Divine instructions from the Imam of Age (atfs)

- Translation and short Commentary-

لَهُمُ ٱرْزُقْنَا تَوْفِينَ الطَّاعَةِ



اَلّلهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا تَوْفِيْقَ الطَّاعَةِ Dua Allahumma Arzuqna Taufiqa Taa'aa -as taught by Imam Mahdi (atfs)-

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PLEDGE TO THE IMAM OF AGE (ATFS)

I-2 For the heavenly cause we are ready for you

3-4 All day in your rememberance we shall soar

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Our problems need a fix

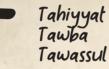
Your arrival we eagerly await

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Niyabat of Imam in Mustahabbs (Hajj, Ziyarat, Quran)

Bity of a Muntadhir



Endure Emulate



Dispel doubts, Disassociate, Dissimulation

Help needy especially shia' Happy Mu'mins

Admire Adore

Renew Bay'at Request increase of Ma'rifat, Mahabba, Twa'a and Wilayah

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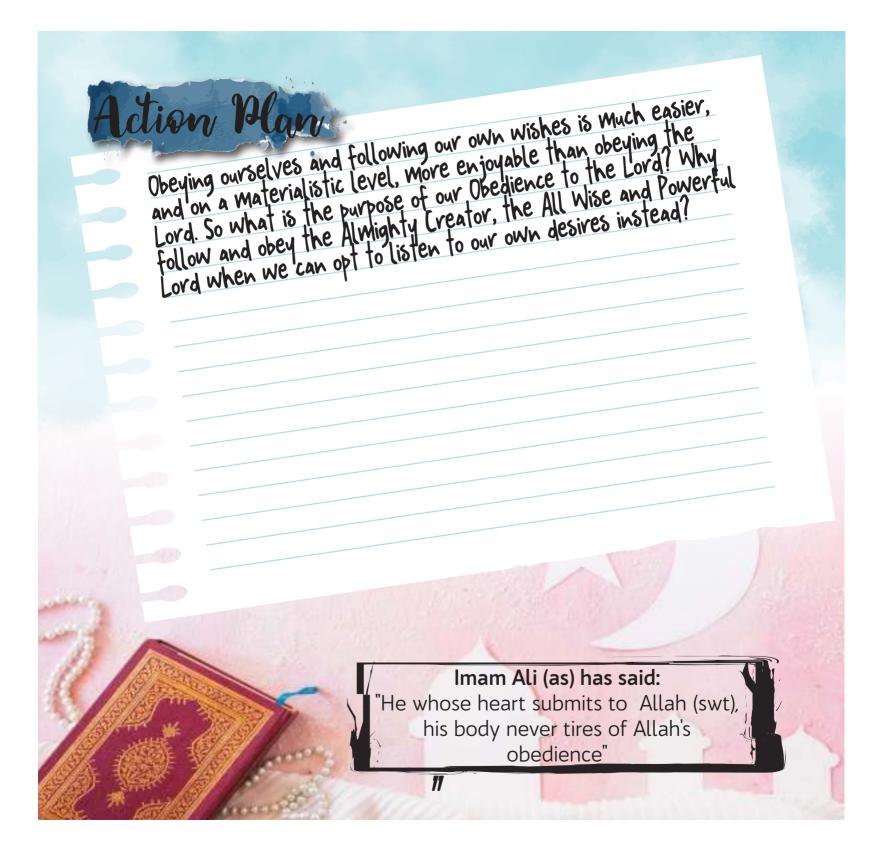
Imam Ali (as) has said: "Obey One who is above you (in Authority) and the one below you, will obey you."

بِسْم ٱللَّهِ ٱلرَّحْمٰنِ ٱلرَّحِيم

In the name of Allah, Source of general Mercy to all Humanity, Source of Grace to the Believers

اَلَّلَهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا تَوْفِيْقَ الطَّاعَةِ

O Lord! Provide us (*both material and spiritual rizq, especially*) firmness in obedience (*to Your commands, Messenger and Master - infallible guide and Imams*)



وَبُعْدَ ٱلْمَعْصِيَةِ

and aloofness from sins (*or we can't prepare for dhuhoor of Imam of virtuous and pious*)

Imam Ali (as) has said:

"How I wonder at people who keep away from certain type of food for fear of harm to themselves, and yet do not keep away from sins for fear of the fire." When you break the rules God has set for you, what are the consequences? Are there any repurcussions for God Himself, or does breaking the rule break you instead?

Action Plan

Imam Ali (as) has said: "Refraining from committing evil deed is better than performing good deeds."

Imam Ali (as) has said: "Blessed is he whose knowledge & practice, love & hate, acceptance & refusal, speech & silence, and words & actions are sincerely for the sake of Allah (swt)."

وَصِدْقَ ٱلنِّيَّةِ

and sincere intention (determined to please God alone and not others)



Action Plan

صدْقَ ٱلنَّيَّة - means to have sincere intentions. Why is it that when we are around people we feel like we should perform more mustahab and wajib acts compared to when we are alone?

Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said: Persevering with an action until it becomes pure and sincere is harder than (performing) the action itself."



وَعِرْفَانَ ٱلْحُرْمَةِ

and the knowledge of all that is held with respect (by You) (Sanctified Quran, Messenger, Imam, Ka'ba, the believer Mumin, Divine Orders, etc; to establish godliness)

Imam Ali (as) has said:

"The sanctuary of the mosque extends to 40 cubits, and its neighbouring precinct extends to 40 houses in all sides."

