has put love and mercy between you. Verily in that are signs for those who reflect. (30:21)

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) often expressed praise for virtuous and chaste women. He said:

The world and all things in the world are precious, but the most precious thing in the world is a virtuous woman.

He once told the future khalif, 'Umar:

Shall I not inform you about the best treasure a man can hoard? It is a virtuous wife who pleases him whenever he looks towards her and who guards herself when he is absent from her.

On other occasions the Prophet said:

The best a man can have is a remembering tongue (about God), a grateful heart and a believing wife who helps him in his faith.

The best thing in the world is a virtuous wife.

The Prophet wanted to put a stop to all cruelties to women. He preached kindness towards them. He told the Muslims:

- 1. Fear God in respect of women.
- 2. The best of you are they who behave best to their wives.
- 3. A Muslim must not hate his wife, and if he be displeased with one bad quality in her, let him be pleased with one that is good.
- 4. The more civil and kind a Muslim is to his vife, the more perfect in faith he is.

The Prophet was most emphatic in enjoining upon Muslims to be kind to their women when he delivered his famous khutba on the Mount of Mercy at Arafat in the presence of one hundred and twenty-four thousand of his Companions who had gathered there for the Hajj al-Wada (Farewell Pilgrimage). In it he ordered those present, and through them all those Muslims who were to come later, to be respectful and kind towards women. He said:

Fear God regarding women. Verily you have married them with the trust of God, and made their bodies lawful with the Word of God. You

have (rights) over them, and they have (rights) over you in respect of their food and clothing according to your means.

He exhorted men to marry women of piety and (for) women to be faithful to their husbands and kind to their children. He said:

Among my followers the best of men are those who are best to their wives, and the best of women are those who are best to their husbands. To each of such women is set down a reward equivalent to the reward of a thousand martyrs. Among my followers, again, the best of women are those who assist their husbands in their work, and love them dearly for everything, save what is a transgression of God's laws.

Once a woman came to the Prophet with a complaint against her husband. He told her: "There is no woman who removes something to replace it in its proper place, with a view to tidying her husband's house, but that God sets it down as a virtue for her. Nor is there a man who walks with his wife hand-in-hand, but that God sets it down as a virtue for him; and if he puts his arm round her shoulder in love, his virtue is increased tenfold."

(cf. Yusuf da Costa, The Honour of Women in Islam, p. 24-26.)



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Dastūr, yā sayyidī, ya sulṭānu l-awliyā', madad yā rijālallāh!

A'ūdbu bi-llāhi mina sh-shaiṭāni r-rajīm, bismi llāhi r-rahmāni r-rahīm. relcome to those who are attending our meeting! May Allah bless you! And we are saying:  $A'\bar{u}dhu$  bi-llāhi mina sh-shaiṭāni r-rajīm which means that we are running to Allah, asking for shel-



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ter. And we are saying: Bismi llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, in the name of our Creator, Allah, who gave us life.

Yesterday we were not in existence. Today we can look and see ourselves in existence, but tomorrow we are not going to be in existence. And we have been ordered to say the Almighty's most honoured Names, Bismi llāhi r-raḥmāni r-raḥīm, in the Name of Allah, who has endless Mercy Oceans. No one knows the limits of His Existence, no one knows the limits of His Mercy Oceans, from where they begin or up unto where they reach.

Yes, therefore we are saying: A'ūdhu billāhi mina sh-shaiṭāni r-rajīm, I am running to Allah from his worst, the most terrible enemy. — Madad, yā Rijālallāh — and we are asking for a spiritual support or heavenly support through our association. If they give support, I can speak, you can speak. But everybody's speech is different as our mentalities are different. People may count the kinds of mentalities, but there are no limits for mentalities. And glory to the Lord of Heavens, our Creator, He is one!

What we are saying now is that there is a creation. That is an unchangeable reality. Mankind must know this! I am a weak servant, perhaps the weakest servant and I may ask anyone if there is a creation. No one can say "no", because there are creatures in existence. If creatures are in existence, that means you must admit that there is a Creator. If creatures are in existence, mentality, everyone's mentality, must say that there is a creation and therefore it needs a Creator. No one can deny this! If someone is denying this it means that he is a no mind person! That means he has the head of a donkey, yes. Donkeys can't think, but man may think. But do you think that any other creature can think? Who can say that a dog can think? Who can say that a rabbit can think? Who can

say that an elephant is thinking, who can say that a panther is thinking, who can say that a cat is thinking, who can say that Mickey mouse can think? Can you say this? I don't think so. If anyone can say this, his saying is also a fruit of thinking. Without thinking can anyone say that a Mickey mouse can think? Yes?

