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In The Name of Allah.

The All-compassionate The All-merciful

- . وَير فَعُهُ بِيَدِهِ الله وَيَدُ إِلَّا عَاثِرٌ مِنهُم يَعثُرُ فَمَا عَثَرَ اتِهِم الْمُروءَاتِ ذَوي واأقيا 1
- 1- Overlook and forgive the weaknesses of generous people, because if they fall down Hand of God lifts them.
- لِسَانَهُ عَلَيهَا أَمَّرَ مَن نَفسُهُ عَلَيهِ هَانَت وَ ضُرَّهِ عَن كَشَفَ مَن بِالذُّلُّ وَرَضِيَ الطَّمَعَ استَشْعَرَ مَن بنَفسِهِ ? أزرَ 2
- 2- One who develops the trait of greediness and avarice invites degradation; one who keeps on ad,,'ertising his poverty and ill-luck will always be humiliated; one u'ho has no control over his tongue will of tell have to face embarrassment and discomfort.
- الشُّكر بقِلَّةِ أقصَاهَا تُنفِرُوا فَلا النَّعَم أطرَاف إلَيكُم وَصَلَت إذَا -3
- 3- When few blessings come your way, do not drive them away through thanklessness.
- نَّرُوةٌ وَالزُّهُ شَجَاعَةٌ وَالصَبرُ افَةٌ وَالعَجِزُ بَلدَتِهِ ?ف غَريبٌ وَالمُقِلُّ حُجَتِهِ عَن الفَطِنَ يُخرِسُ وَالفَقْرُ مَنقَصَةٌ وَالجُبنُ عَالَّ البُخلُ -4 جُتُّةٌ وَالزُّهُ شَجَاعَةٌ وَالصَبرُ افَةٌ وَالعَجِزُ بَلدَتِهِ ?ف غَريبٌ وَالمُقِلُّ حُجَتِهِ عَن الفَطِنَ يُخرِسُ وَالفَقْرُ مَنقَصَةٌ وَالجُبنُ عَالَ البُخلُ -4.
- 4- Parsimony and avarice i.\' ignominy and disgrace; cowardice is a defect and a vice; poverty often makes the wisest and the most educated person hold his tongue even from the most reasonable argument; a poor man is a srtanger in his own town; misfortune and helplessness are calamities; patience and the ability to suffer in silence is a kind of bravery; to sever connections with the vicious world is the greatest wealth and fortune; piety is the best defence and the best armour.
- صَافِيَةٌ مَراةٌ وَالفِكرُ مُجَدَّدَةٌ خَلْلٌ وَالآدَابُ ورَائَةٌ وَالعِلمُ ، (الرُّض القَرينُ نِعمَ -5
- 5- Surrender and acceptance to the Will of God are the best companions; wisdom is the noblest heitage; theoritical and practical knowledge are the best marks of distinction; deep thinking will present the clearest picture of every problem.
- أ. نفسِهِ مَحاسِنَ سَلَبَتهُ عَنهُ أُدبَرَت وَإِذَا غَيرِهِ، مَحَاسِنَ أَعَارَتهُ أَحَدٍ ? عَلَ الدُّنيَ ا أَقبَلت إذَا -6
- 6- When this world favours anybody it lends him qualifications, and attributes surpassing merits of others, and when it turns its face away from him it snatches away even his own excellences and fame.

عَلِمَ فَهِمَ وَمَنِ ابصَرِ فَهَم وَمَن أَبصَرَ، اعَتَبَرَ ومَنِ أَمِنَ، خَافَ مَن و خَسِرَ، عَنهَا غَفَلَ مَن و رَبِحَ نَفسَهُ حَاسَبَ مَن -7

7- One who takes account of his shortcomings will always gain by it, one who is unmindful of them will always suffer. One who is afraid of the Day of Judgment is safe from the Wrath of God; one who takes lessons from the happenings of life obtains vision, one who acquires vision becomes wise, and one who attains wisdom achieves knowledge.

8- Treat people in such a way and live amongst them in such a manner that if you die they weep over you, and if you are alive they crave for your company.

9- If you get an opportunity and power overyour enemy, then, in thankfulness to God for this, forgive him.

10. He is very unfortunate who cannot in his lifetime gain even a few sincere friends and sympathisers and even more unfortunate is the one who has gained them, and then lost them (through his deeds).

11- For those who refused to side with any party, that of Hadrator his enemies, Hadrat said: they have forsaken religion and were c, of no use to infidelity also.

12- Failures are often results of timidity and fears; disappointments are results of uncalled for modesty; hours of leisure pass away like summerclouds, therefore, do not. waste opportunity the doing good.

13- Whose deeds lower him, his pedigree cannot elevate.

14- Be generous but not extravagant, be frugal but not miserly.

- 15- To give up inordinate desires is the best kind of wealth and fortune.
- العَمَلَ أَسَاءَ الأَمَلَ أَطَالَ وَمن -16
- 16- One who hopes inordinately impairs the standard of his work.
- فَاحذَرَهُ تَعصِيهِ وَأَنتَ نِعَمَهُ عَلَيكَ يُتَابِعُ سُبحَانَهُ رَبَّكَ رَأَيتَ آدَمَ ابنَ يَا -17
- 17- 0 son of Adam! when you see that in spite of God's constant Favours your life is a continuous sin, then take warning (His Wrath may not turn those very blessings into misfortunes).
- . بُوَجِهِ وَصَفَحَاتِ لِسَانِهِ فَلْتَاتِ فِي ظَهَرَ إِلَّا شَيئاً أَحَدٌ أَضمَرَ مَا -18
- 18- Often your utterances and the expressions of your face reveal the secrets of your hidden thoughts.
- لِسَانِهِ وَرَاءَ الْاحَمقِ وَقُلبُ قَلبِهِ وَرَاءَ الْعَاقِلِ لِسَانُ -19
- 19- A wise man first thinks and then speaks and a fool speaks and then thinks.
- يَعْلَمُونَ لَا بِمَا فِيهِ قَالُوا يَكرَ هُونَ بِمَا النَّاسِ ?إِلَ أَسرَعَ مَن -20
- 20- One who is quick in saying unpleasant things about others, will himself quickly . become a target to their scandal.

