

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وُلُودِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَأْنُ يُصْلِّي 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*

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## Dreams seen by the Pious

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There is no doubt that the dreams of good Muslims are certainly something which are considered as blessed. In the Hadith Shareef it is mentioned that nothing remains of Prophethood except good dreams which a good Muslim sees for himself or sees on behalf of another. (Mishkaat Shareef from Bukhari Shareef, 2/394)

There are many good dreams which have been seen by the pious Muslims and we will present a few of them so that it becomes a lesson for others.

It is mentioned that once someone saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him, “O Ameerul Mo’mineen, you used to point at your tongue and declare that it was through this, that you have fallen into a pit. How has Allah Almighty treated you?” He replied, “It is with this tongue that I had recited the Kalimah and it is through this utterance and through this tongue that I have entered Jannah.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with them* - mentions, “It was always my wish to see Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in my dream. However, a year later, I did see him in my dream. He was wiping the perspiration from his forehead. When he approached me, I asked, “O Ameerul Mo’mineen! What is your state?” He replied, “I only became free now from giving account of everything. And if Allah Almighty had not been Merciful and Kind, then certainly my feet would have slipped.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/430)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Hasan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that during his life time, his blessed father has seen a dream in which the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - appeared to him and he said to the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*, “O Prophet of Allah! Certainly great trouble has been caused to me through this Ummah.” The Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - said to him, “You should make Du’a in this fashion, ‘O Allah! Allow me to join better people than this and allow them to meet worse people.’” It is said that a few days after seeing this dream, he was martyred by Abdur Rahman bin Muljim Khaariji. (Ihya ul Uloom, 4/430)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with them* - one day mentioned ‘Inna lillaahi ...’ in a state of shock and rose from his sleep. He said, “Imam Husain has been martyred because I saw the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - carrying a container which had blood in it and was saying this is the blood of my son Husain and his companions. I am going to present this in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty”. Subsequently, fourteen days after this incident, news reached the people that Imam Husain - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had been martyred. (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431)

Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “Once, I saw the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*, Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with them* - in a dream. I then greeted them and sat in between the first two eminent leaders of Islam. Suddenly, I saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali and Hadrat Sayyiduna Ameer Mu’awiyah - *may Allah be pleased with them* - come forward and they then entered a house.

“The door of this house was also closed. Then very quickly Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - came outside from this house and declared, ‘By the Lord of the Ka’ba! A decision about me as been given (in my favour)”. And then later, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ameer Mu’awiyah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - appeared and declared, ‘By the Lord of the Ka’ba! I have been pardoned.” I then awoke from this dream.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Yaqub Qari Daqeeqi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I saw a very tall person in my dream and he was tan in complexion. Many people were also walking behind this person. Someone then informed me that this was Hadrat Sayyiduna Owais Qarani - *may Allah be pleased with him*. I then presented myself in front of him and asked, ‘Please give me some advice.’ He replied, ‘When you display love for Allah Almighty, then remember his Divine Mercy and when you commit any sin, then remember His punishment. Never cease your hope in Allah Almighty.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

It is mentioned that once someone saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Abu Hanifah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in his dream and asked him, “O Imam! How did Allah Almighty treat you?” He replied, ‘All Praise is due to Allah that I have been pardoned.’ This Saint then asked him, ‘Perhaps, it was due to your service to religion that you have been pardoned?’ He replied, ‘No! Allah Almighty had pardoned me only for one reason and that was, as much allegation and rumour people spread about me which I had not committed, I continued to display patience in the face of this.’” (Awliya Rijaalul Hadith, 30)

It is reported that once, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ma’ruf Kharkhi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - informed one of his friend, “When Imam Abu Yusuf passes away, you must please inform me.” This friend narrates that as he arrived at one door of the city, the Janaza of Imam Abu Yusuf - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was being carried. I then thought to myself that if I went and informed Hadrat Sayyiduna Ma’ruf Kharkhi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - certainly I will miss the Janaza Salaah. Therefore, I decided to join the Janaza Salaah and then went and informed him. When he heard this news, he continued to read ‘Inna lillaahi’ many times. He also continued showing regret at why he could not join the Janaza Salaah.

