





The Guarded Secret & The Hidden Gem

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Hizbu-Saif Al-Qãti' The Guarded Secret & the Hidden Gem Introduction

Here we begin in the Name of the Divine Sovereign Lord Allah, the Creator Cherisher and Sustainer of all the creations, and we invoke the Divine blessings upon the most Noble of Allah's creations, Allah's Prophet our Master Muhammad upon whom be peace and upon his family and companions, and those who follow in their footsteps until the Day of Judgment.

In this special booklet, we are indeed blessed to share with the reader one of the well known supplications, about which our Grand Shaykh, the Imam and Qutub Sidi Ahmad Al-Rifã'i [ﷺ] may Allah bless his soul said: "The Messenger of Allah taught this prayer to me". He also added: "I received the prayer letter by letter from the Messenger of Allah, may Allah's Regards and Peace be upon him, and I named it "The Cutting Sword. I further recited it at Arafa [in Mecca] before al-Khidr, peace be upon him, who called it: "The Guarded Secret & the Hidden Gem."

A copy of the original manuscript "Hizbu-Saif Al-Qãti' is found in the Ottoman Annoor Library in Istanbul, Turkiye, under the number 2851, section "*Weekly Prayers*" of Imam Ja'far Al-Sadiq [36] upon whom peace.

Reciting this prayer is a protective shield, and a strong supplication to achieve success in important matters, and it is commonly read by the seekers of the honorable paths, Qãdiriya, Rifa'iyyah, Senussiyya, Shadhiliyyah, Aqiliyya and Omariyya Tareeqas and others; and the majority of the scholars, Imams, Shuyoukh among others, have adopted this prayers in their regular supplications, for it is the most famous supplication ever among others, and it has immense grace only Almighty Allah knows their reach. Whoever recites it with sincerity for a specific need, it answers his and her intent (إن شاء الله), Allah Willing, and it is protection from calamities, adversities, as well as it is a great recital for strengthening one's steadfastness in walking the path of Almighty Allah.

This supplication is a must have for the seekers on the path, and it is a Divine Fortress for those who seek refuge in it, for it is entirely from the Divine Revelation, the Holy Qur'an, which needs no further clarification. I have seconded each of the Divine Ayat recital with English translation from the Mushaf Shareef titled, "**The Sacred Message of the Glorious Qur'an**" published by our Zawiya Fellowship.

I pray with you that such benefits satisfy the needs of the reciter, and I thank my Lord Allah the Most Supreme for His guidance to publish this blessed prayer for the benefit of all, wassalaam.

al-faqir, the most needy of his Lord's Mercy Muhammad Al-Aqili Al-Omari Al-Rifã'i



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يَقُولُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ بِالتَّعَلَّمِ وَالْفِقْهُ بِالتَّفَقُّهِ وَمَنْ يُرِدِ اللَّهُ بِهِ خَيْرًا يُفَقِّهْهُ فِي الدِّينِ وَإِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ.

Allah's Messenger Rasul Allah (upon whom be peace) said: "O people, knowledge must be sought for one to become learned, and understanding must be sought through guidance. When Allah intends benefit for someone, He will deepen his understanding of religion, and among Allah's subjects, the scholars fear Him most."

قَالَ الشَّيْخ أَحْمَد الرِّفَاعِي ﷺ: '**ْغَايَةُ الْمَعْرِفَةِ بِاللَّهِ الْإِيقَانُ** بِوُجُودِهِ تَعَالَىٰ بِلَا كَيْفٍ وَلَا مَكَانٍ '' اه. أَيْ أَنَّ أَقْحَى مَا يَصِلُ إِلَيْهِ الْعَبْدُ مِنَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ بِاللَّهِ الْاعْتِقَادُ الْجَازِمُ الَّذِي لَا شَكَّ فِيهِ بِوُجُودِ اللَّهِ تَعَالى بِلَا كَيْفٍ وَلَا مَكَانٍ ، فَقَوْلُهُ: بِلَا كَيْفٍ، صَرِيحٌ فِي نَفِي الجِسْمِ وَالْحَيْزِ وَالشَّكْلِ وَالْحَرَكَةِ وَالسُّكُونِ وَالْاِتِّصَالِ وَالْانْفِصَالِ وَالْقُعُودِ عَنْهُ تَعَالى، فَالْكَيْفُ يَشْمَلُ كُلَّ

كَيْفٍ وَلَا مَكَانٍ فَقَدْ وَصَلَ إِلَىٰ غَايَةِ مَا يَبْلُغُ الْإِنْسَانُ مِنْ مَعْرِفَةِ اللهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى.

