



Need of Prayers
Distressed Sinner
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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my parents, especially my mother who taught me to pray and fast since 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 lapses and anomalies and make me sadqa jaria for them. Amin

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 incur loss for themselves and for their families on the Day of resurrection”. Note it well, this is the real bankruptcy. They shall have the canopies of fire covering them from above and from beneath them. This is the doom of which Allah frightens 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 possess understanding (39:11-18).

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Preface

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

Before I proceed, I would like to clarify one thing, that the 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 they are the true saints. We Muslims have deep respect for them in our hearts, and we pray to Allah to increase their status in the Hereafter. Ameen! It is these scholars who played an important role in preserving and passing on the true religion of Islam to us. Their efforts and sacrifices are worthy of our praise. They told people to call on Allah alone at the time of need. They were truthful and always told 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. Ameen!**

Recently I was listening to an Arabic lecture that 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**, and who is our blessed Prophet^(SAW) under the heading **Who is Mohammed^(SAW)**. In my opinion this should be enough to completely negate polytheism. 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 it in the light of the Quran and the Hadith (sayings of the Prophet_(SAW)). My main topic of discussion is about invoking **others besides Allah**. 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's religion always stayed the same.

It has always been Satan and the miscreant scholars who make us 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 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, Yadooq and Nasr). These ideas stem from Satan's incomprehensible whispers, which humans generally do not comprehend. To understand it, we must read Quran with understanding. To start with, I would suggest my reader to read **Surah Al-Momin, chapter 40** with understanding, it alone is an eye opener.

We Muslims in Pakistan have crossed the stage where we had 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 for Allah 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 urged me to write to refute it with the verses of the Quran and hadith of the Prophet(SAW).

Another reason for committing shirk is that we Muslims generally are unable to comprehend the meaning of Rub (Lord) an attribute of Allah(SWT) in its entirety. 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 lords, and yet claim we are monotheist. Allah 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 wants us to believe in Him and repent to Him; He will forgive us and enter us into 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 to accept their demands and enter them in His Paradise (الجنة). 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. I pray to Allah to bless me and all Muslims with His sincere love. Ameen!

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.

First, 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, mediator) to bring us closer to Allah.

The Quran categorically refutes this act of theirs. Still, there will be people who will insist that there is intercession. Yes, there is intercession but only for those whom Allah will permit. The Quran is full of verses negating the misconceptions prevailing in our societies regarding intercession, and **Ayat-al-Qursi** is one of them. Most of us have memorized it and recite it regularly but without understanding.

After intercession I will discuss the so-called saints. Those saints who worked hard for the religion of Allah 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 the so-called saints and the consequences of following them.

Similarly, the answers given by the true saints and the false saints are mentioned under the subheadings. Two hadith Qudsi 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 Allah the All-Supreme are enough to tell us that there never was, never is, and never will be any associates.

The Mother of all evils, building mausoleums and its prohibition in Islam is discussed with sayings 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. **Ameen!** I will end the book with two Supplications of the Prophet_(SAW) and supplication of this distressed sinner.

I would suggest my readers to learn Arabic to understand the Quran or at least study it with translation. 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 Textbook, will he pass the test? The answer will be No. Similarly, to pass the Worldly Test, we must study the Quran with understanding and implement its commandments in our daily lives.

I beg Allah 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.

بُلھیا بھان توحید نہیں جنت ملنی بھانویں مرے وچ مدینے!!

O' Bhullia without monotheism there is no paradise even if you die in Medina!!

What I am trying to do as per the verse below is to admonish those who invoke others besides Allah. May Allah open our hearts for guidance! Ameen!

For those who are God-fearing are by no means accountable for the others except that it is their duty to admonish them; maybe then, they will shun evil (6:69).

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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 his(SAW) companions).
- e) (ra) Allah be pleased (with pious people).

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Questions Posed

To understand polytheism (shirk) we must understand who our Creator is and who is our Prophet_(SAW), that is why my first heading is **Who is Allah** 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 a few questions to my readers, and I would suggest them search for the answers from deep within their hearts. Insha-Allah (God willing) it will be beneficial in understand the topic of Polytheism.

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

Q1. If Allah effortlessly provides for all His creation, why would He need associates? If Allah permits (favors or calamities) for someone, no one can stop it, except He, and no one can permit (favors or calamities) for someone that He has stopped, except He (Bukhari 844). The Quran says: If Allah afflicts you with any hardship, none other than He can remove it; and if He wills any good for you, no one can avert His bounty (10:107).

Q2. If Allah oversees all affairs, then does logic allow us to ask anyone else other than Allah? 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 studied the Quran, otherwise it too would have been rejected.

Q3. Shouldn't Muslims learn Arabic and study the Quran with understanding so that one doesn't fail the test of this world? Allah in Surah Taha after pardoning Adam_(AS), ordered Adam, Eve and Satan to descend to earth, and warned them that they are enemies of each other till End Times. Allah 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, (20:123).

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 in Surah Al-Araaf, 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.

Q5. Can we reject our Lord's admonishing and still think we can pass the worldly test? The Prophet_(SAW) said, he is the slave and messenger of Allah and prohibited us from over exaggerating his status (Bukhari 3445) . Prophet_(SAW) being slave to Allah, he cannot impose anything on Allah.

Q6. If Prophet_(SAW) cannot impose his will on Allah then can anyone else force Allah to submit to his desires? In Surah Ambiya Allah tells Prophet_(SAW): He never created immortals before him and he_(SAW) too will die, and neither will disbelievers live forever (21:34). In Surah Zumar Allah tells the Prophet: He will die and so will everyone (39:30).

Q7. If prophets have died apart from Jesus_(AS) (who will come back to the world for his mortal death), then how can we consider saints to be ever living? In Surah Al-Muminun Allah tells Prophet_(SAW) to ask the polytheists 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 take heed"? 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 (23:84-90).

Q8. If our answers are the same as mentioned in the above verses, then we believe, Allah oversees and runs all affairs, and no one can give us protection from Him. Doesn't this prove that Allah has closed all doors to calling upon others besides Him? In Surah Al-Maidah 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 (5:75-76).

Q9. All prophets lived amongst their people ate food and died. They are the best of creation and dwellers of Jannat-ul-Firdaus; despite this, we cannot worship them. Then 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 or the 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)

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 a partner or equal in His Authority and Actions.

He alone created and run's the affairs of the entire universe, without a second. He doesn't have any ancestors, nor does He have any descendants, and He neither has wife, partner, or offspring. **He 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 alone 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 2nd heaven in comparison to 3rd Heaven, 3rd to the fourth, and 4th to the 5th, 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 1 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 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 can breach them where, when and how He wished, because He defined them. He 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 yesterday and who rules today. He will resurrect the Universes with new Laws for infinity with Paradise and Hellfire in them. One of Allah's attributes is that He is one to one with His creation and caters for their needs. Therefore, we should only invoke Allah. Allah is the ultimate Lord who knows and sustains everything in these colossal Heavens. "Allah is the ever-living Lord who runs the affairs of the universes, and neither sleep nor slumber befalls Him, and He owns everything in the heavens and the earth. No one dares to intercede 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 foretold bad or good can come onto us except what Allah has destined for us. He is our Lord, and the true believer will only rely on Him, 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 was, and there never will be a match in the least to Him 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 must be Divine when considering the time of revelation. Alfred Kroner, Yoshida Kusan, Professor Armstrong geoscientists say regarding Big Bang and the expansion of the universe in the Quran; now the modern scientific methods can 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. of Anatomy has said that he thinks this is the time to say La-ilaha illallah, Muhammaddur 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, gave evidence regarding Quran being Divine. All are non-Muslims (Subhan Allah)! Pharaoh when he was drowning, pleaded to Allah that he now believes. Allah said, “Now after seeing the angel of death, We will preserve your body for generations to come as a sign for people of understanding” (10:92).

Pharaoh’s body was discovered near 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, despite this, it is more persevered than the mummified bodies (Subhan Allah). 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 creation none is greater than the act of polytheism. It is like telling a king that so and so are partners in your kingdom. What will happen? O' people, those who say the Quran has been altered, wake up, 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 the miracles of the Quran. (Subhan Allah)!

Read it with understanding and seek His Guidance, He will guide us; He is the Rafiq 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. Thus, 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. We should love and obey Allah more than our parents and those whom we hold dear. If Allah wills, He may forgive sins that cover the earth and the skies but has promised Hell for those who engage in polytheism and die without repenting. O' Allah, we believe in You, and repent to You, and ask You for Your Guidance and Your Forgiveness. O' The Loving One, be pleased with us and

accept our shambolic rituals, and bestow us Your Paradise. O' Allah, protect us from engaging in polytheism. Ameen!

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 revealed to him. He_(SAW) was the blessed one whose coming was foretold in all the books revealed by Allah. Before His prophet-hood, he was known as the most honest, just and trustworthy person in Makkah.

The Prophet-Hood groomed him further. He was gentle, soft-spoken, very generous, and extremely charitable, and he_(SAW) fulfilled his promises to friends and foes alike. Allah took him from Makkah to Jerusalem, where he_(SAW) 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 asked the Prophet what he had brought for Him. The Prophet replied, he has brought three things for Him.

- 1) التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ: All his_(SAW) praises and remembrance are for no one else except for Allah, 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 day and night and would repent to his Lord nearly a hundred times a day. (Subhan Allah)
- 2) وَالصَّلَاةُ: And all his_(SAW) religious rituals, bowing, prostrating etc., are for Allah and no one else, no saints, no peers, no angels, and not for whatsoever 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) والطيبات: And all his_(SAW) good deeds, his charities, his zakats, his sadaqas, his offerings, his beseeches are for Allah and no one else. Not for any saints, or peers, or angels, or for whatsoever is in the heavens or on the earth. He would give away everything he possessed just to please his Lord.

As Mohammed_(SAW) never invoked anyone, nor worshiped anyone, nor beseeched anyone besides Allah, Allah in return gave him three gifts.

- 1) السلام عليك أيها النبي: Allah blessed the Prophet with everlasting peace and blessings.
- 2) ورحمة الله: Allah blessed the Prophet_(SAW) with His everlasting mercy.
- 3) وبركاته: Allah_(SWT) blessed the Prophet_(SAW) with His everlasting blessings in all matters.

