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INTRODUCTION

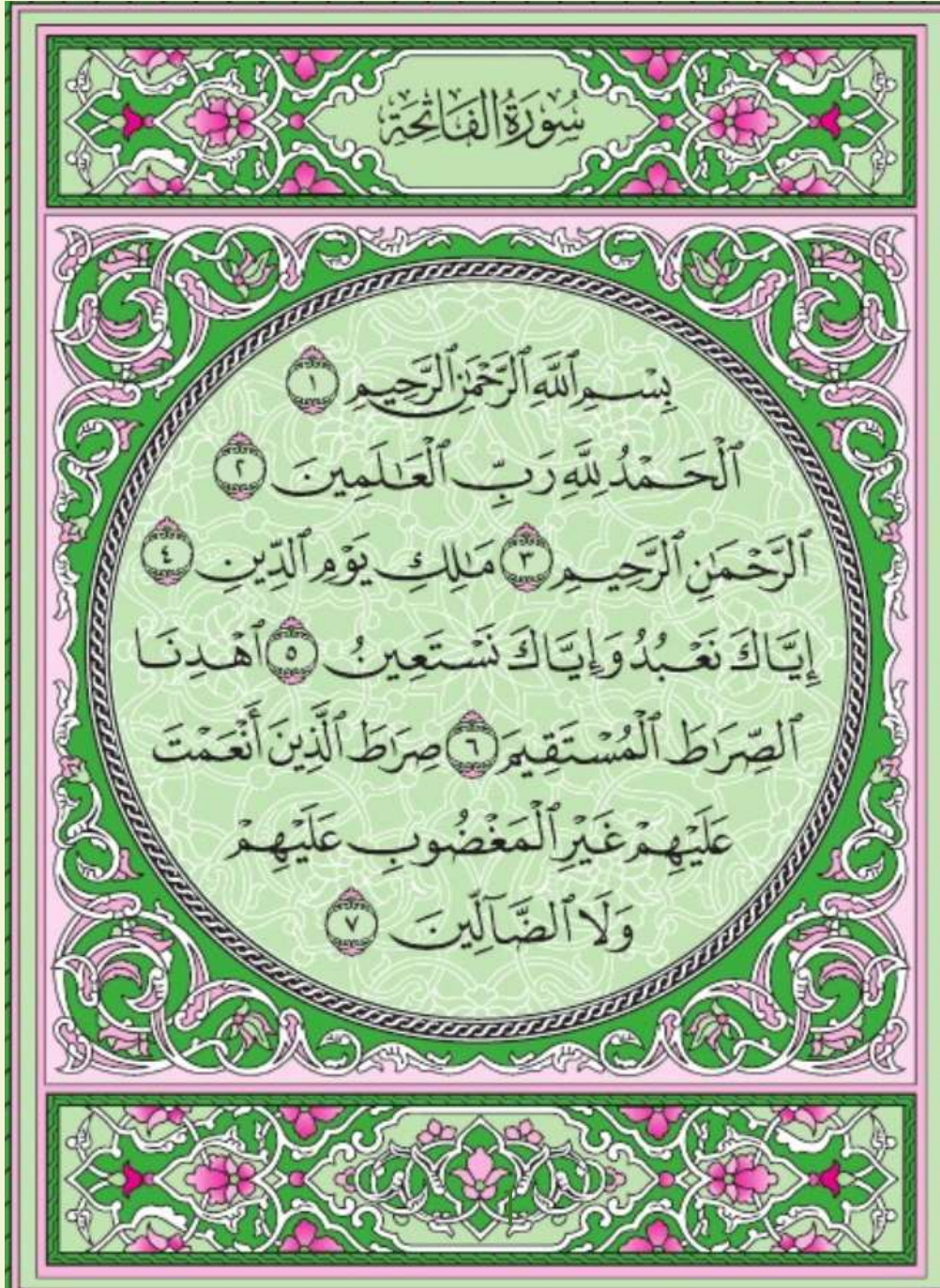
- ♥ We all love “first moments” – first feelings of love, first feelings of meeting, first feelings of prayer, first feelings of entering Islam, first feelings of reciting the Qur'an, and we always want to hold on to those feelings. But then what happens? It gets covered, it changes, it gets influenced, it goes through experience, but the fitra is always there. It may get covered, but it does not disappear.
- ♥ And with the guidance that comes from Allah, either we reject it so the fitra becomes concealed, or we accept it, so more beauty is revealed.
- ♥ Even if we are an expert in worship or knowledge, we never want to forget to love and have faith in Allah.

