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INTRODUCTION

- The word (أمنوا) means “to believe”, while (مؤمن) means “believer”, and (مؤمن) “believer” is stronger than (أمنوا) because to be a believer is a constant quality wherever a person may be, unlike an action which can be at times, but is not constant.
- When people want to change themselves, they will look at the external, and when we only focus on the outside then we will not reach anywhere. In order to be truly guided we

need to reach faith. We need to settle our heart with faith.

- Sometimes we wonder, “why am I not grateful enough?”, so we tell ourselves, “I’ll be more grateful”, but we find it tiring. We do not need to cheat ourselves or others by changing ourselves from the outside. What is needed is faith.
- Faith means every cell in our body and every feeling we have is in its right place – there is no wiswas or desires.
- If we want our heart to be guided and to flourish, it is important to go back to faith. To go back to faith is to go back to our feelings and how much we trust Him, believe in Him and how much we are drawn and drown, in His perfection.

- Sometimes in relationships we find changes, so we try to make an effort to call more, meet up or send messages, but will it last? No. It needs faith because faith is when the heart is connected to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). We can be anything and say anything, but if our heart is not at peace or in comfort with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we are cheating ourselves; we are cheating the people.
- Some people think they are happy, but they are not happy. They think they are rich, but they are not rich because the main happiness and main richness is connection to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). This is what makes us have a good life.

SURAH AN NAHL 97

مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً
طَيِّبَةً

Whoever works righteousness, whether male or female, while he (or she) is a true believer (of Islamic Monotheism) verily, to him We will give a good life

- The opposite of faith is disbelief and disbelief is when we are not thinking about Allah (سبحانه) but are thinking of something else. And the opposite of faith is when we associate with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and run to someone else.
- If we have a very good connection with someone, does it mean we just call and visit? No. There is trust. The heart is evidence, and we all know what our heart feels.

- Sometimes we say something good, but it is itching in our heart because it is not truthful. It is not guidance to only work on the outside.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) did not make guidance as something outwardly, but guidance is when we believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), and He will guide our heart, and not our tongue or limbs.

SURAH AT TAGHABUN 11

وَمَنْ يُؤْمِن بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ ۚ وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart. And Allah is Knowing of all things.

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to not deviate our hearts after we have been guided. If we are deviated then our heart feels numbs and it will judge others, but it will not look at itself.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 8

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

[Who say], "Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

- Faith and truthfulness are assurance and it is being at rest. Ibrahim (عليه السلام) believed in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but he asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to be shown how the dead are brought back to life. Does he not believe? Yes, of course he believes, but he does not want anything to come in between because previous to this incident there was Namrud.
- Namrud was a king whom Ibrahim (عليه السلام) debated with. Ibrahim (عليه السلام) told him, "my Lord causes death and brings life", and

Namrud replied "I bring life and death". This statement did not change Ibrahim's belief, but he wanted more evidence.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 258

أَلَمْ تَرَ إِلَى الَّذِي حَاجَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي رَبِّهِ أَنْ آتَاهُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْكَ إِذْ قَالَ
 إِبْرَاهِيمُ رَبِّيَ الَّذِي يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ قَالَ أَنَا أَحْيِي وَأُمِيتُ ۗ قَالَ
 إِبْرَاهِيمُ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْتِي بِالشَّمْسِ مِنَ الْمَشْرِقِ فَأْتِ بِهَا مِنَ الْمَغْرِبِ
 فَبُهِتَ الَّذِي كَفَرَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Have you not considered the one who argued with Abraham about his Lord [merely] because Allah had given him kingship? When Abraham said, "My Lord is the one who gives life and causes death," he said, "I give life and cause death." Abraham said, "Indeed, Allah brings up the sun from the east, so bring it up from the west." So the disbeliever was overwhelmed [by astonishment], and Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people.

- Then Ibrahim (عليه السلام) asked Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to show him to bring the dead to life. When any doubt comes, we do not like it, but we want more belief to defeat it.
- For example, we know someone loves us and some situation takes place where we do not doubt they do not love us, but we heard something, and we do not want to surrender it, so clarification is needed.
- That's why we should not bury things, but clarify. So what about with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى)? That's why He appreciates our belief in Him and to have an atom of faith is more than just deeds that can impress us or others.
- In the story of Yusuf (عليه السلام), surely his father is dealing fairly with all his sons, but what made

the brothers plot against Yusuf (عليه السلام)?

