

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*

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## Hadrat Amar bin al Aaz's Intelligence

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His full name is Amar bin Al Aas bin Hashim bin Waa'il Qurayshi Sahmi. His title is Abu Abdullah and Abu Mohammed. He accepted Islam just before the conquest of Mecca Shareef. He passed away in 43 A.H at the age of 90. Hadrat Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'awiyah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had also nominated him as the Governor of Egypt. He was also considered as one of the most intelligent and wise Arabs of his era.

It is mentioned that once after he had conquered a place called Qisaariyah he camped outside Ghazza. When he had placed his camp there, the leader of Ghazza then sent him a message that he should send one of his companions to him so that they could have a discussion.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - realised that the best person to have a discussion would be him instead of any of his companions. He then decided to go but hid his true identity from the person. When he started to speak, the leader of Ghazza was shocked because he had never heard someone speak so intelligently before. This person then asked that he should have sent another companion but he replied that he was the simplest person in his camp, hence they had sent him instead.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - knew that the leader of Ghazza had an evil plan and he did not want to endanger any of the other Muslims. The leader of Ghazza then ordered that Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - be given many gifts but silently, he also informed his guards on the outer wall that when this person passes them, they should have him killed.

As Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was walking out of the camp, he met a Christian who was walking on one of the streets. The Christian also recognized who he was and said to him, "You have walked in very easily and with comfort, make sure that you also walk out in comfort and ease."

When he heard these words, Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - understood the true meaning of these words. He then returned to the leader of Ghazza who was surprised to see him return and asked him why he had returned. He replied, "These gifts which you have given me, they are not enough for my other ten cousins. Therefore, I kindly request you to please take back these gifts and also allow me to go back and return with my other cousins. It would be better that instead of one person receiving this gift, all of them personally receive these gifts."

The leader of Ghazza was happy and allowed him to return safely. When Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - left the inner walls of this fort, he made a promise that he would never allow himself to place himself in such danger again.

When this same area of Ghazza was later captured by the Muslims through negotiations, Hadrat Sayyiduna Amar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - did meet this leader again. When the leader of Ghazza saw him and recognized his true position, he was obviously shocked and surprised.

Through his vast intelligence of people and the manner in which they plot and scheme, he was able to save himself and many Muslims under his command.

A Muslim in his everyday living should also adopt the same attitude and behaviour and never allow himself to be deceived and hood-winked by enemies. Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - once mentioned that, “I do not deceive and never allow myself to be deceived.”