السلام علينا وعلى عباد الله الصالحين: The Prophet_(SAW) being a mercy for all mankind, requested Allah 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".
اشهد ان لا اله الا الله واشهد ان محمدا عبده ورسوله

The Prophet_(SAW) will be given the Hoze-e-Kausar, and lots of blessings here and in the Hereafter. He 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 never invoked anyone but Allah nor allowed anyone to do otherwise.

We should follow the Prophet'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 declared all the blessings He promised to the Prophet_(SAW) to be also awarded to His righteous salves. Non-believers may try their utmost to defame our blessed Prophet_(SAW), they can never do so. The Prophet's love is our living, and his love is worth our dying for.

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. Those who think they can slander our beloved Prophet; they never could, they never can, 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's was sent from British Museum to Chechnya. It received 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 (**Subhan Allah**). Those who think they can reduce his love in our hearts, are living in a fictional world. O' Allah, send lots of salutations on Your and our beloved Prophet_(SAW) and make us his staunch followers. O' Allah, let our love for our benefactor increase more than our lives, and let not his love diminish from our hearts in the tiniest. Ameen!

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 Tirmizi, 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 Judgment.” 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, H 46031, the Prophet_(SAW) said, “...Having doubt in the Quran is disbelieving...”

I chose the above heading because considering the above hadiths and other numerous hadiths, Quran is the book of Guidance. And it is this book which I will mostly relate from for the chosen subject. The other reason I chose the above heading is to emphasize that we have strayed from the right path because we have 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 miscreant 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 says, instead of following the scholars blindly. All my quotes are with references from the Quran and Hadiths of the Prophet Mohammed_(SAW). We

should check our scholars and their sayings with Allah's touch stone the Quran and sayings of the Prophet(SAW). Respect is due towards those religious scholars who follow and teach the Quran and the sunnah of His messenger, for they are the rightly guided. We should look up to them after the Prophet(SAW) and the 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 bless the rightly guided scholars with his mercy and award them Junnat-ul-Firdause (highest category in Paradise) and make them our teachers. Ameen! 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? Ameen!](#)

Remember, Hellfire is the worst place to be in, and it will not be for days or years, but forever. [May Allah protect us, our families and all Muslims from the Hellfire. Ameen!](#) 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 harsh punishments in our societies. Where Allah's blessings have no bounds, similarly, His punishments have no limits. May Allah protect us from being polytheist. Ameen!

Satan the enemy of the progeny of Adam(AS) said to Allah as mentioned in Surah Bani-Israel: ["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** (17:62-65).

Satan said to Allah pointing towards Adam^(AS) did he deserve to get exalted over him and requested Allah to give him respite and delay his demise till End Times. It was granted to him because Allah wanted to test the humans with Satan, just like Satan was tested with Adam^(AS). Satan vowed to Allah that he will lead the mankind astray except for the few whom He has guided. Allah responded that He would fill Hell with him and those who followed him. Allah allowed him to call anyone towards 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 humans 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 make us from those whom He_(SWT) guides? Ameen!

In Surah Yunas Allah says: 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” (10:57-58). 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 has sent for us, instead of degrading it by saying, it is not complete, or it has been altered. It is complete and it cannot be altered because Allah has guaranteed it.

When the diseased heart doesn't accept the cure, it will never be cured and probably will end up in the Hellfire. On the day of Arafah, 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 except for slaughtering of the animals. We celebrate Valentine Day, Bsant, Urse of saints etc. but not our two Eid's. How sad!

In Surah Yunas Allah 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 (10:99-101).

No should force anyone to believe, and it is Allah's tradition that He only guides those who seek His guidance and use their intellect. 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 Your guidance, please guide us. Ameen! Further in Surah Al-Momin Allah tells us: Verily those who dispute regarding the Signs of Allah without any evidence that might have come to them, nothing but vain pride fills their hearts. Yet they shall never be able to satisfy the pride with which they are puffed up. So, seek refuge with Allah. He is All-Hearing, All-Seeing (40:56).

The people who object to the Quran without proof, do it out of arrogance (mostly the religious, political leaders, and blind followers). This is why Allah 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's pardon for he is All-Hearing, All-Seeing and All-Forgiving.

Why 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 has ordained for us to study the Quran with understanding. To be a good lawyer, one must study lots of books on Law to understand the law of the land. Similarly, to be a good Muslim, we must study the Quran with understanding and follow its commandments in letter and spirit.

Further in Surah Ambiya Allah says: Had We meant to make it a plaything 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 (21:17-18). Allah did not create the Universe just for fun sake (He is free 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 pious from the bad.

Allah in another verse of the Quran says that He did not create the universe without a purpose, and the purpose is that we are 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 and study the Quran with understanding. For detailed explanation we should consult rightly guided religious scholars who are following the Quran and the hadith of the Prophet(SAW).

In Surah Raad Allah 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 lust of the people despite the knowledge you have received, there shall be no one to defend you or to protect you against Allah (13:36-37). 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, because it contains the same message.

Similarly, Allah ordered the Prophet_(SAW) to surrender his will to the will of Allah and told him to tell us that he has been prohibited from associating other deities besides Him. The Prophet_(SAW) called us towards Allah alone, and he himself would call on Allah alone. Allah 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 will not find any helper or protector from Him (2:120). Allah 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. 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 in the Quran says that creating the Universe is a far greater job than creating humans. 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 nor 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. In Surah Al-Ankabout Allah 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 (29:64-66).

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 says, when calamity befalls individuals, they will call on Him 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. Nine miracles of Allah were shown to Pharaoh, every time he would call Musa(AS) to ask his Lord to remove the calamity, he would believe, and as soon the calamity was removed, he retracted from his promise. **When it is said we must make our faith pure for Allah, 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 a hadith, 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** (Sunan-Abu Dawood, hadith 2042).

عن ابي هريرة رضى الله عنه قال قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه لا تجعلوا بيوتكم قبورا ولا تجعلوا قبرى عيدا وصلوا على فان صلاتكم تبلغنى حيث كنتم- سنن ابوداود، 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 of Waseela (approach, intermediary) the concept of associating Allah's attributes will be annihilated. We humans only have the capability to listen to one or a maximum of two people 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 said, humans are 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's permission. This is nothing but a lie and a big scam. In [Surah Bani-Israel](#) Allah 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 \(to make Truth distinct from falsehood\) \(17:15\).](#)

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 (to Hell)? Obviously, we

ourselves will carry our load as per the above verse. Allah 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, it has been preserved by Allah for the humanity till End Times. We should study it 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 in **Surah Ankabout** tells us: **How many creatures there are that do not carry their provisions with them, Allah provides for them and for you too, He hears everything and knows everything (29:60).** The above verse forces us to question ourselves, are these fraudsters our sustainers 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, 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 Siddiq_(RA) or Ali_(RA). This is a fallacy.

It is a concept introduced to fool people, just to extort money. **Allah 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 18%, 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! 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 is 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 would penalize me.

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 says: “(At that time it will be said): **O disbelievers do not make excuses today. You are being recompensed only for what you did**” (66:7). We will be penalized for ignoring the Quran and the Hellfire would be his abode for eternity. Allah will never leave His final message with its harsh warnings to be distorted.

If we accept the claim of the fraudsters that knowledge was transferred to them heart to heart, then the question arises; why did the religion taught and practiced by Abu Bakr Siddiq_(RA) or Ali_(RA) keep changing? Another example of their fraud; they have a frame which allegedly has the hair of the Prophet_(SAW), 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 in Surah Baqrah 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” (2:79-82). 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 Paradise. I have placed these verses here to stress that we do not authenticate the sayings of religious scholars without 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 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” (2:124).

Although, Allah chose Ibrahim_(AS) as His friend (Khalil) and told him that he will make him the leader of humanity. Ibrahim_(AS) humbly inquired if this promise is also for his progeny. Allah 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 saints become saints? They have made their seat an inheritance. It is not an Islamic concept.

Further in Surah Baqarah Allah 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)” (2:130-131).

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. The will of Allah for us is to follow the Quran.

Further to obliterate polytheism, in Surah Zukhruf Allah tells the Prophet_(SAW): So, 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 (43:43-45). 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 on studying the Quran with understanding and following its commandments. It will save us from being led astray. Allah, in Surah Maida 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 (bidaas) in religion, and any other religious knowledge besides Quran have been closed. This verse in the Quran negates all other ways invented by the miscreants.

Further in Surah Nisa Allah 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 (4:70). 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 where Allah says: **As regards this admonition, it is We who have sent it down, and We Our self shall preserve it** (15:14). 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 because with all its fallacies and contradictions it would be discarded. Those who reject the Quran are rejecting Allah. A god, who cannot keep his promise, is not God. It is denying the attributes of Allah.

The Quran stands out with a challenge to show discrepancies in it, or if it is in collision with proven scientific laws. The Quran is a Book of signs 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 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** Allah 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** (40:4). This verse tells us that those who say that the Quran is not for these times, or say it is incomplete, or has been changed, **are liars and 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 Allah 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, with Allah's leave. Then, when Allah's Command came, the judgment was passed with justice, and the wrongdoers then incurred loss (40:78).

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 saints, then doesn't logic say that we should only call on Allah in times of need?

To enhance this, in Surah Al-Momin Allah 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 deluded? Likewise, all those people were deluded, who denied the Revelations of Allah (40:61-63). In these verses Allah 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 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 guarantees that the Quran is preserved. When Allah has guaranteed its preservation, then

it will remain preserved till End Times. Allah 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” so that our hearts are filled with his prominence. Further in Surah Al-Momin Allah 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” (40:13-14).*

In these verses Allah tells us that He shows us His signs, and He bestows us with sustenance from heaven so that we may take heed and invoke no one else besides Him. O Muslims, even if disbelievers dislike it, we should make our religion exclusively pure for Allah alone.

In Surah Momin Allah 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 judge nothing. Indeed, Allah alone is the All-Hearing, the All-Seeing (40:18-20).*

In the above verses Allah is telling the 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 (it abnegates, peer, saints, imams etc.). Allah 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, Your Mercy far exceeds our sins, we seek Your mercy and forgiveness and not compensation on our deeds. Ameen!

In Surah Al-Momin Allah 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 (40:82-85). In these verses Allah is warning us that nations who were stronger than the Arabs and were greater in numbers were destroyed by Allah, 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 way.

