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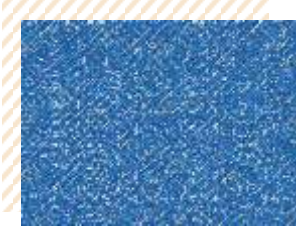
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INTRODUCTION

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SUPPLICATION TO BE REMEMBER ALLAH AND BE
GRATEFUL AND WORSHIP HIM IN EXCELLENCE

"يا معاذ، والله إني لأحبك، ثم أوصيك يا معاذ لا تدعن في دبر كل صلاة تقول: اللهم أعني على ذكرك

"وشكرك، وحسن عبادتك"

The Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) held my hand and said, "O

Mu'adh, By Allah, I love you and advise you not to miss supplicating after every Salat (prayer) saying: 'Allahumma a'inni 'ala dhikrika wa shukrika, wa

husni 'ibadatika,' (O Allah, help me remember You, expressing gratitude to You and worship You in the best manner)".¹

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to help us remember Him in these days. Remembrance is with heart, tongue and actions and this will produce gratitude. When we talk about the blessings and bring it to the surface, then it will produce ihsan.

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23.

وَأُدْخِلَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ—تَحِيَّتُهُمْ فِيهَا سَلَامٌ

And those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah and His Messengers and whatever they brought) and did righteous deeds, will be made to enter Gardens under which rivers flow, - to dwell therein for ever (i.e. in Paradise), with the Permission of their Lord. Their greeting therein will be: Salam (peace!).

24.

أَلَمْ تَرَ كَيْفَ ضَرَبَ اللَّهُ مَثَلًا كَلِمَةً طَيِّبَةً كَشَجَرَةٍ طَيِّبَةٍ أَصْلُهَا ثَابِتٌ وَفَرْعُهَا فِي السَّمَاءِ

See you not how Allah sets forth a parable? A goodly word as a goodly tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches (reach) to the sky (i.e. very high).

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¹ Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and An- Nasa'i , Book 1, Hadith 384

تُؤْتِي أَكْلَهَا كُلَّ حِينٍ بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهَا ۖ وَيَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْأَمْثَالَ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَذَكَّرُونَ

Giving its fruit at all times, by the Leave of its Lord, and Allah sets forth parables for mankind in order that they may remember.

26.

وَمَثَلُ كَلِمَةٍ خَبِيثَةٍ كَشَجَرَةٍ خَبِيثَةٍ اجْتُثَّتْ مِنْ فَوْقِ الْأَرْضِ مَا لَهَا مِنْ قَرَارٍ

And the parable of an evil word is that of an evil tree uprooted from the surface of earth, having no stability.

27.

يُثَبِّتُ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِالْقَوْلِ الثَّابِتِ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَيُضِلُّ اللَّهُ الظَّالِمِينَ ۖ وَيَفْعَلُ اللَّهُ مَا

يَشَاءُ

Allah will keep firm those who believe, with the word that stands firm in this world (i.e. they will keep on worshipping Allah Alone and none else), and in the Hereafter. And Allah will cause to go astray those who are Zalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers), and Allah does what He wills.

- It is important to appreciate the blessing of the religion. How can we enter paradise with peace if we do not know Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? Subhan Allah.
- We want to be like the date-palm tree with firm roots, tall branches and producing fruits by the permission of its Lord. The most important part of the tree is the roots, and this is the faith. And what will make our faith strong, the word of tawheed – the good word – (لا إله إلا الله).
- We want our tawheed to reach high, we should never forget (لا إله إلا الله). There is no one we should attach to out of love and magnification except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created the heavens and the earth, paradise and hellfire, sent the messengers and books for (لا إله إلا الله). He created feelings for (لا إله إلا الله). The main purpose of our life is to fulfil (لا إله إلا الله).
- It is not just a word but a feeling in the heart which will produce actions that will benefit the whole world. If we learn so many things, but do not know why then this goes to waste. We need to appreciate (لا إله إلا الله) because this is the purpose of our creation.
- There are seven steps to (لا إله إلا الله) and each step is required to progress to the next.
- The first step is knowledge when we learn about the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but what is it that we want to reach? The final step which is love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

1. KNOWLEDGE WHICH NEGATES IGNORANCE

- We need to appreciate the knowledge in order to remove the ignorance, but we have to know where we are heading? We are heading to the great feeling and end result of complete love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We should not use the names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for our brain and to understand it, but to feel it as well.
- There is no one worthy of worship except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). How can we go from knowledge to love? We cannot just love a person straight away, but there is a process. There are stages in between which we need to go through otherwise it will not be pure love.

- We all want to love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), how? First we must acknowledge it is not in our hand. The first step is to acquire knowledge and then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) takes us to the next station when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) decrees matters so that we have certainty.

2. CERTAINTY WHICH NEGATES DOUBTS

- For every name, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will decree matters so that we have absolute certainty in His Names and no doubts. How can we love someone we doubt? Subhan Allah.

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قَالَتْ رُسُلُهُمْ أَفِي اللَّهِ شَكٌّ فَاطِرِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

Their Messengers said: "What! Can there be a doubt about Allah, the Creator of the heavens and the earth?"

- After knowledge and going through life situations so that we are certain Allah is The Most Merciful, we are certain Allah is The Provider, then what will happen?

3. ACCEPTANCE WHICH NEGATES REJECTION

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will take us to a third level which is acceptance. Whatever Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us and decrees for us then we accept. How can we love if we do not accept? The opposite of accepting is

rejecting. When we learn about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and are certain about Him, then whatever He brings to us we accept it by our heart and do not reject it. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not burden us with more than we can handle.

4. SUBMISSION WHICH NEGATES LEAVING

- When we accept, then what is the next stage? There will be commands so the limbs submit. We are submitting with actions. To accept in the heart is not enough because it does not show outwardly. When we truly accept then we will submit and surrender with our limbs.

5. TRUTHFULNESS WHICH NEGATES LYING

- When we are submitting by acting and going forward with deeds, then comes truthfulness. We have not reached love yet.
- In our journey, we need to be truthful and ask ourselves, “are we really acting out of truthfulness?” The believer is always truthful, unlike the hypocrite who acts but is not truthful. How can we love someone if we are not truthful in dealing with them? Truthfulness is the seed of doing anything.

6. SINCERITY WHICH NEGATES SHIRK

- Then comes the next level which is sincerity. While we perform our deeds, we must purify our intentions along the way because desires can creep in. When we are constantly purifying our deeds, then there will be love.

7. LOVE WHICH NEGATES HATE

- Now we see how knowledge can bring feelings of love. When there is love, then there are no boundaries, then we can fly.
- It is knowledge, certainty, acceptance, submission, truthfulness, sincerity and finally love. This is the heart of the worshipper, feelings of love come through nurturing.
- We will love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we will love whomever He loves and this is sweetness of faith; this is the purpose of our existence.
- Love is the main purpose of (لا إله إلا الله) because we attach to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) out of love and magnification, and love is the head.
- We cannot survive without love and the main love is the love of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) – this is (لا إله إلا الله).
- It is important as we learn about the Names of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), we have to know to where we are heading. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) keep us firm on (لا إله إلا الله) and to live by it truthfully. Ameen.

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MAY ALLAH HELP US TO ATTAIN ALL CONDITIONS OF (لا إله إلا الله) AND
TO LOVE HIM TRUTHFULLY. AMEEN.

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