“He then told me, ‘I once saw a dream that I was entering Jannah and I saw a large mansion which was already prepared. The people were also saying this this mansion had been created for Imam Abu Yusuf - *may Allah be pleased with him*. This was in reward for his teaching of noble knowledge and religious knowledge. He displayed patience at the trouble which people created for him and because of this, Allah Almighty had bestowed this reward upon him.’” The great Saint passed away on the 15<sup>th</sup> of Rabi ul Awwal 182 A.H. His Mazaar Shareef is also in Baghdad Shareef. (Awliya Rijaalul Hadith and Ihya ul Ulum, 40)

It is reported that once, someone saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Malik - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him, “Through which action of yours were you pardoned?” The great Imam replied, “Only one statement of mine was liked by Allah Almighty and it was through this statement that I was pardoned. It is the same statement that Hadrat Sayyiduna Uthman Ghani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to mention when he saw any Janaza. He used to say, ‘Glory be to that Divine Being who never dies.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Rabee bin Sulayman - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that he once saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him his condition. He replied. “The Most Merciful Creator allowed me to sit on a golden chair and shining and sparkling pearls were scattered around me.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

It is mentioned that on the night that the great Saint, Hadrat Sayyiduna Hasan Basri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - passed away, one of his students heard someone declaring in a dream, “Without doubt, Allah has chosen Adam and Nuh and Ebrahim and his family and Imran and his family and has blessed them with excellence over all creation and has blessed Hasan Basri with excellence over all of his generation.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

When the great teacher and scholar, Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - passed away people saw him in their dream and asked what had happened to him. He replied, “I placed one foot on the Pulsirat and the other foot in Jannah.” Hadrat Sayyiduna ibn Ayniyah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - also

mentions that he saw Hadrat Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* – in his dream and he was flying from one tree to the other and was saying, “For this reward, those who make amal should make amal.” I then asked him to give me advice and he replied, “Mix very little with the people of the world.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ebrahim bin Isaaq Harabi - *may Allah be pleased with him*, who was considered a very eminent scholar and Saint, narrates that, “I once saw the wife of Harun Rashid, Zubaidah Khatun, in a dream and asked her, ‘What did you experience?’ She replied, ‘I was pardoned.’ I then asked, ‘Perhaps the reason you were pardoned was because of your immense generosity of building a canal on the road to Mecca Shareef?’ She replied, ‘The reward of that was given to the actual owners of the wealth which was in the Baitul Maal and through which I had ordered the construction of this canal. I was pardoned because of my good intention.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/432)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ayub Sakhiyani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was considered a very eminent Muhaddith and Islamic scholar of his generation. One day, he saw the Janaza of someone passing by and because he felt that this person was a sinner, instead of joining the Janaza, he quietly went into his house. In other words, he did not read this Janaza Salaah. On the other side of the town, someone saw this person in a dream and asked him what had happened to him. The person replied, “My Lord is certainly All Forgiving and All Merciful. He had indeed pardoned me and He has also told me that you should inform Ayub Muhadith that indeed if you people were the ones who held the keys to the Divine Mercy of Allah because you fear loss, you would be very miserly in spending this (Divine Mercy).” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Daud Ta’i - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was considered as one of the giants among the students of Imam Abu Hanifah - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He had completely divorced himself from the world and spent all of his time in ibaadah. On the night that he passed away, many Masha’ikh saw themselves in Jannah and it was being decorated. There was Nur everywhere. On inquiry about what was happening and what was the reason for this special night, a voice was heard, ‘On this night, Daud Ta’i will pass away and everywhere, the Angels have congregated and have beautified everything ready to welcome his soul.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

It is mentioned that Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullaah ibn Mubaarak - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was one of the eminent students of Imam Abu Hanifah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and was also considered as “Raeesul Fuqaha” and “Uztaadul Muhaditheen”. Allama ibn Raashid says that he once saw this Saint in a dream and asked him whether he had already passed away. He replied that indeed he had passed away. He then asked this Saint about the state of Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and he replied, “What can I say about him! His soul is with the Ambiya, the Siddiqueen, the martyrs and the pious.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

Someone once saw a famous Saint in a dream and asked him what had happened to him and what his state was. He replied, “Allah Almighty had pardoned me and then allowed me to enter Jannah. He then called me back and asked me whether there was anything in Jannah which I had liked. I replied that I had no attraction for anything in Jannah. He then declared, ‘If there was anything you had liked in Jannah, I would have surrendered you to Jannah but you would not have seen Me.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr bin Maryam Muhaadith - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I once saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Waraqah bin Bishar Hadrami - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him what had happened to him. He replied, ‘After great difficulty, I was pardoned.’ I then asked him which action he had found to be the most advantageous, he replied, ‘It was the act of crying day and night in fear of Allah.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/433)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Jaish bin Mubasshir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that he once saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Yahya bin Mo’een - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him what had happened to him after he had passed away. He replied, ‘I was pardoned and Allah Almighty blessed me with His Divine Vision on two occasions.’”