## Supplement 1

- الله عَن وَرَضِيَ بِالكَفَافِ وَقَنِعَ لِلحِسَابِ وَعَمِلَ المَعَادَ، ذَكَرَ لِمَن ?طُوبَ -21
- 21- Happy is the man who always kept the life afterdeath in his view, who remembered the Day of Reckoning through all his deeds, who led a contented life and who was happy with the lot that God hath destined for him.

- تَعجُبِكَ حَسَنَةٍ مِن الله عِندَ خَيْرِ تَسُوءُكَ سَيَّنَةٌ -22
- 22- The sin which makes you sad and repentant is liked better by the Lord than the good deed which turns you vain and conceited.

23- Adversities often bring your good, qualities to the front.

24- Success is the result of foresight and resolution, foresight depends upon deep thinking and planning, and the most important factor of planning is to keep your secrets to yourself.

25- Hearts of people are like wild birds, they attach themselves to those who love and train them.

26- Only he can forgive who has power to punish.

27- If you help a deserving person without his request then it is generosity and if you help him after his request then mostly it is due to shyness to your refuse or fear of reproach.

28- There is no greater wealth than wisdom, no greater poverty than ignorance, no greater heritage than culture and no greater friend and helpmate than consultation.

29- Wealth converts every foreign country into your native place and poverty turns your native place into a strange land.

30- Contentment is the capital which will never come to an end.

31-Wealth is the fountain-head of inordinate cravings.

32- Whoever warns you against sins and vices is like the one who is carrying news of salvation to you.

33- The tongue is such a ferocious beast that if let loose it will act ravenously.

34- People in this world are like travellers whose journey is going on though they. are asleep. (Life'sjourney is going on though men may not feel it).

35- To lose friends is to become a stranger in one's own country.

36- Not to have a thing is less humiliating than to beg it of others.

37- Do not be ashamed if the amount of charity is small because to return the needy empty-handed is an act of greater shame.

38-If you cannot get things as much as you desire then be contented with what you have.

39- An uneducated man or a savage will always overdo a thing or neglect to do it properly.

40- The wiser a man is, the less talkative he will be.

41- Every breath that you take is a step forward towards death.

42- Anything which can be counted or reckoned is finite and will come to an end.

43- If you are confused about the good or bad effects of a~ction, then study carefully the cause and yOU! will know what the effects will be.

44- Knowledge and wisdom are really properties of a faithful Muslim, even when lost to him; get them back though you may have to get them from apostates.

45- The value of each man depends upon the art and skill which he has attained.

46- I appreciate an old man's cautious opinion more than the valour of young man.

47- How I wonder at a man who loses hope of salvation when the door of repentance is open for him.

48- He is the wisest and the most knowing man who advises people not to lose hope and confidence in the Mercy of God and not to be too sure and over-confident of immunity from His Wrath and Punishment.

49- Like your body your mind also gets tired and fagged, in such case find educational diversions for it.

#### Supplement 2

50- That knowledge is very superficial which remains only on your tongue; the intrinsic merit and value of knowledge is that you act upon it.

51- Whenever a tradition of the Holy Prophet (A.S.) is related to you examine it carefully and think over it deeply, do not be satisfied with mere verbatim repetion of the same, because."there are many people who repeat the words containing knowledge but there are few who ponder over them and try to fully grasp the meaning they convey.

52- To secureforyourselffame, credit as well as blessings the help that you give to men in need should possess following attributes: (a) whatever its extent it should be considered by you as trifling so that it may be granted a high status; (b) it should be given secretly, then the Lord will he.\'tow upon it fame and celebrity and (c) it must be given immedately, so that it may bring pleasure and utility to the receiver.

53- Those who give up religion to better their circumstances in life seldom succeed. The Wrath of God makes them go through more calamities and losses than the gains they gather for themselves.

54- There are many educated people who have ruined their future on account of their ignorance of religion. Their knowledge did not prove of any avail to them.

المَطَامِعَ يَتَّبِعُ وَلَا يُضَارِعُ وَلَا يُصَانِع، لَا مَن إِلَّا سُبِحانَهُ الله أَمرَ يُقِيمُ لَا -55

55- Only such a person can establish the Divine Rule, who, where justice and equity are required, will neither feel deficient nor weak and who is not greedy and avaricious.

?عَلَ الفَسَادَ <َ?استَول وَإِذَا ظَلَمَ، فَقَد حَوبَةٌ مِنهُ تَظهَر لَم بِرَجُلٍ الظَّنَّ رَجُلٌ أَسَاءَ ثُمَّ وَأَهلِهِ زَّمَانِ ال ?عَلَ الصَّلاحُ ?استَولَ إِذَا -56 . غَرَّرَ فَقَد بِرَجُلِ الظَّنَّ رَجُلٌ فَأَحسَنَ أَهلِهِ وَ الزَّمَانِ.

56- When a community is composed of really honest, sober and virtuous people then your forming a bead opinion about anyone of its members when nothing wicked has been seen of him is a great injustice to him; on the contrary in a corrupt society, to from a good opinion of anyone out of those people and to trust him is doing harm to yourself.

مِن ﴿ وَيُؤتَ بِصِحَّتِهِ، وَيَسَقَمُ بِبَقَائِهِ، ﴿ يَفِنَ مَن يَكُونُ كَيفَ : السَّلَامُ عَلَيهِ فَقَالَ .أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ؟ يَا نَجِدُكَ كَيفَ : السَّلَامُ عَلَيهِ لَهُ وَقِيلَ -57 مَأْمَنه

57- When Somebody asked Hazard as to how he was getting on. He replied: "What do you want to know about a person whose life is leading him towards ultimate death, whose health is the first stage towards illness and whom society has forced out of his retreat".

