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INTRODUCTION

- We are all from different parts of the world and all of us have gone through different transitions in life, but what joins us all together is (لا إله إلا الله), and this is just.
- The criterion, guidance, cure, light and soul which give us life is the Qur'an. The Qur'an is the Word of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and it changes us from inside by making us believe in Allah (سبحانه), it makes us think the best, speak the best,

act the best and show the best manners and behavior.

- The manners of the Prophet (ﷺ) were the Qur'an and he was like a walking Qur'an. When the truth fills us then there is no space for falsehood. It is a total transformation with the Words of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- The first pillar of Islam is the testimony of faith (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله), and this is something that needs to be fixed and engrained inside our heart. We will be firm when we do not forget the testimony faith because this keeps us grounded. We all go through situations in life, but something we need to be firm on is (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله). However, we will shake when there is deficiency in our (لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله).

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- Previously we mentioned Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Himself testifies to (لا إله إلا الله), and the dwellers of the heavens, the angels testify to it as well. And among all the dwellers of the earth and the believers, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) mentions the people of knowledge.
- When we have knowledge, it helps us to not be scattered when we face situations, and this will make us witness to (لا إله إلا الله). We will not speak like someone who lacks knowledge because that talk will only be scattering. The one with knowledge does not witness to the words, actions, praise or dispraise of the

people, but witnesses to (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ). So the one with knowledge looks higher.

- The purpose of knowledge is to teach us and to witness to (لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ), and this will give us firmness and inspire others to remain firm. The safeguards of society are the people of knowledge to help people remain firm.
- The people of knowledge (أُولُو الْعِلْمِ) refer to those mentioned in the start of Surah Aal Imraan. They are grounded in knowledge and if anything happens which they do not know, they say, “it is all from our Lord”. They know that everything happens to them is nurturing from their Rabb.

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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.

- Let us look at the rest of the ayah, the second part that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) testifies to is that He is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).
- (قَائِمًا) means to stand, to be upright and Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is The One Who is always upright and never takes rest; He is always on the Straight Path. And the Name of Allah Al Qayyoom (القيوم) is from the same root (قائم).

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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.

- The difference between (القيوم) and (قائم) is that Al Qayyoom (القيوم) is a Name of Allah and when there is deficiency, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) brings it up, when there is something more, it is brought down. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) constantly maintains us and provides us and the whole world to make it upright. And no one maintains Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and no one maintains His greatness and majesty.
- For example, if there is someone with a very high position in life, he will need more maintenance to keep his high position. He will

need a great amount of helpers, staff, products, schedules all to maintain him.

○ Allah Al Qayyoom is The Most Beautiful and He has the best qualities and no one maintains Him or maintains His perfection. He does not need anyone to praise Him or motivate Him. Unlike idols who have to be taken care of by the slaves, so it becomes the slave who takes care of the master, and that's why shirk (association with Allah) is unjust, crooked and tiresome. Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not need to be maintained by us.

○ So we will be firm when we attach to the One Who does not need us to maintain Him, thus our connection is pure.

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) – He is constantly looking after all the creation and

this is His quality, whether people know it or not, and whether people appreciate Him looking after Him or not.

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) confirms that He is always standing upright for us, and even if we neglect Him, He will not leave us. For example, when a child starts to learn to walk on his own, he does not want us to be near to him so he will push us away, but will we go away? No, we will still stand nearby and watch him. And to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is the best example, He will still maintain us, even if we do not acknowledge Him. But when we believe in Him, appreciate Him and praise Him then that is good for us.

○ The meaning of (الْقِسْطِ) is moderation and straight path; there are no extremes. For

example, a mother may look at her child and not do anything, or a mother may give her child everything he asks for, and both are extreme.

- We need to know the testimony that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is maintaining [creation] in justice) in order to straighten us and think good of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- If a person is good, then Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will give him more than he deserves, He will deal with him with favor, and if a person is bad, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will deal with him with justice. And that is fair.
- To be moderate and straight is not about dealing with everyone equally, but to be just

with the evildoer and to deal with favor with the good-doer. So for anyone who performs one good deed, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not count it as one good deed, but counts it as ten times to seven hundred times, and that is (قسط), fair for the good doer. And for anyone who commits one sin, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) counts it as one sin, and that is (قسط), fair for the evildoer.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) looks after every creation, and the maintenance of the angels is different from the maintenance of the jinn, from the maintenance of humans, animals, plants and so forth. Everything is measured and is in its place, and even if we try to change it, Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى) is still (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) maintains the believers to keep up their faith and He maintains the sinners to continue their life despite their sins. When we believe Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), then we will not feel upset, “why did this happen, why did this not happen?”. It is important to trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because everything is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).

- When anything is taken away from us, we should never think we have less, because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for sure gives us something in

its place. We must trust Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice) in our life and our worships.

- For example, someone may be impoverished and does not have a home, but we must know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice) and gives him something we do not know.

- When we believe Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), we will not be jealous of anyone, we will not be proud of ourselves and we will not have question marks or doubts of, “why are people suffering? Why is it like this?”. We think

it is imbalance, but it is all (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).

○ Anyone good, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives them more, and anyone bad, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives them justice.

○ We are not (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), we need Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to maintain in justice in the right way, not more or less.