- ♥ Iblis changed when he saw someone had come. For him to not prostrate and say, “Adam is nothing and I’m better”, caused him to be cast out. Unlike the angels who did not say, “who are these humans while we are worshippers?”. They were asked, “tell me the names of these things”, and they did not say, “You did not teach us first so how can we know?”, but they said, “we have no knowledge except what You taught us and You are The All-Knowing, The All-Wise.”
- ♥ We need to remember that when we face tests, it is important to take it back to Allah and His Names. Do we think Allah wants arrogant worshippers or humble, loving believers?

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OPENING CHAPTER



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds -

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الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful,

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مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense.

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إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

It is You we worship and You we ask for help.

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اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path -

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صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have evoked [Your] anger or of those who are astray.

GUIDE US TO THE STRAIGHT PATH

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

- ♥ The fitra is clean, pure, tender and innocent. It is not sinful, impure, wicked or evil thinking.
- ♥ We always want the Initiator of the Heavens and the Earth (فَاطْرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ) to take us back to our initial and pure state, though even parents can change this nature.
- ♥ Also included in the fitra is our nature with which we are granted. For example, there are children who are naturally patient and some are naturally impatient. There are some children who naturally smile, even if they're not

eating and some will not smile even if you are trying to make them happy. So we want to use our nature to be in the way to Allah.

- ♥ Sometimes there are children who are by nature studious, though the parents are not like that. Or they love make-up and glitter, and it is important to channel it all in the right way. The nurturing of Allah is so gentle because He considers the nature we have.
- ♥ Even with food and taste, some children will eat broccoli though no one encouraged them. And some like hot and some like cold drinks. Some like sweet and some like salty.
- ♥ The nurturer will consider the fitra of all and Allah takes into account of each person. The guidance to (لا إله إلا الله) is there for all, but how Allah brings it is different for each person. Even

the guidance that comes to us in the morning is different from the night because we change. The guidance is customized for all.

- ♥ If we want to learn how to deal with people, then we should see how Allah deals with us. And then we will be an example of one who knows Allah and how to deal with people.
- ♥ The guidance does not come abruptly, but it comes gently and with wisdom.
- ♥ Allah is Al Wali, The Beloved Companion. The more we have faith and believe in Allah, the more Allah will guide us by our faith.

SURAH AT TAGHABUN 11

وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنِ بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ قَلْبَهُ ۚ

And whoever believes in Allah - He will guide his heart.

- ♥ The fitra is originally clean and pure, but it can be affected and influenced with what we hear and see.
- ♥ Sometimes we go to the guidance, but there is something in our nature that we are still blocking, but Who can guide us to bring it out? Allah. So we do not feel oppressed, forced or fearful, but feel at ease.
- ♥ It is important to respect the people in front of us. It is important to respect and accept people as they are. For example with our children, we might say, “change and then I will talk to you”, and they may do it, but they will become either rebellious or hypocritical.
- ♥ All human beings begin with belief and not disbelief. By nature, we are all Muslims, good and pure. But what leads to disbelief?

Influence, and yet Allah will still send guidance, but the worst is disbelief.

- ♥ Towards the end of the time, a person begins his day with belief in Allah and then ends the day with disbelief in Allah. We ask Allah for the well-being. Ameen.

