

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْعَالَمِينَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرِضِّي بَانْ يُصْلِلُ 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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## The Forgiveness of the Awliya

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Among the amazing behaviour of the pious Awliyah has always been their power to pardon and forgive. This was in spite of the fact whether they had been insulted or ridiculed. They had learnt this amazing behaviour from Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him*. Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - also displayed immense forgiveness and mercy for people but at the same time they were extremely severe on anyone who broke Islamic law and regulation.

Imam Jafer bin Mohammed - *may Allah be pleased with him* - had stated that, “To become embarrassed of forgiving someone is worse than regretting one’s bad actions”.

Imam Haatim Asim - *may Allah be pleased with him* - has mentioned that, “It is not true equality that you think bad about those people who have disobeyed Allah Almighty and think that you have done nothing wrong.”

I, Abdul She'rani, admit that when one is angry or displeased with one's self or Nafs, it means that one should keep his Nafs hungry and do not lie on a bed and one should treat ones Nafs like how one treats a dangerous enemy.

Imam Abu Yazeed Bustami - *may Allah be pleased with him* - has stated that, "I called my Nafs to make the Ibadah of Allah but my Nafs refused to do so. As a punishment for my Nafs, I refused to feed it water for one complete year."

Imam ibn Zubair - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was once approached by a certain person who had committed a mistake. He then came down from his throne and kissing the ground, he pardoned the person.

Once, Imam Qatadah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was asked about who is the greatest of humans. He replied that person who forgives and pardons the most.

It is mentioned that once a female stole the shawl and personal copy of the Holy Qur'an which belonged to the eminent Saint, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Malik bin Dinaar - *may Allah be pleased with him*. When he noticed this, he ran behind the female and asked her to merely hand over the Holy Qur'an and that she could keep the shawl and nothing would happen to her.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed Muqri - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that the actual meaning of complete pardon is not to take revenge against that person who oppresses you. One should show mercy and should continue to ask for his forgiveness. This is proven from the incident of Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Malik - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who pardoned the person who punished him and the same has been shown by Hadrat Sayyiduna Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him*. He has also states that what harm will it cause to someone that through him someone is saved from punishment. (Ikhlaaq Salf; Tambeehul Mughtareen, Imam She'rani - *may Allah be pleased with him*)