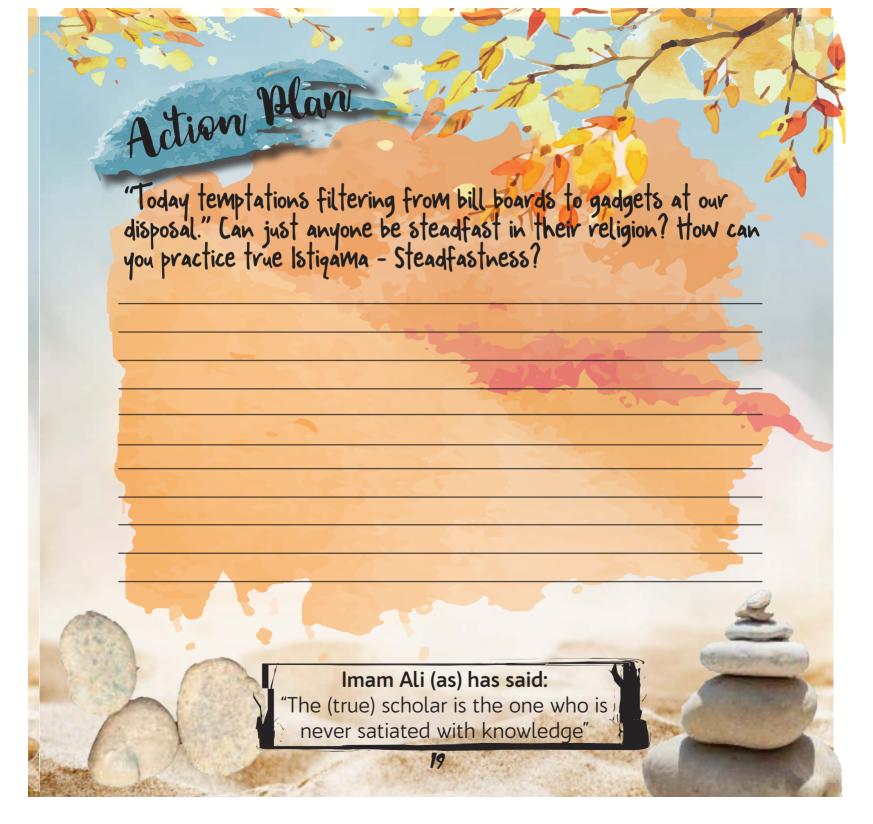




وَاكْرِمْنَا بِٱلْهُدَىٰ وَٱلْإِسْتِقَامَةِ

(O Lord!) Bestow on us guidance (*deep true pious faith*) & steadfastness (*not swayed by desires/devil*)

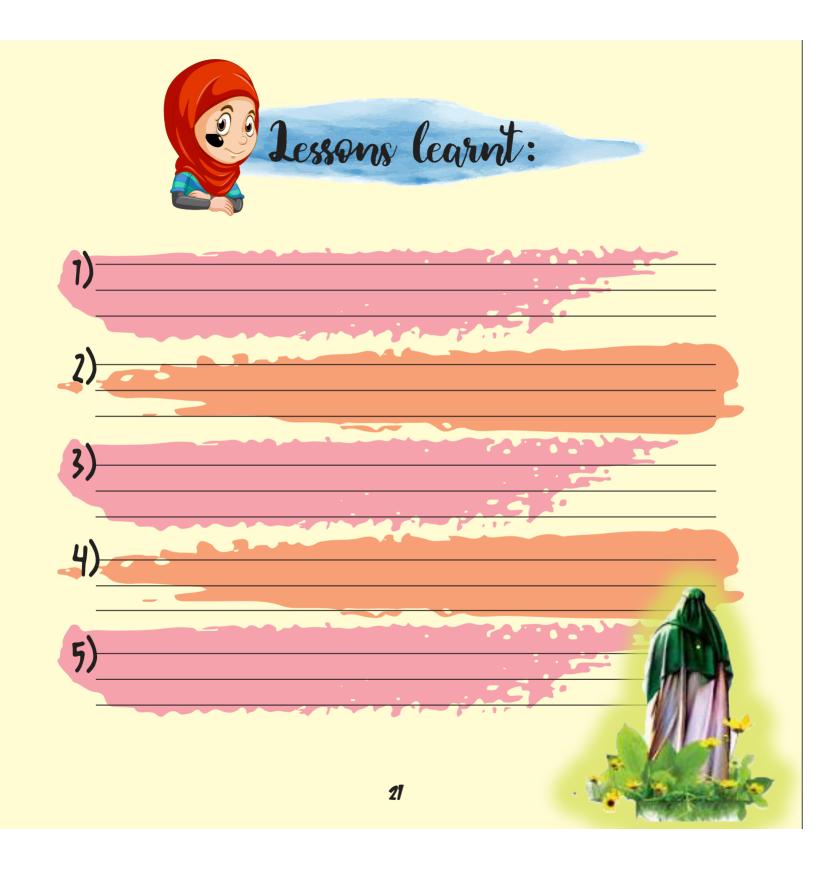
The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "He who does not increase in guidance inspite of an increase in his knoeldge only gets further away from Allah (swt)"





Lady Muhammadi was yearning to meet her Master, and during the days of mourning she sat facing Qibla and pleaded to the Imam that he should come to one of the 10 majlises her family held. She received inspiration that he would attend and so from the beginning, she set up a new seat and pillow for the Imam (AS) and instructed her husband not to let anyone else sit there. For 9 days she kept looking to see if sat in that spot but there was nothing. On the last day, her heart broken at the absence of the Imam, she cried while preparing food for the mourners. When she looked behind the curtain she saw a Sayyid sitting in the spot with no one attending to him. A beautiful fragrance encompassed her house. The Imam sat, ate a few morsels, participated in the supplications and left. At the end of the day, the lady asked her husband why didn't you attend to the Imam, and her husband told her that he nor anyone around him saw the gentleman, and they realized that the man was the Imam of the time (ATFS).





وَسَدِّدْ ٱلْسِنَتَنَا بِٱلصَّوَابِ وَٱلْحِكْمَةِ

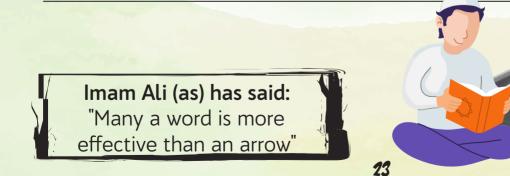
and strengthen our tongues (*if not guarded can harm us*) with the truth (*always speak truth even in jest*) and wisdom (*avoid foolish vain useless talk/text*)

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "An intelligent man reduces his speech in things that do not concern him."



