

An Excerpt from Imam Hussain's (AS) Dua Arafah

Which of Your favors, O my God, can I count in numbers and examples? Or which of Your gifts can I thank properly?

They are, O my Lord, too numerous to be counted by counters or to be realized by memorizers.

Moreover, that which You have warded off and repelled, O Allah, from (the various kinds of) harm and mischief is more than that which came to me from well-being and joy.

And I bear witness, O my God, with my true belief, and the fortitude of the determinations of my conviction, and the purity of my open belief in Your Oneness, and the essence of the secret of my conscience, and the ties of the canals of the light of my sigh, and the lines of my forehead, and the hallows of the courses of my breath, and the (nasal) cavities of my nose, and the courses of the meatus of my hearing, and whatever my two lips hide and cover up, and the motions of the vocalization of my tongue, and the socket of the palate of my mouth and jaw, and the matrices of my dents, and the tasting of my food and my drink, and the carrier of my skill, and the tube of the tissues of my neck, and what is included by the cloak of my chest, and the carriers of the cord of my aorta, and the cords of the pericardium of my heart, and the pieces of the retinues of my liver, and that which is included by the cartilages of my ribs, and the cavities of my joints, and the interacting of my organisms, and the extremes of my fingertips, and my flesh, and my blood, and my hair, and my skin, and my nerve, and my sinews, and my bones, and my brain, and my veins, and all of my organs, and that which was pieced together during the days of my suckling, and whatever of my body that the ground carries, and my sleeping, and my wakefulness, and my motionlessness, and the movements of my bowing and prostration;

(by all that I bear witness) that if I try my best and strive throughout all ages and all times, if I live them, to thank properly only one of Your favors, I will not be able to do that except through a favor of You, which also requires me to thank You for it, once again with new thanking and with praise that is newly acquired and newly prepared.

True is this! And if I try hard, as well as the counters from Your creatures, to count the scope of Your favoring, both the past and the present, we shall never be able to calculate it in number, or count it in time.

Too far is this! How can it be!

While it is You Who have informed in Your rational Book and true news: "And if you count Allah's favors, you will not be able to number them." True is Your Book, O Allah, and Your informing.

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