غُصَّةُ الفُر صَهَ إضبَاعَةُ -58

58- To lose or to waste an opportunity will result in grief and sorrow.

العَاقِلُ اللَّبَّ ذُو يَخذَرُ هَا وَ الجَاهِلُ الغِرَّ إليهَا ?يَهود جَوفِهَا، فِي النَّاقِعُ وَالسِّمُّ مَسُّهَا لَيِّنٌ الحَيَّةِ كَمَثَلِ الدُّنيَا مَثَلُ -59

59- The world, which offers your vicious pleasures is like a snake, so soft to the touch, but so full of lethal poison. Unwise people are allured by it and drawn towards it and wise men avoid it and keep away from its poisonous effects.

أَجِرُهُ ?بَيِقَ وَ مَؤُونَتُهُ تَذَهَبُ عَمَلِ وَ تَبِعَتُهُ، ?تَبِقَ وَ لَذَّتُهُ تَذَهَبُ عَمَلٍ : عَمَلِين بَينَ مَا شَتَّانَ -60

60- What difference is there between a deed whose pleasure passes away leaving behind it the pangs of pain and punishment and the deed whose cruel severity or oppressive harshness comes to an end leaving behind it heavenly rewards and blessings.

انِهِلِسدَ مِن الفَضلَ أَمسَكَ وَ مَالِهِ، مِن الفَضلَ أَنفَقَ وَ خَلِيقَتُهُ، حَسُنَت وَ سَرِيرَ ثُهُ صَلَحَت وَ كَسبُهُ طَابَ وَ نَفسِهِ في ذَلَّ لِمَن ?طُوبَ -61 البدعة ?إلَ يُنسَب وَلَم السُّنَةُ، وَ وَسعَتهُ شَرَّ هُ، النَّاسِ عَن عَزَلَ وَ.

61- Blessings are for the man who humbles himself before God, Whose sources of income are honest, whose intentions are always honourable, whose character is noble, whose habits are

sober, who gives away in the name and in the cause of God the wealth which is lying surplus with him who controls his torgue from vicious and useless talk, who abstains from oppression and tyranny, who cheerfully and faithfully follows the traditions of the Holy Prophet (A.S.) and who keeps himself away from innovation in religion.

9فِ بُيُحَاسَ وَ الْفَقَرَاءِ، عَيشَ الدُّنيَا فِي فَيَعِيشُ طَلَبَ إِيَّاهُ الَّذِي ?الغِنَ وَيَفُوتُهُ هَرَبَ، مِنهُ الَّذِي الفَقرَ يَستَعجِلُ لِلبَخِيلِ عَجِبتُ -62 . اَلأَغنيَاء حَسَابَ الآخِرَةِ

62- How I wonder at the mentality of a miser; fearing poverty he takes to stinginess and thus hastily pushes himself head-long into a state of want and destitution; be madly desires plenty and ease but throws it away without understanding. In this world he, of his own free will, leads the life of a bagger and in the next world he will have to submit an account like a millionaire.

63- Whoever is not diligent in his work will suffer sorrow and loss; whoever has no share of God in his wealth and in his life then there is no place for him in the Realm of God.

64- If you understand the Majesty of the Lord then you Will not attach any importance to the universe and its marvels.

65- An Angel announces daily "The birth of more human beings means so many more will die; the collection of more wealth means so much more will be destroyed; the erection of more buildings means so many more ruins in time to come.

66- A friend cannot be considered as a friend unless be is tested on three occasions: in time of need; behind your back and after your death.

67- This world is not a place of permanent settlement, it is a passage, a road on which you are passing; there are two kinds of people here, one is the kind who have sold their souls for Eternal Damnation. the other is of those who have purchased thir souls and freed them from damnation.

68- Daily prayers are the best medium to advance oneself in favour of the Lord. Haj is a lehad (holy War) for every weak person. For everthing that you own there is Zakaat, a ta.x paid to the Lord, and the ta.x of your health is that you keep fast. The best lehad of a woman against man is to render his home -life pleasing and congenial.

69- If you want to pray to the Lord for better means of subsistence then first give something in charity.

70- Sorrow will make you half as decrepit as old age.

#### Supplement 32

وَإِفْطَارُهُم الأكيَاسِ نَومُ حَبَّذَا وَالعَنَاءُ السَّهِرُ إِلَّا قِيَامِهِ مِن لَهُ لَيسَ قَائِمٍ مِن وَكَم وَالظَّمَأُ، الجُوعُ إِلَّا صِيَامِهِ مِن لَه لَيسَ صَائِمٍ مِن كَم -71.

71-Many persons get nothing out of their fasts but hunger and thirst; many more get nothing out of their night prayers but exertions and sleepless nights. Wise and sagacious persons are praisworthy even if they do not fast and sleep during the nights.

وَلَم الِعلمِ، بِنُورِ يَستَضِيؤُوا لَم رِيحٍ كُلَّ مَعَ يَمِيلُونَ نَاعِقٍ كُلَّ أَتَبَاعُ رَعَاعٌ وَهَمَجٌ نَجَاةٍ، سَبِيلِ ?عَلَ وَمُتَعَلَّمٌ رَبَّانيٍّ فَعَالِمٌ :ثَلَاثَةٌ النَّاسُ -72 . وَثِيقٍ رُكنِ ؟الَ يَلجَأُوا

72- Remember that there are three kinds of people, one kind is of those learned people who are highly versed in the ethics of truth and philosophy of religion, second is the kind of those who are acquiring the above knowledge, and the third is that class of people who are uneducated. They follow every pretender and accept every slogan, they have neither acquired any knowledge nor have they secured the support of firm and rational convictions.

