

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَنِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُدُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَالسَّلَامَ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلِيِّ الْأَدَمِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيُرْضِي إِنْ يُصْلِلَ 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 Value of the World

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Ibn Abid Dunya through a log chain of narrators records from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who mentions that, "Once, after leading the Asr Salaah, Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - addressed us and declared among things that, 'Be careful! The world is very sweet, green and fresh. There is no doubt that Allah Almighty has given you Khilafah in the world so that He may see what type of deeds you commit. Beware! Protect yourself from the world and protect yourself from females.' (This is part of a very lengthy Hadith Shareef which is found in Tirmidi, Ibn Maja, Musnad Imam Ahmed and Sahih Muslim, etc.)

Ibn Abid Dunya reports from Hadrat Hasan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who mentions that once Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - passed by some old dwellings and he noticed the body of a baby goat which had been thrown on one corner and whose body had not yet fully developed. In fact, there were also no hair on the body itself. He then asked, "Tell me, is there any value for this

corpse in the eyes of the owner?” The blessed Ashaab replied, “Because it has no value, hence it was thrown away.” Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - then declared, “I swear by that Divine Being in Whose Power is my life, with Allah, the value of this world is even less than the value of this corpse in the eyes of its owner.” Hadrat Hasan - *may Allah be pleased with him* - also admits that this incident was conveyed to him by someone who was present at that time.

Ibn Abid Dunya reports from Hadrat Basheer bin Ka’ab - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who used to always say that, “Come let me show you the actual reality of the world.” He used to then take them into a bazaar and to that place where the dirt and filth was thrown and then say to them, “Look at the state of the decomposing chicken, ducks and fruits and their state.” (This is the state of the dunya). (Ibn Asaakir)

Ibn Abid Dunya reports from Hadrat Mastur bin Shaddaad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who mentions that Sayyiduna Rasoolullah - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “The example of the world with the Hereafter is like a person who places his finger into the ocean and should ponder carefully on how much of water would actually touch his finger.” (In other words, as much as the water is found on his finger, so little is the world compared to the Hereafter.

The tragedy is that people spend days and nights working and collecting monies for something which is not even equal to the amount of water on one’s finger when dipped in the ocean. It is truly amazing. Hence, the statement that people have certainly become enemies of the brain. I mean in which part of the word stupidity this can be explained in.

Ibn Abid Dunya reports from Hadrat Sayyiduna Wahb bin Mambeh - *may Allah be pleased with him* - who mentions that, “There were a group of people travelling and suddenly they heard a voice say to them, ‘Beware, the world is only a place for rest for the traveller. Someone who completes what he needs to complete and then leaves. In fact, he does not even know sometimes why he has stopped here. (In other words, it was not his intention to stop at this place in the first instance). Beware! As the world raises you, in like manner it will let you fall very hard on your face.” (Kitaab Az Zuhd)