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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah;
the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

يُوْتِي الْحِكْمَةَ مَن يَشَاءُ ۗ وَمَن يُؤْتَ الْحِكْمَةَ فَقَدْ
أُوتِيَ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا ۗ وَمَا يَذَّكَّرُ إِلَّا أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ

“He [Allah] gives wisdom (i.e., understanding [of the Quran and the Religion]) to whom He wills, and whoever has been given wisdom has certainly been given much good. And none will remember (i.e., be mindful [to receive admonition]) except those of understanding (i.e., those of reason).”

Quran, 2:269

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يَا سَائِلِي عَنْ مَذْهَبِي وَعَقِيدَتِي

O one who seeks to question my creed inquisitively,

رُزِقَ الْهُدَىٰ مِنْ لِيْلَهْدَايَةِ يَسْأَلُ

Upon such seeker, may guidance be bestowed gracefully.

اسْمَعْ كَلَامَ مُحَقِّقٍ فِي قَوْلِهِ

To the speech of one who is authentic, listen attentively,

لَا يَنْتَبِي عَنْهُ وَلَا يَتَبَدَّلُ

Not deviating from it nor distorting – consistently.

حُبُّ الصَّحَابَةِ كَلِّهْمْ لِي مَذْهَبُ

Loving all companions is for me the methodology,

وَمَوَدَّةُ الْقُرْبَىٰ بِهَا أَتَوَسَّلُ

And I intercede through love of the Prophet's family.

وَلِكُلِّهِمْ قَدْرٌ عَالٍ وَفَضَائِلٌ

For them are virtues with statuses so lofty,

لَكِنَّمَا الصِّدِّيقُ مِنْهُمْ أَفْضَلُ

Yet As-Şiddīq amongst them is of most nobility.

وَأَقُولُ فِي الْقُرْآنِ مَا جَاءَتْ بِهِ

I say regarding the Qur'ān what's therein clearly,

آيَاتُهُ فَهُوَ الْكَرِيمُ الْمُنَزَّلُ

For it is the noble revelation, descended gloriously.

وَأَقُولُ قَالَ اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ

I say, “Allāh said”, exalted in His Grandeur and Majesty,

وَالْمُصْطَفَى الْهَادِي وَلَا أَتَأْوَلُ

And “the chosen guide (ﷺ) said”, without distorting – surely.

وَجَمِيعُ آيَاتِ الصِّفَاتِ أَمْرُهَا

All the Āyāt of His Attributes, I affirm rightfully,

حَقًّا كَمَا نَقَلَ الطِّرَازُ الْأَوَّلُ

As truth, as narrated by the first whom each are exemplary.

وَأَرُدُّ عَهْدَهَا إِلَى نِقَالِهَا

I return the responsibility to those who transmit faithfully,

وَأَصُونُهَا عَنْ كُلِّ مَا يَتَخَيَّلُ

Protecting it from whatever speculations may lead.

فُبْحًا لِمَنْ نَبَذَ الْفُرَانَ وَرَاءَهُ

Disgrace to whom treats the Qur'ān neglectfully,

وَإِذَا اسْتَدَلَّ يَقُولُ قَالَ الْأَخْطَلُ

And when seeking evidence, he refers to Al-Akhtal's sophistry.

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ يَرَوْنَ حَقًّا رَبَّهُمْ

The believers shall see their Lord in sight, undoubtedly,

وَإِلَى السَّمَاءِ بِغَيْرِ كَيْفٍ يَنْزِلُ

To the lowest Heaven does He descend, unquestionably.

وَأُقِرُّ بِالْمِيزَانِ وَالْحَوْضِ الَّذِي

I affirm the Scale and the Pond – and I hopefully,

أَرْجُو بَأْتِي مِنْهُ رِيًّا أَنْهَلُ

Pray that my thirst there – from it – will be quenched fully.

وَكَذَا الصِّرَاطُ يَمُدُّ فَوْقَ جَهَنَّمَ

And the bridge over Jahannam extends dangerously,

فَمَوْجِدٌ نَاجٍ وَآخِرَ مُهْمَلٌ

The person of Tawḥeed is saved, the other forsaken woefully.

وَالنَّارُ يَصْلَاهَا الشَّقِيُّ بِحِكْمَةٍ

And in the Fire, the wretched will burn per Allah's Wise Decree,

وَكَذَا التَّقِيُّ إِلَى الْجَنَانِ سَيَدْخُلُ

While the pious will enter gardens of Paradise, everlastingly.

وَلِكُلِّ حَيٍّ عَاقِلٍ فِي قَبْرِهِ

And every person in the grave will be accompanied,

عَمَلٌ يُقَارِنُهُ هُنَاكَ وَيَسْأَلُ

With his deeds, and he will be questioned duly.

هَذَا اِعْتِقَادُ الشَّافِعِيِّ وَمَالِكٍ

This is the creed of Maalik and Ash-Shāfi'i,

وَأَبِي حَنِيفَةَ ثُمَّ أَحْمَدَ يُنْقَلُ

Also, of Abu Ḥanīfah and Aḥmad, transmitted purely.

فَإِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ سَبِيلَهُمْ فَمَوْفِقٌ

So, if you follow their way, you live successfully,

وَإِنْ ابْتَدَعْتَ فَمَا عَلَيْكَ مَعْوَلٌ

But if you innovate, no support will you see, certainly.