Imam Ahmed Al-Rifai, may Allah be pleased with him, said: "The foremost goal of knowing Almighty Allah is to have absolute certainty of His Existence without "How" or "Where", which means that the furthest knowledge of Allah a person can reach, is the firm belief in which there is no doubt that Almighty Allah is a reality which exists without any modality or place. The saying: without how, is explicit negation of body, space, form, movement, stillness, connection, separation, and to abstain from further probing the Primordial Divine Reality, for "how" includes all of the attributes the created beings, so whoever realizes that Almighty Allah is without "How" or "Place" would have attained to highest degree of knowledge about Almighty Allah, blessed is His Name, the Most Supreme.

وَيُسَمَّى كَذَلِكَ حِزْبُ السَّيْفِ الْقَاطِعِ لِلشَّيْخ أَحْمَد الرِّفَاعِي قَدَّسَ اللهُ سِرَّهُ ﷺ. وَاتُّفِقَ عَلىٰ أَنَّ مَنْ دَاوَمَ عَلى قِرَاءَتِهِ لَا يُخْذَلُ وَلَا يُغْلَبُ وَلَا يُهَانُ وَلَا يُفْضَحُ وَلَا يُخْزِى بِحَوْلِ اللهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ، وَيَدُومُ لَهُ الْفَتْحُ وَالْخَيْرُ وَالْبَرَكَةُ وَالْإِقْبَالُ وَصَلَاحُ الْحَالِ وَيَصُونُ بِعَيْنِ اللهِ وَظِلِّ رَسُولِ اللهِ ﷺ وَتَلْحَظُهُ بَرَكَةُ الْأَرْوَاحِ الطَّاهِرَةِ.

Whoever continues to read it will not be disappointed, let down, defeated, insulted, scandalized, or disgraced by Allah's Will and Power, and that success, goodness, blessing, turn out, and righteousness will last for him, and he will be in the Graze of Allah and the shadow of the Messenger of Allah, may Allah's Grace and peace be upon him, and he will be blessed by the exalted pure souls. للعارف بالله الشيخ أحمد الرفاعي 🐲

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وَقَالَ السَّيِّدْ أَبُو الْفَتْحِ السُهْرَوَرْدِي فِي كِتَابِهِ الْأَحْزَابِ فِيمَا نَقَلَهُ عَنْ الْإِمَامِ السَّيِّدْ أَحْمَد الرِّفَاعِي قَدَّسَ اللهُ سِرُّهُ: تَلَقَّيْتَ هٰذَا الحُزْبَ حَرْفًا حَرْفًا عَنْ رَسُولِ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَسَمَّيْتُهُ: « السَّيْفُ الْقَاطِعُ » وَأَسْمَعْتُهُ فِي عَرَفَات لِلْخِضْرِ السَّخِرْ وَقَالَ: هُوَ السِّرُ الْمَصُونُ وَالدُّرُ الْمَكْنُونُ.

Al-Sayyid Abu al-Fath al-Suhrawardi said in his book al-Ahzãb, according to what he quoted from Imam al-Sayyid Ahmad al-Rifai, may Allah sanctify his soul: "I received this prayer letter by letter from the Messenger of Allah, may Allah's Regards and peace be upon him, and named it: "**The Cutting Sword**., and I rehearsed at Arafa [in Mecca] before al-Khidr, peace be upon him, who called it: "**The Guarded Secret and the Hidden Gem.**"

وَهُوَ حِزْبٌ يُقْرَأُ عَلَى النَّيَّةِ لِكُلِّ مَطْلُوبٍ وَلِأَجْلِ كُلِّ حَاجَةٍ وَلَا رَيْبَ بِحُصُولِ الْقُبُولِ لِقَارِئِهِ بِإِذْنِ اللهِ تَعَالى. وَأَسْرَارُ خَوَاصِ كَلَامِ اللهِ تَعَالى وَأَسْمَائِهِ الْحُسْنى لَا تُنْكَرُ لِحَلِّ كُلَّ عُقْدَةٍ وَدَفْعِ كُلَّ مُهِمَّةٍ.

Also it is a Hizb prayer that is recited with the intended goal, and for every specific need, and there is no doubt that acceptance will be attained by its reciter, Allah willing, for the secrets of the properties of Almighty Allah's Words, and the All-Operating Powers of His Most Beautiful Attributes are undeniable to untie every knot and advance every task.

Among the conditions for its recitation is that the reciter should be clean in clothing, body and place.

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• The reciter should have pure innermost thoughts and the correct intention.

