

بسم الله الرحمٰن الرحيم Dedication

I dedicate this book to my parents, especially my mother who taught me to pray and fast at an early age; she also taught me how to recite the Quran in my childhood, and my father, who fed me with his halal earnings and provided me good education overseas, O Merciful Allah, forgive all their sins and make me sadqa jaria for them. Amin

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Verses from The Quran

O Prophet, say to them, "I have been commanded to serve Allah. making religion sincerely His, and I have been commanded to be a Muslim (surrendering one's will to the will of Allah) myself first of all". Say, "If I disobey my Lord, I fear the torment of the Dreadful Day". Say, "I shall serve Allah alone, making my religion sincerely His. As for you, you may serve whomever you please besides Him". Say, "The real losers are those who would incurr loss for themselvesand for their families on the Day of ressurection". Note it well, this is the real bankrupcy. They shall have the canopies of fire covering them from above and from beneath them. This is the doom of which Allah frigtens His servants. So, O My servants, avoid my wrath. Contrary to this, those who refrained from serving Taghut (satan) and turned to Allah, for them is a good news. So, O Prophet, give good news to those of My servants who listen to the word (Quran) carefully and follow what is best in it. These are they whom Allah has shown guidance and these are the ones who posses understanding, Surah Zumar, verses (39:11-18)

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Preface

I seek Allah(swT)'s guidance for myself, my family and all Muslims, for his guidance is the only guidance. I seek Allah(swT)'s pardon and forgiveness for all my past and future mistakes, and especially in this effort of mine, if I have attribute anything wrongly to Allah(swT) intentionally or unintentionally. May Allah(swT) accept this small effort of mine, and reward me, my parents, my family, relatives, friends and all Muslims. May Allah(swT) make it a source of guidance and relief from the Hellfire for us. Amin!

Before I proceed, I would like to clarify one thing, those scholars who know Islam and live Islam, i.e. their lifestyle is the explanation of the Quran and the Sunnah, we may call them with whatever name, they were and are the true saints. We Muslims have deep respect for them in our hearts, and we pray to Allah(SWT) to increase their status in the Hereafter. Amin! It is because; these scholars played an important role in preserving and passing on the true religion of Islam to us. This effort and sacrifices of theirs is worthy of our praise. Scholars/saints like Sayed Abdul Qadir Jilani(ra), Sayed Ali Hajvari(ra), Shah Abdul Latif Bhatai(ra), Peer Mehr Ali Shah Sahib(ra) etc. These are those saints who

told people to only call on Allah at the time of need. They never claimed they will take their followers to Paradise. They were truthful and always spoke the truth. They would correct the beliefs of their followers with the Quran to bring them closer to their Merciful Lord. O Allah, raise the status of all such staunch followers of Islam, and make them our teachers and guide. Amin!

Recently I was listening to an Arabic lecture, which prompted me to write about polytheism (shirk). Before I talk about polytheism (shirk), I would like to elaborate on who is our Lord under the heading Who is Allah(swt), and who is our blessed Prophet(saw) under the heading Who is Mohammed(SAW). This in my opinion should be enough to completely negate polytheism (shirk). Yet there will be people who will argue and deny what they are doing is shirk. The question arises what is polytheism (shirk)? I will try to explain this in the light of the Quran and Hadith (savings) of the Prophet(saw). My main topic of discussion is about invoking others besides Allah(swt). We usually think associating partners with the Creator is the only form of shirk. This is a misconception with the people who call themselves monotheist. If we look at the history which the Quran relates to us, we will observe that initially all religions were monotheistic, because the basic concept of Allah(SWT)'s religion always stayed the same. It has always been Satan (the enemy of progeny of Adam(AS)) who makes us over exaggerate people whom we considered to be pious. Initially they were praised; later generations built their mausoleums. Generations coming after them started invoking them. And as the time passed, people made their pictures and later generations of the followers made their statues to worship them. Worshipping of statues started even before Noah(AS). People made and started worshipping statues of five pious sons of Shish(AS) (Wud, Sawaa, Yagoos, Yaooq and Nasr). This is due to Footsteps of Satan, which we humans usually cannot comprehend. To understand it, we should read the Quran with understanding. To start with, I would suggest my reader to read Surah 40, Al-Momin, chapter24 with understanding, you will find it an eye opener.

We Muslims in Pakistan have reached the stage where we have the pictures of these true/false saints in our homes. Most of us do not pray, or fast, or give charity etc., and yet, when it comes to these pictures, we are not ready to show our backs to them in respect. What about respect to Allah(SWT) and His commandments? We come up with slogans like "Allah does not listen to us and He will not reject the request of these saints". All these prevailing polytheistic beliefs in

our society prompted me to write about it, and to refute them with the verses of the Quran and hadith of the Prophet(SAW). The other reason for committing shirk is that we as Muslims generally don't recognize in entirety the meaning of Rub (Lord) which is one of the attributes of Allah(swt). This word encompasses the meanings such as, the Sustainer, the Giver, the Doer, the Provider etc... If this is what Rub means, then we have made lots and lots of false rubs, and yet claim we are monotheist. Allah(swt) tells us to ask Him for sustenance, He will provide it to us, and to ask Him to relieve us from the calamity that has befallen us with His permission, He will remove it from us. Allah(SWT) wants us to believe in Him and repent to Him, He will forgive us and enter us in His Paradise. Those who are engulfed in Satan's ploy will say, He will not listen to them, they will ask such and such slave (saints, peers, imams etc.) of His to force Allah(SWT) to accept their demands and enter them in His Paradise (اثَالُهُ). Allah is the one who deserves our utmost sincere love and respect; I claim I love my Lord, who loves me seventy times more than my mother. Unfortunately, I also confess, I lack sincerity in my love towards Him(swt). I pray to Allah to bless me and all Muslims with his sincere love. Amin!

Satan vowed to Allah that he will misguide the humans towards shirk, hypocrisy and disbelief. These are the worst levels: Satan leads us there because if a person dies upon them then that person has no hope of going to Paradise. The Satan will rub his hands and say mission accomplished. The main tool in the hands of Satan is to have people over exaggerate a pious person and start beseeching him. Firstly, I will negate when people say, we only supplicate to them because supplication is not worship. From hadith of the Prophet(saw) I will prove it otherwise. I will also prove from the Quran that the ones invoked are dead and not living, they are bankrupt and own nothing, not even an atom. Those engulfed in the ploy of the Satan will come up with another theory and say, we don't beseech these saints but rather we use them as waseela (approach, intermediary) to bring us closer to Allah(swt). The Quran categorically refutes this act of theirs. Still, there will be people who will insist that there is intersession. Yes there is Intersession but only for those whom Allah(SWT) will permit. The Quran is full of verses negating the common views prevailing in the society regarding intersession, and Ayat-al-Qursi is one of them. Most of us have memorized it and recite it regularly but without understanding.

After intersession I will discuss the so called saints. Those saints who worked hard for the religion of Allah(swt) deserve our respect but not our worship, their piety is for them, and ours is for us. Every individual will be held accountable for his own piety and sins. I will also discuss what the Quran says about these so called saints and what the consequences of following them will be. Similarly, the answers given by the true saints and the false saints are mentioned under the sub headings. Two Hadiths Qudsia are mentioned which annihilate all arguments given in favor of invoking saints, although the negation of invoking saints in the Quran itself is more than sufficient. The Exalted Attributes of the All Supreme Allah(swt) are enough to let us know, there never was, there never is, and there never can be an associate of Him.

The Mother of all evils, building mausoleums and its prohibition in Islam is discussed with hadiths of the Prophet(SAW) under the said heading. To reflect my emotions, I will conclude with my concluding comments plus verses from the Quran and the speech of a believing Minister in Pharaoh's Court mentioned in the Quran. I have included a supplication of angels narrated in the Quran for the believing Muslims, may Allah(SWT) bless us all with it. Amin! I will end the book with two Supplications of the Prophet(SAW) and supplication of this distressed sinner. I would like to suggest to my readers to learn Arabic in order to understand the Quran. To further emphasize on learning Arabic, my Question to my readers; let's suppose someone wanted to take a Chemistry Test and does not want to study the Chemistry Text Book, will he pass the test? The answer will be No. Similarly, to pass the Test of the Hereafter, we have to study the Quran with understanding and implement its commandments in our daily life.

I beg Allah(swT) to make this effort of mine a source of guidance for the readers, and a source of guidance and restitution for me. I would like to acknowledge with gratitude those religious scholars who endorsed and authenticated my book. I would conclude my preface with Bhullaisha's one line and Surah Inam's, verse 69 of the Quran.

O' Bhullia without monotheism there is no paradise even if Thou died in Medina!! What I am trying to do as per the verse below is to admonish those who invoke others besides Allah(SWT). May Allah open our hearts for guidance! Amin!

Though the pious people are in no way accountable for them, **yet it is their duty to admonish them**; perhaps they may refrain from their evil ways. (Al-Inaam 69)

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Abbreviations

- a) (SWT) The All-Mighty free from deficiencies.
- b) (SAW) Peace & blessing on Mohammed.
- c) (AS) Peace and blessings on the prophets.
- d) (RA) Allah be pleased (with the companions).
- e) (ra) Allah be pleased (with the saints).

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Questions Posed

To understand polytheism (shirk) we must understand who is our Creator and who is our Prophet (SAW), that is why my first heading is Who is Allah(SWT) and the second heading is Who is Mohammed(SAW). As most of my references are from the Quran, next I will briefly discuss the importance of the Quran under the heading Quran the Book of Guidance and then the discussion on Polytheism (shirk) follows. Before starting the topic I would like to pose few questions to my readers, and I would suggest them to search the answers from deep within their hearts. Insha-Allah (God willing) it will be beneficial in understand the topic on Shirk (Polytheism).

Allah created the seven heavens and whatever is in them alone, and He takes care of the needs of his creations (viruses to whales) Himself alone. My first question to my readers:

Q1. Why would Allah engage others when He can take care of the needs of His creations (even a virus) alone without any exertion?

If Allah permits (favors or calamities) for someone, no one can stop it except He Himself, and no one can permit (favors or calamities) for someone what He has stopped, except He Himself. This is narrated in hadith of the Prophet(SAW) in Bukhari 844 and Surah Yunus, verse 107 in the Quran. My second question to my readers: Q2. If Allah(SWT) is in charge of all affairs then does logic allow us to ask anyone else other than Allah(SWT)?

If our ancestors told us two plus two is five, we would outright reject them because we know mathematics, but when it comes to religion, if our ancestors or religious heads tell us two plus two is seven, we accept it without hesitation. This is because we have not study our book on theology (Quran), otherwise it too would have been rejected. My third question to my readers:

Q3. Shouldn't Muslims learn Arabic and study the Quran with understanding so that one doesn't fail the test of this world?

Allah(swT) in Surah Taha, verses 123 after pardoning Adam(AS), ordered both Adam(AS) and Satan to leave the paradise and warned them that they are enemies of each other till End Times. Allah(swT) also said that He will send His Guidance for us through His

prophets which we should follow. If we do so we will be rewarded here and in the Hereafter. My fourth question to my readers:

Q4. Why are we following the footsteps of Satan (enemy of the progeny of Adam(AS)) and not our Lord's guidance (Quran) to succeed?

Allah(swT) in Surah Al-Aeraaf, verse 3, says: O' people follow what your Lord has bestowed on you (Quran), and don't shun His advice and follow other patrons, but very few take heed. My fifth question to my readers:

Q5. Can we reject our Lord's admonishing and still think we can pass the test of this world?

The Prophet(saw) in Bukhari, hadith 3445 said, he is the slave and messenger of Allah, and prohibited us from over exaggerating his status. Prophet(saw) is a slave of Allah, he cannot impose anything on Allah. My sixth question to my readers:

Q6. If Prophet(SAW) cannot impose his will on Allah(SWT) then can anyone else force Allah to submit to his desires?

In Surah Ambia, verse 34, Allah tells Prophet(SAW): He(SWT) never created immortals before him and he(SAW) too will die, and neither will disbelievers live forever. In Surah Zummer, verse 30, Allah tells Prophet(SAW): he(SAW) will die and so will everyone. My seventh question to the readers:

Q7. If prophets have died with the exception of Jesus(AS) (he will come back to the world for his mortal death), then how can we consider saints to be ever living?

In Surah Al-Muminoon, verses(23:84-88), Allah tells Prophet(SAW) to ask mushriks of Makkah, "Tell me, if you know whose is the earth and all who dwell in it"? They will surely say, "Allah". Say, "Then why do you not understand this"? Ask them, "To whom do the seven heavens and the Glorious Throne belong"? They will surely say, "To Allah". Say, "Then why do you not fear Him"? Say to them, "Tell me, if you know whose is the Sovereignty over everything, and who is that being who gives protection while none can give protection against Him"? They will surely reply, "This power belongs to Allah alone". Say, "How then are you so deluded"? The fact is that We have brought the Truth before them, and undoubtedly these people are liars. My eight question to the readers:

Q8. If our answers are the same as mentioned in the above verses, then we believe, Allah is in charge of running all affairs, and no one can give us protection from Him. Doesn't that infer that Allah has closed all doors on calling others besides Him?

In Surah Al-Maidah, verses(5:75-76), Allah says: The Messiah son of Marry was no more than a Messenger, many other messengers had already passed away before him. His mother was a righteous woman and they both ate food. Behold! How We make clear to them the signs leading to Reality (an entity in need of food cannot be provider or doer or sustainer), and again behold, how they are perverted. Say to them, "Do you worship instead of Allah that which has no power to either harm or benefit you? The fact is it is only Allah Who can hear everyone and knows everything. My ninth question to the readers:

Q9. Although prophets lived amongst their people ate food and died. They are best of creation and dwellers of Jannat-ul-Firdaus (highest level in Paradise); in spite of this, we cannot worship them. Then how can we worship those mortals whose destiny only Allah knows whether they are dwellers of Paradise or Hellfire, and about whom the Quran says they are dead, bankrupt and powerless?

May Allah give us the courage to accept the truth and refrain from being like Abu Jehal and chiefs of Makkah, who believed that Mohammed(SAW) was a true prophet of Allah, and still insisted they will never embrace Islam even if Allah stoned them to death! (Astaghfirullah)

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Who is Allah(swt)

Allah is the unique Arabic word for the one true God. He is the creator of everything, from atoms to galaxies, from viruses to whales, Seas to Trees, Seasons to nights and days. We cannot see Him in this world but dwellers of Paradise will see His face clearly (which is truly the Greatest Prize). He is free from time, space and matter. He is the only One Worthy of Worship with no rivals, equals or partners. There is no resemblance between Allah and His creations, and nothing shares His divine essence and attributes. Allah is without partner or equal in His Authority and Actions. He alone created and runs the universes and whatever is in them, without a second. He does not have any ancestors, nor does He have any descendants, and He neither has wife, partner, or offspring. He(swt) is The One who was when nothing existed, and will be when nothing will exist. He is The One who created the earth and the seven heavens for a predestined time with current laws of science. He controls the future, present and the past. The speed of light is 300000 KM/sec, and the light of the far off stars has not reached the earth in 13 billion years. Let us try to encompass (which we cannot) the greatness of our Lord. All galaxies, stars and suns are in the first Heaven. The Prophet(SAW) said, this earth is just like a ring in the Sahara desert compared to the first Heaven. The First Heaven is like a ring in the Sahara Desert to the second Heaven, and same applies to the 2^{nd} heaven in comparison to 3^{rd} Heaven, 3^{rd} to the fourth, and 4^{th} to the 5^{th} , and 5th to the 6th, and 6th to the 7th, and 7th to the Sidratul-Muntaha, and the Sidratul-Muntaha to the Throne, and what more Allah knows. The largest star discovered so far recently VY Canis-Majoris is 5 billion light years away and is one billion times the size of our sun, which is I million times the size of our earth. Where light with its speed has not reached the earth from farthest ends of the first heaven in 13 billion light years; Allah(SWT) is The One who raised His slave(SAW) from Makkah to Sidratul-Muntaha and back in fraction of a night. We cannot breach the laws of sciences; He(SWT) can breach them where, when and how He wished, because He(SWT) defined them. He(swt) will finish everything when The Hour comes. No animals, no humans, no devils, no heavens, no angels, nothing will exist anymore. That day our Lord will ask who ruled vesterday and

who rules today. He(SWT) will resurrect the Universes with new Laws for infinity with Paradise and Hellfire in them. One of Allah(SWT)'s attributes is that He is one to one with His creation and caters for their needs. Therefore, we should only invoke Allah(swt). Allah(swt) is the ultimate Lord who knows and sustains everything in these colossal Heavens. "Allah(swt) is the ever living Lord who runs the affairs of the universes, and neither sleep nor slumber befalls Him, and owns everything in the heavens and the earth. No one dare intercede in front of Him without His permission, and knows what happens to them before them and behind them. People cannot encompass anything of His knowledge except what he reveals. His throne extends over the heavens and the earth and feels no fatigue in guarding them, and is The Most High and The Most Supreme (2-255)". No foretoken bad or good can come onto us except what Allah(SWT) has destined for us. He is our Lord and the true believer will only rely on Him(SWT), and to Him is our return. O' Muslims, repent to the Most Merciful Allah: He loves us because He created us. There never was, there never is, and there never will be a match in the least to Him(SWT) in anything. Allah was, is and will always be the Greatest, the Ever Living, the First and the Last. He sent down His book of Guidance the Quran for us to read and follow. It is a book of signs not science, and yet all statements related to science in the Quran are extremely accurate. Dr. Keith L. Moore, E. Marshall Johnson, T.V.N. Persaud and others described the embryological reference in the Quran as extremely accurate and say it has to be Divine when considering the time of revelation. Alfred Kroner, Yushidi Kusan, Prof. Armstrong geoscientists say regarding Big Bang and the expansion of the universe in the Quran: now the modern scientific methods are in a position to prove what Muhammad(SAW) said 1400 years ago and it has given us a way for the future investigation of the universe. Tejatat Tejasen Prof. in Anatomy has said that he thinks this is the time to say La ilaha illallah Muhammad rasool Allah. Dr. Maurice Bucaille (Surgical clinic) said, "How could an illiterate man become the most important author in terms of literary merit (Quran) in the whole of Arabic literature"? Another author Michael Zwettler in his book published in 1978 gives evidences of the Quran being Divine. All are non-Muslims (SubhanAllah)! Pharaoh when he was drowning pleaded to Allah that he now believes. Allah(SWT) said, "now after seeing the angel of death, We(swt) will preserve your body for generations to come as a sign for people of understanding (10:92)". Pharaoh's body was discovered from the Red Sea in 1898 at a place called Jabalian. The body is approx. 3000 years old and it has been preserved without any mummification and removal of its vital organs, in spite of this, it is more persevered than the mummified bodies (SubhanAllah). All the sins committed by the creations, none is more heinous than the sin of polytheism. Allah has lots of attributes, ninety nine attributes are mentioned which include the Most Merciful, the Most Beneficent, and the Most powerful, and that there is no protection against Him except with Him. And this is the truth.

Of all the sins done by the creations none is greater than the act of polytheism (shirk). It is like telling a king that such and such persons are partners in your kingdom. What will happen? O' people, those who say the Quran has been altered, wakeup, it is Divine and its preservation is Divine. It was not altered, it cannot be altered, and it will never be altered. After its revelation, the Quran has been memorized by hundreds of millions of people over the period, and will be memorized for times to come. This is one of miracles of the Quran. (SubhanAllah)! Read it with understanding and seek His Guidance, He will guide us; He is The Rafig Al-Aala (Highest friend). He is Allah our Creator, the God of Ibrahim(AS), Musa(AS), Jesus(AS), Mohamed(SAW) and all the prophets (AS). He has chosen Islam as the way for us to follow. He is All Powerful, All Knowing and All Knowledgeable. He is always there to answer our prayers. So, relying upon Allah is the best and the only true way. Be a Muslim, surrender your will to His will, and love and fear Him the most. We should love and obey Allah more than our parents and those whom we hold dear. Allah may forgive sins that cover the earth and the skies, but has promised Hell for those who engage in polytheism (shirk) and die without repentance. O' Allah, we believe in Yee, and repent to Yee, and ask Yee for Thy Guidance and Thy forgiveness. O' The Loving One, be pleased with us and accept our shambolic rituals, and bestow us Thy Paradise. O' Allah. protect us from engaging in polytheism (shirk). Amin!

Who is Mohammed(SAW)

He(SAW) was by far the most remarkable man that ever set foot on this earth. He(saw) preached a religion, founded a state, built a nation, laid down a moral code, initiated numerous social and political reforms, and established a powerful and dynamic society that followed what Allah(SWT) revealed to him. He(SAW) was the blessed one whose coming was foretold in all the books revealed by Allah(swt). Before His prophet-hood, he was known as the most honest, just and trust worthy person in Makkah. The Prophet-Hood groomed him further. He(saw) was gentle, soft spoken, very generous, and extremely charitable, and he(SAW) would fulfill his promises to friends and foes alike. Allah(SWT) took him(SAW) from Makkah to Jerusalem, where heisawi led all the prophets in a prayer and became their leader. He was then taken to Sidratul-Muntaha, where he was in direct conversation with our Lord. Allah(SWT) asked the blessed Prophet(SAW) what has he brought for Him. The Prophet(SAW) replied, he has brought three things for Him.

- 1) التَّحْيَّاتُ لِلَّه: All his(saw) praises and remembrance are for no one else except for Allah(swt), not for any saints, nor for any peers, nor for angels, and not for what so ever is in the heavens or on the earth. He(saw) would remember Allah(swt) day and night and would repent to his Lord nearly hundred times a day. (SubhanAllah)
- 2) والقَلُوات: And all his(saw) religious rituals, bowing, prostrating etc., are for Allah(swt) and no one else, no saints, no peers, no angels, and not for what so ever is in the heavens or on the earth. He(saw) would pray long prayers at night, so much so that his blessed feet would swell.
- 3) داطیّبات: And all his(saw) good deeds, his charities, his zakats, his sadaqas, his offerings, his beseeches are for Allah(swt) and no one else. Not for any saints, or peers, or angels, or for what so ever is in the heavens or on the earth. He(saw) would give away everything he possessed just to please his Lord.

Mohammed(SAW) never invoked anyone, nor worshiped anyone, nor beseeched anyone besides Allah(SWT), and Allah(SWT) in return gave him three gifts.

- 1) السّلام عليك اتُّها النبيّ: Allah(swt) blessed the Prophet(saw) with everlasting peace and blessings.
- 2) ورحيةُ الله: Allah(swt) blessed the Prophet(saw) with His everlasting mercy.
- 3) (وبركاتُك: Allah(swt) blessed the Prophet(saw) with His everlasting blessings in all matters.

The Prophet(saw) being a mercy for all mankind, requested Allah(swt) to extend His promise for all His(swt) righteous believing slaves. O' Allah, send peace and blessings on Your and our beloved Mohammed(saw). On hearing this, the angels spontaneously said "We bear witness there is no God but Allah and Mohammed is His slave and messenger".

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The Prophet(SAW) was given the Hoze-e-Kausar, and lots of blessings here and in the Hereafter. He(SAW) was also given the stature of Mahmood i.e. God knows for how long a time span, humans and devils will stand naked in front of their Lord, it is then that the one whom all nations will request to request their Lord to start the accountability, will be Mohammed(SAW). He(SAW) never invoked anyone but Allah(swt), and never allowed anyone to do otherwise. We should follow the Prophet(SAW)'s way to please our Lord. What Prophet(SAW) said and received when he visited his Lord at Sidratul-Muntaha, we recite it in our prayers, and declare all what Prophet Mohammed(SAW) declared to his and our Lord, and in return Allah(SWT) declares all the blessings He promised to the Prophet(SAW) to be awarded to His righteous salves. Non-believers may try their utmost to defame our blessed Prophet(SAW), they can never do so. The Prophet(SAW)'s love is our living, and his love is worth our dying. Mr. Michael H. Hart in his list of hundred most influential persons in the entire history, placed Mohammed(SAW) at number one. Mohammed(SAW) was also declared as the greatest Law Giver by the Supreme Court of United States of America in 1935. These filths who think they can slander our beloved Prophet(SAW); they never could, they never have, and they never will be able to reduce his love and his high status in our hearts. It is like someone spits towards the moon, the filth will not blemish the moon but certainly, it will fill the face of the spatter with his own filth. A bowl used by our beloved Prophet(SAW) (may lots and lots of Allah's blessings be on him(SAW)) was sent from British Museum to Chechnya. It was given greater protocol than protocol given to heads of states. We Muslims with tears running down our faces envy the lucky ones who were able to drink from it, and touch the places where the blessed lips might have touched (SubhanAllah). Those filths who think they can reduce his(SAW) love in our hearts, are living in a fictional world. O' Allah, please send lots and lots of salutations on Your and our beloved Prophet Mohammed(SAW), and make us his staunch followers. O' Allah, let our love for our mohsin(SAW) increase more than our lives, and let not his love diminish from our hearts in the tiniest. Amin!

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Quran the Book of Guidance

Before I move on to the topic of my discussion, I would like to discuss a little bit about the Quran. In Tirmizee, hadith 292, the Prophet(SAW) said, "The superiority of the speech of Allah (Quran) compared to all other speeches is like the superiority of Allah over His creation." In another hadith in Bukhari and Muslim, hadith no 4981 and 152, the Prophet(SAW) said, "Every Prophet was given miracles because of which people believed, what I have been given is the Divine Inspiration which Allah has revealed to me. I hope my followers will outnumber the followers of all other Prophets on the Day of Resurrection." Further in Nisai, hadith 15, the Prophet(SAW) said. "The most accurate and truthful speech is the Book of Allah(SWT) and then my Sunnah". Finally in Abu Dawood, hadith 46031, the Prophet(SAW) said, "...Having doubt in the Quran is disbelieving...." I chose the above heading because in light of the above hadiths and other numerous hadiths, Quran is the book of Guidance. And it is this book which I will relate from for my chosen subject. The other reason I chose the above heading is to emphasize that we have strayed from the right path because we disconnected ourselves from the Quran, the book of guidance. One of the reason why we have distanced ourselves from the Quran is because we have been told by fraudster religious scholars that understanding the Quran is not easy, where else Allah(SWT) in Surah Qamar, verse 17, and other places in the Quran says: We have made this Quran easy for guidance, thus is there anyone who will accept the guidance. We should believe in what Allah(SWT) says, instead of following the religious scholars blindly. All my quotes are with references from the Quran and Hadiths of the Prophet Mohammed(SAW). We should check our religious scholars and their sayings with Allah(swt)'s touch stone the Quran and Sunnah (traditions) of the Prophet(SAW). If they are in compliance with the teachings of Allah and His messenger then we should give them the highest respect which they are entitled to. They are the rightly guided religious scholars. We should look up to them after the Prophet(SAW) and the Sahabas (companions). Rightly guided religious scholars are those who know Islam and live Islam. These gentlemen are from the Minhaj-un-Nabuwa. They will never lie, and will lead a simple life. They eat to live, not live to eat. May

Allah(swT) bless the rightly guided religious scholars with his mercy and award them Junnat-ul-Firdause (highest category in Paradise), and make them our teachers. Amin! Further in Surah Ad-Dukhan, verse 58, Allah says: O prophet, We have made this Book easy in your own tongue so that they may take counsel. Allah(swT) bestowed this book on the Prophet(sAW) in the mother tongue of Quresh, so that they may understand it and follow it. It is in Arabic language, and Arabs easily understood it. We have learnt English and other languages but when it comes to Arabic we come up with a lame excuse that we don't have time! May Allah forgive us? Amin!

