

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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*

The Condition of the three 'Ulama

Imam Jalaaludeen Abdur Rahman bin Abu Bakr Khadeeri Suyuti Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was an eminent Haafizul Hadith, a historian, a great writer and also considered as the Mujaddid of his era.

Imam Jalaaludeen Suyuti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was born in 840 A.H. He grew up in Cairo while he was an orphan. When he was five years old, his father passed away. He spent his entire life in writing, acquiring knowledge and passing this knowledge. There are numerous manuscripts of his which was written on every branch of knowledge and they number more than six hundred. There is not a branch of knowledge on which Imam Jalaaludeen Suyuti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - did not write a book on. He passed away in 911 A.H. (Al 'Alaam, 3/301)

Imam Jalaaludeen Suyuti - *may Allah be pleased with him* - used to shun the company of most people. The Sultan of that era invited him on a few occasions to his palace, but the great Imam refused to attend these invites. Whenever any presents and gifts were sent to him, he also refused to accept these as well.

In one of his masterpiece entitled “Husnul Muhaadirah” he explains that there were three eminent and pious ‘Ulama who had dedicated their entire life to the propagation of Islam. Protecting themselves from any fitnah and fasaad, they did not even accept employment from the Sultan himself. They were:

1. Mohammed bin Nasr,
2. Mohammed bin Jareer and
3. Mohammed bin Manzar.

These three eminent ‘Ulama used to sit in one room in Egypt and record the Ahadith Shareef. Once, as destined by the Allah Almighty, their finances which they had to maintain their unique life style ran out. There was nothing for them to eat as well. These ‘Ulama also decided that one of them should make an effort to acquire something from someone, but since they were so sincere in their mission, they felt it extremely embarrassing to ask anyone except Allah Almighty. They then decided to draw lots and whosever name appeared, that person would have to go and ask someone for something so that they could survive. One of the ‘Ulama’s names appeared after drawing lots.

This great scholar rose and before going anywhere, he read the Salaatul Haajaat. This is also a Sunnah. After reading this Salaah, he made a special Du'a in the Divine Court of Allah Almighty. This was also during midday when people were normally resting due to the immense heat. Suddenly, they heard a knock on the door and the person at the door mentioned, “There are three Mohammeds who live here?” They replied that was the so.

The person then said, “Please accept this one thousand Dinaars and this has been sent by the deputy of the ruler of Syria. As a matter of fact, it is said that he saw a dream and the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - said to him, ‘You are sleeping at this place and three Mohammeds have become helpless but to spread their hands in front of people?’ He became extremely disturbed by this and after finding your

whereabouts, he decided to send one thousand Dinaars as a gift to you and he also requested that you make a special Du'a for him.””

There is no doubt in the words and advice of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - that Allah Almighty has taken the responsibility of sending sustenance to a seeker of knowledge from such places which he has never thought of.

(This has also been mentioned by Imam Abu Daud and Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with them*).

Bear in mind that Mohammed bin Nasr Maruzi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was an eminent authority on Islamic Law and also an Imam in the Science of Hadith. He was also a master in deciphering the various different opinions of the Ashaab and the latter day 'Ulama. He was born in Baghdad Shareef in 202 A.H. and grew up in Nishapur. He then travelled to Egypt and finally settled in Samarkand. He passed away there in 294 A.H. He has also written many books.

Mohammed bin Jareer bin Yazeed Tabari's title was “Abu Jafer”. He was also an eminent Muhaddith, Jurists and a master in the Science of Tajweed and Qirah. He was also a very famous historian. He was born in 224 A.H. in Tabarastan and choose to live in Baghdad Shareef and passed away there in 310 A.H. He was presented many times with the position of Chief Justice but refused to accept this post. He has written many books and one of his important manuscripts is “Akhbaarur Rusul wal Muluk.” This is also well known as “Taarikh-e-Tabari”. He has also written another famous manuscript entitled, “Jaami’ul Bayaan fi Tafseerul Qur'an”. This is also known as Tafseer Tabari. (Al ‘Alaam, 6/69)

The advice of Sharf-e-Millat.

Hadrat Shaikhul Hadith, Moulana Abdul Hakeem Sharf Saheb - *may Allah be pleased with him* -explains that, “This was the manner of the pious 'Ulama of the past. They never asked anything from anyone except Allah Almighty. If ever they went to the court of any ruler, it was only for the purpose of serving the Muslims and not for their own personal wishes. This is also the reason that they refrained from visiting the courts of

many rulers. Some of them also had their own occupation and through this, they supported their Islamic work”.

The Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “He who relies on Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty is sufficient for him. He who trusts in Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty will make him independent. He who fears Allah Almighty, his fear will also decrease.” (Ibn Maja, 14)