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INTRODUCTION

THERE IS NO ONE WORTHY OF
WORSHIP EXCEPT ALLAH

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ ، وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى
كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

(Lā ilāha illallāh, waḥdahu lā sharīka lahu, lahu-
mulku wa lahu-ḥamdu, wa huwa `alā kulli
shay'in qadīr)

None has the right to be worshipped but Allah,
Alone without partner, to Him belongs all that
exists, and to Him is the praise, and He is
powerful over all things,

- Alhamdulillah is the best dua and we praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) before anything. We think we only say “alhamdulillah” after we finish food or if we accomplish something, but we praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the beginning and the end. And “alhamdulillah” fills the scales, so it fills any gaps we have.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will not be affected if we do less or more; He is always just and gives favors. He is on the Straight Path, but we can be shaky.
- Alhamdulillah is the best to fill our life, before anything happens. Dua fulfills us and our needs, and alhamdulillah is the best dua, but the best remembrance is (لا إله إلا الله) because that is purely about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

THE BEST REMEMBRANCE

أَفْضَلُ الذِّكْرِ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَأَفْضَلُ الدُّعَاءِ : الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

The best remembrance is (لا إله إلا الله) – there is no one worthy of worship except Allah. And the best dua is (الحمد لله) – all praises are due to Allah.¹

- To fill the greatest gap is to fill it with what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves. We love dua for ourselves, but to remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is greater.
- The example of someone who remembers Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and does not remember Him is like the living and the dead. And when we remember Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He will remember us.
- We have needs so that we initiate a connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) by asking Him,

¹ Sahih Aj Jami'e 1104, Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan

but even greater is to remember Allah (سبحانه) because that is ihsaan (excellence) – to worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) as if we see Him.

- And the best remembrance is (لا إله إلا الله) – it is the word Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves. And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Himself testifies to (لا إله إلا الله), so it should be solid in our heart.
- Musa (عليه السلام) asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to teach him something to remember Him, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told him to say – (لا إله إلا الله).
- Musa (عليه السلام) is Kaleem Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), he will speak, and he replied, “all the slaves say (لا إله إلا الله)”, as if to say, “everyone says this and want something exclusive for me”.

- Then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) told him, if you place (لا إله إلا الله) on one side of the scale and all that is in the heavens and the earth on the other side of the scale, (لا إله إلا الله) will be heavier because there is nothing that can be heavier than it.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves (لا إله إلا الله), so we love it too. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) created the heavens, the earth, paradise, the fire and sent messengers and books all for (لا إله إلا الله).
- (لا إله إلا الله) is the greatest testimony and it the most just word which balances everything. Which word if we place it, will balance everything? (لا إله إلا الله). And which matter if we place it then it will mess up all the scales? Shirk.

- We do not attach to anyone and we do not fear anyone except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The Name “Allah” includes all the Names and Attributes of Allah.
- (لا إله إلا الله) balances everything in our life. When any injustice happens, then it is because we are not giving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His right.
- Every situation, every decree, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) explains it to us. Every verse, every dua, every hadith, every blessing, every calamity, every messenger, every recompense is all for (لا إله إلا الله).
- The messengers and prophets are sent for (لا إله إلا الله). If there is no (لا إله إلا الله) in the lives of the people then they will become imbalanced and unstable, even if they are worshippers. Or

even if someone has good manners or is doing outer worship, it will be nothing without (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) because this is what grounds us. And it is (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) that gives value to our manners and worships.

- (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) quietens us and gives us peace because everything will come right and we will do our best in this life.
- It is not enough to just hear the testimony from the angels or those of knowledge, but Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) testifies Himself. People die, messengers die, we cannot see angels, but Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) never dies and never changes.
- So Allah's testimony of (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ) keeps us grounded forever. It will be very hard if we are

always changing our actions just because people change, but (لا إله إلا الله) keeps us firm forever. (لا إله إلا الله) is the ever-remaining word and it is the strongest handhold.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) establishes justice and He will not leave any gap in our life.

SURAH AL QASAS 67 TO 70

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فَأَمَّا مَنْ تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا فَعَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونَ مِنَ الْمُفْلِحِينَ

But as for one who had repented, believed, and done righteousness, it is promised by Allah that he will be among the successful.

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وَرَبُّكَ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ ۚ مَا كَانَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ ۚ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ
وَتَعَالَىٰ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

And your Lord creates what He wills and chooses; not for them was the choice. Exalted is Allah and high above what they associate with Him.

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وَرَبُّكَ يَعْلَمُ مَا تُكِنُّ صُدُورُهُمْ وَمَا يُعْلِنُونَ

And your Lord knows what their breasts conceal
and what they declare.

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وَهُوَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ ۖ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ فِي الْأُولَىٰ وَالْآخِرَةِ ۖ وَلَهُ الْحُكْمُ
وَالِيهِ تُرْجَعُونَ

And He is Allah; there is no deity except Him. To
Him is [due all] praise in the first [life] and the
Hereafter. And His is the [final] decision, and to
Him you will be returned.

- These ayat are just like the story of our life. Our story begins when we start to feel we have sinned, so we repent and seek forgiveness. But this is not the end of the story. Then it goes from “us and our action” to our Rabb, His actions and His nurturing. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) creates whomever He wills and chooses. Just as there are characters in a story, and we are the “main character” in our story. And Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى) chooses who will be in our story as part of our nurturing. It is not for us to choose.