يَزُولُ الْمَالِ وَصَنِيعُ الْإِنفَاقِ، ?عَلَ يَزِكُو وَالعِلمُ النَّفَقَةُ تَنقُصُهُ الْمَالَ تَحرُسُ وَأَنتَ نَحرُسُكَ وَالْعِلمُ الْمَالِ، مِنَ خَيرٌ العِلمُ النَّفَقَةُ تَنقُصُهُ الْمَالَ تَحرُسُ وَأَنتَ نَحرُسُكَ وَالْعِلمُ الْمَالِ، مِنَ خَيرٌ العِلمُ كُمَيلُ يَا -73. . بِزَوالِهِ 73- "Remember Kumail, Knowledge is better than and superior to wealth because it protects you and you have to guard wealth; because wealth decreases if you keep on spending it and knowledge increases the more you make use of it; and because what you get through wealth disappears as soon as wealth disappears.

74- A man can be valued through his: sayings.

75- One who does not realise his own value is condemnd to utter failure. (Every kind of complex, superiority or inferiority is hannful to man).

76- One who adopts patience will never be deprived of success though the success may take a long time to reach him.

77- One who assents or subscribes to the actions of a group or a party is as good as if he has committed the deed himself. A man who joins a sinful deed makes himself responsible for two-fold punishments; one for doing the deed and the other for assenting and subscribing to it.

78- One who enters the places of evil reputes has no right to complain against a man who talks evils of him.

79- One who is willful and conceited will suffer losses and calamity and one who seeks advices can secure advantages of many counsels.

80- One who guards his secrets has complete control over his affairs.

81- Oppression and tyranny are the worse companions for hereafter.

82- There is enough light for one who wants to see.

83- Often the inordinate desire to secure a single gain acts as a hindrance for the quest of many profitable pursuits.

84- People often hate those things which they do not know or cannot understand.

85-One who seeks advices learns to recognise mistakes.

86- One who fights for the cause of God secures vitory over His enemies.

87- JJ7zen you feel afraid or nervous to do a thing then do it, because the real harm which you may thus receive is less poignant than its expectation and fear.

88- Your supremacy over others is in proportion to the extent of your knowledge and wisdom.

89- The best way to punish an evil-doer is to reward handsomely the good deeds of a good person.

#### Supplement 4

90- Obstinacy and stubborness will not allow you to arrive at a correct decision.

91- Deficiency will result in shame and sorrow, but caution and foresight will bring peace and security.

92- To keep silent when you can say something wise and useful is as bad as to keep on propagating foolish and unwise thoughts.

93- If two opposite theories are propagated one will be wrong.

94- 0 son of Adam! whatever thou hath collected more than thy actual need, thou art not going to use, thou wilt act only as trustee for someone else.

95- One who starts tyranny will repent soon.

96- One who cannot benefit by patience will die of grief and excitement.

97- When I feel angry with a person how and when should I satisfy my anger, whether at a time when I am not. in a position to retaliate and people may advise me to bear patiently, or when I have power to punish and I forgive.

أَضَاعَ مِمَّا أَكثَرَ الشَّاكِرِ شُكرِ مِن تُدرِكَ وَقَد مِنهُ، يَستَمتِعُ لَا مَن عَليهِ يَشكُرُكَ فَقَد يَشكُرُلَکَ، لَا مَن المَعرُوفِ في يُزَهَدَنَّکَ لَا -98 . . المُحسِنِينَ يُجِبُّ وَالله الكَافِرُ

98- If you find that somebody is not grateful for all that you have done for him then do not get disappointed because often you will fina that someone else feels under your obligation though you have done nothing for him and thus your good deeds will be compensated, and God will reward you for your goodness.

99- Hearts (minds) have the tendencies of likes and dislikes, and are liable to be energetic and lethargic, therefore, make them work when they are energetic and on subjects which they like.

100. The destitute is the messenger of Allah. whoever denies him denies Allah and whoever gives him gives Allah.

#### 100 Maxims Form Imam Alibin Musa al-Ride

In the Name of Allah, The All-compassionate, The All-merciful

- 1- The best and most respected virtue of a man is to do good and to fulfill the desires of the needy.
- خَائِنَ ال ائتَمَنتَ وَلَكِنِ الأمِينُ يَخُنكَ لَم -2
- 2- The honest man has not betrayed you, but you consider the betrayer as the honest one.

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- 3- You had better avoid the munifi- cence that results in the greater loss to you than the benefits received by your brethren.
- بِالْارِكَانِ وَعَمَلٌ بِالقَلبِ وَمَعرفة بِاللَّسَانِ إقرارٌ الإيمَانُ -4
- 4- True faith means. Ii Oral acknowledgement, heart-felt 1 knoJvledge and the good practice. .
- .رفة الانسان نفسهأفضل العقل مع -5
- 5- The highest degree of Jvisdom is self-cognition.
- بِالْعَطِيَّةِ جَادَ بِالْخَلَفِ أَيقَنَ مَن -6
- 6- He who is sure about the divine rewards will be more generous. .
- الجَنَّةِ فِي بَيْنًا استَفَادَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الله فِي أَخاً استَفَادَ مَن -7
- 7- He who adopts sol11eone as a brot- her in order to provide God's consent will be given a chamber in paradise.
- . الصَّدَقَةُ وَذَخَائِرِهِ المَرِءِ مَالَ خَيرُ -8
- 8- Giving alms is the most valuable savings.
- أَفضَلُ النَّيَّةِ وَصَاحِبُ نِيَّةً وَسَاحِبُ اللَّهِ الخُلُق حُسنُ -9
- 9- Good temper could be divided into two categories..
- 1- Intrinsic.
- 2- Voluntary.. The possesso,' of which is considered to be the better person.
- المَحَارِمِ عَنِ مِنهُ وَأَفضَلُ جَميِلٌ حَسنٌ البَلاءِ ? عَلَ الصَّبرَ إنَّ -10
- 10- To be patient in the face of hards-ships is a virtue but to refrain from forbidden deeds is a greater one.
- . وَالرَّضَا الصَّبرُ الله طاعة رَأسُ-11
- 11- Patience and resignation are consi- dered as the worthiest devotions.

- . عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الله أَمر في التَّفَكُّرُ العِبَادَةُ إِنَّمَا وَالصَّومِ الصَّلَاةِ كَثْرَةَ العبَادَةُ لَيسَ -12
- 12- True devotion not only means excessive saying of prayers and keeping fasts. One ought to meditate on The Divinity profoundly.
- . بِالبِشْرِ وَالعَامَّةَ بِالتَّحَرُّزِ وَالعَدُوَّ بِالتَّوَاضُع صَّدِيقَ ال اصحَبِ -13
- 13- Be modest before yollr friends and be prudent while encountering an en- emy. Be pleasant with everyone.
- .خُلقِهِ بِحُسن الْأحرَارَ يَشْتَرِي لَا كَيفَ فَيُعتِقُهُم بِمَالِهِ الْعَبِيدَ يَشْتَرِي لِمَن عَجِبتُ -14
- 14- I wonder at one who purchases the slaves and releases them. Why doesn't he try to make the free people indebted by his good conduct?
- . البَذلِ سَخَاءِ مِن أَكثَرُ النَّاسِ أَيدِي في عَمَّا النَّفسِ سَخَاءُ -15
- 15- It is much better to be uninterested in other's properties than to be munificent.
- . الصَّدَقَةِ مِنَ أَفضَلُ لِلضَّعِيفِ عَونُكَ -16
- 16- To help the disabled is much bette,' than to give alms.
- . العِرضُ بِهِ وُقِيَ مَا المَالِ أَفضَلُ -17
- 17-Best wealth is that }vhich provides a good name for its owner.
- . أُمَّهِ لَبَن مِن خَيرٌ لَبَنِّ لِلصَّبِيَّ لَيسَ -18
- 18- There is no hetter milk for the baby's nourishment than its mother's.
- بِهِ الظَّنَّ أَسَاءَ مَن يَلُومَنَّ فَلَا لِلتُّهِمَةِ نَفسَهُ عَرَضَ مَن -19
- 19- He who exposes himself to an open lccusation should not blame those who may suspect him.
- بِالبَغي ادَّرَعَ مَنِ العُقُوبَةَ يَعدَمُ لَا -20
- 20- The oppressors will finally be punished.
- . عَزَّ وَجَلَّ الله عِندَ بِمَا وَاثِقاً فَلْيَكُنِ النَّاسِ ? أَعْنَ يَكُونَ أَن أَرَادَ مَن -21

- 21- He who wishes to be the most need-less J should put his full trust in God.
- . عَلَيهِ صَبَرَ مِمَّا خَيراً الله عَوَّضَهُ صَبَرَ لِلحَقَّ مَن -22
- 22- He who shows patience in provi- ding God's consent will no doubt get more than what he has lost.
- رَحِمَهُ فَليَصِل رِزقِهِ فِي وَيُزَادَ أَجَلِهِ فِي يُنسَأَ أَن سَرَّهُ مَن -23
- 23- He who desires to postpone the time of his decease and wishes to have his sustenance increased should observe ties of kin\'hip.
- القِيَامَةِ يَومَ قَلْبِهِ عَن الله فَرَّجَ مُؤمِنِ عَن فَرَّجَ مَن -24
- 24- God will make happy on the Day of Judgement, the person who has remo- ved the grief from the heart of a believer
- إلَيهم فَعَادَت قَوم عَن نَأَت ام وَحشِيَّةٌ فَإنَّهَا النَّعَم جِوَارَ أَحسِنُوا -25
- 25-Be good companions of blessings because they are fleeting: once gone a)vay, will not return.
- لتَنظُفُ | ((السَّلامُ عَلَيهمُ)) الأنبِيَاءِ أَخلَاقِ مِن التَّطيُّبُ ((السَّلامُ عَلَيهمُ)) الأنبِيَاءِ أَخلَاقِ مِن-26
- 26- To use scent is a manner of the holy prophets (A.S.).
- Cleanliness is characteristic of prophets.
- الصَّفقَةِ نَكثِ مَعَ السَّوءِ دَائِرَةَ المَر ءُ يَعدَمُ لَا -27
- 27- One who breaks his promise will not be left safe and sound in the unplea- sant events.
- أَهْلِهَا غَير عِندَ وَضَعُوا لَمَّا الحِكمة ضَيَّعُوا الدُّكَمَاءَ إِنَّ -28
- 28- If the men of knowledge present their knowledge to the ignorant people, they have spoiled it.
- بِهِ صُدِعتُم إِذَا الْحَقَّ مِنَ تَعْضَبُوا لَا-29
- 29-Do not get angry when you are informed of the truth.

### Supplement 1

30- One ought to see his guests off to the gate.

31- True faith means the accom- plishment of the ,'eligious obligations along with the avoidance of the forbid- den acts.

32- He who causes God's wrath in order to provide a king's consent is an apostate.

33- Nothing is more worthy than good temper.

34- You who can not satisfy people with YOur riches had better try to make them happy with a king face and good manners.

35- Silence is one of the gates to wisdom.

36- Man's intellect is his friend and ignorance, his foe.

37-As soon as the intimacy appears the awe vani,\'hes. Requisition for help is the beginning of misfortune.

38-Almightiness is reserved for God the One. He who claims the possession of this status )vill be perished by God.

39-If a person holds a malthought towards another believer, then God will not accept his religious deeds.

40- Keep aloof from avarice and envy. These two qualities have already destroyed the peoples gone by.

41- One ought to be open- handed towards his household, lest they wish for his death.

42- He who does not offer his thanks to his benefactor has not actually praised God the great and the glorious.

43- A generous man will eat other's food so that they might partake of his food. A miser refuses to eat the food of others in order to deprive them of his own food.

44- He who blames time should spend a long time blaming.

45- The generous al,oe the masters of the people in this world, while the piou.are their chiefs on doomsday.

46- Be patient in the face of truth bitter though it might taste to thee.

