

al-Ahādith Qudsī

A hadith qudsi (حديث قدسي) is a type of hadith in which the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ conveys words directly from Allah. Unlike the Quran, these words are not part of the Quran; the meaning is from Allah, while the wording is from the Prophet ﷺ. al-Ahādith (pl.) qudsi addresses various Islamic areas, providing legal, spiritual, moral, and eschatological guidance. These prophetic statements offer timeless perspectives that enrich faith's understanding and practice.

A) Definition of a Hadith Qudsī:

تعريف: هُوَ كُلُّ قَوْلٍ صَرِيحٍ يَرَوِيهِ النَّبِيُّ عَنِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ

‘Any apparent statement from Allah the Mighty and Majestic narrated by the Prophet ﷺ.’

For a definition to be precise and function as an objective reference, it must be both all-inclusive and all-exclusionary. This definition achieves this by encompassing four limiting considerations that contribute to its precision and significance.

The first:

The term قَوْلٍ statement eliminates any accounts that describe Allah’s actions.

The second:

The term صَرِيحٍ apparent excludes hadith where the Messenger of Allah ﷺ employs a passive verb such as ‘It was revealed to me...’

The Third:

The phrase يَرَوِيهِ النَّبِيُّ, as narrated by the Prophet ﷺ, excludes any references to apparent words from Allah conveyed by other prophets.

The Fourth:

The phrase عَنِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ signifies that it does not include any reports where the Prophet ﷺ relates Allah's words through an angel or Jibrīl.

B) Three types of expressions are considered forms of Divine speech:

The first:

It's the noblest form, namely, al-Quran

The second:

The previously revealed scriptures of the former prophets before their alteration and modification.

The Third:

al-Āhādith al-Qudsī - is the words of Allah narrated through a sound chain, and it is the Prophet ﷺ informing us of those words, unlike the Quran where it is Allah's words and is referred to as Allah said, etc..... al-hādith al-Qudsī is the prophet said narrating from his lord.

Course Text:

al-Ahādith Qudsi - Translation and Annotations

1. The Oneness of Allah in action and worship.

عن ابن عمر رضي الله عنه عن النبي ﷺ قال
إن الله تعالى قال لقد خلقتُ خلقاً ألسنتهم أحلى من العسلِ وقلوبهم أَمْرٌ من الصبرِ فَبِي حلفتُ
لَأُيَحِنَّهُمُ فتنَةً تدعُ الحليمَ منهم حيراناً فَبِي يَعْتَرُونَ أَمَّ عَلِيٍّ يَجْتَرُونَ

(H1/5) Ibn 'Umar (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated

That the Prophet ﷺ said: Indeed, Allah, Most High, said: 'I have created beings with tongues sweeter than honey, yet their hearts are more bitter than aloes. By Me, I swear to humble them with a Fitnah, leaving those with intelligence perplexed. They are deceived by my reprieve or by my reprieve; they transgress boundaries.'"

Student Task

Why did Allah choose these specific metaphors? Explore the idea that "sweet tongues" attract people and build trust, while "bitter hearts" act like a poison that ruins the relationship from the inside out.

Aloe plant vs Honey



عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ، أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ قَالَ " يَنْزِلُ رَبُّنَا تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى كُلَّ لَيْلَةٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ الدُّنْيَا حِينَ يَبْقَى ثُلُثُ اللَّيْلِ الْآخِرِ فَيَقُولُ مَنْ يَدْعُونِي فَأَسْتَجِيبَ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَسْأَلُنِي فَأُعْطِيهِ وَمَنْ يَسْتَغْفِرُنِي فَأَغْفِرَ لَهُ "

(H2/11) Abu Huraira (May Allah be pleased with him) narrated

Allah's Messenger ﷺ as saying: 'Our Lord, the Blessed and Exalted, comes down to the lowest heaven each night when one-third of the last part of the night remains. He asks: 'Who calls upon Me so I can respond? Who seeks from Me so I can provide it? Who requests My forgiveness so I can grant it?''

Student Task:

The "Three Doors" Inquiry

Question	Category	Example Scenarios
"Who calls upon Me?"	Dua (General)	Asking for guidance, peace of mind, or help with a problem.
"Who seeks from Me?"	Request (Specific)	Asking for a specific need (health, success in exams, provision).
"Who requests forgiveness?"	Istighfar (Repentance)	Seeking a clean slate for past mistakes or shortcomings.

Explain the reason behind each door's specific category and how it is significant for a believer's relationship with the Divine. Then, present a role-play scenario in which a person finds comfort in that particular promise during a difficult time.