Because of the feelings.

SURAH YUSUF 8

إِذْ قَالُوا لِيُوسُفُ وَأَخُوهُ أَحَبُّ إِلَيْنَا مِنَّا وَنَحْنُ عُصْبَةٌ إِنَّ
أَبَانَا لَفِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ

When they said, "Joseph and his brother are more beloved to our father than we, while we are a clan. Indeed, our father is in clear error.

- So their eyes were on the inner and how he loved Yusuf (عليه السلام), and to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, it is about our inner which we should observe, and how much we love and have feelings for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Faith is light, it is like a seed under the ground. When we have the least bit of faith, we will glow. But if we do so much from the outside, but the inside is dark, then it will not reach.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) looks at our hearts, and the feelings of how much we love Him are only known by Him. The impact of the Name of Allah Al 'Aleem – The All-Knower is to make us more conscious of our feelings because He knows what lies in our hearts.
- Believing companions know each other like a mirror, but if we do not see a mirror with the companion whom we love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), then we need to go back and see how is our mirror with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- We do not accept it when someone just tells us, “do this, do that, because we also have a name”, and to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, He has the Most Beautiful Names so we should call on Him.

- So the believers always focus on their faith because paradise is in their heart, they enjoy knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and believing in Him. Belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) makes them at peace and at rest because they are connected.
- If we want anything for faith, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us ayat. People may ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for things, “give me a spouse, give me children, give me a house”, but when we ask for faith, then He will give us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The Most Beautiful and it is surrounded by His Majesty, though not everyone deserves to see The Most Beautiful, unless they surrender and submit to His Majesty first.

- (لا إله إلا الله) means we do not attach to anyone except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and we attach to Him out of love and magnification. That is perfection.
- We can see someone so beautiful, but we disrespect them and cross our boundaries with them; that is not perfect. Or we can see someone so dignified, but we do not see their beauty; that is not perfect either.
- What can keep the connection ongoing? It is not about how much we do things from the outside; it is the feelings which is faith. And this is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) appreciates.
- Those who enter paradise are all believers, but what made them to cross the Sirat? Their light of faith.

- Someone may be doing many good deeds and is always seeking forgiveness, so they may have “speed”, but a person cannot go forward if there is no light in the first place. And this light is the light of faith.

SUPPLICATION TO HAVE THE FAITH ADORNED IN OUR HEARTS

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا، وَكْرِهْ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ
وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الرَّاشِدِينَ.

O Allah, make us love belief and adorn our hearts with it. Make us hate disbelief, deviance and rebellion. Place us among the rightly-guided.¹

- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to beautify the faith in our hearts and to make us love it because when we love it, we will not accept something else. To love faith is to love to talk about Allah

¹ Al Adab Al Mufrad, Book 1, Hadith 699, Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih

(سبحانه وتعالى) and that faith itself is our enjoyment; this is our light and richness.

- Faith can easily fade away and it can easily get affected. When people first enter Islam and hear about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for the first time, they are so excited, and we always want to have that excitement; we do not want it to fade away. That's why we ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to renew our faith, and not renew our actions.
- Imagine being in competition, and then we say, "I cannot continue until I find my heart." And similarly, we cannot move on until we have that faith, even if it takes time, but the moment we have it, we will go faster than anyone else.

- Why do people go through different relationships? Because they have lost the feelings.
- Reconnection is to seek guidance from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and only He can place these feelings. The moment we want faith from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), He will not only connect with us, but He will make us connect with all that is around us.
- Our belief in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is very important because what will take someone out of the fire? An atom of faith. What will elevate someone? Trusting Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not trusting the means.
- Such people are the foremost, who do not go forward with limbs or actions, but with heart. Many people think going forward is with

actions, but real going forward is a heart of truthfulness.

- Anyone who seeks faith and belief will never be let down, and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will quickly show him the ayat. When we find our comfort in faith, we will not accept something less. We may first find connection through actions, but when our soul is nurtured more with faith, then we cannot accept something less.
- For example, if we are used to going out every Saturday, then our body becomes prepared for it. But if we do not go out that day, then we feel off. Now imagine our soul is trained to always love Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but if something changes, then we do not want a lesser standard.

