

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 Kurta of Imam Hanbal

It is reported that one day, Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - sent a special message to Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that very soon he will face a tremendous test but will come out of this very successfully. This was indicating the fitnah which would appear in a few years in the form of the question of whether the Qur'an was creation or not.

In fact, it is mentioned that Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal - *may Allah be pleased with him* - was so overjoyed in seeing the messenger who came from Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - that he removed his kurta and gave it to the person.

When this messenger returned his showed the kurta to Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him*.

The great Imam asked, “Did this belong to Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Ahmed bin Hambal?”

The messenger replied that yes, it belonged to the Imam.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then asked him, “When he removed this kurta from his body, was he wearing any other clothing underneath.”

The person replied that no, he was not wearing anything under the kurta.

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - then kissed the kurta and placed it in a container of water. He then squeezed the kurta so that all the water would fall into another container. Later on, whenever someone came to him who was not well, he used to tell them to rub this water over their bodies and within a short time, these people were cured. (Awliyah Kehikhlaaq)