• To have full certainty about one's faith and to have strong resolve

• Pray two voluntary Rak'ahs in an empty place.

- ثُمَّ يَجْلِسُ مُسْتَقْبِلًا الْقِبْلَةَ

- Then sit facing the Qiblah - وَيُصَلِّي عَلَى النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مِئَةَ مَرَّةٍ
- And invoke Salawat blessings upon the Prophet, may Allah bless him and Divine Salutations (ﷺ) (one hundred times).

- And ask forgiveness from Almighty Allah eleven times

 <u>وَ</u>يَذْكُرَ اللهُ بِقَوْلِ: لَا إِلَهُ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مِئَةَ مَرَّةً
- Celebrate Allah's Sovereign Divinity by reciting: "Surely there is no sovereign divinity except that of Allah [*La Ilaha Il-Allah*], (one hundred times).

• Then recite Al-Fatiha offering its blessings to the soul of the Allah's Prophet, may Allah bless him with His Regards and Divine Salutations, and as well as to his brothers, the prophets and messengers, upon all of them be peace.

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 Then recite Al-Fatiha offering its blessings for the souls of the family and companions of Allah's Messenger [#], as well as for the honorable deputies and the men of the time.

• Then he recites another Fati<u>h</u>a for the soul of the Deputy of Allah the Qutb, Sayyid Ahmad al-Rifai al-Kabir, may Allah be pleased with him, his fathers, grandfathers and sheikhs, and the Muslims

- Then say: In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. "I place my trust in the Living Lord Who does not die, all Glory is His and everything praise His Grace, and sufficient for Him to know the sins of His servants." eleven times,
- Then begin to recite the Hizb praver.

Invoke Salawat blessings upon the Prophet UWBP X3

وَقَرَأَ الْفَاتِحَةَ عَلَى النَّمَطِ الْأَوَّلِ (Recite Al-Fatiha)

أَعْدَاؤُنَا لَنْ يَصِلُوا إِلَيْنَا بِالنَّفْسِ وَلَا بِالْوَاسِطَةِ لَا قُدْرَةَ لَهُمْ عَلىٰ إِيصَالِ السُّوءِ إِلَيْنَا بِحَالٍ مِنَ الْأَحْوَالِ

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances



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لِلْعَارِفِ بِاللهِ الشَّيْخِ أَحْمَد الرِّفَاعِي ٢

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (١) الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (٢) الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (٣) مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ (٤) إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ (٥) اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ (٦) صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَعْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِينَ (٧) (سورة الفاتحة ١)

In the Name of the Divine Sovereign Lord, the Merciful and Compassionate. (1) All praises are due to the Divine Sovereign Lord of all creations. (2) The Most Merciful, Most Compassionate. (3) Master of the Day of Judgment. (4) You alone we adore and Your help alone we seek. (5) Guide us on the Straight Path. (6) The path of those You blessed, not those who incur [the Divine] wrath, nor those who go astray. (7)

All praises are due to the Divine Sovereign Lord Who created the heavens and the earth, and Who instituted the darkness and the Light, and yet, those who reject the truth ascribe rivals to their Lord.

But when they wanted to harm him, We reduced them to disgrace.

There We answered his supplication and We saved him from anguish, and like that We save the believers.

And like that, [We acted] to protect him against treason [of his host], or committing an evil action, for he is certainly one of Our chosen servants.

Allah then protected him against their plot

They cannot reach him.

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He has taken effective hold of the solid rope of the most safe and assuring grasp that does not rupture [or accept duality]; surely Allah is All-Hearing and All-Knowing.

وَسَنَقُولُ لَهُ مِنْ أَمْرِنَا يُسْرًا ﴿٨٨﴾ (سورة الكهف ١٨)

and we shall give him easy commands to follow." (88)

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (1) (*One time*)

And [on that Day too], We will round up their deeds and turn them into scattered specks of dust [in the air].

وَذَٰلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ (سورة المائدة ٥)

That will be the appropriate punishment for the unjust ones!"

We will then save Our messengers along with the believers, and thus it is right for Us to save the believers.

And there will always be a train of guardian [angels] following him, in front and from behind, who watch over him by command of the Divine Sovereign Lord.

and We will certainly guard it.

He is certainly most lucky.

وَإِنَّ لَهُ عِندَنَا لَزُلْفِي وَحُسْنَ مَآبٍ ﴿٤٠﴾ (سورة ص ٣٨)

And he has certainly gained a station of nearness in Our Presence and an excellent return.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (2) (*One time*)

[When the guest angels realized how afraid he was,] They said [to him]: "O Lut! We are the emissaries of your Lord. [Do not be afraid.] They cannot reach you.