After seeing the wrath of Allah, the wrong doers will take heed, believe in Allah and reject their old ways. Regretfully, after seeing the wrath of Allah, believing does not benefit anyone because that is Allah's specified way. O Muslims

have the urge for the truth, prostrate to Allah and ask for His guidance, he will guide us. Allah in Surah As-Sajdah asks: *And who could be more unjust than the one who is admonished by the Signs of his Lord, and he spurns them? We shall certainly take vengeance on such criminals (32:22).*

In this verse Allah is saying that no one 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's attributes. Allah 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 emphasizes on a simple logic and tells us in Surah Al-Momin 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 (40:57-59).*

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 at our daily lives where we are sure of accountability, we tend to follow the rules. Similarly, if we really believe in the Quran, then we will follow it too.

Further in Surah Al-Momin Allah 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 (40:69-72). These verses tell us that people who dispute in Allah's Revelations and reject His Book 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. Ameen!

Allah in Surah Al-Inam 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 powers) as protector or intercessor: it may be that (by this admonition) they adopt the God-fearing attitude (6:50-51).

In these verses Allah tells the Prophet(SAW) to admonish people with verses of the Quran, and to tell us that he 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's attributes to every tom dick and harry. The purpose of the 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 in Surah Inam tells Prophet(SAW) to say: O' Prophet says, "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 evildoers. 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 (6:55-59). In these verses Allah is telling us, had He empowered even Prophet(SAW) (who was sent as mercy for humanity), he 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.

On the contrary we have assumed every Tom, Dick and Harry to be the knower of the unseen. Finally, in Surah Hud 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 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 (11:1-3). From the All Aware, the All Wise, the 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 alone and ask for His forgiveness. If we do so, He will bestow us with His favors, and if we turn away, then a dreadful torment awaits us. O' Allah, make us turn towards You, and repent to You and bless us with Your mercy in this world and in the Hereafter. Ameen!

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 alone.
5. Even if a Prophet disobeys, 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 a virtue to us; we should surrender our will to the will of Allah.
11. The Quran has been preserved by Allah.
12. All authorities and powers are with Allah alone.

Introduction to Polytheism (shirk)

What is polytheism (shirk)

Polytheism is associating partners with Allah, 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, 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 to refute it with verses from the Quran and hadiths of the Prophet(SAW). I pray to Allah 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. Ameen!

As polytheism is the most heinous crime in the eyes of Allah, He has mentioned shirk minimum 31 times in the Quran to lay emphasis on it. Allah in Surah Nisaa says: Shirk is the only sin that Allah 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.

In Surah Bani-Israel Allah says: Your Lord has enjoined the following, “You should not worship anyone but Him. Treat your parents with great consideration; if either or both live with you in their old age, do not say even “fie” to them; nor rebuke them, but speak kind words to them” (4:48). 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. It is because we associate His attributes falsely with someone and then start invoking them. Mostly the attributes of Allah 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. Ameen!

The Quran mentions the story of Hazrat Luqman admonishing his son regarding shirk. It is mentioned in Surah Luqman where Allah says: Remember the time when Luqman 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” (31:13). This verse indicates 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 mentions this in Quran to lay emphasis on the severity of this inexcusable crime of invoking others besides Allah, 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. 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 by saying: And the other beings, whom the people invoke instead of Allah, created nothing; nay, they are themselves created. They are dead, not living, and they do not even know when they shall again be raised to life (16:20-21). Further in Surah Fatir 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 (35:19-23).

The Quran says 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 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 Allah 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” (6:151). If we use our common sense we can refrain from shirk and invoking others besides Allah. May Allah grant us understanding! Ameen!

Further 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 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 partners. This is what I have been enjoined, and I am the first to surrender to Him” (6:161-162).

Prophet_(SAW) was not a polytheist, he was fully focused on his Lord's way, because his 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 will to the will of Allah. Now the six-million-dollar question; 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 Him?

The Prophet_(SAW) knew Allah does not like arrogance. In a hadith it is narrated that an arrogant person will not enter Paradise. That is why the Prophet would get angry if his companions stood 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 must 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 Allah 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 (13:6).* Lots of exemplary instances have been mentioned in the Quran, where the criminal nations (who invoked others besides Allah) were destroyed by Allah.

Yet most people hurry for bad virtues (invoking others) instead of good virtues (submitting their will to the will of Allah). Although Allah the most Merciful turns a blind eye to our sins, His punishment will be extremely severe for those who have not repented. May Allah forgive us, and all His believing servants, Ameen! 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. 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(SAW) used to supplicate to Allah the following supplication, narrated in Musnad Ahmad, which we should remember and supplicate frequently. In this supplication we ask Allah’s refuge from being polytheist knowingly, and seek His pardon from shirk, which we are unaware of (Musnad Ahmad, hadith 403/4).

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ -مسند احمد 403/4

Later in the topic we will read about the severe punishments for [Minor Shirk](#). If there is such severe punishment for Minor Shirk, we cannot imagine what punishment is stored for those who indulge in Major Shirk. May Allah protect us from all types of polytheistic believes, both minor and major. Ameen!

To consolidate what we have read, Allah in Surah Sajdah warns us and says: [And who could be more unjust than the one who is admonished by the Signs of his Lord, and he spurns them? We shall certainly take vengeance on such criminals \(32:22\)](#). Allah is saying that if we don’t take heed of the signs in the Quran and in the horizon, we will face His retribution for His disobedience. Remember He is the Lord and Creator of the universe. “O’ Allah, we seek Your

guidance, and refuge from all types of shirk and transgressions”. Ameen!

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 shares for 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 saying 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 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 shortcomings.

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 prayer postures are different to those when we are praying in front of others, i.e. our efforts are more on impressing people than pleasing our Creator. This is considered as Minor Shirk. This happens because the attributes of Allah being the All-Hearing, All-Seeing and All-All-Powerful have not embedded in our hearts.

Shadad bin Aws relates from Prophet(SAW) that he said, whosoever prayed to show people, committed shirk, whosoever fasted to show people, committed shirk, and whosoever gave charity to show people, committed shirk. Whosoever performs acts of worships (prayers, fasting and charity) to impress people is hypocrisy, and hypocrisy is shirk (Majamma kabeer Al-Tabrani, vol.7, hadith 7139, page 281). We should perform our duties with sincerity solely for the sake of Allah, while fearing Him and loving Him. 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.

عَنْ شَدَّادِ بْنِ أَوْسٍ، قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: مَنْ صَلَّى يِرَائِي فَقَدْ أَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ صَامَ يِرَائِي فَقَدْ أَشْرَكَ، وَمَنْ تَصَدَّقَ يِرَائِي فَقَدْ أَشْرَكَ - معجم الكبير للطبراني، جلد 7، حدیث 7139، صفحہ 281 -

In a hadith 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 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 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 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 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 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 will also ask him what he did in the world. The charitable person will say that he spent the money in such and such a way, just for His sake. Allah 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 (Sunan Nisai 3086). This is the punishment for Minor Shirk. What punishment is stored for Major Shirk is beyond our imagination. [May Allah 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 Your mercy, we repent to You, so please forgive us. Ameen!](#)

عن ابن هريرة فقال له قائل من اهل الشام ايها الشيخ حدثني حديثا سمعته من رسول الله ﷺ قال نعم سمعت رسول الله يقول اول الناس يقضى لهم يوم القيامة ثلاثة رجل استشهد فاتي به فعرفه نعبه فعرفها قال فبا عدت فيها قال قاتلت فيك حتى استشهدت قال كذبت ولكنت قاتلت ليقال فلان جريء فقد قيل ثم امر به فسحب على وجهه حتى التقى في النار ورجل تعلم العلم وعلمه وقرأ القرآن فاتي به فعرفه نعبه فعرفه قال فبا عدت فيها قال تعلبت العلم وعلمته وقرأت فيك القرآن قال كذبت ولكنك تعلمت العلم ليقال عالم وقرأت القرآن ليقال قاريء فقد قيل ثم امر به فسحب على وجهه حتى التقى في النار ورجل وشح الله عليه واعطاه من اصناف البال كله فاتي به فعرفه نعبه فعرفها فقال ما عدت فيها قال ما تركت من سبيل تحب قال ابو عبد الرحمن ولم افهم تحب كما اردت ان ينفق فيها لا انفق فيها لك قال كذبت ولكن ليقال انه جواد فقد قيل ثم امر به فسحب على وجهه فالتقى في النار - سنن النسائي، حديث: 3086

It is said that one day Umar Bin Khattab^(RA) entered Masjid-e-Nabwi, where he saw Muaaz bin Jabal^(RA) crying near the Prophet's grave. Hazrat Umar enquired about what made him cry. Muaaz said that he heard something from Prophet^(SAW) that made him cry. He told Umar Bin Khattab that the Prophet^(SAW) said, the slightest 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 Prophet^(SAW), who said whoever loves his companions, he will love them, and whoever hates them, he will hate them. If intermediary was allowed then they had the best intermediate (Prophet^(SAW)), they wouldn't have cried out of fear of Allah. They would only call on Allah because that is what our beloved Prophet^(SAW) had taught them i.e. no intermediary and no intercession with Allah's permission.

عَنْ عُمَرَ بْنِ الْخَطَّابِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ إِنَّ سَبِيْرَ الرِّيَاءِ شِرْكٌ - (مشكوة)

Major Shirk (Polytheism)

Major Shirk is disbelief which throws us out of the fold of Islam. Unless we repent to the All-Forgiving Allah in this life, most likely the Hellfire will be our abode. There are seven types of Major Shirks, they are:

Types of Major Shirk

a) **Saying that Islam is not applicable for these times.**

This implies (we seek His refuge) that Allah is incapable of catering for the future, and that humans know better. This is negating Allah's attributes of being All-Hearing, All-Seeing, All-Knowing, All-Powerful and pure of all deficiencies. As stated earlier, the knowledge we humans are so proud of is what He wanted to reveal to us. Allah 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 to what has been written in the Book of Predestination.

2. Following the 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. (اَتَّخَذُوا آخْبَارَهُمْ وَرُهْبَانَهُمْ أَرْبَابًا مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ)

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.** 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 in Tirmizi 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 was asked, O messenger of Allah, who will be there? He replied, “Hypocrite scholars”. Can we follow them blindly? Insha-Allah never (Tirmizi 2340)!

