef]

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ states,

كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَأْتِي مَسْجِدَ قِبا كُلِّ سَبْتٍ
مَاشِيًا وَرَاكِبًا وَ يُصَلِّي فِيهِ رَكَعَتَيْنِ

“The Holy Prophet ﷺ used to visit Masjid-e-Quba every Saturdays, sometimes riding an animal and sometimes walking, and he would perform two raka'ats of Salaah there” [Sahih Bukhari Shareef - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.448 Vol.1]

Hazrat Ka'ab bin Maalik ؓ states,

إِنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ خَرَجَ يَوْمَ الْخَمِيسِ فِي غَزْوَةِ تَبُوكٍ وَكَانَ يُحِبُّ أَنْ يَخْرُجَ يَوْمَ الْخَمِيسِ

“Verily Rasoolullah ﷺ departed for Ghazwa-e-Tubook on a Thursday and he preferred to journey out on a Thursday.” [Sahih Bukhari - Mishkaat Pg.338 - Fathul Baari - Umdatul Qaari - Irshaadus Saari - Mirkaat Pg.326 Vol.1 – Kanzul Umaal Pg.73 Vol.3]

Ummul Mo'mineen, Sayyida Umme Salma (radi Al'laahu anha) states,

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَأْمُرُونِي أَنْ أَصُومَ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ مِنْ كُلِّ شَهْرٍ أَوَّلُهَا الْإِثْنَيْنِ وَالْخَمِيسِ

“The Holy Prophet ﷺ used to instruct me to keep fast on three days of every month and that I should commence with them on a Monday or on Thursday.” [Mirkaat Pg.300 Vol.4 - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.180 - Ash'atul Lam'at Pg.105 Vol.2 - Abu Dawood Shareef Pg.244 Vol.1 - Nisa'i Shareef]

Hazrat Abu Zirr Ghifaari ؓ says, **The Holy Prophet ﷺ said to me:**

إِذَا صُمْتَ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ

فَصُمُّ ثَلَاثَ عَشْرَةَ وَارْبَعَةَ عَشْرَةَ وَخَمْسَةَ عَشْرَةَ

If you wish to fast then fast for three days in a month, namely the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth of every Islamic month.”

[Mishkaat Shareef Pg.180 - JaameTirmizi Pg.95 Vol.1 - Nisa'i Shareef]

It is clear from all the above mentioned narrations that there is absolutely no objection to setting aside days to do any good and blessed actions. In reality, to do so is the manner of the Prophet ﷺ.

Permissibility of Khatm Shareef

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat accepts and believes Khatam Shareef to be a blessed action and we regard it as being permissible.

Almighty Al'laah states in the Glorious Qur'aan,

وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَا هُوَ شِفَاءٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“And We reveal in the Qur'aan that, which is cure for the believers and a mercy.” [Surah Bani Isra'eel Verse.82]

It is in Tafseer Roohul Bayaan as follows:

عَنْ حَمِيدِ الْأَعْرَجِ قَالَ مَنْ قَرَأَ الْقُرْآنَ وَحَتَمَهُ، ثُمَّ دَعَا آمَنَ عَلَى دُعَائِهِ
أَرْبَعَةَ أَلْفٍ مَلَكٍ ثُمَّ لَا يَزُولُونَ يَدْعُونَ لَهُ، وَ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ وَ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَيْهِ
إِلَى الْمَسَاءِ أَوْ إِلَى الصَّبَاحِ

“It has been narrated from Hameed Al A'raj that whosoever makes Khatam of the Qur'aan-e-Paak and then makes dua, 4000 Angels say

Aameen on his dua (and) they then continue making dua for him and they continue asking Bakhshish for him until the morning or afternoon. [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg 66 - Vol 7]

The annonorator of Muslim Shareef, Allama Nawawi رحمته الله states,

وَرَوَى بِإِسْنَادِ الصَّحِيحِ عَنْ مُجَاهِدٍ قَالَ كَانُوا يَجْتَمِعُونَ عِنْدَ خَتْمِ الْقُرْآنِ
يَقُولُونَ تَنْزَلُ الرَّحْمَةُ وَيَسْتَحِبُّ الدُّعَاءَ عِنْدَ خَتْمِ الْقُرْآنِ

“And it has been narrated from Hazrat Mujahid رحمته الله with authentic transmission that he used to have Khatam Shareef while in a group since at the time of Khatam Shareef there is a flow of mercy and to make dua after completing the Qur’aan is Mustahab (desirable).”

Imam Nawawi states,

وَرَوَيْنَا فِي مَسْنَدِ دَارِمِيِّ عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَجْعَلُ
يُرَاقِبُ رَجُلًا يَقْرَأُ الْقُرْآنَ فَإِذَا أَرَادَ أَنْ يَخْتَمَ أَعْلَمُ
ابْنَ عَبَّاسٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا فَيَشْهَدُ

“It is in Masnad Daarimi that Hazrat Abdullah ibn Abbas رحمته الله had appointed a person to recite the Holy Qur’aan. When he would intend to complete the Qur’aan, and he would become aware of this, he would present himself in the gathering (of khatam).” [Kitaabul Azkaar Pg.97]

Concerning Hazrat Anas bin Maalik رحمته الله Hazrat Allama Nawawi رحمته الله quotes the following narration:

إِذَا خَتَمَ الْقُرْآنَ جَمَعَ أَهْلَهُ وَدَعَا لَهُ

“When he (Hazrat Anas) ﷺ used to complete the Holy Qur’aan, he would gather his entire family (and friends) and make dua.”

In the commentary of Mishkaat Shareef, Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi ﷺ states, ***“In certain narrations it has been stated that the soul of the deceased comes to the house on the eve of a Friday and sees if any person from there is making Sadqa or not.”*** [Ash'atul Lam'aat Shara Mishkaat Pg.470]

Imam Ghazzali ﷺ states that Hazrat ibn Abbas ﷺ said, ***“On the day of Eid or the day of Aashura or on the eve of Aashura or the eve of a Friday or on the first Jummah of Rajab or on the night of the 15th of Shabaan,***

يَخْرُجُ الْأَمْوَاتُ مِنْ قُبُورِهِمْ فَيَقُومُونَ عَلَىٰ أَبْوَابِ بُيُوتِهِمْ وَ يَقُولُونَ
إِرْحَمُوا عَلَيْنَا فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ بِصَدَقَةٍ أَوْ لُقْمَةٍ

The deceased emerge from their graves and stand at the doors of their houses and say, 'Have mercy on us on this night with Sadqa, Kheyraat, or with just a morsel.’ [Daqaa’iq-ul-Akhbaar Pg.70\71]

It is thus of great importance for us to always remember our deceased and make sincere duas for them after they have passed from this world. We should always make Khatm Shareef and send the reward of this the souls of our marhooms (deceased).

Permissibility of Proclaiming Ya Sheikh Abdal Qadir Jilani Shai'an Lillah ﷺ

The Ahle Sunnah wal Jamaat say and believe that it is totally permissible to say, “**Ya Sheikh Abdal Qadir Jilani Shai'an lillah**” and to ask for assistance from those servants of Al'laah whom He has appointed as helpers to the Ummah.

Almighty Al'laah says in the Glorious Qur'aan:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ

“O You Who Believe, Seek assistance through patience and Namaaz. Verily Al'laah is with those who are Patient.”

[Surah Baqara Verse.153]

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ وَالْعُدْوَانِ

“And assist one another in goodness and piety and do not assist one another in sin and transgression.” [Surah Maa'idah Verse.2]

هُوَ الَّذِي آتَاكَ بِقُوَّتِكَ وَبِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“It is He who gave you might through His help and with that of the Muslims” [Surah Al Anfal Verse.62]

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَسْبُكَ اللَّهُ وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَكَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“O Communicator of the the unseen (O Nabi), Al’laah is sufficient for you and (for) all these Muslims who follow you.”

[Surah Al Anfal Verse.64]

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ

“And the believing men and believing women are helpers to one another.” [Surah Tauba Verse.71]

All the above mentioned verses prove that it is totally permissible to seek assistance from the servants of Al’laah. If it were shirk (polytheism) to accept anyone as a helper through the permission of Al’laah; He would have never given permission for this in the Glorious Qur’aan.

The Ambia (alaihis salaatu wa tasleem) have always advised the people to stay away from shirk. The Nabis never commit shirk and neither do they ask anyone to commit shirk (Polytheism).

Even in the Holy Qur’aan, it is proven that that Ambia (alaihis salaam) asked the servants of Al’laah to assist them in their missions of Deen. Just as Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam) said to his followers:

مَنْ أُنْصَرِي إِلَى اللَّهِ

“Who shall be my helper in the way of Al’laah?”

[Surah Al Imran Verse.52]

It has been mentioned in the Holy Qur’aan that they replied:

قَالَ الْحَوَارِيُّونَ نَحْنُ أُنصَارُ اللَّهِ

“The followers replied, we are the helpers of Al’laah’s religion.”

[Surah Al Imran Verse.52]

Hazrat Moosa (alaihis salaam) also asked Almighty Al’laah to grant him assistance and in answering this dua of Hazrat Moosa (alaihis salaam), Al’laah gave the name of his brother Hazrat Haroon (alaihis salaam). Concerning this, the Qur’aan says:

وَاجْعَلْ لِّيْ وَزِيْرًا مِّنْ اَهْلِىْ هَارُوْنَ اَخِيْ وَاشْدُدْ بِهٖ اَزْرِيْ

“And appoint for me from my family a minister, (He should be) my brother Haroon. Strengthen my back (position) through him.” [Surah

Tahaa Verses 29-31]

From both Ambia (alaihis salaam) it is proven that there are helpers amongst the creation (servants) of Al’laah. If to ask assistance from the creation was shirk, then the Ambia (Alaihis salaam) would have never asked the people to assist them in their propagation of Deen.

