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### INTRODUCTION

#### THE HIGHLIGHT IS ALLAH

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is able to bring people into this life and they are already perfect, but then we will not see Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and the impact of His nurturing.
- The essence of life is not about appreciating the perfection of the creation, but to appreciate the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on

something very simple or something that can be very rebellious.

- Adam (عليه السلام) was simple, he did not go through any experience, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) taught him the names to everything. And then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) commanded the angels to prostrate to him, and not as worship, but to see the grandeur of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) of how something that is nothing, but has knowledge taught by Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Adam (عليه السلام) was taught knowledge directly and not through actions, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al 'Aleem Al Hakeem – The All-Knowing, The All-Wise.
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says, “I have placed a successor on the earth”, we should never think

the goal is to be perfect, but the process of changing is to magnify Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) more.

## SURAH AL BAQARAH 30

وَإِذْ قَالَ رَبُّكَ لِلْمَلَائِكَةِ إِنِّي جَاعِلٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ خَلِيفَةً

And [mention, O Muhammad (ﷺ)], when your Lord said to the angels, "Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority."

- It would be very boring if we just remain the same. Other creations remain as they are, fulfill their role and do not progress. But the human being is honored because a person sees the impact of Allah's nurturing and His Names on a human being, and how they can change.
- And this shows how can someone who does not know anything is most suitable to be a successor in the land? When the follow the guidance of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SURAH AL BAQARAH 38

قُلْنَا اهْبِطُوا مِنْهَا جَمِيعًا ۖ فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَنْ تَبِعَ  
هُدَايَ فَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

We said, "Go down from it, all of you. And when guidance comes to you from Me, whoever follows My guidance - there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve.

- The meaning of (خليفة) is that humans are given the responsibility to take care of the earth by developing it and taking care of it.
- Another example is someone can be so rebellious, arrogant and stubborn, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will still nurture them despite knowing their hearts will harden. And this is to show how great is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Banu Israel disrespected Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by worshipping a calf, disrespecting their

messenger, disrespecting the manna, salwa and shade being provided to them due to their boredom. They want to work hard in order to “achieve”, but when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives us something with ease, the achievement is to appreciate and be grateful for the blessing from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- Banu Israel struggled with Firaoun and were under his oppression being enslaved by him, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) took them out and honored them. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave them food with ease, but they wanted to plant their own food and cook it.
- They did not have a home, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave them a home and told them to eat and drink from whatever they want, but they just

had to prostrate and ask for forgiveness. What did they do?

- They prostrated from the back, and instead of saying (حطة) which means forgiveness, they said (حنطة), which means “barley”, subhan Allah.
- The worst rebellious is when a person associates with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to protect us from shirk.

## SUPPLICATION TO BE PROTECTED FROM SHIRK

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا  
أَعْلَمُ

Allāhumma innī a`ūdhu bika an ushrika bika wa  
anā a`lam, wa astaghfiruka limā lā a`lam.

O Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I associate anything with You knowingly, and I seek Your forgiveness for what I know not.<sup>1</sup>

- Yet despite all of this, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) still nurtured them because the matter is not about the goal, but to see the perfection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) teaches us, we want to act and not be rebellious.
- And then we see the example of Ibrahim (عليه السلام) and how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) reformed him, was obedient and submitting. And then we see the great good that came as a result of it.
- The imperfection in life is to see the perfection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), because Who do we want

<sup>1</sup> Sahihut-Tarhib wat- Tarhib 1/19



the highlight in our life to be? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or the creation? Of course Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- What can make us so attached to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) that we only see Him? When we see how anything perfect, beautiful and merciful in this life, we see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and how beautiful He is, merciful and caring He is.
- We may see mercy in different forms in this life and being shown by different people, but this should not distract us from The Most Merciful. The highlight is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We may be amazed at the creation, but our heart will jump to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- When we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or anyone reminds us of Him, our heart jumps to Him. We do not see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we see

everything else. We do not hear Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we hear all sounds, though we should never make this as a barrier to see The Most Beautiful.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Wali Al Hameed – The Most Loving Companion, The Most Praiseworthy. He cares for us so much and He is with us without disturbing us or asking us more than we can handle. He will not be too much on anyone or too little; it is very balanced.

## SURAH YUNUS 62 TO 64

62.

أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

No doubt! Verily, the Auliya' of Allah [i.e. those who believe in the Oneness of Allah and fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which he has forbidden), and love

Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)], no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve.

63.

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ

Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism), and used to fear Allah much (by abstaining from evil deeds and sins and by doing righteous deeds).

64.

لَهُمُ الْبُشْرَىٰ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ ۚ لَا تَبْدِيلَ لِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ ۚ  
ذَٰلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

For them are glad tidings, in the life of the present world (i.e. through a righteous dream seen by the person himself or shown to others), and in the Hereafter. No change can there be in the Words of Allah. This is indeed the supreme success.

