

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

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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*

Life of 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz

This is a short description of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz – *may Allah be pleased with him*.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Mohammed bin Sa'ad – *may Allah be pleased with him* – mentions that, “His full name Umar bin Abdul Aziz bin Marwan bin Hakam bin Abi Al Aas bin Ameer bin Abde Shams and his mother name was Umme Aasim binte Aasim bin Umar bin Khattab. His title was Abu Hafz. He was born in 63 A.H. in Madina Shareef and it was also the same year that Ummul Mo'mineen, Hadrat Sayyidah Maymunah – *may Allah be pleased with her* – passed away. (Tabqaat Al Kubra, Taarikh Al Islam)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abbas bin Raashid – *may Allah be pleased with him* – mentions that once, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz – *may Allah be pleased with him* – came in front of us and when he decided to return, his master informed him to accompany the great Muslim. He narrates, “I then jumped on a horse and also joined him. When

we passed a certain valley, we found a dead snake on the road. Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - jumped off his animal and buried the snake. He then jumped on his animal and began our journey again. Suddenly, we heard a voice from the unknown calling out, 'Ya Kharqaa Ya Kharqaa'. We could not see anyone though. Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then asked, "O Invisible Voice, I ask you in the Divine Name of te Allah Almighty that if you can present yourself, please do so and please reveal to us who this Kharqaa is."

The Unseen Voice declared, "Kharqaa is the name of the snake which you had just buried. One day, I heard the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - say to this person, "O Kharqaa! You will pass away on a certain plain and the greatest believer of his generation will bury you."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then said to this voice, "May Allah have Mercy on you, who are you?"

The voice replied, "We are those seven Jinnat who swore allegiance to the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - in this valley."

He then asked whether they had indeed heard these words from the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. The voice replied that indeed they had heard this directly from the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. When the great Muslim heard this, his eyes filled with tears and they departed from that spot. (Taarikh Dimishq; Hulyatul Awliyah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Mujaahid - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, "The Khulafah Raashideen and the rightly-guided leaders of Islam are seven. Five of them have passed away and two remain." Hadrat Sayyiduna Khaarijah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that the five are the four rightly-guided Khulafah and the fifth is Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him*. (Sunan Abu Daud)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Zaid bin Aslam - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, "Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had a small box and in this box he had a woollen jubbah and an iron necklace which was placed

around his neck. There was also a special room in the middle of his residence and besides him, no one else entered this room. This is where he used to read his Salaah and make his Ibadah. When the final hours of the night appeared, he used to open this box and place the iron chain around his neck (as a mark of immense humility) and wear the rough woollen jubbah and cry out to Allah Almighty until the appearance of Fajr. After this, he used to replace these items in the box and he did this his entire life. (Hulyatul Awliyah)

His independence from the world and his fear for Allah.

The neighbour of this great Muslim, Hadrat Sayyiduna Haarith bin Zaid - *may Allah be pleased with him*, mentions that, “I swear by Allah Almighty that when the dead of night appeared and the stars became bright, he used to become uneasy as people who are unwell and he used to weep like a person in immense grief. It was like he was uttering these words, ‘O Dunya! Why do you follow me or why are you interested in me? Get away from me and go and deceive someone else. I have given you three talaaq and do not return to me. Your age is little, your taste is despicable and your dangers are many. How tragic, the provisions on your road are little, the path is long and the dangers are immense.’

“When he used to complete his Salaah, he used to place the Qur'an on his lap and his beard became wet with tears. Whenever he used to recite any verse which mentioned fear for Allah Almighty, he used to recite this many times over and because of his immense weeping, he could not go further. This continued until the break of dawn.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Yazeed bin Khoshab - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “I have never seen people who displayed so much of fear for Allah Almighty than Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Hasan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him*. It is was as if the Fire of Hell had actually been created only for them. Whenever he used to mention death, his blessed body used to tremble without control.” (Tabqaat Al Kubra, Hulyatul Awliyah)

It is mentioned that once day, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - recited the 61st verse of Surah Yunus which is:

وَمَا تَكُونُ فِي شَاءٍ وَمَا تَثْلُوا مِنْهُ مِنْ قُرْآنٍ وَلَا تَعْمَلُونَ مِنْ عَمَلٍ إِلَّا كُنَّا
عَلَيْكُمْ شُهُودًا إِذْ تُفِيضُونَ فِيهِ وَمَا يَعْزِبُ عَنْ رَبِّكَ مِنْ مِثْقَالٍ ذَرَّةٍ فِي
الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَااءِ وَلَا أَصْغَرَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ وَلَا أَكْبَرُ إِلَّا فِي كِتَابٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿١١﴾

And whatever work you are engaged in and recite a part of the Qur'an from Him, and whatever you people do, We are Witness upon you from the time you begin it; and there is nothing in the earth or in the heaven worth the weight of the smallest particle hidden from your Lord, nor anything smaller or greater than it, which is not recorded in a clear Book.

It is mentioned that he displayed such immense fear and humility and wept so much that the people in his house heard him weeping. His blessed wife, Sayyidah Faatimah - *may Allah be pleased with her* - approached him and after hearing him, she also began to weep. With them, the rest of the family also began to weep.

When his son, Abdul Malik appeared, he asked, "O my beloved father, what has made you weep so much?" He replied, "My beloved son, it was the wish of your father that the word does not recognize him and he does not recognize the world, but I swear by Allah Almighty that now I am fearful that perchance I do not become a dweller of Hell". (Ibn Abid Dunya)

Look at this blessed Muslim, who, in spite of being one of the greatest Muslims of his era, weeps with the fear of Allah Almighty, and we who are committing sins and transgression all the time, display no fear for Allah Almighty at all. In fact, it is mentioned that twelve years after he passed away, he mentioned to someone, "I have just completed giving account."

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ataa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, "Every night, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to call together the Jurists and they used to discuss death, Qiyamah and the Hereafter. All of

them used to weep in such a manner as if there is a Janazah in front of them.” (Taarikh Dimishq, Taarik Khulafah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna ibn Habban - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “Once I performed Salaah behind the eminent Muslim and recited the 24th verse of Surah As Saffaat and he continued to read this verse without stopping. In fact, he wept so much that he could not go further.” (Ibn Abid Dunya)

In the Tafseer of this verse, it is mentioned that there is a Hadith Shareef which explains that on the Day of Judgement a person will not be able to move forward until and unless, four questions are not answered. The first is how he spent his life. How did he practise on his knowledge? Where did he acquire his wealth from and where did he spent it and the fourth is how did he use his body.” (Khaza’iinul Irfaan)

Concern for the Hereafter.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Sufyan Thouri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that once Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was sitting silently while his companions was busy in conversation. He was asked, “O Ameerul Mo’mineen! What has happened that you are not saying anything?” He replied, “I am thinking about the Ahle Jannah and how they will see each other in Jannah and I also thinking of hell and how people will scream in this place.” He then started to weep. (Ibn Abid Dunya)

A certain pious from Khuraasan mentions that when Khalifah Abu Jafir decided to visit Baitul Muqaddas, he decided to stay at the same place which belonged to a certain Monk and where Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had also stayed once before. He then asked the Monk, “Tell me, what the most strange thing you saw in Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him*? ”

The Monk replied, “Yes, one night, he was living in the room above me. The room was also made from marble. I was sleeping below on one corner. However, suddenly I felt water coming from the gutter above me and it was falling on my chest. I thought to myself that this is indeed very strange because there was no sign of rain outside. I then

decided to go on the roof to see what was actually happening. When I arrived there, I saw Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who was in Sajdah. He was weeping so much that his tears were flowing towards the gutter.” (Al Marji’us Saabiq)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Hasan bin Hasan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - also mentions that he had even seen the eminent Muslim actually shed tears of blood. (Az Zuhd, Imam Ahmed bin Hambal)

It is mentioned that from the moment he became the leader of the Muslims, no personal item of his increased, either in wealth, in wives, in possessions or in property until he passed away.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Muhaajir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that once the eminent Muslim informed him, “When you see that I have moved away from the truth, then you must grab me by the neck and shout, ‘O Umar! What are you doing?’” (Hulyatul Awliyah)

It is strange that here is someone who is a complete Muslim but displays such immense fear. However, when we look around today, there are hardly any proper Muslims to be seen who display any fear. Bear in mind that the world is a mirror of the Hereafter. What you do in the world today, you will see in the Hereafter. If you are truly intelligent, you should weep for your actions now before it is too late.