Then your Lord lashed them with a bursting torturous punishment.

The bond which is now holding them together will break up.

[Surely they have no such means.] They are merely a coalition which is destined to be defeated [, even where they stand right now].

he can walk straight among people.

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When they saw him, they felt an imposing reverence for him, and they cut their hands, exclaiming: "Far is the Divine Sovereign Lord from any allegations. This is not a human being! This could only be an august angel."

They said: "By Allah! He has indeed kept His favor and blessings on you and not us, and we were certainly wrong.

Allah has chosen him above you all and endowed him with extensive knowledge and physical prowess surely Allah assigns regency over His kingdom to whomever He wills, and Allah is Bounteous and All-Knowing.

He was also cognizant of his Lord's favors and most grateful to Him. His Lord chose him, and guided him on a Straight Path.

And Allah made him king

وَرَفَعْنَاهُ مَكَانًا عَلِيًّا ﴿ ٧ ﴾ (سورة مريم ١٩)

And We raised him to a lofty station.

وَقَرَّبْنَاهُ نَجِيًّا ﴿ ٥٢ ﴾ (سورة مريم ١٩)

And We brought him nigh and to communicate [with his Lord directly] in private.

وَكَانَ عِندَ رَبِّهِ مَرْضِيًّا ﴿٥٥﴾ (سورة مريم ١٩)

As well as he was blessed in the sight of his Lord.

And Peace upon him, the day he was born, the day he dies, and the day he is resurrected back to life.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (3) (*One time*)

But if they want to deceive you, then Allah is certainly sufficient for you. Allah is the One Who supported you with His help and the backing of the believers. (62) And Allah is the One Who put affection between their hearts, and united them [in faith]. And even if you were to spend the entire wealth of the planet, you could not have put affection between their hearts, but Allah did that, for He is Most Exalted in Might and Wise. (63)

These are the true enemies. Beware of them! Allah's curse is on them! How duped are they by lies and falsehood they made up!

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Each time they kindle the fire of war, Allah quells it

They then were struck with humiliation and misery, and they drew Allah's wrath upon themselves

They will soon suffer the wrath of their Lord, followed by humiliation in the down world

And should Allah decree an adversity to afflict some people, nothing can stop it

Their gazes face down with humiliation; overwhelmed in shame and exhaustion.

Had We brought down this Quran upon a mountain, you would see it submissively shaken and riven in fear of Allah

Don't feel down because of how they were treating you.

وَلَا تَكُ فِي ضَيْقٍ مِّمَّا يَمْكُرُونَ ﴿١٢٧﴾ (سورة النحل ١٦)

Also, do not feel sad for them, nor be concerned about the plots [of the polytheists].

And We will certainly retaliate against them whether We move you away [from them],

إِنَّا كَفَيْنَاكَ الْمُسْتَهْزِئِينَ ﴿٩٥﴾ (سورة الحجر ١٥)

We have already taken care of guarding you from the scoffers

You will be greeted by the Companions of the Right hand with: "Peace unto you,"

Come on and do not be afraid. You are safe."

Don't be afraid. You have indeed escaped from the unjust people.

Do not be afraid, have no concerns [about going down].

Don't be afraid; for those I send as messengers have no fear in My Presence.

Do not be afraid and don't be sad

Do not be afraid. I am certainly with you, and I hear and see everything

We said: "Do not be afraid. You have the upper hand."

You will find the one with whom enmity separated you, turns to become a most cherished friend.

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Should he bring out his hand, he can barely see it

The one whom Allah has let to stray after he had received knowledge, and consequently, He plugged his hearing, sealed his heart, and placed a veil over his visual perception

So that such a person may taste the consequences of his doing

Even though perfidy can only befall its authors

And all voices then bow low in reverence of the All-Merciful Lord, and you can barely hear anything but some soft whispering

They can do you no harm

We will soon disclose to you a major speech that you must bear [its magnitude and importance].

Therefore, endure with patience; wait until the decree of your Lord is fulfilled

فَاصْبِرْ صَبْرًا جَمِيلًا ﴿ ﴾ (سورة المعارج٧)

Endure patiently [with their opposition].

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And had We not reaffirmed and strengthened your position, you could have partially leaned towards them.

[Meanwhile,] Hold back, do not expose them, pardon them, and rely on Allah, for most sufficient is Allah as a Guardian.

Is Allah not sufficient for His servant?

And Who is more truthful than Allah in speech?