Action Plan

We spend half our lives in vain and useless talk, and end up remorseful, regretting the time that we wasted and wishing we could get it back. How can we avoid spending so much time in vain talk?



وَامْلاً قُلُوْبَنَا بِالْعِلْمِ وَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ

Fill our hearts with (purest thoughts based on) knowledge (sincerely acquired from reliable sources) and learning (deep knowledge of Imam(af) leads to ma'rifa of God, Quran, Messenger, deen, Reality)

Imam Husayn (as) says: "The acquisition of knowledge is the seed _(for the growth of) inner knowledge." Action Everyone wants to be enlightened with Everyone wants to be enlightened with knowledge, but this enlightenment doesn't just knowledge, but this enlightenment doesn't just knowledge, but this enlightened with come to everyone. What are the things we can do to ensure that our hearts are enlightened with the power of knowledge?

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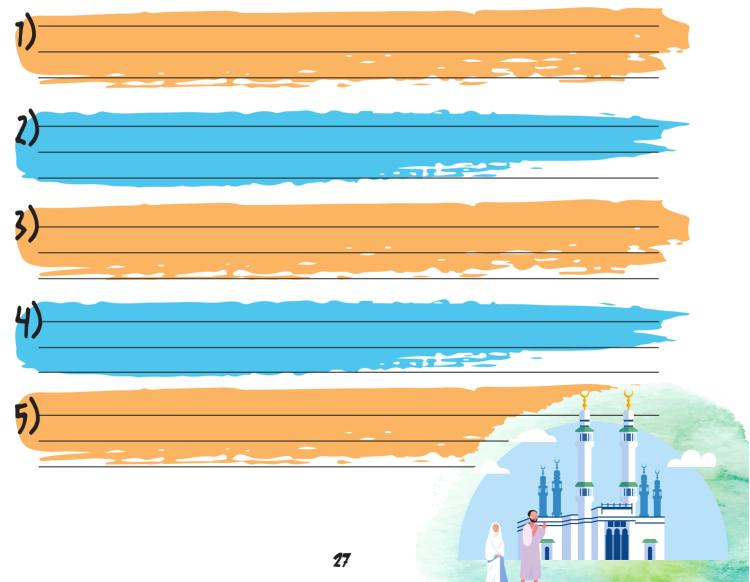
Imam Ali (as) has said: "Everything decreases with giving away except knowledge."



A Muslim student displayed such sublime conduct that a Christian girl proposed to him. She readily learned about Islam and accepted the religion, and they were joined in matrimony. Once when they were on their pilgrimage, on Eid day she happened to get separated from her husband. After failing at all attempts of finding him she recalled her husband's words. He had told her of the presence of the Imam (ATFS) in Makkah. She immediately interceded to Imam (ATFS) and before she had even finished her supplication, an Arab man approached to ask her of her concern. After she related the happenings, he (ATFS) led her a few steps which took her directly to her husband. She could then no longer identify the Arab man, and later when describing her story realized that it was the Imam (ATFS) who united them, by leading her to her husband.







Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) said: "Sword combat is easier than seeking lawful"

وَطَهِّرْ بُطُونَنَا مِنَ ٱلْحَرَامِ وَٱلشُّبْهَةِ

Purify our stomachs from the (*food, earning, use if* **) unlawful (***as blocks dua & spiritual growth***) & suspicious (***better to avoid if haram nature is unclear***).**

Action Plan

Food and water is essential for the life of our physical bodies, but does it have any impact on our spirituality? What is the relationship between food and the upkeep of of our spirituality?

> The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: Man cannot fill a container worst than his stomach".

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وَٱكْفُفْ آَيْدِيَنَا عَنِ ٱلظُّلْمِ وَٱلسَّرِقَةِ

Keep our hands from wrongdoing (to prepare for a society free from violating Rights of God & of His Creation) & stealing (secretly knowingly willfully take what rightly belongs to somebody with or without any justifiable excuse).

> Imam Ali (as) has said: "Wrongdoing causes feet to slip, snatches away bounties and destroys nations."

When people do wrong, they assume that it only affects themselves. However, the Holy Prophet (SAWW) said that the Ummah makes up one body, so what is the effect of on person's wrong doing on society as a whole?

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Imam Ali (as) has said: "Wrongdoing is the most painful of all the vices."

Action Plan

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "Disclosing the secret of your brother is betrayal, so keep away from that!"

وَٱغْضُضْ اَبْصَارَنَا عَنِ ٱلْفُجُورِ وَٱلْخِيَانَةِ

(to enable to witness Light of God) Blind our eyes from witnessing immorality (sinful scenes pollute heart+mind) and treachery (as eyes can be misused to plot against God's Plan of Justice).



Action Plan

Looking at the Holy Quran, at the Holy Ka'bah, at your parents and even at nature is all recommended! So why have we been advised to lower our gaze and not look at things that are prohibited? What could be the reason behind that advice?

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "As for the signs of the betrayer, there are four: Disobedience & defiance to the All Benificient, Disturbance to the neighbours, Loathing his ascociates, & being close to tyranny."

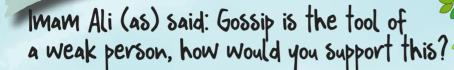
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Imam Husayn (as) said to a man who was backbitting about a man in his presence, "Stop backbitting, for verily it is the food of the dogs of the hell."

وَٱسْدُدْ اَسْمَاعَنَا عَنِ ٱللَّغْوِ وَٱلْغِيبَةِ

Block our ears from hearing vain idle useless talk (*as leads to sin & being away from God*) & malicious backbiting (*as disrespects God's honored servant & harms spiritual growth*)





Action Plan

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "Whoever backbites a fellow Muslim man or woman, Allah neither accepts his prayer nor his fasting for forty days and nights until the victim of this backbiting forgives him."