- Faith is connection and no faith is disconnection. Faith is guidance and we will move on, while turning away from faith is disconnection, misery, plotting and fighting.
- Connection with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is belief, and when we believe, we will be connected and guided.

SURAH AL FATIHA 5

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فَلَعَلَّكَ بَاخِعٌ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى آثَارِهِمْ إِنْ لَمْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِهَذَا الْحَدِيثِ
أَسَفًا

Then perhaps you would kill yourself through grief over them, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], if they do not believe in this message, [and] out of sorrow.

7

إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَّهَا لِنَبْلُوهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا

Indeed, We have made that which is on the earth adornment for it that We may test them [as to] which of them is best in deed.

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وَإِنَّا لَجَاعِلُونَ مَا عَلَيْهَا صَعِيدًا جُرُزًا

And indeed, We will make that which is upon it [into] a barren ground.

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أَمْ حَسِبْتَ أَنَّ أَصْحَابَ الْكَهْفِ وَالرَّقِيمِ كَانُوا مِنْ آيَاتِنَا عَجَبًا

Or have you thought that the companions of the cave and the inscription were, among Our signs, a wonder?

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إِذْ أَوَى الْفِتْيَةُ إِلَى الْكَهْفِ فَقَالُوا رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا

[Mention] when the youths retreated to the cave and said, "Our Lord, grant us from Yourself mercy and prepare for us from our affair right guidance."

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the One Who will make someone believe, so he tells the Prophet (ﷺ) to not be sad. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) made everything beautiful and in excellence, so we should not take His ayat in a wrong way. Everything is adorned, but fitna can distract us from faith. The muhsineen are the sidiqeen, awliya Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), mutwakileen and sabiqoon. It is not because they are doing so much, but because they always want to see Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They always want to accompany Him emotionally, and not verbally or practically.
- We should not think the story of the people of the cave as amazing because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is more amazing. The more we believe in Him,

the more He will show us things that are impressive.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) can make any cave the most comfortable and that is being optimistic.

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NAME OF ALLAH AL 'ALEEM IN SURAH AL BAQARAH

SURAH AL BAQARAH 137 TO 138

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فَإِنْ آمَنُوا بِمِثْلِ مَا آمَنْتُمْ بِهِ فَقَدْ اهْتَدَوْا ص وَإِنْ تَوَلَّوْا فَإِنَّمَا هُمْ فِي شِقَاقٍ ص فَسَيَكْفِيكُمْ اللَّهُ ج وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

So if they believe in the same as you believe in, then they have been [rightly] guided; but if they turn away, they are only in dissension, and Allah will be sufficient for you against them. And He is the Hearing, the Knowing.

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صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ عَابِدُونَ

[And say, "Ours is] the religion of Allah. And who is better than Allah in [ordaining] religion? And we are worshippers of Him."

- Those who want to go forward only with actions and not faith will be restless, dissatisfied and will even plot.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Al Kaafi (The Most Sufficient) – He will not overwhelm or underwhelm us. He will give us exactly what is sufficient and enough for us so that we can enjoy that journey, but it is important to believe.
- If we feel we are not sufficed, then we will try to fill it up with something else. But faith is sufficient and it will make everything sufficient for us.

- (صِبْغَةً) is not only coating or something outer, we want to be coated inside and out with the color of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). A person is soaked in that color, and even if they are under the sun, or washed a hundred times, the color will remain. Do we not want this color? And is there any color better than the “color of Allah”?
- We will not find our true color if we do not believe in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Belief is not just a one-time coating; it is a part of us. If we want to have faith then we should start with saying, “I believe in Allah” and talk about Him. It is important to train our tongue and ears about hearing and talking about Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) before our heart.
- If we do not talk about feelings then it will go away. Guidance is not a to-do list to follow.

- As for those who do not believe, then they will be in separation. So with faith, we will be connected; we will be connected to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), with the people and all that is around us.
- Anyone torn up will have bad feelings, will think bad and they will fight, but Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is Sufficient for us.
- Faith is our light, it is our seed, it is our heart and it is our core. We do not want to go forward without it.

MAY ALLAH CAST HIS LIGHT IN OUR HEARTS AND WRITE THE FAITH IN OUR HEARTS. AMEEN.

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