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AL ILAAH (The One Worthy of Worship)

- Our connection and relationship with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are based on feelings and not only on rituals.
- By knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) we have depth and a variety of feelings towards Him; from loving, hoping, fearing, trusting and relying on Him.

- This is our Ilaah. He is the One worth of being worshipped. Why? Because of His perfection.
- When we say laa ilaaha illa Allah (لا إله إلا الله) (there is no one worthy of worship except Allah), we declare that no one is worthy of worship except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The disbelievers used the name “ilaah” for their gods even though they did not use any other name from the names of Allah. Though their ilaah cannot do anything. Ibrahim (عليه السلام) asked the disbelievers which god broke their idols and they had no answer.
- These false gods cannot see, or respond, yet still they had burning feelings for them. This is the meaning of ilaah - the heart has feelings for it.

- This shows us how powerful the heart is. It can have burning desires even if these feelings are directed to something imperfect.
- How great it is when Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells us laa ilaaha illa Allah. The heart truly believes only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is perfect and all the heart and feelings are for Him.
- These false gods have no qualities, yet the disbelievers are filled with feelings towards them.
- There will always be many false gods because one will not suffice.
- Tawheed includes tawheed of divinity, of lordships and the names. There is no deep knowledge for any other false gods. They

have to incorporate many gods to fulfill different feelings and needs.

- The heart is so special. It can be directed in any direction. Whether it goes to the truth or to falsehood. Our heart is so precious. It is what Allah looks at. We want this heart to be directed to the truth, to have feelings for Allah, love Him and attach to Him alone.
- Feelings move people- whether to the truth or falsehood.
- Why is it important to know Who is Allah? So our feelings can move to One. We find happiness, security and longing to be directed to One. Then there will be progression and we will never be in sadness.

- Anyone who is entrusted to anything else will be left to it. Then he will feel torment and disturbance.
- Alhamdulillah, Allah is our Ilaah. He has perfect names and attributes. With every Name we see more of His perfection and the imperfection of the creation. Our feelings come out for One.
- With Al Ilaah, there is a connection and feelings. There is devotion, asking, hoping and seeking.
- The Qur'an mentions many verses about false gods. But when the context is about Allah, the majority of times it says our Ilaah is One.
- The disbelievers found it strange to have one ilaah and not many. One false god will never

be enough. There will be imperfections so they will need many.

- Though Allah is the True Ilaah we want to worship. He has all the praiseworthy actions. We want all our feelings to be for Him.
- Our minds cannot grasp the greatness of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). The more we learn about Him, our knots within are untied, we long for Him and our relationships with others become better. Knowing Him stops us from misbehaving. There is goodness upon goodness when learning about Him. No one can deny the change we feel from knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- His perfection, generosity, mercy, kindness, love and great attributes baffles the minds so the hearts have more feelings. We love Him more and more.

- We cannot grasp Him and figure Him out. This makes us always in awe of Him.
- There is no end to His greatness, majesty, beauty, power or knowledge.
- There is no end to His mercy and His kingdom.

SURAH GHAFIR 65

هُوَ الْحَيُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ فَادْعُوهُ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ

He is the Ever-Living; there is no deity except Him, so call upon Him, [being] sincere to Him in religion. [All] praise is [due] to Allah , Lord of the worlds.

- He is the Ever- Living. We ask Him, invoking Him sincerely in every part of life. All praise is to Allah, Who takes care of the entire universe
- Ibn ‘Abbas, said (والله ذو الألوهية والعبودية على خلقه أجمعين) Allah is the Owner of all divinity and servitude over all the creation.

- No one can have this pure love and connection like Allah. Any other love can never be pure, eternal or painless.
- There is pain in any other love as it is directed to someone who is imperfect or will harm. This is why we attach to Allah alone.
- This makes our hearts jump to Him. When we are in need of anything, we want love, happiness or feel lonely, the heart jumps to Him and finds rest with Him alone.
- This becomes our goal in life. We never want to disconnect from Him. We want our feelings to grow more and more.
- The necks submit to Him, voices are subdued to His majesty. He created the hearts to love, magnify and be humbled to Him.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 163

وَاللَّهُمَّ إِلَهٌ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

And your god is one God. There is no deity [worthy of worship] except Him, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

- It is the greatest mercy to have One Ilaah. It is torment to go to many. We are torn apart.
- The heart is so precious. This is what Allah (سبحانه) (وتعالى) sees.
- We did not exist and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) caused us to exist.
- We were hungry, and He fed us.
- We were poor, and He enriched us.
- We were young, and He made us grow up.
- We were naked and He covered us,
- We were lost, and He guided us.