عن ابي هريرة قال قال رسول الله ﷺ من الجب الحزن. قالوا يا رسول الله وما جب الحزن؟ قال واد في جهنم يتعوذ منه جهنم كل يوم مائة مرة. قيل يا رسول الله من يدخله القراء المرأون باعمالهم. ترمذى، باب ما جا في الرياء والسمعة. حديث 2340

3. Associating Allah’s attributes to others, e.g. calling others **ever present, all seeing etc.** These attributes are unique to Allah, and anyone who claims these attributes or associates these attributes to anyone **besides Allah,** is a liar and a disbeliever.

4. Willingly following the commandment of an oppressor, even if they conflict with the commandments of the Creator.

5. Meat that is consecrated in others name besides Allah.

This is haram, it should not be eaten but thrown away as per the Quran. In Surah Baqarah Allah 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 indispensable, for Allah is very Forgiving and very Merciful (2:173).

Some people will say that their intention was for Allah. We cannot reject their claim, because only Allah knows what is in their hearts. The Prophet(SAW) used to prohibit his followers from following 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, wherever you have doubt, leave it.

6. Shirk-in-Love implies showing love, which is specific for our real beloved Allah alone, to **others besides Him**. It happens when we exaggerate our love for someone **besides Allah** 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 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 exaggerate our love for Allah as he is our ultimate loved one.

In Surah Baqrah 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 see the torment, they will know that all powers belong to Allah, and that Allah is Severe in punishment" (2:165).

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 belong to Allah. 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 Your love. Ameen!

7. Worshiping or invoking anyone besides Allah 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**.

حضرت انس بن مالکؓ نبی ﷺ سے روایت کرتے ہیں۔ آپ ﷺ نے فرمایا: "الدُّعَاءُ مُخُّ الْعِبَادَةِ" دعا عبادت کا مغز ہے کتاب الدعوات من حدیث نمبر 3293 جامع الترمذی حضرت نعمان بن بشیرؓ سے روایت ہے کہ نبی پاکؐ نے فرمایا: "الدُّعَاءُ هِيَ الْعِبَادَةُ" دعا عبادت ہی ہے۔ سنن ابوداؤد، باب الدعاء حدیث 1479

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 ثَوْبَانَ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: لَا يَبِيدُ فِي الْعُمْرِ إِلَّا الْبَيْدُ وَلَا يَرُدُّ الْقَدَرَ إِلَّا الدُّعَاءُ، وَإِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيَخْرُمُ الرِّزْقَ بِخَطِيئَةٍ يَعْهَلُهَا. سنن ابن ماجه، حديث 90

In Surah Nehal Allah 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 (16:56).** 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.

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 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 and our beseeches should only be for Allah alone.

In Surah Hameem Sajdah Allah 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” (41:9). 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 Allah 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 creations (40:66).

The Prophet_(SAW) was told to tell the people that he has been forbidden from calling on those beings whom they invoke besides Allah, and that how could he become polytheist after the truth had been revealed to him. He also declared that he 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 in Surah Ash-Shuara 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 (26:213-214). The Prophet_(SAW) was told not to invoke any deities besides Allah, and if he did so then he 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? If He 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 humans with material wealth and instructed him to distribute part of it to destitute. Asking a person of resources to follow His commandment.

Those who call on other deities besides Allah 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-Mominun Allah says: *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"* (23:117-118).

Whoever calls on others besides Allah 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 a hadith in which the Prophet_(SAW) said, no one will enter paradise including himself except with the mercy of Allah, i.e. if Allah 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 *riya* (hypocrisy), I will be doomed. O' The Most Merciful, please... make soft audit of my deeds, and deeds of all Muslims. Ameen!

In Surah Hadeed Allah 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 (57:22). This verse tells us that there is no foretold 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's wisdom on how he is going to test everyone. 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 Allah says: What! Are they (so audacious that they are) setting up partners with Him, Who is watching minutely over the actions of 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 (13:33-34).

These verses obliterate the calling of saints, peers, religious scholars etc. Allah tells us that He is ever watchful of the

deeds of every individual, and yet people make associates of Him. Allah tells the Prophet_(SAW) to ask the perpetrators if they have any authorization from Him (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 something that He doesn't know in the heavens and the earth? These are only lies and fabrication of minds. Allah 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 Your guidance, please guide us to Your way and forgive our past and future sins and make us from the dwellers of the Paradise. Ameen!** Further to enhance the fact that no one can rescue anyone without Allah's permission, in Surah Ankabout 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 (29:12-13).**

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. 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 Your Paradise. Ameen!

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 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 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 ﷺ ما يبكيك قالت ذكرت النار فبكيته فهل تذكرون اهل بيوتكم يوم القامة فقال رسول الله ﷺ أما في ثلاثة مواطن فلا يذكر أحد أحد عند الميزان حتى يعلم أيخف ميزانه أو يشقل وعند الكتاب حين يقال (هاؤم اقرءوا كتابييه) حتى يعلم أين يقيم كتابه أفي بيئته أمر في شبابه أمر من وراء ظهره وعند الصراط

إذا وضع بين ظهري جهنم - سنن ابوداؤد، كتاب السنن، حديث 4755

When Prophet(SAW) cannot side with 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 saints 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 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 in Surah Al-Rome asks: Have We sent down to them a document or an authority, which may testify to the truth of the shirk they are committing (30:35)? The answer is no, because the Quran (His instruction manual) negates this repeatedly. 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 will be stopped from them. He said that he will pray to Allah and request Him that they are his followers. He will be told that he 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 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. Ameen!

عن عبد الله ﷺ عن النبي ﷺ قال أنا فرطكم على الحوض وليبرفعن معي رجال منكم ثم ليختلجن دوني فأقول يا رب أصحابي فيقال انك لا تدري ما أحدثوا بعدك - صحيح البخاري، باب الرقاق، حديث نمبر 6090

Before I go further, I would 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 a 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 is the sole creator, whereas all others are his creation. When we invoke anyone **besides Allah**, it implies (we seek His refuge), Allah 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; 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? My answer is no, it is not shirk, because Allah has instructed us to help the needy from the wealth which He has given to us. Asking people of resources, friends and persons who are alive, is not against Allah’s 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 is far away. In **Surah Baqarah** 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 (2:186).**

Allah is telling us, He is very near to us, in another verse He says, He is nearer to us than our gullets. Negating the sayings invented by miscreant scholars that Allah needs an emissary to forward our request to Him. Further in Surah Hud 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” (11:61).** Prophet Saleh_(AS) told his people that there is no deity besides Allah, they should turn back to Him and repent to Him, for He is near us, He hears the caller and answers his call. **Where is the need for a mediator? O’ Muslims, turn back to your loving Lord. 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, 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 the Quran in Surah Namal Allah 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 do you reflect (27:62)!**

Who listens to us in our anxiety, and made us His 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? The answer will be yes. Then what is drawing us Muslims astray (this world is a test)?

Further in Surah Ankbout Allah 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 (29:17). 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 You and repent to You, and ask for Your forgiveness and soft audit. Ameen!

The Quran in Surah Lukman 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 (31:30). Signs in the universe, and the signs around us, and the signs within us prove that Allah is the truth, and all others who are called on are nothing but myths. Therefore, we should only call on Allah alone, the All Superior, the All Wise and All Over Whelming.

To enhance what we read, Allah in another example in Surah Raad says: Ask them: "Who is the Lord of the heavens and the earth?" Say: "Allah." Tell them: "Have you taken beside Him as your patrons those who do not have the power to benefit or to hurt even themselves?" Say: "Can the blind and the seeing be deemed equals? Or can light and darkness be deemed equals?" If that is not so, then have those whom they associate with Allah in His Divinity ever created anything like what Allah did so that the question of

creation has become dubious to them? Say: "Allah is the creator of everything. He is the One, the Irresistible" (13:16).

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. Prophet Ibrahim(AS) aptly stated, **an entity that is deficient, or has faults, or can 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 tells the Prophet(SAW) to tell us that the creator of all things and beings is Allah; 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 Your pardon, and Your protection from engaging in polytheism. Ameen!**

Some people will argue and say their needs have been met when they invoke these saints. Allah being the creator and the sustainer of all creations; He 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 says in Surah Baqra: **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 (2:155-156).

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), **poverty** (being patient and calling only on Allah), **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) etc. This is because Paradise is for those who love, worship, praise and thank Allah, and stay steadfast and patient when calamity befalls them. As far as **non-believers and polytheists** are concerned, they may be given more in this world and may be loser in the Hereafter. The next verses enhance what I just said, Allah in Surah Az-Zukhruf 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 Lord has reserved for the righteous** (43:33-35).

Allah 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 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 Allah asks: **Alif. Lam. Mim.** Do people think that they will be left alone after they have 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 must see who are the truthful and who are the liars (29:1-3). 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 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** (11:63). Allah has bestowed us with His blessings, then how can we disobey Allah, 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 (the Quran). Remember, Allah suffices us.

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

Summary of the text read.

1. Allah hears our call and answers it.
2. Those invoked cannot provide us with 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.

Invoking the Bankrupt Ones

Allah 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 Allah 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 (35:13-15).

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 says that they don't even own one kitmeer (white skin on the date-seed). 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 need 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 to help us get out of his ploy. He, and only He can save us. We should only prostrate to Him, and seek His guidance, He only guides those who seek His guidance. **O' Allah, we seek Your guidance, guide us. Ameen!** When Satan sees that one of his ploys have failed; he induces another ploy and makes us believe that the one's invoked **besides Allah** are alive and can hear us.

But Allah in Surah Nehal 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 (16:20-21).** 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 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. Ameen!** 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 in the heavens not in this world. This will be clear when you read the verse below. **Surah Al-Imran says: Do not regard as dead those who have been slain in the way of Allah; they are alive and are well provided for and are with their Lord (3:169).**

Pious people, saints, martyrs, companions and prophets are enjoying the fruits of Allah's promise in the Illiyeen, above the seven heavens. Further in the Quran in Surah Raad Allah gives another example and says: **To invoke Him alone is the right thing. As regards the 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** (13:14).

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 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 Surah Az-Zukhruf 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 of 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 Lord has reserved for the righteous** (43:33-35). Indicating, the power and wealth of this world does not reflect the success of the Hereafter.

