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OLD AGE

In a Hadith narrated by Hadhrat Anas (Radhiyallahu anhu), the following facts about old age are mentioned:

- No one reaches forty years in Islam except that Allah protects him from madness, leprosy and insanity.
- When a Muslim attains the age of 50 years, Allah Ta'ala decrees that his Reckoning will become lighter.
- At 60, his ability to acquire Taqwa is augmented and he attains Divine Proximity more readily.
- At 70, the inhabitants of the Heavens (Mala'ikah and others) are ordered to love him, thus they increase Dua for him.
- At 80, only his virtues are recorded. His sins are forgiven, and his lapses are not recorded.
- At 90, all sins, past and future, are forgiven, He acquires a blanket pardon. He is granted the right of intercession (*shafa'ah*) on behalf of his family. He is awarded the lofty titles of *Ameenullaah (the Trustee of Allah)*, and *Aseerullah fil Ardh (the Prisoner of Allah on earth)*.
- This stage of old age is known as *Arzalul Umr*. The deeds of virtue which he used to practise during his early days, but is now unable due to old age, are perpetually recorded in his Book of Deeds.