BELIEF AND DISBELIEF IN A DAY AND NIGHT

عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " تَكُونُ بَيْنَ يَدَيِ
السَّاعَةِ فِتْنٌ كَقِطْعِ اللَّيْلِ الْمُظْلِمِ يُصْبِحُ الرَّجُلُ فِيهَا مُؤْمِنًا
وَيُمْسِي كَافِرًا وَيُمْسِي مُؤْمِنًا وَيُصْبِحُ كَافِرًا يَبِيعُ أَقْوَامَ دِينِهِمْ
بِعَرَضٍ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا "

"Before the Hour there shall be Fitan like a portion of the dark night. Morning will come upon a man as a believer, who will be a disbeliever in the evening, and evening will come upon a believer, who will be a disbeliever in the morning, people will sell their religion for goods of the world."¹

¹ Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2197

♥ Ingratitude is minor disbelief and we can be quick to being ungrateful to the blessings and people around us. That's why the Prophet (ﷺ) told women to increase in giving charity because they are quick to disbelieve, meaning they are quick to be ungrateful to their household and husbands.

UNGRATEFUL TO THE FAMILY

قَالَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " أُرِيْتُ النَّارَ فَإِذَا أَكْثَرُ أَهْلِهَا
النِّسَاءُ يَكْفُرْنَ ". قِيلَ أَيَكْفُرْنَ بِاللَّهِ قَالَ " يَكْفُرْنَ الْعَشِيرَ،
وَيَكْفُرْنَ الْإِحْسَانَ، لَوْ أَحْسَنْتَ إِلَى إِحْدَاهُنَّ الدَّهْرَ ثُمَّ رَأَتْ مِنْكَ
شَيْئًا قَالَتْ مَا رَأَيْتُ مِنْكَ خَيْرًا قَطُّ " .

The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "I was shown the Hell-fire and that the majority of its dwellers were women who were ungrateful." It was asked, "Do they disbelieve in Allah?" (or are they ungrateful to Allah?) He replied, "They are ungrateful to their husbands and are ungrateful for the favors and the good (charitable deeds) done to them. If you have always been good (benevolent) to

one of them and then she sees something in you (not of her liking), she will say, 'I have never received any good from you.'²

- ♥ When a messenger recites, the shaitan can cast words to make others hear something wrong, and the reality of people will be revealed as a result of it. Those who are good will ignore the bad because they think good of the messenger. But those whose hearts are hardened or have a sickness will look at that one wrong and forget all the good. We ask Allah for the well-being. Ameen.
- ♥ Sometimes we did not say something and someone will say, “you said it, I heard it with my ears.”

² Sahih al-Bukhari 29

SURAH AL HAJJ 52

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا مِنْ قَبْلِكَ مِنْ رَسُولٍ وَلَا نَبِيٍّ إِلَّا إِذَا تَمَنَّى أَلْقَى
الشَّيْطَانُ فِي أُمْنِيَّتِهِ فَيَنْسَخُ اللَّهُ مَا يُلْقِي الشَّيْطَانُ ثُمَّ يُحْكِمُ اللَّهُ
آيَاتِهِ وَاللَّهُ عَلِيمٌ حَكِيمٌ

And We did not send before you any messenger or prophet except that when he spoke [or recited], Satan threw into it [some misunderstanding]. But Allah abolishes that which Satan throws in; then Allah makes precise His verses. And Allah is Knowing and Wise.

- ♥ If this happens to messengers, so what about between people? We do not want to disbelieve in Allah or His Messengers or His ayat.
- ♥ Why do we have to associate another partner with Allah, is He not enough and sufficient for us?

SURAH AN NISAA 48

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَغْفِرُ أَنْ يُشْرَكَ بِهِ وَيَغْفِرُ مَا دُونَ ذَلِكَ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ

Indeed, Allah does not forgive association with Him, but He forgives what is less than that for whom He wills.

- ♥ A child himself does not like to be shared, why?
So that we hate shirk and do not associate with Allah.
- ♥ So the fitra is belief and not disbelief, it is tawheed and not shirk, and it is truthfulness and not hypocrisy.
- ♥ A child feels guilty when he lies or hides when he does something wrong.
- ♥ We do not like for someone to disbelieve in us or forget all the good we've done, why? So that we do not disbelieve in Allah.
- ♥ We do not like to be shared, why? So that we do not associate with Allah.
- ♥ We do not like to be lied to, why? So that we do not become hypocrites.
- ♥ When people have lost the way, have become complicated, or are all over the

place, then they have to end up covering so much, so where does a person go? Back to the origin, back to what our fitra and what Allah has placed in us.

- ♥ In this life, we need to be purified from the traces of this earth.

