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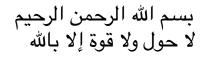
All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.

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- Al Wahid means the One. Al Ahad means the One and Only One.
- Today is the Day of 'Arafah and this is the Day of Tawheed. It is the Day of seeing Allah (سبحانه) alone. Everything else is dimmed and the beauty and majesty of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is highlighted.

 The Name of Allah Al Wahid comes with the Name Al Qahaar (The Dominator, The Subduer) except in the ayah below.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 163 وَإِلَٰهُكُمْ إِلَٰهٌ وَاحِدٌ الْآَهِ إِلَٰهَ إِلَٰهَ إِلَٰهَ وَالرَّحْمَٰنُ الرَّحِيمُ

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

• Everything else besides Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has

to be subdued and brought down so only Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is highlighted. This has to be made clear.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will show us that we cannot magnify many but only One.
- The Name of Allah Al Ahad appears only once in Surah Al Ikhlas which is all about purity and sincerity.

- No one will take on the position of Allah (سبحانه), and He did not take on the position of anyone.
- In life, any CEO replaces someone before him and will also be replaced later.
- Knowing Allah Al Wahid Al Ahad removes the fear of being replaced and changed. This gives us comfort, rest and peace.
- Knowing Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) Al Wahid Al Ahad
 is to see His Oneness in everything. We see this
 magnificence of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) on a day
 like this.
- To go to One, to ask One, to have One source makes our life so easy.
- Allah is One in His Attributes, Names, greatness, magnificence and love.

- Not matter how much we talk about Him, we will not give Him justice.
- He is One in divinity. Our hearts jump to one out of love and worship. We want to devote ourselves for Him. We believe we will see Him.
- Knowing Al Wahid Al Ahad moves the heart to One. Only He is worthy to be worshipped alone because of His perfection.
- There can be many people who have mercy, who love but no one is perfect except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in His love, mercy and majesty.
- Knowing Allah Al Wahid Al Ahad makes us not want to associate with Him because we know only He deserves to be worshipped.
- Anyone who turns away from Allah (ســـبحانــه) and tries to make himself one and

distinct will be tormented with corruption in his heart and mind.

- For instance, Firawn wanted to be distinct and for everyone to turn to Him. This was apparent in the way he spoke, directed people and in the end left them to be drowned. It was all darkness upon darkness and corruption upon corruption.
- The impact of this Name is tawheed (to make Allah one). There is this absolute certainty that He is One. He takes care of this entire universe. He deserves to be worshipped without association. There is no imperfection or faults from Allah (ســـبحانــه وتــعالـــى). He has the Most Beautiful Names and Actions so the heart longs for him every time.

- No one has this effect on us, or move us in this way except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). He is the One our heart moves to.
- Tawheed is what Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) wants from
 His slaves. It is beloved to Him.
- Tawheed is the purpose of the creation of jinn and humans. To be one for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) and to make Him One.
- Tawheed is the most gentle, pure and clean word.
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) does not call us to bring many up or attach to many.
- Tawheed is like a mirror and we want to glow with tawheed. A scratch of shirk (association) tarnishes it and makes it impure.

- Tawheed is the way to safety, salvation, to reach our goal and to be taken out from problems.
- There may be those who don't believe but a moment of belief saves them. They may be in the middle of the sea, turn to Allah (سنبحانه) for a moment and He saves them. Even though He knows they will go back to the land and go back to associating with Him.
- When Yunus (عليه السلام) was in the stomach of the whale, he highlighted Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).

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وَذَا النُّونِ إِذ ذَّهَبَ مُغَاضِبًا فَظَنَّ أَن لَّن نَّقْدِرَ عَلَيْهِ فَنَادَىٰ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ أَن لَّا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا أَنتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنتُ مِنَ الظَّالِينَ

And [mention] the man of the fish, when he went off in anger and thought that We would not decree [anything] upon him. And he called out within the darknesses, "There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers."

- What saves us is tawheed. If we go to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) alone, He will surely save us. This is the promise of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Firawn also turned to Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) in the end. But he refused to say 'Allah' in that moment and called on the 'Rabb of Musa and Harun'.

REPENTANCE BEFORE DEATH

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو، عَنِ النَّبِيّ صلى الله عليه وسلم.قَالَ : " إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لَيَقْبَلُ تَوْبَةَ الْعَبْدِ مَا لَمْ يُغَرْغِرْ ". It was narrated from 'Abdullah bin 'Amr that the Prophet () said: ''Allah accepts the repentance of His slave so long as the death rattle has not yet reached his throat.''¹

¹ Sunan Ibn Majah 4253

- When death comes, the time is up. This is the Divine Way of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) shows us that to be saved is only with tawheed.
- There is nothing that will take us to paradise, save us from the fire and save us except tawheed.
- Ibn al Qayyim said about tawheed, know that the rays of Laa ilaaha illa Allah (لا إلـه إلا الله)
 (there is no one worthy of worship except Allah) will go through the the clouds and mists of sins.
- This sight feels majestic, heavenly and celestial
 we feel uplifted by these sights.
- This light will be strong or weak according the the strength of tawheed in the person.

- People will differ in the strength of that light in their hearts. For some the light that comes out from their heart is like the sun. For some it will be like a brilliant star. For some it will be like a torch, like a lit lantern or a weak lantern.
- The light will be according to how much this word was in their heart was by knowledge and action by recognizing and state. The more stronger this light of this word is in the heart, the more intense it becomes to the point that it will start to burn the temptations and doubts.
- Any doubt or desire, will be pushed away and burnt. There will be no stain leftover.
- This word grow till it puts off any temptations, and sins. This is the state of the truthful one in his tawheed.

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) has to highlight this and we will return to Him alone.
- With tawheed there is love of Allah (وتـعالـى
 سـبحانـه). There is humbleness to Allah (وتـعالـى
 سـبحانـه). There is magnification of Allah (وتعالـى
 There are so many feelings of the heart.
 We surrender to Him and be sincere. We want
 His face in everything we do. We give for Him,
 we withhold for Him. Everything becomes for
 Him.
- The word of tawheed has a weight, heaviness, greatness, value, power and strength.
- If we place this is one word on the scale and we place all that is in the heavens and the earth on the other side, the word of tawheed will be heavier.

- This includes all the seven earths and all in it from its mountains, rivers, seas, creation, people, jinn, birds, animals, gold, silver, metal, irons, plants, vegetation- all that we can see and cannot see, from the stars, planets, angels. This word outweighs all of this.
- Now imagine the value of the person who has this word in his heart. What would be his weight and status with Allah (ســجانـه وتـعالـى)? How will his life be, his akhirah, his final place will be on the Last Day?
- This is the word we want to see and hold on to on our journey of life. To be one for Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) To be on one path.
- Whoever goes on this path with tawheed will be guided. He will have the insight because his heart and eyes are only looking at One.

He knows no other source to get love, mercy and fulfill his needs except Allah (سبحانه وتعالى).
 There is no one who can benefit him or keep harm away from him except Allah (سبحانه).
 In this state his life will be steadfast.
 When he knows there is one Rabb and lord.
 This word brings us together.

MAY ALLAH PROTECT US FROM SHIRK (ASSOCIATING WITH ALLAH). AMEEN.

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