Remember, Hellfire is the worst place to be in, and it will not be for days or years, but forever. May Allah(swt) protect us, our families and all Muslims from the Hellfire, Amin! Why such a stern punishment? The reason being polytheists are renegades and renegades deserve the maximum punishment. We also sentence renegades with extreme torture and harshest punishments in our societies. Where Allah(SWT)'s blessings have no bounds, similarly, His punishments have no limits. May Allah(SWT) protect us from committing shirk: Amin! Satan the enemy of the progeny of Adam(AS) in Surah Bani-Israel, verse 62-65, said to Allah: "Just consider this, was he worthy of this that You have exalted him above me? If You give me respite up to the Day of Resurrection, I will uproot the whole of his progeny; only a few of them will be able to save themselves from me", Allah replied, "Well, get away, Hell is your ample reward, and the reward of those who follow you. You may try to allure with your invitation whomsoever you can. Rally against them your horsemen and your footmen, set a partnership with them in their wealth and children, and entice them with your false promises. And Satan's promises are nothing but deception. Indeed you shall have no power over My servants". And your Lord suffices for you as a Guardian. Satan said to Allah(SWT) pointing towards Adam(AS) did he deserve to get exalted over him and requested Allah(SWT) to give him respite and delay his demise till End Times. It was granted to him because Allah(SWT) wanted to test the humans with Satan, just like Satan was tested with Adam(AS). Satan vowed to Allah(SWT) that he will lead the mankind astray except for the few whom He(swt) has guided. Allah(SWT) responded that He will fill the Hell with him and those who followed him. Allah(swT) allowed him to call whoever he wanted to his way, or allure them with his deceits and false promises. Satan was also told that he will have no authority over the humans and the devils i.e. he cannot force them into submission (thus making us accountable for our actions). Rejoice we human do not have to fear the Jinn kind, because Allah has bestowed on each human two angels to protect us. They cannot harm us. To enhance what I said, my questions to my readers: Have we seen a place that was destroyed by Jinn kind? No. Have we heard that a Jinn killed such and such person? No. Rather we hear that such and such fraudster killed a human in trying to rid him of Jinn. Satan achieves his goal by being patient and persuasive with his deceits. He slowly and steadily lures us humans away from the right path to become polytheists and to abnegate the Almighty altogether. May Allah(swt) make us from those whom Allah(swt) will guide? Amin!

In Surah Yunas, verses 57-58, Allah(swt) savs: O mankind, there has come to you the Admonition from your Lord, this is the remedy for the diseases of the hearts, and guidance and blessing for those who believe in it. O Prophet, say, "It is the bounty of Allah and His mercy that He has sent this. Let the people rejoice over it for it is better than what they amass." Allah has sent this book (Quran) to admonish us, and if we believe in it, it will cure the diseases of our hearts, and it will guide us to His mercy. We should be rejoicing the book of Allah(SWT) which He has sent for us, instead of trying to degrade it by saying it is not complete or it has been altered. It is complete and it cannot be altered because Allah(swt) has guaranteed it. When the diseased hearts don't accept the cure, it will never be cured and they will probably end up in the Hellfire. On the day of Arafa, Allah revealed that he has completed the Religion (way of living) for us. We Muslims used to celebrate its coming i.e. Eid Al-Adha. Unfortunately in Pakistan it is just another holiday with the exception of slaughtering animals. We celebrate Valentine Day, Bsant, Urse of peers etc. but not our two Eids. How sad!

In Surah Yunas, verses 99-101, Allah(swt) says: Had your Lord willed, all the dwellers of the earth would have believed in Him. And asks the Prophet(saw): Will you, then, force the people to become believers? No one can believe without Allah's permission, and

Allah's way is that He throws filth on those who do not use their commonsense. Say to them, "Make a keen observation of all that is in the heavens and the earth." And (the fact is that) the Signs and warnings are of no avail to those who would not believe. No one can force anyone to believe without His permission, and it is Allah's tradition that He only guides those who seek His guidance and use their common sense. Will we not take heed and ask for His guidance, ponder in the signs in the universe, around us and within us? O Allah, we seek Thy guidance, please guide us. Amin! Further in Surah Al-Momin, verse 56, Allah(swt) tells us: The fact is that the hearts of those who are disputing concerning the Revelations of Allah without any authority having come to them are filled with pride, but they shall never attain to their ambitions. So, seek Allah's refuge; He hears everything and sees everything. The people, who object to Quran without a proof, do it out of arrogance (mostly the religious and political leaders). This is why Allah(SWT) said that a person with arrogance will never smell the fragrance of Paradise and will enter the Hellfire. Because of arrogance one may think he is great, but he will never achieve the ambitions of the greatness, rather he will be degraded in the Hereafter. We should seek Allah(SWT)'s pardon for he is All Hearing. All Seeing and All Forgiving. Why such a stress on arrogance, it is because arrogance makes people think like Pharaoh, who declared he is god. It is arrogance that makes it easy for a person to harm his fellow humans. This is one of the major tools devised by the Satan to distract us servants from our Lord. It is the arrogance that makes people reject the Divine teachings of their Lord and become polytheist. Allah(swt) has ordained for us to study the Quran with understanding. To be a good lawyer, one has to study lots of books on Law to understand the law of the land. Similarly, to be a good Muslim, we have to study the Quran with understanding and follow its commandments in letter and spirit. Further in Surah Ambia, verse 17-18, Allah(swt) says: Had We meant to make it a play thing and nothing more than this. We would have done it by Ourselves. But We give falsehood a hard blow with the Truth, which breaks its head and falsehood vanishes away in no time; and there is woe for you because of the falsehoods you invent. Allah did not create the Universe just for fun sake (He is fee from doing useless things) but rather to bring out the truth and crush the

falsehood. This world is an examination hall to sieve out the good from the bad. Allah(swT) in another verse of the Quran says that He did not create the universe without a purpose, and the purpose is that we being His slaves should obey Him and worship Him alone. As the Quran is the last Revelation from Allah, the commandments in the Quran are for all times to come. We should seek guidance from Allah(swT) and study the Quran with understanding. For detailed explanation we should consult rightly guided religious scholars who are in compliance with the Quran and hadith of the Prophet(sAW).

In Surah Raad, verse 36-37, Allah(swt) tells the Prophet(saw): O Prophet! Those people whom We gave the Book before you, rejoice in the Book We have sent down to you, while there are others among the different sections who reject some of the things contained in this. Tell them plainly, "I have been commanded to worship Allah alone, and prohibited from setting up a partner with Him. Therefore, I invite you to Him and I myself turn to Him." It is with this instruction that We have sent this Command in Arabic to you. Now if you follow the desires and lusts of the people in spite of the knowledge you have received, there shall be none to defend you or to protect you against Allah. Allah is telling us that those people of the book who had the knowledge of their books i.e. Torah, Bible etc. are happy with the book bestowed on you(saw), because it contains the same message. Similarly, Allah(swt) ordered the Prophet(SAW) to surrender his will to the will of Allah(SWT), and told him(SAW) to tell us that he has been prohibited from associating deities besides Him(SWT). The Prophet(SAW) called us towards Allah alone, and he(saw) himself would call on Allah alone. Allah(SWT) bestowed Prophet(SAW) with the Quran as a manual for admonishing in Arabic language and warned the Prophet(SAW) that if he followed people's desires then he(SAW) will not find any helper or protector from Him(SWT)(2:120). Allah(SWT) is indirectly telling us that even if a prophet disobeyed Him, he would face harsh punishment. Even prophets have been warned not to call on anyone else except Allah(SWT). Christians and Jews were waiting for the last Prophet and his revelation and yet most of them rejected Mohammed(SAW) and the Quran, because the Quran obliterated their distorted beliefs. Some of our Muslim brothers have rejected it too and look for knowledge elsewhere, a knowledge some claim to have been passed on heart to heart without proof. A knowledge that is passed heart to heart will be distorted by miscreants and will be un-retrievable; Allah will never leave His message in such a way. Allah(SWT) in the Quran says that creating Universe is far greater job than creating humans. What Allah is trying to tell us is that He created this huge Universe and He alone takes care of the needs of everything in them, and it does not tire Him. My question to the readers: What baffles us humans that we start seeking help from mortals, who are very weak and neither have power or authority? It is Satan who induces arrogance in us, and out of arrogance/ignorance we start thinking we are right, and ignore all signs and instructions of Allah(swt). In Surah Al-Ankabout, verse 64-66, Allah(swt) says: And the life of this world is nothing but a sport and a past time! The home of real life is the Hereafter. If they knew! When they board the ship, they invoke Allah, making their faith pure for Him only; then, when He brings them safe to land, they start committing Shirk that they may show ingratitude to Him for safe deliverance and enjoy (the life of this world). Well, they will soon come to know. Allah is telling us that this life is a play thing and an illusion, the test is to come out of the illusion and prepare for the Hereafter. Further, Allah(SWT) says, when calamity befalls individuals they will call on Him(SWT) the All-Powerful with utmost sincerity for his mercy, and when He lifts the calamity, they show ingratitude and duplicity towards the All-Merciful and proclaim their gratitude for others. The above verses negate polytheism because when we face the real test, we turn to the Lord of the Universe. Allah. When Allah lifts the calamity. unfortunately due to lust and sickness of the hearts, the sick hearts revert to the old ways. Pharaoh was shown nine miracles of Allah, every time he would call Musa(AS) to ask his Lord to remove the calamity, he will believe, and as soon the calamity was removed he retracted from his promise. When it is said we have to make our faith pure for Allah(SWT), this can only be achieved if we follow the Quran and traditions of the Prophet(SAW).

Some people claim that Prophet Mohammed(saw) is all hearing. In Sunan-Abu Dawood, hadith 2042, The Prophet(saw) said, don't make your homes a graveyard (a house where prayers are not conducted is a graveyard), don't make my grave a place of festivity,

and we his followers should send salutation on him, it will be delivered to (not heard by) him where ever the sender is.

عن ابي هريرة رضى الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عنه لا تجعلوا بيوتكم قبورا ولا تجعلوا قبرى عيدا وصلوا على فان صلاتكم تبلغني حيث كنتم- سنن ابوداؤد، حديث 2042

If the Prophet(SAW) can't hear us, then how can the dead saints hear us? The all-hearing attribute is unique for Allah(SWT) only. Under the heading Waseela (approach, intermediary) the concept of associating Allah(SWT)'s attributes will be obliterated. We humans only have the capability to listen to one or maximum two persons at a time, how can these saints listen to all those who are calling them at a time? It is beyond human capability. If someone claims that they are not human, then they are degrading them; because Allah(SWT) said, the human race is His best creation, and he has subjugated all other creations for His pious humans. Secondly not even angels (creatures of light) can hear everyone at a time, and neither are they the knower of the unseen.

To extort money, the fraudster peers and religious scholars fool their bewildered followers with scandalous lies. They tell them if they follow them, they will take them and their families to paradise. Where else even Prophet(SAW) cannot take anyone to paradise without Allah(swt)'s permission. This is nothing but a lie and a big scam. In Surah Bani-Israel, verse 15, Allah(swt) says: Whosoever adopts the righteous way, his righteous conduct will be for his own good, and whosoever goes astray, his deviation shall bring its consequences on himself. No bearer will bear the burden of another. And We do not inflict punishment until We have sent a messenger (to make Truth distinct from falsehood). In the above verse Allah tells us that on the Day of Judgment everyone will carry their own load, and no one will carry someone else's load. Question arises, if the fraudsters cannot carry our load then who will carry it, and how will they take us to Paradise (rather to Hell)? Obviously, we ourselves will carry our load as per the verse (17:15). Allah(SWT) further says, He does not punish any nation until He has sent a messenger to teach them how to differentiate the truth from the falsehood (Quran & Sunnah). Prophet Mohammed(SAW) was the last messenger with the last revelation the Quran, which has been preserved by Allah(SWT) for the humanity till End Times, we should read it with understanding, and follow its instructions in letter and spirit. Certainly the Quran differentiates the truth from

the falsehood, and it is the book of guidance for all humanity till End Times.

Why do we call on these peers and fraudster religious scholars? It is mostly for sustenance, or when calamities befall us etc. Allah(SWT) in Surah Ankabout, verse 60, tells us: How many creatures are there that do not carry their provisions with them, Allah provides for them and for you too, He hears everything and knows everything. The above verse forces us to question ourselves, are these fraudsters our sustainer and sustainers of microbes, animals in the wild, insects, sea animals etc.? Obviously, no! Allah is our and their sustainer. If Allah is our sustainer and sustainer of everything that exists in the universe, wouldn't logic say that we should only invoke Allah(SWT), the All Hearing, the All Knowing, and the provider of everything?

As I wrote earlier, just like people of the books who were waiting for the last Prophet and the last Revelation, rejected him and rejected the Quran, similarly, some of our Muslim brothers have rejected the Quran and are looking for knowledge elsewhere. They claim it is a knowledge that has been passed on heart to heart since Prophet's time. This has been induced by the fraudster peers and religious scholars who claim they have the knowledge which has been passed over to them heart to heart, through Abu Bakr Siddig(RA) or Ali(RA). This is a fallacy. It is a concept introduced to fool people to extort money. Allah(swt) in the Quran asks for proof. I will try to explain the need for proof with an example, the sales tax on selling goods in Pakistan is 19%, if someone or a lawyer tells me the Sales Tax is only 5%, and if I start following him without documentary proof. What will the state do to me? Ponder on it. If I tell them so and so told me, the government will not accept the excuse and will ask for proof i.e. SRO no. which says S. Tax @5%. As there is none, and if I tell them I was not aware of it. They will tell me, "Ignorance of law is no excuse" and I would be penalize severely. Similarly, if we invoke others besides Allah without authentication from the Quran and hadith of the Prophet(SAW), can our excuse of being ignorant of Quran's Law be accepted on the Day of Judgment? No. Allah in Surah Tahrim, verse 7 says: "(At that time it will be said:) O disbelievers do not make excuses today. You are being recompensed only for what you were doing". We will be penalized for ignoring the Quran and the Hellfire would be our abode for eternity. Allah will never leave His final message with its harsh punishments to be distorted. If we accept the claim of the fraudsters that knowledge was transferred to them heart to heart, then question arises; why the religion taught and practiced by Abu Bakr Siddig(RA) or Ali(RA) keeps changing? Another example of their fraud; they have a frame which allegedly has a hair of the Prophet (SAW) in it, and they claim it keeps growing by itself. I have a question for these fraudsters, then why the genuine hairs of Mohammed(SAW) placed in Museums don't grow? They can only fool people who are looking for shortcuts. Allah(swt) in Surah Bagrah, verse 79-82, says: This writing of their hands will bring woe to them and what they gain thereby will lead to their ruin. They also say, "The fire of Hell is not going to touch us and even if it does at all, it will be only for a few days." Say, "Have you obtained a promise from Allah, which He would not break? Or, do you attribute to Allah things you do not know? Why will not the fire of Hell touch you? Whoever earns evil and becomes engrossed in sin shall be doomed to Hell and abide therein forever. Only those people, who believe and do good deeds, will be the dwellers of the Garden alive therein forever." Allah is warning the fraudsters what they write with their hands for petty gains, and attribute it to Allah will be in ruins and Hellfire will be their abode. These fraudsters tell their followers that the Hellfire will not touch them, and if it did it will only be for few days. Why will the hellfire not touch them? The above verses tell us, those who earn evil and are engrossed in sin are doomed and will be the dwellers of the Hellfire forever. Only those people who believed and did good deeds will be the dwellers of the Paradise. I have placed these verses here to stress that we do not authenticate the sayings of religious scholars with the Quran and the Sunnah of the Prophet(SAW). These fraudsters take advantage of our shortcomings and get away with their concocted sayings that contradict the Quran. We should remember that the touch stone of our theology is the Quran, and its explanations are the traditions of our beloved Prophet(SAW). Any knowledge that contradicts the Quran is distortion, concoction, and it should be rejected.

These fraudster saints have another false distinction i.e. after they die their children take over the business. Well it is a business without investment but with mastery in deception. In Surah Baqrah, verse 124, Allah says: Recall to mind that when his Lord

put Ibrahim to test in certain things and he fulfilled all of them, He said, "I am going to make you the leader of mankind." Ibrahim humbly asked, "Does this promise apply to my descendants also?" He replied, "My promise does not apply to the transgressors". Although, Allah(SWT) chose Ibrahim(AS) as His friend (Khalil) and told him that he will make him the leader of the human race. Ibrahim (AS) humbly inquired if this promise is also for his progeny. Allah(SWT) said, His promise does not apply to transgressors. Look at the character of these so called peers/saints, mostly they are in collision with the teachings of the Quran and sunnah of the Prophet(saw). If the sons of Ibrahim(as) who are not on the right path cannot become prophets, then how can the unqualified sons of peers become peer. They have made their Gaddi an inheritance, this not an Islamic concept. Further in Surah Bagrah, verse 130-131, Allah(swt) tells us: Now, who else can have repugnance to the way of Ibrahim but the one who has debased himself with irrationality and ignorance? Ibrahim was the man whom We chose for Our service in this world, and in the Next world he shall be among the righteous. When his Lord said to him, "Surrender," he promptly responded, "I have surrendered to the Lord of the Universe (and become a Muslim)." Ibrahim(AS) was monotheist, he submitted his will to the will of the Lord of the universe. In this verse Allah is saying who can dislike the way of Ibrahim (AS) (monotheism), except those who are arrogant or ignorant or fools. The Quran is telling us to follow the way of Ibrahim(AS) who had surrendered his will to the will of Allah(swt). The will of Allah(swt) for us is to follow the Quran. Further to obliterate polytheism, in Surah Zukhruf, verse 43-45, Allah(swt) tells the Prophet(saw) to: hold fast to the Book that has been revealed to him, he is surely on the straight Way. The fact is that this Book is a great honor for you and your people, and soon you shall be called to account for it. You may ask all other Messengers whom We sent before you if We ever had appointed any other deities to be worshipped besides the Merciful God. All the prophets that came after Ibrahim (AS) are from his progeny, and they all followed the Ibrahimic way. These verses tell us that all the prophets came with the same message of monotheism "to worship and obey one God". The Quran being the last Revelation, it is the complete way of life acceptable to Allah till End Times. It is a great honor for the Prophet(SAW) and us, his followers, at the same time we will be held accountable for not following it on the Day of Judgment. It is mostly the political and religious leaders who misguide us by inventing laws which are false and will always remain false. It is mostly done to extort money from the bewildered fools, or to invent tools for suppression (followers are not equal etc., make laws to beat their apostles). Here again my stress is on reading the Quran with understanding, and following the commandments. It will save us from being led astray. Allah(swt), in Surah Maida, verse 3, tells us: To day I have perfected your religion for you, and completed My blessing on you, and approved Islam as the way of life for you. As Allah has completed the religion for us, the door for all types of innovations in religion (bidaas), and any other religious knowledge besides Quran have been closed. This verse in the Quran negates all other ways invented by the dubious ones. Further in Surah Nisa, verse 70. Allah(swt) puts the final nail in the coffin and tells us: This (Quran) is the real bounty which comes from Allah, and Allah's knowledge suffices to know the reality. The knowledge and the commandments in the Quran are enough to guide us (its elaborations are the hadiths) and it should suffice us. Subhan-Allah! Finally for those who say that it has been altered, or there are chapters missing, Allah obliterates it in Surah al-Hijr, verse 14, where Allah(swt) says: As regards this admonition, it is We who have sent it down, and We Our self shall preserve it. This verse in the Quran obliterates the concept that the Quran has been changed. This concept has been put forward by a sect that says that the true Quran will come later. They dare not produce it for it would have been caught with all its fallacies and contradictions to be discarded. Those who reject the Quran are in reality rejecting Allah. A god, who cannot keep his promise, is not god. This is denying the attributes of Allah(swr). The Quran stands out with challenge to show discrepancies in it, or if it is in collision with proven scientific laws. The Quran is a Book of signs and not science, and yet whatever the Quran has stated about science has been verified scientifically to be extremely accurate and true. Science is a tool to increase faith in one true God. That is why Allah(SWT) in other verses asks us, why do we not ponder in the Universe, our world, and ourselves, because this will certainly lead us to the truth, confirming the existence of Allah(SWT). Still there will be people who would say that the Quran is not complete. In Surah Momin, verse 4, Allah(swt) tells us: None dispute about the Revelations of Allah but those who have disbelieved, so let not their strutting about in the lands deceive you. This verse is telling us that those who say that the Quran is not for these times, or say it is incomplete, or has been changed, they are liars and they have disbelieved. There boasting and bragging should not confuse us and lead us away from the true religion of Islam.

Let us look at what the Quran says about the miracles performed by the prophets. In Surah Al-Momin, Verse 78, Allah(swt) tells the Prophet(saw): O Prophet, We have sent many a Messenger before you. Of them there are some whose stories We have related to you, and of other We have not related. Yet it was not in the power of any Messenger to have himself brought a Sign, without Allah's leave. Then, when Allah's Command came, the judgment was passed with justice, and the wrongdoers then incurred loss. In this verse Allah tells us that the miracles performed by all the messengers were with His permission, and they could do nothing on their own. If the prophets could not perform miracles on their own, then how can anyone else? Think, Muslims! If Allah is behind all the miracles performed by prophets and the true aulias, then doesn't logic say that we should only call on Allah in times of need? To enhance this, in Surah Al-Momin, verses 61-63, Allah(swτ) says: It is Allah Who made the night for you to rest in it, and made the day bright. The fact is that Allah is highly Bounteous to the people, yet most people are not thankful. The same Allah (Who has done all this for you) is your Lord, the Creator of everything. There is no god but He. Whence then are you being deluded? Likewise were all those people deluded, who denied the Revelations of Allah. In these verses Allah(swt) tells us it is His grace that He made the night for us to rest and the day with light for us to seek sustenance. Allah(SWT) further tell us, those people who reject His verses are the one who have wavered from Islam. Whosoever really thinks Allah is the sole creator of the earth and the heavens, and the Quran is His book of guidance, he will never disobey or dispute His commandments (Quran). We have read the verse in which Allah(SWT) guarantees that the Quran is preserved. When Allah has guaranteed its preservation, then it will remain preserved till End Times. Allah(SWT) never breaks His promise, and there is nothing that can make Him do so. O Muslims what is confusing us about the Almighty? Go back and read again the chapter "Who is Allah(SWT)" so that our hearts are filled with his prominence. Further in verses 13-14, of Surah Al-Momin, Allah(swt) tell us: It is He Who shows us His Signs and sends down for us sustenance from heaven. but only those learn lessons (from the observation of these Signs) who turn to Allah again and again. (Therefore, O you who turn to Him) "Invoke Allah alone, making your religion sincerely His, although the disbelievers may dislike your conduct". In these verses Allah is telling us that He shows us His signs and He bestows us with sustenance from the heaven so that we may take heed and invoke no one else besides Him(swt). O Muslims, even if disbelievers dislike it, we should make our religion exclusively pure for Allah alone.

In Surah Momin, verses 18-20, Allah(swt) tells the Prophet(saw): O Prophet, warn them of the Day that has approached near, when the hearts will leap up to the throats and the people will be standing mute, grief-stricken; the wrongdoers will neither have any kind friend, nor any intercessor who may be listened to. Allah is aware of the treachery of the eyes, and even of the secrets that the breasts keep hidden, and Allah shall judge with full justice. As for those whom (the polytheists) invoke instead of Allah, they shall iudge nothing. Indeed, Allah alone is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing. In the above verses Allah is telling Prophet(SAW) to warn people about the Dooms Day which is drawing nearer by the day, the horror of which will sink hearts with fear, that Day the perpetrators will have no friends, intermediaries, intercessors, nor their false deities to save them from the wrath of Allah(SWT) (it abnegates, peer, aulias, imams etc.). Allah(swt) is All Seeing, All Hearing, He knows what is in their hearts, what is hidden in the past, present and future. He will pronounce His verdict with justice. O' Allah, Thy Mercy far exceed our sins, we seek Thy mercy and

forgiveness and not compensation on our deeds. Amin!

In Surah Al-Momin, verses 82-85, Allah(swt) asks the people who are in doubt about Him: Well, have they not traveled in the earth that they could see the fate of those who have gone before them? They were more in number and stronger in might, and have left behind greater traces of their power in the land; yet what they earned did not avail them anything. When their messengers came to them with clear Signs, they remained stuck to the knowledge that they already had, and then were encompassed by the same thing that they mocked. When they saw Our scourge, they cried out, "We now believe in Allah, the One, and we reject all those gods whom we used to associate with Him." But after having seen Our scourge, their belief could be of no avail to them, because the same has been the standing law of Allah to deal with His servants in the past, and then the disbelievers only incurred loss. In these verses Allah is warning us that nations who were stronger than the Arabs, and were greater in numbers were destroyed by Allah(SWT). their ruins remain scattered around the globe as a sign for us to take heed. The wealth they had accumulated was of no use to them, because when their prophet came to them with the truth, they rejected the truth and kept their ways. After seeing the wrath of Allah(SWT) the wrong doers will take heed, believe in Allah(SWT) and reject their old ways. Regretfully, after seeing the wrath of Allah(swt), believing does not benefit anyone because that is Allah(swt)'s specified way. O Muslims have the urge for the truth, prostrate to Allah and ask for His guidance, he will guide us. Allah(swt) in Surah As-Sajdah, verse 22, asks: And who could be more wicked than the one who is admonished by the Signs of his Lord and he spurns them? We shall certainly take vengeance on such criminals. In this verse Allah is saying that none can be more transgressed than the person who is called towards the verses of the Quran and he rejects them. There are lots of verses condemning people who rejected the verses of Quran. The reason why I am emphasizing on this is because some of our Ahlai Sunnah (brelvi) brothers say that the Quran is not complete or there are other sources of knowledge. This is not an Islamic concept, it is negating Allah(swt)'s attributes. Allah(swt) said that He will preserve the Quran till End Times. It is preserved, and it will remain preserved till End Times. O Muslims don't be fooled by the miscreants.