And Allah is granting you exceptionally powerful support.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (4) (*One time*)

They are damned wherever they are found

Allah is certainly More Strong and just, and He is most certainly capable of driving them away [in defeat].

وَذٰلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ (١٧) (سورة الحشر ٥٩)

And such is the reward of the unjust ones.

إِنَّكَ الْيَوْمَ لَدَيْنَا مَكِينٌ أَمِينٌ ﴿٥٢) (سورة يوسف ١٢)

From today on, you have a seat of authority here, and you are secure against any ruses as well.

وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ ﴿٤﴾ (سورة الشرح ٩٤)

And We raised your name in prominence, and honored [it across the heavens and the earth].

And I conferred on you love from Me.

I have chosen you over all people to receive My Messages, and by speaking directly to you

I am making you a sought after model for people [to follow]

We have decreed for you a decisive triumphant victory.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (5) (*One time*)

Allah has placed a seal on their hearts and hearing; a veil covers their eyes.

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Allah has taken away their sight, and leaves them blind behind veils of darkness (17) Deaf, dumb, and blind, with no way out of what is in store for them. (18)

Their intent is repressed, as stifled was the lot of those before them

فَأَغْشَيْنَاهُمْ فَهُمْ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾ (سورة يس٣٦)

And We veiled the target [they intend to harm], so that they could not see [through].

We have tied their necks with shackles up to their chins, where their head are bent up.

And We have given you the seven oft-repeated verses [to recite along] with the Most Sublime Quran.

Such people, Allah has sealed their hearts, their hearing and their sight, and such ones are the heedless.

And who can be more unjust than someone who is reminded of the message of his Lord, and then walks away from it? We will certainly exact [due] retribution from the evildoers.

We have indeed placed a seal over their hearts so that they would not understand what it says, and heaviness in their ears [that prevent them from hearing properly]

If you should speak of your Lord exclusively in the Quran, they would turn their backs and walk away disgusted in aversion.

Just think of someone who worships whatever he craves and deifies his ego; whom Allah has let to stray after he had received knowledge, and consequently, He plugged his hearing, sealed his heart, and placed a veil over his visual perception

Let their ill thoughts and suspicion encircle them, for they have earned themselves the wrath of Allah.

In the morning, nothing was visible except their empty dwellings.

Allah caused their dwellings to collapse over their heads

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ثُمَّ عَمُوا وَصَمُّوا كَثِيرٌ مِنْهُمْ (٧١) (سورة المائدة ٥)

Again, many of them followed suit and acted as blind and deaf [to the revelations].

وَاللَّهُ أَرْكَسَهُمْ بِمَا كَسَبُوا ﴿٨٨﴾ (سورة النساء ٤)

Allah caused them to relapse and [for their faith] to suffer a setback by their own doing

وَذٰلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ (١٧) (سورة الحشر ٥٩)

And such is the reward of the unjust ones.

And whoever is conscious of the Divine Sovereign Lord, He will give him access to an appropriate solution (2) and He will provide him with earnings from sources he does not anticipate; and whoever places his trust in Allah, He will suffice all his needs. (3)

Therefore, seek refuge in the Divine Sovereign Lord against the accursed devil when you recite the Qur'an.

And pray: "My Lord! Make my entry that of one who bears the truth, and let my exit be that of one who bears the truth, and grant me sustained authority by Your continuous support.

Say [to them]: "My Lord has guided me on a Straight Path, a well balanced and a valuable religion.

إِنَّ مَعِيَ رَبِّي سَيَهْدِينِ (٦٢) (سورة الشعراء ٢٦)

I have my Lord with Me, and He will guide me for sure

عَسى رَبِّي أَنْ يَهْدِيَنِي سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ (٢٢) (سورة القصص ٢٨)

Perhaps my Lord will show me a safe passage to the straight path. إِنَّ وَلِيِّيَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي نَزَّلَ الْكِتَابَ أُ وَهُوَ يَتَوَلَّى الصَّالِحِينَ (١٩٦) (سورة الأعراف ٧)

Surely my Guardian Lord is Allah Who revealed the Book, and He is in charge of protecting the righteous ones.

"My Lord! You have given me ample means and authority, and You taught me Dream Interpretation [and speech evaluation]. You are indeed the originator and creator of the heavens and the earth. You alone are my Guardian, in this down world and in the hereafter. Let me die in perfect submission to You [in Islam], and join me with the righteous ones."