- We were ignorant, and He taught us.
- This happens in and out every time, whether we realize it or not. We can never innumerate or encompass the blessings of Allah.
- This eye is not one blessing, but there are multiple blessings behind it.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gave us hearing to hear sounds and distinguish between what is right and wrong. To choose the best. To listen to what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) loves from the Qur'an, remembrance and knowledge.
- He gave us seeing to look at His signs and creation to lead to His most beautiful names.
- He gave us the mind to distinguish between good and evil, truth and falsehood in order to worship Him in the way He ordained us.

- He gave us tongues to express what lies in the hearts and use them to remember Him, be grateful to Him and ask Him.
- He gave us limbs to be grateful to Him.

SURAH AN NAML 59 TO 64

59.

قُلِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ ۗ اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ مِّمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

Say, [O Muhammad], "Praise be to Allah , and peace upon His servants whom He has chosen. Is Allah better or what they associate with Him?"

60.

أَمْ مَنْ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَأَنْزَلَ لَكُمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً فَأَنْبَتْنَا بِهِ حَدَائِقَ ذَاتَ بَهْجَةٍ مَّا كَانَ لَكُمْ أَنْ تُنْبِتُوا شَجَرَهَا ۗ أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِذِي بَلَدٍ هُمْ قَوْمٌ يَعِدُونَ

[More precisely], is He [not best] who created the heavens and the earth and sent down for you rain from the sky, causing to grow thereby gardens of joyful beauty which you could not [otherwise] have grown the trees thereof? Is

there a deity with Allah ? [No], but they are a people who ascribe equals [to Him].

61.

أَمَّنْ جَعَلَ الْأَرْضَ قَرَارًا وَجَعَلَ خِلَالَهَا أَنْهَارًا وَجَعَلَ لَهَا رَوَاسِيَّ
وَجَعَلَ بَيْنَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ حَاجِزًا ۗ أَلَيْسَ مَعَ اللَّهِ ۚ بَلْ أَكْثَرُهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

Is He [not best] who made the earth a stable ground and placed within it rivers and made for it firmly set mountains and placed between the two seas a barrier? Is there a deity with Allah ? [No], but most of them do not know.

62.

أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ
الْأَرْضِ ۗ أَلَيْسَ مَعَ اللَّهِ ۚ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes evil and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with Allah ? Little do you remember.

63.

أَمَّنْ يَهْدِيكُمْ فِي ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَمَنْ يُرْسِلُ الرِّيَّاحَ بُشْرًا بَيْنَ
يَدَيْ رَحْمَتِهِ ۗ أَلَيْسَ مَعَ اللَّهِ ۚ تَعَالَى اللَّهُ عَمَّا يُشْرِكُونَ

Is He [not best] who guides you through the darkneses of the land and sea and who sends the winds as good tidings before His mercy? Is

there a deity with Allah ? High is Allah above whatever they associate with Him.

64.

أَمْ يَبْدَأُ الْخَلْقَ ثُمَّ يُعِيدُهُ وَمَنْ يَرْزُقُكُمْ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ قُلْ أَإِلَٰهٌ مَّعَ اللَّهِ قُلْ هَاتُوا بُرْهَانَكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ

Is He [not best] who begins creation and then repeats it and who provides for you from the heaven and earth? Is there a deity with Allah ?

Say, "Produce your proof, if you should be truthful."

- Every time we want to answer it in our hearts, there is no ilaah except Allah.
- No one can ever create like Him. He created these great creations, from the mountains with deep roots to the flowing rivers.
- No one can take the human out from the depths of despair. He is the One Who responds and removes evil. He makes us

carriers of the religion so we never forget who we were and what He opened for us.

- He guided us in the darkneses of the land and sea. Darkness is not only tangible but in the dark moments of our lives. He brought goodness to us and had mercy on us. We were at the edge of death and He gave us life . How can we then associate with Him? No one is like Him to have such feelings.
- We have that servitude to Him and this warrants complete love, magnification and humility. Servitude is not complete with only love and magnification. Humility brings one to submit. A person does not say I love and respect you, but will not break and show neediness.

SURAH AL ISRAA' 24

وَإِخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذُّلِّ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ

And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy

- It is not humility to say to our parents that we love and respect them but will not do what they like or want.