Allah(SWT) emphasizes on a simple logic and tells us in Surah Al-Momin, verses 57-59, that: Surely the creation of the heavens and the earth is a greater thing than the creation of man, but most people do not know. And the blind and the seeing cannot be equal, nor are the believing and righteous men equal to the wicked, but you people understand only a little. The Hour of Resurrection is sure to come; there is no doubt about it, but most people do not believe. We humans are infinitely small compared to the universe. Creating the Universe required enormous effort compared to creating infinitely small frail humans, yet most of us do not use our common sense and turn a blind eye to the human capability, and start associating Allah's attributes to them, although we agree a blind man and a man with vision cannot be equal, a pious person cannot equal a transgressor. Similarly we Muslims believe on the Day of Resurrection, and yet we are unmindful of it. If we look in our daily lives where we are sure of accountability, we tend to follow the rules. Similarly, if we really believe in Quran, then we will follow it too. Further in Surah Al-Momin, verses 69-72, Allah(swr) asks us: Have you seen how those who dispute concerning Allah's Revelations are being turned about? Those who deny this Book and those Books which We sent with Our Messengers, shall soon know when, with fetters round their necks and chains, they shall be dragged towards boiling water and then cast into the fire of Hell. These verses tell us that people who dispute in Allah's Revelations and reject His Books are astray. They will have collars and fetters put around their necks and pulled through the boiling water and cast into the Hellfire. O' Allah, forgive us for we have certainly wronged ourselves. Amin! Allah(SWT) in Surah Al-Inam, verses 50-51, tells Prophet(SAW) to say to us: "I do not claim that I possess the treasures of Allah, nor that I know the "unseen", nor do I say that I am an angel. I only follow the Revelation that is sent down to me." Then ask them, "Can the blind man and the seeing man be alike? Do you not consider this?" And, O Muhammad, admonish with this (knowledge based on Revelation) those, who fear that one Day they shall be brought before their Lord in such a state that they will find none other than Allah (with competent powers) as protector or intercessor: it may be that (by this admonition) they adopt the God-fearing attitude. In these verses Allah tells the Prophet(saw) to admonish people with verses of the Quran, and to tell us that he(SAW) has no powers to show miracles, nor does he know the unseen, nor is he noor (angel). Those who have rejected the Quran, associate Allah(SWT)'s attributes to every tom dick and harry. The purpose of Quran is not to force people to believe; rather it is to admonish those who are seeking guidance. O' Allah, make us from the seekers of guidance and guide us. Allah(swt) in Surah Inam, verses 58-59, tells Prophet(saw) to say: O' Prophet say, "Had I the power to hasten that which you are demanding, the dispute between you and me would have been settled long before this, but Allah knows best how to deal with the evil-doers. He alone has the keys of the "unseen", of which none has the knowledge but He. He knows all that is in the land and in the sea; there is not a leaf that falls from a tree but He knows about it; there is not a grain in the darkest bowels of the earth of which He is not aware; everything fresh and dry has been recorded in an open Book. In these verses Allah(SWT) is telling us, had He empowered even Prophet(SAW) (who was sent as a mercy for humanity), he(SAW) would have long settled the matter, i.e. perpetrators would have been punished/destroyed. It is Allah's mercy which exceeds His anger, which is why He keeps giving the wrong doers more time. The other important thing these verses tell us is that the only one who is the knower of the unseen is Allah(SWT). Where else we have assumed every Tom, Dick and Harry to be the knower of the unseen. Finally, in Surah Hud, verses 1-3, Allah says: Alif Lam Ra. It is an Edict, whose contents have been made firm and issued in detail by the All-Wise and All-Aware. It is that you should worship none but Allah. I am indeed a Warner and also a bearer of good news from Him to you, and you should ask forgiveness of your Lord and turn to Him, He will provide you with good provisions of life till an appointed term. And He will bestow His favors on everyone who deserves His favor. But if you turn away, I am afraid you shall meet with the torment of a dreadful Day. From the All Aware, the All Wise, Quran with its detailed and firm contents, is an Act, a Decree, a commandment and an admonishing for us to follow, while Prophet(SAW) is just a warner and giver of glad tidings. We should only call on Allah(SWT) alone and ask for His forgiveness. If we do so, He(SWT) will bestow us with His favors, and if we turn away, then a dreadful torment awaits us. O' Allah, make us turn towards Yee, and repent to Yee and bless us with Thy mercy in this world and in the Hereafter. Amin!

We can summarize from the above verses as follows.

- 1. Polytheism is the most heinous crime.
- 2. Satan was awarded life till End Times to test us.
- 3. We should always ask for proof from the Quran & the Hadith.
- 4. Universe was created for worship of Allah(SWT) alone.
- 5. Even if a Prophet disobeyed, he too will be punished.
- 6. Real life is in the Hereafter, this life is just a test.
- 7. Distorting the truth (Quran) will lead to Hellfire.
- 8. Allah is the sole provider, so seek provision of Him.
- 9. Piety is not heredity.
- 10. This Quran is virtues to us; we should surrender our will to the will of Allah(SWT).
- 11. The Quran has been preserved by Allah(SWT).
- 12. All authorities and powers are with Allah(SWT) alone.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Introduction to Polytheism (shirk)

What is polytheism (shirk)

Polytheism is associating partners with Allah(swt), or associating his attributes to someone else, or saying Islam is obsolete for current times (implying God forbid, He is out of touch, we humans know better), or invoking someone besides Allah(swt), like saints, Imams, peers etc. Unfortunately in our country invoking others besides Allah type of shirk is practiced widely due to ignorance or arrogance. I decided to write about this type of polytheistic believes in order to refute it with verses from the Quran and hadiths of the Prophet(SAW). I pray to Allah(SWT) that those engulfed in the ploy of Satan will come out of it with His mercy, and at the same time it may be a source of restitution for me on the Day of Judgment. Amin! Insha-Allah! As polytheism is the most heinous crime in the eyes of Allah(swt). He has mentioned shirk minimum 31 times in the Quran to lay emphasis on it. Allah(SWT) in Surah Nisaa, verse (4:48), says: Shirk is the only sin that Allah(SWT) does not forgive, and He forgives, whomsoever He pleases sins other than this; for whosoever associates any other partner with Allah, does indeed forges a big lie and commits the most inexcusable sin. Further in Surah Bani-Israel verse (17:23), Allah(SWT) says: Your Lord has enjoined the following, "You should not worship anyone but Him. Treat your parents with great consideration: if either or both of them live with you in their old age, do not say even "fie" to them; nor rebuke them, but speak kind words to them". These verses indicate Allah has ordained for us humans not to invoke anyone besides Him, and yet this is the most common shirk practiced by people calling themselves monotheist. This is the most inexcusable sin in the sight of Allah(swT). It is because we associate His attributes falsely to someone and then start invoking them. Mostly the attributes of Allah(SWT) are falsely attributed to the (true/false) saints by the religious leaders, who take advantage of the sentiments of innocent Muslims to extort money. My main topic on polytheism will be mainly based on refuting this type of shirk with verses from the Quran and authentic hadiths of the Prophet(SAW). Although the Quran is full of verses negating this type of shirk; I have included only few verses in my book. I hope my

book will encourage the reader to read the Quran with understanding, and follow its teachings. Amin!

The Quran mentions the story of Hazrat Lugman admonishing his son regarding shirk. It is mentioned in Surah Lugman, verse (31:13), where Allah says: Remember the time when Lugman was admonishing his son, saying, "My son, join not another as an associate with God; the truth is that joining associates (with God) is a grave iniquity". This verse is indicating that polytheism is the biggest blasphemy and most inexcusable sin, we should stay away from it and never invoke anyone besides Allah. In my opinion Allah(SWT) mentions this in Quran to lay emphasis on the severity of this inexcusable crime of invoking others besides Allah(swt), so that we may refrain from it. All the Prophets and true saints when they were alive, they always stressed on their followers to only invoke Allah(SWT). It is the later generations that were fooled by the fraudster religious scholars and the so called peers etc. in believing that saints are ever living, and that they have extra ordinary powers. Allah negates their claim in Surah Al-Nahl, verses (16:20-21), by saying: And the other beings, whom the people invoke instead of Allah, created nothing; nay, they are themseves created. They are dead, not living, and they do not even know when they shall again be raised to life. Futher in Surah Fatir, verses (35:19-23), Allah says to the Prophet(SAW): The blind and seeing are not alike, nor are the darkness and light alike, nor are cool shade and the heat of the sun same, nor the living and the dead are alike. Allah causes whomever He wills, to hear, but O Prophet you cannot make those who are buried in the graves to hear you. You are only a warner. Allah savs those whom you invoke are dead not alive. calling to the dead is like calling to the water to come in our mouth by itself, it will never happen. Our invoking them is fruitless effort. In the above verses of Surah Fatir, Allah tells Prophet(SAW) that he cannot make the dead hear him, while He(SWT) can. If the Prophet (SAW) cannot make the dead hear him, how can we? It is due to lust, arrogance and ignorance that this type of shirk makes deep roots in the society, which results in abnegating the loving Lord. This will become evident as we proceed. In Surah Al-Inam, verses (6:151), Allah(SWT) orders Prophet(SAW) to tell the people "Come, I will recite what limits your Lord has set for you." (He has enjoined) That you should not set up anything as a partner with Him, and you should

treat your parents kindly, and you should not kill your children for fear of poverty, for We provide sustenance for you and will provide sustenance for them also, and you should not go near indecent things whether they be open or hidden, and you should not kill any living being whom Allah has forbidden to kill except by right. These are the things which He has enjoined on you; it may be that you use your common sense". If we use our common sense we can refrain from shirk and invoking others besides Allah. May Allah(SWT) grant us the understanding! Amin! Similarly, in Surah Al-Inam verses(6:161-162) Allah(swt) says, O Muhammad, say, "As for me, my Lord has most certainly guided me on the Straight Way, the ever True Faith, Ibrahim(As)'s Way, which he had adopted exclusively and whole-heartedly and he was not mushrik (polytheist)." And declare, "My Salah and my rites of worship and my life and my death are all for Allah, the Lord of the universe, Who has no partner with Him. This is what I have been enjoined, and I am the first to surrender to Him." Prophet(saw) was not a polytheist, he was fully focused on his Lord's way, because his(SAW) prayers, his rituals, his worship, his living and dying was for the Lord of the Worlds, who has no partners, Prophet(saw) had surrendered his(saw) will to the will of Allah(swt). Now the six million dollar guestion; if our rituals and our worship are solely for the Lord of the Worlds, then it leaves no room for us to worship and do rituals for anyone else besides Allah(SWT)? The Prophet(SAW) knew Allah(SWT) does not like arrogance. In a hadith it is narrated that an arrogant person will not enter Paradise. That is why the Prophet (SAW) would get angry if his companions would stand up for him in respect. Subhan-Allah! On the other hand these fraudsters are very touchy about their false status; their followers cannot sit with them and have to stand up in respect to greet them. Recently, TV showed an incident in which a peer bashed his follower because he crossed his way. Inalillah! Further, in Surah Raad, verse 6, Allah(swt) says, They demand from you the hastening of evil rather than good, though indeed there have been instances of exemplary punishments before them (of the wrath of Allah on the people who adopted the same attitude). The Fact is that your Lord shows forbearance to the people despite their transgressions, and it is also the fact that your Lord is stern in retribution. Lots of exemplary instances have been mentioned in the Quran, where the criminal nations (who invoked others besides Allah) were destroyed by Allah(SWT). Yet most people hurry for bad virtues (invoking others) instead of good virtues (submitting their will to the will of Allah(SWT)). Although, Allah(SWT) the most Merciful turns a blind eye to our sins, but His punishment will be extremely severe for those who have not repented. May Allah forgive us, and all His believing servants, Amin! Even after seeing the archeological remains (lying all around the globe) of the corrupt polytheist nations, most people who are engrossed in polytheism do not turn back to Allah(SWT). The reason being, they never really tried to understand the attributes of their Lord. This is why Allah says, "They are like cattle, nay, even worse than cattle, because they don't use their common sense".

Just like it is almost impossible to detect a black ant on a black rock in a dark night, similarly there are many types of shirk which we are ignorant of, that is why Prophet Mohammed(SWT) used to supplicate to Allah(SWT) the following supplication, narrated in Musnad Ahmad, hadith 403/4, which we should remember and supplicate frequently. In this supplication we ask Allah(SWT)'s refuge from being polytheist knowingly, and seek His pardon from shirk, which we are unaware of.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ اعْوُذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْيِكَ بِكَ وَانَا اعْلَمُ وَاسْتَغْفِي كَ لِمَا لا اعْدَمُ مسند احمد 403/4

Later in the topic we will read about the severe punishments for Minor Shirk. If there is such a severe punishment for Minor Shirk, we cannot imagine what punishment is stored for those who indulge in Major Shirk. May Allah(SWT) protect us from all types of polytheistic believes, both minor and major. Amin! To consolidate what we have read. Allah in Surah Saidah, verse 22, warns us and says: And who could be more wicked, than the one who is admonished by the Signs of his Lord and he spurns them? We shall certainly take vengeance on such criminals. Allah(swt) is saving that if we don't take heed from the signs in the Quran and in the horizon, we will face His(SWT) retribution for the disobedience. Remember He is the Lord and Creator of the universe. "O' Allah, we seek Thy guidance, and refuge from all types of shirk and transgressions". Amin! Before proceeding forward I would like to quote an historic incident and pose an example to my readers. Yusuf(AS) was distributing grain amongst the people, he noticed that a young man came to collect his share third time. Yusuf(AS) said to him that he has come to collect his hares the third time, he has to provide grain to everyone. The young man said if you knew who he was he would honor him. Yusuf(AS) said then introduce yourself. The young man said he is that boy who vouched for him when they slandered him, by saving you are free (pure) of such sin. Yusuf(As) was very pleased, he made him sit next to him on the throne. Jibril(AS) arrived with a message from Allah(SWT) and said that Allah says just like you are pleased with the person who vouched for you, similarly Allah is even more pleased with the person who vouches that Allah is free from partners and short comings. To explain it, let us consider an example, suppose we go in a king's court and announce to the king that such and such is partner in your kingdom. Think, what will he do to us? Similarly, Allah has said that he will not forgive polytheism. So, we should be fearful of Allah, O Allah, we declare there is no partner with You, and seek Your refuge from the footsteps of accursed Satan. O Allah, forgive our past and future sins. The word polytheism does not encompass the Arabic word shirk; therefore I will mostly use the word shirk in my book. Shirk can be divided into two major categories, Minor Shirk and Major Shirk.

Minor Shirk (Hypocrisy)

All religious rituals that are done to impress people are considered Minor Shirk. It does not throw us out of the fold of Islam but rather makes us a big sinner. For example, when we are praying alone, our pray postures are different to those when we are praying in front of others, i.e. our efforts are more on impressing people then pleasing our Creator. This is considered as Minor Shirk. This happens when the attributes of Allah(swt) (All Hearing, All Seeing and All Powerful) have not embedded in our hearts. In Majamma kabeer Al-Tabrani, vol.7, hadith 7139, page 281, Shadad bin Aws relates from Prophet(SAW), who said, whosoever prayed to show people, committed shirk, whosoever fasted to show people, committed shirk, and whosoever gave charity to show people, committed shirk. That is performing acts of worships (prayers, fasting and charity) to impress people is hypocrisy, and hypocrisy is shirk. We should perform our duties with sincerity solely for the sake of Allah, while fearing Him(SWT) and lovingHim(SWT). To enhance our beliefs we should ponder in the universe. It will give us the understanding to really appreciate the knowledge and wisdom of Allah(SWT).

عَنْ شَدَّادٍ بْنِ أَوْسٍ، قَالَ : سَبِعْتُ رَسُولَ لللهِ يَقُولُ: مَنْ صَلَّى يَرَاقَ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ صَامَر يَرَاءِ يُ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ تَصَدَّقَ يِرَاقَ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ صَامَر يَرَاءِ يُ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ تَصَدَّقَ يِرَاقَ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ صَامَر يَرَاءِ يُ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ تَصَدَّقَ يِرَاقَ فَقَدُ اَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ

In a hadith No. 3086 in Sunan Nisai. Abu Huraira narrates that he heard the Prophet(SAW) say that on the Day of Judgment three people will be brought forward because of their riva (hypocrisy) from the believers for judgment. First one to be brought forward will be a martyr; he will be shown Allah's blessings which he will acknowledge. Then Allah(SWT) will ask him what he did in the world. The martyr will reply that he fought for the sake of His religion and was martyred. Allah(SWT) will tell him, you are lying; you fought so that the people will say you are a brave man. People have told you so in the world; therefore you have no share here. It will be ordered that he be pulled by his face down and thrown in the Hellfire. The second person to be brought forward will be a religious scholar, who learned theology and passed on the knowledge to others; he too will be shown Allah's blessings which he will acknowledge. Allah(SWT) will ask him what he did in the world. He will say he acquired the knowledge of the Quran and passed it on to others for His sake. Allah(SWT) will tell him, you are lying; you acquired the knowledge so that the people will say you are very knowledgeable person. People have told you so in the world; therefore you have no share here. It will be ordered that he be pulled by his face down and thrown in the Hellfire. Third person to be brought forward will be a wealthy charitable person; he will be shown Allah's blessings which he will acknowledge. Allah(SWT) will also ask him what he did in the world. The charitable person will say that he spent the money in such and such way, just for His sake. Allah(SWT) will tell him, you are lying; you gave charity so that the people will say that you are a charitable person. People have told you so in the world; therefore you have no share here. It will be ordered that he too be pulled by his face down and thrown in the Hellfire. This is the punishment for Minor Shirk. What punishment is stored for Major Shirk is beyond our imagination. May Allah(SWT) protects' us from being hypocrite and take us in his refuge from the footsteps of the accursed Satan? O' Allah, we are failing miserably, guide us out of this quick sand with Thy mercy, we repent to Yee, so please forgive us. Amin!

عن إبي هريرة فقال له قائل من اهل الشام ايها الشيخ حدثنى حديثا سبعتَه من رسول الله قال نعم سبعتُ رسول الله قال يقول اول الناس يقضى لهم يوم القيامة ثلاثة رجل استشهد فاتى به فعرّفه نعمه فعرفها قال فها عبلت فيها قال قاتلتُ فيك حتى استشهدتُ قال كذبتَ ولكنّك قاتلتَ ليقال فلان جريعُ فقد قيل ثم امر به فسحب على وجهه حتى التى في النار ورجل تعلم العلم وعلّهه وقرأ القران فاتى به فعرفه نعمه فعرفه قال فها عبلتَ فيها قال تعلّم العلم وعلّه وقرأ القران فاتى به فعرفه نعمه فعرفه قال فها عبلتَ فيها قال تعلّم أمر وعلّمتُه وقرأتُ فيك القران قال كذبتَ ول كنّك تعلمتَ العلم ليقال عالم وقرأتُ القران ليقال قاريعُ فقد قيل ثم امر به فسحب على وجهه حتى التى في النار ورجل وسّع الله عليه واعطالا من اصناف المال كله فاتى به فعرّفه نعمه فعرّفها فقال ما عبلتَ فيها قال ما عبلتَ فيها قال ما عبلتَ فيها قال ما تركت من سبيل تحب قال ابوعبد الرحلن ولم افهم تحب كها اردتُ ان ينفق فيها لا انفقتُ فيها لك قال كذبتَ ول كن ليقال انه جواد فقد قيل ثم امر به فسحب على وجهه فالتى في النار - سنن النسائى،

It is said that one day Umar Bin Khattab(RA) entered Masjide-Nabwi, where he saw Muaaz bin Jabal(RA) crying near the Prophet(SAW)'s grave. Hazrat Umar enquired, what made him cry. Muaaz said that he heard something from Prophet(SAW) and that is making him cry. He told Umar Bin Khattab that the Prophet(SAW) said, slightest riya (hypocrisy) is Shirk. The companions used to fear Allah to the extent that they would start crying on such petty things. They were the companions of our beloved Nabi(SAW), who said whoever loves his companions, he will love them, and whoever hates them, he will hate them. If waseela (intermediary) was there then they had the best intermediary (Prophet(SAW)), they did not have to cry out of fear of Allah. They would only call on Allah(SWT) because that is what our beloved Prophet(SAW) had taught them i.e. no intermediary and no intersession without Allah's permission.

عَنُ عُمَرَ بُنِ الْخَطَّابُّ اَنَّهُ خَرَجَ يُومًا إلى مَسْجِدِ رَسُولِ الله، فَوَجَدَ مُعَاذَ بُنَ جَبَلٍ قَاعِدًا عِنْدَ قَبْرِ النَّبِيِّ يَبُكِي، فَقَالَ مَا يَبُكِيكَ وَ الْخَطَابُ اللهِ عَنْدَ عَنْ مَسْجِدِ رَسُولِ اللهُ يَقُولُ إِنَّ يَسِيرَ الرِّياءِ شِرُكُ رمشكوة،

Major Shirk (Polytheism)

Major Shirk is disbelief which throws us out of the fold of Islam. Unless we repents to the all forgiving Allah(SWT) in this life, most likely the Hellfire will be our abode. Some of the various types of Major Shirk are:

1. Saying that Islam is not applicable for these times. This implies (we seek His refuge) that Allah(SWT) is incapable of catering for the future, and that humans know better. This is negating Allah(SWT)'s attributes of All Hearing, All Seeing, All Knowing and being All

Powerful and pure of all deficiencies. As stated earlier, the knowledge we humans are so proud of is what He(SWT) wanted to reveal to us. Allah(SWT) has written down everything in its minutest details of all happenings from beginning of time till End Times, in the book in the heavens. The pen has been lifted, the ink has dried, the script has been completed, and the book has been closed. Nothing can happen against what has been written in the Book of Predestination.

2. The second Major Shirk is following religious scholars blindly i.e. without authenticating their sayings with the Quran and the Hadith. This is illustrated in the Hadith Tafseer Ahsan al-Byan, Surah Tauba, verse 31, Hazrat Addi bin Hatim Tai said, he enquired from Prophet(SAW) about the verse 31 of Surah Tauba which says, the Jews and the Christians have made their priests and rabies their deities. Addi stressed that the Jews and the Christians never worshipped their priest and rabies, then why did the verse say that they made them their deities. The Prophet(SAW) while explaining it to him said, isn't this a fact, what was allowed by the Lord their rabies and priests forbid it, and the followers forbid it on themselves, what was forbidden by the Lord their rabies and priests allowed it, and the followers allowed it on themselves? Addi said, yes. The Prophet(SAW) said, this is worshipping.

اِتَّخَنُوْ اَحْبَارَهُمُ وَ رُهْبَانَهُمُ اَرْبَابًا مِّنْ دُوْنِ اللهِ عَلَى اللّهِ عَلَى اللهِ عَلَى اللّهِ عَلَى اللهِ عَلَى اللّهِ عَلَى اللّهِ عَلَى اللّهِ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللهِ عَلَى اللهِ عَلَى

The Jews and Christians followed whatever was told to them by their rabies and priests blindly. Similarly, we Muslims are also following the footsteps of our brethren. Allah alone makes laws, and He alone can change them. There can be differences in interpretation, but no one can make or amend commandments besides Allah(swt). The Prophet(saw) once took an oath that he will never have honey. Allah reprimanded Prophet(saw) and asked him, "how can he prohibit it on himself what Allah has permitted". The Prophet(saw) broke his oath and paid the dews for breaking the oath. A hadith No. 2340 in Trimzi, regarding hypocrite scholars is narrated by Abu Huraira, who said that he heard the Prophet(saw) say, seek refuge from the well of sorrow in Hell. The companions asked O messenger of Allah, what is the well of sorrow? The Prophet(saw) said, it is a valley in the Hell from which even Hell seeks Allah's refuge at least 100 times a day. He(saw) was asked, O

messenger of Allah, who will be there? He replied hypocrite scholars. Can we follow them? Insha-Allah never!

عن ابى بريرة قال قال رسول للله تعوّز وبالله من الجبّ الحزن ـ قالويا رسول لله وما جب الحزن على قال وادٍ في جهنم يتعوذ منه جهنم كل يوم ماءة مرة ـ قيل يا رسول لله من يدخله القراء المراؤن باعمالهم ـ ترمذى، باب ما جا في الرباء والسبعة ـ حديث 2340

- 3. Third major shirk is when we associate the attributes of Allah(SWT) to others, e.g. calling others ever present, all seeing etc. These attributes are unique to Allah(SWT), and anyone who claims these attributes or associates these attributes to anyone besides Allah(SWT), is a liar and a disbeliever.
- 4. Fourth Major Shirk is to follow the commandments of an oppressor (taghut) willingly, even if they are in conflict with the commandments of the Creator.
- 5. Fifth Major Shirk is to distribute cooked food or slaughtered meat, consecrated in the name of a peer, or a saint (11 Sharif etc.). This is haram it should not be eaten but thrown away as per the Quran, Surah Bagrah, verse 173, which says: Allah has forbidden only these things: do not eat what dies of itself, nor blood, nor swine flesh, nor what has been consecrated to any other name than of Allah. But one will incur no sin if forced by absolute necessity; he eats of any of these forbidden things, provided he has no intention of transgressing the law and does not take more than what is absolutely indispensable, for Allah is very Forgiving and very Merciful. Some people will say that their intention was for Allah(SWT). We cannot reject their claim, because only Allah knows what is in their hearts. The Prophet(SAW) used to prohibit his followers from follow the traditions of the disbelievers even if they were the people of the books. This tradition is not Islamic; therefore we should abstain from it, because the Prophet(SAW) also said, where ever you have doubt, leave it.
- 6. Shirk-in-Muhabbah (Love) implies showing the love which is specific for our real beloved Allah alone, to others besides Him. It happens when we over exaggerate our love for someone besides Allah(SWT) that we fall prey to one of Satan's major tools of deceit, which leads us to worship and invoke mortals. Our true love should only and only be for Allah(SWT) and no one else, not even the love for our Prophet Mohammed(SAW) (which is a pillar of our belief) should supersede the slave's love for his Lord. We can never over

exaggerate our love for Allah as he is our ultimate loved one. In Surah Baqrah, verse 165, Allah says: "And of mankind are some who take (for worship) others besides Allah as rivals (to Allah). They love them as they love Allah. But those who believe, love Allah more (than anything else). If only those who do wrong could see, when they will see the torment, they will know that all power belongs to Allah, and that Allah is Severe in punishment." It is better for us to believe now in this world, believing after seeing the torment will be to no avail. It will be beneficial to recognize now than later that all powers and authority belongs to Allah(swr). Remember, where Allah's love has no bounds, similarly, His punishment has no limits. O Allah, protect us from the accursed Satan, and fill our hearts with Thy love. Amin!

Worshipping and Invoking Mortals

7. Worshiping (invoking) anyone other than Allah(SWT) at the time of need is the worst type of Shirk. This type of Shirk is my topic of discussion. Some people will say that we don't worship them but rather make supplication to them, which is not Shirk (associating partners). The Prophet(SAW) in Sunan Abu Dawood, hadith 1479 said, making supplication is worship, and in Jamia Tarimzi, hadith 3293 said, supplication is the brain of worship i.e. it is the essence of worship.

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In Sunnan Ibn-Majha, hadith #90, the Prophet(SAW) said, only good deeds are a source for increasing the life span, and supplication can change predestination, and that sometimes sins are source of reduction in our sustenance. This is what we try to get from other sources when it is right in front of us. We should mend our ways and ask Allah for all our needs.

