

Prepare For The Holy Didar Of Noor Mowlana Hazir Imam
With These Spiritual And Luminious Gems
(Volume 2: 20 Additional Didar Postings)

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Researcher's Note

Ya Ali Madad. This is the second volume of 20 didar postings which have been derived from the Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi translated into English by Professor Jawad Muscati and Khan Bahadur, Published by the Ismailia Association for Pakistan, 1966. This booklet has been prepared for students, young parents, and the not so young people in our Jamat. I hope it will be useful for the final preparations of the Holy Didar.

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My dear brothers and sisters in religion, let us pray for the well being of the Noorani family, the global Ismaili Muslim community, the Muslim Ummah, humanity at large, and all departed souls. Let us pray for salvation for all souls in the Universe and increase our knowledge of our beloved NOOR Mowlana Hazir Imam so that we can express our gratitude to him.

Didar Mubarak to the global Jamat,
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Didar Posting No. 41: The Spiritual Power of the Holy Imam

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Here is an excerpt from Lecture 16, The Maintainer of Our Souls, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (page 115):

"Every prophet in his age and every Imam of the time does his best to lift up the people spiritually by the strength of his knowledge and makes them firm and steady in their faith by the force of his will. Every learned divine tries to help the people in flying upwards according to the power of his knowledge.

Physical power has its limitation but there is no limitation to the spiritual power. Physically if one were to lift up something which is equal to his own weight or double his weight he is said to have performed a great physical feat. Spiritually, one Prophet or one Imam can lift up the whole world."

Didar Posting No. 42: God is with the Holy Imams

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Here is an excerpt from Lecture 1, Potential and Actual "Jannat", from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 53-54):

"The Holy Qur'an says, "They intend to put off the light of God by blowing it by their mouths. But has decided to keep His light burning forever" (009.032). This refers to the Imams. Their enemies did their best to put out the Light of God. Thank God for the favour He has done to you by keeping the divine light burning forever for your good. Keep aloof from those who turned their backs to this light and have shown utter ingratitude to him. They have done no harm to God but to themselves. They have scratched their bodies by their own nails. They have treated with scorn the holy mosques of God and the arches of the mosques. To put in plain language they have wronged the Imams, the descendants of the Prophet. The Holy Quran says, "O Momins, go to the mosque properly dressed". The mosque here stands for the Imam. The enemies of the Imam enjoy peace and prosperity under them and yet they revolt against them. This is the work of traitors. God is with the Imams. No treachery can succeed with them. He always helps their cause and makes their mission prosper."

Didar Posting No. 43: What is 'Wajhullah' (Face of God)?

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 4, No Earthly Life Beyond Death, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (page 68):

"The face is the principal part of the man by means of which 'X' is distinguished from 'Y' and 'Y' is distinguished from 'Z'. The phrase 'Wajhullah' which literally means 'the face of God' stands for the great 'hadd' (rank) through whom the knowledge of the Unity of God with the knowledge of the angels is acquired in the highest degree. Every one who comes in contact with this 'hadd' (rank) becomes 'baqi'. i.e., eternal and those who deny him become 'fani', i.e., perishable. The holy Prophet says, "I am the face of God and I am the face of my 'ummaat' (community)."

Didar Posting No. 44: Who is 'Wajhullah' (Face of God) in Reality?

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 4, No Earthly Life Beyond Death, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 68-69):

"... The Commander of the Faithful (Hazrat) Ali, once said in this connection, "May I tell you the 'hasanat', i.e. the good deeds the door of which is secure from the frightfulness of the Day of Judgment and 'Sayyiah' the evil deeds the perpetrator of which will be thrown headlong in Hell-fire? His followers said, "Yes, our lord tell us". He said 'Hasanaat' means devotion to us and 'saiyyiat' means hostility to us.

In short, this is 'hasanaat' the reward of which is 'husanaa' which is security from punishment on the day when people will be punished or rewarded for their deeds. The addition which is with God and which is interpreted as a look at the face of God is in reality meeting the Imam of the time who has inherited his authority from the Prophet and the 'wasi'.

O momins, may God make you prosperous and help in joining those about whom God says, "They will get what they want and there is something more than that with us."