Is one who had been dead [wrong, in ignorance], and whom We brought back to life [with guidance], and endowed him with a guiding light [of knowledge] by which he can walk straight among people

Their prophet added: "As a sign of his monarchy, the ark of the covenant will come back to you carried by angels, and with it comes comfort for you from your Lord, besides some of the relics

They prayed: "Our Lord, fill our hearts with great patience, endurance and steadfastness, and grant us victory over the unbelievers."

Such ones, when the hypocrites told them, "Beware! A great army is gathered there waiting for you, so fear them!" But this warning only increased their faith [rather than weakened it], and they said: "Sufficient is Allah for us, and He is the best of Guardians." (173) [Eventually], they returned [to their homes] safely by Allah's grace, and as a Divine favor. No harm touched them. (174)

Say: "Is it even feasible that I could take a guardian ally beside Allah? The Originator of the heavens and the earth.

He has always favored me with His kindness."

And He made me a Prophet. (30) And He made me blessed wherever I may be (31)

حِزْبُ السِّرِّ الْمَصُونُ وَالدُّرِّ الْمَكْنُونِ للعارف بالله الشيخ أحمد الرفاعي ٢

My success only depends on the Divine Sovereign Lord. In Him I trust, and I look up to Him and observe His dictates.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (6) (*One time*)

And such ones are indeed deaf, dumb, and blind, and have no wisdom.

They are in fact deaf and dumb, and they are plunged into many layers of darkness

They plug their ears with their fingers against the thunderclaps, in fear of death

And if you could only see when they are shocked by the dread [of what's ahead]! On that Day, there will be no circumvention [of what will come next]

وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ (سورة المائدة ٥)

That will be the appropriate reward for the unjust ones!"

حِزْبُ السِّرِّ الْمَصُونُ وَالدُّرِّ الْمَكْنُون

You have no true ally [to strengthen you] except for Allah, His Messenger, and the believers

وَمَا بِكُمْ مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنَ اللَّهِ (٥٣) (سورة النحل ١٦)

Whatever blessings you enjoy [in this life] all come from Allah.

And He is the One Who is the Supreme Subjugator over His created servants. He sends heavenly guardians to watch over you

O believers! Fight those who are next to you, who reject the truth. Let them find firmness and determination in you, and know that Allah is with those who shield themselves with piety, [and who do not cross the limits set by Allah].

Fight them to circumvent reversion to idol worship.

And on that day the believers will enjoy (4) the help of Allah. He grants victory to whosoever He wants. (5)

Allah supports the standing of the believers with true and well founded words during their life in this down world, as well as in the hereafter.

[Once they do that and become separated,] a wall will come down to separate between them [and the hypocrites] having a gate, its inner side [where the believer are] is Divine Mercy, and the outer side of it [where the hypocrites find themselves] is lined with sufferings in hell.

While Allah has them besieged within His Power, and without them realizing that; (20) else, [and despite what the deniers of the truth say], this Revelation is most surely a Noble and Most Glorious Quran, (21)

Allah knows best who are your enemies, and sufficient is Allah for a Guardian, and also sufficient is Allah for a Helper.

And do not fear them

[On that Day] Some hearts will be petrified in shock [at seeing the promised event of the Day of Judgment taking place], (8) and their gazes are cast down in quite pensive submissiveness.

تُصِيبُهُمْ بِمَا صَنَعُوا قَارِعَةٌ (٣١) (سورة الرعد ١٣)

Meanwhile, those who deny the truth still suffer current adversities, or calamities

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These ones can await nothing but a single mighty cry that offers no opportunity [for a second chance].

They are like wooden rods [lying against the wall]

Have they not realized that Allah Who created them is more Powerful than them

Soon you will remember what I am telling you; and here I submit my endeavors before Allah

But now, if you exercise patience and guard yourselves, then their envy cannot harm you the least. Allah knows perfectly what they are doing.

We will later let you bounce back [and overcome them], and We will further provide you with wealth and children and make you greater in number.

And recall when you were just a small oppressed band in the land, always afraid that people could kidnap you, and He gave you a safe sanctuary,

O believers! Always remember Allah's favor on you, when some people aimed at spreading their control over you, but He restrained their hands from reaching you.

O people! Remember Allah's favors on you. Is there anyone other than Allah that provides your sustenance from the heavens and the earth? There is certainly no Divine Sovereign Lord other than Him.

Perhaps your Lord will destroy your enemy,

Or perhaps Allah may stop the afflictions caused by the aggressions [against you] by those who reject the truth

But [the disbelievers] went on plotting; and Allah made their plot fail, for Allah knows best their evil scheme.

And the ruses of such ones will certainly perish.