عَنْ ثَوَبَانَ قَالَ :قَالَ رَسُوْلُ شُهُ: لا يزِيدُ فِي الْعُبُرِ إِلَّا الْبِرُّ - وَلا يرُدُّ الْقَدَرَ إِلَّا الدُّعَاءُ، وَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيحُهُمُ الرِّزُقَ بِخَطِيئة يعْمَلُهَا - سنن ابن ماجه، حديث 90

In Surah Nehal, verse 56, Allah(swt) says: These people assign shares from Our provisions to those of whom they know nothing. By God, you shall most certainly be called to account about the falsehoods you had forged. This verse tells us that people without understanding the divine knowledge (Quran) and without knowing the reality of these deities (saints, peers, imams etc.), set aside a share of offerings (khumus, 11 sharif etc.) for them from the

sustenance provided to them by Allah(SWT). Allah says, He will certainly question them on their self-made falsehoods (actions not authorized by the Quran). What a verse, its elaboration may take pages; to cut it short, this verse is telling us that without knowing the reality of these self-proclaimed deities (only Allah knows who are the dwellers of the paradise or Hellfire), we join the bandwagon of the Satan, and give part of the sustenance provided to us by Allah as a test (with detailed instructions on how we can spend it) to these false deities. Our actions contradict what the Quran says. We Muslims were supposed to be charitable, we have become misers. We were not supposed to be spendthrifts; we have become showoffs. We were supposed to spend in the way of Allah; we are spending in the way of the false deities. May Allah protect us? My question to my readers, can we distribute someone else's things (which he has entrusted us) without his authorization? Certainly, no! Unfortunately, we don't consider Allah(SWT) to be the owner, otherwise we would have followed His instructions. Our attitudes do not conform to Surah Fatiha in which we say "You alone we worship and You alone we callout for help". Our offerings, our khumus, our 11 sharif and our beseeches should only be for Allah(swt) alone. In Surah Hameem Sajdah, verse 9, Allah(swt) tells the Prophet(SAW) to ask the polytheists: "Do you deny that God, and set up others as equals with Him, Who created the earth in two days? He indeed is the Lord of all creation". How can we take mortals as deities and assume they are equal to Allah in attributes. Allah who created the earth in two days is indeed the Lord of all creations. Further in Surah Al-Momin, verse 66, Allah(SWT) orders and says: O Prophet, tell the people, "I have been forbidden to worship those whom you invoke instead of Allah. (How can I do this) when clear Signs have come to me from my Lord? I have been commanded to submit to the lord of all creation. The Prophet(SAW) was told to tell the people that he(SAW) has been forbidden from calling on those beings whom they invoke besides Allah(SWT), and that how could he(SAW) become polytheist after the truth had been revealed to him. He(saw) also declared that he(saw) has also been commanded to only bow to the Sustainer (Lord) of the Worlds. My question to my readers; what is drawing the believers towards shirk? When the Prophet(SAW) submitted his will to the will of Allah. why are we not doing the same. Further Allah(SWT) in Surah AshShuara, verse 213-214, warns Prophet Mohammed(SAW) and says: O Muhammad, do not invoke any other deity besides Allah lest you should also be included among those who will be chastised. Warn your nearest kinsfolk. The Prophet(SAW) was told not to invoke any deities besides Allah, and if he(SAW) did so then he(SAW) too will face the same fate as the polytheists. Indirectly warning us that shirk is such a heinous crime that even if a prophet did it, he will not be spared and Hellfire will be his abode. How can we ask anyone else when we know the owner of everything including ourselves is Allah(SWT)? If He(SWT) is the owner, and for certain He is the owner, then how can we ask for His things from someone else? One might say, then how can we ask from one another. Allah has entrusted every being with material wealth with instructions to distribute part of it to the destitute. Asking a person of resources is following His commandment.

Those who call on other deities besides Allah(SWT) without authorization from the Quran, their deeds will be audited. The Prophet(SAW) said whosoever's deeds are audited is doomed and will never flourish, it is mentioned in Surah Al-Mominoon, verses(23:117-118). Allah savs: Therefore, if someone invokes any other deity along with Allah, whereof he has no proof, he shall have to give an account to his Lord. Such disbelievers can never attain success. O Muhammad, say, "Lord, forgive me and have mercy on me! You are the most Merciful of all who show mercy". Whoever calls on others besides Allah(SWT) without authentication, their deeds will be scrutinized, and Hellfire will be their abode. This is because Allah knows everything and will scrutinize the perpetrators. The Prophet(saw) used to supplicate "O' Allah, make soft audit of my deeds". If Prophet(SAW) seeks soft audit and is afraid of detailed audit, we should fear it even more, and try our utmost to please Allah. There is another hadith in which the Prophet(SAW) said, no one will enter paradise including himself except with the mercy of Allah(swt), i.e. if Allah(swt) scrutinizes our deeds they will be full of flaws e.g. prayers. If He asked me about my concentration while praying; I have no answers except to beg for His mercy. I can only speak for myself. If He scrutinizes my deeds for riva (hypocrisy), I will be doomed. O' The Most Merciful, please... make soft audit of my deeds, and deeds of all Muslims. Amin

In Surah Hadeed, verse 22, Allah(swT) tells us: No affliction befalls in the earth or in your own selves, which we have not recorded in a Book before bringing it into being. This is an easy thing for Allah. This verse tells us that there is no foretoken bad or good which was not written in the book of predestination before our birth, and this is very easy for our Lord. We should understand that this is Allah(swT)'s wisdom on how he is going to test each individual. If we are grateful to Allah and show patience when calamity befalls, Insha-Allah (God willing) the Hereafter will be good and Paradise will be our abode.

It is ignorance and lust for the worldly life that makes people worship other deities. In Surah Raad, verse 33-34, Allah(swτ) says: What! Are they (so audacious that they are) setting up partners with Him, Who is watching minutely over the actions of each and every soul? O Prophet, say to them, "(If God has Himself set them up as His Partners) just tell me their names. Do you mean to inform him of something new that He Himself is unaware of on His earth? Or, do you merely utter empty words?" Indeed for those, who rejected the message, their fraud has been made to appear fair to them and they have been debarred from the Right Way: and there is none to show the Right Way to those whom Allah lets go astray. There is a torment for them in the life of this world but the torment of the Hereafter is still more painful; and there is none to protect them from Allah. These verses obliterate the calling of saints, peers, religious scholars etc. Allah(SWT) tells us that He is ever watchful of the deeds of every individual, and yet people make associates of Him. Allah(swt) tells the Prophet(saw) to ask the perpetrators if they have any authorization from Him(SWT) (Quran). if so then give their names i.e. names which He would have revealed in His books, if it were true. As He had not revealed any names of His associates (as there are none), then are we going to tell Allah(SWT) something that He doesn't know in the heavens and the earth? These are only lies and fabrication of minds. Allah(SWT) says, those who disbelieved; their cunningness has been made delightful for them, which stops them from the truth. They shall face punishment here, and much worse in the Hereafter and no one can rescue them. Allah only guides those who seek His guidance; it is mentioned in one of the later quotes. O' Allah, we seek Thy guidance, please guide us to Thy way and forgive our past and future sins, and make us from the dwellers of the Paradise. Amin! Further to enhance the fact that no one can rescue anyone without Allah's permission, in Surah Ankabout, verses 12-13, Allah obliterates the sayings of these fraudster peers: The disbelievers say to the believers, "Follow our way and we will bear (the burden of) your sins", whereas they will not bear (the burden of) your sins; they are utter liars. Of course, they shall bear their own burdens as well as many other burdens in addition to their own. And on the Day of Resurrection, they will surely be questioned about their scandal mongering. The fraudster religious scholars tell their bewildered followers that they will carry their load of sins on the Day of Judgment and enter them in Paradise. On the Day of Judgment they will not only carry their own load but it will be multiplied by the number of people they fooled, and will be held accountable for the lies they had invented. Remember no one can take anyone to Paradise or to Hell except Allah(SWT). Our sincere love and obedience should be only and only for the Majestic Lord of the Universe. O' Allah, guide us to the right path, and be pleased with us and enter us in Thy Paradise. Amin! This hadith fortifies what I just said. Aisha(RA) says, once she heard Prophet(SAW) discuss about the Hellfire that made her cry. The Prophet(SAW) asked her what made her cry? She replied the remembrance of the Hellfire made her cry. Then Aisha(RA) asked the Prophet(SAW) whether he(SAW) will remember his family on the Day of Judgment. The Prophet(SAW) said there are three areas where no one will remember anyone. 1) Where deeds will be weighed. 2) Where one will read the book of his deeds. 3) Pulsirat a razor sharp bridge crossing over the Hellfire, leading to the Paradise. These are the places where our lord will question us and decide our fate.

عن عائشة انها ذكرت النار فبكت فقال رسول الله ما يبكيك قالت ذكرت النار فبكيت فهل تذكرون اهليكم يوم القامة فقال رسول الله أما في ثلاثة مواطن فلا يذكر أحد أحد عند الميزان حتى يعلم أيخف ميزانه أو يثقل وعند الكتاب حين يقال (هاؤمر اقرع واكتابيه) حتى يعلم أين يقع كتابه أفي يمينه أمر في شماله أمر من وراء ظهرة وعند الصراطإذا وضع بين ظهرى جهنم - سنن ابوداؤد، كتاب السنت، حديث 4755

When Prophet(SAW) cannot side his own family, then how can these peers help us? Think! Can these fraudster peers, religious scholars etc., take us to paradise (no, rather hell yes)? No! Firstly what guarantee do these so called peers have that they themselves will go to the paradise (a hadith coming later under mausoleum

heading will clarify my statement) and secondly where is the documentary proof regarding the authority they claim. Again to emphasize on the importance of documentary proof, I will ask my reader to recall the hypothetical example put forward earlier, regarding Sales Tax at 19% on goods sold. If ignorance of law is not acceptable here, what makes us think ignorance of the Quran will be acceptable in the Hereafter? Think! To enhance what I just said, Allah(SWT) in Surah Al-Rome, verse 35, asks: Have We sent down to them a document or an authority, which may testify to the truth of the shirk they are committing? The answer is none, because the Quran (His instruction manual) negates this over and over again. Therefore anyone who says that he will take someone to paradise is a fraud and a liar. Only the Creator can decide the fate of his creation, and He decides it with justice and mercy (soft audit). Subhan-Allah! Further to negate the sayings of these fraudster peers etc., the Prophet(SAW) said that He will be the leader of the believers at Hoze-e-Kausar, and some people from his gathering will be taken away, and he(SAW) will be stopped from them. He(SAW) said that he will pray to Allah(SWT) and request Him that they are his followers. He(saw) will be told that he(saw) does not know what these followers who were taken to Hellfire invented in the religion after him. In another narration the Prophet(SAW) says that he will tell the angels to take them away. In another similar narration the Prophet (SAW) said, he(SAW) will say what the righteous person Jesus(AS) will say (as mentioned in the Quran). If the Prophet(SAW) cannot save his followers from Hellfire, then under what authority can these fraudsters save their followers? Think! In this worldly life, where every person had the right to choose the path of his choice, these fraudsters have fooled their bewildered followers and put them in extreme harm. Wake up O' Muslims, your Lord runs the entire affair single handedly without getting tired. O' Allah, we call on you and we depend on you, please guide us. Amin!

عن عبدالله عن النبي قال أنا في طكم على الحوض وليرفعن معى رجال منكم ثم ليختلجن دوني فأتول يا رب أصحابي فيقال انك لا تدرى ما أحدثوا بعدك-صحيح البخارى، باب الوقاق، حديث نبرو6000

Before I go further, I will like to clarify the term other than or besides Allah as this will be used in most of the narrations from the Quran which I have quoted in my arguments. To understand this, let us ask ourselves few questions; are Prophets other than Allah?

The answer is yes. Are Saints other than Allah? Yes. Is Ali(RA), Hassan(RA), or Husain(RA) other than Allah? Yes. Are all created things and beings other than Allah? The answer is obviously yes". This is because Allah(SWT) is the sole creator, whereas all others are his creation. When we invoke anyone other than Allah(SWT), it implies (we seek His refuge), Allah(SWT) is incapable of fulfilling the needs of his creation. Nay! He is pure from all short comings. When someone is in need he should only invoke Allah(SWT), He is All Hearing and All Giving. Some people will argue that when we ask each other, then that will be shirk too, as it is also asking from other than Allah(SWT)? My answer is no, it is not shirk, because Allah(SWT) has instructed us to help the needy from the wealth which He(SWT) has given to us. Asking people of resources, friends persons who are alive, is not against commandment. Therefore it is not shirk. Shirk is what Allah and the Prophet(SAW) have defined as shirk.

Some people will come up with a lame excuse and say, we call on these deities because Allah(swt) is far away. In Surah Bagara, verse 186. Allah tells the Prophet(SAW): And if My servants ask you, O Prophet, concerning Me, tell them that I am quite near to them. I hear and answer the prayer of the suppliant, when he calls to Me. So let them respond to My call and believe in Me. (Convey this to them,) perhaps they may be guided aright. Allah is telling us, He is very near to us, in another verse He says, He is nearer to us then our gullets. Negating the sayings invented by miscreant scholars that Allah needs an emissary to forward our request to Him. Further in Surah Hud, verse 61, Allah says: To the people of Thalmud We sent their brother Saleh. He said, "O my people! Worship Allah; you have no other deity than He. It is He Who has created you from the earth and made it a living place for you. So ask His forgiveness and turn to Him in repentance. Most surely my Lord is near at hand and answers the prayers." Prophet Saleh(AS) told his people that there is no deity besides Allah(SWT), they should turn back to Him and repent to Him, for He is near us, He hears the caller and answers to his call. Where is the need for a mediator? O' Muslims, turn back to your loving Lord(SWT). He is the one who gives us sustenance, health and wealth. He is Allah, the All Exalted, and Who loves us more than our mothers. Subhan-Allah!

Those who don't understand the attributes of Allah(SWT), get engulfed in the ploy of the Satan via its media (TV, internet,

mobiles, movies, books, papers), and usually come up with slogans like "sadhi sunda nahi onadhi morda nahi: He doesn't listen to us. and He refuses not to those we call". This statement contradicts the holy Quran. Allah promised each prophet only one supplication which He will accept. Where is the documentary proof that the prayers of these so called saints will not be rejected? No proof at all! In Quran in Surah Namal, verse 62, Allah(SWT) asks: Who is it Who listens to the oppressed one when he invokes Him, and Who relieves him of his affliction? And Who is it, who makes you vicegerents in the earth? Is there another god besides Allah (to do this)? How little you reflect! Who listens to us in our anxiety, and made us the vicegerent on the earth? Is there anyone else besides Allah? Obviously the answer is no one else except Allah. Isn't He Allah who fulfills our needs? Answer will be yes. Then what is drawing us Muslims astray (this world is a test)? Further in Surah Ankbout, verse 17, Allah(swt) says: In fact, those whom you worship, besides Allah, have no power to give you any sustenance. Ask Allah for sustenance, and worship Him alone and be grateful to Him, for to Him you will be returned. It's a fact, no one else besides Allah can give us sustenance, therefore we should be grateful and thankful to Allah for His blessings, and seek sustenance from Him only. We should not forget this world is an examination hall and that one day we will return to Him, where we will be held accountable for our deeds. O' Allah, we believe in Yee and repent to Yee, and ask for Thy forgiveness and soft audit. Amin! Surah Lukman, verse 30, says: This is because Allah is the Truth, and all those whom the people invoke instead of Allah, are false, and Allah alone is the High, the Great. Signs in the universe, and the signs around us, and the signs within us prove that Allah(SWT) is the truth, and all others who are called on are nothing but myths. Therefore we should only call on Allah(SWT) alone, the All Superior, the All Wise and All Over Whelming. To enhance what we read, Allah(SWT) in another example in Surah Raad, verse 16, says: Ask them, "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?" Say, "Allah". Then say to them, "When this is the fact, have you then made other deities as your providers, who have no power to bring good or prevent harm even to themselves?" Say, "Are the blind men and the seeing men alike? Are light and darkness alike?" And if it is not so, have the partners they have set up with Allah created anything like His creation, which made the matter of creation doubtful for them? Say, Allah alone is the Creator of everything; and He is the Unique and the Almighty. This verse obliterates all false deities, because the false deities have created nothing. They cannot create even a wing of a fly and can neither provide sustenance to themselves (they cherish on the donations of their followers), nor protect themselves from sickness, death and calamity. How well prophet Ibrahim(AS) said, whoever lacks something, or has faults, or perishes, it cannot be god, nor can it be invoked. Although the path has been made clear, still the blind (blindness of heart) cannot follow it. Allah(SWT) tells the Prophet(SAW) to tell us that the creator of all things and beings is Allah(SWT); He is One and All Engulfing. My question to my readers, when a saint dies, does the dead saint have the power to take bath himself, wear his burial cloth, lie down on the platform, carry it to the graveyard, and step down inside his own grave? The answer is no for all the steps. After death when they cannot help themselves, and are dependent on others. then how can we accept that they will be our doer deity and call on them. This is as if we make a statue from mud, give it a specific shape to be sold for money, to be worshipped and invoked. O' Allah, we seek Thy pardon, and Thy protection from engaging in polytheism. Amin! Some people will argue and say; their needs have been met when they invoked these saints. Allah(swT) being the creator and the sustainer of all creations; He(SWT) will even answer the prayer of a Hindu when he asks via a statue (carved by men). Does that make it right? No! Life of this world is a test for the Hereafter, and those who invoke others besides Allah are failing the exam. Allah(swt) says in Surah Bagra, verses 155-156: We will surely put you to trial by involving you in fear and hunger, and by causing loss of property, life and earnings. And give good tidings to those who remain steadfast in these trials; when a misfortune comes to them, they say, We are Allah's and we shall certainly return to Him. In these verses Allah says, He will test us with wealth (how it was earned, how it was spent, did we give charity from it, and did we thank Allah(SWT)), poverty (being patient and calling only on Allah(swt)), progeny (if we have children are we thankful, if not then are we patient, and are we just or unjust with matters of our family), calamity (loss of wealth, sickness, injuries etc. to see if we are patient, and still thank and praise Allah(SWT)) etc... This is because (our goal) Paradise is for those who love, worship, praise and thank Allah(swt), and stay steadfast and patient when calamity befalls them. As far as non-believers and mushriks are concerned they may be given more in this world and may be loser in the Hereafter. The next verses of Az-Zukhruf further enhance what I just said, Allah in Surah Az-Zukhruf, verses (43:33-35):

says: And were it not that all mankind might become one nation of disbelievers. We would have given those who disbelieve in Ar-Rehman, such houses whose roofs, stairways by which they go to upper chambers, all made with silver, and also the doors and windows of their houses and couches on which they recline, along with ornaments of gold, because all these are nothing but merely comforts of this worldly life. It is the life of the Hereafter which your Rub has reserved for the righteous. Allah(swT) is saying, were it not that all humans would have disbelieved in Allah, He would have made the roofs and stairs of the houses of disbelievers with silver, their doors, windows, beds, couches and ornament of gold, so that they may get their share in this world. He did not do that because everyone would have disbelieved. So, rejoice Muslims, Allah has not put us through such a test. Thank you, Allah. May Allah(swt) make us from those who always thank Him and praise Him, and when calamity befalls, say "to Him we belong and to Him we will return". In Surah Ankabout, verse 1-3, Allah(swt) asks: Alif. Lam. Mim. Do the people think that they will be left alone after they have once said, We have believed, and they will not be tested? The fact is that We have put to the test all those who have gone before them. Surely, Allah has to see who are the truthful and who the liars. These verses tell us that just like the nation before us were tested, we too will be tested. O Muslim, be prepared, those who call us to follow their peer etc., our answer should be the answer given by Prophet Saleh(As) as mentioned in Surah Hud, verse 63, in which, Saleh(As) said, "O my people, just consider it yourselves, if my Lord had sent me with a clear Sign, and bestowed His special blessings on me, who will help save me from Allah after this, if I become disobedient to Him? You cannot help me in any way, but might hasten my ruin. Allah has bestowed us with His blessings, then how can we disobey Allah(swt), and if we do so. then who will save us from Allah's wrath. The fraudsters cannot help us; they will certainly hasten our ruin. I.e. there will be no savior after rejecting the instruction manual (Quran). Remember, Allah(swt) suffices US.

From the quotes read so far; we conclude that polytheism is the most heinous crime in the eyes of Allah(swT). Yet people will invoke and call upon others besides Allah(swT).

Summary of the text read.

- 1. Allah hears our call and answers it.
- 2. Those invoked cannot provide us sustenance.
- 3. Allah is the truth and all others are falsehood.
- 4. Those called on cannot help themselves.
- 5. We will be tested with progeny, health and wealth.
- 6. Those called upon have created nothing.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Invoking the Bankrupt Ones

Allah(SWT) is the One who brings the night out of the day, and He is the One who brings the day out of the night. He is the One who has subdued the Moon and the Sun in their orbits for a fixed period. Yet there are people, who out of ignorance or arrogance invoke those who can neither benefit them nor harm them. In Surah Fatir, verse, 13-15, Allah(swt) says: He causes the night to pass into the day and the day into the night and he has subjected the Sun and the Moon till an appointed time. The same Allah (Whose works are these) is your Lord: Sovereignty is His. Those whom you invoke instead of Him do not own even a blade of grass. If you call them, they cannot hear your prayers, and if they hear, they cannot answer you; and on the Day of Resurrection they will disown your shirk. None can inform you of the truth, except the One Who is All-Aware. O people, it is you who stand in need of Allah: Allah is Self-Sufficient and Self-Praiseworthy. Those whom we invoke besides Allah (prophets, saints, imams, peers etc.), they cannot hear us and even if they heard us they cannot answer us. Allah(SWT) says that they don't even own one kitmeer (yellow flowery part on top of the date). Dates are eaten; seeds are used for cultivation and in the cattle feed, while kitmeer is thrown away. It is a useless and worthless thing. In another place in the Quran, Allah says they don't even own an atom i.e. they are completely broke. Let us consider an example, suppose calamity befalls us, and we are in need of money, will we go to someone who is broke, or someone who is wealthy and charitable? Obviously, to someone who is rich and charitable. Then why are we confused and beg from those who own nothing, not even an atom. Satan has placed deceptions around us. We should invoke Allah(SWT) to help us get out of his ploy. He, and only He(swt) can save us. We should prostrate to Him and ask for His guidance, He only guides those who seek His guidance. O' Allah, we seek Thy guidance, guide us. Amin! When Satan sees that one of his ploy has failed; he induces another ploy and makes us believe that the one's invoked besides Allah(swt) are alive and can hear us. But Allah in Surah Nehal, verse 20-21. refutes this claim and says: And other beings, which the people invoke instead of Allah, created nothing; nay, they are themselves created. They are dead, not living, and they do not at all know when they shall again be raised to life. Those who call on others besides Allah (prophets, saints, imams, peers etc.) are dead, and not alive. If they are dead then they cannot hear us, and if they cannot hear us then what's the point in invoking them. And how can we ask from those who are broke? O' Muslims wake up, this is the test, which most of us are failing; it will lead us to the Hellfire, therefore repent to The All Merciful Lord. O' Allah, forgive us for all our indulgence in shirk committed knowingly or unknowingly. Amin! People who are griped in the ploy of the Satan will say that the Quran says; martyrs are alive. Yes they are alive with Allah(SWT) in the heavens not in this world. This will be clear when you read the verse below. Surah Al-Imran, verse 169, says: Do not regard as dead those who have been slain in the way of Allah; they are really alive and are well provided for and are with their Lord. Pious people, aulias, martyrs, sahabas and prophets are enjoying the fruits of Allah's promise in the Illiveen, above the seven heavens. Further in Quran in Surah Raad, verse 14. Allah(swt) gives another example and says: To invoke Him alone is the right thing. As regards to other deities whom they invoke beside Him, they cannot answer their prayers. Calling them is as if a man was to stretch out his hands towards water and ask it to rise to his mouth, certainly water cannot come to him; likewise the prayers of the disbelievers are nothing but aimless efforts. This verse is telling us that calling others besides Allah is a fruitless effort. Beseeching them is as if we stand next to the water, and beg the water to come in our mouth, that will never happen, similarly, our prayers will never be answered. We usually forget that Allah(SWT) is the sustainer of all creations. When non-believers call on Him through their idols etc... He may provide them more in this world. They have lost their goal (the paradise) and Hellfire may be their abode. To enhance what I just wrote, I will recall again Surah Az-Zukhruf, verses(43:33-35), in which Allah says: And were it not that all mankind might become one nation of disbelievers, We would have given those who disbelieve in Ar-Rehman, such houses whose roofs, stairways by which they go to upper chambers, all made with silver, and also the doors and windows of their houses and couches on which they recline, along with ornaments of gold, because all these are nothing but merely comforts of this worldly life. It is the life of the Hereafter which your Rub has reserved for the righteous. Indicating, power and wealth of this world does not reflect the success of the Hereafter. In another example in Surah Ahgaaf, Verse 5-6, Allah(swt) says: Who can be more misguided than the person who calls on others besides Allah, and who cannot answer them and are unaware of people calling on them? When people will gather on the Day of Resurrection they will be enemies of the one who called on them and they will reject their worship. The most misguided persons are the ones who invoke others besides Allah, because they are invoking entities who cannot hear them or answer their request, on top of that they are broke, and on the Day of Resurrection they will be enemies of the ones who invoked them, and will disown their actions which they did on their behalf. This answer will be given by true Saints, who will disown the worship of their so called followers (saints never ask people to worship them). To enhance what I said to negate shirk, Allah gives us another extra ordinary example in Surah Al-Rome. Verse 28, in which Allah says. He draws out a comparison for you from your own selves; are there among the slaves that you possess any such slaves also who may be sharing with you equally the wealth that We have given you, and you fear them as you fear one another among yourselves? Thus do We present the Revelations clearly for those who use their common sense. Slaves can never be partners with their masters/owners, because they are their property. Whatever the slave has, is his master's, the slave can own nothing and is bankrupt. The slave has to fear the owner, and not the other way round. We and all the creations are Allah's slaves; being slaves we are destitute, what we think we own is His. All the creations are powerless in front of Allah. Then how can we associate Allah(swt)'s slaves as partners with the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, the All-Owning Creator? If we use our common sense, we will recognize that a human slave cannot equal a human master, where as humans is no comparison with Allah in any minutest way. Then how can we make them equal to the Creator? O' brothers, wakeup, we are being led astray; go back to the source of knowledge the Quran. Further to enhance what we read above, Allah(swt) in Surah Zumar, Verses 29-32, cites a parable: There is a man who is shared by many harsh masters, each pulling him to himself, and there is the other man who entirely belongs to one master. Can the two be alike in comparison? Praise is to Allah!

But most of the people have no knowledge. (O Prophet,) you shall die, and they too shall die. Then on the Day of Resurrection, you all will present your disputes before your Lord. Then, who could be wickeder than the one who invented a falsehood against Allah, and denied the truth when it came before him? Is not there in Hell a place for such disbelievers? Obviously, those who have more than one master will be pushed around, while the one who has one master, the Lord of the universe, he will be in peace here, and in the Hereafter. Allah says that everyone will face extinction. Prophet Ibrahim(AS) rightfully said, anything that expires or sets, or is in need, cannot be called upon. O' Muslims what is drawing us astray, let us hold on to our Lord via His guidance (Quran) to succeed the test of the Hereafter. In Surah Hajj, verse 73-74, to shake us Allah(swt) gives another example. He(swt) says: O mankind! A parable is related to you, so listen to it. The deities, whom you invoke instead of Allah, cannot create a fly even though they may all combine together for this purpose. Nav! If a fly snatches away something from them, they cannot get it back from it. How weak are the suppliants and how weak those whom they supplicate. They have not recognized the true worth of Allah as they should have; the fact is that Allah alone is the All-Mighty, the All-Powerful. Allah has put forward a challenge in the above example to let us know that if all the creations joined forces (including false deities) they cannot create a fly, it is farfetched, the cannot create a wing of a fly. This is also farfetched; they cannot even retrieve the food the fly took away from them. How weak and powerless are the false deities. We have not recognized the true worth of Allah(SWT). Truth is that Allah(SWT) is The All Powerful and All Honorable. Can a Creator and non-creator be equal? Never! What else will it take to wake us to the truth and away from the ploy of the Satan? Finally, what makes us invoke other deities besides Allah? Mostly we go to them when we feel someone has done magic on us, or we are always short of finances, or family is inflicted with illnesses etc., and also we go to them due to jealousy. Hardly anyone goes there because they adore them. The Quran answers all our questions; in Surah Noaah, verses(71:9-15), Noah said: "Seek forgiveness from

your Lord, indeed He is All-Forgiving. He will send abundant rains for you from heavens, will help you with wealth and children, will create gardens for you, and provide flowing canals for you. What is

the matter with you that you do not attribute to Allah due grandeur, although He has created you in diverse stages? Don't you see how Allah has created seven heavens, one above other and made the moon a light in them and sun a lamp"? In these verses Noah(AS) is telling his people if you repent to Allah, He will provide you with ample rain, help you with wealth and children, improve the productivity of your groves and fields, and eliminate water shortages etc. Is there any need for these fraudsters? No.

