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This month's focus on:

You are Temporary, Transitory, Mortal and Guest for a Few Days in this World!

Sar Chishma'-i-Ni'amat (The Fountain Head of Blessing
 صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ)

The Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ, the sacred, the perfect, the exalted and the blessed Messenger, the beautiful and the pure, is the fountain head of all the blessings.

The Almighty Allāh's creatures comprise three groups, the creatures bestowed with intellect. They are: Firstly, the angels; secondly, the jinns; and thirdly, the human beings (the descendants of the Prophet Adam عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام). All the three creatures are held as the superior, the exalted, the intelligent, the wise, the understanding and the comprehending. None of them can on any account be independent of this holy and crystal clear fountain of eternal drink.

Now then the blessing can be defined as something real that provides in the life and living, the ease and comfort, peace of heart and mind, freshness of body and soul, and the rationale for calm and contentment. Therefore, no denizen of the here or Hereafter can remain thirsty from this fountain head of grace and blessing.

The Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ is the blessing personified who ushers in as well as distributes hundreds of thousand blessings and favours. This is why he is called *Al-Qasīn Al-Khayrāt Al-Hasanāt* (The Distributor of Charities, the Good). This process is going on every moment in time and throughout the universe since eternity and will continue till eternity.

The *Holy Qur'ān*, the Faith of Islam and the Holy Prophet's (صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ) being are blessings incarnate. He brings along all the blessings from the Almighty Allāh's treasures and distributes them accordingly.

This day have I
 Perfected your religion
 For you, completed
 My favour upon you.
 And chosen for you
 Islam as your religion.
 - (Al-Ma'ida 5:4)

This *Qur'ānic Verse* was revealed at the time of *Hajj'at al-Wadā'* (The Farewell Pilgrimage). Allāh the Almighty has herein professed unto the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ that He has completed his Faith, hence granted His favour, and He is, therefore, pleased with him over this act of His munificence.

Mark the fact that who had these blessings granted to? Of course, He granted them unto the one صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ who is their

distributor!

The Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ has said: "... *Wallahū mu'ati wa ana qasimū!* (Allāh the Almighty is the Grantor of blessings and I am the distributor!). The fountains of the world are not held by one and all. The fountain head (*'ain an-na'iam*) as the Holy Prophet صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ has been so distinguished is the distributor of blessings with his sacred hands whose favours are never-ending, never wearing off, and never disorderly. Rather, they are eternally green and fresh, always sweet smelling, lively, throbbing, sparkling, tasty, and smacking of fragrance. Should you call it an orchard, there is no shortage of flowers. Should you call it garden, there is no shortage of fruit. If you call it the fountain, there is no end to its expanse and depth. This is the favour of the fountain head of blessings صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ that imparted new life to the humanity in its last throes. He rendered the dry and dreary desolations in to rose gardens. He branded *Yathrib* in to *Madina-tun-Nabi*, the City of the Holy Messenger صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ, thus making it one of the duet of *Harmein al-Sharifein*. He advised the European to disguise nudity and persevere at good morals. He chose the backward Arabs to rule the world.

Who knows for how long India would have suffered the pangs of the foul rites of widows giving up life at the deaths of their spouses? The rightly guiding knowledge of this fountain head of blessings صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ alone pulled them out of ignorance and afforded the lessons on women's rights. The cool, sweet and soothing water from this fountain head of blessings صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ put out the Fire of the Fire Worshippers of Iran and introduced the Iranians to the Real Creator. The civilised nations of the world were busy keeping the laws of slavery ever in force. He, the truthful of the truthful صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ, alone is the source of cutting the roots of slavery.

Let each and everyone have the world history in front and tell, if you would, who has not benefited from this fountain head of blessings صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ! We all are the mendicants and urchins at the door of this Blessing par Excellence صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ. There is no end to it. The favours of the fountain head of blessings will ever remain till the last breath of human life. And not even the blind or the deaf of the world can ever ignore this fact.

We all are indebted to him صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ!

O Allāh the Almighty! We the thirsty of spirit are begging and hopeful of these favours and blessings. May none of us is turned away empty handed! *Āmīn!*

Yā-Hayyu Yā-Qayyūm! Āmīn!

- Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سرہ العزیز

NB: This is the English rendering of the Urdu article *Sar Chishma-i-Ni'amat* (The Fountain Head of Blessings صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ) written by in his capacity as the retired army officer from the Royal Indian Engineers and an erudite scholar of and Shaikh Al-Islam Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سرہ العزیز invited by the Editor and published in the prestigious *Al-Hilāl*, the Pakistan Armed Forces Weekly, dated 31 October 1990, Rawalpindi, Pakistan, the issue especially devoted to Eid Milad An-Nabi Al-Akram صَلَّی اللہُ عَلَیْہِ وَاٰلِہٖ وَسَلَّمَ.

