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اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ هُوَ الْفِقْهُ الْأَكْبَرُ ۞ وَالْجَامِعُ الْكَبِيْرُ لِزِيَادَاتِ فَيْضِهِ الْمَبْسُوْطِ ۞ الدُّرَرِ الْغُرَرِ بِهِ الْهِدَايَةُ ۞ وَمِنْهُ الْبِدَايَةُ ۞ وَإِلَيْهِ النِّهَايَةُ ۞ بِحَمْدِهِ الْوِقَايَةُ ۞ وَنُقَايَةُ الدِّرَايَةِ ۞ وَعَيْنُ الْعِنَايَةِ ۞ وَحُسْنُ الْكِفَايَةِ ۞ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى الْإِمَامِ الْأَعْظَمِ لِلرُّسُلِ الْكِرَامِ ۞ مَالِكِي وَشَافِعِي أَحْمَدَ الْكُرَامِ ۞ يَقُوْلُ الْحُسْنُ بِلَاتَوَقُّفٍ مُحَمَّدُ نِ الْحَسَنُ أَبُوْ يُوْسُفَ ۞ فَإِنَّهُ الْأَصْلُ الْمُحِيْطُ ۞ لِكُلِّ فَضْلٍ بَسِيْطٍ ۞ وَ وَجِيْزٍ وَ وَسِيْطٍ ۞ اَلْبَحْرُ الزَّخَّارُ ۞ وَالدُّرُّ الْمُخْتَارُ ۞ وَخَزَائِنُ الْأَسْرَارِ ۞ وَتَنْوِيْرُ الْأَبْصَارِ ۞ وَرَدُّ الْمُحْتَارِ عَلٰى مِنَحِ الْغَفَّارِ ۞ وَفَتْحُ الْقَدِيْرِ ۞ وَزَادُ الْفَقِيْرِ ۞ وَمُلْتَقَى الْأَبْحُرِ ۞ وَمَجْمَعُ الْأَنْهُرِ ۞ وَكَنْزُ الدَّقَائِقِ ۞ وَتَبْيِيْنُ الْحَقَائِقِ ۞ وَالْبَحْرُ الرَّائِقُ ۞ مِنْهُ يَسْتَمِدُّ كُلُّ نَهْرٍ فَائِقٍ ۞ فِيْهِ الْمُنْيَةُ ۞ وَبِهِ الْغُنْيَةُ ۞ وَمَرَاقِي الْفَلَاحِ ۞ وَإِمْدَادُ الْفَتَّاحِ ۞ وَإِيْضَاحُ الإِصْلَاحِ ۞ وَنُوْرُ الْإِيْضَاحِ ۞ وَكَشْفُ الْمُضْمَرَاتِ ۞ وَحَلُّ الْمُشْكِلَاتِ ۞ وَالدُّرُّ الْمُنْتَقٰى ۞ وَيَنَابِيْعُ الْمُبْتَغٰى ۞ وَتَنْوِيْرُ الْبَصَائِرِ ۞ وَزَوَاهِرُ الْجَوَاهِرِ ۞ الْبَدَائِعُ النَّوَادِرُ ۞ الْمُنَزَّهُ وُجُوْباً عَنِ الْأَشْبَاهِ وَالنَّظَائِرِ ۞ مُغْنِي السَّائِلِيْنَ ۞ وَنِصَابُ الْمَسَاكِيْنَ ۞ الْحَاوِي الْقُدْسِيُّ لِكُلِّ كَمَالٍ قُدْ سِيٍّ وَّإِنْسِيٍّ ۞ الْكَافِي الْوَافِي الشَّافِي ۞ الْمُصَفّٰى الْمُصْطَفٰى الْمُسْتَصْفٰى ۞ الْمُجْتَبٰى الْمُنْتَقٰى الصَّافِي ۞ عُدَّةُ النَّوَازِلِ ۞ وَأَنْفَعُ الْوَسَائِلِ ۞ لِإِسْعَافِ السَّائِلِ ۞ بِعُيُوْنِ الْمَسَائِلِ ۞ عُمْدَةُ الْأَوَاخِرِ ۞ وَخُلَاصَةُ الْأَوَائِلِ ۞ وَعَلٰى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ ۞ وَأَهْلِهِ وَحِزْبِهِ مَصَابِيْحِ الدُّجٰى ۞ وَمَفَاتِيْحِ الْهُدٰى ۞ لَاسِيَّمَا الشَّيْخَيْنِ الصَّاحِبَيْنِ الْآخِذَيْنِ مِنَ الشَّرِيْعَةِ وَالْحَقِيْقَةِ بِكِلَا الطَّرَفَيْنِ ۞ وَالْخَتَنَيْنِ الْكَرِيْمَيْنِ ۞ كُلٌّ مِنْهُمَا نُوْرُ الْعَيْنِ ۞ وَمَجْمَعُ الْبَحْرَيْنِ ۞ وَعَلٰى مُجْتَهِدِي مِلَّتِهِ ۞ وَأَئِمَّةِ أُمَّتِهِ ۞ خُصُوْصاً اَلْأَرْكَانَ الْأَرْبَعَةَ ۞ وَالْأَنْوَارَ اللَّامِعَةَ ۞ وَابْنَهُ الْأَكْرَمَ الْغَوْثَ الْأَعْظَمَ ذَخِيْرَةَ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ ۞ وَتُحْفَةَ الْفُقَهَاءِ ۞ وَجَامِعَ الْفُصُوْلَيْنِ ۞ فُصُوْلِ الْحَقَائِقِ وَالشَّرْعِ الْمُهَذَّبِ بِكُلِّ زَيْنٍ ۞ وَعَلَيْنَا مَعَهُمْ ۞ وَبِهِمْ وَلَهُمْ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّحِمِيْنَ ۞ آمِيْن آمِيْن