Didar Posting No. 45: Stick to Your Faith Through Your Devotion to the Holy Imams

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Here is an excerpt from Lecture 4, No Earthly Life Beyond Death, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (page 64):

"O Momins, may God shower His mercy on you, thank Him for the guidance He has given you in following the Imams. Listen to what I am going to tell you and act on it. If you do so you will take little interest in this treacherous world and your souls will be lifted up to the higher region, the world of sanctity.

Pray to God to have mercy on you. Spend your time doing things which will be of permanent value to you. Catch hold of the 'Arwatul-wusqa', the strong handle by sticking to your faith through your devotion to the Imams. Work for

your 'akherat', the next world, and your actions in this direction will be good and everlasting."

Didar Posting No. 46: The Holy Imams are Storehouses of Divine Knowledge

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 16, Be In the World But Not of the World, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (page 112):

"The commander of the Faithful, Ali bin Abu Talib says, "There is no verse in the Qur'an about which I do not know, how it was revealed, when it was revealed and in what connection it was revealed. Before you lose me, consult me about what it is and what it will continue to be up to the Day of Judgement." While he was saying this he pointed to his chest thereby meaning that it was the storehouse of divine knowledge."

Didar Posting No. 47: The Holy Imams are Our Spiritual Parents

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Here is an excerpt from Lecture 3, The Meaning of Salam, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (page 61-62):

"Look at the trouble your parents have taken from the days of your childhood in the growth of your bodies and in the improvement of your physical life on earth. But for the interest they took in you, you would not have been what you are. Your souls are thousand times more important than your bodies. The Imams are your spiritual parents. Avail yourselves of a few days of life which are at your disposal here and look after your spiritual elevation under the care of your spiritual parents. Once you miss this opportunity, you will repent forever. You will not be given a second chance to set the things right."

Didar Posting No. 48: The Soul's Journey is to the World of Purity

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 9, The True Meaning of the Quran Cannot be Understood Without the Help of the Imams, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 91-92):

"O Momins, may God help you in deriving the fullest benefit from philosophy. May He guide you in thanking the Imams who are the highest authorities on this subject.

This world is not the original place of this receptacle (i.e., the soul). Its original place is somewhere else. The destination of its journey is the world of purity where there is light upon light. God leads to the light only those whom He likes. Think of this. Think of your precious souls. Close your ears to the earthly gossip of the meanest type and keep them open for an elevating talk. Use your intellect with which God has gifted you. It is only the fools who grope in the dark. Thank God for the favour that He has done to you by giving you every facility to seek your salvation and by providing you the Water of Life (i.e., the Holy Imams)."

Didar Posting No. 49: The Holy Imams are The Source of Our Salvation

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 5, The Real Enjoyment in the World, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 75-76):

"Just as man's physical life on earth depends on his physical knowledge of thing, in the same way his spiritual life depends on the spiritual knowledge which he can acquire only from the Prophet, the 'wasi' and the Imams who are 'Arbab-ul-wahi wa taa-ed'. In a life of this kind, his body does not count. It is absolutely useless. In fact, it is a hindrance in his spiritual advancement.

May God keep you away from the path of error. May He keep you aloof from those 'who say we have heard but they do not listen. They are deaf and dumb.'" Thank God for the favour He has done to us by appointing for us the Imams who are our source of salvation. Happy is the man who submits his life to the Imams and secures his salvation in akhrat which is thousand times more important than our life on earth."

Didar Posting No. 50: Become a Person Selected for Performing Selected Zikr

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 5, The Real Enjoyment in the World, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (page 70):

"O Momins, may God help you in making a profitable use of your ears and eyes. May He include you in the group about whom He says, "We have selected them for the selected Zikr". Bear in mind that knowledge is a powerful light. It can bring about wonderful changes in man provided he is sufficiently receptive. It is like a spark of fire which changes the dark charcoal into glowing embers burning with brightness.

When a 'Momin' received this light, he shows its effect by cutting himself off this world of vanity. God keeps him aloof from these who are mad after its wealth like hungry dogs after bones. The Prophet says, "He who loves this world loses his love for the next. If a man receives the light of knowledge and yet continues to love this world God increases His wrath on him."