We have concluded from the above verses that those invoked other than Allah(swt) are:-

- 1) These deities are Bankrupt.
- 2) They are dead not alive.
- 3) Someone who has One Master is successful in this world and in the Hereafter.
- 4) Calling on others besides Allah(swt) is as good as if asking water to come in our mouth by itself.
- 5) Those who invoke others besides Allah(swt) are misguided.
- 6) Just like we cannot have slaves which equal us similarly, Allah's slaves cannot equal Him in the least way.
- 7) The false deities cannot create a fly; neither can they reclaim the food the fly has snatched.

Waseela (approach, intermediary)

Satan doesn't give up easily; he floats another idea of intermediary i.e. the one they invoke will bring them closer to Allah(swt). At this point those who are engulfed in the ploy of the Satan will say, we do not supplicate to these saints etc. but rather call on them so that they may bring them closer to Allah(swt). Allah(swt) obliterates this in Surah Zumar, verse 3, by saying Beware! Religion is exclusively Allah's right. As for those who have taken other guardians besides Him (and justify their conduct, saying): "We worship them only that they may bring us closer to Allah," Allah will surely judge between them concerning all that in which they differ. Allah does not show guidance to any liar and denier of the truth. This verse warns us that worship is only Allah(swT)'s right, and those who have other protectors come up with the excuse that we don't worship them but rather we call on them (approach, intermediary) to bring us closer to Allah(SWT). This is denying the all Hearing and all Seeing attributes of Allah(SWT). When Allah knows

us, hears us, sees us and is one to one with us, where is the need for an approach, it is a misconception induced by Satan. O' Muslims, you don't need any intermediary to call to your Lord, He is always one to one with His creation. Further Allah(SWT) in Surah Bani-Israel, verse 56-57, says: Say to them, "You may invoke for help those deities whom you consider to be (your helpers) beside Allah; they can neither relieve you of any trouble nor change it. In fact, those whom these people invoke for help themselves seek means of approach to their Lord and contest with one another to be nearer to Him and hope for His mercy and fear His chastisement. The fact is that the chastisement of your Lord is a thing to be dreaded. These verses obliterate the savings of those who call on others besides Allah, because the ones they invoke are themselves looking for an intermediary to bring them closer to Allah(swt), they fear Allah(swt), s wrath. And surely Allah(swt) is the one who should be feared the most. My question: where is the need for waseela (intermediary)? Allah is nearer to us than our gullet. He(SWT) is nearest to His slave when he is prostrating, so one should prostrate and beseech Allah(swt). Recently I came to know through a wart sap message, to validate waseela people give reference of Surah Al-Maida, verse 35, which says: O believers fear Allah, and seek the means of winning His pleasure (waseela) and exert your utmost in His way, so that you may attain true success. The waseela mentioned in the above verse are our good deeds, i.e. to call Him with the intermediary of our good deeds. All the good deeds done with sincerity to please Allah are our intermediaries. Some people will say we don't accept this interpretation. To prove my contention, it is mentioned in a hadith in Sahih Bukhari, vol.2. sec. hadith of cave, hadth 357, in which Ibn Umar narrates that Prophet(SAW) talked about three people who took shelter from rain in a cave. When they were inside the cave, due to land slide a big rock blocked the mouth of the cave. They tried their best but could not move the rock. Then one by one, all the three called on Allah with the intermediary of their good deeds, Allah moved the rock.

حدثنااسهاعيل بن خليل اخبرناعلى بن مسهرعن عبيدالله بن عمرعن نافع عن ابن عمر رضى الله عنهما ان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال بينها ثلاثة نفى ممن كان قبلكم يمشون إذ اصابهم مطى فا ووا إلى غار فا نطبق عليهم فقال بعضهم لبعض إنه والله علاء لا ينجيكم الا الصدق فليدع كل رجل منكم بما يعلم انه قد صدق فيه فقال واحد منهم المهم إن كنت تعلم أنه كان لى أجير عمل لى على في قن أرنى فذهب وتركه وأنى عمدت الى ذلك الفي ق فزرعته فصار من

أمرة أن اشتريت منه بقرا وأنه اتان يطلب اجرة فقلت له اعبد الى تلك البقر فسقها فقال لى انبالى عندك في من ارنم فقلت له اعبد الى تلك البقر فانها من ذلك الفرق فساقها فان كنت تعلم ان فعلت ذلك من خشيتك ففى جمعنا فانساحت عنهم الصخىة فقال الاخر اللهم ان كنت تعلم انه كان لى ابوانش يخان كبيران فكنت آتيهما كل ليلة بلبن عنم لى فأبطات عليهما ليلة فجت وقد رقدا وأهلى وعيالى يتضاغون من الجوع فكنت لا أسقيهم حتى يشهب ابواى فكرهت أن أوقظهما وكرهت أن ادعهما فيستكنا لشربتهما فلم ازل انتظرحتى طلع الفجر فان كنت تعلم انى فعلت ذلك من خشيتك ففي جمنا فانساحت عنهم الصخىة حتى نظروا الى السماء فقال الاخر اللهم ان كنت تعلم انه كان لى ابنة عم من احب الناس الى وانى راودتها عن نفسها فابت الان آتيها بماؤ دينار فطلبتها حتى قدرت فأتيتها بها فد فعتها اليها فامكنتنى من نفسها فلما قعدت بين رجليها فقالت اتق الله ولا تفض الخاتم الا بحقه فقمت وتركت المهاءة دينار فان كنت تعلم انى فعلت ذلك من خشيتك ففي جمنا ففي جما الله عنهم فخي جواد (صحيح بخارى، حلد و و مراب حديث الغار 257-

Ismail bin Kalil narrates from Ali bin Mashar, who narrates from Obaid-ullah bin Umar, who narrates from Nafae, who narrates from Ibn Umar who heard the Prophet(SAW) talk about three people of the past who took refuge from rain in a cave. When they were in the cave a big rock fell and blocked the entrance of the cave. At this one of them said to the others that only our good deeds can relive us of this affliction. Everyone should supplicate to Allah with the intermediary of his good deeds, for which he is sure he did it purely for His pleasure. Therefore the first person supplicated to Allah and said: O Allah, You know I hired a laborer who agreed to work for X Kg of rice, that person left without collecting his wage. I took his rice and cultivated it on his behalf. From the revenue I bought a cow. After sometime that person came to collect his wage. I said take the cow it is yours. He said you owe me only x Kg rice, I told him it is from your x Kg rice. He took the cow and left. O Allah, if You think I did this for Your pleasure please open the entrance. The rock moved a little. Then the second one supplicated to Allah and said: O Allah, You know when my parents got old, I would daily bring them goat's milk in the evening and serve them. One day I got late, and when I arrived they were asleep. My wife and children were hungry anxiously waiting to drink the milk. It was my habit first I would feed my parents then feed my family. I did not want to wake them up, although it was there evening meal, and without it they get weaker. I kept waiting for them to wake up until morning. O Allah, You know if I did this for Your pleasure, please open the entrance. The rock shifted further and they could see the sky. Then the last person supplicated and said: O Allah, You know I liked my cousin and I called her to come to me, she refused and agreed to come to me if I give her hundred Dinars. I tried and gathered hundred Dinars. I went to her and gave her hundred Dinars and she agreed to my request. As I was about to make sex with her she said fear Allah and don't break the seal without right. I got off her and did not even take back the hundred Dinars. O Allah if I did this for Your pleasure please open the entrance of the cave. The rock shifted and the entrance opened. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, book of cave, hadith 357)

It is narrated in an another hadith that Prophet(SAW) said to his beloved daughter Fatima(RA), don't expect that you will enter Paradise because you are my daughter, rather you will enter Paradise with the waseela of your good deeds. In Surah At-Tahreem, verses 10-11, Allah tells us: Allah cites for the disbelievers the example of the wives of Noah(AS) and Lot(AS). They were married to two of our righteous servants, but they betraved their husbands (in belief), and they could not avail them anything from Allah. To both was said, enter the Hellfire along with those who enter. And from those who believed, Allah cites an example of the wife of Pharaoh, when she prayed, "O my Lord, build for me near You a house in Paradise, and save me from Pharaoh and his deeds and save me from the wrong doers". Wives of both the prophets will be in Hellfire, although they had the best intermediary (prophets), and on the other hand Asia wife of Pharaoh whose husband declared he is god, she made Allah her doer deity and earned the Paradise. When Noah(As)'s son was drowning, he pleaded to Allah to save him. Allah reprimanded Noah(AS) and said, he is not your son, his deeds are not good, and if you call out again, you will be from amongst them. When Abu Talib was on his death bed, Prophet(SAW) pleaded to his uncle to recite the shihadah and enter the fold of Islam, yet he did not accept Islam. Although he always helped him(saw) out, the Prophet(saw) will not be able to do anything for Him in the Hereafter (in another hadith the Prophet(SAW) said, because he helped me, Allah will give him light punishment). The Prophet(SAW) was very sad, and tears were rolling down his cheek, at that moment Allah revealed the verse saying, O Prophet(SAW) you cannot convert people, but Allah can convert anyone because He knows who will accept Islam.

Similarly, Yunas(AS) was Allah's prophet, Allah told him that after three days He will destroy his nation. Yunus(AS) frustrated at his people left them without Allah's permission and boarded a boat. When the boat was in the middle of the sea it was about to capsize in a whirlpool, if the prophet staved on board, the boat would capsize, and if he jumps and goes in the belly of the whale, the boat would be saved. In the belly of the whale Yunas(AS) called out to Allah repenting for his mistake, and Allah forgave him. Today we are facing a dilemma, every tom, dick and harry claims that he will be our intermediary in the Hereafter, where even prophets cannot intercede (all aulias combined do not equal a sahabi, and all sahabas combined do not equal a prophet). True aulias never claimed they will be someone's intermediaries. Once Caliph Haroon Rasheed gave a stick to Bahlool and said you are the most stupid person in my kingdom, if you find someone more stupid than yourself give him this stick. When Haroon Rasheed was on his death bed. Bahlool came to visit him. He asked the caliph has he sent his protocol people to receive him in the Hereafter. Haroon Rasheed replied, you cannot send anyone there. Bahlool then asked have you sent money and goods for your needs. Haroon Rasheed replied goods don't go there only your deeds go there, which I could not send. Bahlool presented the stick to the caliph and said, who could be more stupid than that person who did nothing for the eternal life. O Allah, give us understanding to use our common sense. Amin! I was given a reference of a hadith regarding Azan. They said, we ask waseela of Prophet(SAW) in the supplication after Azan. Of course we ask Allah to bless our Prophet(SAW) with His blessings and the place of waseela in Paradise. In the under mentioned hadith the Prophet(SAW) said, waseela is a place in Paradise which will only be awarded to one person, therefore my followers should supplicate to Allah that it is awarded to me.

عن عبدا لله بن عمروبن العاص انه سمع النبي يقول إذا سمعتم المؤذن فقولوا مثل مايقول ثم صلوا على، فانه من صلى على صلوة بها عشرًا ثم سلواالله لى الوسيلة فانها منزلة في الجنة لا تنبغي الالعبد من عبادالله وارجوان اكون اناهو فهن سال الله لى الوسيلة حلت عليه الشفاعة - سنن ابوداؤو، باب: مايقول اذا سمخ المؤذن، جلداول، سخم 88-

Abdullah Bin Omro Bin Aas says he heard the Prophet(SAW) say, if you hear the Azan answer it in such a way and when it finishes send drood (salutation) on me. For every drood you will get ten

blessings. After that ask Allah for waseela for me, it's a place in Paradise. It will be awarded to one person from His slaves. I hope it will be me. Whoever asks for waseela for me, my intercession will be allowed for him.

Even after reading the reference from the Quran and the hadith. some people will disagree and bring forth a fabricated hadith which contradicts the Quran, and goes against Allah's way. It's an accepted fact that any hadith that contradicts the Quran will be rejected, because the Prophet(saw) can never go against the Quran's commandments. This fabricated hadith says that Adam(AS) saw written on the Throne of Allah(swt) "داله الالله محبد رسول الله", he supplicated to Allah with the waseela (intermediation) of Mohammed(SAW), and on the basis of this Allah forgave him. Where else the Quran negates this and says, Adam(AS) after being expelled from Paradise and descended on the earth, he felt very remorseful and started repenting to Allah(SWT). Allah guided him and taught him few words with which to repent, and when he repented with those words, Allah forgave him. It is mentioned in Surah Bagrah, verse 37, which tells us: Adam(AS) learned few words of repentance from his Lord, and He forgave him. He is very forgiving, and All Merciful. The words of repentance are mentioned in Surah Al-Ahraaf, verse 23. where Allah tells us: Both said, O Lord, we have wronged ourselves and if You don't forgive us, we will certainly be from the losers. It is nothing but asking for Allah's grace and mercy. He(swt) is such a Merciful Lord that He Himself tells His servants how to ask for his forgiveness. He(swt) taught Younus(AS) how to repent, no waseela (intermediary) was required. Waseela is a concoction and a fabrication introduced by the fraudster religious scholars, who are looking for khumus (five percent) and offerings. May Allah(SWT) protect us from these guys who lead us towards shirk. Amin! In the Quran, Allah(SWT) taught us, His slaves Surah Fateha in which we declare, You alone we worship and You alone we ask for help, and then it teaches us how to ask Allah(swT) for his guidance. After that Allah presents the Quran as manual of guidance.

عبد الرحمن بن زيد بن اسلم عن ابيه عن جدة عن عمر بن الخطاب قال قال رسول الله: لما اقترف آدم الخطء ققال يا رب اسألك بحق محمد ان غفى تلى فقال فكيف عرفت محمدا ولم اخلقه بعد فقال فقال يا رب الأنك لما خلقتنى بيدك و نفخت في من روحك رفعت رأسي فرأيت على قوائم العرش مكتوبا لا الله الا الله محمد رسول الله فعلمت انك لم

تضف الى اسمك الا احب الخلق اليك فقال الله صدقت يا آدم انه لاحب الخلق الى واذ سالتني بحقه فقد غفي ت لك و

Some people narrate a weak hadith which says, Adam(AS) saw on the throne of Allah written Lailaha-illalla, Mohammedur rasool-Allah, he called out with the intermediary of Mohammed(SAW), Allah forgave him. This narration is without reference and contradicts the Quran. Other than that it goes against Allah's way. All the prophets called on Allah directly, they never took any prophet, saint or pious person as their intermediary. That is why the way of Prophet(SAW) and all other prophets was to call on Allah without intermediaries. (Tafsir Ahsan Al-Biyan, page 19, chap. 20, 1Surah Bagara V37) In spite of all the references, some people will say we don't believe in your translation, we accept such and such translation, or explanation. Then how do we arrive at the truth. I will try to explain it with an example. Let us suppose if different people tell someone who does not know English, the meaning of "turn right" in Urdu. Someone may say it means khabbay moro other may say siddha jawoo, or sajjay moro. Now to find the right answer one should consult English-Urdu dictionary and find out the truth. When it comes to religion we are not ready to investigate, even if we fail the test of the Hereafter. The Quran tells us that the test of this world is first and last test, if we fail we will not be tested again. and will face the consequence of our ignorance or arrogance. If our actions contradict the Quran, Hellfire will be our abode, and if they are in conformity with the Quran then Paradise will be our abode.

We have assigned different attributes to each false peer, for example this peer gives rain, this peer gives children, this peer gives sustenance etc. The Mushriks of Makkah had also assigned, different deities such attributes. They called them Bahira, Saibah, Wasila, Ham etc. Allah refutes it in Surah Al-Maidah, verse(5:103). in which Allah says: Allah has ordained neither Bahirah nor Saibah nor Wasila nor Ham, but the unbelievers have invented a falsehood against Allah, and most of them lack understanding (that is why they believe in such superstitions). On top of that from the sustenance provided by Allah they assign shares for Allah and their false deities. It is mentioned in Surah Al-Inam, verse(6:136), in which Allah says: These people have assigned portion to Allah out of cultivation and the cattle He Himself created, and say, "This is for Allah, and this is for the partners we have setup with Him. Then the portion assigned to the partners of their own making does not reach Allah, but that assigned to Allah reaches the partners setup by them. What evil decision they make! Who could be more transgressed, who sets share for Allah and the false deities from sustenance provided by Allah. On top of that, fearing the alleged wrath of the false deities, they even give them the share assigned to Allah, saying Allah doesn't need it. Due to this, these false deities are becoming filthy rich, and nothing reaches the poor. (انَّالله) All human beings have five basic desires and the Quran gives the solution for achieving them. 1 & 2) Our desires to be protected from calamities, troubles, difficulties etc., and easiness in our affairs. The Quran says: Whosoever fears Allah in whatever he does, Allah shall open for him a way out of the difficulties (65:2). 3) Abundance in our sustenance. Whosoever fears Allah, He shall provide for him from whence he could little imagine. And whosoever trusts in Allah, He is enough for him. Allah brings His decree to fulfillment. Allah has appointed a destiny for everything (65:3). 4 & 5) Forgiveness for all our sins and multiplication of our good deeds to achieve Junnat-ul-Firdaus, highest category in Paradise (Prophet(SAW) said, when asking Allah don't be miser, he can award anything). Whoever fears Allah, Allah will remove his evils and will enhance his reward (65:5). O Muslim, fear Allah, respect the pious and humans in general, but don't fear them or worship them.

Furthermore those who have inflicted themselves with the intermediary concept in this world, their stupidity will continue in the Hellfire. It is mentioned in Surah Momin, verses 49-50, which says: Then these dwellers of Hell will say to its keepers, "Pray to your Lord to relieve us of the torment for only one day," They will ask, "Did not your Messengers come to you with clear Signs?" They will say, "Yes". The keepers of Hell will say, "Then pray (for help) vourselves. But the prayer of the disbelievers only ends in vain." These verses tell us that people in Hellfire will request the guardians of the Hell (as intermediary) to request their Lord to relinguish the torment for one day. Habits die hard; they will still not ask Allah, the All Merciful directly for mercy. I will try to explain this with an example from people of Bani Israel. They were severely suppressed by Pharaoh, whose nation used to worship idols and cows. When Allah(swt) blessed them with His Mercy and rid them of Pharaoh, they demanded from Musa(AS) to make them an idol for worship. Later, when Musa(AS) went to Mount Toor on the call of his Lord, in his(AS) absence his people made a gold cow and started worshipping it. To rid them of inherited cow's love, Allah(SWT) ordered them to sacrifice a cow, which they did and rid themselves of cow worship. We should also rid ourselves of grave worship and call on our One True God.

Finally, I would like to present a hypothetical situation to my readers: Suppose we are sitting in a restaurant, and suddenly chief executive of the country enters the restaurant, he meets us and asks, "Do we need anything". My question to my readers, will we give him our demands immediately, or will we say, "Mr. Prime Minister go home. I will approach you via your guard or secretary or MP or minister (according to status), and hand you my request". Obviously, we will immediately hand him our request. We will never take a chance of losing the opportunity. On the other hand, Allah the Lord of the universe, the All Powerful, the All Knowing and All Giving says, "O My slaves, is there anyone who needs something, I may grant it to him". Here we tend to look for intermediaries with no power, and say, we will ask such and such slave of Yours to force You to accept our demands (انَّالله). As a consequence we will be losers in the Hereafter. Allah is so merciful that He will give His slave what He has decreed for him, whether he asks directly or indirectly through false deities. Why don't we

ask Allah directly? It is because we have not grasped the attributes and power of Allah(swT), the all Knowing and the all Aware, otherwise we would not dare go anywhere else. He owns us, and everything that exists. Remember this world is a test, when He loves someone; he puts him through tests, so that his bad deeds are washed off, and his status is raised in the Hereafter (Prophet(sAW)) was tested the most). Subhan-Allah! I will try to explain it with an example. Parents love their children, yet they will be very strict when exams are hovering over their heads. They will test them by not allowing them to watch TV or play games etc., so that they would succeed in their exams. Allah loves us seventy times more. O Allah, we are pleased to accept You as our Lord, and Islam as our way of life, and Mohammed(sAW) as our prophet and guide. Amin!

The lessons we have acquired from the above verses are as follows

- 1. Those who are looking for other sources are the ones who have rejected the truth.
- 2. Those they call as an intermediary between them and Allah(SWT) are themselves seeking intermediaries.
- 3. Punishment of Allah(swT) is so severe that it should be feared.
- 4. These people when put in Hell will transgress and ask the guardian of Hell to approach Allah(swτ) on their behalf. Habits die hard.

Intercession

Satan has bag full of deceits with which he cons people. Satan induces another ploy and convinces people that there is intersession, and that these saints, imams, peers etc. will intercede on their behalf on the Day of Resurrection. Satan was tested with Adam(AS), on failing the test he vowed he will use all form of deceits and ploys to mislead the progeny of Adam(AS) to Hellfire with him. After the concept of waseela being obliterated in the light of Quran and the Sunnah, those who are griped in Satan's ploy will then say, we call on them to intercede on our behalf on the Day of Judgment. In Surah Yunus, verse 18, Allah(SWT) obliterates this concept, and says: These people worship beside Allah those which can neither harm nor benefit them, and say, "These are our intercessors with Allah." O Muhammad, say to them, "Do you presume to inform Allah of that thing which He knows to be

neither in the heavens nor in the earth?" He is absolutely free from and exalted above what they associate with Him. In this verse Allah says people have made intercessors and worship deities who can neither harm them nor benefit them. Allah(SWT) tells Prophet(SAW) to ask them, are their intercessors going to tell Allah(swt) something that He(SWT) does not know in the heavens or the earth (He has written down everything in the Book of predestination)? He is infinitely exalted over the partners they associate with Him. Intercession is there but only for those whom Allah(SWT) wills. Allah(SWT) says in Ayat-ul-Kursi, who can intercede in front of Him without his permission. In Surah Naba, Allah(SWT) says, on the Day of Resurrection when all angels and all creations will be standing in rows after rows, no one will dare to speak except with His permission and he will speak the truth. Further, Allah(SWT) in Surah Zumar, verse 43-45, completely obliterates the concept of intercession. Allah(SWT) asks: What! Have they taken besides Allah others as intercessors? Say to them, "Will they intercede even if they have no power what so ever, nor understanding?" Say, "Intercession is wholly in the power of Allah, His is the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth. Then, to Him you will be returned." When Allah alone is mentioned, the hearts of those who do not believe in the Hereafter are filled with anguish; but when others beside Him are mentioned, they are at once filled with joy. These verses completely obliterate the concept of intercession put forward by the fraudsters. People engulfed in the poly of Satan, are those who reject the Hereafter. When only Allah(SWT) is mentioned, their hearts are filled with anguish, and when other than Allah(SWT) are remembered their hearts are filled with iov (اثنالله). Finally, in Surah Sajdah, verse 4, Allah(swt) tells us: It is He Who created the heavens and the earth and all that is between them in six days, and then sat Himself upon the Throne. You have no supporters and helpers besides Him or any intercessor before Him. Will you not then take heed? Allah eradicates the concept of intercession by saying that on the Day of Resurrection we will have no supporter, helper or intercessor besides Allah(swt). We need intercession in this world because humans are not Al-Aleem, they have to be guided/misguided. In the dua after Azan, we request Allah(SWT) to grant us the intercession of our Prophet(SAW) on our behalf. Prophet's intercession will be for whom Allah wills. O' Allah, You

are our sustainer, our protector, helper, and intercessor. Please make us illegible for the Prophet(SAW)'s intercession, and beg Yee for Thy forgiveness and mercy. Amin! The next hadiths are final nail in the coffin of intercession. In Ibn Hibban, hadith 124, Sahih. Prophet(SAW) said, "The Quran is an intercessor, and it's intercession is accepted, and its plea is believed. Whoever makes it lead him, it will lead him to Paradise, and whosoever places it behind him, he is dragged to the Fire". This hadith tells us that the Quran is the best intercessor and its intercession will be accepted. Shouldn't we follow the Quran so that it can intercede on our behalf on the Day of Judgment and take us to Paradise? It is narrated by Anus(RA) in Sahih Bukhari, chapter tafseer, hadith 1587 that Prophet(SAW) said that after judgments have been passed; righteous have entered the Paradise and the sinner have entered the Hellfire. Our Prophet(SAW), our beloved will fall in prostration under the Throne of the Lord of the Universe to intercede on our behalf, and he(SAW) will stay in that position as long as Allah wishes, and will supplicate as Allah desires. Allah(SWT) will say to him(SAW) ask, it will be granted to you. He(saw) will say that there are lots of people from his Ummah in the Hellfire, O Allah, forgive them, Allah will say to him that he(saw) can remove his followers from Hellfire who have such and such level of Imaan. He(SAW) will go and get them out of the Hellfire. Second time he(saw) will again fall in prostration and will stay in that position as long as Allah wishes, and will supplicate as Allah desires. Allah will again say to him(SAW) ask, it will be granted to you. He(saw) will again say that there are lots of people from his Ummah in the Hellfire, O Allah, forgive them. Allah will say to him that hersawi can remove his followers from Hellfire who have such and such level of Imaan. The Prophet(SAW) will go and get them out of the Hellfire. Third time again he(saw) will fall in prostration in front of Allah(SWT), and will stay in that position for as long as Allah wishes, and will supplicate as Allah desires. Allah will again say to him ask, it will be granted to you. He(saw) will again say that there are lots of people from his Ummah in the Hellfire, O Allah, forgive them. Allah will say that you can remove your followers from Hellfire who have Iman the size of a mustard seed. He(SAW) will go and get them out of the Hellfire. Again, for the fourth time he(SAW) will fall in prostration and will stay in that position for as long as Allah(SWT) wishes, and will supplicate as Allah desires. Allah(SWT) will

again say to him, ask, it will be granted to you. He(SAW) will again say that there are lots of people from his Ummah in Hellfire, O Allah, forgive them. Allah will say you can remove all your followers from the Hellfire. The Prophet(SAW) will go and come out empty handed. Allah will ask him, why he has come out empty handed. The Prophet(SAW) will reply, the rest of his followers have the Quran as witness against them (polytheists, hypocrites and people who did good deeds to show people (ria)). He(saw) cannot intercede for the people against whom the Quran is a witness (the ones who did not follow the Quran). O Muslims read the Quran with understanding and follow its commandments. O Allah, please, please..., let the Quran be witness on our behalf, and not against us. O Allah, let us not be a disappointment for our beloved nabi(saw). O Allah, bestow lots and lots of peace and blessings on our beloved(saw). O Allah, raise our moral status so that You and the Prophet(SAW) are pleased with us. O Allah, cover our sins from him(saw) on the Day of Judgment, lest he(saw) feels remorse for us. Amin

From the above verses we conclude the following:-

- 1. Allah is all knowing therefore the concept of intercession is misunderstood.
- 2. No one has any authority and understanding to intercede.
- 3. When only Allah(swt) is called upon, the disbelievers are aggravated.
- 4. Only Allah will allow intercession for whom He wishes. That is what we request in the supplication after Azan (call to prayers).

