

Workbook Lāmiyyah of Ibn Taymiyyah [Poem]

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{So whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord} [18:110]

Notes

[١] يَا سَائِلِي عَنْ مَذَهَبِي وعَقِيدَتِي ... رُزِقَ الهُدَى مَن لِلهِدَايةِ يَسأَلُ

O one who questions my way and my belief, guidance is bestowed upon the one who seeks it.

[7] اِسمَعْ كَلامَ مُحَقِّقٍ في قَولِهِ ... لا يَنشَنِي عَنهُ ولا يَتَبدَّلُ

Listen to the speech of one who is asserted in his statement, not deviating from it nor altering.

[٣] حُبُّ الصَّحَابةِ كُلِّهِمْ لِي مَذهَبُ ... وَمَوَدَّةُ القُرْبَى بِهَا أَتَوَسَّلُ

Loving the companions, all of them, is for me, the way, and through the love of the closest, do I seek intercession.

For every one of them is a lofty status and many virtues, however as-Ṣiddīq amongst them, is the most virtuous.

[٥] وَأَقُولُ فِي القُرآنِ مَا جَاءَتْ بِهِ ... آياتُهُ فَهْوَ الكَرِيمُ المُنزَلُ

I say regarding the Qur'ān what has come in, its āyāt, for it is the noble revelation.

[٦] وَأَقُولُ قَالَ اللهُ جَلَّ جَلالُهُ ... والمُصطَفَى الهَادِيُ وَلا أَتَأُوَّلُ

I say: "Allāh said", exalted in his magnificence, and "the chosen guide said", and I do not misinterpret.

[٧] وجَمِيعُ آيَاتِ الصِّفَاتِ أُمِرُّهَا ... حَقًّا كَمَا نَقَلَ الطِّرَازُ الأُوَّلُ

All the āyāt relating to [his] attributes, I [acceptingly] pass by them, [affirming their] truth, as narrated by the first exemplary generations.

[٨] وأَرُدُّ عُهدَتَهَا إِلى نُقَّالِهَا ... وأَصُونُهَا عَن كُلِّ مَا يُـتَخَيَّلُ

I refer the meaning to those who transmitted it, and I protect it from all speculation.

[٩] قُبْحًا لِمَنْ نَبَذَ القُرَانَ وَراءَهُ ... وإذَا اسْتَدَلَّ يَقُولُ قَالَ الأَخْطَلُ

Disgrace to a person who throws the Qur'ān behind him, and when he seeks an evidence, he replies: "al-Akhtal said". [TN]

The believers shall see, in reality, their Lord, and to the [lowest] Heaven - without [us questioning its] reality - does he descend.

[TN] "al-Akhtal" was a Christian poet	t, whose poetry is used to negate the attribute of the speech of Allāh.

[١١] وأُقِرُّ بِالمِيزانِ والحَوضِ الَّذِي ... أُرجُوا بِأَنِي مِنهُ رِيًّا أَنْهَلُ

I accept the Mizān (scales) and the Ḥawd (pond), which, I hope I will drink from it; my thirst I will quench.

Similarly, the Ṣirāt (bridge) extending over Jahannam, the person of tawḥīd will be saved; whilst the other one, forsaken.

[١٣] والنَّارُ يَصْلَاها الشَّقِيُّ بِحِكمَةٍ ... وكَذَا التَّقِيُّ إِلَى الجِنَانِ سَيَدْخُلُ

and the Fire, in it the wretched will burn, by the wisdom [of Allāh], just as the pious will, into the gardens, enter.

For every living sane person, in his grave are deeds that will accompany him there, and he will be questioned.

[١٥] هَذا اعتقَادُ الشَّافِعِيِّ ومالِكٍ ... وأَبِي حَنِيفَةَ ثُمَّ أَحْمَدَ يُنْقَلُ

This is the creed of Shāfi'ī and Mālik, Abu Ḥanīfah also Aḥmad, which has been conveyed.

[١٦] فَإِنِ اتَّبَعتَ سَبِيلَهُم فَمُوَفَّقُ ... وإِنِ ابتَدَعْتَ فَمَا عَلَيكَ مُعَوَّلُ

So, if you follow their way, then successful [you are], and if you innovate, there is for you no support.

Benefits