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Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said:

"All goodness has been placed in one house, and its key is asceticism (simplicity) and restrain from worldly pleasures."

وَتَفَضَّلْ عَلَىٰ عُلَمَائِنَا بِٱلزُّهْدِ وَٱلنَّصِيحَةِ

Endow our scholars (who have crucial duty to lead Umma toward the dhuhoor) with simplicity (active in world on duty yet not attached to luxury as lowly pleasure vs Akhira & God) & good counsel (sincerity and purity of work, words & even thoughts for Umma).

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Action Plan



The more knowledge we attain the more arrogant we get. We learn the smallest things and feel as if we know it all. Why can we not see that the more we think we know, the more we will experience our own ignorance because there will always be something we don't know?

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "Asceticism from worldly pleasure means to cut short ones hopes of this world, to be grateful of every single bounty"

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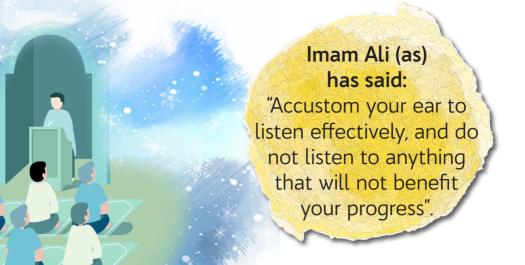
وَ عَلَى الْمُتَعَلِّمِيْنَ بِالْجُهْدِ وَالرَّغْبَةِ

And learners (*true follower of Imam should either be scholar/learner*) to exert themselves with vigour (*utmost necessary effort*) & zeal (*highest aspiration for excellence*)

Imam Baqir (as) has said:

"He who acts upon what he knows is taught by Allah (swt) that which he does not know".





وَعَلى الْمُسْتَمِعِيْنَ بِالاِتِّبَاعِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ

Let our listeners pay heed to what they hear (*through open heart/ mind the admonitions from qualified scholars*) and follow them sincerely (*follow eagerly wilfully in action and expert opinions*)



Action Plan

Guidance is like sunshine rays that is given out to all without any discrimination. What are the barriers that stop me from receiving (from the experts in Quran and Ahadith) in my day to day life?

Imam Ali (as) has said: "Indeed the most heedful of all ears is that which is attentive to and accepting of a reminder."

Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said: "Tranquility & comfort lie in satisfaction & certainty, whereas worry & sorrow lie in doubt & dissatisfaction."

عَلى مَرضَى الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ بِالشِّفَاءِ وَالرَّاحَةِ

(we should feel care & compassion for the afflicted so pray) Bestow upon the sick Muslims healing cure (as medicine/ treatment is means but real cure is from God) & comfort (beyond cure to have no worries)

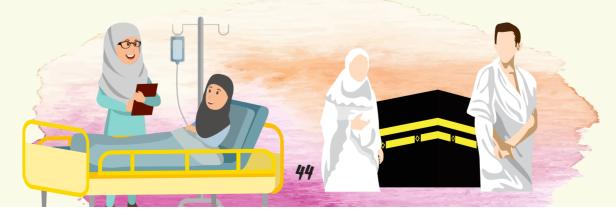


When one is going through difficulty, whether it be sickness in health, financial troubles or any other hardship, it is very hard for them to think positively and understand that the Lord is all-knowing and most wise in this decisions. In addition to showing our concern and care towards people in those situations, how can we help them realize that every test from the Lord is a chance for us to gain this pleasure and better ourselves? How do we explain to those who are suffering, that they are not being tortured but rather they have been given beautiful opportunity to show the Lord that they are satisfied and happy with whatever the puts in their path?

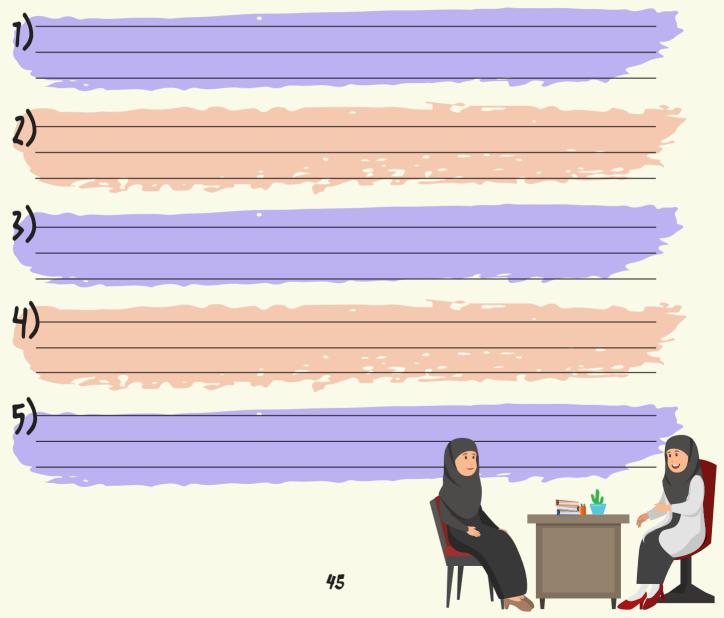
Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said: "Absolute tranquility lies in despairing of (any favours from) people."



A lady diagnosed as a cancer patient was critically ill. She had undergone surgery and chemo therapy despite which the experts informed her of the unfortunate news that 94% of her kidney and 97% of her liver was affected by her disease. She joined her husband for Hajj and once there, made a plea to The Lord of Kabah. She asked that if she was to be granted Shifa, she would like to be specifically told in her ear and not in her dream. On the fourth night of her presence in Makkah, she made the niyyat to perform a tawaaf for all the sick. During the tawaf, in her second round she observed a gentleman with a mighty stature who led her to Hijre Ismail. She noticed that even though it was peak season, there was only one other lady praying there. Once she completed her prayer, the gentleman informed her that she had been granted cure. On telling him that her sickness was a severe one, he responded again informing her that she had been cured and she should go drink zamzam water. She noticed that her pain had subsided immediately and when she turned her face towards the side of the gentleman, she saw no one. Her moment of solitude had ended. On returning home, when she had to recheck her medical results with fresh sample, the infection had reduced to 7% in the liver and 8% in her kidney. The doctor informed her that her signs of cancer were gone.