Who are we following?

In Surah Al-Kahaf, verse 102, Allah says: What, do these people, who have disbelieved, presume that they would make My servants their helpers besides Me? We have prepared Hell for the hospitality of such people. This verse tells us that those who make provider deity from Allah's slaves have disbelieved, the outcome of shirk and disbelief is Hellfire. Calling out to others besides Allah (dead ones) is not only shirk but worse than disbelief. It is because we knowingly associate Allah's supreme attributes to false deities. That is why shirk is second from the bottom after hypocrisy from the six levels in Hellfire. May Allah protect us from committing shirk. Amin! In Surah Inaam, verse 52, Allah says: And do not drive

away those who invoke their Lord morning and evening and are engaged in seeking His favors. You are not in any way accountable for them nor are they in any way accountable for you; so, if you should drive them away, you shall be counted among the unjust. I would like to elaborate on this verse which discusses the eminence of the Sahabas. If someone shows us an illusion we fall for it and make them our doer deity. May the Sahabas be glorified, who witnessed the miracles of Prophet(SAW), which included splitting of the moon, stream of water coming from his fingers to guench the thirst of the whole caravan, small quantity of food was enough to feed three thousand people etc., yet they would call Allah for their needs and were oblivious of all others, because whosoever has Allah, he doesn't need anyone else. Whoever considers Allah as his doer, provider, and sustainer etc., Allah is enough for him. If calling on humans was allowed, the Sahabas would have called on Prophet(SAW) (the best human out of all humanity). The test is that we only call on Allah in our times of need. Because of Sahabas steadfastness Allah warns Prophet(SAW) that if he drives them away, he will be from the unjust. May Allah give us the strength not to associate partners with Him? Amin! My question to my readers: Who is the greatest human being? Mohammed(SAW)! If invoking others besides Allah was allowed, then shouldn't we invoke Mohammed(SAW) and other prophets (all saints and Sahabas combined do not equal a prophet)? Where is the need of calling on myths? Do people call out to Mohammed(SAW)? No. It is because it is not allowed. If calling on prophets is not allowed, then who allowed calling on others? Where is the proof? There is no proof.

Who are the so called saints and peers?

Ibrahim(AS) was Allah(SWT)'s khalil (friend), he was told that he(AS) will be made the leader of the human race. Ibrahim(AS) immediately asked Allah(SWT) is this promise also valid for his progeny. Allah(SWT) replied, not for the transgressors. In Surah Baqrah, verse 124, Allah says: Recall that when his Lord put Ibrahim to test in certain things and he fulfilled all of them, He said, "I am going to make you the leader of mankind." Ibrahim humbly asked, "Does this promise apply to my descendants?" He replied, "My promise does not apply to the transgressors." Yet our peers and their progeny enjoy the transfer of gaddi from one generation to the other, irrespective whether he is pious or not. Result in Gujranwala a peer was caught

who raped 345 women and made movies of 55. Guess what; husbands brought them there for nazray karam (اتَّالله), to bestow them with haram child (I am extremely sorry I could not find a softer word). I can only ask Allah(swt) to guide us, for His guidance is the only true guidance. Fraudsters trap their victims (followers) with fictitious story, like they acquired their knowledge directly heart to heart from Hazrat Abu Baker Siddig(RA) or Hazrat Ali(RA), it is nothing but a fabricated fallacy. If it were so, then why do we have different ways, and how can we authenticate which is the true way? We cannot authenticate it, and Allah(SWT) will never leave His last message unprotected. Allah(SWT) answers the question in Surah Nisa, verse 70, by saying: This is the real bounty which comes from Allah, and Allah's knowledge (Quran) suffices to know the Reality. In one of my concluding quotes, the believing Minister in Pharaoh's court says "Nay, the truth is, and it cannot be otherwise, that those to whom you call me to, can neither be called to in this world nor in the Hereafter", thus the truth has emerged and the falsehood has vanished, for falsehood was to vanish. O' brothers wakeup time is running out. Further in Surah Saba, verses 22-27, Allah(swt) says to the Prophet(SAW): (O Prophet,) say (to the mushriks), "Call those whom you worship as deities instead of Allah. They neither own an atom's weight of anything in the heavens nor in the earth, nor have they anything to share in either, nor is any of them a helper of Allah. And no intercession before Allah can avail anyone except for the one for whom Allah permits it. So much so that when dread is gone from their hearts, these people will ask their intercessors, "What reply did your Lord give?" They will say, "The correct reply! And He is the Exalted, the Great!" (O Prophet) ask them, who gave you sustenance from the heavens and the earth"? Say, "Allah! Only either we or you are on the Right Path or in manifest error." Say to them, "You will not be questioned for the errors we have committed, nor shall we be answerable for what you are doing." Say, "Our Lord will gather us together; then He will judge between us rightly. He is such a great Judge Who knows everything." Say to them, "Just show me those whom you have made associates with Him." Nay, never! Allah alone is the All-Mighty. the All-Wise. In these verses Allah(swt) tells Prophet(SAW) to tell the mushriks the deities they call on don't even own an atom in the heavens and the earth, and neither are they

partner with Him in the heavens or the earth, they can neither help them nor intercede in front of Allah(SWT) except with His(SWT) permission. The horror of the Day of Reckoning will be so great that everyone will be worried about themselves, especially the false deities. We know Allah(swT) is our sustainer. He provides us sustenance from the skies and the earth. Those who have other deities (creation of Allah) are misguided, everyone will be held accountable for his wrong doings, and no one will carry the burden of another. Allah(SWT) will gather his creations (humans and Jinns) for accountability and will decide with justice, He is all Great and all Just and has knowledge of everything. Allah(SWT) asks Prophet(SAW) to ask the polytheist to at least show those beings whom they considered Allah(swt)'s associates. There is none; on the Day of Judgment every soul will disassociate itself from the other. Glory be to Allah. Who is all powerful and all knowing. Finally, in Surah Ahkaaf, verses 1-6 Allah(swt) thrusts the final nail in the coffin of the mushriks and says: Ha-Mim. The revelation of this Book is from the All-Mighty, All-Wise Allah. We have created the heavens and the earth and all that lies between them with the truth, and to last for an appointed term, but the disbelievers are turning away from the reality of which they have been warned. O Prophet, say to them, "Have you ever seen with open eyes those whom you invoke instead of Allah? Show me what they have created in the earth? Or, have they any share in the creation and control of the heavens? Bring me a Book revealed before this, or produce some remnant of knowledge (in support of your beliefs) if you are truthful." And who could be further astray than the one who invokes, instead of Allah, those who cannot answer him till the Day of Resurrection. Nay, they are even unaware that they are being invoked. And when all mankind shall be gathered together, they will become enemies of those who invoked them and will disown their worship. In these verses Allah tells us to observe our mortal deities with open eyes and mind; have they created anything in the universe? No. Can these powerless mortal deities have a role in running the universe? The answer is no. If we look at our false deities with open eyes and common sense, we will notice they are just ordinary humans; they eat, drank and had no super powers. They lived a mortal life and died, or will die. If someone thinks otherwise, Allah says produce proofs from any of His revelations

which affirms their contention? Who can be more misguided than a person who calls on others beside Allah(swt), they cannot answer their caller till the Day of Resurrection, and on the Day of Reckoning they will be enemies of those who invoked them. In a hadith Sahabas said to Prophet(saw) the Romans prostrate to their king, you are the greatest man to walk the earth, allow us to prostrate to you(saw). The Prophet(saw) replied, prostrating to anyone besides Allah is prohibited, if it was allowed, I would have asked the women to prostrate to their husbands. If we cannot prostrate to our beloved Nabi(SAW) then how we can prostrate to these fraudsters (a true saint will not allow anyone to prostration to him). In an another hadith in Musnad Ahmed, hadith 25302, Saad bin Hasham says, he asked Aysha(RA) about the character of Prophet(SAW). She said his character was Quran. I.e. he(SAW) would follow the Quranic instructions. On the other hand we have those brothers who say the Quran is not complete, and their doer deities teach them contrary to what the Quran teaches. In another hadith the Prophet(SAW) said to his daughter Fatima(RA) that on the Day of judgment I will not be able to do anything for you there, she can only enter Paradise because of her good deeds. These fraudsters tell their followers that they will take them and their families to Paradise. (إِنَّا لِتَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيهُ رَاجِعُون)

عن سعد بن هشام، قال: سالت عائشة، فقلت: اخبريني عن خلق رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم وحد فقالت: كان خلقه القرآن مسند احمد حديث نمبر 25302-

Saad bin Hasham narrates, he says he asked Aysha(RA) about the moral ethics of Prophet(SAW). She said the Quran was his ethic.

Finally I will conclude with the saying of a true saint. He says if you see a person who has the power to fly, don't be misled by him until you make sure he guards and obeys the commandments of the Quran and the Sunnah. I.e. he follows the instructions of the Quran and the sunnah. Such a person will never say he is our doer deity, he will tell us to follow the instructions of the Quran.

قال ابويزيد: لونظرتم الى رجل اعطى من الكهامات حتى يرفع في الهواء فلا تغتروا بدحتى تنظروا كيف تجدونه عند الامر والنهى وحفظ الحدود واداء الشه يعة معمدلية اولياء وطبقات الاصفياء جز10صفحه 40

Abu Yazeed said if you see a man who shows miracles by flying in the air, don't be hoodwinked by him and start follow him until you investigate him, whether he protects the limitations laid down by Islam and follows its teachings.

We can conclude the following from the above verses of the Quran

- 1. To find the truth, Allah's knowledge (Quran) suffices.
- 2. Transgressors have no status in Allah's eyes.
- 3. These false deities have created nothing and have no say in running the Universe.
- 4. These false peers etc. play with the sentiments of their followers to distract them from the truth.
- 5. Companions would always ask from Allah.
- 6. Asking a live person to supplication to Allah or asking for things is allowed.
- 7. The Prophet(SAW)'s moral ethic was the Quran.
- 8. Making doer deities besides Allah is disbelief (kuffar).
- 9. Prostration of any type to others besides Allah is haram, forbidden.

Consequences of Polytheism(shirk)

In Surah Al-Momin, verses 69-72, Allah(swt) tells us: Have you seen how those who dispute concerning Allah's Revelations are being turned about? Those who deny this Book and those Books which We sent with Our Messengers, shall soon know, when with fetters round their necks and chains they shall be dragged towards boiling water and then cast into the fire of Hell. In these verses Allah is telling us, those who dispute in the Quran and unaltered previous books of Allah will be gripped with collars and fetters, and pulled through the boiling water and cast into the Hellfire. O Muslims, this book (Quran) shows us the way to success, don't ever dispute it. It is from Allah and He has guaranteed its protection from alteration and corruption. In Surah Al-Aaraaf, verse 53, Allah(SWT) asks: Now, are these people waiting for anything other than the consequence of which they have been warned in the Book? When the consequence of shirk will come before them, those very people who had disregarded it, will say, "Indeed, the Messengers of our Lord had come with the Truth. Shall we have, then, any intercessors who will intercede for us? Or could we be sent back that we might do deeds different from those we did before?" They have, indeed, incurred heavy loss upon themselves, and all the false things they had invented have forsaken them today. Allah is telling us that on the Day of Judgment on seeing the torment, the polytheists who disputed the Quran will realize that their

messenger admonished them with the truth. That Day they will also realize they have no intermediary or intercessors; nor will they get a second chance. Allah(swt) said in another verse, if We send them back, they will repeat what they did earlier. They have put themselves in lots of harm by invoking self-made deities (peers. saints, imams etc.). Further in Surah Al-Momin, verses 73-77, Allah(SWT) will ask on the Day of Resurrection: "Where are those other gods besides Allah, whom you associated"? They will answer, "They have been lost to us; nay, we did not call upon anything before this." Thus will Allah establish the deviation of the disbelievers! It will be said to them, "You have met this fate because you rejoiced on the earth in things other than the Truth. and then exulted in it. Enter now the gates of Hell to live therein forever. What an evil abode for the arrogant". So, be patient, O Prophet, Allah's promise is true. Whether We let you witness a part of the evil consequences with which We are threatening them, or recall you from the world (before this), they have to return to Us. In this verse Allah tells us that on the Day of Judgment, the polytheist on seeing the torment will lie and say, they never invoked anyone else besides Allah. Allah will degrade them and tell them this happened to them because they followed the falsehood and rejoiced about it. In another verse in Surah As-Sajdah, verse 29-30, Allah tells us to tell the polytheists: "Believing on the Day of Judgment, will not in any way profit those who have disbelieved, nor will they get any respite after that". Well, leave them to themselves, and wait, they too are waiting. That Day no lies will benefit the polytheist, nor will they get any respite from anywhere. They will be told to enter the Hellfire: it will be their final abode for eternity. O' Muslims never be rhetorical of your sins, instead seek Allah's forgiveness. The result of being rhetorical is that, in Surah Zukhruf, verses 36-42, Allah(swt) says: He who does not heed the admonition (Quran) of the Merciful, We set a satanic devil upon him, and he becomes his companion. These devils hinder such people from the right way while they think that they are guided aright. Ultimately, when he comes to Us, he will say to his devil companion, "Would that between me and you there were the distance of the East and the West, you turned out to be a most evil companion." Then it will be said to them, "When you have done wrong, it will avail you nothing today as you and your devils

are partners in the same torment." Now O Prophet, will you make the deaf to hear you, or show the way to the blind and those who are involved in manifest deviation? Now We have to punish them. whether We take you away from the world, or let you see their end, which We have promised them. We have full power over them. Those who rejected the Quran and brag about it, Allah will set a devil as partner with them, who will lead them astray from the right path. On the Day of Resurrection those who rejected the Quran will wish they were separated from their devil partners, just like the east is separated from the west. Regretfully, on that Day this talk will not benefit them. They and their devils both will face the same torment. O' brothers, study the Quran to defend vourselves from these devils. O' Allah, fill our hearts with love for the Quran and its teachings, and make us from the ones who follow it. Amin! Further, in Surah Kaahaf, verses 102-104, Allah(swt) tells us: What, do these people, who have disbelieved, presume that they would make My servants/slaves their helpers beside Me? We have prepared Hell for the hospitality of such people. O Muhammad, say to them, "Should We tell you who are the most unsuccessful people and miserable failures in regard to their deeds? They are those, all whose endeavor in the worldly life had gone astray from the Right Path, but all along they were under the delusion that everything they were doing was rightly directed. In these verses Allah is telling us that those people who have taken Allah's slaves as His associates (sustainer, doer and provider), they will be thrown in the Hellfire for eternity. They are the biggest losers, because they chose to go against the teachings of the Quran, and still believed that they are on the right path. Thus, they will never repent, and Allah(SWT) only forgives those who ask for His forgiveness. Our blessed Prophet(SAW) used to repent at least a hundred times a day. May Allah(SWT) protect us from being ungrateful and associate partners with Him, and may He make us from those who repent to Him day and night. Amin! We should repent frequently and make it a habit to recite the supplication mentioned earlier after all our mandatory prayers to seek His refuge from shirk. Further Allah says in Surah Al-Momin, verses 81-85: When they saw Our scourge, they cried out, "We now believe in Allah, the One, and we reject all those gods whom we used to associate with Him." But after having seen Our scourge, their belief

could be of no avail to them, because the same has been the standing law of Allah to deal with His servants, in the past, and then the disbelievers only incurred loss. On the Day of Judgment after seeing the wrath of Allah, those who invoked others, will say to Allah(SWT) now they believe and reject their other deities. Regretfully, that Day repentance will not benefit them, because that is Allah's way. They had put themselves in lots of harm. Brother time is running out; before it's too late, repent to the All Forgiving Allah. To enhance what we read, Allah(SWT) says in Surah Al-Araaf, verses 36-37: Then who can be more wicked than the one who invents falsehoods and attributes these to Allah or treats the true Revelations of Allah as false? Such people will go on receiving their destined shares till that hour comes when the angels, appointed by Us, will arrive to seize their souls. Then the angels will ask them, "Where are those now whom you invoked instead of Allah? They will answer. "All of them have forsaken us." And they will give evidence against themselves that they had indeed denied the truth. In these verses Allah says, those people who reject the verses of Quran and invent new ways, have enmity against the Quran, they will be the dwellers of the Hellfire. Who can be more transgressed then those who slander Allah(swt) (Quran) and try to hide the truth with falsehood. These people will get their share of punishment written in the book of Sijjeen. When the angel of death will arrive to collect their souls, the angel will enquire from them about their deities. Then the polytheists will realize they have forsaken them, because they never had any powers. O Muslims turn back to your Lord, He is waiting for us with open arms. He loves us, so reciprocate. Insha-Allah!

In Surah Al-Momin, verses 47-48, Allah(swt) tells us: Imagine the time when these people will be disputing with one another in Hell. The weak ones will say to the haughty ones, "We were your followers, now, can you save us from some part of our punishment in Hell?" The haughty ones will say, "We are all in the same state here, and Allah has already passed judgment between His servants." In these verses Allah while admonishing us, paints the picture of the Hellfire where the polytheists will be fighting each other, those who were weak in the world will ask the ones whom they worshipped and obeyed in the world, if they can relinquish part of the torment from them. Regretfully, no one can help

anyone there; they all will be in Hell together. O' Muslims, seek Allah's guidance, He will surely guide us. Finally, on seeing no way out; those who disbelieved will ask Allah(SWT) in Surah As-Sajdah, verse(41:29), to show them the Jinns and men, who led them astray. They shall trample them under their feet so that they are utterly disgraced. On the Day of resurrection it will be too late for repentance, and neither will good actions benefit them. In another place in the Quran Allah says that those who misguided them will say to their followers that you followed us with your own free will, so don't blame us, we are in this together. May Allah(SWT) protect us and all Muslims from being polytheist, and guide us all to His true way. Amin!

Answers of false peers and saints in Hell

In Surah Bagra, verses 166-167, Allah says: When He will inflict punishment, those very leaders and guides whom they followed in the world will disown them. But punishment they shall get and all their bonds shall be cut off. Then those who followed them will say, "Would that we were given another chance to return to the world; then we will disown them just as they have disowned us today." Thus Allah will bring before them the deeds they did in the world in such a manner as to make them wring their hands in regret but they shall be unable to come out of the Fire. On the Day of Judgment, on seeing Allah's anger and severity of His punishment, these fraudster religious leaders will disassociate themselves from their followers. They will still face the punishment for their crimes, and the crime of misleading their followers. On the other hand those who were misled will say in anguish, if they were returned back to the world again, they will disassociate themselves from these fraudsters just like they have dissociated from us. How sad, there is no turning back from there. It is only repentance in this world and Allah(swt)'s mercy that we may live, and the Paradise may be our permanent abode. Further in Surah Nahl, verse 86, Allah says: When the People, who had committed shirk in this world, will see those whom they had made associates with Allah, they will say, "Our Lord! Here are those associatedeities whom we used to invoke beside Yee." At this their deities will retort, "You are liars." This verse also tells us that the fraudsters will disown their followers on the Day of Judgment. How unfortunate, although the followers knew the fraudsters would

turn away from them if they did not give donations, they should have also realized on seeing the torment most certainly they will dissociate from them. Unfortunately, due to lust and worldly gains, people are following these types of fraudsters instead of their Merciful Lord! May Allah(swt) protect His entire believing servants from the footsteps of the Satan. Amin! Thank you Allah, for Thy guidance! On the Day of Judgment in Surah Saba, verses 31-33: Allah says, the disbelievers who used to say, "We shall never believe in this Quran, nor in any other Book which came before it." Would that you could see these wicked people at the time when they will be standing before their Lord! Then, they will blame one another. Those who had been oppressed in the world will say to the arrogant, "But for you we would have been the believers." The arrogant ones will say to the oppressed ones, "Did we hinder you from the guidance when it came to you? Nay, but you yourselves were guilty." The oppressed ones will say to the arrogant ones, "Nay, but it was your plotting by day and night when you told us to deny Allah and to set up others as equals with Him." At last, when they will see the torment, they will repent in their hearts, and We shall put fetters on the necks of the disbelievers. Can the people be requited except in accordance with their deeds? On the Day of Judgment the suppressed ones will tell their oppressors, if it was not for them, they would have believed. The oppressors and these misleading Doctors and Allamas etc. will ask their followers, were they forcefully stopped from the right way or did they follow them willingly? As they had followed them willingly, they all are in the same sinking (in Hell) boat. O' Allah, have mercy on us, and ordain for us and all Muslims to abstain from shirk and save us from the footsteps of the Satan, which we cannot comprehend. Amin!

Answers of true Saints

May Allah be pleased with the rightly guided saints and increase their status, their answers are very obvious. In Surah Furqan, verses 17-18, says: And on that Day (your Lord) will gather all these people together as well as their deities, whom they worship besides Allah. Then He will ask them, "Did you mislead these servants of Mine, or did they themselves go astray?" They will answer, "Glory be to You! We dared not take any guardian besides You, (they were misled because) You did give them and their forefathers all the good things of life till they forgot the

Admonition, and incurred the punishment". On the Day of Resurrection, Allah(SWT) will question the true saints and ask them if they told their followers to worship them. They will answer, "O' Allah, we dared not take any guardian beside You, how could we tell them what we had no right to tell". Those claiming to be their followers followed their own lust which led them astray from the right path. (Subhanallah) Similarly, in Surah Younus, verses 28-29, Allah says: On the Day when We muster them together (in Our Court,) we shall say to those who committed shirk, "Stay where you are, you and those whom you set up as partners with Us." Then We shall remove the state of strangeness from among them, and the partners they had set up will say, "You did not worship us". On the Day of Judgment when Allah(SWT) will raise the curtain between the rightly guided saints and those who claim they followed them. The true saints will disown the worship of their so called followers, and will say, if you did worship them, they are unaware of it. and Allah(swt)'s witness between them is enough. Truth prevailed because truth is meant to prevail.

Summarizing what we have read in this chapter.

- 1. Those who did not remember Allah; Allah will place a satanic devil on them who will misguide them.
- 2. Because the mushriks think they are on the right path, they will not repent.
- 3. After seeing Allah's wrath the mushriks will say they now believe the truth.
- 4. Allah's law is that deeds in this world only count.
- 5. Those who reject the Quran are the dwellers of the Hellfire.
- 6. Out of frustration they would like to crush those who misguided them under their feet...
- 7. False peers will ignore their followers on the Day of Judgment.
- 8. False peers will deny that they are their followers.
- 9. False peers will say that they followed them with their free will, therefore they are not responsible.
- 10. True saints will reply that they always said to ask Allah(SWT), and Allah's witness as such is enough between us.
- 11. True saints will say if you ever worshipped us we are unaware of it.

Acceptance of Supplication

Allah(SWT) always answers the prayers of his slaves, as He is All-Knowing, He chooses one of four ways to answer his prayers.

He(SWT) will answer his prayers in a manner that will benefit him in achieving Paradise.

a) He gives the caller immediately

There is an incident mentioned in books of Hadith narrated by Annus(RA), who said there was a merchant who would bring goods from Sham to Madina. He had a strong trust in Allah(SWT), he would not travel with caravans but rather independently. Once he was coming from Sham when he was stopped by a bandit. He told the bandit to take all what he had. The bandit said, he will not only take all his goods but he will also kill him. The merchant(RA) said, he requested the bandit to allow him(RA) to pray four rakats before he killed him. He gave him the permission to pray. The merchant(RA) said he prayed four rakats, raised his head towards the heaven and supplicated the following three times. O the Loving One, O the Loving One, O the Ever-Living and owner of the throne, O the starter of the creation, O the One who will resurrect, O the One who does what He wills, I call on You by the light of Your Face, which has lightened the Throne and its surroundings, I call on You by Your powers with which you control the creations, and I call on You by Your Mercy which encompasses everything, and there is no God besides You. O the One who listens to the supplicant, help me. Allah(SWT) sent an angel who killed the bandit and rescued him. When he came to Medina, while telling his story he and the sahabas (companions) who were listening to him started to cry, out of love for Allah(SWT).

يا وَدُودُ يَا وَدُودُ، يَا ذَا الْعَرُشِ الْمَجِيْدِ، يَا مُبْدِئُ يَا مُعِينُ، يَا فَعَالُ لِبَا يُرِيْدُ، اَسْءَلُك بِبُوْدِ وَجُهِكَ الَّذَى مَلاَّ اَرْكَانَ عَرْشِكَ وَأَشْءَلُك بِرَحْمَتِكَ الَّتِيْ وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لَا اِلْهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، عَرْشِكَ وَأَشْءَلُك بِرَحْمَتِكَ الَّتِيْ وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لَا اِلْهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، عَرْضَهُ فَدُو اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، كَامُعنتُ أَغْتُنَهُ -

O Loving One, O Loving One, O the Ever-Living and owner of the throne! O the starter of the creation, O the One who will resurrect! O the One who does what he pleases, I call on You by the light of Your Face, which has lightened the Throne and its surroundings, I call you by Your powers with which you control the creations, and I call on You by Your Mercy which encompasses everything, and there is no God besides You. O the One who listens to the supplicant, help me. Suddenly a rider appeared who had spear in his hand. The bandit left the trader and moved towards the rider. When the bandit came near the rider, he hit him with the spear and killed him. The rider said to the trader that he is the angel of the third heaven. When you supplicated the first time heard a rumbling in the heaven, we said something extra ordinary has happened. When you supplicated the second time the doors of the heavens opened and on the third

supplication Jibril(AS) descended and asked who is in distress? I prayed that Allah gives me the chance to kill the bandit. O servant of Allah, know whoever in times of distress supplicates with your words, Allah will help him, and remove his distress. The trader then visited Prophet(SAW) and told him his story. He(SAW) said that Allah bestowed you the words to call with, whenever supplication is made with these words it will be accepted and whatever is asked with these words will be granted. Nafhat Al-Arab, p: 88-89.

b) Delays it for later, for He knows best.

When our prayers are delayed by Allah(swt) it may be a test, or it may be good for our Hereafter. Some impatient people will run towards tombs and graves to ask the dead. The Satan's enmity for the progeny of Adam(AS) at its peak, makes us think that these dead saints or anyone besides Allah(swt) can help them. (انَّا اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهِ مَا اللَّهُ مِن اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مِن اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مِن الللْهُ مِن الللْهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِن اللْهُ مِنْ اللَّهُ مِن اللْهُ مِن اللْهُ مِ

c) Replaces it with an alternative

He replaces it with an alternative for the one who supplicated. Because He knows what is better for him.

d) Saves it for the Hereafter

Allah saves the supplication for the Hereafter. Hadith below will explain the great benefits one receives in the Hereafter. Jaber(RA) narrates a hadith in which it is said that when Allah(SWT) will reward his slave in the Hereafter for all the un-answered supplications, that person will wish that none of his supplications were answered in the world.