◦ We are all companions, but the best companionship is when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the

highlight. We all have different talents and skills, someone may be good with cooking, someone may be caring, but when we see cooking and giving to all, we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Provider. When we see someone so caring, we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Merciful.

- No companionship is perfect except if Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is in that companionship. They will not be afraid or grieve, because Who is the third, Who is the fourth, the fifth? Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is with us by His hearing and seeing, but if we believe in Him, He will be with us with His love, support and defense.

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○ And so before we start the journey in Surah Aal Imraan, we need to anchor our faith because we will go through different emotions. We can forget, we can leave our place or we can run behind something, but what will keep us connected? When the highlight is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 1 TO 2

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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الم

Alif, Lam, Meem.

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اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ

Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of existence.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need anything to bring Him up, unlike ourselves whom if we do not maintain ourselves then our standard will go down.
- For example, if we do not bathe then we will smell, if we do not cut our nails then it will be dirty. We have to maintain our marriage, home and so forth because we are not perfect. However, only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is perfect because He does not need to be maintained, Exalted is He, He does not need anyone to sustain Him, He does not need anyone to remember Him or praise Him, and still He is the highlight.

- Unlike human beings whom if one person puts them down, they can fall apart. So how can we be firm? Can we depend on ourselves and what we know? No. We need Allah Al Hayy Al Qayoom – The Ever-Living, The Self-Sustaining Master.
- And most importantly, we want to upgrade our faith and not keep it at the same standard. If we are just routine in our faith and worship, then we will lose it because we will get bored. Similarly, if we wear the same dress every day, we will get fed up.
- And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us this ability to be updated and to go from one level to another because this is what keeps us firm and attached.

- The human being is the only creation that can benefit from the universe, though we can easily separate the duniya from the deen, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) subjected the duniya for us to know Him and to remember the akhira.

## SURAH FATIR 28

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ وَالْدَّوَابِّ وَالْأَنْعَامِ مُخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ كَذَلِكَ ۚ إِنَّمَا يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزِيزٌ غَفُورٌ

And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colors similarly. Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Forgiving.

- Fitra is to go back to our nature and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will always show us that our desires are different from who we are. And about colors, there are people who believe in them and



think they are linked to energy, though this is not the case.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created us and created all the colors. There is a story of a lady who went shopping and the sales lady saw her with a color wheel thinking it was related to energy. Then the lady told her “no these are colors based on what suits a person according to their color palette”. She told her it is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who created us. Then the sales lady told her there is “bad energy” from people, then she told her it is not about bad energy. There is Surah Al Falaq where Allah Rabb Al Falaq protects us from any kind of evil.
- Then the sales lady told her she travelled to different countries in search of religion and in the end she concluded it is one – it is Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى). And this shows the ability of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) of how He can guide anyone and through any means He wants, even if it is colors.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us everything to show Who He is, even if it appears as something we would not talk about such as colors. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not feel embarrassed to give an example, and we should not feel shy either to give an example.

- We are familiar with this part of the ayah ( **إِنَّمَا** **يَخْشَى اللَّهَ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْعُلَمَاءُ** ) (Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge.), but when we look at the full ayah, it is about moving creations from humans and animals that are different colors. And it is

all to know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), to appreciate Him and see His greatness.

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And among people and moving creatures and grazing livestock are various colors similarly. Only those fear Allah, from among His servants, who have knowledge. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Forgiving.

- We might think a scholar has to be someone so deep in knowledge, but who are they? They fear Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) about the different colors. They never underestimate anything from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), even if it is colors.
- When we go back to our nature then we will not be arrogant, jealous or proud.

## FACTORS FOR FIRMNESS

- Previously we mentioned five factors for firmness, and there is a sixth factor that is built upon the rest; it cannot be taken on its own. The sixth factor is “taffakur” – reflecting.
- The factors for firmness are:

### 1. FLEE TO ALLAH

BY KNOWING HIM

BY MAKING DUA TO HIM

### 2. WORSHIP ALLAH

### 3. DAWAH TO ALLAH

### 4. CLEAR VISION

### 5. GOOD FRIEND AND COMPANION

### 6. TAFFAKUR – REFLECTING

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 190 TO 191

190

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لآيَاتٍ  
لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.

