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THE DEMAND IS IBAADAT AND TAA-AT, NOT WAZEFAHS

A Sister writes and advises as follows:

Assalaamu alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakathuhu

I have read the article about social media. Without doubt the cellphone is a useful tool, but without doubt the majority of Muslims, Deeni and modern are caught up in saying they need it for work and business purposes which is Shaitaani entrapment to get them hooked on facebook, videos etc. Some use the excuse of videos without animate pictures but this too desensitizes all Muslim.

Unfortunately many don't have limits and are displaying this habit to their children instead of spending their time teaching the children Deen, heart to heart.

Rizq is sealed and there are the fortunate (to be protected from this evil), some of the old school generation business people, who operate well without any smartphone. They experience much Barkat in their earnings and we see it in their contentment and sukoon. People have forgotten who distributes rizq. If we can only abandon this cellphone futility and stop making excuses for its unnecessary use we will experience unlimited Barkat and sukoon in time, rizq and our homes.

Below is an article someone forwarded to me and I think it's extremely important that we realise the entire household is influenced by the actions of the leader of the family. This is from the home of an 'ordinary layman'.

If the communication with the Maulana was verbal then it's obviously not correct, but the lesson we derive is about the example of resorting to

ibaadat in solitude in our spare time which a non-Aalim set in his home. He did not make his cellphone be his priority nor socializing.

THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN A MAULANA AND A FEMALE

The Maulana said:

"Once a sister phoned, and she said she has a problem and asked if there is any waazifa regarding it.

I said there is, recite Durood Shareef 500 times and make Duaa. Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) was the most Beloved to Allah Ta'laa. The wazeefah will solve all your problems. She remained silent for a while. I thought to myself that maybe it's too much for her so I asked her why isn't she saying anything.

She said, now I have a greater problem than the one I just told you. No one knows about it only my Allah Ta'ala and I- no one else. Now out of extreme necessity I have to tell you but I fear getting pride or it being against sincerity. *(The 'extreme necessity' was her nafsani imagination – The Majlis)*

I said: I am asking you out of concern, though I thought she wants another amal.

She said: "Alhamdulillah, Alhamdulillah! Moulana since sometime I have been reciting 15 000 Durood Shareef everyday. My problem is that should I include the 500 Durood Shareef into this or should I read it separately?

Then I remained silent for a while. She asked me why am I not saying anything. I said: 'Also make Duaa for us.' Then I asked her if I could ask her something. She said: 'Jee!.'

I asked what had inclined you so much that you started reciting 15 000 Durood Shareef where as if a person reads 1000 Durood Shareef, Allah Ta'ala gives him 40 000 rewards (10 000 mercies descend on him, 10 000 of his sins forgiven, 10 000 virtuous deeds are written for him and 10 000 of his status is raised).

Those that want to read they read. A friend of mine use to read 5000 Durood Shareef everyday, My Sheikh who passed away on the 23th night of Ramadan use to read 13 000.

Those that wish to read, they read a lot, but a young sister who has a husband and children to attend to, her household chores etc.! So I asked her: 'What had inclined you to read so much of durood Shareef?' *(The idea*

of describing one's ibaadat as being 'much' betrays the presence of ujub – vanity, self-esteem. This is an evil and a subtle disease of the nafs. No one's ibaadat is 'much'. Everyone's ibaadat no matter the quantity, is qualitatively defective. The Maulana was stirred on by his nafs to lengthen the conversation unnecessarily with a ghair mahram female. This is the snare of his nafs –The Majlis)

She said her husband. I said: 'Your husband...? Isn't he a businessman. He looks quite straightforward. She said his straightforward outside, at home his an Allah-Waalah.' I said: 'People usually say other way around.' I then asked what he does?

She said there is a certain place at home where he lays down his musalla and he reads his tahajud, ishraq, chasht, awwabeen and makes a lot of Duaa and reads a lot of Durood Shareef. Sometimes he wakes up and tells me: 'O my beloved wife, today I had dreamt about Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) in this way; today I dreamt about Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) in this way'.

So whenever he tells me that he had dreamt about Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) my heart hurts and tells me that you should also read Durood Shareef and InshAllah, you will also attain the great fortune of seeing Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) in your dream. Just with the desire of seeing Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) I have reached 15 000 however my husband reads a lot. Maulana you must make Duaa for us.

I said: 'O sister you must make dua for us.' Just at that moment I felt a pain in my heart and thought, look! her husband is nek (pious) that's why she is also nek (pious), she is Allah-waali. She only sees him doing this, nowadays the husband only sits with his phone, that's why his wife only watches series and his children cartoons and the whole house turns out to be a pit from the pits of Jahannam, and disputes between husband and wife and the feeling of uneasiness.

O my brother's if I and you were also nek (pious), if we had also become Allah-Waalah, if we had also pleased Allah Talah then the condition of our homes would be something else.

May Allah Ta'ala also make us pious and good people. Let's make intention to read lots of Durood Shareef, at least a 1000 daily and let's try to read Fadhaail-e-A'maal " *(End of the Maulana's conversation and advice)*

(End of the Sister's letter)

Our Comment

We just hope that the article is not false. Tablighis are fond of fabricating articles of piety on the basis of the concocted error of the end justifying the means. Reciting 15,000 Durood daily requires at least 7 hours at a minimum. What happened to the brains of this woman who, despite reciting so much Durood, felt at ease discussing verbally with a ghair mahram. Her remaining ‘silent’ for some moments, and he too, evidences that the talk was verbal, not written.

Furthermore, to advise all and sundry to recite “at least” 1000 Durood daily indicates, at a minimum, lack of understanding. This is not Sunnah, hence it may not be made a universal practice. This is the way that all bid’aat were initiated by mostly pious people. The Maulana who proffered this advice is not the Shaikh/Murshid of the entire Ummah to proffer such advice audaciously. There is no Sunnah backing for this advice. The advice of an intelligent, Allah-Fearing Aalim should be: *Abstain from haraam and futility. Follow the Shariah. Adopt the Sunnah. Guard your eyes and tongue. Taa-at and Ibaadat are imperative.*

The fact that the sister was seeking a wazeefah despite her huge number of Durood daily, indicates that the Durood was not making an effect on her heart. It did not improve her Tawakkul and Yaqeen, hence she sought an additional wazeefah which to her mind would be superior to her 15000 Durood daily.

Also, the person who recites Durood in abundance should not feel entitled to see Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) in his/her dream. The objective of Durood is not seeing our Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) in dreams. The objective is fulfilment of the request of our Nabi (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam), to gain his *Shafaa-at* for us on the Day of Qiyaamah and the *Ridha* of Allah Ta’ala.

Furthermore, her having mentioned her 15000 Durood to the Maulana is an indication of *riya*, and her asking whether she should add the 500 suggested by him, indicates her stupidity.

Sister, do not be influenced by these types of stories. Adhere strictly to the Shariah and the Sunnah to the best of your ability. As far as *wazeefahs* are concerned, there are no better wazeefahs than the Masnoon ones, namely, Nafl Salaat in abundance and Tilaawat of the Qur’aan Majeed in abundance, and keeping the tongue ever moist with Thirkullah as commanded by Rasulullah

(Sallallahu alayhi wasallam): “*Your tongue should remain ever moist with Thirkullah.*” Adopt this prescription of the Qur’aan and Sunnah, namely, *Ibaadat, Taa-at and Perpetual Thikr*, then you will become a veritable genuine *Buzrug*.