

2. Phase Two of The 14 Phases Of The Life Hereafter: The Adeela at the Time of Death

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العديله عند الموت

The “Adeela العديلة” means one turning from right to wrong as he dies due to the presence of Satan at the time of his death who will cast doubts in his heart through his evil insinuations in order to get him out of the right creed. There are many supplications to seek protection for such `adeela.

For example, the pride of all critics, may Allah have mercy on his soul, has said that if one seeks security against Satan, he must bring into his presence the proofs of conviction and the five basic principles of Islam through irrevocable evidences, with ease of conscience, then he hands them all over to Allah Almighty so He may return them to him at the time of his death. Having stated all the right doctrines, he should say the following:

اللَّهُمَّ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ أَنِّي قَدْ أَوَدَعْتُكَ يَقِينِي هَذَا وَثَبَاتَ دِينِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرَ مَسْتَوْدَعٍ قَدْ أَمَرْتَنَا بِحِفْظِ الْوَدَائِعِ فَرُدَّهُ
«عَلَيَّ وَقْتِ حَضُورِ مَوْتِي».

"O Lord, the most Merciful of those who show mercy: I have entrusted You with this conviction of mine, with the firmness of my creed. Since You are the best of trusted ones, and You commanded us to safe keep the trusts, do return it to me at the time when I am to die." What also helps is performing the prayer rites on time; doing so helps during such a critical stage. According to one tradition, the angel of death looks at all people five times a day, that is, during the five daily prayers, so he may teach those who perform them on time the shahada and spare him the evil of the cursed Satan. It is also highly recommended to recite the following supplication/ Qur'anic verse on every Sunday during the month of

Thil-Qi'da:

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

“Our Lord!” (they say,) “do not let our hearts deviate now that You have guided us, but grant us mercy from Your Own Presence, for You are the Giver of unlimited bounties” (Qur'an, 3:8).

Other Qur'anic Chapters that have the same effect include Suras 23 and 109.

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