Forthcoming Events:

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| 20 Sept 09 | <i>Eid Al-Fitr</i> in the United Kingdom |
| 24 Sept 09 | Death anniversary of Sayyiduna Ḥaḍrat Uthman Haruni رَضِيَ اللہُ عَنْہُ |
| 29 Sept 09 | <i>Yawm Al-Hijrat</i> of Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat 'Ali قدس سرہ العزیز |
| 10 Oct 09 | Death anniversary of Sayyiduna Ḥaḍrat Mūsā Kalimullah عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام |

Dār-ul-Eḥsān Epistles ...

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What you had to do, what have you done and what you are taking whilst leaving this world? None of your well-wishers wished to keep you. Who did you pass on to the wealth, the property and the palaces of the whole of your life?

The author Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali قدس سره العزیز poses these questions in the very beginning of this Serial. He advises to save something daily for the life after death. He has for the reader's guidance in this Serial outlined the tasks, the duties owed to Allāh the Almighty, to other human beings and to your selves. Only these duties if discharged correctly would stand in good stead in the After Life. Otherwise, a visit to the grave yard would clearly reveal that the grave has no window, no friends and no companions, only the reptiles running around. There is a stern warning in the *Qur'ānic Verses (Tā-Hā 20:124-126)* the punishment meted out to those who would have ignored the Divine Commandments. Such cases, for example, belie the truth that the defaulters die empty handed and head for the world Hereafter without having any provisions advanced. None of your heirs except your good deeds would accompany and come to your rescue.

Just ponder over the story of the Prophet 'Isa عیسیٰ who was passing through the fields. He saw an old man digging the field with a pick. The Prophet عیسیٰ took pity and cast his attention on his heart. Straightaway the old man threw away the pick and sat down under a tree. After a short while, he عیسیٰ took off his reflection. As he did so, the old man took his pick, got up and on with his job. Ḥaḍrat 'Isa عیسیٰ went to the man and said: "Grand Sire! What is this all about?"

The old man replied: "I have no family or children. I live on my own. I have saved some money over the years. It occurred to me why should I be working at this old age and I should instead recite *Allāh Allāh!* I have the capital to live on. This state of my heart has lasted for only a few minutes. Just now I have decided to resume the job and carry on with it."

Having narrated the story Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees maintains: "There is no shortage of livelihood for living; it is, however, for hoarding. Until this veil of ignorance is lifted no advice can work."

He quotes the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying: "Except the following three, the human being has no right to share: A house to live in; the clothes to hide the body parts essentially; and water and bread without broth." – (Ḥaḍrat 'Uthman bin 'Affan/Tirmidhi Sharif V2, p42, No. 203)

Further, Ḥaḍrat Abu Hurairah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has narrated the Holy Prophet ﷺ saying: "The world and everything in it except *dhikrullah*, anything Allāh the Almighty likes and the learned scholar and the learner, is cursed." – (Tirmidhi Sharif V2, p39, No. 184)

The author reaffirms that the time of death is predetermined, sparing none whosoever when it comes. The fear of death saves the human being from many misdeeds and grave sins. The life is for Allāh the Almighty Who alone its Saviour and Guardian. Always supplicate:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي شَهَادَةً فِي سَبِيلِكَ
وَأَجْعَلْ مَوْتِي بِكَدِّ رَسُولِكَ أَمِين

(O Allāh the Almighty! Grant me death in Your Path and in the City of Your Prophet (ﷺ)!)" – (Al-Ḥadith).

That we are travellers in the world and bragging of our possessions for nothing, Ḥaḍrat Sheikh Musleh-ud-Din Sa'di Shirazi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ has illustrated most aptly in one of his anecdotes: "Tired in my travel, I rested and went to sleep in the porch of a house. The man of the house woke me and ordered to make my way, for it was his house and not a *caravan sarai* (the travellers' free lodge). I complied with his order, but not without asking, 'Who lived in here before you?' He replied, 'My father!' I asked again, 'Who were there before him?' He retorted, 'My grand dad and great grand dad before him, and so on!' I implored, 'Please make a small correction! If one dies and the other comes along to occupy this house and so on, it, therefore, warrants to be called a *caravan sarai* and not the house, my lord!"

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The Words of Wisdom by Ḥaḍrat Abū Anees Muḥammad Barkat Ali

قدس سره العزیز continued-

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7459. ... *AS-SUMT AT-TAM* (Complete Silence) means that no speech whatever of any kind is uttered, not even gesticulating and moving about.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7460. ... *MOOTU QABLA AN-TAMOOTU* (Dyeing before the bodily death) is the stage where accountability is held just as it is in death.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7461. THE ant heard Your message and said ... *amanna wa sadaqna* (as accepted and based on truth) and prayed for you though you do not regard ant having any importance near you. It transpires that the ants hear in their holes the Divine Message and pray for the Messenger.