Now — I am nothing, I am only a weak creature and my branch among creatures is from mankind. One kind of animals, mammals for example, feed their kids by themselves from their breast. Wild animals have one kind of line, flying animals another line, but you can't find any kind of creatures that are able to think except mankind. It is true or not? Mankind may think, because they have mentalities, but a dog has no mentality. Mentality is for mankind as a heavenly grant. And we have been granted that mentality from our Creator. Because you are a creature, there must be a Creator for us!

You can't say, "I am creating my child in my womb," or you can't say, "My wife is creating my child in her womb." That is foolishness! You can't say this! No one's mentality will accept this! If you say this, I may ask: "What about a cat? A cat may bring three kittens, four kittens, two kittens, or five kittens – what do you think: Is that cat creating those kittens in its womb?" What is that foolishness?

How the mentality of the people living in 2008 has changed! They are going back to being like animals with no mentality. And no animal claims, "I am creating my offspring in my own womb! I am creating their designs in my womb. I am that one who is designing and creating my offspring to be male or female!" No one can say that a cat is able to make the colours of their kittens black or white or grey or mixed up — who can say that? What happened to mankind that it could say: "There is no Creator"?

How can they can this? What is that foolishness? Which mentality can say that a Mickey mouse is arranging its young mice in its womb? What is that foolishness of 21st century people? But they are drunk!

And I hope that now some holy people, some special people, some authorized people among mankind, are going to destroy all falsehood. And I am asking my Lord, jalla jalāluhuh, through His most glorified servant and creature Sayyidinā Muḥammad — ṣalla Llāhu 'alayhi wa sallam — and through my Grandsheikh, to be able to destroy all falsehood!

And I am nothing, but sometimes my mentality which belongs to Heavenly Power Stations should fire up the faults of shaytanic teachings!

May Allah forgive me and may holy people's support be with me, in order to destroy on earth every wrong idea, every fault and falsehood! May Allah forgive me! For the honour of the most honoured servant in His Divine Presence, Sayyidinā Muḥammad

If anyone may bring any objection to this, I am saying: "Ḥaṭṭu burhānakum! Bring your proof that what I am saying is wrong!"

I am the weakest servant, but sometimes the strongest one to destroy shaitanic ideas and his teachings and practices! And I hope – even though I am the weakest one – that I will destroy every false idea and shayṭānic teaching which is under the cover of technology. I am that one who is going to destroy their technology, *inshā' Allāh*!

For the honour of the most honoured one in His Divine Presence ...

Why am I saying that I am able to do that? Because I am the weakest one. There is no need for a strong one. Strong ones can take away the whole universe! This is nothing, therefore I am saying: I can do this ...

As-salāmu 'alaikum! Fātihah!



## The status of man and woman in Islam

God Almighty says in the Quran:

They (your wives) are your garment and you are a garment for them. (2:187)

Doi (undated, pp. 3-4) writes on the wife:

Just as a garment hides our nakedness, so do husband and wife, by entering into the relationship of marriage, secure each other's chastity. The garment gives comfort to the body; so does the husband find comfort in his wife's company and she in his. The garment is the grace, the beauty, the embellishment of the body, so too are wives to their husbands as their husbands are to them. Islam does not consider woman "an instrument of the Devil" (as does Christianity which reached an almost all-time low during the Middle Ages), but rather the Quran calls her "muhsana" - a fortress against Satan – because a good woman, by marrying a man, helps him keep the path of rectitude in his life. It is for this reason that marriage was considered by the Prophet Muhammad as a most virtuous act. He said: "When a man marries, he has completed half of his religion."

Prophet Muhammad enjoined matrimony on Muslims by saying:

Marriage is part of my way and whoever keeps away from my way is not from me (i. e. is not my follower).

God Almighty says in the Quran:

And among His signs is this: that He has created for you mates from among yourselves, that you may dwell in tranquility with them; and He