

O people, servanthood is our honour!
 The Lord of Heaven created you to be His servant and He dresses you with the honour of servanthood for the Lord of Heaven! And servanthood has an entrance, and that entrance is fasting.

Without fasting you will not be able to control your ego; and your ego will carry you to that dirty ocean, the ocean of physical desires. By your animal characteristics that are collected in your ego, shayṭān will carry you to those dirty oceans and you will not be able to stop it or go against shayṭān.

There is only one way that will make you able to stand against your physical desires and to go against and defeat shayṭānic ideas and ways: and that is fasting!

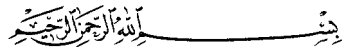
Therefore fasting has been ordered from the first man up until the end of this world. Fasting can never be taken away and if a person never fasts, he will not be able to go against or to control his ego and his ego's worst characteristics.

O people, keep this holy order of Allāh Almighty so that you are able to control yourself! If you are not able to control yourself you will be carried to that dirty ocean where youngsters run after sexuality, and older people run to collect as much money, gold and possessions from Dunyā as possible.

O people, may Allāh forgive us! Ask for divine support when you are fasting: "O our Lord, we are weak! We are such weak creatures, please, o our Lord, support us so that we are able to control our eating, drinking and sexuality, so that we are able to be Your servants!"

O our Lord, forgive us and support us! For the honour of the most honoured one in His Divine Presence, Sayyidinā Muḥammad ﷺ, *Fātiḥah!*

A Simple Prayer



*Lord make me an instrument of your peace
 Where there is hatred ... let me sow love.
 Where there is injury ... pardon.
 Where there is discord ... unity.
 Where there is doubt ... faith.
 Where there is error ... truth.
 Where there is despair ... hope.
 Where there is sadness ... joy.
 Where there is darkness ... light.
 O Divine Master, grant that
 I may not so much seek
 To be consoled ... as to console.
 To be understood as understand.
 To be loved ... as love.
 For
 It is in giving ... that we receive.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
 It is in dying ... that we are born
 to eternal life.*

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*Astaghfirullāb, astaghfirullāb, astaghfirullāb
 al-‘azīm wa atubu ilayh.*

*Taubatan ‘abdin zālīmīn li nafsibi lā yamliku li
 nafsibi mautan wa lā ḥayyātan wa lā nushūra ...*

*Yā Rabbī afet, yā Rabbī afet, yā Rabbī afet!
 Innaka afuwun karīm tububbu l-afwa fafu’anna
 yā karīm, fafu’anna, ya raḥīm,*

*yā arḥama r-rāḥimīn, yā akrama l-akramīn,
 yā arḥama r-rāḥimīn ...*

*Irbamnā bi jabi nabīyyika l-karīm!
 A‘udbu bi-llāhi mina sh-shaiṭāni r-rajīm,
 bismi-llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm*

*Lā ḥawla wa lā quwwata illā bi-llāhi l-‘aliyyi
 l-‘azīm!*

O people, *as-salāmu ‘alaikum!* *Ayyuba n-nās*, o people, always say among yourselves *‘as-salāmu ‘alaikum!’* *As-salāmu ‘alaikum* is a greeting, and at the same time as you greet someone it is also a prayer: *‘As-salāmu ‘alaikum’*, we are asking for blessings from Allāh Almighty. It is a prayer and we ask for His mercy.

So when I say to you *‘As-salāmu ‘alaikum’*, that means that I am asking from Allāh Al-

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mighty to send His blessings to you. It is such a beautiful greeting. You can only find such a greeting in Islam, but nowadays people are like rocks, and they have no feelings, or like animals which only understand eating and drinking and sexual activity.

All people in the world have fallen into an ocean of physical desires. Some of them are trying to swim, but mostly they sink and never appear again. Some people are trying to swim and are happy to swim in that ocean, never thinking to reach land. They think they are very happy in that ocean!

But even in an ordinary sea at first people will be happy and ask to be forever in that sea. But after a while they will tire. And after a while that enjoyment which they found swimming is going to decrease and become less and less until it reaches the point of zero and they are tired. When a person tires it means he has lost his enjoyment. Tiring is the sign of the limit of his enjoyment. And also his tiring is not going to remain on the same level, but will increase, and increase until he can't be able to anything about it. Then he will begin to surrender to the sea. And the sea then will begin to swallow that person and take him down, down until that person is finished. And that is the ordinary sea I am talking about.