Even though it is not clear in these verses that the help is through the permission and blessing of Almighty Al’laah, it is compulsory upon the people of knowledge that they inform the general public that the true helper is Almighty Al’laah just as it is clear in the verse:

اِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُوْا اِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِيْنُ

“We worship only You and from You only do we seek help”

[Surah Faateha]

However, it should also be explained that through His permission and His giving there are also helpers amongst the servants of Almighty

Al'laah, who have been appointed to assist the ordinary servants of Al'laah, just as it has been stated in the above mentioned verses of the Glorious Qur'aan.

Leave alone the Ambia (alaihis salaam) asking the servants of Al'laah to assist in Deen. Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan that Jibra'eel (alaihis salaam) and the pious Muslims are also helpers.

فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ مَوْلَاهُ وَجِبْرِيْلُ وَصَالِحُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ ظَهِيرٌ

“Then undoubtedly, Al'laah is his helper and Jibra'eel and (all) the pious believers and after this, even the Angels will support him.”

[Surah Tahreem Verse.4]

In the third Part of the Holy Qur'aan, Almighty Al'laah has explained the how Hazrat Jibra'eel (alaihis salaam) assisted Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam):

وَآتَيْنَا عِيسَى ابْنَ مَرْيَمَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَيَّدْنَاهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ

“And we granted clear signs to Esa the son of Maryam, and We assisted him through the Pure Spirit.” [Surah Baqara Verse.87]

The Pure Spirit here refers to Hazrat Jibra'eel (alaihis salaam), who is an Angel and also the creation Almighty Al'laah. If the help of the creation was shirk, then Almighty Al'laah would have never allowed Jibra'eel (alaihis salaam) to be the assistant of Hazrat Esa (alaihis salaam).

Hazrat Has'saan bin Thaabit ؓ is a Sahabi of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and the Poet of the Exalted Court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. When he completed reciting a Naat in the court of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, the Holy

Prophet ﷺ made a special dua for him and this dua will show that we are the true Ahle Sunnah wal Jamaat. This was the beautiful dua:

اللَّهُمَّ أَيْدِهِ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ

“O’ Al’laah, Assist him (Hazrat Has’saan bin Thaabit) through Rookh Quds (Jibra’eel Ameen).” [Bukhari Shareef]

Concerning the commentary of the verse, فَلَيْسَ فِي السَّحْنِ بَضْعٌ سِنِينَ Great and distinguished personalities and Mufasireen such as Imam Fakhruddeen Raazi, Allama Khaazin and Allama Ismaeel Haqqi say follows:

الإِسْتِعَانَةُ بِالنَّاسِ فِي دَفْعِ الضَّرْرِ وَالظُّلْمِ حَائِزَةٌ

“It is permissible to seek assistance from the people to alleviate hardships and injustices.”

Hazrat Shah Abdul Aziz Muhadith Dehlwi رحمته الله, whilst explaining the Tafseer of the verse إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ explains a point, through which all doubts concerning this topic fade away. That Tafseer is being quoted below so that we will even know the belief of Sheikh Abdul Azeez Muhadith Dehlwi رحمته الله: ***“Here, it should be understood that to ask for assistance from anyone other than Al’laah, by putting full trust and not thinking of it as a marvel of Almighty Al’laah is prohibited. But if the attention is towards Al’laah and then to think of a person as the splendour of Almighty Al’laah and by keeping the means and wisdom of Almighty Al’laah before you, if one asks from anyone other than Al’laah, then this is not far from the wisdom of Almighty Al’laah. This action is permissible and allowed in Shariat. To ask for help in this way is not really asking from someone but Al’laah, but in reality it is to ask from Al’laah.”*** [Tafseer Azezi Pg.8]

Note: Hazrat Muhadith Dehlwi رحمته الله is explaining that as long as a person bears this fact in mind that the true and real helper is Al’laah and no

matter whom he asks from, it will be through the mercy of Al'laah, and then it is permissible to ask from such a person.

Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi ؒ states, *“There are certain Awliyah Al'laah whom Al'laah has created specifically for guiding and enlightening His servants. They have been given control of this universe even in this condition (of theirs). And by their insightful absorption, their being spiritually engrossed due to their special excellence does not impede them. The people of the Uwaisi Tareeqa gain their spiritual inner brilliance through such personalities. Those in need and those with issues go to them to have their needs and issues resolved and they achieve whatever they desire (from them) And (these blessed) persons chant the following words in their spiritual condition ‘If you come towards me with body then I shall come towards you with soul’ [Tafseer-e-Azeezi]*

All the above mentioned verses of the Qur'aan, Ahadith and sayings of great Mufasireen prove beyond doubt that it is permissible to seek assistance from Hazrat Ghause Azam ؒ and undoubtedly he is from amongst the blessed servants of Al'laah.

Permissibility Of Reciting Durood Before And After Azaan

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat says that it is permissible to recite Durood Shareef before and after Azaan and we accept this to be a means of attaining blessings. The excellence of reciting Durood Shareef in abundance is clear from the Holy Qur'aan. Al'laah Almighty says,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

“O you who believe, Send Durood upon him and Salaams in abundance.” [Surah Al Ahzab Verse.56]

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ibn al A'as ؓ says that the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said,

إِذَا سَمِعْتُمُ الْمُؤَذِّنَ فَقُولُوا مِثْلَ مَا يَقُولُ ثُمَّ صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ فَإِنَّهُ مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ
صَلَاةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ بِهَا عَشْرًا

“When you hear the (call of the) Mu'azzin, then you should repeat whatever he has proclaimed, then send Durood Shareef upon me, for that person who sends one Durood upon me, Almighty Al'laah will send ten mercies upon him.” [Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.166 Vol.1 – Al Qaulul Badi' Pg.113 – Sunan Al Kubra Pg.409 - SiraaJul Wahaaj Vol.1 - Ash'atul Lam'aat Pg.312 Vol.1]

It is clear from the above mentioned Hadith Shareef that the Holy Prophet ﷺ has commanded us to recite Durood Shareef after the Azaan. Not only did he command us to read Durood Shareef but he explained that one receives ten folds mercy for sending one Durood Shareef upon him. Subhaan Al'laah!

Imam Jalalud'deen Suyuti ؓ in his book Jaame Sagheer quotes a saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The saying of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is,

كُلُّ أَمْرٍ ذِي بَالٍ لَا يُبْدَأُ فِيهِ بِحَمْدِ اللَّهِ وَالصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ
فَهُوَ أَقْطَعُ أَبْتَرُ مِنْ كُلِّ بَرَكَةٍ

“All good deeds which are done without praising Almighty Al'laah and (without) sending Durood Shareef upon me, are empty of blessings.” [Jaame Sagheer Pg.93 Vol.2]

Which Muslim is there who does not think of the Azaan to be a good

deed? It is obvious that every Muslim thinks of Azaan to be a good action and concerning good actions, the Prophet says that it should be commenced with Durood.

Hazrat Muhadith Badrud'deen Aini Hanafi رحمته الله in his book Umdatul Qaari, after quoting the said Hadith: says,

أَمَّا الصَّلَاةُ فَلَانَ ذِكْرُهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَقْرُونٌ بِذِكْرِهِ تَعَالَى
وَأَقْدَقَالُوا فِي قَوْلِهِ تَعَالَى وَرَفَعْنَاكَ ذِكْرَكَ مَعْنَاهُ ذِكْرْتُ حَيْثُمَا ذِكْرْتُ

“Sending Durood upon Nabi Paak رحمته الله is for this (reason) that his Zikr is with the Zikr of Al’laah and the Ulama-e-Kiraam have said that the essence of the verse of Al’laah وَرَفَعْنَاكَ ذِكْرَكَ means, 'O Prophet! Where ever I am remembered, there you (too) shall be remembered.”
[Umdatul Qaari Sharah Bukhari Pg.11 Vol.1]

Allama Muhadith Sakhaawi رحمته الله who is the student of Allama ibn Hajr Asqalani رحمته الله states as follows regarding Imam Shaafi’i رحمته الله:

قَالَ الشَّافِعِيُّ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَحَبُّ كَثْرَةِ الصَّلَاةِ
عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Imam Shaafi’i رحمته الله says, ‘I always enjoy sending Durood Shareef upon the Holy Prophet Muhammad رحمته الله.’ [Alqaulul Badi' Pg 193]

A great and renowned Imam such as Imam Shaafi’i رحمته الله does not put any restrictions to the reciting of Durood but he says that he always prefers to send Durood.

If we have to question those who continue saying Bid'at and Haraam about Hazrat Salud'deen Ayubi رحمته الله, then they would say that he was a very great and pious King. It was the very same Salud'deen Ayubi

(Alaihimur Rahma) who liberated Baitul Muqaddas. Great Muhaqiqueen and Muhaditheen made Duas for him. It is the very same Salud'deen Ayubi ﷺ who gave the command of Durood to be recited before and after Azaan and it was he who was responsible for administering the Islamic affairs in his time. This has been quoted by Allama Sakhaawi (Alaihimur Rahma) in Al Qaulul Badi' and by Allama Sulaiman in Futoohatul Wahaab.

Hazrat Qaazi Ayaaz in his internationally renowned book “Ash Shifa Fi Huqooqil Mustafa” has said that it is permissible to read Durood at the time of Azaan. He says,

وَمِنْ مَوَاطِنِ الصَّلَاةِ عَلَيْهِ عِنْدَ ذِكْرِهِ وَسِمَاعِ اسْمِهِ أَوْ كِتَابِهِ أَوْ عِنْدَ الْأَذَانِ

“And from amongst the moments during which Durood should be sent, one of them is at the time of remembering him, one when taking or writing his blessed name or at the time of Azaan.” [Shifa Shareef Pg.52 - Vol.2]

Hazrat Mulla Ali Qaari ﷺ in his book Fathul Mueen says that Durood should not only be recited before Azaan but also before the Iqaamah. Sheikh Kabeer Bakri ﷺ has stated that it is desirable to recite Salaatus Salaam before Azaan and Iqaamah.