حِزْبُ السِّرِّ الْمَصُونُ وَالدُّرِّ الْمَكْنُون

Alas! It is not necessarily the eyes that turn blind, but the hearts they hold in their breasts that become blind [to the truth].

سَيُهْزَمُ الْجَمْعُ وَيُوَلُّونَ الدُّبُرَ ﴿٢٥﴾ (سورة القمر ٥٤)

Surely their coalition will be defeated, and they will turn on their heels and run away.

And We seized them in a capture appropriate for a Mighty Powerful One Who is capable of carrying His Will.

Allah does not intend to inconvenience [or embarrass] you, rather He wants to purify you, and to complete His favor on you

This is a concession and mercy from your Lord

But for now, Allah has lightened your task, and He knows that you still have some weaknesses amongst you.

Allah surely intends your well-being, and He does not intend to cause you hardship.

Say: "The guidance of Allah is surely the only true guidance;"

حِزْبُ السِّرِّ الْمَصُونُ وَالدُّرِّ الْمَكْنُون

And He will grant you the double of His Mercy, and He will assign you a [guiding] light that puts you on the Straight Path

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (7) (*One time*)

وَمَا لَهُمْ مِنْ نَاصِرِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ (سورة الروم ٣٠)

They have no protectors, and no one will ever come to their support

وَذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٢٩﴾ (سورة المائدة ٥)

And such will be the appropriate reward for the unjust ones!"

عَلَيْهِمْ دَائِرَةُ السَّوْءِ (٦) (سورة الفتح ٤٨)

Let their ill thoughts and suspicion encircle them.

Allah caused their dwellings to collapse over their heads and turned all of that into ruins.

They will be reduced to ultimate humiliation.

Where they could not stand up on their feet, and could not help themselves.

For Allah does not validate the actions of the reprobates

And Allah surely does not let the ruse of the traitors succeed."

So we supported the believers against their enemy, and they became dominant.

Allah is the One Who defends the believers,

Their light shines before them and by their right sides

Allah is watching them

Their reward enjoys a most blessed presence, and what a beautiful return [is the coming back to Eden].

And on that Day they are spared any fear or anguish.

Those who believed [in this Message] and who in no way tainted the purity of their faith with any inequity are safe and they are well guided."

Such are the ones whom Allah has guided [on the Straight path]. Take heed of their guidance.

No soul knows what a surprising satisfaction and comfort is kept for them

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And We have dedicated their thoughts to always remember the everlasting abode [in the hereafter]. (46) And indeed, each one of them is among the best of the chosen elite in Our sight. (47)

And We accorded them a tongue of truthfulness which is praised [by all].

وَلَقَدِ اخْتَرْنَاهُمْ عَلَىٰ عِلْمٍ عَلَى الْعَالَمِينَ (٣٢) (سورة الدخان ٤٤)

We had certainly chosen them over other people knowingly.

And We also granted [favours] to them, and We chose and guided them on a Straight Path.

وَآوَيْنَاهُمَا إِلَىٰ رَبْوَةٍ ذَاتِ قَرَارٍ وَمَعِينٍ ﴿ ٥٠ (سورة المؤمنون ٢٣)

And We sheltered them on a high ground with flowing springs.

And that Our hosts are the sure victors.

[Eventually], they returned [to their homes] safely by Allah's grace, and as a Divine favor. No harm touched them

[And they engage only in] valuable conversations and greetings of peace.

وَيَنْقَلِبُ إِلَى أَهْلِهِ مَسْرُورًا ﴿٩﴾ (سورة الانشقاق ٨٤)

And he will return to his family elated with extreme joy.

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حِزْبُ السِّرِّ الْمَصُونُ وَالدُّرِّ الْمَكْنُون



Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (8) (*One time*)

These ones can await nothing but a single mighty cry that offers no opportunity [for a second chance].

And We scattered them in every direction.

We will definitely show them Our marvelous Signs across their reachable horizons as well as in themselves, and until it becomes obvious to them that this [Quran] is the absolute truth.

Therefore, hold with unwavering resolve to what is revealed to you. You are indeed on the Right Path.

Therefore, if you [people] have any uncertainty about what was brought down to you, then inquire from those who read the scriptures before you. Indeed, the truth has come to you from your Lord, have no doubt about it.

Furthermore, I call to witness the fixed positions of stars [in their orbits]. (75) And that is a solemn adjuration, if you only know! (76)

And it is a Guide and Mercy for the believers.

Allah is the One Who revealed the Book to you, in it are verses that are explicit and are the basis of the Book.