It was the habit of the great Muslims of the past that whatever they received, they used to convey it for themselves for the Hereafter. Yet, we spend our day and night in complete ignorance of Allah Almighty and when we perform a few Salaah, we suddenly think that we are greatest Muslims on earth. We also behave as if Allah Almighty owes us something, Astaghfirullah. Where is your Salaah and where is the Salaah of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him*?

His immense piety.

It is mentioned that whenever wealth used to come to Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - from Yemen in the form of Khiraaj (or

taxes) he used to place it in the Baitul Maal and spend the night in darkness. He used to say to people, “Whenever I am busy discussing with the ordinary people, I use the light from the Baitul Maal and whenever I awake for my personal work, then I use my own money to burn the lamp.” (Tabqaat Al Kubra)

It is mentioned that one day some Khiraaj arrived from Yemen and among these goods there was also Ambar (which is a special scent or fragrance). When the first part of this was presented to Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - he ordered that it placed in the Baitul Maal. He then ordered that the Ambar be brought forward and also covered his nose. He also ordered that this placed in the Baitul Maal. Someone mentioned to him, “Hadrat! This is Ambar, it will not become less or decrease if you smell it.” He replied, “Yes, but one is able to acquire benefit from merely smelling it.” (Hulyatul Awliyah, etc)

It is mentioned that once, his daughter sent him a single piece of brightly coloured pearl and mentioned to him that if he had another like this, she would appreciate that it is sent to her so that she could place this on her ears as earrings. When he got her message, he sent two pieces of hot coal to her and mentioned that if she could bear the heat of these coal on her ear, he would gladly send her the other pearl.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Esa bin Sanaan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that the great Muslim never built a house for himself. When Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was asked about this, he mentioned that this was the Sunnah of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - left the world in this state.” (Shuhubul Imaan)

One of the Saints in his era mentioned that there was a staircase which Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to use and this staircase always used to creak. In fact, due to its old age and weakness, this staircase was not very solid. One day, one of his friends decided to straighten the staircase with some mud. One day, when the great Muslim climbed this stair, he noticed that there was no sound coming from it. He then inquired about what had happened and the people informed him that a certain person had made it stronger. He then requested that the stair be returned to its original state. Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be*

pleased with him - also mentioned, "From the moment I became the leader of the Muslims, I made a promise that I will never build a house or a wall for myself."

Yet, there are people in the world who spend their entire life building walls and buildings. There is more harm in this than benefit. The eminent Muslims used to build their Hereafter and allow their world to become old while we are destroying the Hereafter and building the Dunya.

Imam Awzaa'i - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that on most occasions, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to make Iftaar and Sehri with simple vegetables. On most occasions he used to merely add some salt in his bread and consume this. One day, someone presented him a gift or Toufah with a plate on which there were many types of fruits. However, without eating anything, he returned the entire plate to the person. He was then asked, "Did the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - not accept gifts?" He replied, "Yes, why not, but that gifts that were sent to the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - were gifts in the true sense but later on, people send these gifts as a bribe." (Hulyatul Awliyah)

The great Muslim used to always restrict his Nafs or carnal desires and used to give people many gifts himself. Hadrat Sayyiduna Khuzayman Abu Mohammed Aabid - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the great Muslim has stated that, "Whenever I give something in abundance, I always think low of it because I consider it a source of embarrassment to ask for Jannah for my brother and yet, I am miserly when it comes to giving him wealth." (Ibn Abid Dunya)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman bin Zaid Khattab - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, "He only ruled for about two and a half years and just before he could pass away, someone brought a huge amount of wealth and presented it to him. The person also informed him that he could spend it wherever he was wanted. However this person had to return with his wealth because Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had given so much of gifts to people under his control that there was no one left to give anything to. (Dalaailun Nubuwah)