It has been stated in I'aanatut Taalibeen, the commentary of Fathul Mueen that, ***“To send Durood and Salaam upon the Holy prophet Muhammad ﷺ before Azaan and Iqaamah is desirable and lawful.”*** [I'aanatut Taalibeen Pg.223 Vol.1]

It is thus proof enough that to recite Durood before and after Azaan is totally permissible and alhumdulillah this is the practice of the Ahle Sunnat wal Jamaat.

Permissibility Of

Kissing The Thumbs

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat believes that it is permissible to read Durood Shareef and kiss the thumbs on hearing the name of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ mentioned in the Azaan.

Allama Muhammad Ghabreem Maaliki ؒ in An Nawafi ul Atri'aa quotes the Hadith of the Holy prophet ﷺ that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَنْ مَسَحَ بِيَدِهِ إِسْمَ مُحَمَّدٍ ثُمَّ قَبَّلَ يَدَهُ، بِشَفَّتِيهِ ثُمَّ مَسَحَ عَلَى عَيْنَيْهِ يَرَى رَبَّهُ، بِمَا يَرَاهُ الصَّالِحُونَ وَيَنَالُ شَفَاعَتِيْ وَ لَوْ كَانَ عَاصِيًا

“Whoso ever has touched the name Muhammad with his hands, then kissed his hand with his lips then rubbed it on his eyes, he will see Almighty Al’laah just as the righteous ones see and my intercession will be near for him, even though he were a sinner.”

Hazrat Allama Ismaeel Haqqi ؒ in his book Tafseer Roohul Bayaan, quotes a narration that mentions:

أَنَّ أَدَمَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَاشْتَقَّ إِلَى لِقَاءِ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ حِينَ كَانَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ فَأَوْحَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى إِلَيْهِ هُوَ مِنْ صُلبِكَ وَ يَظْهَرُ فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ فَسَأَلَ لِقَاءَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ حِينَ كَانَ فِي الْجَنَّةِ فَأَوْحَى اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ فَجَعَلَ اللَّهُ التُّورَ الْمُحَمَّدِيَّ فِي إِصْبَعِهِ الْمُسَبَّحَةِ مِنْ يَدِهِ الْيُمْنَى فَسَبَّحَ ذَلِكَ التُّورَ فَلِذَلِكَ سُمِّيَتْ تِلْكَ الْأَصْبَعُ مُسَبَّحَةً

“In Jannat, when Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) desired to meet the

Holy Prophet ﷺ, Almighty Al'laah sent Wahi (revelation) towards him that, 'From your generation, he will become apparent in the later years.' Then Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) asked to meet the Prophet ﷺ so Almighty Al'laah showed the Noor of the Holy Prophet ﷺ on the shahaadat finger of his right hand (and) then that Noor recited the tasbeeh of Almighty Al'laah and it is for this reason that this finger is known as the kalima finger."

He further says:

كَمَا فِي الرَّوْضِ الْفَائِقِ أَوْ أَظْهَرَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى جَمَالَ حَبِيبِهِ فِي صِفَاءِ ظَفَرِي
 إِبْهَامِيهِ مِثْلَ الْمِرَاةِ فَقَبَّلَ آدَمُ ظَفَرِي إِبْهَامِيهِ وَ مَسَحَ عَلَى عَيْنَيْهِ فَصَارَ أَصْلًا
 لِدُرِّيَّتِهِ فَلَمَّا أَخْبَرَ جِبْرِيلُ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِهَذِهِ الْقِصَّةِ قَالَ
 عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ مَنْ سَمِعَ اسْمِي فِي الْأَذَانِ فَقَبَّلَ ظَفَرِي إِبْهَامِيهِ
 وَمَسَحَ عَلَى عَيْنَيْهِ لَمْ يَعْمَ أَبَدًا

It is in Raudul Faa'iq that Almighty Al'laah showed Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) the beauty of the Holy Prophet ﷺ on both his thumb nails, like (a reflection) in a mirror. Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) then kissed both his thumb nails and turned them over his eyes. Thus, this Sunnah became consistent in his descendants (and) then when Jibra'eel Ameen (alaihis salaatu Was Salaam) informed Rasoolullah ﷺ of this, he said, 'That person who when hearing my name in Azaan kisses his thumb nails and turns it over his eyes, he shall never go blind'." [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.230 Vol.7]

Hazrat Ismaeel Haqqi ﷺ states that it is in Muheet that the Holy Prophet ﷺ entered the Musjid and sat down near a pillar. Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique ﷺ was also seated beside him. Hazrat Bilal ﷺ stood up

and commenced with the Azaan. When he said **أَشْهَدُ أَنْ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ** Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique **رضي الله عنه** placed both the thumb nails onto his eyes and said,

قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي بِكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

“Qurratu Aini bika Ya Rasoolallah”
(Ya Rasoolallah, You are the coolness of my eyes)

When Hazrat Bilal **رضي الله عنه** had completed the Azaan, the Holy Prophet **ﷺ** said, **“O’ Abu Bakr **رضي الله عنه**! Whosoever does like you have done, Almighty Al’laah will forgive all his sins.”** [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.229 Vol.7]

Giving reference to Imam Abu Taalib bin Muhammad bin Ali Makki **رضي الله عنه** from his book Quw’watul Quloob, Hazrat Ismaeel Haqqi **رضي الله عنه** writes, **“May the status of Imam Abu Taalib Makki be elevated. In his book Quwatul Quloob, He says that Ibn Ainiya narrated that on the tenth of Muharram, The Holy Prophet **ﷺ** arrived in the Musjid to perform the Jummah Salaah. He sat near a pillar in the Musjid and (then) Hazrat Abu Bakr **رضي الله عنه** kissed the thumbs of both his hands and turned it over his eyes and said, “Qurratu Aini bika Ya Rasoolallah” When Hazrat Bilal **رضي الله عنه** had completed the Azaan, the Holy Prophet **ﷺ** said, “O Abu Bakr **رضي الله عنه**! What ever you have said if anyone says it in my love, and if they should do that which you have done, then Almighty Al’laah will free them of all there past, present, apparent and hidden sins”** [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.230 Vol.7]

Allama Sakhaawi quoted from the reference of Dailmi that when the first Khalifa Ameeril Mo'mineen Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddique **رضي الله عنه** heard the Muazzin saying Ash Hadu An’na Muhammadur Rasoolullah:

قَالَ هَذَا وَ قَبْلَ بَاطِنِ الْأَنْمَلَتَيْنِ السَّبَابَتَيْنِ وَمَسَحَ عَلَى عَيْنَيْهِ فَقَالَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَنْ فَعَلَ مِثْلَ مَا فَعَلَ خَلِيلِي فَقَدْ حَلَّتْ لَهُ شَفَاعَتِي

“He said the same (repeated it) and he kissed his shahaadat fingers and rubbed them over his eyes. Rasoolullah ﷺ said, ***‘whosoever does like my friend has done, my intercession has become Halaal for him.’***” [Maqasid-e-Husna Pg. 384]

Faqih Muhammad bin Saeed Khulaani ﷺ narrates that, Faqih Aalam Abul Hassan, Ali bin Muhammad bin Hadeed ﷺ informed me that Faqih Zaahid Bilali (Alaihimur Rahma) informed him that Hazrat Imam Hassan ﷺ said,

مَنْ قَالَ حِينَ يَسْمَعُ الْمُؤَذِّنَ يَقُولُ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ مَرَحَبًا
بِحَبِيبِي وَقُرَّةَ عَيْنِي مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَ يَقْبَلُ
إِبْهَامَيْهِ وَيَجْعَلُهُمَا عَلَى عَيْنَيْهِ لَمْ يَعْمَ وَلَمْ يَرْمُدْ

‘Whosoever hears the Mu’azzin say ‘Ash Hadu An’na Muhammadur Rasoolullah’ and says, ‘Marhaba bi Habibi’ and ‘Quratu Aini Muhammadubni Abdillahi’ and then kisses both thumbs and keeps it on his eyes, he will never become blind and his eyes will never be sore.’ [Al Maqaasidul Husna Pg.385]

Allama Sakhaawi ﷺ states that in the memoirs of Allama Shams Muhammad bin Saleh Madani ﷺ it is written that many of the Mashaikh of Iraq have stated that, ***“When you kiss the thumbs and place it on the eyes, then you should read this Durood Shareef:***

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا سَيِّدِي يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يَا حَبِيبَ قَلْبِي
وَيَا نُورَ بَصْرِي وَيَا قُرَّةَ عَيْنِي

Then the eyes will never pain, and this is authentic. Imam Muhammad (alaihimur Rahma) says that Alhumdulillah, when I heard this I began doing this blessed act. Up to this day my eyes have

not pained, (and) they shall never pain and I will never be blind (Insha Al'laah)." [Al Maqasidul Husna Pg.384]

Allama ibn Aabideen Shaami رحمته الله in Shaami Shareef says,

وَأَعْلَمَ أَنَّهُ، يَسْتَحِبُّ أَنْ يُقَالَ عِنْدَ سَمَاعِ الْأُولَى مِنَ الشَّهَادَةِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعِنْدَ الثَّانِيَةِ مِنْهَا قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي بِكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ يُقَالُ

اللَّهُمَّ مَتَّعْنِي بِالسَّمْعِ وَالْبَصَرِ بَعْدَ وَضْعِ ظَفَرِي الْإِبْهَامَيْنِ عَلَى الْعَيْنَيْنِ
فَإِنَّهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَكُونُ لَهُ، قَائِدًا إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ

“And know that it is desirable after (hearing) the first Shahaadat of Azaan, to say Sallal laahu Alaika Ya Rasoolallah and after hearing the second Shahaadat, to say Qur'ratu Aini bika Ya Rasoolallah. Then kiss the nails of your thumb and place them on the eyes and say Al'laahuma Mati'ni bis Sam'i Wal Basari then Huzoor رحمته الله will take such persons behind him into Jannat.” [Shaami Shareef Pg.370 Vol.1]

After quoting the above, Imam Ibn Aabideen Shaami (alaihira rahma) writes,

كَذَافِي كَنْزِ الْعِبَادِ قَهَسْتَانِي وَنَحْوِهِ فِي الْفَتَاوَى الصُّوفِيَّةِ وَفِي الْكِتَابِ
الْفِرْدَوْسِ مَنْ قَبَلَ ظَفَرِي إِبْهَامِيهِ عِنْدَ سَمَاعِ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ
فِي الْأَذَانِ أَنَا قَائِدُهُ، وَمُدْخِلُهُ، فِي صُفُوفِ الْجَنَّةِ وَتَمَامُهُ، فِي حَوَاشِي
الْبَحْرِ لِلرَّمْلِيِّ

“It is stated by Imam Qahsataani in Kanzul Ubaad and in the same style in Fatawa Soofia and in Kitaabul Firdaus that whoso ever hears

Ash Hadu Ana Muhammadur Rasoolullah in Azaan and kisses his thumbs. [Concerning this, the Holy Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam)] says, 'I will be his leader and I will enter him into the lines of Jannat.' The entire explanation of this is present in Ramali on the commentary of Bahrur Raaiq."