Didar Posting No. 51: Become Spiritually Alive

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 5, The Real Enjoyment in the World, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 75):

"... In the Holy Quran, God speaks of some living men as dead and of dead people lying in the graves as living beings. This indicates that our animal (physical) life on earth devoid of spiritualism is, in reality, 'death' and the apparently physical death of those who have lived a spiritual life on earth is, in reality, 'life'. God says "O Momins, respond to God and te Prophet when he invites you to something which will give you life." This throws an additional light on the above verse and makes it clear to us that that what is meant in these verses and makes it clear to us that what is meant is in these verses by life is the physical life on earth but a new form of life. This is certainly a spiritual life and not the animal life which depends upon eating and drinking."

Didar Posting No. 52: Let Your Destiny Be Moulded by the Holy Imam

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 6, No Animal Life Beyond Death, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 80):

"...One of the Imams was asked as to what is 'saadat', the happiness, and what is 'shaqawat', the misfortune. He said, "Man by nature is like a blank white paper fit for writing. Happy is the one who falls in the hands of one who writes correct things on this paper. Unhappy is the one who turns away from the right person and falls in the hands who writes wrong things on this paper and blackens it. The paper loses its original whiteness and gains nothing from wrong writing." Another Imam has said something in this connection which is very much similar to this. He says, "He who does not complete his prayers is like a pregnant woman who before the time of delivery miscarries. She neither retains her pregnancy nor she gets a child.

May God make you one of the 'saaeds'. May he give you an opportunity to meet the Imams who are the moulders of the destinies of man."

Didar Posting No. 53: Practise Bandagi (Luminous Prayer at a Luminous Time with a Luminous Word) to become a Satisfied Soul

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 8, The Meaning of Six Days in Which God Created the Heavens and Earth, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 87-88):

"...The soul which belongs to the higher regions by acquiring the powers of flight, will fly back to its original abode and the body which by nature belongs to the lower region will go back to its low level.

The only way in which this power to soar upward can be acquired is to learn the particular names of God through the Imams who prescribe different names of 'naqsh' for different individuals, according to the peculiar 'naqsh' of their souls. Through them and them alone the human soul is being prepared to reach the stage about which God says, "O peaceful soul come back to your Lord satisfied. Join my devotees and enter my 'jannat'."

Didar Posting No. 54: The Holy Imam Provides Nutrition for Our Souls

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 8, The Meaning of Six Days in Which God Created the Heavens and Earth, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 90):

"In some of our 'majlis' I have pointed out to you that from a physical point of view heavens surround human beings but from the point of view of spiritual development through knowledge, human beings surround these bodies.

In short, just as our souls surround the heavens, the souls of the Imams surround our souls and are the heavens of heavens on whom alone we look for the nutrition for our spirits.

May God make you profit from their philosophy and may He give you the moral strength to thank them for this."

Didar Posting No. 55: The Love of the Holy Imams is a Duty Imposed by God

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 10, The Love of the Imams is a Duty Imposed by God, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 94):

"The Shia learned divines maintain that God has enjoined on the followers of the Prophet to give him a return for lamp-posts of guidance which he has erected for them. The Holy Quran says, "Say, I do not ask you for a return except the love for the relatives. They say that once a group of people came to the Prophet saying, "O Prophet of God, you came to us at a time when we had lost the way. God guided us through you. We were poor, God made us rich through you. Our wealth is at your disposal. Take from it whatever you like." "It was on this occasion, say the learned divines from amongst the 'Shias' "that the above verse relating to the love of the relations was revealed." The Quranic expression, 'the love for the relations' according to them means 'the love of Ali, Fatima, Hasan, Husain and their descendants.' "

This is the reason why we recite salwat during didar. Please refer to a short article on salwat on page 10. Audio support is provided on the SalmanSpiritual.Com website.

Didar Posting No. 56: The Wilayat of Ali

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 12, The Wilayat of Ali, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 101):

"It must be borne in mind that after the death of the Prophet the belief in the wilayat of the Imam from his progeny is as important a part of our religion as the belief in the wilayat of the Prophet in his life time. This is supported by the Tradition according to which the Prophet is reported to have said at 'Ghadeer Khum', "Am I not more precious to you than your own selves?" This is an echo of the Quranic verse which says, "The Prophet is more dear to the 'Mومins' than their own selves to them. It is said, than in response to this question of the Prophet, when the 'Mومins' said "Yes, you are dearer to us than our own selves", the Prophet said, "O God, be witness to their admission". After this he said, "Ali is master of one who acknowledges me as his master. O God love those who love Ali. Help those who help Ali. Desert those who desert Ali. Let the truth accompany Ali wherever he goes."

