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Basic Teachings of Islam

Visiting Graves

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Visiting Graves

- When a person passes away, the family must remember the deceased in the duas and actions.
- They should often visit their graves to show their connection with the deceased person.
- It is a Sunnah of the Prophet, who said, "I used to forbid you from visiting graves. Now, do visit them."



Visiting Graves

- It benefits the one visited, because the dead finds solace in it.
- It benefits the one visited, because of the reward of recital of Qur'an (and other matters) one makes.
- It reminds the person of death.
- It reminds the person visiting of their purpose in life, and what remains of their worldly life: all worldly matters end, and only good works remain to benefit one in the grave and beyond.



Visiting Graves of Saints

- One benefits from the barakah and nur of the person visited, if the deceased person was a friend of Allah (a saint).



Urs

- **What is Urs?**
- After a saint (pious people) leaves this world, annual gathering is held in their memory near the date of their death.
- This gathering is known as Urs.
- This Urs is held in the mosque near the grave of the saint and is attended by the family members, the students and the disciples.
- They recite the Qur'an and various scholars give lectures on different topics of Islam.



Urs

- The audience are allowed to question the scholars on anything they wish.
- At the end a dua is said and then hospitality is done for the people.
- The hospitality is solely done for the blessings.



Urs

- Celebrating Urs is not worshiping the saint
- The people who attend the Urs are not committing shirk (associating others with Allah).
- Urs is held to remember the pious life of the saint and to learn from his life.
- Celebrating Urs is also not grave worshiping