



## TRUE WEALTH

When a person is focused towards an objective or purpose, he is by nature driven from within himself to make great sacrifices and undertake hardships to achieve that objective. To the extent that he is determined to acquire the said objective, to that extent he will apply and dedicate himself towards the desired goal. The burning mid-summer heat or the freezing winter cold do not deter him. He drags himself through days of illness and dedicatedly sails through storming times to reach the shore of his purpose. This is witnessed daily in all walks of life. For some people the object is the business and the next million. For others it is sport and the dream of a gold medal. Yet for some it is the thrill of catching that really big fish in the early hours of the morning. It could even be the dream of becoming the doyen in one's profession, or dozens of other similar things. In order to achieve these objectives, people sometimes sacrifice even that which is most cherished in the life of ordinary human beings — one's children.

### WESTERN LIFESTYLE IS HELL

The western materialistic way of life has made mankind's objective the acquisition of wealth and luxuries of this world and to sparkle in its glitter and glamour. To this end the west has advanced in leaps and bounds in trying to make this world a heaven (though the western life-style has proven to be hell — the rate of suicide among those who live this way of life is sufficient proof of this). In the process, among other things, the west has long sacrificed its most valuable and cherished assets — its children. One does not need to elaborate on the mess that western society has made of its children. This is not surprising from those who are devoid of Imaan. The tragedy is when Believers have lost sight of their true objective and have, at least in practice, made the acquisition of worldly things their purpose in life, they too in most instances have lost their children.

### ACCUSING FINGERS

One should objectively consider the general condition of the youth — our sons and daughters. What are their ambitions and aspirations? Who do they love to imitate — Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) and the Sahaaba (R.A.), or kuffaar idols? What do they value? What are their past-times? How do they spend their weekends? Who are their friends — the answers to these questions are well-known. Yet when pointing accusing fingers at our children about the path they are plodding, the questions to ask ourselves as parents are:

- \* How much effort have I made on my sons/daughters to make them upright Muslims?
- \* How much time do I dedicate towards talking to

them and encouraging them about Deen?

- \* How much have I made it my business to know where they are going and what they are doing?
- \* Did I take steps to ensure that they do not join the wrong company?
- \* Have I created a proper Deeni environment at home which is conducive to bringing up soldiers of Islam and which is free from the instruments of Shaitaan?
- \* Have I made efforts to engage them in such activities which boost the Imaan and generate the consciousness of Allah Ta'ala?

If one has satisfactory answers to these and other similar questions, and yet one's child has strayed, perhaps one would be absolved of one's duty and responsibility. Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) has declared: "Everyone of you is a shepherd and he will be questioned regarding his flock." Thus we should consider whether we have satisfactory answers when we will be questioned on the day of Qiyamah.

### PRACTICAL STEPS

Among the practical steps to take immediately which will insha-Allah assist greatly in guiding our children towards the right path are the following:

**1. Company:** Good company is vitally important. Rasulullah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) is reported to have said: "A person follows the creed of his friend, so be careful about who you befriend." Bad company will corrupt the child despite the positive influences that may be exerted at home.

**2. Role Model:** Young people easily follow whoever they find as a role model. Make the Sahaaba (R.A.) and the pious predecessors the role models for our children. Daily, time should be spent with our families reading about the lives of the Sahaaba (R.A.). The book "Stories of Sahaaba" by Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Muhammad Zakaria Saheb (R.A.) is ideal for this purpose. Many have implemented this and have witnessed the tremendous benefits.

**3. Environment:** The correct Deeni environment is absolutely essential. This environment must be created at home by ensuring that all members of the family are regularly performing their salaah, daily reciting the Qur'an Shareef and engaging in Zikr of Allah Ta'ala. The T.V. and videos are indeed instruments of great entertainment for Shaitaan who sits back and watches how the *haya* (shame and modesty) and Imaan of Muslims is subtly plundered by this evil box. We think

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we are enjoying ourselves but Shaitaan gets a bigger kick out of our foolishness.