○ We should deal with everyone as the way they deserve, but who can make us like this?

When we believe Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا

قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).

- We should not think bad of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) nor argue about what He has decreed because do we think we know better, do we think our opinion is better? This is unjust for us. It is unfair when we do not give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His due right that He is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).
- When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives us a blessing, what is required from us? Gratitude. When Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us His ayat, what is required from us? Belief.
- All of the commands, legislation and decrees of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) are (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice).

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), and He has the best quality to take care of everyone. Unlike a mother who may be dealing with different children and she may give more of her effort towards the one more needy and neglect others. We ourselves are deficient and are imbalanced, so we cannot be balanced. And if we want the best dealing, we need to be on the Straight Path first.
- The messengers are upright, they are enriched and not deficient, so they can teach people. Why are there so many classes about raising children? Because it begins with us being balanced first.
- We must believe if there is something that we do not have, then there is something Allah

(سبحانه وتعالى) gives us in its place. And when we know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), we will not say, “why is this halal or why is this haram?”.

- To witness to (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice) keeps us firm. If we do not attach to what is upright then we will be crooked. So Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), and He is The One Whom we attach to. And when we attach to Him, we can be fair and just.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice) in His

creation, commands, recompense, sending messengers, disposal of affairs, revealing the books, Day of Judgement, who enters paradise and who enters the hellfire and which level.

ALLAH RAISES THE SCALE AND LOWERS IT

قَالَ قَامَ فِينَا رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ بِأَرْبَعٍ " إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنَامُ وَلَا يَنْبَغِي لَهُ أَنْ يَنَامَ يَرْفَعُ الْقِسْطَ وَيَخْفِضُهُ وَيُرْفَعُ إِلَيْهِ عَمَلُ النَّهَارِ بِاللَّيْلِ وَعَمَلُ اللَّيْلِ بِالنَّهَارِ " .

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was standing amongst us and (he said) four (things): Verily Allah does not sleep and it does not befit Him to sleep. He raises the scale and lowers it. The deeds of the day are presented to Him in the night and the deeds of the night in the day.¹

○ Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) raises and lowers the scales to make everything balanced, so He fixes everything. We do not need to overthink or

¹ Sahih Muslim 179

not sleep because Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not sleep and He takes care of everything all the time.

SURAH AR RAHMAN 29

يَسْأَلُهُ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ هُوَ فِي شَأْنٍ

Whoever is within the heavens and earth asks Him; every day He is bringing about a matter.

- And the deeds of the day are raised at night and the deeds of the night are raised in the day, and that is mercy for us. Someone might think that immediately it must go up, but out of Allah's mercy, there is time for the good doer to do more good and there is time for the sinner to repent to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) so the sin is not raised to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- And this also teaches us that we do not need to be so hasty in expecting immediately if we

do something then quickly we will see it. For example, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) gives us many blessings, but do we quickly thank Him for it? We commit sins, but do we quickly repent and ask for forgiveness? We learn knowledge, but do we quickly apply it? So everything takes time.

- Knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice) inspires us to be from the (المقسطين) – those who deal with others in the way that is just for them.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) says three times in the Qur'an that He loves the muqsiteen (المقسطين) – dispensers of justice.

SURAH AL MAEDA 42

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ

Allah loves those who act justly.

- Before wanting this quality, we have to give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His due Right that He is (قَائِمًا) ([that He is] maintaining [creation] in justice), and to give Him His Right by believing in Him alone and no one else. The minimum is not to commit shirk because when we commit shirk, we will become imbalanced from top to bottom. So before wanting to be balanced with ourselves and fair with our children and parents, we need to see if we are giving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His Right.
- If we are not giving Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His due right then we are living a deception and lie.

We are trying to fix things while we are broken ourselves by associating with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) protect us from shirk. Ameen.

- We should not for a second associate another partner with Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in belief and worship because He has the best qualities, so does this not impress us and inspire us?
- And if we give Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) His Right, then surely He will help us to give others their rights so that we are fair with ourselves, fair with our family and fair with all types of people.
- And among the virtues of the muqsiteen is they will be on platforms of light on the Day of Judgement. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) make us among them. Ameen.

THE MUQSITEEN (DISPENSERS OF JUSTICE) WILL BE ON PULPITS OF LIGHT

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ عَلَى مَنَابِرٍ مِنْ نُورٍ عَنْ يَمِينِ الرَّحْمَنِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ وَكِلْتَا يَدَيْهِ يَمِينُ الَّذِينَ يَعْدِلُونَ فِي حُكْمِهِمْ وَأَهْلِيهِمْ وَمَا وَلُّوا " .

‘Abdallah b. ‘Amr b. al-‘As reported Allah’s Messenger (ﷺ) as saying, “Those who act justly will be on pulpits of light, at the right of The Most Merciful, and both His Hands are right. They are those who are just in their jurisdiction, towards their people and what is under their charge.” ²

HOMEWORK: SEARCH FOR THE AYAT IN THE QUR'AN WHERE (مقسطين) AND (قسط) ARE MENTIONED.

MAY ALLAH HELP US FULFILL THE RIGHT OF ALLAH AND BELIEVE HE IS ALWAYS (قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ). AMEEN.

² Sahih Muslim 1827

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