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## Returning in Happiness and Sadness

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Alhamdulillah, after a refreshing break with the family under the generous hospitality of the brothers in the Emirates *jazahumullahu khayr* (and in particular Kif and the “radiant one”), it’s back to Blighty and the normal grind that is life.

Apologies to the brothers in the Hijaz whom I told I’d be seeing soon but a change of plans and circumstances didn’t allow for it until maybe the end of 2008.

Now the formalities: the *fiqh* class will restart next Wednesday 27th Feb insha’Allāh after ‘Isha at CMA. I’ll also be staying behind for queries and general issues after ‘Isha this Friday night at CMA for those who wish to discuss in person. I also hope to get back to my emails and messages by the end of next week insha’Allāh.

I see that the *Maqra’ah* has come to fruition in my absence masha’Allāh and I hope to meet some of you in London next week at al-Muntada *bi-ithnillah*. I’ll provide some further information as requested about such public readings and the various texts in question, and as long as you have the patience and the love for the Sacred Tradition then come along and take from the *barakah*.

Finally, all our moments of happiness are always kept in check by that destroyer of desires itself. In the last few weeks, more innocent people in the Muslim lands have been slaughtered, we’ve lost callers to the *Deen* and personally I’ve lost a close family member as well, yet the loss of the senior scholars is a tragedy that the *Ummah* can ill afford and with the loss of Shaykh Bakr Abu Zayd (*rahimullah*), I cannot recall personally a more sad moment in the last few years. The irony for me personally was that on this trip, I took with me every single *risalah* that Shaykh Bakr Abu Zayd has written to refresh my memory of his research since the last time I read his wonderful work - one never ceases to benefit from his great knowledge, accuracy and wisdom and I hope to write something in tribute to this great scholar who has not been done the justice he deserves by the current pieces found on the net; I owe it to this ‘Alim who other than Shaykh ‘Uthaymin (*rahimāmullah*), has had the greatest effect upon my development from those great senior scholars of our generation that I was never fortunate enough to study under.

Truly, may Allāh *‘azza wa jall* shower his Mercy upon the Shaykh, forgive him his sins, and enter him into the highest part of Paradise, *amin*.

Can I also take the liberty to request your du’as for my grandmother (*rahimahallāh*) who passed away after a long battle with illness; her *janazah* was today and was well attended despite the curfew and difficulties in the NWFP at the moment *wal-hamdulillah ‘ala kulli hal*. Anyone who wishes to offer *ta’ziyah*, please come to Cheadle Masjid after *‘Isha* this Friday evening only.

Happiness and Sadness, the terrible twins of the *Dunya* that we play around with every day *wa Allāhu Musta’an*. May Allāh give all the Muslims the strength to continue in this life in His Worship in the way that best pleases Him, *amin*.