Apart from the home, where do our children spend the most of their time? While many aspects could be discussed here, in this limited space only one aspect is highlighted: Besides a handful who are very conscious of Deen and are punctual upon their Salaah and other injunctions of Deen, who dress and behave as true Muslims, who keep their gazes lowered and do not intermingle with *ghair mahrams*, who keep the company of the pious and refrain from vices and sins — besides this small group hardly anyone who enters a secular university comes out unscathed. According to first hand reports, in local universities many Muslim girls lost their chastity within months of admission and openly discussed it with others. Some even lost their Imaan. If we throw our children into these Imaan-consuming and hayaa-devouring dens, do we have satisfactory answers to the questions that will be posed to us on the day of Qiyamah?

**4. Literature:** In consultation with experienced Ulama, one should acquire and provide appropriate literature to one's children which will kindle the flames of Imaan in them and build their *akhlaaq* (character). Novels and magazines of the kuffaar, in a subtle manner, calculatingly destroy the *akhlaaq*, *hayaa* and even *Imaan* of adults and children alike. Many newspapers also are, at least in part, of a pornographic nature. The Imaani environment of the home should never be allowed to be polluted by these anti-Imaan instruments.

## SACRIFICE

Hence we have to sacrifice much to save our cherished wealth — our children. The reality of the value of this wealth will only be realised when we are laid in our graves. At that time all the vast empires will be left behind without any benefit to us. However if we leave behind pious children, they will daily remember us and pray for us. The benefit of this will reach us in our graves. Therefore, with *hikmah* (wisdom), kindness and affection coupled with firmness, continuous efforts with perseverance and most of all constant earnest duas, we can insha-Allah still save the next generation. If in the process we earn a few million less, or live with less luxuries or even with just the necessities of life, but our children are saved, it is a very cheap bargain.

May Allah Ta'ala protect us and the children of the entire Ummah, Aameen.

# questions SHIA QUR'AN

**Q** I had previously heard about the Shia Qur'an but did not have any details. Recently a friend told me that the Shia do not believe in the present Quran. Is this true?

**A** The crux of the SHIA BELIEF of the Qur'an is the following:

*Besides Hazrath Ali (R.A.), nobody memorized the ENTIRE Quran that was revealed to Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam). In this "Qur'an" Hazrath Ali (R.A.) and the rest of the eleven Ma'soom Imaams were mentioned by name and declared as rightly entitled to being the leaders. The "Original Quran" that was revealed to Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) was much bigger than the present Quran. It contained 70 000 verses. When the Quran was compiled in the time of Hazrath Abu Bakr (R.A.), the Sahaaba (R.A.) changed many things and removed many words. The entire verse regarding the leadership of Hazrath Ali (R.A.) was removed. Some verses were fabricated. The sequence was also changed.*

This is the crux of the Shia belief. May Allah Ta'ala save us from such *baatil*, Aameen. These beliefs were recorded by Shia authors who are highly acclaimed and respected among Shia scholars. The following are some of the authentic Shia books wherein the above is recorded:

1. Usoolul Kaafi - Lucknow print, pg.262, 268 and 271
2. Al-Ihtijaajut Tabrasi, published by Mu'assasat al-A'lami lil matbu'at, Beirut, 1989, pp.153; 155; 249; 252
3. Tafseer Safi - v.1, p.32; published by Kitabfarooshe Islamiyeh, Iran, 1375/1956
4. Tafseer Qummi, v1,p10; published by Kitabfarooshe Allameh, Qum, Iran, 2nd edition 1968
5. Faslul Khitaab pg.97, Tehran.

**Q** I n **TARAWEEH IMAAM** V o l . 7 ,  
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Haadi it was mentioned that it is makrooh tahrimi to appoint a person who shaves his beard as the Imaam for Taraweeh. What if the person has repented?

