

Alhamdolillah. This Sehrullah 1444 H (2023) I have received
 Taufeeq to compose poems with assist from AI - based
 principally on my readings and reflection of Fatemi
 Taiyebi books and prose. Dua in iltemas.
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The eight stumbling blocks that ruin the people of knowledge.

Oh, the men of knowledge, how they fall,
From their lofty perch, they crash and sprawl,
Their legacy of caution and fear,
Is lost to the stumbling blocks that appear.

Greed, oh how it blinds the eyes,
Of the wise who seek material prize,
Miserliness, the grip of wealth,
That strangles the heart and soul with stealth.

Haughtiness, the arrogance of the learned,
That makes them forget the lessons earned,
Love of praise, the desire to be adored,
That makes them forget the divine reward.

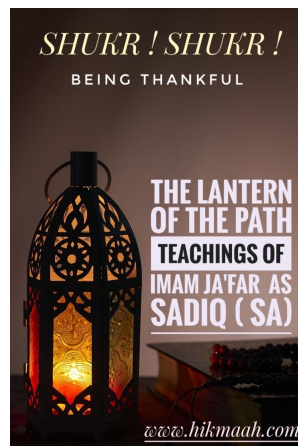
Partisanship, the bias of belief,
That blinds them to truth and causes grief,
Trying to understand beyond capacity,
That leads them to confusion and atrocity.

Flowery oratory, the art of deception,
That leads them to pride and self-conception,
Lack of modesty, the absence of humility,
That causes them to lose the sight of reality.

Lack of action, the failure to apply,
The knowledge they have gained from up high,
Oh, the men of knowledge, how they fall,
From their lofty perch, they crash and sprawl.

Let us all learn from their demise,
And avoid these pitfalls in our own eyes,
Let us seek knowledge with pure intent,
And use it for good, with righteous bent.

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In every breath we take,
Shukr Shukr, a thousand times or more,
Is incumbent upon us,
To show gratitude to the One we adore.

The minimum gratitude we can do
is to realise that the blessing comes from Allah
The cause may be different
but from Allah it comes is true.

Shukr entails being satisfied with what is given; it means not
disobeying Him with regard to His blessings.

Be a grateful bondsman to Allah,

In every way, big or small,
And find that Allah is generous,
In ways beyond our imagination's call.

Complete thankfulness is to repent,
For our inability to convey,
The least amount of gratitude,
And sincerely glorify Allah in every way.

Offering Shukr is a great blessing,
For which we should be grateful too,
And by doing so, we keep ourselves,
In a perpetual state of gratitude that's true.

Although weak and always in need,
Of Allah's Mercy and Grace so divine,
We can reciprocate to a small degree,
By offering Shukr every time.

Remember, Allah is not in need,
Of our praise,
but His praise enriches us
With His countless bounties, and Grace.

So for every blessing big or small always say aloud Alhamdolillah !
Shukran Allah !

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UBUDIYAT

In Ubudiyat, four aspects of life we see,
Each based on seven principles, to help us be
Better humans, closer to our Lord above,
And attain nearness to Allah, with love.

First is conduct with Allah, our Creator,
Give Him His due, stay within His limits, be thankful for,
All His gifts, content with His decree,
Be patient through trials, glorify His sanctity,
Yearn for Him, and He'll bring you close,
To Him, the All-Knowing, Most Merciful Host.

Next, conduct with self, to be wary of,
Fear Allah, strive hard, endure harm, above
All, discipline yourself, seek truthfulness and sincerity,
Withdraw from what you love, and embrace faqr's humility.

Third, conduct with fellow humans is vital,
Forbearance, forgiveness, humility, and being gentle,
Generosity, compassion, good counsel, justice, and fairness,
These principles guide us to be righteous and selfless.

The fourth conduct is how to live in this world,
Contentment, not chasing what's elusive, and unfurled,
Abstinence and avoiding overindulgence,
Aware of the world's evils, and not falling prey to its influence,
Ever grateful for the bounties, that Allah does provide,
He is the true Mumin, whom Allah has dignified.

So let us embrace these principles, with all our might,
And strive to live our lives, in Ubudiyat's light,
May Allah guide us, and keep us on the path,
To attain nearness to Him, and to earn His eternal love

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Haughtiness and Humility.

Quran Surah 2 Ayat 9

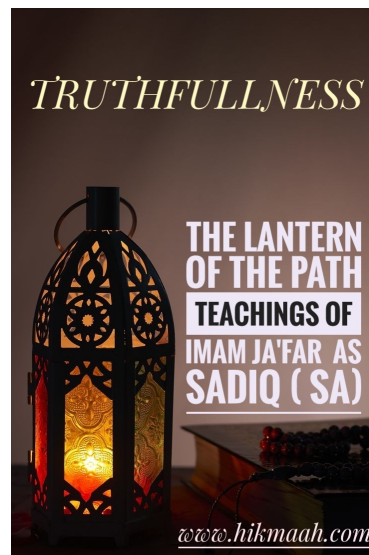
They desire to deceive Allah and those who believe, and they deceive only themselves and they do not perceive

Haughtiness, oh how it lures,
To attract attention and applause
With lavish displays of wealth and class,
And a facade of piety that will not last.

But beware, for Allah sees all,
And knows the true worth of every soul.
The one who is sincere and fears His Might,
Looks inward and strives day and night

For even though Allah knows his toil,
This servant of His will not recoil.
He sacrifices and expends his all,
To attain His nearness and pleasure above all.

Haughtiness may glitter and shine,
But it is the sincere heart that will always be divine.
So let us strive to be humble and true,
For Allah's favor is what we should pursue.
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Truthfulness, a light that shines so bright,
Its radiance, a reality that's divine light
Like the sun that illuminates earth and sky
Truth like sun beam lights up soul and mind

A truthful person, like the first Adam
Trusting, simple, transparent like a dew
Satan took advantage of his simple nature
Led him astray with falsehood – a traitor

But on the Day of Kayamat, truth shall prevail,
Benefiting those who lived a life of truth
without fail,
Truth, the sword that cuts deep falsehood,
Leaving behind what's pure and good.

Introspect in your heart whenever in doubt,
Speak the truth, never live without,
For truthfulness is a virtue so rare,
It's a light that radiates everywhere.
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