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِيْنَ

THE RIDAWI OPENING

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Allah's name to begin with; the Most Beneficent, the Merciful.

We praise Him and ask for blessings and salutations upon His honourable Messenger ﷺ.

All praise to Allāh; and this is the greatest knowledge and a great collection of His abundant favours, for multiplying His extensive bounties, the primest of pearls. By His praise [ḥamd] comes guidance; with His praise is the beginning and towards it the end; and it is His praise that grants the safety of the most formidable fortress and bestows pristine knowledge and unsullied intellect which is providence itself, beautiful in its sufficing.

Blessings and Salutations be upon the preeminent leader of all the Messengers; my master, my intercessor; the most praised among all Messengers, the most honoured ones in creation. Beauty declares without hesitation: Muḥammad ﷺ the handsome is Yūsuf's ﷺ father in [beauty's] signification.

Because he is the universal fountainhead of every bounty and grace, of every superiority and excellence – be it the vast, the brief, the simple, or the medial. The overflowing sea of generosity, the choicest of pearls [of perfection and goodness]; the invaluable treasure of Divine Secrets, who illuminates the eyes – the answer to the perplexed [and who leads] towards the blessings of the Most Forgiving, Al-Ghaffār; the benefactor sent by the Most Powerful, Al-Qadīr; and the succour of the poor. The confluence of the oceans [of virtues], the union of the seas of sublimity and elegance; the treasure of subtleties and the manifestation of realities. That lucid sea of knowledge and beneficence, from which every rising stream beseeches benefaction.

In him rests all hope; and because of him is independence from every other, and [by his leading] we reach the stairway of success. He is the Divine Aid from the Opener of doors of grace [Al-Fattāḥ]. He is the manifest radiance for betterment and rectification; the very light of elucidation and clarification; the revealer of hidden treasures, the reliever of leaden troubles, the unraveller of mysteries and riddles. The chosen pearl, the wellspring that [fulfils] wishes. The lustre of insight and sagacity; the most lustrous of shining jewels, the rarest and the immaculate of gems, whose likeness and similitude is impossible to find. He, who makes prosperous the mendicant and the fortune of the destitute. He is the empyreal cumulation of qualities and attributes of perfection, both human and ethereal; he suffices for all needs; the complete, the perfect; the complete healer, the impeccable, the pure, the elect [Muṣṭafā], the purifying, the most favoured, the redeemer, the chaste. He is our provision in the direst hour; the most gainful of means to attain Allāh's infinite Grace [wasīlah]; and to fulfil many a need in immense speed. He is the finest of later generations and their reliance; and from the best of predecessors, their quintessence.

Blessings and salutations may also be upon his progeny and his companions; his noble household and his company. They are the lamps brightening the darkest of nights; they are the keys to guidance. Especially the two venerable sages [Abū Bakr and ʿUmar]; the two closest companions who held the Sharīʿah and Ḥaqīqah firmly on both sides. And the two honourable sons-in-law [ʿUthmān and ʿAlī]; each of them is the light of sight and a convergence of oceans. May blessings also be upon the striving scholars [mujtahids] of his blessed community, the imams of his nation; and in particular, the four pillars, the resplendent and bedazzling rays [of knowledge]. May blessings also be upon his [grand]son, the chief helper [Ghawth al-Aʿẓam]; the provision of the friends of Allāh, the gift for the jurists [fuqahā']; he who consolidated the two sections – chapters of esoteric realities [ḥaqīqah] and that of orderly external knowledge [sharīʿah]. And may blessings be also upon us, for we are with them; and blessing for their sake; because of them.

O the Most Merciful, accept our prayers. Amen. Amen. And every praise belongs to Allāh, the Sustainer of all worlds.