THE CONCISE LEGACY

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O MY SON...!

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This 1 Series
The Concise Legacy, the first in the Golden Advice Series, is an advice given by Ahmad ibn Taymiyah on matters which will set right one's affairs of the deen (religion) and dunyaa (world). The framework for this advice is provided by the advice of the Prophet ( ﷺ) to Mu'addh ibn Jabal ( ~ ) :
"O Mu'aadh, fear Allah wherever you are, and follow up a bad deed with a good one and it will wipe it out, and behave well towards people." (Tirmidheeq)
The advice contained in this book covers what would make one attain the good of this world and the hereafter insha Allah.

Other than being a discourse of how a servant can remain attached to his Lord, the advice contained in this book also focuses on interpersonal relationship between human beings ie being good to others by giving them their rights, being just to them etc.

This 2 Series
One of the duties parents owe their children is to guide them aright by educating them. They are obligated to correct their children's errors and most importantly guide them to live a life that is pleasing to Allah ( ﷺ) by teaching them the means of achieving that.

To assist the parents in discharging these responsibilities, Allah ( ﷺ) gave clear guidance in the Qur'an. He gave us the example of a dutiful father-Luqman and the advice he gave to his son: "And (remember) when Luqman said to his son when he was advising him: 'O my son! Join not in worship others with Allah. Verily! Joining others in worship with Allah is a great Zulm (injustice) indeed.' (Luqmaan [31]: 13)

Our success as parents is determined largely by how well we are able to discharge those responsibilities Allah ( ﷺ) has placed on us regarding our children. This book explains different aspects of the advice of Luqmaan to his son and its significance for a successful life.
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This 3 Series
Much of the flaws that afflict the individual and the community stem from the singular defect of Anger. Allaah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAW) have given us instructions regarding the malady and advised us to keep it in check. This work is an extensive discussion on these instructions. We hope that this concise work will aid the one who is afflicted with this flaw to find cure in, insha Allaah; while the one who is free of it will find enough incentives to keep his emotions under control.

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This 4 Series
How many people have earned the wrath of Allaah as a result of misuse of their tongues? How many injuries that may never heal have been inflicted through the careless slips of the tongue? The Messenger of Allaah (SAW) said: "Indeed, the servant will speak words that are pleasing to Allaah, due to which he will be given a condition in which Allaah will raise him many levels. And indeed, the servant will speak words that are displeasing to Allaah, due to which he will not be given a good condition, but (instead) be thrown into the Hellfire." (Bukhaaree) This book highlights those sins that seem so light on the tongue yet so grave on the scale and offers practical advice on how to keep the tongue in check.
BE PATIENT & PARADISE WILL BE YOURS

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RIZQ & LAWFUL EARNINGS

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**This 5 Series**
After eemaan (faith), the most honorable trait with which man could be endowed is patience. It is the best course of action in all situations. It is a cause for Allaah's mercy and help. It is a source of spiritual joy. The first victory in both matters of the world and Hereafter is only earned by patience and the good and being only to the patient ones. Our trials in this world are numerous and varied. Sometime, they come as difficulties and some other times in forms of ease. Situations that life turns on us sometimes could stretch our will and faith to the extreme. In all situations, patience and eemaan remain our most valued companions for the Prophet (pbuh) said: "Whoever remains patient, Allaah will make him patient. Nobody can be given a blessing better and greater than patience." (Bukhaaree)

This book is a discussion of patience and how to develop that trait so that we might be a recipient of one of Allaah's greatest blessings.

**This 6 Series**
Narrated by Umar ibn al-Khattaab (ra), the Prophet (pbuh) said: "If you put your faith completely in Allaah, He will arrange for your sustenance in the same way as he provides for the bird. They go out in the morning with their stomachs empty and return filled in the evening." (Tirmidhee)

This book discusses the place of pride Islam gives to making lawful earnings and rizzq through hard work and striving. It also looks at the contempt Islam places on begging and indolence. Then it looks at which earnings are lawful, which are not and the many ways by which wealth can increase while seeking the pleasure of Allaah (swt).
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This 7 Series
Ever heard of the cause of the first disobedience in the heavens? ENVY! That was it! Ibliss (Shaytaan) disobeyed Allah, his Lord, out of envy, arrogance and pride. (See Al-Araaf [7]: 12). Envy is also one of the commonest sins on earth! It is the deadly disease of the heart that destroys personal as well as communal relationships!
ENVY: its causes, its effects and how to deal with it, is the subject of this small but beneficial book. May the one Who is afflicted with this disease find cure in the prescription contained in this book. (Ameen)

This 8 Series
A home is an important means towards building the Muslim community. The society is made up of homes and it is the origin. The home is life and the life is society. If the home is strong and morally sound, it will reflect in the larger society. Whatever the home is made up of that is the reflection that will be seen in the society. When the society is morally bankrupt it should be traced to the home. To rescue our society from destruction the home needs to be rebuilt on sound footings. The Messenger of Allah (Saw) said: "Happiness has four elements; a good wife, a spacious house, a good neighbour and a good riding beast." (Ibn Hibbaan) From this hadeeth, it can be seen that three out of the four elements of happiness concern the home. This book highlights the means and processes of building a Muslim home which guarantees sakeenah (tranquility). [an-Naki (16):80]
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This 9 Series
When do we teach our children? What do we teach them? How do we teach them? The Messenger of Allah (SAW) showed the way of tarbiyah for Muslims in his life-forming advice to Abdullah ibn Abbas? This book is an insight into the basic Islamic teaching that children should be taught significant things early in life, so that they may live a meaningful life. It is must for every home.

Is it not time to call our children and advise them with the words of the Prophet (SAW)?
"O young man, I shall teach you some wards (of advice): Be mindful of Allah, and Allah will protect you. Be mindful of Allah, and you will find Him in front of you. If you ask, ask of Allah; if you seek help, seek help of Allah..." (Tirmidhee)

This 10 Series
Every day we faced with threats that shake us just a bit or rock us from the foundation of our being at other times. Such sections make us wonder whether we can remain steadfast and much on!

Narrated Sufyaan ibn Abdullah (RS): "I said to the Messenger of Allah (SAW): 'Messenger of Allah, tell me something to which I should hold fast. He said: 'Affirm, 'My Lord is Allah' and then be steadfast.' Then I said: 'Messenger of Allah, what is that you are most afraid of in my case?' He took hold of his tongue and said: 'Of this.'" (Tirmidhee)

This book, insha Allah, gives a concise insight into what it means to be steadfast, the kind of sections that necessitate being steadfast and the various ways and means of keeping steadfast in our faith.