You narrate and the whole world listens. You must practice what you preach.

You are living because of the message of life though you are not its beneficiary!

What message can such a life give to a life!

Send this message, regardless of life and death, that Allāh the Almighty is All-Present and All-Seeing, careless of everything except Him.

... *Kashf as-Sadur* (Vigil of Hearts) is seconding the Divine Revelation, the interpretation that is never wrong.

The preachers of the false Faiths also accept the truth as the truth. Nobody is the denier of the truth. He is your denier because you do not practice what you preach.

Allāh the Almighty has commanded: "O the believers! Why say something you do not practice?. The most disliked by Allāh the Almighty is the speech that you do not act upon." – (Al-Saff 61:2-3)

... *Tabligh* (Preaching) is the Divine Commandment! In the presence of the Divine Message every affliction and epidemic becomes subservient, hence fizzle out.

The Divine Message is the life of the life. And the living alone narrates the message of life.

When life learns by heart the Divine Message, it is then called the life.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7462. THERE is no (definite) day or month, but whenever one has any character-trait granted is auspicious and blessed moment of life.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7463. SOMEBODY'S arrival at someone's house is not something ordinary. All the formalities like that of the blessed

anniversary of birthday pervade the house.

نمی دلم که آفرین چون دم دیدار می رقصم
مگر نامم به این فزونی که پیش یار می رقصم
تو هر دم می سرانی نغمه و هر بار می رقصم
بهر طریقه که می قصایم لیلیار می رقصم
بیاجانان تماشا کن که در انبوه جانان زلال
بصد سامان رسوائی سر بار می رقصم
خوش آن زندی که پامش کند صد پایاسانی
نهتے تقویٰ کی من با حجب و دستار می رقصم
اگر قطره شبنم نہ پوید بر حنجرے
منم آن قطره شبنم بزک خار می رقصم
تو اس قاتل کہ از بہر تماشا خون من یزی
من آن لیل کہ زیر خنجر خونخوار می رقصم
منم عثمان ہارونی کہ یار شیخ منصورم
ملاست می کند خلقے و من بردار می رقصم

I know not why do, at the moment of his sight, I dance!
Despite, I am proud and fondful, before the beloved, I
dance!

Each moment you play the music, all the time along, I
dance.

I dance all the time, O friend, the way you make me dance.
O the beloved, come along and see in the crowd of lovers
And in uncomely scenes, openly in the street, I dance.
Bravo, the astute tramples over piety hundred times over,
What a good fortune, in turban and gabardine, I dance!
The drop of dew cannot rest at the head of a thorn,
Yet that drop of dew I am, at the point of thorn, I dance.
You are the killer who spills blood for sight-seeing,
I am the lover, beneath the bloody sword, mercurially I
dance.

I am Uthman Harūni (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) whose friend is Sheikh Mansūr
رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

The crowds all censor, but, at the gallows, I dance!

- (by Hadrat Khawaja Uthman Haruni رحمۃ اللہ علیہ)

منم خونخوار اونی دلم کجا رستم
شدم غرق وصال اونی دلم کجا رستم
غلام سونے او بودم اسیر زلف او بودم
غبار کھنے او بودم نمی دلم کجا رستم
باں مہر شاکستم ز جان و دل فدایم
فنا گشتم فنا گشتم نمی دلم کجا رستم

شدم چون مبتلائے او نہادہ سر پیاؤ
شدم محولعائے اونی دلم کجا رستم
تقلند لبو علی ہستم بنام یار رستم
دل اندر عشق او ہستم نمی دلم کجا رستم

Absorbed in his thought, I don't know where 'I am going'!
Annihilated in his audience, I don't know where 'I am
going'!

Enslaved of his beatitude, tangled in his lock of hair,
And rendered dust of his path, I don't know where 'I am
going'!

Acquainted of that Moon, sacrificed of heart and mind,
And wiped out, repeat wiped out, I don't know where 'I am
going'!

Engaged in him with the head laid on his feet,
Engrossed in that beauty, I don't know where 'I am going'!
Qalander Bü 'Ali (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) I am, intoxicated of the friend's
name,

With the heart bound in his intense love, I don't know where
'I am going'!

- (by Hadrat Bu 'Ali Qalander رحمۃ اللہ علیہ)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7464. THE Universe is up and running continually subject
to the Divine Order!

Its opposition is worrying!

Its conformity is satisfaction through and through!

The Divine peace amounts to mercy!

The pleasure of my master ﷺ, may my soul be
sacrificed for him, amounts to mercy to the Universe.

7465. ... AL-INSANU sirri wa ana sirruhū! (the human
being is My secret and I am his!) Only my master ﷺ,
may my soul be sacrificed for him, knows this secret. He tells
him whom he wishes; none else knows it. *Wa ma alayna ill-al-
balagh!* (Our duty is to convey!)

