



Al-Itnad

اللامية

شيخ الإسلام ابن تيمية (ت 728 هـ)

The Lāmiyyah Poem

Ibn Taymiyah (d. 728 AH)

يا سائلي عن مذهبي وعقيدتي *** رزق الهدى من الهداية يسأل

O the one who asks about my belief and creed

Guidance is indeed given to the one who seeks it

إسمع كلام محقق في قوله *** لا ينثني عنه ولا يتبدل

Listen to the words of one who is certain of his statements

He does not depart nor replace them

حُب الصحابة كلهم لي مذهب *** ومودة القرى بها أتوسل

Love for the Companions, all of them is my belief

To love his family, I use as a means of nearness

ولكلهم قدر وفضل ساطع *** لكنما الصديق منهم أفضل

Each one of them has his station and shining virtue

However, Al-Ṣiddiq is the best of them

وأقول في القرآن ما جاءت به *** آياته فهو الكريم المنزل

I say regarding the Qur'an, what it has come with

Verses, it is the noble revelation

وَأَقُولُ: قَالَ اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ وَالْمُصْطَفَى الْهَادِي وَ لَا أَتَأَوَّلُ

I say: Allah, the Most High said

And the chosen guide, and I don't misinterpret

وَجَمِيعُ آيَاتِ الصِّفَاتِ أَمْرُهَا *** حَقًّا كَمَا نَقَلَ الطِّرَازُ الْأَوَّلُ

I accept all of the verses of attributes

In truth, as transmitted by the best of the early ones

وَأَرُدُّ عَنْهَا إِلَى نَقْلِهَا *** وَأَصُوهُهَا عَنْ كُلِّ مَا يُتَحَيَّلُ

I return its responsibility to its narrators

And preserve it from all manners of thoughts

قُبْحًا لِمَنْ نَبَذَ الْقُرْآنَ وَرَاءَهُ *** وَإِذَا اسْتَدَلَّ يَقُولُ قَالَ الْأَخْطَلُ

Ugly is the one who casts the Qur'an behind him

And when he uses evidence says, Akhṭal said

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ يَرَوْنَ حَقًّا رَبَّهُمْ *** وَإِلَى السَّمَاءِ بِغَيْرِ كَيْفٍ يَنْزِلُ

The believers will surely see their Lord

To the heavens, without asking how, He descends

وَأُقِرُّ بِالْمِيزَانِ وَالْحَوْضِ الَّذِي *** أَرْجُو بِأَنِّي مِنْهُ رَبًّا أَكْهَلُ

I accept the Scales and Pond in which

I hope that I will delight with the first sip

وَكَذَا الصِّرَاطُ يُمَدُّ فَوْقَ جَهَنَّمَ *** فَمُسَلَّمٌ نَاجٍ وَآخَرُ مُهْمَلٌ

Likewise, the Bridge will be stretched over Hellfire

One safe and secure, and another ignored

وَالنَّارُ يَصْلَاهَا الشَّقِيُّ بِحِكْمَةٍ *** وَكَذَا التَّقِيُّ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ سَيَدْخُلُ

The wretched will taste the Fire due to wisdom

Likewise, the pious will enter the gardens

وَلِكُلِّ حَيٍّ عَاقِلٍ فِي قَبْرِهِ *** عَمَلٌ يُقَارِنُهُ هُنَاكَ وَيُسْأَلُ

Every living responsible one, in the grave

Are actions that accompany him, and he will be questioned

هَذَا اعْتِقَادُ الشَّافِعِيِّ وَمَالِكٍ *** وَأَبِي حَنِيفَةَ ثُمَّ أَحْمَدَ يُنْقَلُ

This is the belief of al-Shāfi'ī and Mālik

And Abu Ḥanīfah, then Aḥmad, as is reported

فَإِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ سَبِيلَهُمْ فَتُفَوِّقُ *** وَإِنْ ابْتَدَعْتَ فَمَا عَلَيْكَ مَعَوْلُ

If you follow their way, then it is success

And if you innovate, then there is no support for you