Wiping the eyes with the index fingers after kissing them upon hearing the caller to prayer say: “I bear witness that Muḥammad is the Messenger of Allāh,” at the same time repeating these words and adding: “I am pleased with Allāh as my Lord, with ʿIṣlām as my Religion, and with Muḥammad ﷺ as my Prophet.” Al-Daylāni related in the Firdaws from Abū Bakr al-Şiddiq 𢚪 that the Prophet ﷺ said:

“Whoever does this, my intercession will definitely take place for him.”

Al-Sakhawī said:


If it can only be established as a saying of the ʿṢiddiq it would be enough as a basis for practice because of the Prophet’s saying ﷺ:

“You must follow my Sunna and the Sunna of my Rightly-Guided Successors.”

It was also said: “It is neither done nor forbidden and its strangeness is no secret to those endowed with intelligence.”

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1 Narrated from al-ʿIrbād ibn Sāriya in the Sunan and Musnad.
2 Yet Ibn Ṭabiʿīn in his Ḥāshiya (1:398) states that thumb-kissing is desirable (mustahabb) upon hearing the first call to prayer (adḥān) together with invoking blessings on the Prophet ﷺ and adding, “Welcome, my beloved and the coolness of my eyes, Muḥammad ﷺ!” then asking for healthy sight and hearing. So did another Renewer of ʿIṣlām, Imām Aḥmad Riḍā Khān in his monographs Munīr al-ʿAyn fī Ḥukmī Taqīb al-Iḥbāʿānayn and Naḥāl al-Salāma fī Ḥukmī Taqīb al-Iḥbāʿānayn ʿīl-Iġāma, both citing previous Ḥanafī sources such as al-Qaḥīṣṭānī’s Ṭāmīʿ al-Rūmīz fī Sharḥ al-Nuqūṣa and Faḍl Allāh ibn Muḥammad ibn Ayyūb al-Suhrawardī’s Fatāwā Sūṭīyya. As for al-Muʿallīm’s rejection of the finding that thumb-kissing has proven healthy in his edition of al-Shawkānī’s al-Fawāʾid al-Majmūʿa (p. 38 §58 n. 6) on the grounds that “The Religion is not founded on experimentation” and that “idol-worshippers will tell you that plenty of their practices have proven healthy” then these are false analogies on two grounds: [1] the approval of beneficial matters by the Religion does not constitute establishing something new in the Religion regardless of the flimsiness of the transmitted reports on those matters (e.g. taking a bit of salt before and after meals) and [2] what mind-sickness and khārijīte heart-blindness still rouse some persons to defame Muslims by comparing them to idol-worshippers? Allāh is our help!