

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ
اقْرَأْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ

Recite in the Name of Your Lord

The nurturing of our Rabb is all preparation for something bigger – the ultimate being the hereafter and meeting our Rabb.

What we have been nurtured with will bring out distinct feelings from us. For example, if we were nurtured with always smelling our mother's cooking. If we smell that same scent in another place, it will evoke feelings from us. Unlike if someone smells that same scent, but it will be something normal to them.

All our nurturing is customized for us. And only Allah knows what word, what scent, what taste, what scene will bring out a flood of emotions from us. Reminding us of our past, what we were, our path to guidance and what we have become.

We hear many expressions with the word "read" such as: read between the lines, can read me?, you read my mind, read the tea leaves, read the writing on the wall, read my lips, palm reading, and so forth.

People like to "read" what appears as distinct. But the correct reading is when there is belief in Allah and purity of the heart. It is to read in the Name of your Lord, and not in the name of anything else.

To understand our nurturing is one thing, but to understand the speech of others and have worships extracted from us is another. For example, Suleiman (peace be upon him) could understand what the ant was saying. He could read what was needed from him by listening to the ant, and that was to invoke Allah. Sometimes we just overlook if something "smaller" than us is speaking, but we do not know what know what understandings and worships will be opened for us.

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