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PATH OF THE TRAVELER

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INTRODUCTION

- This life appears long, but it is short, and all that we have is an Amanah and we want to appreciate who we meet in life. We do not own anything and we are all travelling to Allah, but we want to enjoy that travel.
- If we do not know Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then it will be difficult and if we do not know that He is worthy of attachment then it will be hectic.

PATH OF THE TRAVELLER (مدارج السالكين)
 YOU ALONE WE WORSHIP AND YOU ALONE
 WE ASK FOR HELP (إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ)

STATION OF CERTAINTY (اليقين)

◉ If we need a quick fix to reform us without hardship, then this is the station.

SURAH AL HIJR 97 TO 99

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وَلَقَدْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ يَضِيقُ صَدْرُكَ بِمَا يَقُولُونَ

And We already know that your breast is constrained by what they say.

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فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَكُنْ مِنَ السَّاجِدِينَ

So exalt [Allah] with praise of your Lord and be of those who prostrate [to Him].

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وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ

And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (death).

◉ Surah Al Hjr is about protection and at the end of the Surah, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) tells the Prophet

(ﷻ) that He will protect him, but there are things that must come and cannot be prevented.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) knows his chest tightens when people say something, but a person cannot stop people from speaking. So he should push away the negativity by praising Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), be humble in submitting to Him and finally to constantly worship Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) until the certainty comes to him. And this certainty is death.
- People misunderstand certainty thinking they need to be of a certain position and have a dream that will make them reach certainty and then be exempt from worships, subhan Allah.

- Certainty is our ride to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) because this will take us to our destination.
- Certainty is the first step to excellence. We want to be quick in belief, and the muhsineen are quick to believe due to their yaqeen (certainty).

MEANING OF YAQEEEN (معنى اليقين)

- Firmness
- Clarity
- No doubts, calculations or assumptions
- A person is so confident, is at peace and at rest.

ALLAH AL MU'MIN – THE GRANTOR OF SECURITY AND VERIFIER OF THE TRUTH (المؤمن)

ALLAH AS SAADIQ – THE TRUTHFUL (الصادق)

- Allah Al Mu'min is The Grantor of Security and He will verify the truth about Himself, the

messengers, and all that is good and bad. He will send messengers, bring down ayat and see the universal signs. It is all to make His believe in His Oneness, beauty and greatness.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grants miracles to the messengers so that people believe in them and follow them.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is truthful in all that He commands and prohibits us.
- People get caught up with trends so anyone tells them anything, but before believing them, do we have knowledge about it?
- And certainty cannot be attained without knowledge, and the source of this knowledge is the Qur'an and Sunnah.
- Even the conditions of (لا إله إلا الله) begin with knowledge and then certainty. When we know

Who is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) then we will not doubt Him or His actions. We will not complain or be restless when something befalls which we do not desire.

○ This certainty pushes a person to be active in the heart, tongue and actions. When yaqeen hits the heart, it will fly to paradise and flee from the fire. May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) grant us yaqeen.

Ameen.

○ The opposite of yaqeen are doubts, so yaqeen prevent us from feeling restless because the foundation is correct. When we feel restless, we need to go back to knowledge.

○ Yaqeen is complete knowledge with no doubts and this results in actions. So yaqeen is the connection between knowledge and actions.

- Knowledge uses us and yaqeen carries us, what does this mean? If we only have knowledge without yaqeen, it will make us hesitate because we will overthink and not go forward and take a step, so “knowledge uses us”.
- Thus knowledge alone delays us, but when we have certainty, we will be quick to place our trust in Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), go forward and take a step.
- Knowledge is like the body and certainty is like the soul.

SURAH ADH DHAARIYAAT 20

وَفِي الْأَرْضِ آيَاتٌ لِلْمُوقِنِينَ

And on the earth are signs for the certain [in faith]

SURAH AL BAQARAH AYAT 4 TO 5

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وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِمَا أُنزِلَ إِلَيْكَ وَمَا أُنزِلَ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ وَبِالْآخِرَةِ هُمْ
يُوقِنُونَ

And who believe in what has been revealed to you, [O Muhammad (ﷺ)], and what was revealed before you, and of the Hereafter they are certain [in faith].

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أُولَئِكَ عَلَىٰ هُدًى مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

Those are upon [right] guidance from their Lord, and it is those who are the successful.

- We want to live our life in certainty, and that is when we know we will all die and return back to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). It is not just being certain of the commands, but certain of the Day of Judgement. And these are the successful ones. However, the people of the fire are uncertain and doubtful of the hereafter.

SURAH AL JAATHIYA 32

وَإِذَا قِيلَ إِنَّ وَعْدَ اللَّهِ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ لَأَرِيْبَ فِيهَا قُلْتُمْ مَا نَدْرِي مَا
السَّاعَةُ إِن نَّظُنُّ إِلَّا ظَنًّا وَمَا نَحْنُ بِمُسْتَيْقِنِينَ

And when it was said, 'Indeed, the promise of Allah is truth and the Hour [is coming] - no doubt about it,' you said, 'We know not what is the Hour. We assume only assumption, and we are not convinced.' "

- We can reach the degree of certainty when we are so sure of the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه) in life we can see what is contrary, just as the decrees mentioned in the story of Musa (عليه السلام) and Al Khidr. So it is important for a person to move on.
- The sidiqeen (the most truthful) whose level is after the messengers and higher than the martyrs, faced every moment of their life with certainty. They do not doubt the nurturing of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). They are mutawakileen (have

absolute trust in Allah), they are leaders (a good example of the deen) and they are awliyah Allah (allies of Allah).

- If certainty and patience are together, the result is being a role model and good example in the deen.
- A person can be certain of the nurturing, but then complains and is impatient and this is not being a role model in the deen.
- A person does not want to please someone while it angers Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) or praise someone for giving us something. Praise is only for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى), but a person thanks the people.
- And if someone does not give us, we should not blame them because it is Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Who gives and withholds.

- We should not blame, scold or talk bad about people just because we did not get something from them, but to have certainty in Allah (سبحانه و تعالی).
- If we are happy, then this is because of yaqeen. When we are certain of anything then by default we will be happy, but we will find sadness when we are in doubt.

MAY ALLAH GRANT US YAQEEN. AMEEN.

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