**A** A person who shaves his beard or trims it to less than a fist length, or one who openly commits major sins, is termed a faasiq (flagrant violator of the Shariah). To appoint a faasiq as the Imaam for any Salaah is makrooh tahrimi. If such a person is nevertheless appointed, the Salaah behind him will be valid and the burden of deficiency in the Salaah of all the followers will be upon those who appointed a faasiq as the Imaam.

However, if the faasiq has made sincere tauba, there is no harm in appointing him as the Imaam (refer Fatawa Mahmoodia - Vol.2, pg.106). Nevertheless, if the sin that the person has repented from was that of shaving the beard, the person should not be appointed as the Imaam until the beard has once again grown to its full natural length or to at least the extent of one fist. If it has become the habit of a person that every year before Ramadhaan he repents and keeps a beard and after Ramadhaan he shaves it off, caution should be exercised in appointing such a person, though one should never question the sincerity of his repentance. That is a matter solely between him and Allah Ta'ala.

# RAVE INTERVIEW

*Among the recent crazes to ensnare even Muslims is the evil of “Raves.” The following are some excerpts from an interview with a youngster who was deeply involved in the rave scene for more than two years until he finally gained hidayat to forsake this evil. Some aspects are startling and being reproduced here as an eye-opener, especially to parents.*

**Q. Can you briefly tell us what is this “rave” all about?**

**A.** There are various things involved in rave. One of the things is the music. The music is such that merely by listening to it one can fall into a different state of mind and even into a trance. It is for this reason that the DJ’s are changed every two hours since they have to be alert and fresh to be able to manipulate the sounds create this effect. So the music itself is mind-altering. Then an almost inseparable aspect is drugs. The music already puts the person in an altered state of mind. To enhance that condition rave-goers resort to taking ecstasy.

**Q. Who are the patrons of these clubs.**

**A.** People from all walks of life, but mostly young boys and girls. One particular club is patronised by numerous Muslim youngsters.

**Q. Are the parents of these youngsters aware where their children are?**

**A.** A few are aware. Most don’t know anything. They believe that their children are at a friend’s house or are gone for a braai, etc. I even know of some girls who used to quietly slip out from the house through windows, etc. after mid-night and come to the club. They have their lifts arranged in advance. They go to the club and return without their parents knowing anything. Some parents are just too gullible. They have no idea that their “angels” are upto really hair-raising things. It seems that many parents just do not want to know - until everything eventually explodes into the open. Let alone rave clubs, even at places like \*\*\* (a popular local ice-cream outlet) and at regular events which take place at the beach, Muslim boys and girls are involved in haraam activities. Rarely does any young person come there merely for ice-cream. There are a lot of serious things going on.

**Q. What goes on at a typical rave party?**

**A.** There are very few things that go on — but yet so much. Basically it is music, dancing, drugs, drinking and ... zina. You end up like an animal in there. Your mind gets taken over. You are deceived into thinking

that you have become free. In fact you are becoming a slave of drugs and a slave of the barbaric culture of the rave scene.

**Q. How did you stop?**

**A.** (What follows is only a summary of the lengthy details of the answer)

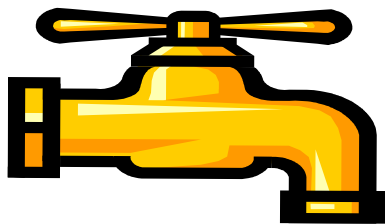
The last time I was in the club, it was the early hours of the morning when I suddenly saw something that really scared me. Many of those to whom I mentioned this to say I was hallucinating but I don’t think so. The reason is that a friend who was with me saw exactly what I saw. While I was in the club I suddenly saw this huge white figure which floated - not walked - past me. I then saw it pointing to me in a

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threatening way. My friend also saw this. At the same time I could hear the base of the music playing an eerie line with the words “... he is the head ... he is the head” which seemed to me to be a reference to the figure I had seen. I was so scared that I wanted to run out immediately. I felt really

eerie and felt from within that I had to get out from here and speak out about this evil. I beckoned to my friend to come with me. I simply wanted to run from there. The whole thing was full of Shaitaani feelings. As we left, at that part of the morning, there were people walking in who were fresh and looking like they has just groomed themselves and arrived. I was later told that these were Satan worshippers. I am convinced that satan worship is at the background of this rave craze. At the time I really felt like I was going to lose my Imaan. I finally ran out and got into my car. I rushed off and came and parked outside the Musjid ... Suddenly I realized this Shaitaani figure had followed me there ... (The rest of the incident has been omitted in the interests of brevity. The conclusion was that he finally got home in a terrible state and many hours later calmed down after his distraught mother forced him to perform salaah).