In another example in Surah Ahqaaf Allah 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 are gathered on the Day of Resurrection, they will be enemies of the one who called upon them (true saints) and they will reject their worship (46:5-6). The most misguided people 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 Allah says: He draws out a comparison for you from your own selves; are there among the slaves that you possess any such slaves 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 (39:28). Slaves can never be partners with their masters, because they are their property. Whatever the slave has, is his master's, the slave can own nothing and is bankrupt.

The slave must 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's slaves as partners with the All-Powerful, the All-Knowing, and the All-Owning Creator? If we use our common sense, we will recognize that a human slave cannot equal a human master, whereas humans have no comparison

with Allah in any minutest way. Then how can we make them equal to the Creator?

O' brothers, wake up, we are being led astray; go back to the source of knowledge the Quran. Further to enhance what we read above, Allah in Surah Zumar 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 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 there not in Hell a place for such disbelievers (39:29-32)?

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 Hagg to shake us Allah gives another example. He 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 unite together for this purpose. Nay! 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 (22:73-74).

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, they cannot create a wing of a fly. This is also far-fetched; 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. The truth is that Allah 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, we go to them due to jealousy. Hardly anyone goes there because they adore them. The Quran answers all our questions; in Surah Noaah, 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” (71:9-15)?

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 are:

- 1) These deities are Bankrupt.
- 2) They are dead and not alive.
- 3) Someone who has One Master is successful in this world and in the Hereafter.
- 4) The Quran says: Calling on **others besides Allah** is as good as if asking water to come in our mouth by itself.
- 5) Those who invoke **others besides Allah** are misguided.
- 6) Just like we cannot have slaves which equal us similarly, Allah's slaves do not equal Him in the least way.
- 7) The false deities cannot create a fly; neither can they reclaim the food that 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. 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 obliterates this in Surah Zumar 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 or the denier of the truth (39:3).**

This verse warns us that worship is only Allah'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. This is denying the All-Hearing and All-Seeing attributes of Allah. When Allah knows us, hears us, sees us and is one to one with us, where is the need for an intermediary, 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 in Surah Bani-Israel 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 (17:56-57).

These verses obliterate the sayings 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, they fear Allah's wrath. And surely Allah 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 is nearest to His slave when he is prostrating; so, one should prostrate and beseech Allah. Recently I came to know through a WhatsApp message, to validate waseela people give reference of Surah Al-Maida 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 (5:35).

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, 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 the

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. (Sahih Bukhari, vol.2, sec. hadith of cave, hadth 357)

حدثنا اسماعيل بن خليل اخبرنا علي بن مسهر عن عبيد الله بن عمر عن نافع عن ابن عمر رضي الله عنهما ان رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال بينما ثلاثة نفر ممن كان قبلكم يشون اذا اصابهم مطر فاووا الى غار فانطبق عليهم فقال بعضهم لبعض انه والله يا هولاء لا ينجيكم الا الصدق فليدع كل رجل منكم بما يعلم انه قد صدق فيه فقال واحد منهم اللهم ان كنت تعلم انه كان لي اجير عمل لي على فرق من ارض فذهب وتركه واني عمدت الى ذلك الفرق فزرعته فصار من امره اني اشتريت منه بقرا وانه اتاني يطلب اجرة فقلت له اعمد الى تلك البقر فسقها فقال لي اني انا عندك فرق من ارض فقلت له اعمد الى تلك البقر فانها من ذلك الفرق فساقها فان كنت تعلم اني فعلت ذلك من خشيتك ففرج عنا فانساحت عنهم الصخرة فقال الاخر اللهم ان كنت تعلم انه كان لي ابوان يشان كبيران فكنت آتيهما كل ليلة بيدن عنم لي فأبطات عليهما ليلة فجت وقد رعدا واهل وعيال يتضاغون من الجوع فكنت لا أسقيهم حتى يشرب ابواي فكرهت أن أوظفها وكرهت أن ادعها فيستكنا لشربتها فلم ازل انتظر حتى طلع الفجر فان كنت تعلم اني فعلت ذلك من خشيتك ففرج عنا فانساحت عنهم الصخرة حتى نظروا الى السماء فقال الاخر اللهم ان كنت تعلم انه كان لي ابنة عم من احب الناس الى واني راودتها عن نفسها فابت الا ان آتيتها بباء دينار فطلبتها حتى قدرت فأتيتها بها فدفعتها اليها فامكنتني من نفسها فلما تعدت بين رجليها فقالت اتق الله ولا تقض الخاتم الا بحقه فقممت وترك الباء دينار فان كنت تعلم اني فعلت ذلك من خشيتك ففرج عنا ففرج الله عنهم فخر جوا - (صحيح بخاري، جلد دوم، باب حديث الغار 357)۔

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 relieve us of this affliction. Everyone should supplicate to Allah with the intermediary of his good deeds, 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 some time 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 shifted 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 was 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 with it they got 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 gathered hundred Dinars. I went to her and gave her the hundred Dinars, and she agreed to my request. As I was about to have 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 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 intercession of your good deeds. In Surah At-Tahreem 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 betrayed their husbands (in belief), and they could not avail themselves of 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” (66:10-11).

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, the 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 out, the Prophet_(SAW) will not be able to do anything for Him in the Hereafter (in a 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

stayed 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 saints combined do not equal a sahabi, and all companions combined do not equal a prophet). True saints would never claim they will intercede on their behalf.

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 if he had sent his protocol 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. Ameen!**

I was given a reference of a hadith regarding Azan. They said, we ask waseela for the 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 عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص انه سمع النبي يقول إذا سمعتم المؤذن فقولوا مثل ما يقول ثم صلوا علي، فإنه من صلى علي صلوة بها عشراً ثم سلوا الله لي الوسيلة فإنها منزلة في الجنة لا تنبغي إلا لعبد من عباد الله وأرجو أن أكون أنا هو فمن سأل الله لي الوسيلة حلت عليه الشفاعة- سنن ابوداؤد باب: ما يقول إذا سمع المؤذن جلد اول صفحه 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 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 commandments of the Quran. This fabricated hadith says that Adam(AS) saw written on the Throne of Allah(SWT) "لا اله الا الله محمد رسول الله"، he supplicated to Allah with the waseela (intermediary) of Mohammed(SAW), and on that basis Allah forgave him.

Where else the Quran negates this and says: Then the two of them ate the fruit of that tree and their shameful parts became revealed to each other, and they began to cover themselves with the leaves from the Garden. Thus, Adam disobeyed his Lord and strayed into error. Thereafter his Lord exalted him, accepted his repentance, and bestowed guidance upon him, and said: "Get down, both of you, (that is, man and Satan), and be out of it; each of you shall be an enemy to the other. Henceforth if there comes to you a guidance from Me, then whosoever follows My guidance shall neither go astray nor suffer misery (20:121-123).

Allah guided him and taught him^(AS) a few words with which to repent, and when he repented with those words, Allah forgave him in Paradise. It is mentioned in Surah Baqarah that: Adam^(AS) learned a few words of repentance from his Lord, and He forgave him. He is very forgiving, and All Merciful (2:37). The words of repentance are mentioned in Surah Al-Araaf 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 (7:23). It is nothing but asking for Allah's grace and mercy. He is such a Merciful Lord that He Himself tells His servants how to ask for his forgiveness.

He 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 protect us from these guys who lead us towards shirk. Ameen! In the Quran, Allah 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 for his guidance. After that Allah presents the Quran as manual of guidance.

Despite 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 turn left other may say go straight or go right. 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 the 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 are aligned with the Quran, Paradise will be our abode; if they contradict the Quran, Hellfire 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 polytheists of Makkah had also assigned different deities' with different attributes. They called them Bahira, Saibah, Wasila, Ham etc. Allah refutes it in Surah Al-Maidah, verse, 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) (5:103). 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 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 set up by them. What evil decision they make (6:136)! 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 would 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. (انالله) 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 where he could not 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 concept of intermediary in this world, their stupidity will continue in the Hellfire. It is mentioned in Surah Momin 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) yourselves. But the prayer of the disbelievers only ends in vain" (40:49-50).** These verses tell us that people in Hellfire will request the guardians of the Hell to intercede to request Allah to relinquish 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

blessed them with His Mercy and ridden 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 absence his people made a gold cow and started worshipping it. To rid them of the inherited cow's love, Allah 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 (اتَّالله). Consequently, 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, 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 will 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. Ameen!

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 upon as an intermediary between them and Allah are themselves seeking intermediaries.
 3. Punishment of Allah 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 on their behalf.
- Habits die hard.*

Intercession

Satan has bags full of deceits with which he cons people. Satan induces another ploy and convinces people that there is intercession, 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 Allah 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 free from and exalted above what they associate with Him (10:18). In this verse Allah says people have made intercessors and worship deities who can neither harm them nor benefit them. Allah tells Prophet(SAW) to ask them, are their intercessors going to tell Allah something that He 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 wills. Allah says in *Ayat-ul-Kursi*, who can intercede in front of Him with his permission. In *Surah Naba*, Allah 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 in *Surah Zumar* completely obliterates the concept of intercession. Allah 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 (39:43-45).

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 is mentioned, their hearts are filled with anguish, and when other than Allah are remembered their hearts are filled with joy (انّا لله). Finally, in Surah Sajdah Allah 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 (32:4)?**

Allah eradicated the concept of intercession by saying that on the Day of Resurrection we will have no supporter, helper or intercessor besides Allah. 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 to grant us the intercession of our Prophet_(SAW) on our behalf. The 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's intercession and beg You for Your forgiveness and mercy. Ameen!**

The next hadiths is the final nail in the coffin of intercession. In the Prophet_(SAW) said, **"The Quran is an intercessor, and its intercession is accepted, and its plea is believed. Whoever makes it to lead him, it will lead him to Paradise, and whosoever places it behind him, he is dragged to the Fire"** (Ibn Hibban, hadith 124, Sahih). 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) 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 will say to him ask, it will be granted to you. He 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 can remove his followers from Hellfire who have such and such level of Imaan. He will go and get them out of the Hellfire. Second time he 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 ask, it will be granted to you. He 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 he 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 will fall into prostration in front of Allah 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 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 will go and get them out of the Hellfire. Again, for the fourth time he will fall in prostration 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 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)) (Sahih Bukhari, chapter tafseer, hadith 1587).