Didar Posting No. 57: The Holy Imams have the Most Profound Knowledge of the Holy Quran and the Tradition of the Holy Prophet

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 13, True Faith in the Unity of God Cannot be Achieved With the Guidance of the Imams, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 105):

"The Prophet has given us the outlines of the subjects which are dealt with in the Quran, For details we have to go to the Imams who are the masters of the subject. Had the Book been enough for us to teach us everything and solve all difficulties independently of those divine agents who are the masters of this Book of God it would have not been necessary for God to tell us, "If they has referred the matter to the Prophet and to the spiritual heads from amongst them, they, who are men of depths, would have explained it to them." The 'men of depths' referred to in the above verse are the Imams from the progeny of the prophet who possess the most profound knowledge of the Book of God and the Tradition of the Prophet."

Didar Posting No. 58: Our Spiritual Elevation Depends Upon the Holy Imams

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 2, The Real Names of God, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 59-60):

"Just as the arteries of the human body depend for the supply of blood to the heart, in the same way, in spiritual matters also we depend for guidance on the Imam of the time who is the heart of the 'shariat'. The Holy Quran says, "We shall show you our signs in the world and among yourselves in order that the truth may become clear to you." In short, just as our physical existence depends upon our hearts, our spiritual elevation depends upon the Imams. The Holy Quran says, "There will come the day when we shall call every generation to appear before us with their Imams!"

Didar Posting No. 59: The Holy Quran and the Ahle-Bait are Inseparable

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 11, The Meaning of the Mysterious Letters, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 98):

"The Prophet has said, "I am leaving amongst you two weighty things. The one is the book of God and second is my 'ahle-bait. If you stick to them you will never be lost." He added to this by saying: "They will never part with each other until they return to me at the 'hauz-kahusar' ". He meant to say that the book of god and the 'ahle-bait' are inseparable. The one cannot exist without the other."

Didar Posting No. 60: The Holy Imam is the Best Pleader of our Cause

Ya Ali Madad and Didar Mubarak! Lecture 19, He Who Knows Himself Knows God, from the book titled Life and Lectures of the Grand Missionary Al-Muayyad-Fid-Din Al-Shirazi (pages 126-127):

"O Momins, may God make you men of insight and confer upon you the last of His favours, the forgiveness of your sins. Praise be to God who is hidden from the knowledge of men and who is above imagination. Greetings be on His apostle, the best of mankind, Mohammed who dispelled the darkness by the light of Islam and who invited people to the abode of safety. Be the greetings on Ali, his 'wasee' the Lion of God, the Solver of our difficulties and the dispeller of our grief, Ali bin Abi-Talib, the master of Philosophy and may the greetings be on the Imams from his choice progeny forever. God is enough for us. He is the best pleader of our Cause."

Expression of Gratitude to NOOR Mowlana Hazir Imam

Khudavand, we offer a bouquet of Shukran Lillâh Wal Hamdu Lillâh and Salwat tasbis in gratitude for the 2005 pradrmani to Canada. We implore thee to forgive us for any short comings, errors and omissions. Please accept our baiyat and keep us in your heart, thoughts and prayers. Ameen.

A'uzu billahi minashaitanir rajim

I seek refuge in Allâh from the outcast Satan.

Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

In the name of Allâh, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

Shukran Lillâh Wal Hamdu Lillâh (1)

(All thanks are due to Allâh, and all praises are due to Allâh)

Shukran Lillâh Wal Hamdu Lillâh (2)

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Shukran Lillâh Wal Hamdu Lillâh (9)

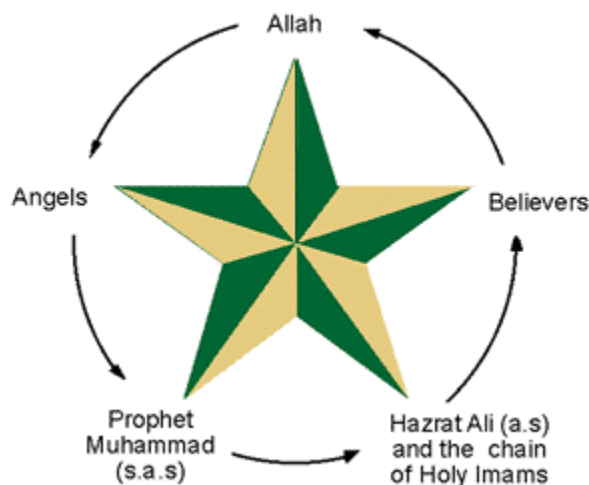
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Shukran Lillâh Wal Hamdu Lillâh (10)

(All thanks are due to Allâh, and all praises are due to Allâh)

The Cycle of Salwat

The verse (ayat) of the Holy Qur'an [Lo! Allah and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O ye who believe! Ask blessings on him and salute him with a worthy salutation. (33:56)] indicates that the major entities which are involved in the execution of this prayer are: Allah, Angels, the Holy Prophet, the Holy Imams and believers. This mechanism of salwat is presented in the following diagram:



According to the ahadith of the Holy Prophet presented above, whenever the name of the Holy Prophet is recited, his family, his offspring and their successors are automatically invoked. According to the Ismaili Muslim constitution, the successors of the Holy Prophet are the Imams who are his direct descendants through Hazrat Mawlana Ali Amiru-l-Mu'minin ('Alayhi-s-salam) and his daughter Hazrat Bibi Fatimat-az-Zahra, Khatun-i-Jannat ('Alayhi-s-salam).

Question: Are the blessings for the Prophet and the Imams or are they for the believers? The answer is given in the following verse of the Holy Quran:

"He it is who confers upon you His Blessings, and likewise do the Angels, that He may bring you forth from darkness (of infidelity) into the Light (of faith): and He is to believers All Merciful" (33:43)

The Prophets and the Imams are considered to be the mountains of religion, that is, they are the holders of the Light of Allah on this earth. Therefore the blessings are not for them rather the blessings are for the believers. These blessings are given to the believers through the guidance of the Prophet and the Imams because knowledge and guidance are continually needed so that the believers may progress along the path of religion and return to their origin as mentioned in the following verse of the Holy Quran:

Question: Why is the phrase 'wa aale Muhammad' is an integral part of salwat? This is necessary because the present and living Imam has the knowledge and the authority of everything according to following ayat of the Holy Qur'an:

"Lo! We it is Who bring the dead to life. We record that which they send before (them) and their footprints. And all things We have kept in a clear register" (36:12)

Therefore it was necessary for the Prophet to include this phrase in the Salwat as described in the ahadith presented above.

Khudavand, we wish to present a bouquet of salwats with a prayer for the well being of the Noorani family.

Allâhumâ salli alâ Muhammadin wa âle Muhammad (1)

(O Allah! Bestow Peace on Muhammad and his Descendants)

Allâhumâ salli alâ Muhammadin wa âle Muhammad (2)

(O Allah! Bestow Peace on Muhammad and his Descendants)

Allâhumâ salli alâ Muhammadin wa âle Muhammad (3)

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Allâhumâ salli alâ Muhammadin wa âle Muhammad (11)

(O Allah! Bestow Peace on Muhammad and his Descendants)

Al-hamdu lillahi rabbil 'alamin.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds!

Khudavand, strengthen our knowledge (ilm) and faith (iman), and keep us on the Right Path, the Path of Enlightenment. Ameen.

Allahuma Laka Sujoodi wa Ta-'ati
O Allah to You is my prostration and obedience

Ya Allah, Ya Muhammad, Ya Ali

O Brothers and sisters, do not rest,
Till all of us pass the test,
For Salwat is ours,
To be recited every hour.

When the salwat poses,
It becomes the staff of Moses.
Let the baraka of Allah, Muhammad and Ali flow,
And see the true believers glow.

Let love and consciousness grow,
And see negativity hit a new low,
For darkness disappears,
When the Sun appears.

– Noorallah G. Juma –