These are the revealed verses of the Divine Sovereign Lord in truth that We recited to you, hence, what kind of speech after that of Allah's and His revelations will they believe in?

And here, Allah is the One Who is testifying to what He has revealed to you. He revealed it by His knowledge, and the angels are witnesses thereof, and sufficient is Allah for a Witness.

وَكَفِي بِاللهِ وَكِيلًا ﴿٨١﴾ (سورة النساء ٤)

And sufficient is Allah in charge of everything, the Guardian Protector.

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And also sufficient is Allah for a Helper.

وَكَانَ اللَّهُ عَلى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُقِيتًا ﴿٨٥﴾ (سورة النساء ؛)

And Allah has a timed Supreme Power over everything.

Say: "If the oceans were ink to write down the Words of my Lord, the oceans will be exhausted even before the Words of my Lord are spoken in full, and that is indefinitely, and even if we were to supplement them with equal amount of ink.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (9) (*One time*)

فَسَيَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ أَضْعَفُ نَاصِرًا وَأَقَلُّ عَدَدًا ﴿٢٢﴾ (سورة الجن ٧٢)

And they will certainly know who has the weakest of supporters, and who is least important in number.

And they will certainly know who is in better position and who has a weaker forces.

And We set up an appointed time for their destruction.

وَلَنْ تُفْلِحُوا إِذًا أَبَدًا ﴿٢٠﴾ (سورة الكهف ١٨)

And you will never succeed after that.

"Throw down what you hold in your right hand, and it will swallow up what they fabricated. What they did is nothing but the ruse of a sorcerer and a sorcerer does not triumph, no matter what he does."

تَحْسَبُهُمْ جَمِيعًا وَقُلُوبُهُمْ شَتّى ﴿١٤﴾ (سورة الحشر ٥٩)

You would think that they are united, but in reality their hearts are diverse.

The actions of these people are doomed to failure, and what they are doing is certainly worthless.

Maybe you think that most of these people can really hear or understand [what you are saying to them]! In reality, they are like cattle, or even far astray, wandering away from the path.

Such are the ones who are unaware [of reality], the heedless.

Our enemies cannot reach us in person or through intermediaries, and they have no ability to bring evil to us under any circumstances. (10) (*One time*)

Thereat, and as a consequence of the injustice [they committed against themselves], when the final decree befell them, they became dumb [and could not speak].

وَاللَّهُ أَرْكَسَهُمْ بِمَا كَسَبُوا ﴿٨٨﴾ (سورة النساء ٤)

Allah caused them to relapse and [for their faith] to suffer a setback by their own doing.

Allah is the One Who supported you with His help and the backing of the believers.

قُلْنَا يَا نَارُ كُونِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٦٩﴾ (سورة الأنبياء ٢١) بِلَا يَا نَارُ كُونِي بَرْدًا وَسَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ﴿٦٩﴾ (سورة الأنبياء ٢١) We said: "O fire be cool and safe on Ibrahim."

And they wanted to harm him, but We turned them the biggest losers.

إِنَّ رَبِّي عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ (٥٦) (سورة هود ١١)

My Lord is certainly on a Straight Path [of maintaining justice for all]."

While Allah has them besieged within His Power, and without them realizing that. (20) Else, [and despite what the deniers of the truth say], this Revelation is most surely a Noble and most Glorious Quran, (21) which is inscribed in a Sacred Preserved Tablet. (22)

ٱللَّهُمَّ أَسْأَلُكَ بِ يُس ﴿) وَالْقُرْآنِ الْحَكِيمِ ﴿) يَا بَاعِثَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ يَا هَادِيَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ إلى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ أَنْ تُيَسِّرَ لِي مَا أَرْجُوكَ يَا خَيْرَ نَاصِرٍ وَيَا خَيْرَ مُعِينٍ بِحُرْمَةِ يُس وَبِحُرْمَةِ نَبِيِّ اللهِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ٢٠

Yã Allah, my Lord, I ask You by the verses (1) YãSïn (2) And the Qur'an that evidences the Divine Sagacious Judgment, You Who sends the Messengers, and You guide whomever You want to a Straight Path, my Lord, avail to me what I beseech You to grant, O Best of Supporters, You are the best of Helpers indeed, I ask You by the sacredness of YãSïn, and the sanctity of Allah's Prophet our master Muhammad, the Messenger of the Lord of All Creations, upon whom be Allah's Regards and Salutations, and upon his family and companions.

وَصَلَّى اللهُ عَلى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِّيِّ وَعَلى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَسَلِّمْ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ، وَالْحُمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ .



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