He 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 Prophet(SAW). O Allah, bestow lots and lots of peace and blessings on our beloved. O Allah, raise our moral status so that You and the Prophet(SAW) are pleased with us. O Allah, cover our sins from him on the Day of Judgment, lest he feels remorse for us. Ameen!

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 is called upon, the disbelievers get aggravated.
4. Only Allah will allow intercession for whom He wishes. That is what we request in the supplication after Azan.

Who are we following?

In Surah Al-Kahaf 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 (18:102). 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. Ameen!

In Surah Inaam 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 (6:52).* I would like to elaborate on this verse which discusses the eminence of the companions. If someone shows us an illusion, we fall for it and make them our doer-deity.

May the companions be glorified, who witnessed the miracles of Prophet_(SAW), which included splitting of the moon, stream of water coming from his fingers to quench 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 companions 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 companions' 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? Ameen!*

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 companions 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 / peers?

Ibrahim_(AS) was Allah's khalil (friend), he was told that he_(AS) will be made the leader of humanity. Ibrahim_(AS) immediately asked Allah is this promise also valid for his progeny. Allah replied, not for the transgressors. In Surah Baqrah 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" (2:124).

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 (النَّزْرَى), to bestow them with haram child (I am extremely sorry I could not find a softer word). I can only ask Allah to guide us, for His guidance is the only true guidance. Fraudsters trap their followers with fictitious stories, like they acquired their knowledge directly heart to heart from Hazrat Abu Baker Siddiq_(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 will never leave His last message unprotected. Allah answers the question in Surah Nisa by saying: **This is the real bounty which comes from Allah, and Allah's knowledge (Quran) suffices to know the Reality (4:70).** 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 Allah says to the Prophet_(SAW): **(O Prophet,) say (to the polytheists), "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, nor are any of them helpers 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 (34:22-27).**

In these verses Allah tells Prophet_(SAW) to tell the polytheists 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 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 is our sustainer, He provides us with sustenance from the skies and the earth. Those who have other deities (creation of Allah) are misguided, everyone will be held accountable for his own wrong doings, and no one will carry the burden of another.

Allah will gather his creations (humans and Jinn) for accountability and will decide with justice; He is all Great and all Just and has knowledge of everything. Allah asks Prophet_(SAW) to ask the polytheist to at least show those beings whom they considered Allah'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 Allah drives the final nail in the coffin of the polytheists 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 on 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. No, they are even unaware that they are being invoked. **And when all mankind shall be gathered, they will become enemies of those who invoked them and will disown their worship** (46:1-6).

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 ate, drank and had no super-powers. They lived their mortal life and died or will die. If someone thinks otherwise, Allah says produce proof from any of His revelations which affirms their contention? Who can be more misguided than a person who calls on others beside Allah, 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 companions 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 can we prostrate to these fraudsters (a true saint will not allow anyone to prostrate to him). In another hadith Saad bin Hasham says, he asked Aysha_(RA) about the character of Prophet_(SAW). She said his character was Quran (Musnad Ahmed, hadith 25302). I.e. he 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 لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ**

عن سعد بن هشام، قال: سألت عائشة، فقالت: أخبريني عن خلق رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم ﷺ فقالت: كان خلقه القرآن - مسند احمد حديث نبر 25302-

Saad bin Hasham narrates, he says he asked Aysha(RA) about the moral ethics of Prophet(SAW). She said the Quran was the source of 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 deity; he will tell us to follow the instructions of the Quran.

قال ابو يزيد: لو نظرتم الى رجل اعطى من الكرامات حتى يرفع في الهواء فلا تغتروا به حتى تنظروا كيف تجدونه عند الامر والنهي وحفظ الحدود واداء الشريعة ﷺ حلية اولياء وطبقات الاصفياء جز 10 صفحہ 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'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 Allah 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 (40:69-72). 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, the 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 Allah 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 (7:53).

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 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 Allah 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 must return to Us (40:73-77). 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 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 (32:29-30). 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 Allah 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 must 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 (43:36-42).

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 would 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 yourselves 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. Ameen!

Further, in Surah Kaahaf Allah 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 regarding their deeds? They are those 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 (18:102-104).

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 believing that they are on the right path. Thus, they will never repent, and Allah only forgives those who ask for His forgiveness. Our blessed Prophet(SAW) used to repent at least a hundred times a day. May Allah protect us from being ungrateful and associate partners with Him, and may He make us from those who repent to Him day and night. Ameen!

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: 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 (40:81-85).

On the Day of Judgment after seeing the wrath of Allah, those who invoked others, will say to Allah 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, in Surah Al-Aaraf Allah says: 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 (7:36-37).

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 than those who slander Allah (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 power. 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 Allah 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” (40:47-48).

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 in Surah As-Sajdah: They will say: “Our Lord, show us those that led us astray, both jinn and humans, and we will trample them under our feet so that they are utterly degraded” (41:29). 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 protect us and all Muslims from being polytheist and guide us to His true way. Ameen!

Answers of false peers and saints in Hell

In Surah Baqra Allah says: When He inflicts punishment, those very leaders and scholars 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 (2:166-167).

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 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's mercy that we may live, and the Paradise may be our permanent abode.

Further in Surah Nahl 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 associate-deities whom we used to invoke beside You." At this their deities will retort, "You are liars" (16:86). 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 protect His entire believing servants from the footsteps of the Satan. Ameen! Thank you, Allah, for the guidance (the Quran)!

On the Day of Judgment in Surah Saba 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 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 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 (34:31-33)?

On the Day of Judgment, the ones who were suppressed will tell their oppressors, if it was not for them, they would have believed. The oppressors and these misleading Doctors and scholars 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. Ameen!

Answers of the true Saints

May Allah be pleased with the rightly guided saints and increase their status; their answers are obvious. In Surah Furqan 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” (25:17-18).

On the Day of Resurrection, Allah 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. (Subhan Allah)

Similarly, in Surah Younus 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” (10:28-29). On the Day of Judgment when Allah 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’s witness between them is enough. **Truth prevailed because truth is meant to prevail.**

Summary of 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 polytheists think they are on the right path, they will not repent.
3. After seeing Allah’s wrath, the polytheists 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, 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 always answers the prayers of his slaves, as He is All-Knowing, He chooses one of four ways to answer his prayers. He 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; 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 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 sent an angel who killed the bandit and rescued him. When he came to Medina, while telling his story, he and the companions who were listening to him started to cry, out of love for Allah.

يَا وَدُودُ يَا وَدُودُ، يَا ذَا الْعَرْشِ السَّعِيدِ، يَا مُبْدِيَّ يَا مُعِيدُ، يَا فَعَالُ لَيْلَا يَرِيدُ، أَسْءَلُكَ بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الَّذِي مَلَأَ أَرْكَانَ عَرْشِكَ
وَأَسْءَلُكَ بِعُدْرَتِكَ الَّتِي قَدَّرْتَ بِهَا عَلَى جَبِيحِ خَلْقِكَ وَأَسْءَلُكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ الَّتِي وَسَعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، يَا مَعِينُ
أَعِشْنِي-

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 a 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, we heard a rumbling in 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 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 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 can help them. (إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ)

c) Replaces it with an alternative

He replaces it with an alternative for the one who had 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 will reward his slave in the Hereafter for all the unanswered supplications, that person will wish that none of his supplications were answered in the world.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِي نَمَّ يَجْعَلْ لَهُ شَيْئًا مِنْ دُعَائِهِ؟ "اے کاش! میری کوئی بھی دعا دنیا میں قبول نہ ہوئی ہوتی، اور ہر دعا کا پھل مجھے یہاں

ملتا۔" (معارف الحدیث، حصہ پنجم، صفحہ 106)

The Quran in Surah Qasas tells us: **Do you not use common sense? Can the person to whom We have made a good promise, which he would certainly get, 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 (28:61)?**

This verse is an eye opener 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, success is not worldly gain but rather attaining Paradise (award for passing the test). To put the final nail in the coffin, Allah says in a Hadith-e-Qudsi, narrated by Abu Hind Addari who says he heard the Prophet(SAW) say that Allah 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 (a promise Satan has vowed to do).

عَنْ أَبِي هِنْدٍ الدَّارِيِّ قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ: قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى: مَنْ لَمْ يَرْضَ بِقَضَائِي وَيَصْبِرْ عَلَيَّ بِلَا عَرَى فَلَيْلَتُنِيْسُ رَبًّا سِوَايَ. المعجم الكبير للطبراني، جزء 22، حديث 807، صفحہ 320 المكتبة الشاملة

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:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.

- 3) We always say we want to go to Paradise, and yet our actions are just the opposite.
- 4) We always say that we are fearful of the Hellfire, and yet we are running towards it.
- 5) We know death is inevitable, and yet we are not preparing for it.
- 6) We have preoccupied ourselves with the short comings of others and forget our own shortcomings.
- 7) We are enjoying the blessings of Allah and still are not grateful to Him.
- 8) We bury our dead in graveyards 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 companions. Allah tested Prophet_(SAW) and his companions 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 companions 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:

1. Those supplications that were not accepted in the world will carry big rewards in the Hereafter.

2. Those who will enter Paradise are successful as compared to those who were only rewarded in this world and Hellfire will be 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 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 polytheism? 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 through 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 narrates, 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 companions, 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 status and appreciation with Allah. I said, O

messenger of Allah may my parents be sacrificed on you then who will have appreciation in front of Allah. He said, no doubt he has died and by Allah I expect he will have high status 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 a question arises, when we cannot be sure if a person is going to Paradise, then how can we worship him, or ask 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 اخبرني خارجة بن زيد ثابت أن أمر العلاء امرأة من الانصار بايعة النبي ﷺ أحبرته أنه اقتسم المهاجرون قرعة فطار لنا عثمان بن مظعون فأذن لنا في أبياتنا فوجع وجعه الذي توفي فيه فلما توفي وغسل وكفن في أثوابه دخل رسول الله ﷺ فقلت رحمة الله عليك أبا السائب فشهدا حق عليك لقد أكرمك الله فقال النبي ﷺ وما يدريك أن الله قد أكرمك فقلت بأبي أنت يا رسول الله ﷺ فمن يكرمه الله فقال أمّا هو فقد جاءه اليقين والله إنى لارجو له الخير والله ما أدري وأنا رسول الله ﷺ ما يفعل بي قالت فوالله لا اذكي أحدا بعدة أبدا - صحيح البخاري، كتاب الجنائز، حديث 1166-

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 ﷺ قال اللهم لاتجعل قبري وثنا يعبد اشتد غضب الله على قوم اتخذوا قبور انبياءهم مساجد - موطا امام مالك، النداء للصلاة، حديث 376

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?**

عَنْ أَبِي هَيَّاجِ الْأَسَدِيِّ قَالَ: بَعَثَنِي عَلِيٌّ قَالَ: قَالَ لِي: أَيْعَشَكَ عَلَى مَا بَعَثَنِي عَلَيْهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ أَنْ لَا أَدَمَ قَبْرًا مَشِيًّا فَأَلَّا سَوْءَ نَيْتُهُ وَلَا تَبْنَعَا إِلَّا أَطْبَسْتُهُ - سنن أبي داود، كتاب الجنائز، باب في تسوية القبر حديث نمبر 3218-

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 claiming to love the Prophet_(SAW), still disobey him and sit on the graves or mausoleums?