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47- Your mouth is one of the channels through which you make contact with God. You had then better keep it clean by brushing your teeth.

48- Pure piety is not but avoidance of mortal sins and abstinence fi~om persecuting the faithfid.

49- He who assesses himself carefully will finally benefit: the negligent will lose out.

#### Supplement 2

50- He who acts with no insight looks like a pedestrian who travels on a wrong path. The faster he walks, the deviated he becomes out the straight path.

51- God liketh not the person who has not defended his assailed house.

52- The forgiving warriors enjoy divine victory in the battlefield.

53- He who wishes to be the most dear to the people must be virtuous both in public and in secret.

54- Human intellect is a divine blessing but politeness is acquired through endeavouring.

النَّدَمِ مِنَ يُومِئُكَ العَمَلِ قَبلَ اَلتَّدبيرُ -55

55-Prudence keeps repentance away.

56- Reflection is the mirror into which you can look and see your virtues and your evils.

57-Magnanimity is unstable. Trust in God will give it stability.

58-Gifts cast out hatred. from the heart.

59- Humbeleness means treating others the same way as you expect them to treat you.

60- He who tries to keep himselfimma- culate for forty days, God will let the waves of wisdom flow from his heart to his tongue.

61- Giving alms repels the Certain catastrophe.

62- He who wishes to be the strongest of all should rely on God.

63- The believer wizo is endowed with a good temper will have the strongest faith.

64- Perfection in intellect is primarily to have faith in God and secondly to behave well towards others.

65- Penalty for ingratitude occurs instanfly.

66- Remission is good when not accom- panied by blame.

67- Treasures of beneficence include conceallnent of your good deeds, toler- ance in hardships and reticence in disasters.

68- A faithful Muslim never exceeds his legitimate right when he is in power.

69- The believers fury will not deviate hiln from the right path.

70- He who begins his day without being concerned about improving the Muslim's affairs should not be called a Muslim.

## Supplement 3

71- The true Muslim never teases others with his hand or tongue.

72- He who recognizes his merit will not easily perish.

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. لَأِهلِهَا إِلَّا تَصلُحُ لَا الرِّيَاسَةَ فَإِنَّ هَلَكَ لِنَفسِهِ الرِّيَاسَةَ طَلَبَ مَن -73

73- He who is ambitious will perish. Presidency must be owned by those who are worthy of it.

74- He who chooses his path properly will not slip down.

He Jvill neve," confront a deadlock in case he falls.

75-A generous man is close to God, close to paradise, and close to everyone.

76- Keeping others secrets, patience in hardships and tolerance to wards others are all signs of faith.

77- Tolerance, knowledge and silence are the signs found in a jurisprudent.

78- To bear enmity towards the people is the worst provision for the journey to the Hereafter.

79- He who betrays his brethren, cau- ses them losses and deceives them, is not one of us.

80- One who torments his neighbor is not one of us.

81- Never become angry with others and do not ask anything from them. Wish for the people whatever you wish for yourself.

- . حَرَامٌ فَقَلِيلُهُ كَثِيرُهُ أَسكَرَ فَمَا شَرَابٍ كُلِّ مِن وَالْمُسكِرُ بِعَينِهِ حَرَامٌ ٱلخَمرُ -82
- 82- Wine and other intoxicating bever- ages are strictly prohibited by the religious legislation. One sip of such drinks is as illegitimate as a whole barrel is
- العَقل نِصفُ النَّاسِ إِلَ اَلتَّوَدُد -83
- 83- To befiliendly with others denotes one half of wisdom.
- عِيَالُه ? عَلَ يُوسِّعَ أَن يَجِبُ النِّعمَة صَاحِبُ -84
- 84- A wealthy person ought to be generous to his family.
- مُسلِماً يُرَوّعَ أَن لِمُسلِمٍ يَحِلُّ لَا -85
- 85- A Muslim should not frighten his brethren.
- . عِندَهُم نَفسَهُ فَضَحَ النَّاسِ إلى ضُرَّهُ إِأْبِدَ مَنِ -86
- 86- He who reveals his poverty before others will disgrace himself.
- بِالْاخِيَارِ الْظَّنِّ سُوءَ تُورِثُ الْأَشْرَارِ مُجَالَسَةُ -87
- 87- To be in the company of villains will result in suspecting the good.
- . وَالْيَقِين وَالْبِرِّ ٱلتَّسْلِيمِ : ثَلاثَةٍ مِن اَعَزُ وَلَا اَجَلُ السَّمَاءِ مِنَ نَزَلَ مَا -88
- 88- Resignation, beneficence and certi- tude are the most precious bleSSings descended by Heaven.
- يَضِلُّوافَ غَيرهِ في آ? الهُد تَطلُبُوا وَلا تَتَجاوَزُوهُ، لَا الله كَلامُ فَقَالَ القُر آن؟ فِي مَاتَقُولُ: السَّلَامُ عَليهِ لِلرَّضا قُلتُ -89
- 89- Rayan says I said to Imam Reza (as) "What do you say about Quran?" '1 He said Quran is the speech of God. .

Do not step ahead of it. And do not seek the guidance, except from Quran, for, you will go astray.

- صَبَرُوا ابتُلُوا وَإِذَا شَكَرُوا، أُعطُوا وَإِذَا استَغفَرُوا، اَستَغفَرُوا، اَستَغفَرُوا، اَستَغفَرُوا، اَستَغفَرُوا، اَستَبشَرُوا احسَنُوا إِذَا اللَّذِينَ :(ع) فَقَالَ ادِ،العِبَ خِيَار عَن وسُئِلَ -90 حَمَوا وَإِذَا استَغفَرُوا، عَضبُوا وَ إِذَا السَّبشَرُوا اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَالَمُ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَلَيْ اللَّهُ عَالَا عَالَمُ اللَّهُ عَنْ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللّ
- 90- A person asked Imam Reza (as) "who are the best of the servants?"

