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[Sūrah ‘Āli ‘Imrān, 3:31-32]

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The *aḥādīth* of the Prophet ﷺ are the pillars of *Islām* since his *Sunnah* is essentially the *tafsīr* or explanation of the *al-Qurʿān* itself. Al-Imām al-Nawawī greatly benefited the *ummah* by extracting a few *aḥādīth* out of several thousand, which form the foundation of *Islām*. These Prophetic gems have become a source of guidance and wisdom to many generations of Muslims, including those laypersons with limited religious knowledge and depth. It is my deep conviction that the Muslim *Ummah* could advance so much more in their understanding and practice of *Islām* by simply studying and applying these few *aḥādīth* treasures. Many of this *ummah* are in dire need of the correct understanding of the religion and of Prophetic guidance.

The original commentary or first edition on the “Forty *Aḥādīth*” by al-Shaykh Jamāl Bādī was published by Muazzin Productions (2008) in Malaysia. It is an excellent work which expounds much on contemporary applications and benefits from the *Arbaʿīn*. It connects the collection of *Arbaʿīn* with many related *Qurʿānic* verses and other *aḥādīth* along with other classical commentary.

Personally, I have found a great deal of benefit from the Dr. Jamāl’s original commentary. I have been referring to it numerous times as a reference point for knowledge, and have enthusiastically referred it to family and colleagues. It has been ironic that I have found several



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of my colleagues already using his commentary. It is without doubt that this work has been an important factor in increasing my love of the *Sunnah* of the Prophet ﷺ. My love and attachment to these pearls of wisdom also encouraged me to commit these *aḥādīth* to memory and obtain an *ijāzah* from al-Shaykh Moḥammad Daniel from the Cordoba Academy.

Over the past five years and after the original website address changed, it has been unfortunate that Dr. Jamāl's Commentary has greatly lost accessibility. Furthermore, the commentary in text, though published, has not been readily available.<sup>1</sup>

It was after correspondence with Dr. Jamāl that he agreed with my recommendation that we publish this work again on a more global platform. I am honored that Dr. Jamāl has allowed me to edit the original work, improve its organization, and publish it on his behalf. The original work has been edited for better readability, organization, and other small corrections in grammar and its redundancies. Furthermore, related *al-Qur'ān*, *aḥādīth*, and other materials have been more accurately cited and referenced. Dr. Jamāl made it clear to me that he did not seek any compensation, and preferred that we not even elaborate on his introduction, credentials, or his qualifications.

And that has been the starting point, or more accurately a renewal of the original endeavor to spread the sacred knowledge regarding the treasures of the *Forty Aḥādīth* of Al-Imām al-Nawawī.

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