وَعَلى مَوْتَاهُمْ بِالرَّافَةِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ

And upon the dead Muslims with graceful benevolence & mercy (*we should extend our highest compassion not only to all living deserving Muslims but also the deceased*)

Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said:

"Six things benefit a person after he passes away:a child who seeks forgiveness for him, a copy of Quran which he leaves behind, a plant that he planted, water that he donated in charity, a well that he dug, and a tradition that others take from him and [practice] after him".

Action Plan

According to the Holy Prophet (saww) : "Rememberance of death destroys pleasure, passion and desires." How many times in a day do we sit and think about our final abode and therefore prepare towards the FINAL DESTINATION?

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وَعَلى مَشَايِخِنَا بِالْوَقَارِ وَالسَّكِيْنَةِ

And upon our elderly (full of wise experience & insight) with dignity (so can be respectfully approached for guidance) & tranquility (so can be peaceful guides in times of stress)

Imam Ali (as) has said: "When an intelligent man grows old, his intellect remains young [and sharp], and when the ignorant man gows old, his ignorance too remains

young [and more reckless]".



A life of dignity and peace in our old age is what we aspire to have. What factors play a role in our ability to achieve that? What steps can we take from a younger age to ensure we can attain that peace and tranquility when we are older?

Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said: "Exalt the old ones from amongst you and maintain relations between your kin"

Action Plan

وَعَلى الشَّبَابِ بِالإِنَابِةِ وَالتَّوْبَةِ

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And upon our youth (full of zest and energy, if misguided can easily fall astray) with returning to God (pure hearts can readily realize mistakes & seek Pardon) & repentance (transform sinful lifestyle to pious acts, character & even thoughts)

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said:

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"Learning something during one's youth is like engraving in stone, and learning something when one is old is like writing on the surface of water."

Action Plan

Just before a youth becomes an adult, they are in a transitional phase. They are no longer a child, but they are not an adult either. This is a very difficult phase, full of questions and doubts. How can we help this transition? What are things we can say or do, to ease their mind and ensure that they continue in the right direction?

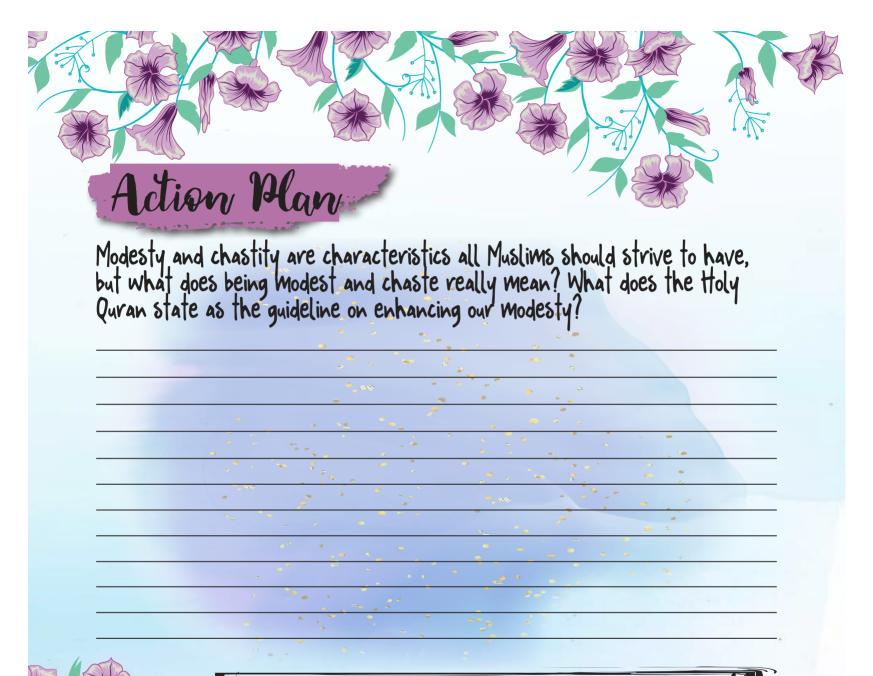
> The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said: "Verily Allah (swt), most High, boasts about worshipping of young man to His angels, saying, "Look at My servants! He has abandoned his desires" for My sake'."



وَعَلى النِّسَاءِ بِالْحَيَاءِ وَالْعِفَّةِ

And upon our women (as honored half of godly community) with modesty (beauty of woman is her God-conscious self-respect & restraint) & chastity (dignity of a woman is her moral godly self-discipline)

Imam Baqir (as) has said: "The wisdom in the era of Imam Mahdi (ajtf) will reach to such heights that even the women sitting at home, will be judging according to the Quran and Sunnah."



Imam Baqir (as) has said:

"Almighty Allah can be worshipped with no act better ; than restrain of the stomach and the private parts."

Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as), from his fathers (as) has said: "Humbleness is for a man to be content to sit in any place and not a particular place, to greet those he meets, to leave disputation even if he is right and not to like to be praised for piety."