He fanned his own female slave.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Nadr bin Sahl - *may Allah be pleased with him* - reports from his father that, “One day, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked his one female slave to fan him so that he could fall off to sleep. She then began to fan him and he dozed off. However, since the female was also feeling sleepy, she also dozed off. When the great Muslim awoke, he noticed that the female slave was sleeping and instead of saying anything, he also started to fan her. When the female slave awoke, she was obviously shocked. She also started to tremble. However, he mentioned to her, “You are also a human like me and you also feel hot as I do and that is why I decided to fan you as you had done for me.” (Al Bidaayah)

There is no doubt that the pious Muslims of the past had made simplicity and piety part of the general make up. They were covered in piety and used to protect themselves against the deceit and fraud of the world. The world appeared in front of them in attractive and different colours but they refused to accept any of it for the Hereafter. Muslims should learn a lesson from this and style their lives according to the great Muslims. Those who have captured by the world, how many of them had worn the clothes of disgrace ignominy.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Hilal bin Qais - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - became sick in the month of Rajab 101 A.H. This illness lasted for twenty days.” (Tabqaat Al Kubra)

He was poisoned.

Waleed bin Hishaam states that, “I once met a Jew. Even before Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - became the Khalifah, this Jew informed me that he would become the next Khalifah and that he will be very just. When I met Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - after he became the Khalifah, I mentioned this to him. A few days later, this same Jew met me and asked me, ‘Did I not inform you that he will become the Khalifah very soon and the same thing happened which I had mentioned.’ I replied that indeed the same thing had happened. The Jew then mentioned to me that (Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* -) had been poisoned and that therefore he needed

to take care and also seek medication. When I met the great Muslim, I mentioned that story of the poison and he replied, ‘By Allah! I know the exact moment when I was poisoned and even if I got well by merely touching my ears or smelling a fragrance, still too, I will refuse.’” (Hulyatul Awliyah)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Mujaahid - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that when he was very ill, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - asked him, “What do the people say about me?”

I mentioned to him that the people are saying that black magic has been placed on you. He replied, “There is no black magic on me. Yes, I have been poisoned.” He then called one of his servants and asked him. “Why did you poison me?” The servant replied, “I was given one thousand Dinaars and also promised freedom.” The great Muslim then said to him, “Go and bring that one thousand dinaars.” When the servant returned with this, he ordered him to place it in the Baitul Maal (so that it could be property of the needy Muslims) and also said to him, “You may go wherever you want from now and you are also free.” (Sayr ‘Alaamul Nubla)

A dream in which he saw his good ending.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Hazim - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “Once I saw the great Muslim who was sleeping because of a certain illness. As I observed him, I saw that he once cried and then smiled. When he opened his eyes, I asked him, ‘O Ameerul Mo’mineen! What happened in the dream because I noticed that you wept and then smiled?’ He asked me whether I had actually seen this and I replied that not only had I seen it but everyone around me had also seen this.

He then explained, “I saw that the Day of Judgement had been established. After awaking from their graves, people were in one hundred and twenty rows. Of this, eighty rows were the Ummah of the Holy Prophet – *may Allah’s peace blessings be upon him*.

Suddenly a person called out, ‘Where is Abdullah bin Abi Quhafah?’ (This is Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr - *may Allah be pleased with him*). The great Muslim said ‘Labbaik’ and after this, the Angels presented him in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty. His

hisaab was extremely simple. When this had been completed, he was told to stand on the right, which is the direction of Jannah.

Thereafter, Ameerul Mo'mineen, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was brought forward and for him also, the hisaab was very simple and easy. The both companions, (Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar - *may Allah be pleased with them* - were then told to enter Jannah).

After that, Ameerul Mo'mineen, Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Uthman - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was brought forward and his hisaab was very easy and simple and he was told to enter Jannah.