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7466. LIFE after death is death to the death and an eternal
life.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7467. DEATH helps the servant to reach the friend and ends
there. Thereafter an early stage of the eternal life begins.

Allāh the Almighty alone knows what state does there
prevail. Mercy is mercy after all, disregarding not even the
slightest good. And *Kalimah Tayyibah* is the best good of all!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7468. WHEN your sight is cast on to something, it becomes
unmatched!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7469. NOBODY can bear to stare in to his eyes. Whoever
saw it, saw it by undoing a bit of the chadour of Prophethood.

Whenever the respectful saw, saw the sacred imprint of the
blessed shoes; and saw it beyond limits.

7470. ... YĀ-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm! is the *Ism-e-Azam* (The
Great Name)! Why are you not satisfied having recited it?

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7471. WITHOUT Your grace who has any power to do any
good! Had it been within the means of the servants to do good,

there would have been no evil.

Sinning is my habit, forgiving is His.

The servant feels ashamed at his sins and begins to cry, repents, and repents repeatedly, supplicates and keeps on doing it!

Allāh the Almighty is the Greatest Disguiser of misdeeds and Forgiver of sins, glances over and forgives. This takes place everyday and all the time.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7472. NEARNESS to ... *Rabb al-Malaikati war-Ruh* is possible for every *ruh* (spirit)! *Mā shā Allāh!*

The light of a *ruh* (spirit) circumscribes the Earth and Sky!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7473. IF you wish to live with me, come having abandoned the hope of returning. Whoever lives with me has abandoned the hope of returning.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7474. THE jobs Allāh the Almighty likes are disliked by the self.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7475. IF you don't speak, nobody does!

Everyone speaks because of you speaking.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7476. *DHIKR-I-DAWAM* (Continuous Remembrance) is the one that satisfies the *Dhakīr* (reciter), the means of cure of every ailment and the pleasure.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7477. *DHIKR-I-DAWAM* is my goal, inherited by will. I am satisfied at it, and proud too.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7478. THE enlightenment of fasting is the dignity; because of this the fasting one never begs for!

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7479. *EMAN* (Belief) is inseparably essential for perfection of humanity. And for the perfection of the *Emān* the haughty movements of the Satan, the whispering self and the human copycat at all times remain inseparably in each and every human body.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7480. WHEN the belief is perfected, no power whatever can combat it. The human counterpart having been overwhelmed, the Satan is made subservient.

7481. THE human being cannot become the knowledgeable until and unless he becomes knowledgeable of the Satan. Whenever Allāh the Almighty granted nearness to anyone did so first helping him to cross over the Satan, the whispering self and the counterpart.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7482. UNTIL the life is free from the whispering of the self, it does not smile, never blossoming and never fragrant; rather it remains a victim of worries.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7483. THE sacred thoughts are from the Divine wholly.

The whispering thoughts are from the Satan.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7484. THE human being is the toy at the hands of the whispering-self.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7485. THE chest is the treasure of *Ma'rafat* (Knowledge).

The chest alone has the contentment.

The chest alone is the joy boat of the whispering self. May Allāh the Almighty drown it and now that it never comes to surface again.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7486. ALLĀH the Almighty, *Rabb al-'Ālamīn*, began His book with the preface *Al-Hamdu-lillahi-Rabb il-'Ālamīn* and perfected it with an emphasis on refuge against jealousy and whispering self.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7487. JEALOUSY and whispering self make the natural scenes foggy. The fog is temporary. As soon as sunshine appears, it evaporates in to clouds.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7488. CRUSHING the head of jealousy is not within my or your control. It is dependent on the generosity and grace of my master ﷺ, may my soul be sacrificed for him, which is acceptable of the Divine and written down in gold, thus becoming the decorum of history.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7489. THE grandsire spoke: "I wandered all over the world. I did not find a single servant who was free from jealousy."

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

7490. THERE is no such a person or place in the world free from the whispering-self. At each and every stage and whenever a servant does or intends to do something, the whispering-self accompanies it. Whenever anyone is free from this, he did so because of the Almighty Allāh's grace.

Yā-Hayyu yā-Qayyūm!

The Holy Prophet's (ﷺ) Graces



The Holy Messenger ﷺ manifests himself and blesses his devotees in multifarious ways; in a vision in the dream, the signs and symbols. Here is, for example, the facsimile of the Almighty Allāh's and the Holy Prophet's (ﷺ) names often imprinted on the bread baked at the household of Brother Shaukat Ali Jama'ati (Nottingham, UK), affiliated to Hadrat Pir Jama'at Ali Shah's (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ، 1835 -1953) *Dargah Sharif* founded at Alipur Sayyidan, District Sialkot, Pakistan.



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