○ For example, in the story of Musa (عليه السلام), there is Firaoun, his mother, Aasiya and his sister, in the beginning, but then Haroon (عليه السلام) came later.

○ And glory be to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) from what we associate with. If shirk enters our story then every interpretation will become wrong, every understanding and action will become wrong. We cannot say, “it is because of him or because of her this happened to me”. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Nurturer, and not ourselves or the people. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows what feelings we have, what we show and what we do not show. And when we have feelings

for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He will not leave us hanging. He will give us with no account. And then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us (لا إله إلا الله) and we praise Him. We cannot “climb the mountain” if we do not begin with ourselves, repent, and then we go higher by seeing the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and then even higher to see only (لا إله إلا الله). And all the while, it is important to remove the shirk and then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us (لا إله إلا الله).

- Shirk can easily crawl in the picture when we look at the good or bad actions of people, but it is important to see only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and that no one is perfect except Him. Whether there are good or bad people in our

life, it is all (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), and all praises are due to

Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) in the beginning and the end.

- We should not be a judge, even if we are a main character in our story, only Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى) judges and to Him is the return.

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SURAH AAL IMRAAN 18

شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا
بِالْقِسْطِ ۚ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Allah witnesses that there is no deity except Him, and [so do] the angels and those of knowledge - [that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice. There is no deity except Him, the Exalted in Might, the Wise.

- As an honor from Allah (سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى), He allowed the angels to witness to (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). The angels

are a pure creation who do not go with desire; they cannot accept falsehood.

○ The angels believe in (لا إله إلا الله) as if they see it, and this is why they testify to it. The angels are dwellers of the heavens and they are made of light. They are samad (solid); they are not hollow – no food, drink, praise or dispraise of anyone enters them. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves someone, they love him, when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) hates someone, they hate him. They have no desires, but they have intellect. They can speak and they worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) day and night. They do not feel bored, arrogant, nor do they show off with their deeds.

○ And of all the people, there are believers, there are worshippers, they are many titles for

good people, but among them all, whom does Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make them to testify and make them worthy of carrying this testimony? (أُولُو الْعِلْمِ) - the people of knowledge.

- They are the ones who will handle this testimony with care and will have an impact on others. The worshipper may witness to (لا إله إلا الله), but cannot go further. It cannot have that impact to keep everyone firm. But of all the good people, which worship did Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) give them the honor of witnessing to (لا إله إلا الله)? The people of knowledge – those who are truly learning about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), the Qur'an and Sunnah.

- And Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes the angels witness the gatherings of knowledge, and the angels lower their wings to the seekers of knowledge out of respect, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) forgives the sins of those who attend the study circles. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to make us people of knowledge. Ameen. And Adam (عليه السلام) is distinct of all the other creation due to knowledge.
- And now we will conclude with a hadith about (لا إله إلا الله). May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us to say it. Ameen.

ALLAH AFFIRMS WHEN WE TESTIFY TO HIS ONENESS

When the slave says (إذا قَالَ الْعَبْدُ):	Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says (يَقُولُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ):
(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ) (La ilaha illallahu wa Allahu Akbar (None has the right to be worshipped but Allah and Allah is the Most Great)	(صَدَقَ عَبْدِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا وَأَنَا أَكْبَرُ) (My slave has spoken the truth; there is none worthy of worship except Me, and I am the Most Great.)
(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ) (La ilaha illallah wahdahu (There is none worthy of worship except Allah alone)	(صَدَقَ عَبْدِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا وَحْدِي) (My slave has spoken the truth; there is none worthy of worship except Me, alone)
(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ) (La ilaha illallahu la	(صَدَقَ عَبْدِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا وَلَا شَرِيكَ لِي) (My slave has

<p>sharikalahu (There is none worthy of worship except Allah with no partner or associate)</p>	<p>spoken the truth; there is none worthy of worship except Me, with no partner or associate)</p>
<p>(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ) (La illah illallah, lahul mulku wa la hul hamdu) (There is none worthy of worship except Allah, all dominion is His and all praise is to Him)</p>	<p>صَدَقَ عَبْدِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا لِي الْمُلْكُ) (وَلِي الْحَمْدُ) (My slave has spoken the truth; there is none of worthy of worship except Me, all dominion Mine and all praise is due to Me)</p>
<p>(لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ) (La illaha illallah, la hawla wa la quwwata illa billah) (There is none worthy of worship and</p>	<p>صَدَقَ عَبْدِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنَا وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِي) (My slave has spoken then truth; there is none worthy of worship except Me,</p>

there is no power and no strength except with Allah)	and there is no power and no strength except with Me)
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**(مَنْ رُزِقَهُنَّ عِنْدَ مَوْتِهِ لَمْ تَمَسَّهُ النَّارُ) Whoever is
blessed with (the ability to say) them (these
words) at the time of death, the Fire will not
touch him.²**

- In conclusion, all of us, all the universe, all the
decrees and all the ayat are all to testify to (لا
إله إلا الله).

MAY ALLAH MAKE US TO TESTIFY TO (لا إله إلا الله). AMEEN.

² Sahih Ibn Majah 3076, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

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