The Quran in Surah kasas, verse 61, tells us: Do you not use common sense? Can the person to whom We have made a good promise, which he would certainly meet, be ever like the one, whom We have only given the provisions of the worldly life, and who on the Day of Resurrection would be presented for punishment? This verse should open our eyes, to know the facts of the test. A person who was given the luxurious worldly life and disbelieved, his residence will be eternally in the Hellfire. On the other hand a believer with righteous deeds might have a tough time in the world, but he has been promised eternal residence in the Paradise. My question to my readers: Can a person who has been promised well in the Hereafter and will get it (abide in the Paradise), equal a person who was given sustenance in the world and Hellfire will be his abode in the Hereafter? Obviously no,

success is not worldly gain but rather attaining Paradise (award for passing the test). To put the final nail in the coffin, Allah(SWT) says in a Hadith-e-Qudsi, narrated by Abu Hind Addari who says he heard the Prophet(SAW) say that Allah(SWT) said: Whoever is not happy with My predestination, and is not patient with calamity from Me, he should find for himself another Lord. Is there another Rub/Lord (sustainer, giver) obviously none. Then why have we left our guards down, which enables Satan to take us to Hellfire with him (which Satan has wowed to do).

عَنْ إِنِ هِنْدِ الدََّادِيِّ قَالَ: سَبِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ يَقُولُ: قَالَ اللهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَ: مَنْ لَمْ يَرْضَ بِقَضَا ثَنْ وَيَصْبِرْ عَلَى بَلاَءِ يَ فَلْيَلْتَبِسْ رَبَّالِسِوَايَ. المعجم الكبير للطبر انى، ج:22، مديث 807، صنح 320 المكتبة الثالمة

There could be one or more of the ten reasons why our supplications are not answered. If we are Muslims and showed patience it will still carry weight in the Hereafter. The reasons could be as follows: We believe in Allah and yet we don't fulfill His rights (we associate partners with Him, ignore His commandments and instead of fearing Him we fear His creation). We recite the Quran daily but do not practice it. We claim we love Mohammed(SAW) and yet do not follow his Sunnah. We say Satan is our enemy and still agree with him and follow him. We always say we want to go to Paradise, and yet our actions are just the opposite. We always say that we are fearful of the Hellfire, and yet we are running towards it. We know death is inevitable, and yet we are not preparing for it. We have preoccupied ourselves with the short comings of others and forget our own shortcomings. We are enjoying the blessings of Allah and still are not grateful to Him. We bury our dead in gravevards, and yet don't take heed from it. Do we deserve anything? No. To increase the level of our belief, let us look at the life style of Prophet(SAW) and his sahabas. Allah tested Prophet(SAW) and his sahabas in Makkah, where they faced the economic boycott (had to eat leaves, leather and barks of trees etc.), were tortured and executed. When the permission to migrate to Medina came, they had to leave empty handed, all their belongings and properties were confiscated. On arriving in Medina verses of Quran descended telling them Allah will test them severely. Subhan-Allah the sahabas said to the Prophet(SAW), we are not worried, Hasbi-Allah (Allah is enough for us), we know everything belongs to Allah and to Him is our return. They did not rush to other deities. My question: If the Prophet(SAW),s prayers

cannot stop the tests and calamities on his companions which Allah had predestined for them, then how can anyone else? Think!

Conclusions:

- Those supplications that were not accepted in the world will carry big rewards in the Hereafter.
- 2. Those who will enter Paradise are successful compared to those who were only rewarded in this world and Hellfire is their abode.
- 3. Those who are not satisfied with the predestination and don't show patience when calamity befalls will look for other lords like saints etc.
- 4. Allah(SWT) never wishes bad for His creation, it is they who chose the wrong path.

The Prohibition of Building Mausoleums

Question arises, what traps people in engaging in shirk? It is when one over exaggerates his love for a pious person that he falls prey to the ploy of Satan. We forget that on the Day of Resurrection, the piety of the pious is for him, and our piety will be for us. A generation of followers builds the mausoleum of a pious person out of respect, later generation make them their deity and start supplicating to them or thru them, no one will carry anyone else's load, every soul will be worried about himself. To negate this concept in Sahih Bukhari, hadith no. 1166, Ibn Sahab narrtes, he heard from Kharjah Bin Zaid Bin Sabit, who informed him about Umm Ella Ansari who (pledged to Prophet(SAW)) informed him that in balloting for the migrant sahabas, Usman Bin Mazoon(RA) came in our care. We welcomed him in our house. He got sick and died. After bathing and shrouding, Prophet(SAW) came. I said, O Abu Saib, I bear witness that Allah's mercy will be on you and you will have high status and appreciation with Allah. The Prophet(SAW) asked. how did you know that he will have high staus and appreciation with Allah. I said, O messenger of Allah may my parents be sacrificed on you then who will have appreciation infront of Allah. He(saw) said, no doubt he has died and by Allah I expext he will have high stsus with Allah, and by God I do not know about myself what will be my status, although I am Allah's messenger. Umm Ella said, by Allah I will never again bear such witness for anyone. Remember all saints combined don't equal one righteous companion, and all companions combined don't equal a prophet.

We can only say God willing he will go to paradise. Now question arises, when we cannot be sure if a person is going to the Paradise, then how can we worship him, or ask from him, or make him our intermediary or intercessor? Does it make sense? "O people, repent to the all forgiving Lord before the doors of repentance are closed (death) for us".

عن ابن شهاب قال اخبرن خارجة بن زيد ثابت أن أم العلاء امرأة من الانصار بايعت النبى أحبرته أنه اقتسم المهاجرون قرعة فطار لناعثمان بن مظعون فأنزلناه في أبياتنا فوجع وجعه الذي توفي فيه فلما توفي وغسل وكفن في أثوابه دخل رسول الله فقلت رحبة الله عليك أبا السائب فشهادتي عليك لقدا كي مك الله فقال النبي ومايدريك أن الله قدا كرمه فقلت بأبي أنتيارسول الله فين يكرمه الله فقال أمّا هوفقد جاء اليقين والله إن لارجوله الخيروالله ما أدرى وأنا رسول الله ما يفعل قالت فوالله لاازكي أحداب عدة أبدى - محيح البغاري، كتاب الجنائي، حديث مديث بهر 1166م

This is why in a hadith narrated by Atta Bin Yasaar says, Prophet Mohammed(SAW) prayed at his dying bed, "O Allah, let not my grave become a statue which will be worshipped, and may Allah's anger fall on those nations who have made the graves of their prophets a place of worship". God forbid, we have made graves of every tom dick and harry as place of worship, while we are not even supposed to make them for the prophets. Wakeup Muslims!

عن عطاء بن يسار ان رسول الله قال اللهم لاتجعل قبري وثنا يعبد اشتد غضب الله على قوم اتخذوا قبور انبياءهم

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In the hadith below Abu Hiyaj Al-Asadi(RA) says: I was sent by Ali(RA) who said, he(RA) was sending him to do the job that Prophet(SAW) ordered him to do. He was told to level all graves which were higher than hand span, and to destroy all statues (Sunan Abu Dawood, book on janaza, chapter on graves, hadith 3218). Then how can we build mausoleums?

عَنُ إِنِ هَيَّاجِ الْاَسَدِيِّ قَال: بِعَثَنِي عَلِيِّ ' قَالَ لِي: اَبْعَثُكَ عَلَى مَابَعَثَنِي عَلَيْهِ رَسُولُ مِنْ اَلْمَاتُمَ اَنْ لاَ اَدعَ قَبْراً مُشْيِ فَأَ اللَّاسَوَّ نَتُدُولاَ تِنْکُالاً الَّاطَمَسْتُهُ لِسَن الى داود، تناب الجنائز، مات في تسوية القرحديث نمبر 3218 ـ

Further Abu Huraira(RA) narrates that Prophet(SAW) said that it is better for someone to sit on a burning charcoal which burns his clothes and reaches his skin then sitting on graves (Sahih Muslim, hadith1612). How can people who claim they love Prophet(SAW), still disobey him and sit on the graves or mausoleums?

عَنْ أَبِيْ هُرَيْرَة قَالَ قَالَ رَسُوْلُ اللَّهُ لانْ يَجْلِسَ احَدُّ كُمْ عَلىَ جَمْرَةٍ فَتُحْنَقَ ثِيَا بَهُ فَتَخُلُصَّ إِلَى جِلْدِةِ خَيْرُلَهُ مِنْ اَنْ يَجْلِسَ عَلَى قَبْرِ ـ صَحِمَّلَم، صيث نمبر 1612 ـ Jabber(RA) narrates, he heard that the Prophet(SAW) used to prohibit us to sit on a grave, paint the grave, or construct anything on the grave, Imam Dawood said Usman Bin Shaiba said grave should not be higher than palm, and Sulaiman Bin Musa further said, placing name plate is also prohibited. What justification do we have to go against what the Prophet(SAW) has ordered us? Is this the love we have for the Prophet(SAW)?

اَتَّهُ سَبِعَ جَا بِراً سَبِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ نَهِي انْ يَقَعُدَ عَلَى الْقَبْرَوَانْ يُقَقَّصَ وَيُبْنَى عَلَيْهٌ حَداثنا مُسَدَّدُ وَعُثْبَانُ أِنِ شَيبة قَالاَ حَدُّثَنَا حَفْصُ بُنُ غَيَاثٍ عَنْ ابْنِ جُرِيْج عَنْ سُلَيَّانَ بُن مُوسَى وَعَنْ أَبِى الرُّبَيْرِ عَنْ جَابِر بَهِذَا الحدِيثِ قَال ابوداؤد قال عُثْبَانُ أَوْ يُوادَ عَلَيْهِ وَزَادَ سُلَعًانُ ابْنُ مُوسَى أَوْ أَنْ يُكْتَبَ عَلَيْه استنالِ اوْد، حدیث نمر 3226۔

In another hadith Ibn Abbas narrates that he heard the Prophet_(SAW) say, may Allah's wrath be on those women who visit the graves, all those who prostrate on the graves, and those who light lamps on the graves. What we are doing is just the opposite. What excuses will we have on the Day of Judgment to save ourselves from the Hellfire? Think!

عَنُ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ َذَاءِ رَاتِ الْقُبُورِ وَالمُتَّعِنِيْنَ عَلَيْهَا الْمُسَاجِدَ وَالسُّرُ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللهِ كَاللهِ Last but not the least; Abu Huraira(RA) narrates that the Prophet(SAW) said, making intention of going to other than the three places of worship Masjid-e- Haram, Masjid-e- Nabawi and Masjid-e-Aqsa for the sake of reward is prohibited. Then why are we visiting these graves or mausoleums? "O Muslim it is collecting sins not rewards. Wakeup, otherwise Hellfire might be our abode".

عن أبي هرير عن النّبي طَنْ يَهِم قال لاتشدّ الرحال الا الى ثلاثة مساجد مسجد الحرام ومسجدى هذا والمسجد الاقتصى النّبي عن النّبي عنه 1738-

In Sunan Nisai, chapter Eidain, hadith 1560, Prophet(SAW) after praising Allah(SWT) said, those whom Allah guides no one can misguide, and those whom Allah misguides no one can guide. Without doubt the true word is the book (Quran) of Allah, and the best way is Mohammed(SAW)'s way. Worst deed is to invent new things in religion and all new things are innovations, all innovations will lead people astray, and all astray will go to Hellfire. O' Muslims please, please... wake up to the truth.

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللهُ مُلْخُلِيَّةُ مِيَّوُلُ فِي خُطْبَتِهِ يَحْمَدُ اللهُ وَيُثْنِى عَلَيْهِ بِمَا هُوَ اَهْلُهُ يَقُولُ مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلُهُ فَلاَ هَادِيَ لَهُ إِنَّ اَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللهِ وَاحْسَنَ الْهُدِئْ هَدَّى مُحَمَّدٍ وَثَنَّ الْأُمُورِ مُحْدَثَا تُهَا وُكُلُّ مُحْدَثَةٍ بِدُعَةٌ وَكُلُّ بِدُعَةٍ ضَلَا لَقُوْكُلُّ ضَلَا لَةٍ فِي النَّارِ مِن اللَّهِ مِن اللهِ عَلَيْ اللهِ عَلَيْ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ ال In a hadith in Abu Dawood, vol. 2, p. 279, the Prophet(SAW) said, hold tightly to my Sunnah (traditions), traditions of my rightly guided caliphs and the rightly guided companions, he even said to hold them tight between our teeth. Are we doing that? Anyone who says that he has a shortcut, we start running towards them without authenticating it from the Quran & traditions of the Prophet(SAW).

عَلَيْكُمْ بِسُنَّتِينَ وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمَهْدِينِ تَمَسَّكُوا بِهَا وَعَشّْوًا عَلَيْهَا بِالنُّواجِنِ- ابدوادَ صَنَّح 279 جلد 2-

In Mishkat, chapter Al-Kassab, p. 242, Hassan Bin Ali(RA) narrates that he memorized these words from the Prophet(SAW) to leave the rituals where there is doubt, and perform the ones where there is no doubt. Can we still say calling deities is allowed? In my opinion it has been proven without a shadow of doubt from the Quran and Hadith of the Prophet(SAW) that calling deities other than Allah(SWT) is shirk, which is forbidden, and will lead to Hellfire.

(دَعْ مَا يُرِينُكَ إِلَى مَا لاَيْرِينُكُ (مَثَلُوة، باب الكسب) صفحه 242_

O Muslims, Abu Huraira narrates in Sahih Muslim, hadith 208 that the Prophet(SAW) said, when Islam came it was stranger (i.e. few people followed it), and that it will again become a stranger, because people will follow everything but Islam. He also pronounced glad tidings to the strangers. O' Allah, make us from the strangers. Amin!

عَنْ ابْن عُمَرَ عَنْ النَّبِيِّ مِلْ اللَّهِ عَالَ إِنَّ اللَّهُ سُلَاهُ بَدَأَ غَرِيباً وَسَيَعُودُ غَرِيباً كَمَا بَدَاأَ وَهُو يَأْرِنُ بَيْنَ المَسْجِدَيْنِ كَمَاتَأُرِنُهالْحَيَّةُ فِي جُحْهِا لِهِ عَلَى اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ اللهِ عَلَى مَدِيث نَبر 209 -

Abdullah bin Umar(RA) relates from Prophet(SAW) in Sunan trimzi, book Imaan, hadith 2565, that a time will come on his(SAW) followers, as a time came on the people of Israel. His(SAW) followers too will follow the footsteps of the Bani Israel so much so that if someone made sex with their mothers, there will be people from his followers who will do the same, and that Bani Israel split into 72

sects and my follower will split into 73 sects, and all of them will be the dwellers of Hellfire except for one. The companions enquired from the Prophet(saw), which sect will go to the Paradise. The Prophet(saw) replied, those who follow my way and the way of my companions. Are we doing that? Were Prophet(saw) and his companions Brelvi, Deobandi, Ahle-hadith? No, they called themselves Muslims.

عَنْ عَبْدِاللهِ بِن عَبْدِهِ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ مُثْهَيَّهُمْ لِيَأْتِيَنَّ عَلَى أُمَّيِّى مَا أَنَّ عَلَى لِيَى إِسْمَائِيلَ حَذُو النَّعْلِ بِالنَّعْلِ حَتَّي إِنْ كَانَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَتَى أَمَّهُ عَلَاثِيَةَلَكَانَ فِي أُمَّتِى مَنْ يَضْتَعُ ذَلِكَ وَانَّ بُنِى إِسْمَا أَعِلَى تَفَرَّقَتُ عَلَى ثِثْنَيْنَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً كُلُهُمْ فِي النَّادِ إِلَّامَلَةً وَاحِدَةً قَالُواوَمَنْ هِي يَا رَسُولَ اللهِ قَالَ مَا أَنَا عَلَيْهِ وَأَصْعَلَيِ وَأَصْعَلَى بِاللهِ الايمان عن الرسول اللهُ عديث غمر 2565

In Surah Taha verses 108,109 Allah(swt) says: On that Day the people will come straight to the call of the summoned; no one will dare show any haughtiness, and all the voices will be hushed before the Merciful, and you will hear nothing but a whispering murmur. On that Day no intercession shall avail except for whom the Merciful may allow to intercede and be pleased to give him a hearing. On the Day of Resurrection people will come out on the call of the caller (angel), and no one will be able to show arrogance that Day, no one will dare to raise their voice in front of The Merciful, and no intercession will be of any use except for whom The Merciful will permit. In Surah Abrahim, verse 7, Allah(SWT) says: And remember also that your Lord for-warned, "if you be grateful, I will increase My favors on you, and if you be ungrateful, My chastisement is severe indeed". Allah is telling us if we are grateful he will increase His favors on us. Shouldn't we thank Allah(SWT) more often? If we are ungrateful and look elsewhere we face His chastisement. Shouldn't we repent to Allah more often?

I can only try my level best to guide people to the right way, but the guidance only comes from Allah(swT), because He knows who will accept the guidance, and who will reject it. He only guides those who are searching for the truth. In search of the truth, shouldn't we read the Quran with understanding? Shouldn't we ask Allah for guidance? Surah Al-Qasas, verse 56, Allah says: O Prophet, you cannot give guidance to whom you please, but Allah gives guidance to whom He pleases, and He best knows those who would accept the guidance. To enhance what is said above, in Surah Al-Rome, verses 52-53, Allah says: (O Prophet), you cannot

make the dead hear you, nor can you make the deaf to hear your call, when they show their backs and turn away, nor can you take the blind out of their deviation and guide them aright. You can only make those people to hear you, who believe in Our Revelations and bow down in submission. If someone still does not want to accept the truth, then I have a question for him. Who should we thank? Our Lord the sustainer who gives us food, health, clothing etc., and still loves us more than 70 times the love of a loving mother, or should we thank someone to whom we provide sustenance (offerings) and that being doesn't even know us? The answer has to be Allah(swt). Within my limited capability and knowledge, I have tried to guide my brothers to the path of the Quran and the Sunnah of our Nabi(SAW). I acknowledge my short comings in presenting this sensitive subject, and I acknowledge the lack of compassion and feelings required in delivering it. May Allah forgive me? Amin!

We conclude from this chapter as follows.

- a) We don't know who will go to the paradise, we can only assume.
- b) The Prophet(SAW) prohibited that his grave be worshipped.
- c) Sitting on graves, white washing them, building them high has been prohibited by the Prophet(SAW).
- d) Construction on graves and placing lamps on them has been prohibited.
- e) Making intentions to go to any other worshipping place other than Masjid Haram, Masjid Nabawi and Masjid-e-Aqsa is prohibited.
- f) Islam will shrink to two holy mosques.
- g) Ummah will split in 73 sects. Only the one following the Quran, his Sunnah and the traditions of his rightly guided companions will go to Paradise.
- h) When Islam came it was stranger and will again become stranger.
- i) On the Day of Judgment no one dare speak or intercede without the permission of Allah(SWT).

Concluding Quotes and My Comments

After reading all the arguments the transgressors in an effort to validate what they are doing will come up with an excuse as mentioned in Surah Zukhruf, verse 20, Allah says: They say, "Had the Merciful God willed (that we should not worship them), we would never have worshipped them," They do not at all know the fact of the matter, they only speculate. Allah(SWT) says in another verse in the Ouran that if He wished He could have made everyone a believer. Allah(swt) did not wish it, instead gave us free will to choose the right or wrong path with its consequences, He only guides those who seek His guidance. O Muslims, we should continuously seek Allah's guidance. Some of us who can read and write will come up with an excuse and say we don't accept this translation; we accept such and such translation. Now all we have to do is to surf the internet to find the meanings from Arabic to English in a dictionary. We are ready to spend 17 to 20 years studying for short worldly gains, but we are not ready to spend time for the eternal Hereafter. My question to my readers: Why are we not ready to spend time studying the Quran in order to succeed in the Hereafter which is our permanent abode? To clear the misconceptions of the mushriks, and prove the existence of one true God. Allah(swτ) in Surah Ambia, verses(21:21-23), asks: Do the false deities which they have set up, have the power to give life and raise the deceased? Had there been other deities than Allah in the heavens and the earth, both (the heavens and the earth) would have gone out of order. So, absolutely free is Allah, Lord of the Throne, from the false things they ascribe to Him. He is accountable to none for what He does, but all others are accountable (to Him). O Muslims, we humans believe we cannot have two kings in a kingdom, then how can we accept lots of lords (kings) running the universe? We know, when there is more than one king in a kingdom the whole system collapses. Similarly, Allah tells us in the above verse that if there were more than one god the whole universal system would have collapsed. If we look at our country where safarish (intermediary, approach) right or wrong (mostly wrong) is common, the whole system is a wreck. Let us consider another example, suppose a follower goes to a peer and asks for rain, another one goes to another peer and asks for dry weather, third goes to another peer and asks for hot weather and

the fourth for cold weather, can the system sustain this? No, it would have collapsed. Similarly, if they had the powers as assumed by their followers, then they would have had the power to raise the dead, consider what would have happened? We would not be able to rid ourselves from tyrants like Pharos and Nimrods. Remember Allah is pure of all lacking which we associate with him. "O' Allah, guide us, and make us from those who seek thy guidance, and make us from the leaders of the guided ones". Amin! Further to enhance what is said above, Allah(SWT) in Surah Al-Momin, verse 84-91, asks the mushriks of Makkah: "Tell me, if you know, whose is the earth and all who dwell in it?" they will surely say, "Allah". Ask them, "Then why do you not understand this"? Ask them, "To whom do the seven heavens and the Glorious Throne belong?" They will surely say, "To Allah." Say, "Then why do you not fear Him"? Say to them, "Tell me, if you know, whose Sovereignty is over everything, and who is that Being who gives protection while none can give protection against Him?" They will surely reply, "This power belongs to Allah alone." Say, "How then are you so deluded?" The fact is that We have brought the Truth before them, and un-doubtedly these people are liars. Allah has taken none as offspring, and no other deity is a partner with Him. Had it been so, every deity would have become an independent ruler over its creation; moreover, in that case, they would have tried to override one another. Exalted is Allah and free from the sort of things they attribute to Him. The Arabs were the followers of Ismael(AS), and believed in Allah, and believed that He owns everything. They also believed that no one can give them protection against Him. Yet out of arrogance and lust for worldly gains they would worship idols and call them for help. Although they were the followers of the Ibrahimic faith (monotheism), yet they were doing just the opposite. We Muslims are also followers of Ibrahimic faith, and majority of us have fallen prey to the ploy of the Satan, and have made mortals humans our deities. The fraudster political and religious leaders exploit it to take advantage of their bewildered followers, and use it as tool for suppression and extorting money from them. O people, after the coming of the Prophet(SAW), the signs of End Times are upon us, and when the hour or our time of demise comes, the doors of repentance and acceptance of the truth will be closed. What I said, the Quran puts it in Surah Mohammed, verse 18, where Allah(swT) asks: Do they now only await Resurrection that it should come upon them suddenly? Its signs indeed have already come. But when it does overtake them, what chance will be there for them to accept admonition? O Muslims please, please... wakeup. In Surah Ankabout, verse 52, Allah tells Prophet(sAW) to tell the disbelievers: "Allah suffices as a witness between me and you. He knows all what is there in the heavens and the earth. Those who believe in falsehood and deny Allah (the God) shall be the losers." O people, those who have rejected the faith (Quran), they will be the losers on the Day of Judgment. O people, wakeup, it's not too late, repent to the All Forgiving Lord.

A self-explanatory Hadith-e-Qudsia in Sahih Muslim, hadith 2577, annihilates shirk completely. On the authority of Abu Zar Al-Ghaffari(RA) who said that among the sayings the Prophet(SAW) relates from his Lord may He be glorified is that Allah(SWT) said, "O My savants. I have forbidden oppression for Myself and have made it forbidden amongst you. So do not oppress one another. O My servants, all of you are astray except for those I have guided, so seek guidance of Me and I shall guide you. O My servants, all of you are hungry except for those I have fed, so seek food of Me and I shall feed you. O My servants, all of you are naked except for those I have clothed, so seek clothing of Me and I shall cloth you. O My servants, you sin by night and you sin by day, I forgive all sins, so seek forgiveness of me and I shall forgive you. O my servants, you will not attain harming me so as to harm Me, and you will not attain benefitting me so as to benefit Me. O My servants, from the first of you till the last of you, the human of you and the inn of you were to be as pious as the most pious heart of any one man (e.g. Prophet(SAW)) of you, that will not increase My kingdom in anything. O My servants, from the first of you till the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you were to be as wicked as the wickedest heart of any one man (Satan, Pharaoh) of you, that will not decrease My kingdom in anything. O My servants, for the first of you and the last of you, the human of you and the jinn of you were to rise up in one place and make a request of Me, and were I to give everyone what he requested, that will not decrease what I have any more than a needle decreases the sea when put into it. O My servants, it is but your deeds I reckon up for you and then recompense you for. So let him who finds good praise Allah, and let him who finds other than that, blame none but him himself. O' Muslims, what is leading us astray, the hadith is very clear, everything happens with the will of Allah, we need Him, and He does not need us. In another hadith the Prophet(SAW) said, supplication can change destiny, so keep supplicating to Allah the Merciful.

عن سعيد بن عبد العزيز عن ربيعة بن يزيد عن إلى ادريس الخولاني عن ابى ذرجند بب بن جنادة رضى الله عنه عن النبى متى الظلم على نفسى و جعلته بينكم محى ما فلا تظالموا من شير الله المن هديته فاستهدوني اهد كم ياعبادى كلكم جائع الامن اطعبته فاستطعبوني اطعبكم يا عبادى كلكم غار الامن كسوته فاستكوني اكسكم ياعبادى كلكم جائع الامن اطعبته فاستطعبوني اطعبكم ياعبادى كلكم غار الامن كسوته فاستكوني اكسكم ياعبادى انكم تخطؤن بالليل والنهار وانا اغفي الذنوب جبيعا فاستغفى وني اغفى لكم ياعبادى لوان اولكم واخى كم فاستغفى وني اغفى لكم ياعبادى لوان اولكم واخى كم واتسكم وجنكم كانوا على اتقى قلب رجل واحد منكم مازاد في ذلك في ملكي شيئًا، ياعبادى لوان اولكم واخى كم وانسكم وجنكم كانوا على افجز قلب رجل واحد منكم مانقص ذلك من ملكي شيئًا، ياعبادى لوان اولكم واخى كم وانسكم وجنكم كانوا على افجز قلب رجل واحد منكم مانقص ذلك من ملكي شيئًا، ياعبادى لوان اولكم واخى كم السكم وجنكم قاموا في صعيد واحد فسالوني فاعطيت كل انسان مسالته مانقص ذلك مما عندى الا كماينقص المخيط اذا ادخل البحر، ياعبادى انهاهى اعبالكم احصيها لكم اوفيكم اياها فمن وجد خيرا فليحمد الله ومن وجد غير فلايلومن الانفسه، قال سعيد كان ابوادريس اذاحدث بهذا الحديث جثاعلى ركيته، روالا مسلم ورويناعن ذلك فلايلومن الانفسه، قال سعيد كان ابوادريس اذاحدث بهذا الحديث جثاعلى ركيته، روالا مسلم ورويناعن الامام احمد بن حنبل قال: ليس لاهل الشام حديث الشيء من هذا الحديث جثاعلى ركيته، روالا مسلم ورويناعن

Saeed said, when Abu Idrees narrated this hadiths he would sit down on his knees (Muslim). Imam Ahmed(RA) said the people of Sham do not have a better and greater narration than this.