Allama Ismaeel Haqqi (alaihimur rahma) also quotes this narration of Imam Qahsatani ؒ on pages 229-328 in his book Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Volume 1.

It has been stated in Tahtaawi Shareef,

ذَكَرَ الْقَهَسْتَانِيُّ عَنْ كَنْزِ الْعِبَادِ إِنَّهُ يَسْتَحِبُّ أَنْ يَقُولَ عِنْدَ سِمَاعِ الْأُولَى مِنْ الشَّهَادَتَيْنِ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعِنْدَ سِمَاعِ الثَّانِيَةِ قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي بِكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ مَتَّعْنِي بِالسَّمْعِ وَالْبَصَرِ بَعْدَ وَضْعِ إِبْهَامِيهِ عَلَى عَيْنَيْهِ فَإِنَّهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَكُونُ لَهُ قَائِدًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَذَكَرَ الدَّيْلَمِيُّ فِي الْفَرْدَوْسِيِّ مِنْ حَدِيثِ أَبِي بَكْرٍ الصِّدِّيقِ مَرْفُوعًا مَنْ مَسَحَ الْعَيْنَيْنِ بِبَاطِنِ أُنْمَلَةِ السَّبَابَتَيْنِ بَعْدَ تَقْبِيلِهِمَا عِنْدَ قَوْلِ الْمُؤَذِّنِ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ وَقَالَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ رَضِيَتْ بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيًّا حَلَّتْ شَفَاعَتِي وَكَذَا رَوَى عَنِ الْخَضِرِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَبِمِثْلِهِ يَعْمَلُ فِي الْفَضَائِلِ

"Allama Qahsataani has stated from Kanzul Ubaad that it is desirable when the Muaz'zin says Ash Hadu Ana Muhammadur Rasoolullah for the first time, then the person listening should say Sallal laahu Alaika Ya Rasoolallah and when Ash Hadu Ana Muhammadur Rasoolullah is said for the second time, (then the listener) should say, Qurratu Aini bika Ya Rasoolallah Al'laahuma Mati'ni bis Sam'i wal

Basari and he should place both his thumbs on his eyes, then Nabi ﷺ will lead him into Jannat and Dailmi has stated in Firdaus that it has been stated in the Hadith of Hazrat Abu Bakr ؓ that both the thumbs of the hands should be kissed and rubbed on the eyes and when the Muazzin says Ash hadu Ana Muhammadur Rasoolullah then say, **Ash Hadu Ana Muhammadan Abduhu wa Rasooluhu Radeetu bil laahi Rabban Wa bi Islami Deenan wa bi Muhammadin Nabbiyan - Prophet (sallal laahu alaihi wasallam, said), Then my Shafa'at will be compulsory on him.**

The very same is evident from Hazrat Khidr (alaihis salaam) and in Fazaa'il, the practice is according to this". [Tahtaawi Shareef Pg.122]

Imaamul Muhaditheen Shamsud'deen Sakhaawi (alaihimur Rahma) quotes from Imam Tahtaawi ؓ that he heard this Hadith from Ustaadul Hadith Allama Shams Muhammad bin Abu Nasr Bukhari ؓ, **“Whoso ever hears the Kalima shahaadat from the Muazzin and kisses his thumb nails and places them on his eyes and then reads,**

اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْ حَدَقَتِي وَ نُورَهُمَا بِبِرَّةِ مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَ نُورَهُمَا

Then he will never go blind.” [Al Maqasidul Husna Pg.385]

The Beloved Prophet ﷺ Is Alive

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat believes that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is Hayaatun Nabi (alive) both physically and spiritually with body and soul.

Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan,

وَلَا تَقُولُوا لِمَنْ يُقْتَلُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أَمْوَاتٌ بَلْ أَحْيَاءٌ وَلَكِنْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ

“And those who have been slain in the way of Al’laah, Do not say them to be dead, for they are alive. And (yes), you know not.”

[Surah Baqara Verse.154]

Allama Ibn Hajar Asqalani ؒ who is the commentator of Bukhari Shareef, states,

وَإِذَا ثَبَتَ اللَّهُمَّ أَحْيَاءٌ مِنْ حَيْثُ النَّقْلِ فَإِنَّهُ يَقْوِيهِ مِنْ حَيْثُ النَّظَرِ كَوْنُ الشُّهَدَاءِ أَحْيَاءَ بِنَصِّ الْقُرْآنِ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ أَفْضَلُ مِنَ الشُّهَدَاءِ

“And since it is evident (from the Qur’aan) that the martyrs are alive and this can also be proven from logic, then it is open proof that the Ambia, whose status is much greater than that of the Shaheeds, are definitely alive.” [Fathul Baari Sharah Bukhari]

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has stated,

أَتَيْتُ عَلَى مُوسَى لَيْلَةَ أُسْرَى بِي عِنْدَ الْكُتَيْبِ الْأَحْمَرِ وَهُوَ قَائِمٌ يُصَلِّي فِي قَبْرِ ه

“On the night of Me’raj, I passed Hazrat Moosa (alaihiss salaam). I saw him in his grave; he was standing beside a red coloured rock performing Namaaz.”

It has been stated in Sahih Hadith that the Holy Prophet ﷺ was with a group of Sahaba-e-Kiraam and he said,

“I am seeing Hazrat Moosa (alaihiss salaam) and Hazrat Yunus (alaihiss salaam) as they are saying,

لَبَّيْكَ لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ

LabaiK Al'laahuma LabaiK [Sahih Muslim Shareef]

Hazrat Abu Dardah رضي الله عنه reports that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

أَكثَرُوا الصَّلَاةَ عَلَى يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَإِنَّهُ شُهُودٌ تَشْهَدُهُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَإِنْ أَحَدَكُمْ لَا يُصَلِّي عَلَى إِلَّا عُرِضَتْ عَلَى صَلَوَتِهِ حَتَّى يَفْرَغَ مِنْهَا قَالَ قُلْتُ وَبَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ قَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ أَحْسَادَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ
فَنَبِيَّ اللَّهِ حَيٌّ يُرَزَقُ

“Recite Durood upon me in abundance on a Friday since it is a respected day. On that day the Angels are present and whosoever sends Durood upon me on that day, his Durood is placed before me up to the time when they have completed sending Durood and Salaam. (Hazrat Abu Dardah says), “I asked, 'Huzoor! Will you even hear (salaam) after your demise?’ The Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, 'Verily Almighty Al'laah has made it Haraam upon the earth that it may devour the bodies of the Ambia (alaihis salaam). Thus All the Nabis of Al'laah are alive and they are given sustenance.” [Ibn Majah Pg.119 - Jaame Sagheer Pg.54 Vol.1 - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.112 Vol.2]
The very same Hadith has also been narrated by Hazrat Aus bin Aus رضي الله عنه in which he says that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, ***“The most important day of all days is a Friday. On that day Hazrat Adam (alaihis salaam) was created, it is on this day that his Rooh was removed. It is on this day that the Soor will be blown and it is on this day that the deep sleep of Qiyaamah will overcome all.”***

He further mentions that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

فَاكثَرُوا عَلَى مِنَ الصَّلَاةِ فَإِنَّ صَلَوَتَكُمْ مَعْرُوضَةٌ عَلَيَّ قَالَ قَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ

اللَّهُ كَيْفَ تَعْرِضُ صَلَوَاتُنَا عَلَيْكَ وَقَدْ أَكْرَمْتَ قَالَ يَقُولُونَ بَلَيْتَ فَقَالَ إِنَّ
اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَنْ تَأْكُلَ أَجْسَادَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ

“So send Durood upon me in abundance (on Friday) for your Durood is undoubtedly presented before me.” Hajaam asked, “O Prophet of Al’laah! How will our Durood reach you once you have been placed in the grave?” The Prophet ﷺ said, “Al’laah has made it Haraam (forbidden) upon the earth that it may eat (devour) the bodies of the Ambia-e-Kiraam.” [Mishkaat Pg.120 – Mirqaat Pg.209 Vol.2 – Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.613 Vol.1 – Abu Dawood Pg.150 Vol.1 – Nisa’i Pg. 154 Vol.1 – Ibn Majah Pg.77 – Daarimi Pg.195 – Mustadrik Pg.278 Vol.1 – Sunan-e-Kubra Pg.248 Vol.3 – Madaarijun Nubuiwat Pg.920 Vol.2]