The greatness of LAA ILAAHA ILLA ALLAH (لا إله إلا الله)
(There is no one worthy of worship except Allah)

- Allah created everything for it. He brought down the religion for it. He sent Books and Messengers for it. He created paradise and hellfire for it. He set the siraat and meezan for it.

- This is the best word the tongue can utter. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) never deprive us of it and make it our last word in this world.
- If we place everything in the heaven and earth on one pan of the scale and this word on the other, this word will be heavier.
- One atom of faith can take a person out from hellfire and admit him to paradise.
- The least reward in paradise is ten times of what is in this world.
- Attaching to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives power to the weak, honor to the humiliated, victory to the defeated, knowledge to the ignorant, cure to the sick and richness to the poor.
- Place your trust completely in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and you will win, find peace and have

soundness. You will not be harmed and will be rewarded. Attaching to anyone else is loss, misery and sinful.

SURAH AT TAGHABUN 13

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

Allah - there is no deity except Him. And upon Allah let the believers rely.

- The greatest challenge is attaching to other than Him – to fall into shirk.
- We praise Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who has saved us from worshipping other slaves. We are not a slave to anyone else. Most importantly, we do not want to be a slave to ourselves. May Allah save us from lowering our hearts to any creation.

- He saved us from prostrating to any idols. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) continue His favor on us and keep has a believers and Muslims.

SURAH AL FURQAN 43

أَرَأَيْتَ مَنِ اتَّخَذَ إِلَهَهُ هَوَاهُ أَفَأَنْتَ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِ وَكِيلاً

Have you seen the one who takes as his god his own desire? Then would you be responsible for him?

- This person took his desire as his ilaah. This can move a person. He only does what he feels like doing without taking matters back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), or to the Qur'an and sunnah. Feelings are not only for our own selves without channeling them back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

- In the end, this person will be taken to far valleys, snatched by birds and fall to great depths.
- Our goal is our True Ilaah. Anyone else can never enrich us.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) allows us to love Him, to obey Him and makes us hate disobedience.
- He will take care of us and save us from the evil of ourselves. We always want to worship Him by His Oneness.
- He will favor us, shower us with special nurturing to remain attached to Him and have feelings for Him.
- So we will be in connection to the One Who is our Ilaah, to be merciful, kind, witnessing the truth, observing & clarifying the truth,

someone upholding the covenant between us and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and not be the one who breaks it.

- He makes us pardoning, truthful, grateful, patient, forbearing, wise, good-doers, generous, kind and pure.
- The true Ilaah will uses us in greater forms of servitude. He loves us and makes the people love us. This way we win in this world and in the next.

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 73, 74

73.

قُلْ إِنَّ الْفَضْلَ بِيَدِ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ

Say, "Indeed, [all] bounty is in the hand of Allah - He grants it to whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Wise."

74.

يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ

He selects for His mercy whom He wills. And Allah is the possessor of great bounty.

- All favors are from Him. He will take care of us, remember us when we remember Him, responds to us when we invoke Him, grants us when we ask Him. He loves us when we obey Him and increases us when we are grateful to Him.
- The most beloved creation to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are those who worship Him in the best way through His names and attributes.
- We love to know him, to see His Actions and nurturing, and to act on it. We love to see His mercy and this inspires us to show mercy to others.
- We see how He takes care of us and then we take care of others.

- We act on what He shows us with mercy, justice, gentleness and truthfulness.
- The most beloved ones are those who love the Prophet (ﷺ) by acting on what he told us and taking him as our role model.
- This is the one who prefers Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in his free time. He praises Him and only says the best about Him.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will love you when you believe in Him and follow the Prophet (ﷺ).

SURAH AAL IMRAAN 31

قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ
ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah , then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful."

- This is real love. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us have feelings for Him, love the Prophet (ﷺ), take him as our role model and to truly love each other for His sake.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) never deprive us from laa illaha illa Allah and keep us away from shirk (association).

SURAH LUQMAN 13

إِنَّ الشِّرْكَ لَظُلْمٌ عَظِيمٌ

Indeed, association [with him] is great injustice."

- Shirk is putting things in the wrong place.
- Alhamdulillah is the best dua and laa ilaaha illa Allah is the best remembrance.
- Our Ilaah is the One the hearts are attached to and are distracted from anything else.

- The feelings we have from happiness and sadness are all to be attracted to Him and to worship Him.

MAY ALLAH HELP US ATTACH TO HIM. AMEEN.

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