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### **God-Wariness**

#### God-wariness-التقوى

.God-wariness is a fortified stronghold for the one who takes refuge in it .1

.God-wariness is the accumulator of [all] purity and chastity .2

.God-wariness is the fruit of faith and the sign of certitude .3

.The exterior of God-wariness is honour in this world while its interior is honour in the Hereafter .4

God-wariness is the strongest connection between yourself and Allah if you hold on to it, and it is a .5 .[shield against the painful chastisement [of the Hereafter

.God-wariness is such that there is no alternative or substitute for it .6

.God-wariness is for a person to be cautious of all [the things] that could lead him towards sin .7

.[Be God-wary and you will succeed [in this world and the next .8

.Fill your heart with God-wariness and oppose your vain desires, [by this] you will overcome Satan .9

Fear Allah with some God-wariness, even if it be little, and place between yourself and Him a veil [of .10 .shame], even if it be thin

.Fear Allah by obeying Him, and obey Allah by fearing Him .11

Be wary of your duty towards Allah, whom you must eventually meet, and with other than whom you .12

.have no ultimate end

.Be wary of your duty towards Allah with regards to that which He has created you for .13

Be wary of your duty towards Allah, [the Lord] who hears when you speak and knows when you .14 .conceal something in your heart

Be wary of your duty towards Allah with the wariness that is due to Him, and strive to attain His .15 .pleasure, and be cautious of what He has warned you about from His painful chastisement

Be wary of your duty towards Allah with the wariness of one who hears [the message of guidance] .16 hence humbly submits, commits a misdeed hence confesses [and repents], learns [the truth] hence trembles in fear, is cautious [about the Hereafter] hence takes the initiative [to do good] and performs an .action and does it well

Turn to God-wariness, for indeed it is an impenetrable shield. Whoever turns to it, it protects him and .17 .whoever holds on to it, it preserves him

Hold on to God-wariness, for indeed it has a rope with a firm handle and a stronghold with an .18 .insurmountable peak

Indeed God-wariness is like trained [and docile] riding mounts with their riders on them and their .19
.reins given to them, so they take them into Paradise

.The most protective shield is God-wariness .20

.The most impenetrable fortress of religion is God-wariness .21

Verily God-wariness is a protection for you in your life and a means of gaining nearness [to Allah] .22 .after your death

Verily Allah the Most High has enjoined God-wariness upon you and has made it the means by .23 which His pleasure is attained by His creation. So fear Allah, [the Lord] who is closely watching you and

in whose grip are your forelocks

Verily the wariness of their duty towards Allah has shielded His friends from what He has forbidden .24 and has made their hearts bound by His fear, so much so that their nights pass in wakefulness and their .midday's in thirst; thus they take comfort in hardship and are quenched by thirst

Verily the fear of Allah is a provision and a place of return. It is a provision that takes one to his .25 destination and a prosperous place of return. The best inviter has called towards it and the most heedful [of people] have heeded to it. So the inviter has told the people about it and those who have given heed .to it are successful

Verily God-wariness is the right of Allah, the Glorified, upon you and it necessitates your right over .26 .Allah, so seek Allah's help to achieve it and use it as a means of attaining proximity to Allah

Verily the fear of Allah [and God-wariness] has continually presented itself to the people of the past .27 and those who came after them, because they will [all] need it tomorrow when Allah resurrects what He has created and takes back what He has given; but how few are those who undertake it the way it !deserves to be undertaken

.Verily the fear of Allah has a rope with a firm handle and a stronghold with an insurmountable peak .28

Indeed God-wariness makes Allah most pleased with His servants and it is what He demands from .29 His creation. So be wary of your duty towards Allah who knows what you do in secret and records what .you do openly

Verily God-wariness is a strong fortress [of protection] for the one who takes refuge in it, and impiety .30 is the dilapidated fortress [of humiliation] which does not protect its people and does not offer security to .the one who takes refuge in it

Verily God-wariness is today a safeguard and a shield, and tomorrow [it is] a pathway to Paradise; .31 .its path is clear and the one who travels on it, gains

Indeed the fear of Allah is the maintainer of faith and the pillar of certitude, and it is surely the key to .32 .righteousness and the lamp of success

## 32 إِنَّ تَقْوَى اللهِ عِمارَةُ الدينِ، وَعِمادُ اليَقينِ، وإِنَّها لَمِفْتاحُ صلاح، ومِصباحُ نَجاح.

Verily the one who has been shown what is in front of him by the examples of the exemplary .33 .punishments of the past is prevented by God-wariness from falling into doubts

Verily the one who abandons God-wariness is lured by pleasures and lustful desires, and falls into .34 .the wilderness of sins and is constantly plagued by grave (or many) [evil] consequences

Indeed the fear of Allah is a key to rightness, a store for the Hereafter, emancipation from every .35 [form of] bondage and safety from every destruction. Through it the runaway is rescued, what is sought .is attained and what is desired [of the Hereafter] is acquired

.God-wariness dignifies, immorality disgraces .36

.[God-wariness is eschewal [of the forbidden .37

37ـ اَلتَّقْوى اِجْتِنابٌ.