Hazrat Badrud'deen Aini رحمته الله has stated that,

صَحَّ عَنْهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّ الْأَرْضَ لَا تَأْكُلُ أَجْسَادَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ فَتَحْصِلُ مِنْ
جُمْلَةِ هَذَا الْقَطْعِ بِأَنَّهُمْ غِيَّبُوا عَنَّا بِحَيْثُ لَا نَدْرُكُهُمْ وَإِنْ كَانُوا مَوْجُودِينَ أَحْيَاءُ
وَذَلِكَ كَالْحَالِ فِي الْمَلَائِكَةِ عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ فَإِنَّهُمْ مَوْجُودُونَ أَحْيَاءُ
لَا يَرَاهُمْ أَحَدٌ مِنْ نَوْعِنَا إِلَّا مَنْ خَصَّهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى بِكَرَامَتِهِ وَإِذَا تَقَرَّرَ أَنَّهُمْ أَحْيَاءُ

“It is the statement of Nabi –e-Kareem (alaihiss salaam) that the earth does not eat the bodies of the Ambia (alaihimus salaam). It is from this saying that the clear conclusion is derived that the Ambia (alaihimus salaam) are alive and they have only been hidden away from us and we cannot understand their position, like that of the Angels whereby they are alive and present but we cannot find (see) them. Yes! Those whom Al’laah has blessed, they can even see them. This has been confirmed that they (the Ambia alaihimus salaam) are alive.” [Umdatul Qaari Shara Bukhari Pg.69 Vol.6]

In the commentary of Mishkaat, Allama Mulla Ali Qaari ﷺ states:

قَالَ أَيُّ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ أَيُّ
مَنْعَهَا وَفِيهِ مَبَالِغَةٌ لَطِيفَةٌ أَجْسَادُ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ أَيُّ مَنْ أَنْ تَأْكُلَهَا فَإِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ
فِي قُبُورِهِمْ أَحْيَاءٌ فَحَصَلَ الْجَوَابُ إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ أَحْيَاءٌ فِي قُبُورِهِمْ فَكَانَ
لَهُمْ سِمَاعٌ صَلَوَةٌ مِنْ صَلَّى عَلَيْهِمْ

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated that, Al'laah has made it Haraam upon the earth to devour the bodies of the Ambia” The reason for this is because the Ambia (alaihimus salaam) are alive in their graves and from the answer given to (the question of the Sahaba concerning how the salaam will be received after demise) concludes that the Ambia (alaihimus salaam) are alive in this way that they are personally able to hear whoever sends Salaatus Salaam upon them. [Mirkaat Shara Mishkaat Pg.209 Vol.2]

Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi ﷺ in his book Takmeelul Imaan says that, **“There is no death for the Ambia (alaihimus salaam). They are alive and existing. Death only comes to them for a single moment. Thereafter, their souls are returned into their bodies and the life that they had on earth is given back to them.”** [Takmeelul Imaan Pg.58]

Hazrat ibn Aabideen Shaami ﷺ says,

إِنَّ الْأَنْبِيَاءَ عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ أَحْيَاءٌ فِي قُبُورِهِمْ

“Verily, the Ambia (alaihimus salaam) are alive in their graves.”
[Shaami Shareef Pg.327 Vol.3]

Mulla Ali Qaari ﷺ states,

قَالَ ابْنُ حَجْرٍ وَمَا فَادَهُ، مِنْ ثُبُوتِ حَيَاةِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ حَيَاةً
بِهَا يَتَعَبَّدُونَ وَيُصَلُّونَ فِي قُبُورِهِمْ مَعَ اسْتِعْنَائِهِمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ وَالشَّرَابِ
كَأَمَلًا نَكَّةً تَامِرًا لَا مَرِيَةَ فِيهِ

“Ibn Hajjar has mentioned that the greatest proof regarding the fact that the Ambia (alaihimus salaam) are alive is that they perform Ibaadat in their Holy Graves, and they perform Namaaz therein and they are so needless of eating and drinking, like the Angels are. In other words they are alive but they do not need to eat and drink.”
[Mirkaat Sharah Mishkaat Pages.209/210 Vol.2]

The Prophet ﷺ Is Mercy Unto The Worlds

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat believes that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is Rahmatul lil Alameen.

It is also our belief that this is only the speciality of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He is the only creation of Almighty Al'laah who is Rahmatul lil Alameen and no other creation can be given this title.

Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

“And We have sent you not, but as Mercy unto all the Worlds”
[Surah Ambiya Verse.107]

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا كَآفَّةً لِّلنَّاسِ

“And O Beloved, We sent not you but with such a (prevailing) message for the entire mankind.” [Surah Saba Verse.28]

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا

“Say you: O People! I am the Prophet of Al’laah unto all of you.”
[Surah Al A’raf Verse.158]

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ has stated,

كَانَ النَّبِيُّ يُبْعَثُ إِلَى قَوْمِهِ خَاصَّةً وَبُعِثْتُ إِلَى النَّاسِ عَامَّةً

“Every Nabi comes specifically towards his people and I have been sent unto all nations.” [Mishkaat ShareefPg.512]

أُرْسِلْتُ إِلَى الْخَلْقِ كَأَفَّةٍ

“I have been sent as a Messenger unto the entire creation.” [Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.469 Vol.4 - Mirkaat Shareef Pg.49 Vol .11 - Sahih Muslim Shareef]

The Prophet ﷺ Is Haazir And Naazir

The Ahle Sunnat believes and accepts that the Holy Prophet ﷺ is Haazir-o-Naazir (Present and Aware of the condition of every thing)

Almighty Al’laah says in the Holy Qur’aan,

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا

وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ سِرًا جَامِعًا

“O Bearer of unseen news (Nabi) Undoubtedly, We have sent you being Haazir and Naazir (one who is present and seeing) and as a bearer of glad tidings and a Warner and an inviter towards Al’laah by His command, and a radiant sun.” [Surah Al Ahzab Verse.45]

Note: It should be noted that the word which appears in this verse is **“Shaahid”** which means witness and it should be understood that only he can be a witness before whom a certain action has taken place. It is for this reason that the word Shaahid is said to mean (Haazir-o-Naazir) ‘Present’ since it has to do with witnessing and being present.

It has been stated in Tafseer-e-Kabeer, Roohul Mu’aani, Abu Mas’ood, Baidhaawi, Jamal and Jalaalain that the Prophet ﷺ being a witness is for those towards whom he was sent as a Prophet. The writing of Tafseer Jalaalain reads,

إِنَّا رَسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا عَلَىٰ مَنْ أَرْسَلْتُ إِلَيْهِمْ

“(It means) We have sent you as a witness (Haazir-o-Naazir) unto those towards whom you have been sent.” [Tafseer Jalaalain Pg.355]

In Sahih Muslim Shareef it is stated the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

أَرْسَلْتُ إِلَىٰ الْخَلْقِ كَافَّةً

“I have been sent towards the entire creation of Almighty Al’laah.” [Sahih Muslim Shareef - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.516]

Allama Taahir Patni has stated in Majma-ul-Bihaar that,

أَنَا شَهِيدٌ أَيْ أَشْهَدُ عَلَيْكُمْ بِأَعْمَالِكُمْ فَكَأَنِّي بَاقٍ مَعَكُمْ

“I am a Shaahid (witness), in other words I will testify regarding your deeds. I am constantly with you.”

He further mentions that in Tabraani it has been stated:

أَنَا شَهِيدٌ عَلَى هَؤُلَاءِ أَيَّ أَشْفَعُ وَأَشْهَدُ بِأَنَّهُمْ بَدَلُوا أَرْوَاحَهُمْ لِلَّهِ

I will testify and intercede based on the fact that they spent their lives for the sake of Almighty Al’laah.” [Majma’ul Bihaar]

The Holy Prophet ﷺ has stated,

أَوْلَىٰ بِكُلِّ مُؤْمِنٍ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ مَنْ تَرَكَ دِينًا فَعَلَىٰ

“I am even closer to every believer, more than his own soul. Whosoever leaves behind any unfulfilled debt, it is upon me (to fulfil it).” [Nisa’i Shareef Pg.279 Vol.1]

Almighty Al’laah says in the Holy Qur’aan,

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

“And We have sent you not, but as Mercy unto all the Worlds”
[Surah Ambiya Verse.107]

Commentating on this verse of the Qur’aan Allama Aaloosi ﷺ says,

وَلَوْ أَنَّهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ رَحْمَةً لِلْجَمِيعِ بِإِعْتِبَارِ أَنَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ وَأَسْطَةُ الْفَيْضِ الْإِلَهِيِّ عَلَى الْمُمْكِنَاتِ عَلَى حَسْبِ الْقَوَائِلِ وَ لَذَا كَانَ نُورُهُ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَوَّلَ الْمَخْلُوقَاتِ

فَفِي الْخَبْرِ أَوَّلُ مَا خَلَقَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى نُورَ نَبِيِّكَ

“And the Mercy of the Holy Prophet ﷺ over all the worlds is in this context that he is the greatest means between the entire Universe and the blessings of Al’laah due to his excellence and status, as the Noor (light) of the Prophet ﷺ is the first creation and it has been mentioned in the Hadith-e-Paak,(O Jaabir) The very first thing which Al’laah created is the Noor of your Nabi.