Pertaining to the same Saint, it is mentioned that a Saint in Baghdad Shareef once saw the Holy Prophet Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - in a dream and he was accompanied by the blessed Ashaab. They were going somewhere. When he asked, he was told that they were going for the Janaza of Yahya bin Mo’een. He was also informed by the Holy Prophet Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*

*him* - that, “This was that person who used to eliminate the lies from my Ahadith.” (Tahzeeb Al Tahzeeb, etc)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Kataani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who was among the eminent Masha’ikh and Saints, reveals, “I once saw an extremely handsome young man in my dream. I had never ever seen such a handsome young man before in my life. I then asked him who he was and replied, ‘My name is Taqwah (piety).’ I then asked him where he resided and he replied, ‘I live in all those hearts which are sad.’ I then saw an extremely ugly female who was completely black and asked her, ‘Who are you?’ She replied that she was ‘misdeed’. I then asked her where she resided and she replied, ‘I live in the hearts of those who always celebrate in happiness and those who have pride.’” Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Kataani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that he then awoke from this dream and made a promise that from that moment onwards, he will never laugh in his life until he does so involuntary. (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/432)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Saeed Kharraaz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - is considered among the eminent Awliyah. He narrates, “One night I saw the Satan in a dream. I took a stick to hit him. However, he displayed no fear at all. Suddenly I heard a voice say. ‘O Abu Saeed! This is Iblis, he does not fear a stick, however, he fears and is terrified for that person in whose heart there is found the Nur of Imaan.’”

The same saint also narrates another dream when he was in Damascus. He narrates, “I once saw the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - in a dream and he was accompanied by Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. At that moment, I was also signing at the top of my voice. When the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - saw this, he declared, ‘O Abu Saeed! Its mischief is more than its good.’” (Ihyu ul Ulum, 4/432)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ahmed bin Abil Hawaari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - is also considered among the eminent Awliyah of his era. He narrates, “One night I saw my female slave in a dream and I noticed that her face was shining with Nur. I then asked her, ‘How did your face achieve such Nur’. She replied, ‘Do you not remember? One night you wept so much in fear of Allah that in a fit of love and admiration for this act

of yours, I took some of those of tears and wiped it on my face. This Nur on my face has been created from those tears.”” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/432)

Zubair bin Na’em Maabi narrates, “Once, in a dream, I saw Yahya bin Saeed Qattaan is was the famous Muhaddith. He was also wearing a kurta and on this kurta, I saw the words written, ‘This is a note from Allah Almighty that indeed Yahya bin Saeed Qattaan has been saved from the Fire of Hell.’” (Tahzeeb Al Tahzeeb)

It is also mentioned that someone saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Khateeb Baghdadi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him his condition in the Hereafter. He replied, “I am at peace and comfortable and in Jannah.” (Bustanul Muhadditheen)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Mansur bin Ismail - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I once saw Abdullah Hazaar Muhaddith in a dream and asked how he had been treated in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty. He replied, ‘Whatever sins I had admitted to, Allah Almighty had pardoned all of those sins. However, there was one sin which I did not admit and I was left standing in my own perspiration until even the flesh on my face began to fall off.’ I then asked him which sin this was and he replied, ‘I once saw a handsome young man and I was enamoured by this person and because of this immense embarrassment, I could not admit to this sin in front of the Allah Almighty.’” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Jafer Sayd-laani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I once saw the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - in a dream and he was sitting among a gathering of the poor. I also sat among these people. Suddenly, the heavens opened and two Angels came down. One had a jug of water and the other had a tray. These Angels then washed the hands of the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and he then instructed them to wash the hands of everyone else. However, when it came to my turn, one said to the other, ‘this person is not among these people.’ However, I called out, ‘O Prophet of Allah! Is this not your Hadith Shareef, ‘a person will be with those whom he loves?’ The Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - replied that yes, this was his Hadith. I then said to the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - that I also loved and admire these poor people and Faqeers. The Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace*

*and blessings be upon him* - then commanded the Angel to wash my hands as well as I was also among these people.” (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Mohammed bin Qada - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that he once saw the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - in a dream and the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - advised him, “You people should continue to visit Abdullah bin Aun because he is also a beloved of Allah.” (Tahzeeb At Tahzeeb)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Saleh bin Mubashir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I once saw Hadrat Sayyiduna Ataa bin Salamah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him, “You were very sad while you were in the world, what is your state now?” He replied, “When I arrived here, I am in great comfort and in eternal bliss.” I then asked him his state and he mentioned that he was in the company of the Prophets, the Siddiqueen, the Martyrs and the Pious.” It is mentioned that Hadrat Sayyiduna Ata Salamah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was considered as one of the eminent Muhaddith of his era and also among the great Awliyah of his age. (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/431/432)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Yazeed bin Maz’ur - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates, “I once saw the great Muhaddith, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Awzaa’i - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in a dream and asked him, ‘Please advise me about an action through which I can achieve the closeness of the Allah Almighty.’ He replied, ‘I have not seen a higher rank among people except for the ‘Ulama and the poor.’”. Bear in mind that Hadrat Sayyiduna Yazeed bin Maz’ur - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was extremely old and he used to weep so much in fear of Allah Almighty that he actually lost his vision. (Ihya ul Ulum, 4/432)

Such is the behaviour of the Awliya when it comes to laugh and play and yet, we spend our entire life in sport and play and laughter as if death will never come to us. We should indeed learn a lesson for the lives of the Awliya.