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ لَنْ يَجْلِسَ أَحَدُكُمْ عَلَى جَمْرَةٍ فَتُحْرِقَ ثِيَابَهُ فَتُتَخَلَّصَ إِلَيَّ جَلْدِي خَيْرٌ لَكَ مِنْ أَنْ يَجْلِسَ عَلَى قَبْرٍ - صحيح مسلم، حديث نمبر 1612-

Jabber_(RA) narrates, he heard that the Prophet_(SAW) used to prohibit us from sitting 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 Him?**

أَنَّ سَبْعَمَ جَابِرًا سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ﷺ نَهَى أَنْ يَقْعُدَ عَلَى الْقَبْرِ وَأَنْ يَقْضَصَ وَيُنَيِّئَ عَلَيْهِ حَدَّثَنَا مُسَدَّدٌ وَعُمَيْرُ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ قَالَا حَدَّثَنَا حَفْصُ بْنُ غِيَاثٍ عَنْ ابْنِ جُرَيْجٍ عَنْ سُلَيْمَانَ بْنِ مُوسَى وَعَنْ أَبِي الْوَلِيدِ عَنْ جَابِرِ بْنِ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ قَالَ أَبُو دَاوُدَ قَالَ عُمَيْرُ بْنُ أَبِي شَيْبَةَ حَدَّثَنَا زَادَ عَلَيْهِ وَزَادَ سُلَيْمَانُ بْنُ مُوسَى أَوْ أَنْ يُكْتَسَبَ عَلَيْهِ - سنن أبي داود، حديث نمبر 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!

عَنْ ابْنِ عَبَّاسٍ قَالَ لَعَنَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ زَائِرَاتِ الْقُبُورِ وَالْمُتَّحِذِينَ عَلَيْهَا الْمَسَاجِدَ وَالشُّرَكَاءَ - سنن النسائي، حديث
نمبر 2016-

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 do we visit these graves or mausoleums? “O Muslim it is collecting sins, not the rewards. Wakeup, else Hellfire might be our abode”.

عن أبي هريرة عن النبي ﷺ قال لا تشدّ الرجال الا الى ثلاثة مساجد مسجدا الحرام ومسجدي هذا والمسجد الأقصى - سنن ابى داؤد، كتاب المناسك، حديث نمبر 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 اللَّهِ ﷺ يَقُولُ فِي خُطْبَتِهِ يَحْمَدُ اللَّهَ وَيُشَمِّعُ عَلَيْهِ بِمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ يَقُولُ مَنْ يَهْدِي اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ إِنَّ أصدقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ وَأَحْسَنَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ مُحَمَّدٍ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُخَدَّعَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُخَدَّعَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ ضَلَالَةٌ وَكُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ - سنن نسائي، صلاة العيدين، حديث نمبر 1560-

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 بِسُنَّتِي وَسُنَّةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ تَمَسَّكُوا بِهَا وَعَظُّوا عَلَيْهَا بِالْوَأَجْدِ - ابوداؤد صفحه 279 جلد 2-

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. (Mishkat, chapter Al-Kassab, p. 242)

دَعِّمْ مَا يُرِيدُكَ إِلَى مَا لَا يُرِيدُكَ (مشكوة، 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. Ameen!**

عن أبي هريرة قال قال رسول الله ﷺ بدأ الإسلام غريباً وسيعود كما غريباً فطوبى للغرباء - صحيح مسلم، حديث 208-

Ibn Umar^(RA) relates from Prophet^(SAW) that Islam started as a stranger and will soon become a stranger and that Islam will shrink to the two holy mosques just like snake shrinks itself in its hole. What this hadith is telling us is that in the End Times the true religion will be practiced only in the two holy mosques in letter and spirit, and not Saudi Arabia or other places. (Sahih Muslim, book Imaan, hadith 209)

عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ قَالَ إِنَّ الْأُمَّةَ سَلَامٌ بَدَأَ غَرِيبًا وَسَيَعُودُ غَرِيبًا كَمَا بَدَأَ أَوْ هُوَ يَأْرُمُ بَيْنَ الْمَسْجِدَيْنِ كَمَا تَأْرُمُ الْحَيَّةُ فِي جُحْرِهَا - صحيح مسلم، باب: الايمان، حديث 209-

Abdullah bin Umar^(RA) relates from Prophet^(SAW) in, that a time will come on his followers, as a time came on the people of Israel. His followers too will follow the footsteps of the Bani Israel, so much so that if someone from them had sex with their mother, there will be people from his followers who will do the same. The 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 Prophet's companions asked him which sect would enter Paradise. The Prophet(SAW) replied, “Those who follow my way and the way of my companions” (Sunan Tirmizi, book Imaan, hadith 2565). Are we doing that? Were Prophet(SAW) and his companions Brelvi, Deobandi, Ahle-hadith? No, they called themselves Muslims.

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ بْنِ عَمْرٍو قَالَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ لِيَأْتِيَنَّ عَلَى أُمَّتِي مَا آتَى عَلَى بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ حَذُّو النَّعْلِ بِالنَّعْلِ حَتَّىٰ إِنْ كَانَ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ أَقْبَأُ أُمَّهُ عَلَانِيَةً كَانَ فِي أُمَّتِي مَنْ يَصْنَعُ ذَلِكَ وَإِنْ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ تَفَرَّقَتْ عَلَى ثِنْتَيْنِ وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً وَتَفْتَرِقُ أُمَّتِي عَلَى ثَلَاثٍ وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً كُلُّهُمْ فِي النَّارِ إِلَّا مِلَّةً وَاحِدَةً قَالُوا وَمَنْ هِيَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ قَالَ مَا أَنَا عَلَيْهِ وَأَصْحَابِي - سنن ترمذی،

الجباب الايمان عن الرسول الله ﷺ، حديث نمبر 2565

In Surah Taha Allah 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 (20:109-109). 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 Abraham Allah 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” (14:7). Allah is telling us if we are grateful, he will increase His favors on us. Shouldn't we thank Allah 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, 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 without understanding? Shouldn't we ask Allah for guidance? In Surah Al-Qasas 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 (28:56).

To enhance what is said above, in Surah Al-Rome 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 hear you, who believe in Our Revelations and bow down in submission (30:52-53).

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 must 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 Prophet. I acknowledge my short comings in presenting this sensitive subject, and I also acknowledge the lack of compassion and feelings required in delivering it. May Allah forgive me? Ameen!

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 us from worshipping his grave.
- c) Sitting on graves, white washing them, building on them mausoleums has been prohibited by the Prophet_(SAW).
- d) Construction of 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 into 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 would dare to speak or intercede without Allah's permission.

My Concluding Comments and Quotes

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: 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 (43:20).

Allah_(SWT) says in another verse in the Quran that **if He wished** He could have made everyone a believer. Allah 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 must 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 to succeed in the Hereafter which is our permanent abode? To clear the misconceptions of the polytheists, and prove the existence of one true God, in Surah Ambia Allah 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) (21:21-23).*

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 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 that we associate with him. “O’ Allah, guide us, and make us from those who seek **Your** guidance, and make us from the leaders of the guided ones”. Ameen!

Further to enhance what is said above, in Surah Al-Momin Allah asks the polytheists 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?” We have presented the Truth to them, yet they are undeniably 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 (40:84-91).

The Arabs were the followers of Ismael_(AS), and believed in Allah, and believed that He owns everything. They also believed that no one could 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.

Fraudsters, 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, Allah in Surah Mohammed asks: *Do they now only await Resurrection that it should come upon them suddenly? Indeed, its signs have already come. But when it does overtake them, what chance will there be for them to accept admonition (47:18)?*

O Muslims please... wakeup. In Surah Ankabout 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” (29:52).* O people, those who have rejected the faith (Quran), they will be the losers on the Day of Judgment. O people, wake up, it's not too late, repent to the All Forgiving Lord.

A self-explanatory Hadith-e-Qudsia 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 jinn 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 (Sahih Muslim, hadith 2577). 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 عبدالعزيز عن ربيعة بن يزيد عن ابي ادريس الخولاني عن ابي ذر جندب بن جنادة رضي الله عنه عن النبي ﷺ فيما يروى عن الله تبارك وتعالى انه قال يا عبادي اني حرمت الظلم على نفسي وجعلته بينكم محرما فلا تظالموا يا عبادي كلكم ضال الا امن هديته فاستهدوني اهدكم يا عبادي كلكم جائع الا امن اطعمته فاستطعموني اطعمكم يا عبادي كلكم غار الا امن كسوته فاستكونوا اكسكم يا عبادي انكم تخطون بالليل والنهار وانا اغفر الذنوب جميعا فاستغفروني اغفر لكم يا عبادي انكم لن تبغوا ضري فتضروني ولن تبغوا نفعي فتفجعوني، يا عبادي لو ان اولكم واطركم وانسكم وكنتم كانوا على اتقى قلب رجل واحد منكم ما زاد في ذلك في ملكي شيئا، يا عبادي لو ان اولكم واطركم وانسكم وكنتم كانوا على افجر قلب

رجل واحد منكم مانقص ذلك من ملكي شيئاً، يا عبادي لو ان اولكم و اخركم وانسكم و جنكم قاموا في صعيد واحد فسألوني فاعطيت كل انسان مسالته مانقص ذلك مما عندي الا كباينقص البخيط اذا ادخل البحر، يا عبادي انما هي اعمالكم احصوها لكم اوفيكم اياها فمن وجد خيراً فليحمد الله ومن وجد غير ذلك فلا يلو من الانفسه، قال سعيد كان ابو ادريس اذا حدث بهذا الحديث جثا على ركبته، رواه مسلم ورويناعن الامام احمد بن حنبل قال: ليس لاهل الشام حديث اشرف من هذا الحديث-

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 a few questions to my readers:

- 1) Who provides sustenance for the baby in three layers of darkness in the mother's womb? Isn't it Allah?
- 2) After birth when the 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?
- 3) Who controls the quantity of fat in the milk of mother for the new born and increases it with time? Isn't it Allah?
- 4) Who brings out the sprout from hard soil? Isn't it Allah?
- 5) 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, and will not provide us even if we asked? It is not possible. Yes, it is His Wisdom how He will test everyone. 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. Ameen!

