

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْأَدْمَرِ 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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## Imam ibn Sereen and Dreams

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Once a person saw a dream in which he was pouring olive oil on the roots of an olive tree. He then came to Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam ibn Sereen - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and revealed his dream. The eminent Imam asked him, "Do you have a female slave that you have intercourse with?" He replied that indeed he had. Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam ibn Sereen - *may Allah be pleased with him* - replied that this female slave was his mother. On investigation, he also came to know that this was the truth.

This also proves that Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam ibn Sereen - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had immense Knowledge of the Unseen and had been blessed with spiritual perception. In fact, he was considered such an authentic authority on dreams that whoever approached him, he always revealed the truth to them.

The famous story of Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Abu Hanifah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - is well known to everyone. The great Imam once saw a dream that he was digging

up the blessed grave of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and after he had done this, he had embraced the blessed body of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

Obviously, he was extremely concerned about this dream. This was also at that time when the eminent Imam was still a young man. He then decided to visit Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam ibn Sereen - *may Allah be pleased with him* - to find out the meaning of his dream. When he was informed about this dream, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam ibn Sereen - *may Allah be pleased with him* - declared, "O Abu Hanifah! You are certainly a very fortunate person. The meaning of this is that you would spread the message, (Hadith), of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - all over the world." This was certainly proven true.

It is also mentioned that, that which is revealed by the true Muslim in a state of spiritual ecstasy, that is indeed Taqdir and what Allah Almighty are destined.