FIVE TYPES OF GUIDANCE FROM ALLAH

- ♥ Three types of guidance are built-in and two are external, so no one can say, “guidance never came to me.”

1. FITRA

- ♥ As discussed previously.

2. SENSES

- ♥ There are five senses and the most important are hearing and seeing. And the most important of the two is hearing which is repeated 139 times in the Qur'an.

- ♥ All that we hear has an impact on us. Hearing is the messenger of faith to the heart, and it is a caller of faith to the heart, and it is a teacher of faith to the heart.

TYPES OF PEOPLE WHO HEAR

1. Desire

- ♥ Some people hear with desire, self and ego. Such a person will always hear things wrong.
- ♥ He translates everything with his desire. He will immediately say, “this is too hard, when you said this, you meant me, didn't you”. He sees everything as a threat or competition.
- ♥ And anyone who hears with desires will never feel good, he will always be imbalanced, so his reactions and speech will be bad as well.

2. Faith

- ♥ The one who hears with faith and bases it on his belief in Allah. So even if he hears something bad, he quickly exchanges it to something good. If someone is rude to him, he will interpret it as more reward, as a decree, as pardoning, so he will see the good.
- ♥ The one who hears with faith, then Allah will bring more guidance to Him. The guidance of Allah is very special, so He will not give that exclusive guidance if the heart and mind are impure. The more a person listens with faith, the more Allah will open for him from guidance. That's why we learned faith before we learned the Qur'an.
- ♥ And this is why some people are foremost, some are people of the right and some are

people of the left because of how they listen, whether they listen with faith or not.

SURAH AL BAQARAH 83

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

And speak to people good [words]

- ♥ It did not even say, “believers”, but “people”, so we should at least speak excellent, why? Because there are people who speak with desire.

TONGUE CAN LEAD TO THE FIRE

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: سئل رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم عن أكثر ما يدخل الناس الجنة؟ قال: “تقوى الله وحسن الخلق” وسئل عن أكثر ما يدخل الناس النار، قال: “الفم والفرج”.

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) was asked about the deed which will be foremost to lead a man to Jannah. He replied, "Fear of Allah and the good conduct." Then he was asked about indulgence

which will admit a man to Hell (Fire) and he answered, "The tongue and the genitals."³

- ♥ And sometimes with our good words, it can make someone repent, return to Allah, think good of Allah and others. May Allah make all our words blessed. Ameen.
- ♥ If Allah commanded Musa (عليه السلام) to speak to Firaoun with gentle words, and the Prophet (ﷺ) said to not curse the shaitan, but to seek refuge with Allah from the devil, so what about anyone else? Subhan Allah.

3. To hear by Allah

- ♥ This means only hears that it is from Allah, and not from so and so. How can someone reach this level?

³ Riyadh As Saliheen, Introduction, Hadith 626

SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR AWLIYA ALLAH

وعن أبي هريرة رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "إن الله تعالى قال: "من عاد لي وليًا، فقد آذنته بالحرب، وما تقرب إلي عبدي بشيء أحب إلي مما افترضت عليه، وما يزال عبدي يتقرب إلي بالنوافل حتى أحبه فإذا أحببته كنت سمعه الذي يسمع به، وبصره الذي يبصر به، ويده التي يبطش بها، ورجله التي يمشي بها، وإن سألني، أعطيته، ولئن استعاذني، لأعيذنه

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Allah, the Exalted, has said: 'I will declare war against him who treats with hostility a pious worshipper of Mine. And the most beloved thing with which My slave comes nearer to Me, is what I have enjoined upon him; and My slave keeps on coming closer to Me through performing Nawafil (voluntary prayers or doing extra deeds besides what is obligatory) until I love him, (so much so that) I become his hearing with which he hears, and his sight with which he sees, and his hand with which he strikes, and his leg with

which he walks; and if he asks Me something, I will surely give him, and if he seeks My Protection (refuge), I will surely protect him"⁴

- ♥ Surely the one who is always struggling to hear with faith will then reach this level.
- ♥ Anyone who declares enmity to wali Allah, then Allah will declare war against him. And we do not know who is wali Allah, so we never want to harm anyone.
- ♥ Imagine this person is so previous with Allah, and what makes someone to be wali Allah?
- ♥ He focuses on the obligations, then he wants to do more voluntary, until Allah loves him, so His concern is Allah.
- ♥ When Allah loves someone, He will be his hearing that he hears, his eyes that he sees, his

⁴ Riyadh As Saliheen, Al Bukhari Book 1, Hadith 386

hands that he grasps and his feet that he treads.