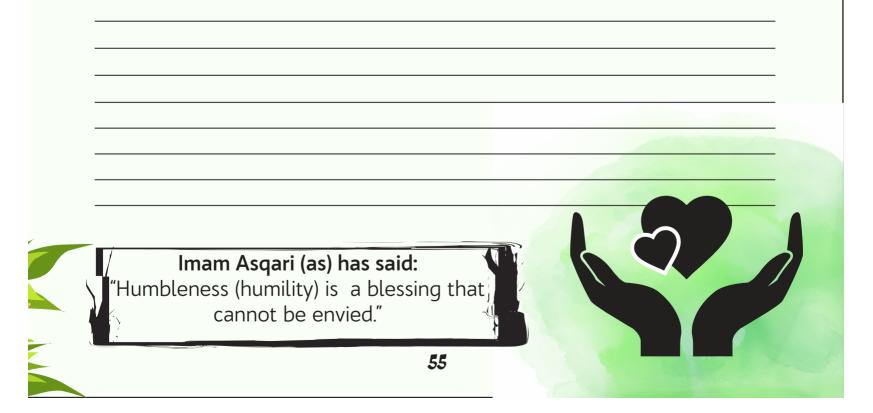
وَعَلى الأَغْنِيَاءِ بِالتَّوَاضُع وَالسَّعَةِ

DONATION

Bestow upon the rich (*enriched by God's Abundant wealth*) with humility (*if recognize God's Unlimited Resources to enrich everyone*) & generosity (*if realize they have been appointed as stewards of God's wealth*)

Action Plan

Do I need this or want it? This is a question each one of us asks on a daily basis, and sometimes there is no clear answer, and it comes down to your own judgement. We know that many of us have been provided with extra resources, and that it is our responsibility to use whatever extra we have to provide to those who are in need. How can we differentiate between what we need and we want, in order to ensure that we are not using more than what is meant for us?



Imam Ali (as) has said: "Cure poverty with charity & giving generously".

وَعَلى الْفُقَرَاءِ بِالصَّبْرِ وَ الْقَنَاعَةِ

And upon the poor (*if despite sincere efforts cannot earn enough to meet their legitimate expenses*) with patience (*endurance of short superficial earthly hardship*) and contentment (*as great inner richness*)



There are many of us in this world who have are going through poverty and financial hardship, yet it is our duty to remain patient and learn to be content with what we are provided with. In that state, how can we continue to be satisfied and still make sure that we do not only enjoy receiving, but also do our part to give back?

The Holy Prophet (SAWW) has said, "Trustworthiness attracts wealth & treachery attracts poverty".

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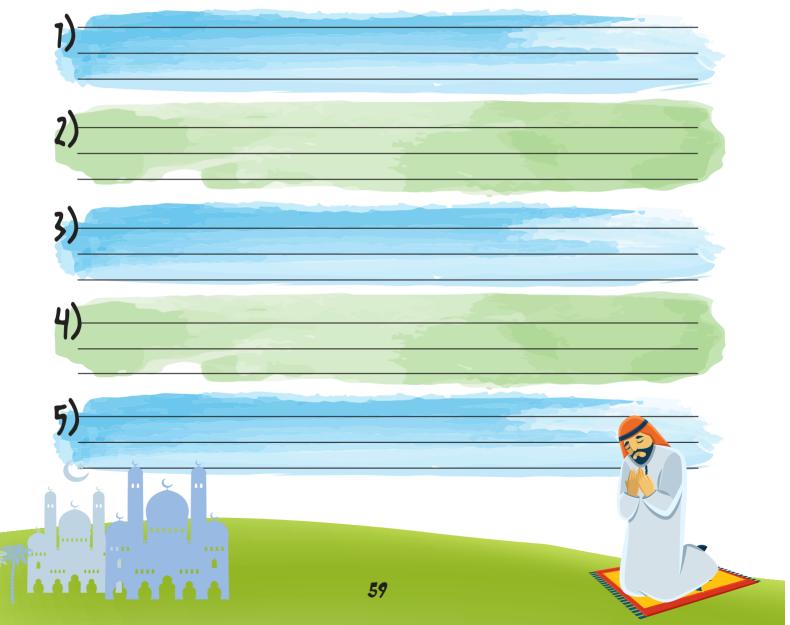




A young man bought a house that he could not afford to pay for. On a Tuesday, he went to Jamkaran and prayed to the Imam of the Time (ATFS) to assist him in settling off his burden. After his prayers he went to renew his wudhu where he met a familiar Syed from Qum. After the usual casual exchange of greetings, the Syed mentioned that he heard of his plan to buy a house and offered to assist him with the funds. The youth responded that he would require a large sum of a hundred thousand, but the Syed handed him a cheque of that amount. When the youth went to cash the amount from the bank, to his despair, he was informed that the money was unavailable. While walking back in gloom, he encountered another youth on the road. He was asked who the person was that gave him the cheque, and he responded. The youth gave him the cash claiming it was from the same account, hence with that he was then able to pay for his house.







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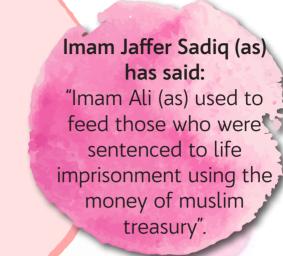
وَعَلى الْغُزَاةِ بِالنَّصْرِ وَالْغَلَبَةِ

And upon our warriors (*who defend God's Cause*), Help (*through angels & invisible forces*) & triumph (*if exert piety, courageous determination & effort*)

Imam Ali (as) has said:

"Victory comes with farsightedness and farsightedness comes with experience".





وَعَلى الأُسَرَاءِ بِالْخَلاصِ وَالرَّاحَةِ

HELP

And upon the prisoners (God decrees captivity as test), freedom (God can Save Jonah from depth of dark ocean & Joseph from dungeon) & comfort (Jonah was rescued on island & Joseph into a palace);



If one divided imprisonment into two; physical and of ones desire. Which one is more forturesome?

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Imam Ali (as) has said: "Feeding the prisoner and treating him well is

an obligatory duty, even if you are to execute him the next day".



وَعَلى الأُمَرَاءِ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالشَّفَقَةِ

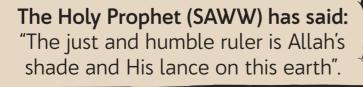
And upon the rulers (tested by amanat of Governorship) with justice (in economic fair distribution, swift retribution for proven crimes) & compassion (follow Prophetic model of kindness & pardon to win hearts for God- if it doesn't embolden them to disobedience);

> Imam Ali (as) has said: "A (just) ruler is the guard of (the laws of) Allah on His earth".

