

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*

Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'awiyah

The father of Hadrat Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'awiyah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Sufyan and Sayyidah Hindah binte Utbah - *may Allah be pleased with her* – was his mother. In their family tree, their fifth generation of predecessors meets that of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

In the days of ignorance, their clan, the Bani Ummayah, was considered as highly respected. After accepting Islam, he also took part in the Battle of Hunain and Taif. During the rule of Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*, he was nominated as the Governor in Damascus. When Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Uthman Ghani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - saw his immense quality and qualifications, he nominated him as the Governor of the whole of Syria.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Ameer Mu'awiyah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was a great thinker and strategist. He also established forts and various settlements in Syria. He also strengthened the Islamic borders and was the first to undertake a sea battle. He remained in power for twenty years. He passed away in the month of Rajab.

Once, the Emperor in Rome sent him a few questions, which were:

1. Which is that item from which everything comes and which is that which is not anything?
2. Which are those four things which has a soul but their existence is not through their parents.
3. Who is that who was born without a father?
4. What is the name of that person who was born without a mother?
5. What is a rainbow or the significance of this?
6. Which is that tree which can exist without water.
7. Which is that object which breathes but does not have a soul.

These questions were then shown to Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and the answers were given to each of them by the eminent companion.

1. Everything is created from water. In Surah Al Ambiyah, verse 30, the Qur'an declares:

أَوَلَمْ يَرِ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ كَانَتَا رَتْقًا
فَفَتَقْنَاهُمَا ۖ وَجَعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَاءِ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ حَيٍّ ۖ أَفَلَا يُؤْمِنُونَ ﴿٣٠﴾

“Did not the disbelievers observe that the heavens and the earth were together, so We parted them, and we made every living thing from water? So will they not accept faith?”

As for that which is nothing. It is the world which will eventually end and be destroyed.

2. As for those four things that came into existence without parents, they are, Nabi Adam – *peace be upon him*, Sayyidah Hawa - *may Allah be pleased with her*, the camel of Nabi Saleh – *peace be upon him* - and ram which appeared on behalf of Nabi Ismail – *peace be upon him*.
3. Nabi 'Isa – *peace be upon him* - was born without a father.
4. Hazrat Hawwa – *may Allah be pleased with her*.
5. The rainbow is a sign that people are protected from being drowned at that moment. In other words, the rain has stopped.
6. The tree which appears without water in the gourd tree. This also spread above Nabi Yunus – *peace be upon him*. In the Quran in Surah Saffaat, verse 146, the Qur'an declares that:

وَأَنْبَتْنَا عَلَيْهِ شَجَرَةً مِّنْ يَقْطِينٍ ﴿١٤٦﴾

“And We grew a tree of gourd (*as a shelter*) above him.”

7. That which breathes but does not possess a soul, it is the time of morning. In Surah Takweer, verse 18, the Qur'an declares:

وَالصُّبْحِ إِذَا تَنَفَّسَ ﴿١٨﴾

“And by the morning when it breathes.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - is the cousin brother of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and also the maternal cousin of Hadrat Sayyiduna Khalid bin Waleed - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He was also born in the Sh'ub Abi Talib or the valley of Abu Talib.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - once gave him a piece of food which he had chewed. He once also saw Jibra'eel Ameen appear in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*.

He was a great scholar and authority in Qur'an and Ahadith. He was also well learned in many branches of Islamic science. He was nominated as the Governor of Basrah by Hadrat Sayyiduna Ali - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and during the Battle of Siffin, he was one the side of the fourth Khalifah. He was passed away in Taif in 68 A.H. (Usdul Ghabah)