191

الَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ اللَّهَ قِيَامًا وَقُعُودًا وَعَلَىٰ جُنُوبِهِمْ وَيَتَفَكَّرُونَ فِي  
خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا سُبْحَانَكَ  
فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

Who remember Allah while standing or sitting or [lying] on their sides and give thought to the creation of the heavens and the earth, [saying], "Our Lord, You did not create this aimlessly; exalted are You [above such a thing]; then protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

◉ In Surah Aal Imraan, the people of understanding are the ones who reflect in the

creation of the heavens and the earth, nothing is created in vain, glory be to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

## SURAH AN NAHL 68 TO 69

68

وَأَوْحَىٰ رَبُّكَ إِلَى النَّحْلِ أَنْ اتَّخِذِي مِنَ الْجِبَالِ بُيُوتًا وَمِنَ الشَّجَرِ  
وَمِمَّا يَعْرِشُونَ

And your Lord inspired to the bee, "Take for yourself among the mountains, houses, and among the trees and [in] that which they construct.

69

ثُمَّ كُلِي مِن كُلِّ الثَّمَرَاتِ فَاسْلُكِي سُبُلَ رَبِّكِ ذُلُلًا يَخْرُجُ مِنْ  
بُطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ مُّخْتَلِفٌ أَلْوَانُهُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِلنَّاسِ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَةً  
لِّقَوْمٍ يَتَفَكَّرُونَ

Then eat from all the fruits and follow the ways of your Lord laid down [for you]." There emerges from their bellies a drink, varying in colors, in

which there is healing for people. Indeed in that is a sign for a people who give thought.

- Even honey has different colors and there is cure in all the different colors; and these are all ayat. Someone who does taffakur will see it as ayat of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) but without taffakur, a person will only see it as duniya.
- Taffakur in Surah Aal Imraan is the last part of the surah and not the beginning. A person does not go into it from the start otherwise the duniya can easily overpower. The foundation has to be the deen, worships and being solid in knowledge.
- When we see changes, when we see different transformations, it is all to see the perfection of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- It is important to not forget the other factors for firmness because a person cannot just take the point of taffakur and apply on its own because it can cause deviation.
- Someone who is a worshipper but with no goal or without the proper intention for Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) can lose it.
- If a person is alone, then they will not see the best. We will not appreciate the ayat and just see it as something simple. If we are alone studying, we will not appreciate it as much or remain firm when we are learning with others. And if we are alone, we will simply fuel our mind with our own thoughts. Being companions is what keep us firm and each special.
- Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) can use anything to take someone out of their home, He can use



anything to make changes and this is to see that the highlight is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

### SURAH AAL IMRAAN 190

إِنَّ فِي خَلْقِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ لآيَاتٍ  
لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

Indeed, in the creation of the heavens and the earth and the alternation of the night and the day are signs for those of understanding.

- The people of understanding (لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ) are the ones whose minds are open and clear; they are not foggy-minded or occupied, refusing to look at the ayat around them.
- We think a “natural look” is to wear very toned down colors, but for each creation there is a “natural” for them. Sometimes we try to be over though it’s not us, and sometimes we are under and it’s not us either, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)

guides us to what is balanced for us. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) guide us to rushd. May He guides us to the amount we need from everything.

- People are different colors and all are beautiful in their own way. In paradise, everyone will be perfect and flawless. The hearts are beautiful and the tongues are sweet.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentions in paradise, they will wear green and imagine how many shades of green are there in paradise? And faces will be bright looking at the Face of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Beauty is to glow with faith and to glow with good deeds. It is a great blessing how Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is teaching us about Surah Aal Imraan.
- We all have eyes to see, but if we are in darkness, we still cannot see. If we do not have

guidance, if we do not have the light of faith, then we cannot see.

## SURAH YUSUF 105

وَكَايِّنَ مِنْ آيَةٍ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ يَمُرُّونَ عَلَيْهَا وَهُمْ عَنْهَا مُعْرِضُونَ

And how many a sign within the heavens and earth do they pass over while they, therefrom, are turning away.

- How many ayat do we pass and we just skip over it? There are colors to make us look and see.
- It is important to accept who we are because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Jameel – The Most Beautiful – and He created us beautifully. And this is to remove any inferiority complex because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created us all the best.

## SURAH AAL IMRAAN 6

هُوَ الَّذِي يُصَوِّرُكُمْ فِي الْأَرْحَامِ كَيْفَ يَشَاءُ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ

الْحَكِيمُ

It is He who forms you in the wombs however He wills. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

- Even in the wombs, which no one can see, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has created us the best form.
- We always need to feel that we need Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because we are all poor to Him and we have not appreciated Him as He deserves to be appreciated, but may He accept.

## DIVINE NURTURING LESSONS

- When we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or anyone reminds us of Him, our heart jumps to Him. We do not see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we see everything else. We do not hear Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but we hear all sounds, though we should never make this as a barrier to see The Most Beautiful.
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- And Allah (سبحانه و تعالی) gave us this ability to be updated and to go from one level to another because this is what keeps us firm and attached.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US AMONG THOSE WHO ALWAYS MAKE HIM THE HIGHLIGHT. AMEEN.

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