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From requirements of Leadership, what are the vital characterikstics a leader should have?



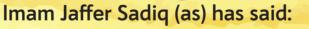
Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said: "He who honours the religion of Allah (swt) honours the right of his brethren, and he who takes the his religion lightly takes (the right of). the brethren lightly "

وَ عَلَى الرَّعِيَةِ بِالإِنْصَافِ وَحُسْنِ السِّيْرَةِ

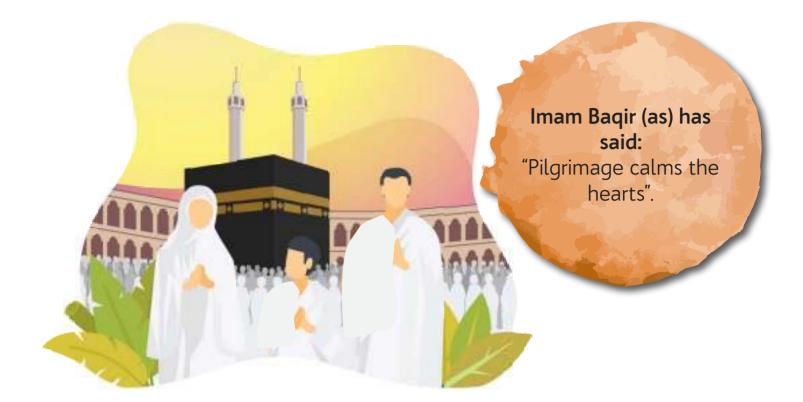
And upon the ruled, fairness (citizens have to accept fair distribution of resources) & good conduct (citizens ought to be law-abiding, disciplined & supportive of good governance).

What rights do you expect as a citizen of a nation? As one person out of thousands, maybe millions of people that your ruler/government represents, what treatment do you expect from them?



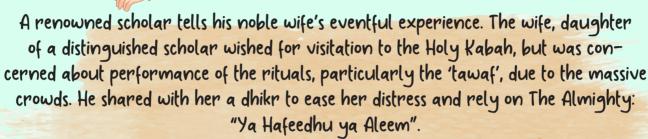
"Brothers require 3 things, if they apply it (they have been steadfast in their brotherhood) or else they will separate from each other and become enemies. Those are: Fairness with one another, kindness with each other and keeping away from Jealousy".



وَبَارِكْ لِلْحُجَّاجِ وَالزُّوَّارِ فِي ٱلزَّادِ وَٱلنَّفَقَةِ

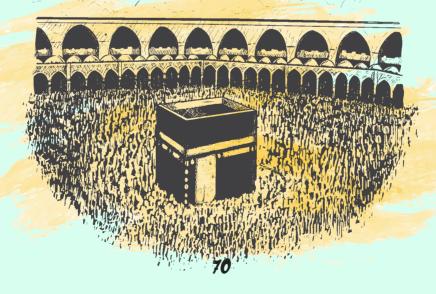
And Bless the pilgrims t Makka (obligatory once in a lifetime for able pilgrims & recommended repeatedly for major or minor pilgrimages) & visitors of holy shrines (reward of visiting God's Representative equals & even surpasses reward of visiting God's Holy House) with provisions (to enable the fulfilment of obligation) & expenses (enough for going & return & to pay for dependents in their absence)

Action Plan Hajj is a unique opportunity to break all the shakles of custom and traditions and stay away from the physical comfort zone recalling the day of return of Al-Qiyama. What other acts in hajj inspire one to Istigama and steadfastness? Imam Ali (as) has said: "Pilgrimage is the jihad of every weak person". 69

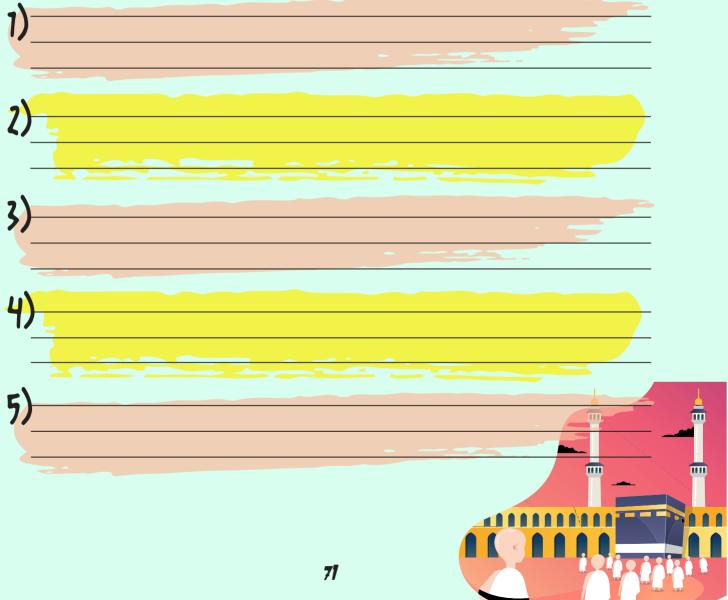


Story Time:

On return, she related an incident of her encounter with a large crowd of people from a certain country. While wondering on how to manage the tawaf in the midst of this crowd, she recalled hearing a sound reminding her to intercede to the Imam of the Time ATFS in front of her. As she looked ahead, she saw an extraordinary person walking with an aura of space. Following the guidance of the earlier sound, she entered into the sphere of space and finished her tawaaf with satisfaction and pleasure due to the intercession of the Imam ATFS.







وَٱقْضِ مَا اَوْجَبْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ ٱلْحَجِّ وَٱلْعُمْرَةِ

And help them complete what You have Prescribed on them of major and minor pilgrimage (*enable them to complete what becomes obligatory on them once they enter ihram*)

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Imam Jaffer Sadiq (as) has said: "He who goes to perform obligatory pilgrimage, Hajj three times, will never be afflicted with

poverty".



