

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*

The Awliya are Alive in their Graves

The following incident is mentioned by Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis bin Maalik - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He narrates:

I once went to visit a young man who was very ill. A few moments later, he passed away. We closed his eyes and covered his face with a cloth. We then informed his mother that she should make Sabr. His mother then asked, “Has my son passed away?” We replied that yes, he had passed away. She asked us whether we were speaking the truth and we replied that we were speaking the truth.

His mother then raised her hands towards the sky and made Du'a. “O Allah! We have brought Imaan on You and we have migrated for the sake of Your beloved Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - and today a great difficulty had come

upon me. O Allah! Whenever I have called to You, You have always made my burden easier to handle. I implore you to remove this difficulty from me at this moment.” His mother then removed the cloth which hid his face and he was alive. This young man also partook of food with us.” (Man ‘Aasha Ba’adal Maut by ibn Abid Dunya).

This incident is recorded by this scholar in his treatise, *Mujaab Ad Da’wat* and it is considered a Hasan lighayrihi Hadith. Ibn Adi and Imam Bahiqi and Imam Abu Na’eem have recorded this in the *Ad Dalaa’il*.

In the Bahiqi, it is recorded from Ibn Tareeq Esa bin Yunus who reports from Abdullah who reports from Aun who reports from Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him*. In this report it is mentioned that this incident occurred in the time of Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*.

Hayat fil Qabr - a few incidents.

It is mentioned that one of the blessed companions unintentionally sat on a certain grave. He then heard someone reciting Surah Mulk from the grave. He then approached Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - and informed him about this. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - replied that indeed Surah Mulk is a form of platform which saves a person from punishment in the grave.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Jubair - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that, “I swear by that Being besides Whom no one else is fit to be worshipped that I placed Thaabit Banaani myself in the grave and with me. Hameed Taweel was also present. When we were placing the stones, one stone fell inside the grave and when we looked inside, he was reading his Salaah.”

Bear in mind that Hadrat Sayyiduna Thaabit Banaani - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was a student of Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis bin Malik - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He is also the person who narrated the Hadith that the “Prophets are alive in their graves and they also perform their Salaah.” He used to also continuously make Du’a to Allah Almighty in the following manner, “O Allah! If You allow anyone to stay alive in their grave besides the Prophets, I make Du’a I am among them.”

Hadrat Sayyiduna Jubair - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and Hadrat Sayyiduna Hameed - *may Allah be pleased with him* - both admit that they saw this with their own eyes that this Saint was still alive in his grave and was reading Salaah.

One person narrates, “I once dug a grave for a certain person when a brick fell in the grave next to him. I was then surprised to see a person sitting in his grave and his clothes were white. In his lap, he had a Qur’an which he was reading. He then raised his head and asked, ‘Has the Day of Judgement arrived?’ I said that no, it had not appeared. He then said to me, ‘If that is the case, then place the stone back in its position. Allah Almighty protect you.’ I then replaced the brick in its original position.”

Imam Bahiqi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in the *Dalaa’ilun Nubuwwah* narrates the story of Hadrat Sayyiduna ibn Meena - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He was once sitting against a certain grave when he heard a voice from the grave saying, “Awake from here, you have caused immense inconvenience for me.”

Shaikh Abdul Haq Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - states that near the residence of Shaikh Mohammed Turk - *may Allah be pleased with him*, there were two graves of martyrs. Both of them were also Huffaaz. In the grave, they used to revise the Qur’an and he used to also listen to their recital.

In the *Taarikh*, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Bukhari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - records an incident from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Ubaidullah Al Ansari - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who narrates that, “When we placed a person in the grave, he was saying that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah. Abu Bakr is Siddique. Umar is Shaheed and ‘Uthman is most trust worthy and soft-hearted.”

It is mentioned that once, there were a few people who were busy in singing Qawwali near the blessed grave of Hadrat Sayyiduna Qutbudeen Bakhtiyar Khaki - *may Allah be pleased with him*. A certain Aarif then went into Muraaqibah to find out the opinion of the great Saint. He then saw the great Saint in this state and the great Saint mentioned to him, “These ignoramus have caused inconvenience for me.” (Malfuz Shareef)

This also proves that the Awliyah are alive in their graves with their own original physical being. They also enjoy the Barakah of their pious deeds in their graves. They are also angry and displeased with any Bid'ah and evil innovation which takes place near their blessed graves.

There are numerous stories and incidents which prove to this fact. It also proves that life in the grave is certainly true. Yes, they also exist with their own physical body but the difference is that unlike the world, they have no need for food and drink.

The question is that at times, people see certain Saints walking among them, yet these Saints have passed away. They also see certain Saints suddenly appear and eat with people or perform certain duties in front of people. It is explained that there are two forms of the physical being and one of them is considered to be "Misaali." The soul of the Saint enters this form of physical being and this is when people are able to witness the actual being of the Saint. They are also able to perform the Hajj and Umrah and many others acts and deeds which people have seen them doing.

Hadrat Shah Wali'ullah Muhaddith Dehlwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates from his father that the latter was once walking on a certain pathway after completing his lesson with Hadrat Mirza Zaahid Herawi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - and on the road, he was reading a few couplets of Shaikh Saadi - *may Allah be pleased with him*. However, as he was reading these couplets, he forgot the last line. Suddenly a certain Derwish appeared from nowhere and recited this line to him. Shah Abdur Raheem mentions that he then asked this Derwish his name and the Derwish replied that his name was Saadi.