Then Ameerul Mo'mineen, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was called forward and his hisaab was also easy and simple and he was told to enter Jannah.

Then someone asked, "Where is 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz?" When I heard this, I became to perspire and the Angel took me and placed me in front of the Divine Throne. Allah Almighty then asked me simple and easy questions and then pardoned my sins and asked me to enter Jannah.

I then passed an impotent body of what looked like a dead person to me. I then asked the Angels who this person was and they said that I could ask this person myself who he was. I then kicked this person with my foot and he raised his head and also opened his eyes a little. I asked him, 'Who are you?' He asked me who I was and I mentioned who I was. He then asked me how Allah Almighty had treated me and I replied that He had pardoned me and allowed me to enter Jannah like all the other rightly-guided Khulafah.

When he heard this, he congratulated me. I again asked him who he was and he replied, 'I am Hujjaj bin Yusuf Saqafi and when I was presented in Divine Court of Allah, I had found that He was extremely Angry with me. I was then killed again and again for every person I had murdered. And as for Hadrat Sayyiduna Saeed bin Jubair - *may Allah be pleased with him*, and in revenge for his killing, I was killed seventy times. Now I am

waiting for the Divine Decision of the Allah Almighty as everyone else is about whether I go into Jannah or enter the Fire of Hell.”” (Hulyatul Awliyah)

There is immense punishment for the mischievous and oppressors.

There is no doubt that there is immense punishment which awaits the oppressors and tyrants on the Day of Judgement. Sufficient for them is that they are considered as the “Ashraar”. In other words, the most mischievous. Once their punishment is given, it would be time for them to be humiliated. They have made their destination the Fire of Hell and others have captured their houses in this world. They will be left alone in the Fire of Hell being pelted with fire and stone. There will be no peace for them. Their tears will be like rivers but of no benefit to them. All the hopes and ambitions they had in the world have all been destroyed. How many innocent people were killed by Hujjaj bin Yusuf. He had completely forgotten like millions of others that he would have to face Allah Almighty one day. On the Day of Judgement when he arises, he would be in the group of the Faajirs. In Surah Ebrahim, verses 49,50,51, the Qur'an declares:

وَتَرَى الْمُجْرِمِينَ يَوْمَئِذٍ مُّقَرَّنِينَ فِي الْأَصْفَادِ ﴿٤٩﴾ سَرَابِيلُهُمْ مِّنْ قَطِرِ اِنْ
وَتَغْشُى وُجُوهُهُمُ النَّارُ ﴿٥٠﴾ لِيَجْرِيَ اللَّهُ كُلَّ نَفْسٍ مَا كَسَبَتْ طِ اِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعٌ
الْحِسَابِ

And on that day you will see the guilty linked together in chains. Their cloaks will be of pitch and fire will cover their faces. In order that Allah may repay each soul what it had earned; indeed Allah spends no time in judging the account.

Hadrat Moulana Sayed Na'eemudeen Muradabadi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in the Tafseer of this verse explains that, “In other words, their faces will become pitch black and they will have a foul smell and it will be made worse through the intense fire and flames. (Madaarik, Khaazin). In the Baydawi, it is mentioned that their bodies will be covered in resin or tar like substance.”

Musallimah bin Abdul Malik mentions that he presented himself in front of the great leader when he was close to passing away and asked him, “O Ameer’ul Mo’mineen! Who do you leave as a guardian for your family?” He replied, “I leave Allah Almighty as Protector for them and He is indeed the Protector of the pious.” (Tabqaat Al Kubra)

When he passed away, his blessed face shone.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Rajaa bin Hayya - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions, “During his last few moments, Hadrat Sayyiduna Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - called for me. He then said to me, ‘O Rajaa! You must perform my Ghusal and when people place the kafan over me and place me in the grave, you must open the kafan and look at my face because I have placed three leaders in the grave and when I opened their kafans, I noticed that their faces had turned black and they had turned away from the Qiblah.’