The Hajj ritual is obligatory for all Muslims. How can we avoid completing this pilgrimage as just a formal ritual, and instead actually gain from it? What are things we can do to ensure that it is an advantageous experience for us, one that helps to strengthen our belief and enrich our personalities with Islamic values and teachings?

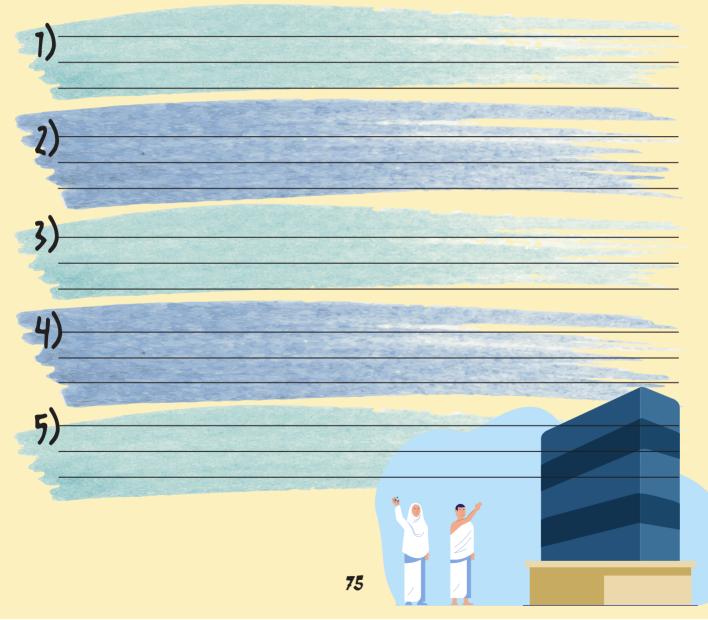




A lady by the name of Fatwima Jalinoos was unsuccessful in pelting stones during the Hajj rituals due to the large crowd. The leader of the caravan told her to intercede to the Imam of the Time (ATFS) for relief. She followed his guidance and later on her return, with tears flowing she related her experience. She said, on supplicating to the Imam of the time (ATFS), she saw a man pointing her towards a direction, that opened up a path for her and the crowd suddenly disappeared. Then, upon completion of the ritual she returned to thank the distinguished man who told her to inform the leader of her caravan that, the following morning, after Salaat, he should recite the eulogy of Dhul Janah and that he would be there in the program. The Imam (ATFS) gave them certainty that he would attend the mourning of Aba Abdillah (AS).







بِفَضْلِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمَ ٱلرَّاحِمِينَ

By Your Grace & Mercy (without which nobody can attain any goodness or refrain from any evil) O Most Merciful of all those who have mercy (all the most compassionate people have only a drop from the ocean of God's Mercy)

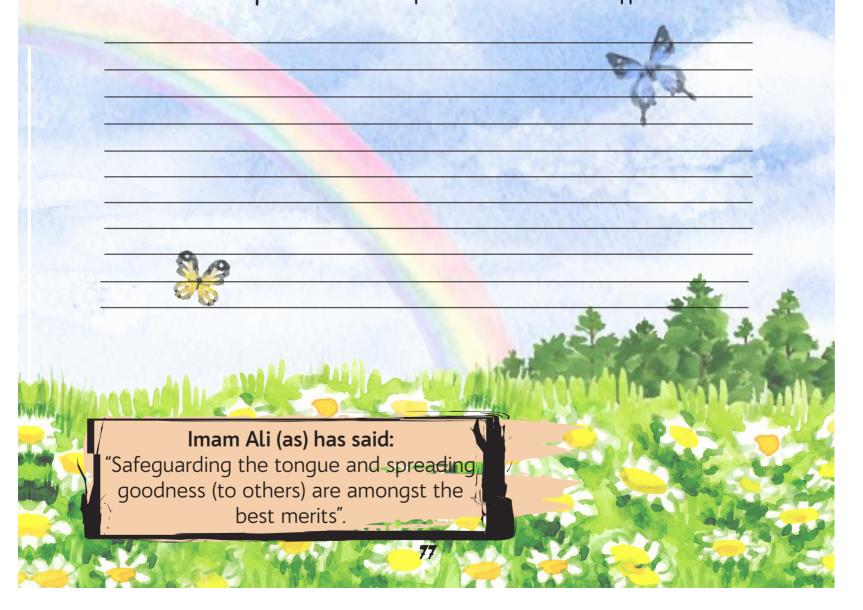
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Imam Ali (as) has said: "He who is good to one who does bad to him has attained all merits",





Imagine the scenario! The mercy of Almighty is denied into the creation for a moment only! What are the repercussions that can happen?



Theoretical outline of Dug of Imam Al Asr (ATFS)

GAIN continuous Guidance PERSISTENCE on True Path

KNOW DIVINE Restrictions 05

HAVE SINCERE INTENTION

Aloof from Sins

Tawfiq to obey

Full heart with Ma'rifat



Code of Conduct

Duties on how to prepare for the Imam of the Time (atfs)



Scholar Detachment from the world & Good will for others

> **Learners** Struggle & Motivation





Listeners

Following & taking lessons

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Deceased Compassion & Mercy





Youth

Returning to God & Repentance

Womęn Modesty & Chastity



Well – offs Humility & Generosity



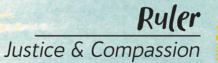
Have-nots Patience & Contentment

Warriors (in the way of Allah) Help & Triumph





Prisoners Freedom & Comfort







Reference: All Ahadith mentioned in this book are from Mizanul Hikma and Ghorar al Hikam

A HUMBLE DEDICATION TO IMAM OF THE AGE (ATFS) AND HIS MOTHER LADY NARJIS KHATOON (AS)

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