

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Do not mix the Milk with Water

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Khattab - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was born in Mecca Shareef in 583 A.H. and passed away in Madina Shareef in 644 A.H.

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Khattab - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was also martyred. His title was "Abu Hafz". He was very famous for being steadfast, brave and displayed immense justice and equality. If there was any truth to be announced, he was always the first to display it without fear.

His rule as the leader of the Muslims lasted for nearly ten years and six months. There was tremendous improvement in the state of the Muslims during his leadership. It was in his time that two major powers were defeated. In other words, during his time, Persia and Rome were defeated. The flag of Islam was seen in many countries during his era.

There is no doubt that to fully describe him would take many pages. There is no doubt that when the action of someone changes, the result also changes. Such was the greatness of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that many super powers had to bow down to his might and leadership. In fact, during his era, the quality and the practises of the Muslims were totally different from what we see today. In the modern age, if we look at the state of the Muslims, we do not have to blame anyone but ourselves. There is no need to keep looking at other people when in fact, we should be looking at how we behave today.

A honest and truthful girl.

One night, as per his usual practise, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was walking around Madina Shareef with his slave.

In fact, it was his habit to walk around the streets and pathways of Madina Shareef during the night with the intention of looking after the people in the blessed city and also to see that no harm came to them. As he walked along, at a certain stage, he felt tired and he decided to lean on the wall of a certain house to have a small rest. Morning was also fast approaching.

From this house, the voice of an old lady was also heard and she was commanding her daughter to mix some water with the milk. However, her young daughter was refusing to do this. The daughter told her mother that the Ameerul Mo’mineen had prohibited people from mixing water in the milk and he had also publicly made this announcement. However the mother said, “At this time, ‘Umar is not watching you that you should be so frightened.” However, the young girl mentioned, “Even if ‘Umar is not watching at this moment, the Creator of Umar is still watching.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who was listening to this conversation was extremely impressed by the honesty of this young girl. He then ordered his servant to keep an eye on this house.

During the day, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - found out that this girl was the daughter of Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan bin Abdullah Saqafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and whose name was Umme Amaarah.

When Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - came to know about this that she was not yet married, he called all his sons and asked them which one was prepared to get married. Among his sons, Hadrat Asim - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied that he was prepared to marry this girl.

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then approached the family and had his son Hadrat Asim marry this young girl. The first child that was born was a girl whose name was Umme Asim. This was the granddaughter of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. When she became mature, she married the son of Marwan bin Hakam whose name was Abdul Aziz. From this marriage, the first child born was a boy and his mother, Umme Asim, gave him the same name as her grandfather, ‘Umar. This child later on was to become known as the famous Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him*.