Hadrat Sayyiduna Rajaa bin Hayya - *may Allah be pleased with him* - explains that, ‘When the great Muslim passed away, I was among those who performed his Ghusal and after we had placed him in the grave and I opened the kafan to look at his face, he was still facing the Qiblah and his face was as bright as the 14th night moon. When I saw this, I was extremely joyous and happy.’ (Tabqaat Al Kubra)

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ubaidah bin Hasaan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that that when the great Muslim was about to pass away, he informed everyone to leave his room. At that moment, Musallimah bin Abdul Malik was also present and well as his sister, Sayyidah Fatimah - *may Allah be pleased with her*, who was the wife of the great Muslim. All of them stood at the doorway and they could hear him say, “Welcome to those with faces of Nur who are neither Jinn nor man.”

The narrator of this also mentions that they heard someone utter the following verse of the Qur'an but they could not see who it was. It was the 83rd verse of Surah Al Qasas which is:

ٌتِلْكَ الدَّارُ الْآخِرَةُ نَجْعَلُهَا لِلَّذِينَ لَا يُرِيدُونَ عُلُوًّا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فَسَادًا ط

وَالْعِقَبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ

This abode of the Hereafter - We make it for those who do not wish greatness in the land nor turmoil; and the Hereafter is only for the pious.

When the people entered the room, they found that Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had already passed away. His face was also facing the direction of the Qiblah and his eyes were closed. (Sayr 'Alaamun Nubla, Tabqaat Al Kubra).

Imam Awzaa'i - *may Allah be pleased with him* - has already reported that Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - once declared, "I do want the pangs to death to be easy upon me because this is the last action through which a Muslim achieves reward in this world." (Hulyatul Awliyah)

It is also reported that just before he could pass away, he called Musallimah bin Abdul Malik and said to him, "Please take two Dinaars from my personal money and buy a cheap cloth to cover me."

Musallimah replied, "O Ameerul Mo'mineen! How can a person of your stature be wrapped in such a cheap clothes?"

The great Muslim replied, "O Musallimah! If Allah Almighty is Pleased with me, I will be given something better in return and if Allah Almighty is Displeased with me, then this will be become fuel for the fire of Hell."

Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was buried in the city of Hums and he chose a piece of land which belonged to another person. He offered to purchase this small piece of land from the person but the person refused and said to him, "O Ameerul Mo'mineen! I swear by Allah that through your blessed grave I would achieve immense Barakah, therefore, I cannot accept any money from you." But he did not agree to this and still handed some money to the person.

His leadership lasted for around for two and half years and Hadrat Sayyiduna Khalid bin Rabee - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “In the Taurah, it is mentioned that the earth and heavens will mourn the passing of ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz for forty days.” (Hulyatul Awliyah)

The sadness of the people in Basrah.

It is mentioned that when the messengers of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to arrive in Basrah there was always joy and happiness because they knew that help had arrived for the poor and needy. As usual when these messengers arrived, the people were joyous but when they heard that the great Muslim had passed away, the entire city was steeped in sadness and grief. People mention that they could also hear the voices of Jinn around the area weeping at the passing of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him*.

A green paper which arrived while he was in Ibadah.

Musallimah bin Abdul Malik mentions that he saw Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - after his passing in a grave and asked him how Allah Almighty had treated him. He replied, “O Musallimah, now I am free. I swear by Allah that I never rested in the world.” When he was asked in which part of Jannah he was in, he replied, “I am in the company of the blessed and guided Imams and in Jannatul Adan.” (Taarikh Dimishq)

It is mentioned that during the night, Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to retire to a certain Masjid which were empty. He used to spend the entire night in the Masjid and at the time of Sehri, he used to place his head in Sajdah and place some sand on his face and used to weep until the time of Fajr. On one of this occasions, he suddenly found a green piece of paper in front of him whose Nur was until the heavens. On the paper was written the following words, “This is from the Supreme Divine Creator Who is All Powerful and Mighty. This is a message which guarantees freedom from the Fire of Hell which has been given to this slave, ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz.” (Tafseer Ruhul Bayaan)