He further quotes another Hadith where it has been mentioned,

وَجَاءَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى الْمُعْطَىٰ وَ أَنَا الْقَاسِمُ وَ لِلصُّوفِيَّةِ قُدْسَتْ أَسْرَارُهُمْ فِي هَذَا
الْفَضْلِ كَلَامٌ فَوْقَ ذَلِكَ

‘Al’laah is the Giver and I am the Distributor’ and the discussion of the masterful Sufis in this matter is even more indepth than which I have said.” (Tafseer Roohul Mu’aani Pg.105 Vol.17]

Concerning the very same verse, Allama Ismaeel Haqqi in Tafseer Roohul Bayaan says,

قَالَ فِي عَرَائِسِ الْقَبَلِيِّ أَيْهَا الْفَهِيمُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَخْبَرَنَا أَنَّ نُورَ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِ
السَّلَامُ أَوَّلُ مَا خَلَقَهُ، ثُمَّ خَلَقَ جَمِيعَ الْخَلَائِقِ مِنَ الْعَرْشِ إِلَى الثَّرَى مِنْ
بَعْضِ نُورِهِ فَأَرْسَلَهُ، إِلَى الْوُجُودِ الشُّهُودِ رَحْمَةً لِّكُلِّ وَجُودٍ إِذَا لِحَمِيعِ
صَدْرٍ مِنْهُ، فَكَوْنُهُ، كَوْنِ الْخَلْقِ وَكَوْنُهُ، سَبَبَ وَجُودِ الْخَلْقِ وَسَبَبَ
رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْخَلَائِقِ فَهُوَ رَحْمَةٌ كَافِيَةٌ وَأَفْهَمُ أَنَّ جَمِيعَ الْخَلَائِقِ
تَقِي صُورَةَ مَخْلُوقَةٍ مَطْرُوحَةٍ فِي فِضَاءِ الْقَدْرِ بِالْأَرْوَاحِ الْحَقِيقَةِ مُنْتَظِرَةً

لَقَدْ وُجِدَ مُحَمَّدٌ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فَإِذَا قَدَّمَ إِلَى الْعَالَمِ صَارَ الْعَالَمُ حَيًّا بِوَجُودِهِ لِأَنَّهُ رُوحُ جَمِيعِ الْخَلَائِقِ

“O sensible one! Almighty Al’laah has informed us that the Noor-e-Muhammadi ﷺ is the first creation. After this the rest of the creation from the Arsh right up to Taht Thar’ra (seven earths) was created from his Noor. According to this, you are the Rasool of the worlds and mercy unto the entire creation, thus everything is from you and it should be said that the existence of the entire creation is through you and your mercy is on all of them. He is the mercy of every atom in the universe. We understand that the entire creation was held in reserve without any souls in (the heights of) the skies, awaiting the arrival of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. When he arrived, then everything came to life since he is the soul of the entire universe.” [Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.528 - Part 17]

Almighty Al’laah says in the Holy Qur’aan,

وَأَعْلَمُوا أَنَّ فِيكُمْ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

“And know that Al’laah’s Rasool is amongst you.”

[Surah Al Hujurat Verse.7]

النَّبِيُّ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنفُسِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجُهُ أُمَّهَاتُهُمْ

“This Nabi is the Master of the Muslims, even more than there own souls and his wives are their mothers.” [Surah Al Ahzab Verse.6]

لَقَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَسُولٌ مِّنْ أَنفُسِكُمْ عَزِيزٌ عَلَيْهِ مَا عَنِتُّمْ

حَرِيصٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ رَؤُوفٌ رَّحِيمٌ

“Undoubtedly, came to you from amongst you, that Prophet, who is displeased to see you in difficulty, (he is) one who dearly desires your well-being, (one who) is (truly) compassionate and merciful towards the Muslims.” [Surah Tauba Verse.128]

وَقُلْ اَعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَا اللّٰهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ

“And you say, 'Work on! Your work will be seen by Al'laah and His Prophet and the Muslims.” [Surah Tauba 105]

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه has stated that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

مَنْ رَأَى فِي الْمَنَامِ فَسَيَرَانِي فِي الْيَقَظَةِ

“Whosoever saw me in his dream will soon see me whilst awake.”
[Bukhari Shareef Pg.1035 Vol.2 - Fathul Baari Pg.283 Vol.12 - Umdatul Qaari Pg.140 Vol.24 - Irshaadus Saari Pg.113 Vol.10 - Mishkaat Shareef Pg.394 - Ash'atul Lam'at Pg.640 Vol.3 - Mirkaat Pg.27 Vol.9 - Abu Dawood Pg.329 Vol.2 - Jaame Tirmizi Pg.52 Vol.2 - Mawahibul Laduniyah - Zurqaani Shareef Pg.289 Vol.2 - Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.242 Vol.2]

Commentating on this Hadith, Hazrat Sheikh Abdul Haq Muhadith Dehlwi رحمته الله says, **“In this there is glad tidings for those who see the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم in their dreams that after passing through the darkness of the Nafs and the completion of suppressing the desires of the body they have reached this stage that in reality, without any veil, whilst awake, they will have the opportunity of seeing him just like the Awliyah Al'laah who see him while awake. In the light of this Hadith it is evident that to see the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم whilst awake is possible and proper.”** [Ash'atul Lam'at Pg.640 Vol.3]

“Even though the Ulama have difference of opinion on numerous

issues relating to different madhabs, not a single one has any doubt in this case (and all accept) that without any doubt and illusion, the Holy Prophet ﷺ is continuously alive and he is Haazir and Naazir in the Aamaal of his Ummat and he grants his mercy towards those who turn towards him and he guides them.” [Maktoobat Shareef bar Haashia Akhbaarul Akhyaar Shareef Pg.161]

Hazrat Abu Hameed Sa'adi رضى الله عنه says that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِذَا دَخَلَ أَحَدُكُمْ الْمَسْجِدَ فَلْيُسَلِّمْ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ ثُمَّ لِيَقُلْ
اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

“When any one of you enters a Masjid, then send salaams upon the Prophet ﷺ and then say, اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

“O Al'laah open for me the doors of mercy.” [Ibn Majah Pg.56 - Abu Dawood Pg.72 Vol.1 - Sunan Kubra Pg.242 Vol.2]

Hazrat Qaadi Ayaaz رضى الله عنه says that Hazrat Alqama رضى الله عنه has stated,

إِذَا دَخَلْتَ الْمَسْجِدَ أَقُولُ السَّلَامَ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةَ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتِهِ

“Whenever I enter the Masjid I say, 'O Nabi! May there be salaams upon you and may there be the blessings and the mercy of Al'laah.” [Shifa Shareef Pg.52 Vol.2]

Allama Qaazi Ayaaz Maaliki رضى الله عنه says that Hazrat Amr bin Dinaar Taabi'ee whilst commentating on the verse of the Qur'aan:

إِذَا دَخَلْتُمْ بُيُوتًا فَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى أَنْفُسِكُمْ

When you enter into any home, then greet your own

says,

إِنْ لَمْ يَكُنْ فِي الْبَيْتِ أَحَدٌ فَقُلْ السَّلَامُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

“When there is no one in the house, then say, Salaams be upon the Nabi ﷺ and Al’laah’s mercy and blessings.” [Ash Shifa Page.52 Vol.2]

Mulla Ali Qaari ﷺ says,

لَإِنَّ رُوحَهُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ حَاضِرٌ فِي بُيُوتِ أَهْلِ الْإِسْلَامِ

“This is because the Blessed Soul of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is present in the home of every Muslim.” [Shara Shifa Pg.464 Vol.3]
Allama ibn Hajar Asqalani, Allama Badrud'deen Aini, Allama Qistalaani and Allama Abdul Baaqi say,

وَ يَحْتَمِلُ أَنْ يُقَالَ عَلَى طَرِيقِ أَهْلِ الْعِرْفَانِ الْمُصَلِّينَ لَمَّا اسْتَفْتَحُوا بَابَ الْمَلَكُوتِ بِالتَّحِيَّاتِ أُذِنَ لَهُمْ بِالدُّخُولِ فِي حَرِيمِ الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ فَفَرَّتْ أَعْيُنُهُمْ بِالْمَنَاجَاتِ فَبَيَّهُوا عَلَى ذَلِكَ بِوَسِطَةِ نَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ وَ بَرَكَتِهِ مُتَابِعَتِهِ فَالتَفَوْا إِذَا الْحَبِيبِ فِي حَرَمِ الْحَبِيبِ حَاضِرٌ فَاقْبَلُوا عَلَيْهِ قَائِلِينَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

“This too can be said about the ways of the Ahle Irfaan (People of Spiritual Understanding), that when these Namaazis open the doors of the Angelic Domain with their At Tahiy’yaat, they are then granted permission to enter into the Court of The All Existing, The

One who has no end” (i.e. AL’LAAH). Their eyes become cool through the pleasure of invocation. They are then cautioned (reminded) that the excellence which they have been blessed with in the Court of Al’laah is through the blessing and mediation of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. When these worshippers, (now) aware of this (excellence and its reality) raise their sights in the Court of Almighty Al’laah, they see the Beloved present in the Exalted Court of the Beloved (in other words they see the Prophet ﷺ in the Court of Al’laah). On seeing the Holy Prophet ﷺ they immediately say أَسْلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ ‘As Salaamu Alaika Ayuhan Nabiyyu Wa Rahmatul laahi Wa Barakaatuhu’ (directing their full attention towards him).” [Fathul Baari Pg.250 Vol.2 - Zurqaani Shareef Pg.329/330 - Umdatul Qaari Pg.111 Vol.6 – Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.230 Vol.2]

The Prophet’s ﷺ Ilm-E-Ghaib (Knowledge Of The Unseen)

The Ahle Sunnah wal Jamaat believe that Nabi ﷺ after being informed by Almighty Al’laah is aware of everything that happened and will happen. In other words, it is our belief that the Prophet ﷺ also possesses knowledge of the unseen (ilm-e-ghaib) and this has been bestowed upon him by Almighty Al’laah.

وَمَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُطْلِعَكُمْ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْتَبِي مِنْ رُسُلِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ

“And it is not befitting to Al’laah, O common People! That He may grant you the knowledge of the Unseen. But yes, He chooses from His Prophets whosoever He Wills.” [Surah Al Imran Verse.179]

Concerning this verse of the Holy Qur’aan, Hazrat Allama Jalalud'deen Suyuti ﷺ states in his commentary,

الْمَعْنَى لَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْتَبِي أَنْ يَصْطَفِيَ مِنْ رُسُلِهِ
مَنْ يَشَاءُ فَيُطَلِّعُهُ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ

“The meaning of this is that Al’laah chooses whomsoever He Wills from His Messengers, and then He informs them of the unseen.”
[Tafseer Jalalain Shareef Pg.66]

Allama Ismaeel Haqqi while commentating on this verse of the Holy Qur’aan says,

الْحَقَائِقُ وَلَا حَوْلَ لَا يَنْكَشِفُ بِأَوْاسِطَةِ الرَّسُولِ

“The (Unseen Knowledge regarding) realism and these conditions is not made apparent without the mediation of the Holy Prophet ﷺ.”
[Tafseer Roohul Bayaan Pg.132 Vol.2]

Al’laah Almighty in another verse of the Holy Qur’aan says,

وَعَلَّمَكَ مَا لَمْ تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ وَكَانَ فَضْلُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عَظِيمًا

“And He (Al’laah) taught you all that which you knew not. And Great is the Grace of Al’laah upon you.” [Surah An Nisa Verse.113]
Concerning this verse, Allama Imam Fakhrudden Raazi ؒ states,

أَيُّ مِنَ الْأَحْكَامِ وَالْغَيْبِ

“This refers to the Directives and Knowledge of the Unseen” [Tafseer Kabeer]

Imam Nasfi ؒ in his Tafseer says,

يَعْنَى مِنْ أَحْكَامِ الشَّرْعِ وَأُمُورِ الدِّينِ وَقِيلَ عَلَّمَكَ مِنْ عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ مَا لَمْ
تَكُنْ تَعْلَمُ وَقِيلَ مَعْنَاهُ 'عَلَّمَكَ مِنْ خَفِيَّاتِ الْأُمُورِ وَأَطَّلَعَكَ عَلَى ضَمَائِرِ
الْقُلُوبِ وَعَلَّمَكَ مِنْ أَسْوَأِ الْمُنَافِقِينَ وَكَيْدِهِمْ مِنْ أُمُورِ الدِّينِ وَالشَّرَائِعِ
أَوْ مِنْ خَفِيَّاتِ الْأُمُورِ وَضَمَائِرِ الْقُلُوبِ'

“In other words he was taught the laws of Shariat-e-Mutaahira and the laws of Deen and it was said to him, you have been taught those things regarding the Unseen which you did not know and it has been stated that the meaning of this is that he was taught of all hidden things and (He) informed him of the secrets of the heart and he was informed of the deceit and hypocrisy of the hypocrites. He was taught the Laws of Deen, (and He informed him of all) the hidden things and the secrets of the heart.” [Tafseer Madraarik Pg.250 Vol.1]

Allama Kaashifi has stated the following concerning this verse of the Qur'aan, ***“This refers to the knowledge of Ma Kaana Wa Maa Yakoon (the complete past and future), which Almighty Al'laah bestowed upon the Prophet ﷺ on the night of Me'raj. It has been stated in the Hadith-e-Me'raj that (Prophet Sallal laahu alaihi wasallam) said, 'I was under the Arsh and a drop was placed into my throat. Then I became aware of all that which happened and all that which is to happen.’*** [Tafseer Husaini Pg.124]

Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan,

الرَّحْمَنُ عَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ

Rahmaan taught the Qur'aan to His Beloved Rasool

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ

He created (Muhammad) (the soul of) Mankind

عَلَّمَهُ، الْبَيَانَ

***He taught him about everything
(Which happened and which was to happen)
[Surah Rahman Verses 1-4]***

It is Tafseer-e-Khaazin regarding the above mentioned verse,

قِيلَ أَرَادَ بِالْإِنْسَانِ مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ عَلَّمَهُ، الْبَيَانَ يَعْنِي بَيَانَ
مَا كَانَ وَمَا يَكُونُ لِأَنَّهُ، عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ نَبِيٌّ عَنْ خَبَرِ الْأَوَّلِينَ وَالْآخِرِينَ
وَعَنْ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

“It has been stated that ‘Insaan’ in this verse refers to Muhammad ﷺ and that he was informed of the happenings of the past and future because the Holy Prophet ﷺ has been informed of the past and the future and of all that which will happen up to Qiyaamah.” [Tafseer-e-Khaazin]

Allama Baghwi (alaihimir Rahma) commenting on the said verse of the Qur’aan says,

خَلَقَ الْإِنْسَانَ أَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَّمَهُ، الْبَيَانَ
يَعْنِي بَيَانَ مَا كَانَ وَمَا يَكُونُ

“Almighty Al’laah created Insaan, in other words the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and he informed him of the happenings of the past

and the future.”

Rasoolullah ﷺ Has Knowledge of This World And The Hereafter

The Ahle Sunnah Wal Jamaat believe that the Holy Prophet ﷺ has been informed of all that which is happening and that which will happen. Since this topic also deals with the topic on Ilme Ghaib and we have already discussed that topic, so just a few relevant verses of the Holy Qur'aan, Ahadith-e-Mubaaraka and statements of the pious predecessors are being presented to conclude this discussion.

مَا كَانَ اللَّهُ لِيُطَّلِعَ عَلَى الْغَيْبِ وَلَكِنَّ اللَّهَ يَجْتَبِي مِنْ رُسُلِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ

“And it is not befitting to Al’laah, O common People! That he may grant you the knowledge of the Unseen. But yes, He chooses from His Prophets whosoever He Wills.” [Surah Al Imran Verse.179]

Almighty Al’laah says,

عَالِمُ الْغَيْبِ فَلَا يُظْهِرُ عَلَى غَيْبِهِ أَحَدًا
إِلَّا مَنْ ارْتَضَى مِنْ رَسُولٍ

“He is the Knower of the Unseen, so He does not inform anyone of it, except to His Chosen Prophets.” [Surah Al Jinn Verse.26]

Almighty Al’laah says concerning the excellence of Hazrat Ibraheem (alaihiss salaam),

وَكَذَلِكَ نُرِيْ اِبْرَاهِيْمَ مَلَكُوْتِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْاَرْضِ
وَ لِيَكُوْنَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ

“And in this way, We reveal unto Ibrahim the Sovereign Rule of the Skies and the Earth and for this reason, so that he may be of those who believe at sight.” [Surah Al An’am Verse.75]

Hazrat Mulla Ali Qaari whilst commentating on the verse:

كَذَلِكَ نُرَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

He says,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَرَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ مَلَكُوتَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ
وَكَشَفَ لَهُ ذَٰلِكَ فَتَحَ عَلَيَّ أَبْوَابَ الْعُيُوبِ

“Al’laah Almighty showed Hazrat Ibraheem (alaihi salaam) His Sovereign Control in the Skies and the Earth and he made everything apparent upon him (known to him) and opened upon him the doors of unseen knowledge.” [Mirqaat Pg.210 Vol.2]

Whilst explaining the words of the Hadith:

فَعَلِمْتُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

Mulla Ali Qaari says,

قَالَ ابْنُ حَجَرٍ أَيْ جَمِيعُ الْكَائِنَاتِ الَّتِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ بَلْ وَمَا فَوْقَهَا
كَمَا يُسْتَفَادُ مِنْ قِصَّةِ الْمِعْرَاجِ وَالْأَرْضِ هِيَ بِمَعْنَى الْجِنْسِ أَيْ وَجَمِيعِ
مَا فِي الْأَرْضَيْنِ السَّبْعِ وَمَاتَحْتَهَا كَمَا أَفَادَهُ ‘أَخْبَارُهُ‘ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عَنِ الثَّوْرِ
وَالْحَوْتِ اللَّذِينَ عَلَيْهَا الْأَرْضُونَ كُلُّهَا

“Ibn Hajjar (alaihiraahma) has mentioned that مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ refers not only to the skies, but even to that knowledge which is beyond the skies, just as it is clear from the incident relating to the Me’raj. And here Earth is on the basis of related things. In other words it refers to all those things which are in the seven earths and even that which is beneath it (the seven earths). It has become known, just as the Prophet ﷺ informed (us) about the Thaur and Haut, whereas the earths are on top of it.” [Mirqaat Pg.210 Vol.2]

Examine the following Hadith, where the Holy Prophet ﷺ referred to the Sahaba-e-Kiraam as Jan’nati by promising the fire of hell will not touch them. Hazrat Jaabir ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

لَا تَمْسُ النَّارُ مُسْلِمًا رَأَى مَنْ رَأَى

“The fire of hell will neither touch that Muslim who saw me nor him who saw the one who saw me.” [Mishkaat Shareef Pg.554 - Mirqaat Pg.275 Vol.11 - Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.632 Vol.4 – Jaame Tirmizi Pg.226 Vol.2]

It is on the authority of Hazrat Abdur Rahmaan ibn Auf ؓ that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

أَبُو بَكْرٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَعُمَرُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَعُثْمَانُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَعَلِيٌّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ
وَطَلْحَةُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَالزُّبَيْرُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَعَبْدُ الرَّحْمَنِ بْنِ عَوْفٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ
وَسَعْدُ بْنُ أَبِي وَقَّاصٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَسَعِيدُ بْنُ زَيْدٍ فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَأَبُو عُبَيْدَةَ بْنُ
الْجَرَّاحِ فِي الْجَنَّةِ

“Hazrat Abu Bakr is in Jan’nat; Umar is in Jan’nat; Uthmaan is in Jan’nat; Ali is in Jan’nat; Talha is in Jan’nat; Zubair is in Jan’nat Abdur Rahmaan bin Auf is in Jan’nat; Sa’ad ibn Abi Waq’qas is in Jan’nat; Sa’eed ibn Zaid is in Jan’nat and Abu

Ubaidah bin Jar'rah is in Jan'nat.” [Tirmizi Pg.216 Vol.2]

Almighty Al'laah says in the Holy Qur'aan regarding Hazrat Khidr (alaihis salaam),

وَعَلَّمْنَاهُ مِنْ لَدُنَّا عِلْمًا

“And We bestowed upon him Our Specially Inspired Knowledge (Ilm Laduni)” [Surah Kahf Verse.65]

Explaining the above mentioned verse of the Holy Qur'aan the Mufasssireen have mentioned as follows:

Allama Qurtabi says,

وَعَلَّمْنَاهُ مِنْ لَدُنَّا عِلْمًا أَيَّ عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ

“(It means) And We bestowed upon (Khidr alaihis salaam) knowledge, meaning knowledge of the Unseen.” [Qurtabi Pg.16 Vol.16]

Allama Aaloosi says in Tafseer Mu'aani as follows:

وَعَلَّمْنَاهُ مِنْ لَدُنَّا عِلْمًا أَيَّ عِلْمًا لَا يَكْتَنُهُ وَلَا يُقَادِرُ قَدْرَهُ
وَهُوَ عَالِمُ الْغُيُوبِ

“And We gave knowledge to (Khidr alaihis salaam) from Our Divine Knowledge, The reality of which none knows. And none can understand the excellence of this. And this actually refers to knowledge of the unseen” [Tafseer Roohul Mu'aani Pg.330 Vol.16]

Hazrat Umar-e-Farouk ؓ says:

قَامَ فِينَا النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَقَامًا فَأَخْبَرَنَا عَنْ بَدْءِ الْخَلْقِ حَتَّى
دَخَلَ أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ مَنَازِلَهُمْ وَأَهْلُ النَّارِ وَ مَنَازِلَهُمْ
حَفِظَ ذَلِكَ مَنْ حَفِظَهُ وَ نَسِيَهِ مَنْ نَسِيَهِ

‘The Holy Prophet ﷺ stood up amongst us and informed us of everything from the beginning of the creation until such time when the Jan’natis and the Jahan’namis shall each enter into their final abode. He remembered it, whosoever remembered and he had forgotten it whomsoever forgot it.’ [Sahih Bukhari Pg.453 – Fathul Baari Pg.286 Vol.6 – Umdatul Qaari Pg.110 Vol.15 – Mishkaat Shareef Pg.506 – Irshaadus Saari Pg.251 Vol.5 – Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.444 Vol.4 – Mirqaat Pg.4 Vol.11]

Hazrat Huzaifa ؓ says,

لَقَدْ حَدَّثَنِي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِمَا يَكُونُ حَتَّى تَقُومَ السَّاعَةُ

“Undoubtedly the Holy Prophet ﷺ informed me of everything that will take place up to the time of Qiyaamah.” [Sahih Muslim Shareef Pg.390 Vol.2]

Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ رَفَعَ لِي الدُّنْيَا فَإِنَا أَنْظُرُ إِلَيْهَا وَ إِلَى مَا هُوَ كَائِنٌ فِيهَا إِلَى يَوْمِ
الْقِيَامَةِ كَأَنَّمَا أَنْظُرُ إِلَى كَفَى هَذِهِ

“Verily Al’laah has raised the world for me and whatever is to

happen in it right up to Qiyaamah, I am observing it in such a manner, just as I see this palm of mine.” [Mawahibul Laduniyah Pg.193 - Zurqaani Shareef)

Hazrat Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه reports that a person from the outskirts of the Holy City came to the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and said,

دُلِّنِي عَلَى عَمَلٍ إِذَا عَمَلْتُهُ دَخَلْتُ الْجَنَّةَ قَالَ تَعْبُدُ اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا
وَتُقِيمُ الصَّلَاةَ الْمَكْتُوبَةَ وَتُؤَدِّي الزَّكَاةَ الْمَفْرُوضَةَ وَتَصُومُ رَمَضَانَ
قَالَ وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَا أَزِيدُ عَلَى هَذَا شَيْئًا وَلَا أَنْقُصُ مِنْهُ فَلَمَّا وُلِّيَ

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَنْ سَرَّهُ أَنْ يَنْظُرَ إِلَى رَجُلٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ
فَلْيَنْظُرْ إِلَى هَذَا

“Inform me of such a practice that by doing it, I shall attain Jan’nat (Paradise). He صلى الله عليه وسلم said, ‘Worship Al’laah (Make His Ibaadat) and do not associate any partners with Him; and keep your Namaaz well established and fulfill your obligatory zakaat and keep fast in the month of Ramadaan’

(On hearing this) he (the person) said, I swear by Him in Whose control is my life that neither shall I do more than that nor shall I do anything less than that (which was mentioned).

When he left, the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said, ‘That person who will be pleased to see a jan’nati, should look at that person’” (In other words the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم granted him the status of being a Jan’nati even whilst he was still on this earth. [Mishkaat Pg.12]

It is on the authority of Hazrat Anas رضي الله عنه that the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said,

إِنَّ الْجَنَّةَ تَشْتَاقُ إِلَى ثَلَاثَةٍ عَلِيٍّ وَعَمَّارٍ وَسَلْمَانَ

“Verily Jan’nat is eagerly awaiting the arrival of three persons, namely; Ali, Am’maar and Salmaan.” [Jaame Tirmizi Pg.220 Vol.2]

It is on the authority of Hazrat Abdullah ibn Umar ؓ that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

يَنْزِلُ عَيْسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ فَيَتَزَوَّجُ وَيُولِدُ لَهُ، وَ يَمُكْتُ خَمْسًا وَ
أَرْبَعِينَ سَنَةً ثُمَّ يَمُوتُ فَيُدفَنُ مَعِيَ فِي قَبْرِى

“Hazrat Esa (alaihiss salaam) the son of Maryam will descend to earth. He will then make Nikah and he shall have children, and he will live here for forty five years, then he shall pass away and he will be buried beside me by my Holy Grave.” [Jaame Tirmizi – Mishkaat – Ash’atul Lam’aat Pg.353 Vol.4 – Mirkaat Pg. 233 Vol.10]

Hazrat Abu Saeed Al Khuzri ؓ reports that the Holy Prophet ﷺ said,

الْحَسَنُ وَالْحُسَيْنُ سَيِّدَا شَبَابِ أَهْلِ الْجَنَّةِ

“Hassan and Hussain are the Leaders of the Youth in Jan’nat”
[Tirmizi Shareef – Mishkaat Shareef]

Huzoor-e-Akram Noor-e-Mujas’sam ؑ has stated,

إِتَّقُوا فَرَاةَ الْمُؤْمِنِ فَإِنَّهُ يَنْظُرُ بِنُورِ اللَّهِ

“Fear the sight of a true believer for he sees with the Noor of

Almighty Al'laah.” [JaameTirmizi Pg.140 Vol.2]

Hazrat Abdul Wahab Sha'raani ؒ states that he heard his murshid Sheikh Sayyid Ali Khawaas ؒ says,

“I do not regard any person as a perfect and proper personality (Mard-e-Kaamil) unless he can inform his disciple from his ancestry right up to the informing him if he will enter heaven or hell.”

Hazrat Shah Waliullah Muhadith Dehlwi ؒ states,

“Everything is evident before the Aarifeen and Kaamileen and everything becomes apparent to them and the things of Ghaib are also clear before them.” [Shifa ul Aleel Pg.56]

Allama Abdul Wahab Sha'raani ؒ says,

اطَّلَعَهُ عَلَى غَيْبِهِ حَتَّى لَا تُنْبِتُ شَجَرَةٌ وَلَا تَخْضُرُ وَرَقَةٌ إِلَّا بِنَظَرِهِ

“(Almighty Al'laah) informs (the Wali Al'laah) from His unseen knowledge, to the extent that the (knowledge) of every tree that grows and every leaf that becomes green is before his sight.”

We make sincere Dua that Almighty Al'laah blesses us all with strength in Imaan and true love for the Holy Prophet ﷺ and for all those who follow that which has been taught and commanded by him.

Munajaat

***Ya Ilaahi Har Jaga Teri Ataa Ka Saath Ho
Jub Pare Mushkil Sha'e Mushkil Kusha
Ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! In every instance let me be blessed by Your Bounties -
When I am calamity, Let me be with the Eradicator of all calamities.*

***Ya Ilaah Garmi-e-Mahshar Seh
Jub Bharke Badan
Daaman-e-Mahboob Ki Thandi Hawaa Ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! When our bodies burn up in the heat of the Day of
Reckoning, Let us be in the cool breeze from the Daaman of the
Prophet ﷺ*

***Ya Ilaahi Nama-e-A'maal Jub Khulne Lage
Aib-e-Pooshe Khalq Sat'taare Khata Ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! When the books of our deeds are opened, Let the sins of
the servants be hidden by the One who conceals our shortcomings.*

***Ya Ilaahi Jub Bahe Aankhe
Hisaab-e-Jurm Me
Un Tabassum rez-e-honto ki Dua ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! When our eyes tear in accountabilty of our sins, Let us
be blessed with prayers from his sweet smiling lips*

***Ya Ilaahi Jub Chalo Tareekh
Raahe Pul Siraate
Aftaab-e-Haashmi Noorul Huda Ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! When We Walk over the Dark Bridge of Pul Siraat, Let us
be with the guiding Light
of the Prophet ﷺ*

***Ya Ilaahi Jub Sare Shamsheer
Par Chalna Pare***

Rabbe Sallim Kehne Waale Ghamzudah Ka Saath Ho

*O Al'laah! When we have to walk on the sword like path,
Bless us as the one who removes
grief says, "O Al'laah Allow Them Safe Passage"*

***Ya Ilaahi Jo Dua'e Nek Hum Tujhe Se Kare
Qudsiyo Ke Lub Se Aameen Rab'bana
Ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! For all the Good things which we invoke You, Allow the
Angels to say, "Aameen O Al'laah" for whatever we ask*

***Ya Ilaahi Jub Raza Khaab-e-Giraa
Se Sar Uthaa'e***

Daulat-e-Bedaar Ishk-e-Mustafa Ka Saath Ho
*O Al'laah! When Raza raises his head from his precious sleep, Let
him be given the Gift of awakening in the love of the
Beloved Prophet ﷺ*

***Ya Ilaahi Le Chale Jub Dafn Karne Qabar Me
Ghause-e-Azam Peshwa'e Awliya
Ka Saath Ho***

*O Al'laah! When I am taken towards my grave for my burial, Let
Ghaus-e-Azam the Leader of the Awliya be with me*