.God-wariness is the best provision .38

God-wariness is the most fruitful cultivation .39

.God-wariness is the cornerstone [all] of good deeds .40

.God-wariness is the leader of moral virtues .41

.God-wariness is a fortified stronghold .42

.[God-wariness is the reserve for the place of return [in the Hereafter .43

.God-wariness is the strongest foundation .44

44 اَلتَّقْوى أَقْوى أساس.

.God-wariness is the key to uprightness .45

.God-wariness is the fortress of the believer .46

.God-wariness is a safeguard for the one who adopts it .47

.God-wariness is the strongest fortress and the most protective sanctuary .48

.If you fear Allah, He will protect you .49

Indeed you are in greater need of the provisions of God-wariness than you are of the provisions of .50 .this world

.When you [wish to] guard yourself, then be wary of the things that Allah has forbidden .51

.The sting (or blackness) of sins is cut off by God-wariness .52

.It is with God-wariness that preservation from sin has been paired .53

.Through God-wariness, actions become pure .54

.The garment of God-wariness is the most honourable of attires .55

Treat your [spiritual] ailments with God-wariness and anticipate [and prepare for] your death by it; .56 take a lesson from those who have neglected it and ensure that those who heed to it do not take a .[lesson from you [for having neglected it

.The cornerstone of God-wariness is abandoning lustful desires .57

.The cause of the probity of [one's] faith is God-wariness .58

.The probity of God-wariness is [in] eschewing doubt .59

.Blessed is the one who fills his heart with God-wariness .60

.Espouse God-wariness, for indeed it is the character of the Prophets .61

.Espouse God-wariness, for indeed it is the most honourable distinction .62

.Espouse God-wariness in hiding and in the open, and adhere to the truth in anger and pleasure .63

.Espouse God-wariness, for it is indeed the best provision and the most protective accourtement .64

So be wary of [your duty towards] Allah with the God-wariness of one who listens hence humbles .65 himself, who commits [a sin] hence he confesses, who becomes afraid hence he performs virtuous acts

.[and is cautious hence he hastens [towards good deeds

So be wary of [your duty towards] Allah with the God-wariness of one who attains certitude hence .66 he does good, who is given lesson [from the happenings of this world] so he takes it, who is warned so he desists, who is shown [the right path] so he sees [it], and who fears the chastisement [of the .Hereafter] and works for the Day of Reckoning

So be wary of [your duty towards] Allah, O servants of Allah, with the God-wariness of one who has .67 preoccupied his heart with reflection, who [always] has the remembrance [of Allah] on his tongue and .[who advances [good deeds out of] fear for his safety [in the Hereafter

So fear Allah in relation to the purpose for which He has created you, and be cautious of [your duty .68 towards] Him just as He has warned you of Himself. Make yourself deserving of what He has promised you by having confidence in the truth of His promise and being afraid of the terror of Day of .Resurrection

So be wary of [your duty towards] Allah, O servants of Allah, with the God-wariness of one who .69 tucks up his clothes in preparation [for fulfilling the commandments of Allah] and makes great effort, who .[acts quickly during the short period [he has] and hurries out of fear [of losing the opportunity

So be wary of [your duty towards] Allah with the God-wariness of one who thinks about returning .70 towards the Hereafter, the end [and consequence] of his life's journey and the place of his [final] return, .so he remedies his past errors and increases his righteous actions

.Increased God-wariness is a symbol of abundant piety .71

.Whoever would like success in the Hereafter should espouse God-wariness .72

Whoever takes off the attire of God-wariness will not be able to cover himself with anything from the .73 .devices (and means) of this world

.Whoever puts on the attires of God-wariness, his garments will not get worn out .74

.Nothing reforms faith like God-wariness .75

## 75 ما أصلك الدين كَالتَّقْوى.

.The basis of God-wariness is rejection of this world .76

.Guided is the one who fills his heart with God-wariness .77

And fear Allah, who is justified [in punishing you for disobedience] by the warning He has issued, .78 and has a strong argument because He has made the [right] path clear and has warned you of the .enemy who enters into the hearts stealthily and whispers secrets in the ears

Neither [should you] advance nor retreat except with the fear of Allah and in obedience to Him, [in .79 .this way] you will become victorious by attaining success and [finding] the right way

.There is no honour like God-wariness .80

.There is no provision like God-wariness .81

81ـ لازاد كَالتَّقْوى.

.There is no God-wariness like desisting from the forbidden .82

.There is no fortress more impenetrable than God-wariness .83

The thing that is rooted in God-wariness is never destroyed and the plant that grows on it never .84 .remains thirsty

.There is no dignity loftier than God-wariness .85

.The most virtuous of you is the most God-wary among you .86

.Do not dishonour the one who has been elevated by God-wariness .87

Be wary of [your duty towards] Allah with the God-wariness of one who was called so he answered, .88 who was penitent so he returned back, who was warned so he became cautious, who passed by [a .place] so he took lessons [from it] and who feared so he remained safe

# 88 لِتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَقِيَّةَ مَنْ دُعِيَ فَأَجابَ وتابَ فَأَنابَ وحُذِّرَ فَحَذِرَ وعَبَرَ فَاعْتَبَرَ وَعُبَرَ فَاعْتَبَرَ

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