He replied", Those who get happy when they perform a good deed & when ever they do a bad & evil work they ask forgiveness from God. And whenever they are given any benediction (boon) they thank (for it) God. And while they get angery, they overlook. (remit).

91- فَيَمُنَّ بِرَبَّهِ الْعَبِدُ يُؤمِنَ أَن وَمِنهَا .صُنعاً يُحسِنُ أَنَّهُ وَيَحسِبُ فَيُعجِبُهُ حَسَناً فَيَرَاهُ عَمَلِهِ سُوءُ لِلْعَبِدِ يُزَيِّنَ أَن مِنهَا :جَاتٌدَرَ لِلْعُجبِ -91 فَيه عَليه المِنَّةُ وَيَد اللهِ ?عَلَ

91- There are a few stages of self admiration. one of those is that the bad actions of a person get so very decorated in his eyes that he admires them (as virtues). And another one is that a servant acquires faith, in God and boasts of a favour to Him.

And God has done a favour to him in that (faith).

92- God has commanded three things alongwith three others (in Quran). Prayers are with alms. Thus, one who prays & does not give alms, his prayers are not approved.

The thank giving to God is ordered alongwith thank giving & gratitude to the parents. Therefore, one who does not thank his parents, he has not thanked God.

Piety has been commanded alongwith observing the ties of kinship. There fore, one who does not observe the ties of Kinship has not adoped piety (towards God).

93- God has enemity with, & dislikes the futile talk and wasting money & much begging & requesting.

94- The Miser does not have comfort & the jealous one has nojoy & enjoyment, kings are unfaithful, and a liar has no manliness (courage).

95- Do not acquire the company of a drinker & do not salute him.

96- See & visit each other so as to get friendlier.

97- One who repents (upon a sin) is like the one who does not have a sin.

98- Silence is a gate from the gates of wisdom. Verily silence generates lone and it is a guide to all virtues.

99- Fulfill the rights of your relatives with as little as providing drink of water. The best way of fulfilling the rights of relatives is to refrain from harvins them. 4

# Supplement 4

آدَمَ بَنُو يُعطَ وَلَم بِدَرَجَةٍ، الإِيمَانِ مِنَ أَفضَلُ وَاليَقِينُ بِدَرَجَةٍ، الإِيمَانِ مِنَ أَفضَلُ ?وَالتَّقَوَ بِدَرَجَةٍ، الإِسلَامِ مِنَ أَفضَلُ الإِيمَانِ مِنَ أَفضَلُ . اليَقين مِنَ أَفضَلَ.

100. Faith is one degree superior to islam, Piety is superior by one degree to Faith, and cirtitude (conviction) is a station superior to faith. Nothing better has been bestowed upon human beings than certitude.

الله أمِينَ زيارة

انَّک اَشْهَدُ اَمِيرَالمُوْمِنِينَ يَا عَلَيک اَلسَّلامُ عِبادِهِ ? عَل وَحُجَّتُهُ أُرضِهِ في الله اَمينَ يَا عَلَيک اَلسَّلامُ بسم الله الرحمن السرحيم؛ بإختيارِهِ إِلَيهِ فَقَبَضَکَ جِوارِهِ ؟ إِلَ لله | دَعاکَ ? حَتَّ وَالِهِ عَلَيهِ الله ؟ صَلَّ نَبِيهِ سُنَنَ وَاتَبَعتَ بِكِتابِهِ وَعَمِلتَ جِهادِهِ حَقَّ الله في جاهَدتَ مُولَعَةً بِقَضَائِک راضِيَةً بِقَدَرِک مُطْمَئِنَةً نَفسِي فَاجعَل اَللَّهُمَّ خَلقِهِ جَميع ? عَل الْبَالِغَةِ الحُجَج مِنَ لَک ما مَعَ الحُجَّةَ اَعدائک وَالزَمَ ذَاكِرَةً نَعمائِک لِهُو اضِيلُ شَاكِرَةً بَلاَئِک مُطمَئِنَةً نَفسِي فَاجعَل اللَّهُمَّ خَلقِهِ جَميع ? عَل الْبَالِغَةِ الحُجَج مِنَ لَک ما مَعَ الحُجَة اَعدائک وَالزَمَ ذَاكِرَةً نَعمائِک لِهُو اضِيلُ شَاكِرَةً بَلاثِک مُنْ وَلِ ؟ عَل صابِرةً وَسَماثِک آرضِک في مَحبُوبَةً اَولِيائِک وَقِلِصَهُ مُحبَّةً وَدُعاثِک لِيورِك عَلْمُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ مَثرَوَّدَةً لِقَاثِک فَرحَةٍ ؟ إِلْ مُشتاقَةً الأَبُک لِسَوَابِغ وَافَذِهَ وَاضِحَةً اللهُ وَاللهُ اللهُ اللهُ

