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Lāmiyyah of Ibn Taymiyyah
[Poem]

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فَمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو لِقَاءَ رَبِّهِ فَلْيَعْمَلْ عَمَلًا صَالِحًا وَلَا يُشْرِكْ بِعِبَادَةِ رَبِّهِ أَحَدًا

{So whoever hopes for the meeting with his Lord, let him work righteousness and associate none as a partner in the worship of his Lord} [18:110]

يَا سَائِلِي عَنْ مَذْهَبِي وَعَقِيدَتِي ... رُزِقَ الْهُدَى مَنْ لِلْهُدَايَةِ يَسْأَلُ

O one who questions regarding my way and my 'aqīdah,
guidance is bestowed upon the one who seeks it.

اسْمَعْ كَلَامَ مُحَقِّقٍ فِي قَوْلِهِ ... لَا يَنْتَنِي عَنْهُ وَلَا يَتَّبَدَّلُ

Listen to the speech of one who is asserted in his statement,
not deviating from it nor altering.

حُبُّ الصَّحَابَةِ كُلِّهِمْ لِي مَذْهَبٌ ... وَمَوَدَّةُ الْقُرْبَىٰ بِهَا أَتَوَسَّلُ

Loving the companions, all of them, is for me, the way,
and through the love of the closest, do I seek intercession.

وَلِكُلِّهِمْ قَدْرٌ عَلا وَفَضَائِلٌ ... لَكِنَّمَا الصِّدِّيقُ مِنْهُمُ أَفْضَلُ

For every one of them is a lofty status and many virtues,
however as-Şiddiq from amongst them, is the most virtuous

وَأَقُولُ فِي الْقُرْآنِ مَا جَاءَتْ بِهِ ... آيَاتُهُ فَهَوَ الْكَرِيمُ الْمُنَزَّلُ

I say regarding the Qur'ān what has come in
its Āyāt, for it is the noble revelation.

وَأَقُولُ قَالَ اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ ... وَالْمُصْطَفَى الْهَادِي وَلَا أَتَأْوَلُ

I say: "Allāh said", exalted in His magnificence,
and "the chosen guide said", and I do not misinterpret.

وَجَمِيعُ آيَاتِ الصِّفَاتِ أَمْرُهَا ... حَقًّا كَمَا نَقَلَ الطَّرَازُ الْأَوَّلُ

All the Āyāt relating to [His] attributes, I [acceptingly] pass by them,
[affirming their] truth, as narrated by the first exemplary generations.

وَأَرُدُّ عَهْدَهَا إِلَى نُقَالِهَا ... وَأَصُونُهَا عَنِ كُلِّ مَا يُتَحَيَّلُ

I return the responsibility to those who transmitted it,
and I protect it from all speculation.

وَالنَّارُ يَصَلُّهَا الشَّقِيُّ بِحِكْمَةٍ ... وَكَذَا التَّقِيُّ إِلَى الْجَنَانِ سَيَدْخُلُ

and the Fire, in it the wretched will burn, by the wisdom [of Allāh],
just as the pious will, into the gardens, enter.

وَلِكُلِّ حَيٍّ عَاقِلٍ فِي قَبْرِهِ ... عَمَلٌ يُقَارَنُ هُنَاكَ وَيُسْأَلُ

For every living sane person in his grave,
are deeds that will accompany him there, and he will be questioned.

هَذَا اِعْتِقَادُ الشَّافِعِيِّ وَمَالِكٍ ... وَأَبِي حَنِيفَةَ ثُمَّ أَحْمَدَ يُنْقَلُ

This is the creed of Shāfi'ī and Mālik,
Abu Ḥanīfah also Aḥmad, which has been conveyed.

فَإِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ سَبِيلَهُمْ فَمَوْفُوقٌ ... وَإِنْ ابْتَدَعْتَ فَمَا عَلَيْكَ مُعَوَّلٌ

So if you follow their way, then successful [by divine guidance],
and if you innovate, there is for you no support.
