

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*

His Cause of Forgetfulness

It is mentioned that Abul Manzar Hishaam bin Mohamed Al Kulaini is considered an expert in family history and genealogy. There is no need to explain his authentic status in this faculty. Many of his books are prime examples of his mastery in this department. At the same time, none of this can be achieved if one does not have amazing powers of memory.

Ibn Kalakaan has mentioned an amazing incident recorded from Khateeb Baghdadi which is quite strange and unusual.

It is mentioned that once Imam Kulayni - *may Allah be pleased with him* - arrived in Baghdad Shareef and he mentioned that he had such memory that very few people had and he had such powers to forget that very few people had. He says, "I had an uncle who used to always scold me to become a Haafiz of the Qur'an. I entered my room and took an oath that I will never come out of my room until and unless I did not memorize

the complete Qur'an. Within three days, I had memorized the entire Qur'an. The reason that I attribute to forgetting the Qur'an is that one day I was looking in a mirror and decided I will trim my beard which was more than a fist length. However, I suddenly cut more than a fist full." (Waafi yaat Al Ayaan, Ibn Kalakaan)