المَزِيدِ عَوائِدَ وَ نازِلَةٌ لَدُنكَ مِن الْخَلائِقِ ? إِلَ وَاَرز اقَ َكَ مَحفُوظَةٌ لَذيكَ العامِلِينَ اعَمالَ وَ مُقالَةٌ استَقالَكَ مَن وَزَلَلَ مُنجَزَةٌ لِجِبادِكَ مُثَواتِرَةٌ المَزِيدِ وَعَوائِدَ مُوفَّرَةٌ عِندَكَ السّائِلِينَ وَجَو ائِزَ مَقضييَةٌ عِندَكَ خَلَقِكَ وائجَوَدَ مَغفُورَةٌ المُستَغفِرِينَ وَذُنُوبَ واصلِةٌ اللّهِم مُثَواتِرةٌ المَزعَةُ الطَّماءِ وَمَناهِلَ مُعَدَّةٌ المُستَطعَمِينَ وَمَوائِدَ وَعَلِيٍّ مُحَمَّدٍ بِحَقَّ ائِي اَولِدِ بَينَ وَ بَيني وَ اجمَع ثَنائِي وَ اقبَل دُعانِي قاستَجِب اَللَّهُمَّ مُترَعَةٌ الظَّماءِ وَمَناهِلَ مُعَدَّةٌ المُستَطعَمِينَ وَمَوائِدَ الْعَيلِ مُولِينًا الْعَلِي وَاجمَع ثَنائِي وَاقبَل دُعانِي وَعَايَةُ مُنايَ ? وَمُنتَه نَعمائِي وَلِي النَّكَ وَالحُسَنِ وَالحَسَن وَفاطِمَةً وَاطْهِر اَذَانا عَن وَاشْغَلَهُم اَعدَائنا عَنّا وَكُفَّ لَإِولِيائِنا عَلَى إِنْكَ ؟ عَل إِنَّكَ ؟ عَل إِنَّكَ ؟ السُّفُل وَاجعَلهَا الباطِلِ كَلِمَةً وَاَدِحِض العُليا وَالجعَلنَا الْحَقَّ كَلِمَةً وَاظْهِر اَذَانا عَن وَاشْغَلَهُم اَعدَائنا عَنّا وَكُفَّ لَإِولِيائِنا عَنْ وَاشْغَلَقُم اَعدَائنا عَنّا وَكُفَّ لَاوِلِي شَيْءٍ فَي اللّهُ الْمُعَلِقُ وَالْمُ اللّهُ الْمُ الْوَلَى الْمُعْلَقُ وَالْمُولِ عَلَيْهُ الْمُعَلِي وَالْمَعَلَى وَالْمُولُولُ عَلَى اللّهُ الْمُولِ وَالْمُ مُنْتُ الْمُعْلَى وَالْقِيلُ الْمُولِ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُعْلَى وَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَالْمُ الْمُؤْلُولُ وَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلِيائِنا عَنْ وَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَولِيائِنا عَنْ وَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلِي الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَلْمُ الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَيْنَا عَنْ وَلَامُؤُلُولُ وَلِيالِنَا عَلْمَ الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَامُ الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلِي الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلِي الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَيْلُولُ وَلَيْلُولُ وَلَيْلُولُ وَلَولُولُ وَلَامُ لَوْلُولُولُ وَلَيْلُولُ وَلَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَمْ وَلَولُولُ وَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَمُهُ وَلَولُولُ وَلَالَعُولُ وَلَولِي وَلَالَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَولُولُ وَلَولُولُولُ وَلَالِمُ لَوْلِمُ وَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَولُولُ وَلَمْ الْعُلُولُ وَلَالِمُ الْمُؤْلُولُ وَلَالْمُولُولُولُ وَلَا اللْمُؤْلُولُ وَالْمُولُولُولُولُولُ وَلَولُولُولُ وَلَالْمُؤْلُولُ وَالْمُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُولِ

#### ZIYAARAT AMEENALLAAH

In the Name of Allah, The All-compassionate, The All-merciful Peace be on you,

0 trusted guardian, appointed by Allah, to administer His earth, and to convince the mankind to accept H is plan.

Peace be on you, 0 Ameer ul Moomineen;

I testify that you made utmost efforts, as it should be, in the cause of Allah, acted upon His Book, followed the way of life of His Prophet,

[blessings of Allah be on him and on his children], to the last moment of your life, until Allah invited you to come unto Him, and used His discretion to take you away,

and sealed your enemies' doom with the allegation that the arguments had been made known to one and all through you. O' Allah let me be happy and I satisfied with that which Thou considers good for me, (let me agree with that which Thou decides for me, Let me passionately remember Thee, and invoke Thee,

let me be in love with Thy pure and sincere friends,

let me be well-liked and respected on the earth, and in the heavens, let me be unruffled and well-composed in the midst of misfortunes, let me be gratefully thankful in prosperity,

let me be mindful of much and more bounties,

let me ardently desire for the heart warming meeting with Thee; well-equipped with piety to gain my end on the Day of Requital, let me follow into the footsteps of Thy representatives,

let me disassociate myself from the mannerism of Thy enemies, let me pass my time, in this world, by praising and glorifying Thee.

0 Allah, verily, the hearts of those who surrender to Thee, are full of passionate love, the path of

those, who long for Thee, is the straight (true) road, the instructions given by those, who lean on Thee, are distinct and precise, the minds of those, who are aware of Thy reality, are filled with awe and reverence,

the call of those, who invite unto Thee, is loud and clear, and the doors of approval are kept open for them; whoso submits his supplication to Thee receives a favorable answer, whoso turns repentant unto Thee gets acceptance (amnesty),

whoso bursts into tears in fear of Thy punishment obtains mercy, whoso seeks redress from Thee finds the required assistance at his disposal, whoso asks for Thy help procures the aid as a gift.

Thy promise made with Thy servants is fulfilled; whoso asks for pardon of his errors finds them reduced to nothing,

whoso does everything for Thy sake discovers that each and every deed has been preserved. The means of livelihood available to the created beings come from Thee like a rainfall, and in addition many recurring favors and bounties reach them in regular successions, the sins of those, who ask for forgiveness, are overlooked,

the wants and needs of all that which has been created by Thee are properly satisfied, those who put forward genuine demands get more than they ask for,

one after the other, again and again;

for the hungry wholesome food is arranged, for the thirsty clean water is available in abundance.

O Allah give favorable answer to my prayer, acknowledge the praise I sing in worship,

let there be peace and harmony between me and my friends, for the sake of Mohammad,

Ali, Fatimah, Hasan and Husayn; Verily, Thou art my Benefactor who provides with bounties, the aim of my desires, the ultimate destination of my hopes,

in my future life, and during this short life.

Thou art my God, my Master and my Lord; welcome my friends,

keep our enemies away from us; to save us from the evil mischief divert their attention,

let the "true Word" come out in the open, supreme and dominant, refute and condemn the "foul lie", rendered contemptible, Verily, Thou art able to do all things.