But now people have fallen into a worse ocean. The ordinary sea may have mercy, a kind of mercy for you, but the sea of our physical desires, eating, drinking, and sexuality has no mercy at all! O people, hear and understand! Listen!

And now 99 percent of people are in that terrible ocean of physical desires: eating, drinking and sexuality. All people in the world think that their mission in this life is only to eat and drink and enjoy their sexual organs.

People who are running to western countries, some from far distances, especially if they are 40, 50, or even 60, are only asking to make as much money as possible, some of them Dollars, some of them Pounds, and now also Euro – what an ugly word ‘Euro’ is. It makes you want to vomit. People run to collect as much as possible.

“Put the money in your case!”

“O Sir, the case is full now!”

“Then carry it to our vault in the Bank of England or take these Euros to the Deutschland Bank. Or take them to Luxembourg. Haha! There the vaults are much stronger!”

“But Sir, Luxemburg is a small land!”

“It is a small country, but full of banks! But if it is too small, take your Euros to Switzerland, because it is the oldest country that is famous for banks. The Swiss Banks are the most safe, because their vaults are under the Alps.”

Royal people and big business people don't keep their gold and jewellery in the city because it is too dangerous. There may be a revolution like the foolish revolution in France when people destroyed everything, killing people and taking their money, gold and jewellery. Therefore rich people don't keep their money in banks in the city they put their money in vaults under the Alps mountains where no one knows the entrance. It is like the Egyptian pyramids when no one knew the entrance. Even today they do not know how to get in.

They say: “We found something”, but they only found one level out of seven levels. What can be seen of the Pyramids in Egypt is only one level. And they put something in them to deceive people so that they would think: “We reached the treasures of the Pharaohs!” Seven levels down it is full of treasures that you never ever dreamed about.

And so it is in Switzerland also. There are many secret ways under the earth with an entrance from one direction and an exit from another. You may be able to find the way from one side but you will never find the way out. Or you may find the exit but you can't find how to get in. If you enter you could easily lose your way because there are so many different paths, there are so many different traps and tricks for people. That is where they are putting their gold and money. But finally, what will they be, o people?

Now people are running to take as much Euro, Sterling, and Dollars as possible.

And they use it like a Dhikr; instead of saying “Allāh, Allāh, Allāh ...”, they say “Dollar, Dollar, Dollar” 33 times, “Euro, Euro, Euro” 33 times, then 33 times “Pound, Pound, Pound”. Some people say: “There is Yen also!” What is Yen! The main pillars are Sterling, Euro and Dollars: 3 times 33 makes 99. There is no room for Yen.

They want to go to paradise. If they give charity they may enter. But they never give anything. They only say: “Dollar, Dollar, Dollar” ...

Finally, o our friends, who are very clever, what were we saying? We said that 40, 50, 60 year old people are running to Europe, to western countries. “O my brother, let's go to Europe,” they say to each other. “O brother, in Europe you can find hills that are full of gold, money. Let's go and collect this!”

And older people are running after money. But youngsters are not running to western countries to collect money; they are giving money for sexuality. Because the people in western countries are the record holders for sexuality, and oriental people are dreaming about that: “Ohhh, how can I get to western countries, so that day and night I may swim in sexual oceans? Ohhh!”

And this is the general view of mankind from east to west!

So I am saying that at first people find enjoyment, but then later they begin to get tired. They are tiring, tiring, tiring, then finished. They are going to sink to the bottom of the ocean – if they can reach it before the sharks eat them ... They are coming down, then finished.

That is your life, o 21st century people: Old ones are living for money, young ones for sexual oceans. Nothing else!

And the whole world now is tired, and has reached its end. They are going to pass away, to finish, to sink down, as the Titanic did. They were so happy, dancing, and then suddenly within 20 minutes this wonderful wondering ship disappeared with thousands of people ...

And this world will go in such a way now, because everyone is running to that bad ocean, the ocean of physical desires, money and sex, and they will finish.

Therefore, o people: “*ad-dīnu naṣībat*”, our religion is to advise people. And the prophet said: “Advise people not to let shayṭān cheat them”, because shayṭān will carry you to that dirty ocean, terrible ocean, poisoned ocean! Beware of shayṭān or you will be finished! You are swimming a little bit, then you will tire and go down!

How can it be? This is a holy month, the fasting month. Why does Allāh Almighty order fasting? Fasting is the pillar of obedience, the pillar of worship! The prophet said that: “For every building there is an entrance, for every city there is an entrance, for every castle there is an entrance through which you can enter”, and the main entrance for servanthood is fasting.

We have been created to be servants to our Lord.