At this point I would like to pose few questions to my reader: Who provides sustenance for the baby in three layers of darkness in the mother's womb? Isn't it Allah? After birth when source of food through navel is cut off, who provides sustenance to the baby by starting two streams of milk in the mother's breast? Isn't it Allah? Who controls the quantity of fat in the milk of mother for the new born and increases it with time? Isn't it Allah? Who brings out the sprout from hard soil? Isn't it Allah? Don't we say in our prayers, You alone we worship, and You alone we ask for help, and after we stand up from bowing, don't we acknowledge that our Lord has heard us? Yet there are those who pray and still say, "He does not listen to us", and start invoking others. Isn't this hypocrisy, and isn't the outcome of this, the lowest level in the Hellfire? Is it possible that He who provides the baby without asking, will not

provide us even after asking? It is impossible. Yes, it is His Wisdom how He will test each individual. Never the less just like a mother will not allow her child to jump from a window of a second floor, or goof around when the exams are near, similarly our Lord, Who loves us seventy times more than our mothers, wants us to pass the exam of the Hereafter. When Allah loves someone He tests him with trial and tribulations (to cleanse him of his sins/raise his status). Is there anyone who can love us more than seventy times our mothers, and when we call out to Him for help, He is more pleased? No one besides Allah! O Lord, You love Your repenting slaves, please forgive us, and be pleased with us. O Allah, no one can take away what You give, and no one can give what You take away, so free us from all dependencies other than Yours. Amin!

O Muslims, nearly all one hundred and twenty four thousand prophets who were sent to guide the human race, came with one message: "Your Lord is one Lord, call upon Him and worship Him alone." The mission of all the prophets was to guide their people from worship of false deities to the worship of one true God. The Prophet Saleh(AS) said to his people, worship Allah alone, there is no doer, provider besides Him. The Prophet Hud(AS) said to his people, worship Allah alone, there is no doer, provider besides Him. Shoaib(AS) said to his people, worship Allah alone, there is no doer provider besides Him. Yusuf(AS) said to his companions of the prison, "are different gods better, or one true overwhelming Mighty God. You worship these false deities because you and your forefathers have given them names and false attributes, regarding which Allah has not sent down any instruction or authority". Ibrahim(AS) said. Allah created me. He sustains me. and when I get sick, He cures me. O Muslims, shirk is the most heinous crime which will not be forgiven unless repented in this world. Why! Because the creator of the universe and everything in the universe is Allah's, the owner of the universe is Allah. Thus, He alone has the right to be worshipped. Allah puts forward few questions to the polytheists: What have these false deities created on the earth from nothingness? Nothing! Are they partners with Allah in the heavens? No. Who created the seven heavens without pillars, pours water from the skies, and grows from seeds crops and orchids for you, is there any other god besides Allah? No. Who made the land stable with mountain pegs, made rivers and stream

flow through it, and made a barriers between two seas, is there any other god besides Allah? No. Who listens to the caller in distress, and removes the calamity, is there any other god besides Allah? No! Isn't, all foretoken bad and all foretoken good from Allah, and He alone can replace them? Surely! In the Surah Fateha we declare. You alone we worship and You alone we call upon for help, and yet call on others, does that make sense? Once Prophet(saw) asked Muaz bin Jabal(RA), do you know the rights of Allah on His creation? Muaz(RA) said Allah and Allah's messenger knows better. The Prophet(SAW) said, the right of Allah on His creation is that they do not associate partners with Him. The Prophet(SAW) then asked, do you know the rights of the creation on Allah. Muaz(RA) again replied, Allah and Allah's messenger knows better. The Prophet(SAW) said, the right of the creation on Allah is that if they do not associate partners with Him, He should not punish them. O Muslims, the mushriks of Makkah were the followers of Ismael(AS) and believed in oneness of Allah, it is the later generations who with passage of time made 360 associates deities of Him. The Prophet(SAW) lived with them for forty years before his prophet-hood, he was known as the most truthful, most just and most trustworthy person. The people of Makkah would bring their wealth and give it to the Prophet(SAW) for safe keeping. They would make him judge in their disputes etc. When the prophet-hood was bestowed on him, he called the people of Makkah and said to them, I spent forty years amongst you, you have seen my childhood, my teens and my adulthood; how did you find me? They all said, we tested you and found you to be the most truthful, just and honest person. Then Prophet(SAW) said, I have been sent as a prophet towards you, say Lailaha-illalla and you will flourish. They were Arabs they understood the meaning of Lailahaillalla; they understood, it meant they would have to discard their false deities. The first man to through stone on Mohammed(SAW) was his real uncle Abu Lahab, they all said we will not leave our deities for this crazy poet. When the Prophet(SAW) called them towards monotheism, from being the most truthful, just and honest person, instantly he(saw) became a magician, a poet and a crazy person اثالث. In the forefront were the leaders of Quresh who were afraid they would lose their financial and political upper hand in the Arab world. Because of monotheism the Prophet(SAW) was

tortured, economically boycotted, and in Taif he bled from head to toes. His(saw) daughters were divorced and killed, whoever accepted the message were tortured, murdered, split into two etc. Just because the Prophet(SAW) said not to call on anyone else besides Allah. If calling on others was allowed, they did not have to go through all that pain and agony. Look at us, we are doing what the mushriks of Makkah used to do, and yet claim we are not going against the instructions of the Prophet(SAW). We claim we love our Prophet(SAW), yet we disobey all his commandments, this is not love, it is hypocrisy. Mother of all evils is building mausoleums. Question arises, when the Prophet(SAW) has prohibited us from constructing anything on the graves, then how we can build mausoleums on them. When the Prophet(SAW) has prohibited us from sitting on the graves and visiting any religious site for the sake of reward other than the three mosques, then how can we disobey him and visit mausoleums and still think what we are doing is right. Allah mentions in Surah Kahf, verse (18:103-104), the outcome of such people and says: O Mohammed, say to them, "Should We tell you who are the most unsuccessful people and miserable failures in regards to their deeds? They are those, all whose endeavors, in the worldly life, had gone astray from Right Way, but all along they were under the delusion that everything they were doing was rightly directed." The only way acceptable to Allah(swt) is the way of put forward by the Quran; we should read it with understanding. Another question arises, why do we look for other sources? In my opinion it is mostly because either we are ill, or calamity has befallen us, or we think someone has done magic on us etc. If we think so then we should read the saving of Prophet(SAW) which he(saw) used to acknowledge. O' Allah all foretoken bad is nonother than from Yee and all foretoken good is non-other than from Yee and there is no God except Yee (Musnad Ahmed). When every foretoken bad or good is from Allah(SWT) then who can help us besides Allah(swt)? No one! We should only invoke Allah for He is All Loving, All hearing and All Giving.

اللهم لأطَيْرَالًا طَيْرُكَ وَلاَ غَيْرًا إِلَّا غَيْرُكَ وَلاَ إِلٰهَ غَيْرُكَ (منداحم)

Further Allah(SWT) in Surah Tauba, verse 51, tells the Prophet(SAW) to tell the people: "Nothing (good or bad) can befall us except what Allah has destined for us, Allah is our Guardian and the Believers should put their trust in Him alone." What this verse is telling us

that no foretoken bad or good can comes onto us except what Allah(SWT) has predestined for us. If calamity befalls us, it is from Allah, we should show patience and rely on Allah(SWT) as our guardian. We can either deal with the pain with patience and get closer to Allah(SWT), or deal with the pain with impatience and start seeking help from others and fail the test of the Hereafter. O Muslims, pain and suffering only becomes negative if it creates a barrier between us and Allah(swt), but it becomes positive, a motivation for us when it brings us closer to Allah(SWT). We should realize when going through pain and suffering that Allah(SWT) is not punishing us. rather it is a call from Allah(swt), saying: "O My slave come back to Me". This is the wisdom behind trials and tribulations. When we isolate ourselves from Allah, we give in to Satan's ploy and start losing our deen. May Allah protect us from the accursed Satan? Amin! Further in a hadith the Prophet(SAW) said that supplication can change predestination. Shouldn't we be supplicating to Allah to change the state we are in? After reading this verse and hadith, can one say that there is a need for intercession or waseela (intermediary)? The answer is no.

I have attempted to address one major issue related to shirk. which is the most heinous crime in Allah's eyes. I don't know if I have done justice to the subject, I tried my level best to step by step negate it with references from the Quran and the hadith. Still if someone wants to invoke others besides Allah(SWT) than I would suggest them that they should start practicing to sit on a burning stove for five minutes. If they think they can bear it because after the top skin is burned the pain will go away, (that's what the scientists tell us), then be aware in Surah Nisa, verse 56, Allah(swt) tells us: Surely We will throw into the fire those who have rejected Our Revelations; as often as their skins shall be consumed, We will replace them by other skins so that they may taste torment in full, for Allah is All-Powerful and All-Wise to enforce His decrees. When the skin is burned it will be regrown over and over again. A never ending pain, which will be intolerable! Regretfully, those who will be in the Hellfire, will have to tolerate it forever, and there is no getting used to it, it will be worse every time. O Allah, we seek Thy asylum from the Hellfire. O Allah, protect us and all Thy believing slaves from Thy disobedience? Amin! In the end I would like to conclude with Surah Al-Momin verses 10-12, the speech of a

believing Minister in Pharaoh's court mentioned in Surah Al-Momin verse 39-44, and the supplication of the angels in Surah Al-Momin verses 7-9 for the believers. On the Day of Resurrection, after realizing the extent of trouble they are in, people who disbelieved will be extremely angry on themselves. Allah(SWT) says in Surah Al-Momin, verses 10-12: To those who have disbelieved, it will be proclaimed, on the Day of Resurrection: "Allah's anger against you was greater than is your own anger against yourselves today, when you were called to belief and you disbelieved." They will answer, "Our Lord, You indeed gave us death twice and life twice. Now we confess our sins. Is there any way out from here?" (They will be answered) "You have incurred this fate because when you were called towards Allah only, you refused to believe, and when others were associated with Allah, you readily believed. Now the Judgment rests with Allah, the High, and the Great". That Day Allah(SWT) will tell them, He was more annoyed with them, when they were told to believe, they rejected the truth and disbelieved. These verses tell us that on the Day of Judgment in anguish, disbelievers will be extremely angry on themselves; regretfully, it will be to no avail in the Hereafter. On acknowledging their sins they will then ask Allah(SWT) for another chance. We have been told beforehand that this is our first and last chance. That Day nonbelievers will be in big trouble, and Hell will be their abode. The reason disbelievers will be in this state is because when they were called only towards Allah(SWT) they disobeyed, but when they were called with others with Him they obeyed. The speech given by the believing minister in the court of Pharaoh as mentioned in Surah Al-Momin, verse 39-44, which reflects my emotions is: "O my people! The life of this world is temporary, only the abode of the Hereafter is everlasting. Whoever does evil shall be recompensed to the extent of the evil done; and whoever does good, whether man or women, provided that he is a believer, all such people shall enter paradise wherein they shall be provided without measure. O my people! How it is that I call you to salvation and you call me to the fire! You call me to deny Allah and associate with Him those whom I do not know, while I am calling you to the All-Mighty, the All-Forgiving God. Nay, the truth is, and it cannot be otherwise, that those to whom you call me, can neither be called to in this world nor in the Hereafter, and to Allah have we all to return, and the transgressors shall go to Hell. Soon you will remember what I am telling you today. To Allah I entrust my affair: He is ever Watchful over His servants." O' Allah, we believe in Yee and to Thy mercy we entrust ourselves. O' Allah, guide us, forgive us, and be pleased with us, and make us from the dwellers of Thy Paradise. Amin! Finally the supplication of the angels for the believers mentioned in Surah Al-Momin, verses 7-9, is: The angels who bear the Divine throne and those who stand around it, all are glorifying their Lord with His praises. They affirm faith in Him, and ask forgiveness for the believers. They say, "Our Lord, you embrace everything in Your mercy and knowledge, so forgive and save from the torment of hell those who have repented and followed Your Way. Admit them, Our Lord, to the eternal Gardens which You have promised them, and (admit therein also) of their parents and wives and children who are righteous. You are surely All-Mighty. All-Wise. And deliver them form evils, for whomever You delivered from evils on the Day of Resurrection, to him You showed great mercy. This is indeed the supreme success." O' Allah deliver us from evil to by Thy mercy and make us from the guided ones. Amin! Ponder on it! O Allah, save us from sinning and take us in Your Mercy, make us from the guided ones who deserve this supplication. Amin! Finally I will end my talk with a historical tale. Once Caliph Haroon Rasheed saw Bahlool in a market place, he asked him "what are you doing"? Bahlool said he is trying to reconcile Allah and the shopkeepers, Allah is ready (that is why He sends His prophets, the caller of Azan also calls us towards Allah), but the shopkeepers are reluctant. Sometimes later, caliph met Bahlool in a gravevard: he asked him, "what are you doing"? Bahlool said that he is trying to reconcile the people of the graves with Allah, people are ready, but now Allah is reluctant. O people, please Allah by obeying His commandments in this world. I will request my reader to read the verses(39:53-58) of Surah Zumar with concentration. (O Prophet) say, "O my servants, who have wronged their own souls; do not despair of Allah's mercy; surely Allah forgives all sins; He is the All-Forgiving, the All-Merciful. Return to your Lord and submit to Him before the scourge overtakes you, and then you may get no help from anywhere. And follow the best aspect of the Book sent down by your Lord, before the scourge comes down upon you suddenly while you are

unaware, lest afterwards someone should say, "Alas for the negligence (in duty) I showed towards Allah! Indeed, I was among those who mocked". Or: "Would that Allah had shown me guidance, so that I too would have been among the righteous! Or, when he sees the torment; "Would that I could get another chance so that I also should be among the doers of good"! (And then he should get this answer) Why not! My revelations did come to you; then you denied them, and showed arrogance, and you were among the disbelievers". O Allah, protect us from being arrogant or mocker of the religion. O Allah, we accept our wrong doings, please forgive us and be pleased with us. Amin! In the end I would like to close this article with my favorite two supplications of the Prophet(SAW) and supplication of this distressed sinner.

Two Supplications of the Prophet(SAW)

O' Allah, all praises are for You, You are the light of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them. All praises are for You, You are the sustainer of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them. All praises are for You, You are the truth, Your promise is true, Your words are true, and the meeting with You is true. The Paradise is true, the Hell is true, the Hour is true, the prophets are true, and Mohammed(SAW) is true. O' Allah, I surrender myself to You, and I depend on You. I believe in You, and I turn in repentance to You. On Your account I quarrel, and to You I turn for judgment, so please forgive my past and future sins, whatever I have done in secret, and whatever I have done in public. You are the expeditor, and You are the delayer, there is no God but You. Amin!

ٱللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ اَنْتَ نُوْرُ السَّلُوتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيْمِنَّ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ اَنْتَ قَيم السَّلُوتِ وَ الْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيْمِنَّ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ اَنْتَ قَيم السَّلُوتِ وَ الْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيْمِنَّ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ اَنْتَ الْمَقَّ وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقَّ وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقَّ وَالنَّارُحَقُّ وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقَّ وَنَبِيُّنَاحَقُّ وَ مُحَمَّدٌ اللَّيْلَامِ الْحَمْدُ اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ اسْلَمْتُ وَعَلَيك تَوَكَّلُتُ وَبِكَ المَنْتُ وَالَيك انَبَتُ وَبِكَ خَاصَمْتُ وَالْيك حَاكَمْتُ فَاغْفِرُ فِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ السَّلَمُ وَعَلَيك عَامَدُتُ وَالْمَالَةُ وَمِنَ اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَمُعَلِيكُ مَا قَدَّمُ وَانْتَ الْبُؤَةَ خُرُ لِاللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَمَا الْمُؤَمِّدُ وَالْمَالِكُونَ الْمُؤَمِّدُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَمُعَلِيكُ مَا قَدْمُ وَانْتَ الْبُؤَمِّدُ اللَّهُ الْمُنْ الْمُؤْلِقُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْلِقُ اللَّهُ الْمُلْعُلِقُ اللْمُولِقُ الْمُنْ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُنْ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُعَلِيلُولِ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُنْ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُعَلِّلُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُولُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُنْفُولُولُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُؤْلِقُ الْمُعُلِمُ اللَّهُ الْمُؤْلِقُ

O' Allah, by Your power of the unseen, and Your power over Your creations, keep me alive if You think my living is beneficial for me, and give me death if You think my death is beneficial for me (for the Hereafter). O' Allah, I seek Thy fear in known and unknown matters, and I seek that I do justice, whether I am pleased or angry. O' Allah, I seek the middle way in spending, whether I am rich or poor, and I seek unending sustenance from You, and I ask from You

everlasting coolness of eyes (in matters of family and friends), and I ask of You for the coolness of joy after death. O' Allah, I ask for the pleasure of looking at Your Kareem face and lust for the meeting with You. I seek Your protection from pain, calamity and misleading temptations. O' Allah, bestow us with the right beliefs, and make us the leader of the guided ones. Amin!

اللَّهُمَّ بِعِلْمِكَ الغَيْبَ وَقُدُ رَتِكَ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ، اَحْمِينَ مَاعَلِمُتَ الْحَيَا لَاَهُمَّ اِنِّ وَتَوَقَّنِى اِذَاعَلِمْتَ الْوَفَاةَ هَيُرَالِي، اللَّهُمَّ اِنِّ اللَّهُمَّ اِنِّ اللَّهُمَّ اِنِّ اللَّهُمَّ اِنَّ اللَّهُمَّ اِنَّ اللَّهُمَّ اللَّهُ الْقَصْدَ فِي الْغِنَى وَالْفَقْي، وَاسْأَلُكَ نَعِيمًا الْاَئْفَظِمُ، وَاسْأَلُكَ ثَرَّةً عَيْنِ لاَتَنْقَطِمُ، وَاسْأَلُكَ ثَرَةً اللَّقُلِولَى وَجُهِكَ، وَالشَّوْقَ اللَّ لِقَاءِكَ وَاعُودُبِكَ مِنْ خَرَّاءَ مُقِّى إِنَّ اللَّهُ اللللللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ الللللْ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِنَ الللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِ اللللللللَّهُ اللْمُؤْمِ اللللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللللْمُ الللللْمُ اللَّهُ اللللللْمُ اللللللْمُ الللللْمُ

The Supplication of This Distressed Sinner

O' Allah, we beg Yee, O' The Merciful, O' The Protector of the seeker of protection, O' The Supporter of one who has no support, O' The Guardian of the weak, we ask Yee to send salutation and blessing on Thy and our beloved Prophet Mohammed(SAW), who brought Thy book of guidance in exact details, and was the living example for us to follow. Amin! O' Allah, we seek refuge in Yee from engaging in shirk knowingly, and beg for Thy forgiveness for shirk we have committed unknowingly. O' Allah, ordain for us that we may not associate partner with Yee or call on anyone else except Yee. O' Allah, we seek repentance before death, and tranquility at the time of death, and Thy forgiveness and tranquility after death. O' Allah, O' The Forgiver and The Exalted One, we seek Thy pardon at the time of accountability, and assurance of Paradise and relief from the Hellfire. Amin!

O' Allah, we beg Yee the most Merciful, the most Beneficent the most Praise worthy, forgive us, our parents, our families, relatives, friends and all Muslims, for non can forgive anyone except Yee. O' the Exalted One and the owner of the Throne, guide us all to the right path, the path Thou chose for the mankind. O' the Loving One, we confess to Yee all our sins and crimes we have committed, O' The Forgiver of all sins, forgive us, our parents, our spouses, relatives, friends and all Muslims and all who subdued to you. O' the Loving Lord we ask Yee by Thy Mercy which engulfs everything, that at the time of death we may be able to declare shihada that there is no Lord except Yee. Amin!

O' Allah, I declare I am pleased with Yee as my Rub and my Sustainer. O Allah, I am ashamed of myself that I did not fulfill Thy commandments. O' my loving Lord, please bear witness that I never intentionally ever associated partners with Yee, nor invoked anyone besides Yee. O' the loving One, I ask Yee by the Noor of Thy Blessed Face which encompasses everything around Thy throne, and which will be the most beautiful thing to watch in the Paradise, forgive me and all Muslims, and do not deprive us of seeing Thy Blessed Wajh-Hil-Kareem. Amin!

O' Allah, I declare I am pleased to accept the commandments of Islam as my Religion (way of life). O' my Loving Lord, I am ashamed of myself and confess to all commandments I disobeyed intentionally or unintentionally. O' Allah, I stand here with this token effort worthy of nothing, please except it and forgive me, my parents, my family, my relatives, friends and all Muslims for past and future sins. O' The Merciful, ordain for me, my family, relatives, friends and all Muslim to follow Thy path in letter and spirit, and make us from the guided ones. Amin!

O' Allah, I declare I am pleased to accept Mohammed(SAW) as my prophet and my guide. O' Allah, the Prophet(SAW) said, he whoever does not love him(SAW) more than his parents and his life, is not a true believer. O' The Loving One, I have nothing but regret to show. With all these credentials I did not deserve all the blessings Yee bestowed on me, it is Thy Mercy that engulfs everything, which I humbly acknowledge. O' Allah, the Loving One, Yee love Thy creations more than 70 times the love of a loving mother, thus Yee set out the rule that Thou will not forgive the excesses done on someone unless that person forgave. O' The Maiestic Lord. I confess I have hurt many, and I did lots of back biting, and I have stepped on many of Thy creation's rights knowingly and unknowingly. O' Allah, my sins and crimes are so many that I don't even remember them. O' my Merciful Lord, on the Day of Judgment where even parents will not forgive their children, or spare for them their extra good deeds, O' Allah, Thou arête The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful, Yee are my only hope, please compensate them on my behalf from Thy infinite treasures. O' my Creator, if thou rejected the request of this distressed sinner then I am doomed. What will I do O' Zuljilal-ai-wal-Ikram; with the blessings Thou had bestowed on me as a test, I drowned myself in

luxuries to the extent that I cannot bear the heat of the summer, and cold of the winter. O' The loving One, how will I bear the heat that will burn my skin till it reaches my bones, to be replaced to be burnt over and over again? O' my Master, with the blessing Yee bestowed on me. I addicted myself to five star foods with cold drinks and ice creams, O' Allah...., how will I eat from the zarkum tree, drink puss and hot water. O' The Merciful One, I had made this world my home and forgot the Hereafter; I indulged myself in the false luxuries of this world to the extent that when sickness or calamity fell on me, I yelped like babies. Ya Ghafoor, in the Hellfire this will be usual on a very high scale, I will not die again, my weaning will be of no use. O' Allah, I cannot bear the sting of a mosquito, how will I bear the pain of stings and bites of poisonous scorpions and snakes in my grave. O' Allah, the grave will squeeze my ribs into each other, what will I do. O' The Most Merciful, have mercy, please; please; have mercy. These eyes are stunned dry of the thought, and they have no tears to shed to appease Yee. O' The Most Merciful, O' The Malikul Mulk there is no escape from Yee, there is no escape from this Universe which is a finite entity of Thy infinity. O' The Loving One: the love of a loving mother has high limits, O' The Starter of all creations Thou love Thy creations more than 70 times the love of a loving mother, I have extremely high hopes of Thy mercy, please forgive me, my parents, my spouse, my family, my relatives, friends and all believing Muslims. O' Allah, those who are engulfed in shirk; guide them for no one can guide them except Yee. O' The Superior One, The exalted One Whose authority reigns on the entire infinity, O' Allah, I am your slave, my father was your slave, my mother was your slave, slave of slave and my forehead is in your hand, and I am on my knees supplicating to Yee and my nose and my forehead are in the dust seeking Thy forgiveness. O' Allah, I read a hadith of the Prophet(SAW) which said we should not be miser in asking from Yee, for there is nothing which Yee cannot grant. O' The Gracious one, I seek from Yee coolness of my eyes in the matter of my spouse and my progeny, and make me the leader of the guided ones. Amin!

O' The Merciful, this world has no attraction for me anymore; my demise cannot come a second earlier or later than the time Yee have prescribed for me. O' The Guider of seeker of guidance, let me, my family and all Muslims live rest of their mortal life in this world obeying Yee. O' Allah, as long as we live in this world please

keep our limbs, our minds and our senses intact and don't make us a test for ourselves and our families. O' The Merciful, when the time comes to depart this world, please make our demise in such a way that we bear witness to Thy Oneness and that Yee be pleased with us. I read a saying of our blessed Prophet(SAW) which said, the last deed weighs the most. O' The Ever Living One, O' The Exalted One, O' The Most Merciful, O' The Praiseworthy, O' The All Hearing and the All Seeing, O' The One Who will take us to account, forgive our sins and convert them into good deeds, and be pleased with us. O' Allah, I have nothing but praise and thanks for Yee. O' my Rub I read a hadith of the Prophet(SAW) which said, Yee have written on Thy throne that Thy Mercy will overcome Thy Anger, O' Allah, I surrender myself to Thy mercy and bear witness that there is no god but Yee. O' Allah, Thy mercy far exceeds my sins and I seek Thy mercy not compensation on my deeds. O' Allah, Thy mercy far exceeds my sins and I seek Thy mercy not compensation on my deeds. O' Allah, Thy mercy far exceeds my sins and I seek Thy mercy not compensation on my deeds. O Allah, I ask Yee by Thy attributes which Yee have mentioned in Thy book or taught Thy Prophets or kept them with Thyself. Please embed in me Thy love so that I love Yee with my fullest heart and please Yee with my utmost effort. Amin!

O' Allah, we are very grateful to Yee for Thy Rehma which pulled us out of the quick sand full of Gog Magog's and Dajial's deceptions, our urge for worldly wealth. lust and fame, which would have led us to the Hellfire. O' Allah, we seek Thy Decree that we and all Muslims may be protected from the footsteps of the Satan till our demise, and die as a solemn Muslim. O' Allah, embed Thy fear in our hearts so that it stands between us and our sins, and bless us with Thy obedience such that it lures us to Thy Paradise. O' Allah, give us firmness in belief to help us sustain the worldly pressures. O' Allah, place harm on those who have wronged us, and provide us victory over our enemies. O' Allah, don't make the religion a source of hardship for us and the world a place of sorrow. O' Allah, save us from excessive useless knowledge, and do not thrust on us rulers who are unsparing. O' Allah, we take refuge from Thy anger in Thy mercy, and from Thy punishment in Thy forgiveness, and O' Allah we seek refuge from Yee with Yee. O' Allah please hide our bad deeds in this world and in the Hereafter. Amin Ya Rub-Ul-Alameen! O' Allah, give lots and lots of blessings to our beloved Prophet Mohammed(sAW) who delivered Thy message truthfully, and all praises are for Yee O' the exalted one. Amin