O Muslims, nearly all one hundred and twenty-four thousand prophets who were sent to guide humans, They all 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 a few questions to the

polytheists: What have these false deities created on the earth from nothingness? Nothing! Are they partners with Allah in 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 mountains as pegs, made rivers and stream flow through it, and made a barrier 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 foretold bad and all foretold 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 any partner 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 polytheists 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 prophethood, 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 Lailaha-illalla; 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 became a magician, a poet and a crazy person **الآن الله**. 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 daughters were not only divorced but also killed. Similarly, whoever accepted the message were tortured, split into two, killed 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 polytheists 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 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” (18:103-104).

The only way acceptable to Allah is the way 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 saying of Prophet(SAW) in which he used to acknowledge. O’ Allah all foretold bad is non-other than from You and all foretold good is non-other than from You and there is no God except YOU (Musnad Ahmed).

When every foretold bad or good is from Allah(SWT) then who can help us besides Allah? No one! We should only invoke Allah for He is All-Loving, All-Hearing and All-Giving.

اللهم لا طير الا طيرك ولا غيرك الا غيرك ولا اله غيرك - (مسند احمد) -

Further Allah in Surah Tauba 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” (9:51). What this verse tells us is that no foretold bad or good can come 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 as our guardian. We can either endure the pain with patience and get closer to Allah or be impatient 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, but it becomes positive, a motivation for us when it brings us closer to Allah. We should realize when going through pain and suffering that Allah is not punishing us, rather it is a call from Allah, 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 faith. May Allah protect us from the accursed Satan? Ameen!

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 then 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 Allah 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 (4:56).

When the skin is burned it will be regrown repeatedly. 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 **Your** asylum from the Hellfire. O Allah, protect us and all **Your** believing slaves from **Your** disobedience? Ameen!

In the end I would like to conclude with Surah Al-Momin verses 10-12, Surah Al-Momin verses 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 would be extremely angry with themselves.

In Surah Al-Momin Allah says: 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" (40:10-12). 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 non-believers 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 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, if he is a believer, all such people shall enter paradise wherein they shall be provided with 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” (40:39-44).

O’ Allah, we believe in You and to Your mercy we entrust ourselves. O’ Allah, guide us, forgive us, and be pleased with us, and make us from the dwellers of Your Paradise. Ameen!

Finally the supplication of the angels for the believers mentioned in Surah Al-Momin 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 from evils, for whomever You delivered from evils on the Day of Resurrection, to him You showed great mercy. This is indeed the supreme success” (40:7-9).

O’ Allah deliver us from evil by Your mercy and make us from the guided ones. Ameen! 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. Ameen! 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 graveyard; 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 these verses 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” (39:53-58).

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. Ameen! 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. Ameen!

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَبْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّلْوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهَا وَلَكَ الْحَبْدُ أَنْتَ قِيمُ السَّلْوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهَا وَلَكَ الْحَبْدُ، أَنْتَ حَقٌّ وَوَعْدُكَ حَقٌّ وَقَوْلُكَ حَقٌّ وَلِقَاءُكَ حَقٌّ وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ وَنَبِيِّنَا حَقٌّ وَمُحَمَّدٌ ﷺ حَقٌّ - اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ وَبِكَ حَاصِلْتُ وَبِكَ حَاصِلْتُ وَإِلَيْكَ حَاكِمْتُ فَاعْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرْتُ وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ، أَنْتَ الْبَقْدِمُ وَأَنْتَ الْبُؤْخِرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ -

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 **Your** 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. Ameen!

اللَّهُمَّ بِعِلْمِكَ الْغَيْبِ وَقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيَّ الْخَلْقِ، أَحْيِنِي مَا عِلِمَتِ الْحَيَاةِ خَيْرًا لِي، وَتَوَقَّفِي إِذَا عِلِمَتِ الْوَفَاةِ خَيْرًا لِي، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ فِي الرِّضَا وَالْغَضَبِ وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْقَضَاءَ فِي الْغِنَى وَالْفَقْرِ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ نَجِيمًا لَا يَنْقُذُ - وَأَسْأَلُكَ قُرَّةَ عَيْنٍ لَا تَنْقَطِعُ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ بَرْدًا الْعَيْشِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ لَدَاةَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى وَجْهِكَ، وَالسُّوقَ إِلَى لِقَاءِكَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ ضَرَاءٍ مُضْطَّةٍ، وَفِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ، اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِرَبِّينَةِ الْإِيمَانِ، وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدًى مُهْتَدِينَ -

The Supplication of This Distressed Sinner

O' Allah, we beg You, 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 You to send salutation and blessing on **Your** and our beloved Prophet Mohammed(SAW), who brought **Your** book of guidance in exact details, and was the living example for us to follow. Ameen! O' Allah, we seek refuge in You from engaging in shirk knowingly and beg for **Your** forgiveness for shirk we have committed unknowingly. O' Allah, ordain for us that we may not associate a partner with You or call on anyone else except You. O' Allah, we seek repentance before death, and tranquility at the time of death, and **Your** forgiveness and tranquility after death. O' Allah, O' The Forgiver and The Exalted One, we seek **Your** pardon at the time of accountability, and assurance of Paradise and relief from the Hellfire. Ameen!

O' Allah, we beg You 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 You. O' the Exalted One and the owner of the Throne, guide us all to the right path, the path **Your** chose for mankind. O' the Loving One, we confess to You 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 You by **Your** Mercy which engulfs everything, that at the time of death we may be able to declare shihada that there is no Lord except You. Ameen!

O' Allah, I declare I am pleased with You as my Rub and my Sustainer. O Allah, I am ashamed of myself that I did not fulfill **Your** commandments. O' my loving Lord, please

bear witness that I never intentionally ever associated partners with You, nor invoked anyone besides You. O' the loving One, I ask You by the Noor of **Your** Blessed Face which encompasses everything around **Your** 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 **Your** Blessed Wajh-Hil-Kareem. Ameen!

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 **Your** path in letter and spirit, and make us from the guided ones. Ameen!

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 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 You bestowed on me, it is **Your** Mercy that engulfs everything, which I humbly acknowledge. O' Allah, the Loving One, You love **Your** creations more than 70 times the love of a loving mother, thus You set out the rule that You will not forgive the excesses done on someone unless that person forgives.

O' The Majestic Lord, I confess I have hurt many, and I did lots of back biting, and I have stepped on many of **Your** 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, You are The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful, You are my only hope, please compensate them on my behalf from Your infinite treasures.

O' my Creator, if You rejected the request of this distressed sinner then I am doomed. What will I do O' Lord; with the blessings You have 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 repeatedly? O' my Master, with the blessing You bestowed on me, I addicted myself to five-star foods with cold drinks and ice creams. O' Allah...., how will I eat from the Zarquum 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 You.

O' The Most Merciful, O' The Malikul Mulk there is no escape from You, there is no escape from this Universe which is a finite entity of **Your** infinity. O' The Loving One; the love of a loving mother has high limits, O' The Starter of all creations You love **Your** creations more than 70 times the love of a loving mother, I have extremely high hopes of

Your 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 You.

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 You and my nose and my forehead are in the dust seeking **Your** forgiveness. O' Allah, I read a hadith of the Prophet(SAW) which said we should not be miser in asking from You, for there is nothing which You cannot grant. O' The Gracious one, I seek from You coolness of my eyes in the matter of my spouse and my progeny and make me the leader of the guided ones. Ameen!

O' The Merciful, this world has no attraction for me anymore; my demise cannot come a second earlier or later than the time You 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 You. 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 **Your** Oneness and that You 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 You. O' my Rub I read a

hadith of the Prophet_(SAW) which said, You have written on Your throne that Your Mercy will overcome Your Anger, O' Allah, I surrender myself to Your mercy and bear witness that there is no god but You. O' Allah, Your mercy far exceeds my sins, and I seek Your mercy not compensation on my deeds. O' Allah, Your mercy far exceeds my sins, and I seek Your mercy not compensation on my deeds. O' Allah, Your mercy far exceeds my sins, and I seek Your mercy not compensation on my deeds. O Allah, I ask You by Your attributes which You have mentioned in Your book or taught Your Prophets or kept them with Yourself. Please embed in me Your love so that I love You with my fullest heart and please You with my utmost effort. Ameen!

O' Allah, we are very grateful to You for Your Rehma which pulled us out of the quick sand full of Gog Magog's and Dajjal's deceptions, our urge for worldly wealth, lust and fame, which would have led us to the Hellfire. O' Allah, we seek Your 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 Your fear in our hearts so that it stands between us and our sins, and bless us with Your obedience such that it lures us to Your Paradise. O' Allah, give us firmness in belief and help us to sustain the worldly pressures.

O' Allah, place harm on those who have wronged us, and provide us with 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 rulers on us who are unsparing. O' Allah, we take refuge from Your anger in Your mercy, and from Your punishment in Your forgiveness, and O' Allah we seek refuge from You with

You. 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 **Your** message truthfully, and all praises are for You O' the exalted one. Ameen!

Requesting For Supplication

Please beseech
Allah (SWT) to
forgive me, my parents,
my family, yourself,
your parents,
your family and all
believing Muslims.