

**WASHINGTON, Sept 28 (Reuters) - Here is the complete text of the four-page document found in the luggage of Mohamed Atta, the 33-year-old Egyptian who helped hijack one of the two planes that hit the World Trade Center in New York on Sept. 11. This a Reuters translation from handwritten Arabic. Portions in square brackets are explanatory additions. Other bracketed portions are bracketed in the original.**

**The Last Night:**

**1) Making an oath to die and renew your intentions.**

**\* Shave excess hair from the body and wear cologne.**

**\* Shower**

**2) Make sure you know all aspects of the plan well, and expect the response, or a reaction, from the enemy.**

**3) Read Al-Tawba and Anfal [traditional war chapters from the Holy Qur'an] and reflect on their meanings and remember all of the things that God has promised for the martyrs.**

**4) Remind your soul to listen and obey [all divine orders] and remember that you will face decisive situations that might prevent you from 100 percent obedience, so tame your soul, purify it, convince it, make it understand, and incite it. God said: "Obey God and His Messenger, and do not fight amongst yourselves or else you will fail. And be patient, for God is with the patient."**

**5) Pray during the night and be persistent in asking God to give you victory, control and conquest, and that He may make your task easier and protect us.**

**6) Remember God frequently, and the best way to do it is to read the Holy Qur'an, according to all scholars, as far as I know. It is enough for us that it**

**[the Qur'an] is the words of the Creator of the Earth and Heavens, the One that you will meet [on the Day of Judgment].**

**7) Purify your soul from all blemishes. Completely forget something called “this world” [or “this life]. The time for play is over and the serious time is upon us. How much time have we wasted in our lives? Shouldn't we take advantage of these last hours to offer sacrifices and obedience?**

**8) You should feel complete tranquility, because the time between you and your marriage [in heaven] is very short. Afterward begins the happy life, where God is satisfied with you, and eternal bliss “in the company of the prophets, the companions, the martyrs and the good people, who are the best company.” Ask God for his mercy and be optimistic, because [the Prophet], peace be upon him, used to prefer optimism in all his affairs.**

**9) Keep in mind that, if you fall into hardship, how will you act and how will you remain steadfast and remember that you will return to God and remember that anything that happens to you could never be avoided, and what did not happen to you could never have happened to you. This test from Almighty God is to raise your station and atone for your sins. And be sure that it is a matter of moments, which will then pass, God willing, so blessed are those who win the great reward of God. Almighty God said: “Did you think you could go to heaven before God knows whom amongst you have fought for Him and are patient?”**

**10) Remember the words of Almighty God: “You were looking to the battle before you engaged in it, and now you see it with your own two eyes.” Remember: “How many small groups beat big groups by the will of God.” And His words: “If God gives you victory, no one can beat you. And if He betrays you, who can give you victory without Him? So the faithful put their trust in God.”**

**11) Remind yourself of the supplications and of your brethren and ponder their meanings. (The morning and evening supplications, and the supplications of [entering] a town, and the [unclear] supplications, and the supplications said before meeting the enemy.**

**12) Bless your body with some verses of the Qur'an [done by reading verses into one's hands and then rubbing the hands over things over whatever is to be blessed], the luggage, clothes, the knife, your personal effects, your ID, your passport, and all of your papers.**

**13) Check your weapon before you leave and long before you leave. (One of you must sharpen his blade and you must not discomfort your animal during the slaughter).**

**14) Tighten your clothes well [a reference to one making sure his clothes will cover his private parts at all times], since this is the way of the pious generations after the Prophet. They would tighten their clothes before battle. Tighten your shoes well, wear socks so that your feet will be solidly in your shoes and do not stick out. All of these are worldly things [that humans can do to control their fate, although God decrees what will work and what will won't] and the rest is left to God, the best One to depend on.**

**15) Pray the morning prayer in a group and ponder the great rewards of that prayer. Make supplications afterward, and do not leave your apartment unless you have performed ablution before leaving, because (The angels will ask for your forgiveness as long as you are in a state of ablution, and will pray for you). This saying of the Prophet was mentioned by An-Nawawi in his book, The Best of Supplications. Read the words of God: "Did you think that We created you for no reason" from the Al-Mu'minun Chapter.**

**The second step:**

**When the taxi takes you to (M) [this initial could stand for matar, airport in Arabic] remember God constantly while in the car. (Remember the supplication for entering a car, for entering a town, the supplication of place and other supplications).**

**When you have reached (M) and have left the taxi, say a supplication of place [“Oh Lord, I ask you for the best of this place, and ask you to protect me from its evils”], and everywhere you go say that prayer and smile and be calm, for God is with the believers. And the angels protect you without you feeling anything. Say this supplication: “God is more dear than all of His creation.” And say: “Oh Lord, protect me from them as You wish.” And say: “Oh Lord, take your anger out on them [the enemy] and we ask You to protect us from their evils.” And say: “Oh Lord, block their vision from in front of them, so that they may not see.” And say: “God is all we need, He is the best to rely upon.” Remember God’s words: “Those to whom the people said, ‘The people have gathered to get you, so fear them,’ but that only increased their faith and they said, God is all we need, He is the best to rely upon.” After you say that, you will find [unclear] as God promised this to his servants who say this supplication:**

- 1) They will come back [from battle] with God’s blessings**
- 2) They were not harmed**
- 3) And God was satisfied with them.**

**God says: “They came back with God’s blessings, they were not harmed, and God was satisfied with them, and God is ever-blessing.”**

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become their allies, God save us, for fear is a great form of worship, and the only one worthy of it is God. He is the only one who deserves it. He said in the verses: “This is only the Devil scaring his allies” who are fascinated with Western civilization, and have drunk the love [of the West] like they drink water [unclear] and have become afraid of their weak equipment “so fear them not, and fear Me, if you are believers.”

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You must remember your brothers with all respect [?]. No one should notice that you are making the supplication, “There is no God but God,” because if you say it 1,000 times no one will be able to tell whether you are quiet or remember God. And among its miracles is what the Prophet, peace be upon him, said: (Whoever says, ‘There is no God but God,’ with all his heart, goes to heaven.” The prophet, peace be upon him, said: (If you put all the worlds and universes on one side of the balance, and “No God but God” on the other, “No God but God” will weigh more heavily.”

You can repeat these words confidently, and this is just one of the strengths of these words. Whoever thinks deeply about these words will find that they have no dots [in the Arabic letter] and this is just one of its greatnesses, for words that have dots in them carry less weight than those that do not. And it is enough that these are the words of monotheism, which will make you steadfast in battle [unclear] as the prophet, peace be upon him, and his companions, and those who came after them, God willing, until the Day of Judgment.

**Also, do not seem confused or show signs of nervous tension. Be happy, optimistic calm because you are heading for a deed that God loves and will accept [as a good deed]. It will be the day, God willing, you spend with the women of paradise.**

**[poetry]**

**Smile in the face of hardship, young man/For you are heading toward eternal paradise**

**You must remember to make supplications wherever you go, and anytime you do anything, and God is with his faithful servants, He will protect them and make their tasks easier, and give them success and control, and victory, and everything**

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