# HOW MANY LITRES DO I USE?



Wudhu is a great *Ibaadah* (act of worship). Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) is reported to have said that when a person performs wudhu in the proper manner, all the (minor) sins that were committed are washed off by means of the wudhu. However, certain acts spoil this great *Ibaadah* and deprive one of the full benefits and virtues of wudhu. Among these acts is the wasting of water.

## 1.3 LITRES

It has been very conservatively estimated that at average most people use more than six litres of water for one wudhu. This is in stark contrast to the amount of water that Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) used for his wudhu. Hazrath Aisha (R.A.) reports that Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) used one *mudd* of water for wudhu and one *saa* for ghusal (Abu Dawood). One *mudd* amounts to approximately 1.03 litres and one *saa* is approximately 4.1 litres. In other words, we generally use more water for wudhu than Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) used for ghusal. Once Hazrath Jaabir (R.A.) narrated the saying of Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) that one *mudd* of water suffices for wudhu and one *saa* for ghusal. A person sitting there remarked: "It does not suffice for me." Hazrath Jaabir (R.A.) silenced him by saying: "It sufficed for him [Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam)] who was better than you and who even had more hair than you" (hence he would require more water than you to wash the head during ghusal) (Ibn Majah).

## ISRAAF

To use more than what is necessary is termed *israaf*. Regarding *israaf* Allah Ta'ala

From the pen of



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### DESIRE TO HUMILIATE ENEMY

#### SUMMARY OF LETTER:

Respected Mufti Saheb

[The writer explained that his enemies have put him into great problems and difficulties, to the extent that they even resorted to having *sihr* (black magic) done upon him. He then requested some *wazifa* of such a nature that as soon as he begins to read it, he would see his enemies being disgraced and humiliated. He also requested permission to recite the "Manzil" published by Sheikhul Hadith Moulana Zakaria (R.A.) to counter the effects of the *sihr* upon him.

**SUMMARY OF REPLY:** عَقُودًا عُنُقًا

Respected Brother

قَالَ قَا أَأَبَا نِيَّاءَ قَااءَ نَبَّعًا

I was greatly disturbed upon hearing of your plight. The recitation of the "Manzil" published by Hazrath Sheikhul Hadith (R.A.) is very beneficial and has proven to be effective. It has been the practice of the *Akabireen* to recite it. Hazrath Shah Waliullah (R.A.) has also written about its great effect. You may also recite it for your own protection and the protection of your family. However the purpose must be to obtain the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and to be safe from the evil of one's enemies. This has always been the way of our pious predecessors. They did not like to see their enemies being disgraced and humiliated. Rather they stopped people from trying to disgrace their enemies. Do you want to take all the revenge of the sufferings your enemies have given you in this world? It is better that you forgive them in this world. As a result in the Hereafter you will gain such great benefit in return that you cannot even imagine in this world. (Tarbiyatut Taalibeen pg.196)

\*The "Manzil" is a compilation of various aayats of the Quran and other duas. Its recitation has a tremendous effect in countering the effects of *sihr*, jinns, etc.

declares: "Verily Allah Ta'ala does not love the wasters." On one occasion Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) asked a person who was performing wudhu: "Why are you wasting water?" The person enquired: "Is there *israaf* even in wudhu?" Rasulallah (sallallahu alaihi wasallam) replied: "Yes indeed, (do not waste) even if you are at the bank of a river" (Ibn Majah).

Hence it is necessary to become conscious of this important aspect and refrain from wasting water during wudhu.

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