- ♥ So Allah will take of his hearing and protect it from hearing something wrong.

SURAH YUNUS 62 TO 64

62.

أَلَا إِنَّ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

No doubt! Verily, the Auliya' of Allah [i.e. those who believe in the Oneness of Allah and fear Allah much (abstain from all kinds of sins and evil deeds which he has forbidden), and love Allah much (perform all kinds of good deeds which He has ordained)], no fear shall come upon them nor shall they grieve.

63.

الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَكَانُوا يَتَّقُونَ

Those who believed (in the Oneness of Allah - Islamic Monotheism), and used to fear Allah much (by abstaining from evil deeds and sins and by doing righteous deeds).

- ♥ A person first struggles with trials, but thwarts it and does not sink in it, until his heart bounces off the trials.
- ♥ It cannot be that everything comes with ease from the start. We must go through a struggle first. And anyone who has reached a certain level is due to the struggles he went through.
- ♥ Allah does not hesitate to do anything, except to take the soul of His wali. This shows the great care of Allah, but He must do it.

SUPPLICATION TO ENJOY OUR HEARING

اللهم اقسّم لنا من خشيتك ما تحول به بيننا وبين
 معاصيك، ومن طاعتك ما تبلغنا به جنتك، ومن اليقين ما
 تهون به علينا مصائب الدنيا، اللهم متعنا بأسماعنا وأبصارنا
 وقوتنا ما أحييتنا، واجعله الوارث منا، واجعل ثأرنا على من
 ظلمنا، وانصرنا على من عادانا، ولا تجعل مصيبتنا في ديننا،

ولا تجعل الدنيا أكبر همنا، ولا مبلغ علمنا، ولا تسلط علينا من
"لا يرحمنا"

"Allahumma-qsim lana min khashyatika ma tahulu bihi bainana wa baina ma'sika, wa min ta'atika ma tuballighuna bihi jannataka, wa minal-yaqini ma tuhawwinu 'alaina masa-'ibad-dunya. Allahumma matti'na biasma'ina, wa absarina, wa quwwatina ma ahyaitana, waj'alhul-waritha minna, waj'al tharana 'ala man zalamana, wansurna 'ala man 'adana, wa la taj'al musibatana fi dinina, wa la taj'alid-dunya akbara hammina, wa la mablagha 'ilmina, wa la tusallit 'alaina man-la yarhamuna,
O Allah, apportion to us such fear as should serve as a barrier between us and acts of disobedience; and such obedience as will take us to Your Jannah; and such as will make easy for us to bear in the calamities of this world. O Allah! let us enjoy our hearing, our sight and our power as long as You keep us alive and make our heirs from our own offspring, and make our revenge restricted to those who oppress us, and support us against those who are hostile to us let no misfortune afflict our Deen; let not worldly affairs be our principal concern, or the ultimate

limit of our knowledge, and let not those rule over us who do not show mercy to us."

SEEKING REFUGE FROM THE EVIL OF OUR HEARING

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ سَمْعِي وَمِنْ شَرِّ بَصَرِي وَمِنْ شَرِّ
لِسَانِي وَمِنْ شَرِّ قَلْبِي وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَنِيَّ

Allahumma inni a'udhu bika min sharri sam'i, wa min sharri basari, wa min sharri lisani, wa min sharri qalbi, wa min sharri maniyyi

"O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the evils of my hearing, the evils of my seeing, the evils of my tongue; the evils of my heart and the evils of semen (illicit sexual passions)."⁵

MAY ALLAH MAKE US TO HEAR THINGS IN THE WAY PLEASING TO HIM. AMEEN

⁵ Riyadh As Saliheen, Abu Dawud and At- Tirmidhi , Book 16, Hadith 19

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